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Fall Field Days were held in Valentine September 25-27, 2009, with 65 participants registered for the weekend. Dave Heidt organized the meeting and led field trips to Cherry County lakes and marshes. Trips to Smith Falls and along the Niobrara River in Keya Paha and Brown Counties were guided by Mark Brogie. Lanny Randolph led trips to the Ft. Niobrara NWR and the Valentine Fish Hatchery. A total of 133 species was tallied.

On Friday evening Dan Leger, Professor of Psychology at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, gave an impromptu presentation on the microphones and recording equipment he uses to record bird vocalizations in his research.

On Saturday evening, Kent Skaggs of the Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary south of Gibbon spoke on what is being done to maintain and improve habitat along the Platte River for Sandhill Cranes, geese, ducks and other birds. Due to reduced water flow in the river, mechanical clearing is necessary to maintain the wide channels and open sandbars that cranes prefer. Yearly mowing and disking to remove woody plants and invasive species such as purple loosestrife and phragmites is also necessary.

Jill Liske-Clark gave a brief account of the activities of the Nebraska Partnership for All Bird Conservation.

A business meeting was held to vote on changes to the Bylaws. The following changes were approved:

1. Assign to the Secretary the task of maintaining a current copy of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws and post the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws on the NOU website rather than mail them to members every five years.
2. Exempt the chairperson of the NOU Records Committee from term limit restrictions.

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	Brown	Cherry	Keya Paha
Canada Goose		x	
Trumpeter Swan		x	
Wood Duck	x	x	
Gadwall		x	
American Wigeon		x	
Mallard		x	
Blue-winged Teal	x	x	
Northern Shoveler		x	
Northern Pintail		x	
Green-winged Teal		x	
Canvasback		x	
Redhead		x	
Ring-necked Duck		x	
Lesser Scaup		x	
Ruddy Duck		x	
Ring-necked Pheasant		x	
Sharp-tailed Grouse		x	x
Greater Prairie-Chicken		x	x
Wild Turkey	x	x	x
Pied-billed Grebe	x	x	
Horned Grebe		x	
Eared Grebe		x	
Western Grebe		x	
Clark's Grebe		x	
American White Pelican	x	x	x
Double-crested Cormorant		x	x
American Bittern		x	
Great Blue Heron	x	x	
Snowy Egret		x	
Cattle Egret		x	
Black-crowned Night-Heron		x	
Turkey Vulture	x	x	x
Osprey	x	x	
Bald Eagle	x	x	x
Northern Harrier	x	x	x
Sharp-shinned Hawk	x	x	
Cooper's Hawk		x	
Swainson's Hawk		x	x
Red-tailed Hawk	x	x	x
Ferruginous Hawk		x	x
Rough-legged Hawk			x
Golden Eagle			x
American Kestrel		x	x
Merlin	x	x	
Prairie Falcon		x	

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	Brown	Cherry	Keya Paha
American Coot		x	
Killdeer		x	
Spotted Sandpiper		x	
Greater Yellowlegs		x	
Lesser Yellowlegs		x	
Pectoral Sandpiper		x	
Stilt Sandpiper		x	
Dowitcher sp.		x	
Wilson's Snipe		x	
Red-necked Phalarope		x	
Franklin's Gull		x	
Ring-billed Gull		x	
Black Tern		x	
Forster's Tern		x	
Rock Pigeon		x	x
Eurasian Collared-Dove		x	x
Mourning Dove	x	x	x
Eastern Screech-Owl	x	x	x
Great Horned Owl		x	
Burrowing Owl		x	
Belted Kingfisher	x	x	x
Red-headed Woodpecker	x	x	x
Red-bellied Woodpecker		x	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	x	x	
Downy Woodpecker	x	x	x
Hairy Woodpecker		x	
Northern Flicker	x	x	x
Eastern Phoebe	x	x	x
Say's Phoebe		x	x
Blue Jay	x	x	x
American Crow	x	x	x
Horned Lark		x	x
Tree Swallow		x	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow		x	
Bank Swallow		x	
Cliff Swallow		x	
Barn Swallow	x	x	x
Black-capped Chickadee	x	x	x
Red-breasted Nuthatch	x	x	
White-breasted Nuthatch	x	x	x
House Wren		x	
Marsh Wren		x	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		x	x
Eastern Bluebird	x	x	x
Swainson's Thrush		x	

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	Brown	Cherry	Keya Paha
American Robin	x	x	
Gray Catbird		x	x
Brown Thrasher		x	x
European Starling		x	x
Sprague's Pipit		x	
Cedar Waxwing		x	x
Tennessee Warbler		x	
Orange-crowned Warbler	x	x	x
Nashville Warbler		x	
Yellow-rumped Warbler		x	x
American Redstart		x	
Northern Waterthrush		x	
Common Yellowthroat		x	
Wilson's Warbler		x	
Yellow-breasted Chat		x	
Spotted Towhee	x	x	x
Chipping Sparrow	x	x	x
Clay-colored Sparrow	x	x	x
Field Sparrow		x	x
Vesper Sparrow		x	x
Lark Sparrow		x	
Savannah Sparrow		x	
Grasshopper Sparrow		x	
Nelson's Sparrow		x	
Song Sparrow		x	x
Lincoln's Sparrow		x	x
Swamp Sparrow		x	
White-throated Sparrow		x	
Harris's Sparrow		x	
White-crowned Sparrow		x	x
Dark-eyed Junco	x	x	
Northern Cardinal		x	x
Bunting sp.		x	
Red-winged Blackbird		x	
Eastern Meadowlark			x
Western Meadowlark		x	x
Yellow-headed Blackbird		x	
Common Grackle	x	x	
Brown-headed Cowbird		x	
House Finch		x	
Pine Siskin		x	
American Goldfinch	x	x	x
House Sparrow		x	
Total species: 133	36	130	50