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Annual Meeting at Norfolk

Sixty-six members and guests were in attendance for the 112th Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union, held at the Lifelong Learning Center at Northeast Community College in Norfolk. The meeting was organized by Dave Heidt.

Field trips were led by Mark Brogie, Bill Flack, Dave Heidt, Jan Johnson, Wayne Mollhoff, Don and Janis Paseka, and Duane Wolff. Destinations included the Norfolk cemeteries, Ta-Ha-Zouka Park, Yellowbanks WMA, Olson Nature Preserve, wet meadows along Beaver Creek in Boone Co., Hackberry Creek WMA, Grove Lake WMA, the Plainview sewage lagoon, northern Knox Co., Buckskin Hills WMA, Ponca SP, Elk Point Bend WMA, Maskenthine Lake Recreation Area, Wood Duck WMA, Lakes Babcock and North, the Schuyler city park, Camp Luther, and Maple Creek Reservoir at Leigh.

On Friday evening, Mark Brogie conducted a bird identification clinic using bird skins (many collected by Wayne Mollhoff) from the Wayne State College Museum of Natural History.

A raffle of an art quilt made and donated by Jan Johnson and based on a photo taken by Edward Tickle of an Eastern Bluebird was held. Proceeds went to the NOU General Fund.

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

The proposed Bylaws changes were voted on and approved by the membership. The proposed changes, mostly designed to bring the Bylaws up to date, were published in the October 2010 NOU Newsletter. The current text of the Bylaws may be found on the NOU website: <http://noubirds.org/>.

The Saturday evening presenter was Jerry Toll, who spoke about the hawkwatch and raptor banding program at the Hitchcock Nature Center in Pottawattamie Co., Iowa. The watch is staffed by one paid counter and numerous volunteers from September 1 through the third week in December. In 2010, 11,961 migrant raptors of 19 species were counted as they followed the Loess Hills southward. The diurnal banding station, staffed by Jerry Toll, Sandy Reinken and volunteers, captured and banded 157 raptors, mainly Red-tailed, Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks. Also banded in 2010 were a single Merlin, Broad-winged Hawk and Peregrine Falcon. Carla Ahlschwede, who did a study of possible natal origins of Red-tailed Hawks banded at Hitchcock, spoke about her research. Feathers collected from immature Red-tails were analyzed for their stable-hydrogen isotope content. In addition to hawk banding, Northern Saw-whet Owls were captured using an audio lure of a female spring call. A total of 69 owls, including 55 new captures, 4 recaptures of owls banded at Hitchcock and 10 recaptures of owls banded at other sites, were caught.

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	Antelope	Boone	Colfax	Cuming	Dixon	Knox	Madison	Pierce	Platte	Stanton	Wayne
Snow Goose								x			
Canada Goose	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Wood Duck	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Gadwall						x		x	x		
American Wigeon						x		x			
Mallard	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Blue-winged Teal	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	
Northern Shoveler	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Green-winged Teal		x						x	x		
Redhead			x								
Ring-necked Duck							x		x		
Lesser Scaup	x										
Hooded Merganser									x		
Ruddy Duck					x	x		x	x	x	
Ring-necked Pheasant	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sharp-tailed Grouse						x					
Greater Prairie-Chicken		x				x	x				
Wild Turkey	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Pied-billed Grebe	x		x				x			x	
Eared Grebe			x				x	x			
Western Grebe	x				x			x			
Double-crested Cormorant	x				x	x		x	x	x	
American White Pelican						x		x	x		
Great Blue Heron	x	x			x	x		x	x	x	
Great Egret							x		x		x

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Snowy Egret				x			x				
Cattle Egret	x	x	x	x		x		x	x		
Green Heron			x				x			x	
Turkey Vulture	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Osprey									x		
Mississippi Kite							x				
Bald Eagle	x	x				x	x		x	x	
Northern Harrier		x			x						
Cooper's Hawk		x	x			x			x	x	
Broad-winged Hawk							x				
Swainson's Hawk		x			x						
Red-tailed Hawk	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
American Kestrel	x	x			x	x					
Peregrine Falcon		x									
Sora	x	x								x	
American Coot	x		x		x	x	x	x	x		
Sandhill Crane			x						x		
Killdeer	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Black-necked Stilt				x							
American Avocet			x								
Spotted Sandpiper	x	x			x		x	x	x	x	
Greater Yellowlegs									x		
Upland Sandpiper	x	x			x	x		x		x	
Least Sandpiper			x			x		x			
White-rumped Sandpiper	x										

