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SPRING 1997 BIRD COUNTS DURING TRISTATE MEETING, AND FOR
NORTH PLATTE - LINCOLN COUNTY, NEBRASKA

The Ornithologists' Unions of Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota held a Tristate spring meeting at Sioux City, IA on 16-18 May, organized by Bill Huser and committee members from Iowa and South Dakota, and hosted by the Loess Hills Audubon Society from South Sioux City, NE. Field trips were made into nearby areas of all three states. During an indoor session, a paper on "Migrating hawks along Iowa's Loess Hills" was presented by Loren and Babs Padelford. The banquet speaker was Ken Kaufman, who spoke on "Bird study and natural history in the 21st century."

During the weekend, a total of 196 bird species were seen, distributed as follows: Iowa - 177, Nebraska - 122, South Dakota - 147. The data are given in Table 1.

Participants in the North Platte count on 10 May were Florence Clough, Harold and Esther Cunningham, **Gregg Hoover** (compiler), Pat McEvoy, Nancy Norris, Carol Somerhalder, and Howard and Wilma Wyman. Observers were in the field from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The temperature ranged from 40 - 84°F and the wind from 10 - 25 mph from the northwest. The sky was clear. A total of 82 species were seen, and the data are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Bird species observed during Tristate Ornithologists' Unions spring meeting 16 - 18 May, 1997, with the data for each state shown separately, and in North Platte - Lincoln County on 10 May, 1997. X = species present.

Species	Iowa	Nebraska	South Dakota	North Platte - Lincoln County
Pied-billed Grebe	X	X	X	X
Horned Grebe	X			
Eared Grebe	X			X
American White Pelican	X			X
Double-crested Cormorant	X	X	X	
Least Bittern	X			
Great Blue Heron	X	X	X	X
Great Egret	X	X		
Snowy Egret	X			X
Cattle Egret	X	X	X	
Green Heron	X			
Black-crowned Night-Heron		X		
Snow Goose	X			
Canada Goose	X	X	X	X
Wood Duck	X	X	X	X
Green-winged Teal	X		X	X
Mallard	X	X	X	X
Northern Pintail	X		X	

Species	Iowa	Nebraska	South Dakota	North Platte - Lincoln County
Blue-winged Teal	X	X	X	X
Northern Shoveler	X	X	X	X
Gadwall	X		X	X
American Wigeon	X		X	
Canvasback	X		X	
Redhead	X		X	
Ring-necked Duck			X	
Lesser Scaup	X		X	X
Ruddy Duck	X		X	X
Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	X
Osprey			X	
Northern Harrier			X	X
Sharp-shinned Hawk		X	X	
Cooper's Hawk	X			
Broad-winged Hawk	X			
Swainson's Hawk		X	X	
Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	X
Rough-legged Hawk	X			
American Kestrel	X	X	X	X
Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X	X	X
Wild Turkey	X	X	X	X
Northern Bobwhite		X		X
Virginia Rail	X		X	
Sora	X		X	
American Coot	X	X	X	X
American Golden-Plover	X		X	
Semipalmated Plover	X			
Piping Plover	X			
Killdeer	X	X	X	X
American Avocet				X
Greater Yellowlegs	X			X
Lesser Yellowlegs	X		X	
Solitary Sandpiper	X		X	
Willet	X			
Spotted Sandpiper	X	X	X	X
Upland Sandpiper		X	X	X
Hudsonian Godwit	X		X	
Marbled Godwit	X			

Species	Iowa	Nebraska	South Dakota	North Platte - Lincoln County
Ruddy Turnstone	X			
Sanderling	X			
Semipalmated Sandpiper	X		X	
Least Sandpiper	X		X	
White-rumped Sandpiper	X		X	
Baird's Sandpiper	X	X		
Pectoral Sandpiper	X		X	
Dunlin	X			
Stilt Sandpiper	X			
Short-billed Dowitcher	X			
Common Snipe	X			
Wilson's Phalarope	X		X	X
Franklin's Gull	X	X	X	
Ring-billed Gull	X			X
Herring Gull				X
Forster's Tern	X	X	X	
Least Tern	X			
Black Tern	X	X	X	X
Rock Dove	X	X	X	
Mourning Dove	X	X	X	X
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		X		
Eastern Screech-Owl	X			
Great Horned Owl	X		X	X
Common Nighthawk	X		X	
Whip-poor-will	X			
Chimney Swift	X	X	X	X
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	X	X	X	
Belted Kingfisher	X	X		
Red-headed Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Hairy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Northern Flicker	X	X	X	X
Olive-sided Flycatcher	X	X		
Eastern Wood-Pewee	X	X	X	
Alder Flycatcher		X		
Willow Flycatcher	X		X	

