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South Sioux City Fall Field Days

by Janis Paseka

The 2015 NOU Fall Field Days took place in South Sioux City at the Americas Best Value Inn on Sept. 25-27. There were about 50 in attendance at the meeting which was organized by Dave Heidt, Robin Harding, Jan Johnson and Betty Grenon.

On Friday evening Ponca State Park Superintendent Jeff Fields told the group about the changes that have happened in Ponca State Park since its beginning in 1934 as a Civilian Conservation Corps camp. It is the third oldest state park in Nebraska and now encompasses 2400 acres. It boasts one of the oldest bur oaks in the state, which has been dated to 1644. Ponca State Park is on an unchannelized 59-mile reach of the Missouri River which is now protected as a Scenic River, and the park has been designated an Important Bird Area. Changes happening to the park now include stabilization of the river banks and controlled burns to allow new bur oak growth as well as increasing efforts to make the park welcoming to the public and to encourage nature appreciation.

On Saturday evening, Mark Brogie, science instructor in the Creighton Public Schools, led a bird identification workshop using paired photos of birds which can be difficult to differentiate. This included Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Eared and Horned Grebes, Cooper's and Sharp-shinned Hawks, and Warbling and Philadelphia Vireos. Mark and Ellen Brogie also brought dozens of bird skins from the Wayne State College collections (collected and prepared by Wayne Mollhoff) for the group to study.

Field trip destinations on Saturday and on Sunday morning included Ponca State Park, Basswood Ridge WMA, Kramper Lake (Danish Alps SRA), Big Bear Park, Winnebago Sewage Lagoons and numerous sites in Woodbury County, Iowa.

Field trips were led by Bill Flack, Bill Huser, Jan Johnson, Don Paseka, and T.J. Walker. Special thanks go to local members Bob Livermore, Jerry Probst and Rex Rundquist who led the trip to the Iowa destinations.

The total species count was 132. Some of the weekend highlights were Virginia Rail, American Golden-Plover, Black-billed Cuckoo, Peregrine Falcon, 6 swallow species, 11 warbler species and 9 sparrow species.

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	Cedar	Dixon	Dakota	Thurston	Woodbury IA
Canada Goose	x	x	x	x	x
Wood Duck				x	x
Gadwall					x
American Wigeon					x
Mallard		x			x
Blue-winged Teal		x	x		x
Northern Shoveler		x			x
Northern Pintail		x			x
Northern Bobwhite			x		
Ring-necked Pheasant		x	x	x	
Wild Turkey		x	x	x	x
Pied-billed Grebe		x	x	x	x
Double-crested Cormorant		x	x		x
American White Pelican		x	x	x	x
Great Blue Heron	x	x	x	x	x
Great Egret					x
Cattle Egret			x		
Green Heron				x	
Turkey Vulture	x	x	x	x	
Osprey	x	x	x	x	
Bald Eagle		x	x	x	
Northern Harrier		x	x		x
Sharp-shinned Hawk		x	x	x	x
Cooper's Hawk		x	x	x	
Broad-winged Hawk		x	x	x	x
Swainson's Hawk		x		x	
Red-tailed Hawk	x	x	x	x	x
Virginia Rail					x
Sora					x

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American Coot			x		x
American Golden-Plover					x
Killdeer	x	x	x	x	x
Solitary Sandpiper		x			
Greater Yellowlegs		x			
Lesser Yellowlegs		x			
Least Sandpiper		x	x		x
Baird's Sandpiper		x			x
Pectoral Sandpiper		x			
Dowitcher species		x			
Wilson's Snipe			x		
Wilson's Phalarope		x			
Bonaparte's Gull	x				
Franklin's Gull	x	x	x	x	x
Ring-billed Gull	x	x			x
Common Tern	x				
Rock Pigeon	x	x	x	x	x
Eurasian Collared-Dove	x	x	x	x	x
Mourning Dove	x	x	x	x	x
Black-billed Cuckoo				x	
Eastern Screech-Owl				x	
Great Horned Owl		x		x	
Barred Owl		x	x		
Common Nighthawk			x		
Chimney Swift	x	x	x	x	x
Hummingbird species		x			
Belted Kingfisher	x	x	x	x	x
Red-headed Woodpecker		x	x		x
Red-bellied Woodpecker	x	x	x	x	x

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Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			x	x	
Downy Woodpecker	x	x	x	x	x
Hairy Woodpecker		x	x	x	x
Northern Flicker	x	x	x	x	x
American Kestrel	x	x	x	x	x
Merlin			x	x	
Peregrine Falcon		x			x
Olive-sided Flycatcher				x	x
Eastern Wood-Pewee		x	x	x	
Least Flycatcher		x			
Eastern Phoebe			x	x	x
Blue-headed Vireo		x	x	x	
Warbling Vireo		x	x	x	x
Red-eyed Vireo		x		x	x
Blue Jay		x	x	x	x
American Crow	x	x	x	x	x
Purple Martin			x		
Tree Swallow			x	x	x
Northern Rough-winged Swallow			x		x
Bank Swallow		x		x	
Cliff Swallow				x	
Barn Swallow	x	x	x	x	x
Black-capped Chickadee		x	x	x	x
White-breasted Nuthatch		x	x	x	x
House Wren		x	x	x	
Sedge Wren		x	x	x	x
Marsh Wren		x	x	x	x
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		x	x	x	x
Eastern Bluebird		x	x	x	x

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American Robin	x	x	x	x	x
Gray Catbird		x	x	x	x
Brown Thrasher		x	x	x	x
European Starling	x	x	x	x	x
American Pipit			x		
Cedar Waxwing		x		x	x
Ovenbird				x	
Black-and-white Warbler		x	x	x	
Tennessee Warbler		x			
Orange-crowned Warbler		x	x	x	x
Nashville Warbler		x	x	x	x
Common Yellowthroat			x	x	x
American Redstart		x	x	x	
Magnolia Warbler		x	x		
Yellow Warbler		x		x	x
Palm Warbler					x
Yellow-rumped Warbler	x	x	x	x	x
Black-throated Green Warbler		x			
Canada Warbler		x			
Wilson's Warbler		x	x		
Spotted Towhee			x		
Eastern Towhee		x	x	x	
Chipping Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x
Clay-colored Sparrow		x	x	x	
Field Sparrow		x	x	x	
Vesper Sparrow			x	x	x
Savannah Sparrow		x	x		x
LeConte's Sparrow			x		
Song Sparrow		x	x	x	x

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Lincoln's Sparrow		x	x	x	x
White-throated Sparrow		x	x	x	
Scarlet Tanager			x		
Northern Cardinal		x	x	x	x
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		x	x	x	x
Blue Grosbeak					x
Indigo Bunting		x	x	x	
Dickcissel				x	
Red-winged Blackbird		x	x	x	x
Western Meadowlark			x		x
Brewer's Blackbird					x
Common Grackle		x	x	x	x
Brown-headed Cowbird			x		x
House Finch			x	x	
American Goldfinch	x	x	x	x	x
House Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x
County totals	31	97	94	86	84
Nebraska total:123					
Iowa total: 80					
Grand total: 132					