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### Kearney Fall Field Days

The 2011 NOU Fall Field Days were held at the Iain Nicolson Center at the Audubon Rowe Sanctuary southeast of Kearney on September 23-25, and 55 members and friends were in attendance. The meeting was organized by Kent Skaggs.

Field trip destinations included Harlan County Reservoir, led by Kent Skaggs, the Rainwater Basin, led by Paul Dunbar, Bittern's Call WPA and Johnson Lake, led by John Murphy, and Sherman Reservoir, led by Robin Harding and Lanny Randolph. A final tally of 143 species was recorded. Highlights included the Neotropic Cormorants at Harlan County Reservoir and Sherman Reservoir and the numerous Sprague's Pipits at Prairie Dog WPA.

On Friday evening, Paul Dunbar led an informal clinic on digiscoping, with a discussion of cameras, settings, and spotting scopes. On Saturday evening, Dr. Walter Wehjte of the Crane Trust at Wood River presented a program on using GPS transmitters to study Whooping Crane migratory behavior, survival and winter habitat use. He explained how transmitters are used to track the migration of Whooping Cranes from their nesting sites at Wood Buffalo National Park in Alberta and the Northwest Territories of Canada to their wintering grounds in Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Gulf Coast of Texas.

## NOU Fall Field Days - Rowe Sanctuary

	Adams	Buffalo	Clay	Dawson	Franklin	Gosper	Hamilton	Harlan	Howard	Kearney	Phelps	Sherman
Snow Goose	x							x				
Cackling Goose											x	
Canada Goose	x	x		x					x	x	x	
Wood Duck	x	x	x	x	x			x		x		x
Gadwall			x	x				x				
Mallard	x	x	x	x		x		x		x	x	x
Blue-winged Teal	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Northern Shoveler	x		x	x						x		
Northern Pintail				x					x	x		x
Green-winged Teal	x		x	x								
Canvasback			x									
Redhead												x
Ruddy Duck		x										
Northern Bobwhite		x							x			x
Ring-necked Pheasant		x		x				x		x	x	
Greater Prairie-Chicken			x		x					x		
Wild Turkey	x	x	x						x	x		x
Pied-billed Grebe			x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x
American White Pelican								x			x	
Neotropic Cormorant								x				x
Double-crested Cormorant		x		x				x				x
American Bittern	x		x									
Least Bittern			x									
Great Blue Heron	x	x	x	x	x			x		x		x
Great Egret								x				
Snowy Egret								x				
Cattle Egret				x				x				
Green Heron								x				
Black-crowned Night-Heron	x		x	x				x				
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			x									
White-faced Ibis			x							x		x
Turkey Vulture	x	x	x	x		x		x	x			x
Osprey								x				
Bald Eagle		x		x				x				x
Northern Harrier	x		x		x		x			x	x	
Sharp-shinned Hawk			x	x	x			x	x	x	x	
Cooper's Hawk	x		x	x				x		x		

	Adams	Buffalo	Clay	Dawson	Franklin	Gosper	Hamilton	Harlan	Howard	Kearney	PHELPS	Sherman
Swainson's Hawk	x		x						x		x	
Red-tailed Hawk	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Ferruginous Hawk										x		
Golden Eagle		x										
American Kestrel	x		x	x	x				x	x		x
Merlin					x			x		x		
Prairie Falcon												x
Sora			x					x	x			
American Coot		x	x	x		x		x		x		x
Black-bellied Plover			x	x								
American Golden-Plover	x											
Semipalmated Plover				x								
Killdeer		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
Solitary Sandpiper	x	x	x									
Greater Yellowlegs		x	x	x						x		
Lesser Yellowlegs	x	x	x	x							x	
Sanderling	x		x									
Semipalmated Sandpiper			x									
Least Sandpiper	x		x	x							x	
Baird's Sandpiper	x											
Pectoral Sandpiper	x		x	x							x	
Stilt Sandpiper	x		x	x								
Long-billed Dowitcher	x		x	x								
Wilson's Snipe	x		x	x						x	x	
Wilson's Phalarope				x				x				
Franklin's Gull	x	x				x		x				x
Ring-billed Gull				x		x		x				x
Caspian Tern												x
Forster's Tern								x				
Rock Pigeon	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x
Eurasian Collared-Dove	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	
Mourning Dove	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Eastern Screech-Owl	x	x							x			
Great Horned Owl		x	x						x	x		x
Burrowing Owl			x							x		
Chimney Swift	x								x	x		

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	Adams	Buffalo	Clay	Dawson	Franklin	Gosper	Hamilton	Harlan	Howard	Kearney	Phelps	Sherman
Ruby-throated Hummingbird										x		
Belted Kingfisher	x	x	x					x	x	x		x
Red-headed Woodpecker		x		x				x	x	x		x
Red-bellied Woodpecker		x						x	x			
Downy Woodpecker	x	x	x	x				x	x	x		
Hairy Woodpecker	x	x						x	x			x
Northern Flicker	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
Olive-sided Flycatcher								x				
Eastern Wood-Pewee		x						x				
Eastern Phoebe		x										
Say's Phoebe		x										
Warbling Vireo	x											
Red-eyed Vireo	x								x			
Blue Jay	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x
Black-billed Magpie		x										
American Crow		x						x	x	x		x
Horned Lark				x	x					x		
Tree Swallow			x		x							
N. Rough-winged Swallow		x			x							
Bank Swallow					x							
Cliff Swallow					x							
Barn Swallow	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x
Black-capped Chickadee		x										
White-breasted Nuthatch		x						x	x	x		
Rock Wren			x									
House Wren		x	x						x			
Marsh Wren			x									
Ruby-crowned Kinglet									x			
Eastern Bluebird		x						x	x	x		
American Robin	x	x	x		x			x	x	x		x
Gray Catbird		x	x						x	x		
Brown Thrasher		x							x			
European Starling	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x
American Pipit			x	x								
Sprague's Pipit										x		
Cedar Waxwing	x	x						x	x	x		

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Orange-crowned Warbler	x	x	x					x	x	x		x
Nashville Warbler									x			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	x	x		x				x	x			
Common Yellowthroat	x	x	x						x			
Wilson's Warbler									x	x		
Spotted Towhee		x						x				
Chipping Sparrow		x			x		x	x				x
Clay-colored Sparrow	x	x	x							x		
Field Sparrow		x										
Vesper Sparrow	x	x	x		x					x	x	
Lark Sparrow										x		
Lark Bunting			x									
Savannah Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x					x	x	
Grasshopper Sparrow	x		x							x		
Song Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x						x	x
Lincoln's Sparrow	x	x	x	x					x	x		
Swamp Sparrow	x											
White-throated Sparrow									x			
White-crowned Sparrow	x	x	x							x		
Northern Cardinal	x	x						x	x	x		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		x										
Blue Grosbeak											x	
Indigo Bunting									x			
Dickcissel	x	x	x							x		
Red-winged Blackbird	x	x	x	x					x		x	x
Western Meadowlark	x	x	x	x	x				x	x		x
Yellow-headed Blackbird	x			x				x			x	
Brewer's Blackbird				x								
Common Grackle	x	x						x	x	x		x
Great-tailed Grackle	x	x						x				
Brown-headed Cowbird	x	x	x							x	x	
House Finch		x						x	x			
American Goldfinch	x	x	x					x	x		x	x
House Sparrow	x	x	x			x		x				
Total species	65	70	71	51	29	12	6	57	50	59	28	41