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### Spring Field Days and Annual Meeting at Broken Bow

The 113th Annual Meeting and Spring Field Days were held in Broken Bow May 18-20, 2011. Meetings and meals took place at the Mid-Plains Community College and were hosted by Tim Hajda. Despite the unseasonably warm spring weather that had preceded the meeting, the 50+ members and friends in attendance found 164 species. Expected species from the Sandhills and surrounding habitats that were seen included Sharp-tailed Grouse, Greater Prairie Chicken, American Bittern, Black-crowned Night Heron, White-faced Ibis, Long-billed Curlew, Ovenbird and Northern Waterthrush. Less common species observed included Glossy Ibis, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Black-necked Stilt, Whimbrel, Alder Flycatcher, Wood Thrush, Summer Tanager, and Lazuli Bunting. (See Table for complete list).

Field trips were led to Arcadia Diversion Dam WMA, Sherman Reservoir SRA, Bowman Lake SRA, Calamus Reservoir SRA, Victoria Springs SRA, Milburn Diversion Dam, the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey, Pressey WMA and Bitterns Call WMA. Field trip leaders were Bill Flack, Dave Heidt, Tim Hajda, Wayne Mollhoff and T.J. Walker.

On Friday evening Eleanor Nugent from the Rainwater Basin Joint Venture outlined the Breeding Bird Survey Habitat Analysis project. They plan to focus on 14 species and the habitats needed to survive. Breeding Bird Survey participants were urged to provide GPS coordinates for the stops on their routes so that habitat data can be obtained.

Also on Friday evening, Wayne Mollhoff provided an update on the Breeding Bird Atlas II project. Over 570 blocks were surveyed, and at least 205 species have been reported.

Election of officers was held. Dan Leger was elected president, replacing Urban Lehner. Dave Heidt was elected vice-president, replacing Nancy Leonard. Don Paseka was elected to a three-year term as director, replacing Steve Lamphere. Current officers Kevin Poague (secretary), Betty Grenon (treasurer), Anita Breckbill (librarian), and Janis Paseka (editor) were reelected to additional one-year terms.

A raffle for a drawing of a Sedge Wren by Jan Johnson was held. Proceeds went to the NOU General Fund.

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	Blaine	Custer	Dawson	Garfield	Loup	Thomas	Valley	Sherman	Cherry
Snow Goose			x						
Canada Goose	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Wood Duck		x	x	x	x	x		x	
Gadwall		x	x		x		x	x	
American Wigeon		x	x					x	
Mallard	x	x	x		x		x	x	x
Blue-winged Teal	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Cinnamon Teal			x						
Northern Shoveler	x	x	x		x			x	
Northern Pintail		x	x		x				
Green-winged Teal	x	x	x		x		x		
Canvasback		x							
Redhead		x	x						
Ring-necked Duck		x							
Ruddy Duck		x			x				
Northern Bobwhite		x	x		x		x	x	
Ring-necked Pheasant		x	x				x	x	x
Sharp-tailed Grouse	x	x							
Greater Prairie-Chicken	x	x	x		x			x	x
Wild Turkey	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
Pied-billed Grebe		x							
Eared Grebe		x							
Western Grebe					x				
Double-crested Cormorant	x	x						x	
American White Pelican			x						
American Bittern		x							
Great Blue Heron	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Great Egret	x								
Cattle Egret	x	x	x						
Green Heron		x			x		x		
Black-crowned Night-Heron		x							
Glossy Ibis			x						
White-faced Ibis			x						

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Turkey Vulture	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Bald Eagle	x				x			x	
Northern Harrier								x	
Cooper's Hawk	x								
Swainson's Hawk	x	x	x					x	x
Red-tailed Hawk	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
American Coot		x	x				x	x	
Black-bellied Plover			x						
Semipalmated Plover	x		x						
Killdeer	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Black-necked Stilt			x						
American Avocet		x	x						
Spotted Sandpiper	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
Solitary Sandpiper			x						
Lesser Yellowlegs		x	x						
Upland Sandpiper	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Whimbrel			x						
Long-billed Curlew	x								x
Sanderling		x	x					x	
Semipalmated Sandpiper		x	x				x		
Least Sandpiper		x	x		x		x	x	
White-rumped Sandpiper		x	x						
Baird's Sandpiper		x	x	x	x			x	
Pectoral Sandpiper			x					x	
Stilt Sandpiper	x	x	x		x				
Long-billed Dowitcher		x	x	x					
Wilson's Phalarope		x	x						x
Red-necked Phalarope		x	x				x		
Franklin's Gull		x	x	x	x			x	
Ring-billed Gull			x						
Least Tern	x								
Black Tern	x	x	x		x				
Forster's Tern					x				





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Chipping Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Clay-colored Sparrow					x					
Field Sparrow		x			x	x	x	x		
Vesper Sparrow		x								
Lark Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Lark Bunting	x	x			x				x	
Grasshopper Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		
Song Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		
Lincoln's Sparrow		x						x		
Swamp Sparrow	x									
Summer Tanager		x								
Northern Cardinal	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		x			x	x		x		
Black-headed Grosbeak		x				x		x		
Blue Grosbeak	x	x	x		x				x	
Lazuli Bunting		x				x				
Indigo Bunting		x	x	x	x	x				
Dickcissel	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Boblink	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	
Red-winged Blackbird	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Eastern Meadowlark	x									
Western Meadowlark	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	x	x	x		x				x	
Common Grackle	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	
Great-tailed Grackle		x	x	x				x		
Brown-headed Cowbird	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	
Orchard Oriole	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		
Baltimore Oriole	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
House Finch	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Pine Siskin						x				
American Goldfinch	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
House Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Total species	164	71	128	98	62	91	52	65	84	37