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The 1986 Fall Field Day was held at the 4-H Camp at Halsey National Forest on 4 and 5 October. The cloudy, rainy weather, which had been rather general over the state the previous few days, cleared up (the last rain at Halsey was late Friday night), and Saturday and Sunday were clear, which pleased the 51 who attended. Of the rare bird reports submitted, the Lesser Goldfinch, by Jim Minyard, was ranked first, and the Laughing Gull, by Paul and Karla Kaufman, the Prairie-Chickens at Omaha, by Douglas Fritz, and the King Rail, by Wayne Mollhoff, were ranked next. Gary Lingle was re-elected and Tom Labeledz was elected to the Records Committee. At the Sunday count the members present went on record against the spring goose season, and the proposed season on Sandhill Cranes. The Clark's Grebe (*NBR* 54:64) was on display, and so was a Common Poorwill with a broken wing, picked up in Hall County and on its way to Lincoln to see if the Raptor Rehabilitation Center could mend it. And birds were netted and banded by Ruth Green and her crew.

Sixty-nine species were recorded on or immediately adjacent to the Forest, and another 18 (marked *) were recorded by parties that went up to Elsmere. The 69 count compares to 72 and 81 in 1985 and 1984, possibly because of the weather, or the fewer observers. Pied-billed* and Western* Grebes; White Pelican*, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Canada Goose*, Wood Duck, Mallard*, Northern Pintail*, Blue-winged Teal*, Northern Shoveler*, Gadwall*, Redhead*, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier; Sharp-shinned, Red-shouldered, Broad-winged, Swainson's, Red-tailed, and Rough-legged* Hawks; American Kestrel, Ring-necked Pheasant, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Northern Bobwhite, American Coot*, Sandhill Crane, Killdeer, American Avocet*, Common Snipe*, Ring-billed Gull, Gull sp.*, Mourning Dove, Eastern Screech-Owl, Great Horned Owl, Belted Kingfisher; Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers; Northern Flicker, Horned Lark, Barn Swallow, Blue Jay, Black-billed Magpie, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch; House and Winter Wrens; Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets; Eastern and Mountain Bluebirds; Townsend's Solitaire, Swainson's Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Water Pipit, Cedar Waxwing, European Starling*; Orange-crowned, Yellow-rumped, and Black-throated Green Warblers; Common Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler, Northern

Cardinal, Rufous-sided Towhee; Chipping, Clay-colored, Field, Vesper, Grasshopper, Le Conte's, Lincoln's, White-throated, White-crowned, and Harris' Sparrows; Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Yellow-headed* and Rusty* Blackbirds; Common Grackle, House Finch*, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Evening Grosbeak, and House Sparrow.