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The 109th Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union was held in Scottsbluff on May 16-18, 2008. Gatherings and meals took place at the Jane Fliesbach Retreat Center at the Trails West YMCA Camp on the North Platte River at the base of Scotts Bluff National Monument. The meeting was hosted by members of Wildcat Audubon, who arranged the speakers, field trips, lodging, meeting facility and meals.

Field trips were led by Alice Kenitz, Helen Hughson, Kathy DeLara, and Wayne Mollhoff to Wildcat Hills SRA, Kiowa WMA, Winters Creek Lake, Lake Minatare, Chilibaba Pond in Scotts Bluff Co. and various sites in Kimball and Sioux Counties. One of the most popular trips was led by Wayne Mollhoff to a location south of Kimball where Larry Snyder of the Nebraska Prairie Partners pointed out nesting Mountain Plovers.

Our Friday night speaker was Drew Larsen of Pheasants Forever, who described his organization's efforts to preserve and improve habitat for pheasants and other prairie birds. Saturday night Bart Bly and Larry Snyder of the Nebraska Prairie Partners, a cooperative project between the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, described their efforts in working with landowners, leaseholders and land managers to conserve shortgrass prairie birds and their habitats. They talked about their surveys and nest monitoring of Northern Saw-whet Owls, Mountain Plovers, Ferruginous Hawks and Swainson's Hawks.

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	Banner	Kimball	Morrill	Scotts B.	Sioux
Snow Goose				x	
Ross's Goose				x	
Cackling Goose				x	
Canada Goose		x	x	x	x
Wood Duck				x	
Gadwall		x		x	
American Wigeon		x		x	
Mallard		x	x	x	x
Blue-winged Teal	x	x	x	x	
Cinnamon Teal				x	
Northern Shoveler		x		x	
Northern Pintail				x	
Green-winged Teal		x		x	
Redhead				x	
Ring-necked Duck				x	
Lesser Scaup		x		x	
Bufflehead				x	
Hooded Merganser				x	
Common Merganser				x	
Ruddy Duck		x		x	
Ring-necked Pheasant		x		x	x
Wild Turkey	x	x		x	
Pied-billed Grebe				x	
Eared Grebe		x		x	
Western Grebe		x		x	
Clark's Grebe				x	
American White Pelican		x		x	
Double-crested Cormorant		x	x	x	
Great Blue Heron		x		x	x
White-faced Ibis				x	
Turkey Vulture	x	x	x	x	x
Osprey			x	x	
Northern Harrier	x	x	x	x	
Cooper's Hawk				x	
Swainson's Hawk		x	x	x	
Red-tailed Hawk	x	x	x	x	x

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Ferruginous Hawk				x	
Golden Eagle		x		x	x
American Kestrel	x	x	x	x	x
Peregrine Falcon				x	
Prairie Falcon	x		x	x	x
Virginia Rail		x	x		
American Coot		x		x	
Killdeer	x	x	x	x	x
Mountain Plover		x			
Black-necked Stilt				x	
American Avocet				x	
Lesser Yellowlegs			x	x	
Solitary Sandpiper				x	
Willet		x	x	x	
Spotted Sandpiper		x	x	x	
Upland Sandpiper					x
Whimbrel				x	
Long-billed Curlew			x		x
Hudsonian Godwit				x	
Sanderling		x		x	
Semipalmated Sandpiper				x	
Least Sandpiper		x	x	x	
White-rumped Sandpiper		x			
Baird's Sandpiper		x			
Pectoral Sandpiper				x	
Stilt Sandpiper		x		x	
Short-billed Dowitcher				x	
Long-billed Dowitcher		x	x	x	
Wilson's Snipe				x	x
Wilson's Phalarope		x	x	x	
Red-necked Phalarope				x	
Franklin's Gull				x	
Ring-billed Gull		x		x	
Caspian Tern				x	
Black Tern				x	
Forster's Tern				x	

