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## Spring Field Days and Annual Meeting at Central City

The 114th Annual Meeting was held at the Covenant Cedars Bible Camp in Merrick County east of Central City on May 17-19, 2013. The 45+ members and friends in attendance found 163 species, including Eared Grebe, White-faced Ibis, Black-bellied and American Golden Plovers, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Ruddy Turnstone, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Laughing Gull, White-winged Dove, Yellow-throated Vireo, Wood Thrush, 16 warbler species, and 12 sparrow species.

Field trips went to Lakes North and Babcock, Wilkinson WMA, Don Dworak WMA, Headworks Park, Palmer sewage lagoon, Loup River north of Palmer, Loup Junction WMA, North Loup SRA, Kirkpatrick Basin South WMA, Farmer's Valley Cemetery in southeast Hamilton Co., Harvard WPA, Deep Well WMA, and Dark Island Trail south of Central City. Field trip leaders were Dave Heidt, Robin Harding, Lanny Randolph, Don and Janis Paseka, and T.J. Walker.

On Friday evening Dr. Joe Gubanyi of Concordia University in Seward presented an identification workshop featuring species likely to be seen in central Nebraska in May. He discussed field marks which should help differentiate between pairs of species such as immature Yellow-crowned and Black-crowned Night-Herons, White-faced and Glossy Ibis, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Gray-cheeked and Swainson's Thrushes, Northern and Louisiana Waterthrushes, and Eastern and Spotted Towhees.

On Saturday evening, Lauren Dinan, a Nongame Bird Biologist with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, presented a program entitled "Understanding Piping Plovers' Lives through Color Banding". This program provided an update to the ongoing Nebraska Game and Parks Piping Plover banding project along the Missouri and upper and lower Platte Rivers. The project seeks to answer questions relating to adult and juvenile survival, site fidelity and winter range and distribution.

Election of officers was held, and all the current officers were reelected: Dan Leger, president; Dave Heidt, vice-president; Betty Grenon, treasurer; Kevin Poague, secretary; Anita Breckbill, librarian; Jan Johnson, William Flack and Don Paseka, directors; Janis Paseka, editor.

A raffle of Jan Johnson's latest artwork and a silent auction of books donated by NOU members were held with proceeds going to the NOU General Fund.



## NOU Spring Field Days - Central City

	Clay	Hamilton	Howard	Merrick	Nance	Platte	Polk	York
Spotted Sandpiper		x		x	x	x	x	
Greater Yellowlegs	x					x		x
Willet						x		x
Lesser Yellowlegs	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Upland Sandpiper	x				x		x	x
Marbled Godwit						x		
Ruddy Turnstone						x		
Sanderling						x		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	x	x				x		x
Least Sandpiper	x	x				x	x	x
White-rumped Sandpiper	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Baird's Sandpiper		x				x		
Pectoral Sandpiper	x					x	x	x
Dunlin						x		
Stilt Sandpiper	x	x				x		x
Buff-breasted Sandpiper								x
Short-billed Dowitcher	x	x						x
Long-billed Dowitcher		x						x
Wilson's Snipe	x	x						x
American Woodcock						x		
Wilson's Phalarope	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Laughing Gull						x		
Franklin's Gull						x		
Ring-billed Gull						x		
Least Tern			x					
Black Tern	x			x	x	x	x	x
Forster's Tern						x		
Rock Pigeon		x	x	x		x	x	x
Eurasian Collared-Dove	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mourning Dove	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Great Horned Owl				x	x		x	
Common Nighthawk				x				
Chimney Swift		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hummingbird sp.		x						
Belted Kingfisher		x		x	x		x	
Red-headed Woodpecker		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Red-bellied Woodpecker		x		x		x	x	
Downy Woodpecker	x	x		x	x	x		
Hairy Woodpecker		x			x	x		
Northern Flicker		x	x	x	x	x	x	
American Kestrel	x	x	x					
Eastern Wood-Pewee		x	x	x	x	x		



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American Redstart		x			x			
Magnolia Warbler						x		
Yellow Warbler	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Blackpoll Warbler		x		x				
Black-throated Blue Warbler		x						
Palm Warbler						x		
Yellow-rumped Warbler						x		
Wilson's Warbler		x						
Yellow-breasted Chat						x		
Spotted Towhee		x		x	x		x	
Eastern Towhee		x		x				
Chipping Sparrow		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Clay-colored Sparrow	x	x			x	x	x	
Field Sparrow		x			x	x	x	x
Vesper Sparrow					x		x	x
Lark Sparrow		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Savannah Sparrow		x	x					
Grasshopper Sparrow	x	x		x				
Song Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lincoln's Sparrow						x		
Swamp Sparrow						x		
Harris's Sparrow				x				
White-crowned Sparrow		x		x				
Northern Cardinal		x		x	x	x	x	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		x		x	x	x		
Blue Grosbeak		x	x			x	x	
Indigo Bunting		x				x	x	
Dickcissel	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Bobolink	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Red-winged Blackbird	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Eastern Meadowlark				x	x	x	x	
Western Meadowlark	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Yellow-headed Blackbird	x				x	x		
Common Grackle	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Great-tailed Grackle		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	
Pine Siskin		x						
American Goldfinch	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
House Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Total species: 168</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>56</b>