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1984 NEBRASKA NESTING SURVEY

Compiled by Dr. Esther V. Bennett

Data on the 1984 nesting season in Nebraska were received from 17 observers and organizations, reporting on 72 species from 36 counties or groups of counties. Counties in the tabulations are listed in a west to east order, with the northernmost of the approximately equal locations given first. Numbers represent Nest Record Cards; N represents nests observed for which no Nest Record Card was submitted; F represents feeding; CF represents carrying food; CN represents carrying nesting material; and Y represents young observed. GPC in the following paragraph represents Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Thirty species were reported on 192 North American Nest Record Cards. The counties, with column numbers on the tabulation shown in parentheses, and the contributors are: Banner (3), GPC, A. M. Kenitz; Box Butte (5), GPC; Boyd (19), GPC; Butler (27), GPC; Cass (36), GPC, Ruth Green; Cedar (26), GPC; Cherry (8), Jim Ducey, GPC, Leonard McDaniel; Cheyenne (6), GPC; Dakota (30), Ed Brogie, Mark Brogie, Marla Grier, Bill Huser, Jerry Probst; Dawes (4), GPC; Dawson (17), GPC; Dixon (29), GPC; Dodge (31), GPC; Douglas (34), R. G. Cortelyou, GPC; Franklin (21), GPC; Frontier (14), GPC, Grant (9), Ruth Green; Hall (22), GPC; Hamilton (included with Polk +) (25); Harlan (18), GPC; Hitchcock (13), GPC; Holt (20), GPC; Keith (10), GPC; Keya Paha (16), GPC; Knox (23), GPC; Lancaster (33), W. C. Garthright, Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc.; Lincoln (12), GPC; Merrick (24), GPC; Perkins (11), GPC; Polk + (including Hamilton and York) (25), Norris Alfred; Red Willow (15), GPC; Sarpy (35), R. G. Cortelyou, Ruth Green, Babs and Loren Padelford; Saunders (32), R. G. Cortelyou, GPC, Father Hoffman; Scotts Bluff (2), A. M. Kenitz, GPC, W. C. Garthright; Seward (28), W. C. Garthright; Sheridan (7), GPC; Sioux (1), GPC; and York (included with Polk+) (25).

The Polk + column was compiled from Norris Alfred's "Bird Watching" column in *The Polk Progress*. Mr. Alfred birds in adjacent portions of Hamilton and York counties as well as in Polk, but without a detailed knowledge of the geography it isn't always clear just where the sighting took place, so they are given in one column.

Persons or agencies contributing over 15 Nest Cards were: Game and Parks Commission, 77; and W. C. Garthright, 102. Game and Parks Commission employees provided valuable Nest Card and Colonial Bird Register information. These individuals are: D. E. Carlson, J. J. Dinan, S. B. Gaines, and G. A. Wingfield.

The following 24 Nebraska species which were reported in 1984 were not reported in the 1983 Nesting Survey (*NBR* 52:47): Western Grebe, Least Bittern, Cattle Egret, Black-crowned Night-Heron, White-faced Ibis, Northern Pintail, Gadwall, Redhead, Swainson's Hawk, Common Moorhen, American Avocet, Forster's Tern, Black Tern, Bank Swallow, Marsh Wren, Bell's Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Dickcissel, Rufous-sided Towhee, Lark Sparrow, Orchard Oriole, and American Goldfinch.

Twenty-one species reported in the 1983 survey were not reported in 1984: Turkey Vulture, American Woodcock, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Chuck-will's-widow, Belted Kingfisher, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Phoebe, Western Kingbird, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Rock Wren, Gray Catbird, Cedar Waxwing, Loggerhead Shrike, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Song Sparrow, and House Finch.

Anyone who sees evidence of nesting, young, or adult birds carrying nesting material, food, or fecal sacs can submit the information without the use of a special form, although it will be appreciated if the information is in such form that it can be easily separated by species and county. This information will be included in the Nebraska Nesting Survey by letters rather than numbers.

Anyone who has found, or expects to find, an active nest is invited to write for North American Nest Record Cards to use in reporting the nest. Each nest requires a separate card, except for colonial nesting species, which require a separate card for each visit to the site.

Cards, instruction sheets, and Laboratory of Ornithology Nest Survey newsletters may be obtained from Dr. Esther V. Bennett, 1641 Devoe Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68506.

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Total Species	6	11	2	3	2	1	1	15	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	1	2	14	2	2	5	2	1	2	5	31	12	11	3	72										