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Pectoral Sandpiper	x							x			
Wilson's Snipe		x									
Wilson's Phalarope	x	x	x			x		x			
Red-necked Phalarope								x			
Franklin's Gull	x	x			x	x	x	x	x		
Ring-billed Gull						x			x		
Least Tern						x	x		x	x	
Black Tern		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	
Rock Pigeon	x	x		x		x	x	x	x		
Eurasian Collared-Dove	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	
White-winged Dove						x					
Mourning Dove	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	x				x	x					
Black-billed Cuckoo				x							
Eastern Screech-Owl					x						
Barred Owl					x						
Common Nighthawk		x		x			x		x		
Chimney Swift	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ruby-throated Hummingbird					x			x		x	
Belted Kingfisher	x	x			x		x	x	x	x	
Red-headed Woodpecker	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Red-bellied Woodpecker	x				x	x	x		x	x	
Downy Woodpecker	x	x		x	x		x		x	x	
Hairy Woodpecker					x	x					
Northern Flicker	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x

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Eastern Wood-Pewee	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	x										
Alder Flycatcher		x						x			
Willow Flycatcher		x					x	x	x	x	
Least Flycatcher	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Eastern Phoebe	x	x			x	x	x		x	x	
Say's Phoebe	x										
Great Crested Flycatcher	x		x		x	x	x			x	
Western Kingbird	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		
Eastern Kingbird	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Loggerhead Shrike			x	x	x						
Bell's Vireo	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	
Yellow-throated Vireo					x	x					
Warbling Vireo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Red-eyed Vireo	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Blue Jay	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Black-billed Magpie										x	
American Crow	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Horned Lark	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	
Purple Martin			x		x	x	x	x	x		
Tree Swallow	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Northern Rough-winged Swal	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Bank Swallow	x	x			x	x	x	x		x	x
Cliff Swallow	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Barn Swallow	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	

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Black-capped Chickadee	x		x		x	x	x	x		x	
Red-breasted Nuthatch							x			x	
White-breasted Nuthatch	x	x	x		x		x	x			
House Wren	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Winter Wren											x
Sedge Wren							x			x	
Marsh Wren		x				x	x		x	x	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	x				x	x					
Eastern Bluebird		x	x		x	x	x		x	x	
Veery									x		
Swainson's Thrush	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	
Wood Thrush					x		x				
American Robin	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Gray Catbird	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Northern Mockingbird										x	
Brown Thrasher	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
European Starling	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cedar Waxwing	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Ovenbird	x				x	x	x				
Northern Waterthrush					x			x			
Black-and-white Warbler							x				
Prothonotary Warbler			x								
Tennessee Warbler	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Orange-crowned Warbler				x	x	x	x		x	x	
Nashville Warbler							x				

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Mourning Warbler							x				
Common Yellowthroat	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
American Redstart	x				x	x	x	x		x	x
Cape May Warbler							x				
Magnolia Warbler			x		x		x				
Bay-breasted Warbler							x				
Blackburnian Warbler							x				
Yellow Warbler	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Chestnut-sided Warbler					x	x				x	
Blackpoll Warbler			x	x	x		x				
Yellow-rumped Warbler			x					x	x	x	
Canada Warbler					x						
Wilson's Warbler										x	
Yellow-breasted Chat						x	x			x	
Spotted Towhee	x	x				x	x			x	
Eastern Towhee			x		x		x			x	
Chipping Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Clay-colored Sparrow	x					x	x		x		
Field Sparrow	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Vesper Sparrow			x		x	x	x				x
Lark Sparrow		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Savannah Sparrow		x					x	x			x
Grasshopper Sparrow	x	x	x		x	x	x			x	
Song Sparrow	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		
Lincoln's Sparrow	x										

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Swamp Sparrow	x	x					x		x	x	
White-throated Sparrow								x			
Harris's Sparrow					x						
Scarlet Tanager					x	x	x				
Northern Cardinal	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Black-headed Grosbeak		x									
Blue Grosbeak						x					
Indigo Bunting	x		x		x	x	x		x		
Dickcissel	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bobolink	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x
Red-winged Blackbird	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Eastern Meadowlark		x						x	x		
Western Meadowlark	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Yellow-headed Blackbird							x	x	x		
Common Grackle	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Great-tailed Grackle			x				x		x		
Brown-headed Cowbird	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Orchard Oriole	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Baltimore Oriole	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
House Finch	x		x			x	x	x	x		x
Pine Siskin	x						x				
American Goldfinch	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
House Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Total species: 174	93	83	81	41	97	102	111	89	93	90	37