Species	Iowa	Nebraska	South Dakota	North Platte - Lincoln County
Least Flycatcher	X	X	X	
Eastern Phoebe	X			
Great Crested Flycatcher	X	X	X	
Western Kingbird	X	X		X
Eastern Kingbird	X	X	X	X
Horned Lark	X	X	X	
Purple Martin	X	X	X	
Tree Swallow	X	X	X	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X	X	X	X
Bank Swallow	X	X	X	X
Cliff Swallow	X	X	X	X
Barn Swallow	X	X	X	X
Blue Jay	X	X	X	X
Black-billed Magpie	X			
American Crow	X	X	X	X
Black-capped Chickadee	X	X		X
White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	X
Brown Creeper			X	
Rock Wren			X	
House Wren	X	X	X	X
Sedge Wren	X		X	
Marsh Wren	X		X	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X	X	X	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	X	X	X	
Eastern Bluebird	X	X	X	X
Veery	X		X	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	X	X	X	
Swainson's Thrush	X	X	X	
Wood Thrush	X	X	X	
American Robin	X	X	X	X
Gray Catbird	X	X	X	
Brown Thrasher	X	X	X	X
American Pipit	X			
Cedar Waxwing	X	X	X	X
Loggerhead Shrike	X	X		X
European Starling	X	X	X	X
Bell's Vireo	X	X		

Species	Iowa	Nebraska	South Dakota	North Platte - Lincoln County
Solitary Vireo	X		X	
Yellow-throated Vireo	X	X	X	
Warbling Vireo	X	X	X	
Red-eyed Vireo	X	X	X	
Blue-winged Warbler		X	X	
Golden-winged Warbler	X	X	X	
Tennessee Warbler	X	X	X	
Orange-crowned Warbler	X		X	
Nashville Warbler	X	X	X	
Northern Parula			X	
Yellow Warbler	X	X	X	X
Chestnut-sided Warbler	X	X	X	
Magnolia Warbler	X	X	X	
Cape May Warbler	X		X	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	X	X	X	
Black-throated Green Warbler	X		X	
Blackburnian Warbler	X	X	X	
Palm Warbler	X			
Bay-breasted Warbler			X	
Blackpoll Warbler	X	X	X	
Cerulean Warbler		X	X	
Black-and-white Warbler	X	X	X	
American Redstart	X	X	X	
Ovenbird	X	X	X	
Northern Waterthrush	X	X	X	
Louisiana Waterthrush			X	
Kentucky Warbler	X	X		
Mourning Warbler	X	X		
Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	
Wilson's Warbler	X	X	X	
Yellow-breasted Chat			X	
Scarlet Tanager	X	X	X	
Northern Cardinal	X	X	X	X
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X	X	X	
Lazuli Bunting	X			
Indigo Bunting	X	X	X	

Species	Iowa	Nebraska	South Dakota	North Platte - Lincoln County
Dickcissel	X	X	X	
Eastern Towhee	X	X	X	X
Spotted Towhee		X	X	
American Tree Sparrow				X
Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	X
Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X	X	X
Field Sparrow	X	X	X	X
Vesper Sparrow	X	X	X	
Lark Sparrow	X	X	X	X
Lark Bunting				X
Savannah Sparrow	X	X	X	
Grasshopper Sparrow	X	X	X	X
LeConte's Sparrow	X			
Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
Lincoln's Sparrow	X	X	X	
Swamp Sparrow	X		X	
White-throated Sparrow	X	X	X	
White-crowned Sparrow	X	X	X	X
Harris' Sparrow	X	X	X	X
Bobolink	X	X	X	X
Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	X
Eastern Meadowlark	X			
Western Meadowlark	X	X	X	X
Yellow-headed Blackbird	X	X	X	X
Brewer's Blackbird				X
Great-tailed Grackle	X			
Common Grackle	X	X	X	X
Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X	X	X
Orchard Oriole	X	X	X	X
Baltimore Oriole	X	X	X	X
House Finch	X	X	X	X
Red Crossbill	X			X
Pine Siskin	X			X
American Goldfinch	X	X	X	X
House Sparrow	X	X	X	X