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Rock Pigeon	x	x	x	x	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	x	x	x	x	
Mourning Dove	x	x	x	x	x
Barn Owl					x
Eastern Screech-Owl				x	
Great Horned Owl	x			x	x
Burrowing Owl	x	x		x	x
Common Poorwill				x	
Chimney Swift		x		x	
White-throated Swift				x	
Belted Kingfisher				x	
Red-headed Woodpecker			x		
Downy Woodpecker		x		x	x
Hairy Woodpecker			x	x	
Northern Flicker		x	x	x	
Western Wood-Pewee					x
Least Flycatcher	x	x		x	x
Dusky Flycatcher		x			
Cordilleran Flycatcher		x		x	
Say's Phoebe	x	x	x	x	x
Great Crested Flycatcher				x	
Cassin's Kingbird	x	x			
Western Kingbird	x	x	x	x	x
Eastern Kingbird	x	x	x	x	x
Loggerhead Shrike	x	x		x	x
Plumbeous Vireo					x
Warbling Vireo				x	x
Red-eyed Vireo					x
Blue Jay		x	x	x	x
Black-billed Magpie	x	x		x	x
American Crow	x			x	
Horned Lark	x	x	x	x	x
Tree Swallow				x	x
Violet-green Swallow	x			x	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	x		x	x	x
Bank Swallow		x	x	x	

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Cliff Swallow	x	x	x	x	x
Barn Swallow	x	x	x	x	x
Black-capped Chickadee	x	x		x	x
Red-breasted Nuthatch	x			x	
White-breasted Nuthatch				x	
Pygmy Nuthatch				x	
Rock Wren	x	x		x	x
House Wren	x	x	x	x	x
Marsh Wren				x	x
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	x	x		x	x
Eastern Bluebird	x			x	x
Mountain Bluebird	x			x	
Swainson's Thrush		x	x	x	
American Robin	x	x	x	x	x
Gray Catbird	x	x		x	x
Northern Mockingbird		x			
Brown Thrasher	x	x		x	x
European Starling	x	x	x	x	x
American Pipit		x			
Cedar Waxwing				x	
Tennessee Warbler	x	x		x	x
Orange-crowned Warbler	x	x		x	x
Virginia's Warbler		x		x	
Yellow Warbler	x	x		x	x
Yellow-rumped Warbler	x	x		x	x
Blackpoll Warbler	x			x	x
Black-and-white Warbler					x
American Redstart		x		x	x
Northern Waterthrush					x
Common Yellowthroat		x	x	x	x
Wilson's Warbler					x
Yellow-breasted Chat	x			x	
Western Tanager	x	x		x	x
Spotted Towhee	x	x		x	x
Chipping Sparrow	x	x		x	x
Clay-colored Sparrow	x	x		x	x

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Brewer's Sparrow	x	x			
Vesper Sparrow					x
Lark Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x
Lark Bunting	x	x	x	x	x
Savannah Sparrow				x	
Grasshopper Sparrow	x	x			x
Song Sparrow		x	x		
Lincoln's Sparrow		x		x	
White-crowned Sparrow		x		x	x
McCown's Longspur		x			x
Chestnut-collared Longspur					x
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	x			x	
Black-headed Grosbeak		x		x	
Blue Grosbeak				x	
Lazuli Bunting	x			x	
Red-winged Blackbird	x	x	x	x	x
Western Meadowlark	x	x	x	x	x
Yellow-headed Blackbird				x	x
Common Grackle	x	x	x	x	x
Great-tailed Grackle				x	
Brown-headed Cowbird	x	x	x	x	x
Orchard Oriole		x		x	
Bullock's Oriole		x		x	x
Baltimore Oriole			x	x	
House Finch		x	x	x	
Red Crossbill		x		x	
Pine Siskin		x		x	
American Goldfinch	x	x		x	x
House Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x
Total species 173	59	99	50	149	73