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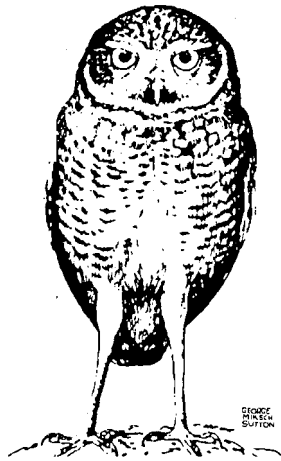
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## 1990 TREASURER'S REPORT

	Cash: This Year	Cash: To/From Other Years	Investments	Current Account	Total
BALANCE: 1 JAN 1990	1738.42	(1166.34)	13,763.20		14,335.28
Accounts payable paid	(393.12)	393.12			
Prepaid items used below	(773.22)	773.22			
<u>RECEIPTS</u>					
Memberships					
156 Active	1084.00				
52 Family Active	518.00				
16 Sustaining	240.00				
6 Family Sustaining	120.00				
10 Student	30.00				
3 Life	300.00			2292.00	
Subscriptions					
33 Domestic Agencies	295.50				
2 Domestic Direct	20.00				
2 Foreign Agencies	23.00			338.50	
Miscellaneous					
Review Copies	3.50				
Checklists	42.00				
Field Cards	33.30				
Arm Patches	11.85				
Raffle	140.00				
Shirts	209.14				
Miscellaneous Publications	9.00				
Sales Tax Fee	1.25				
Spring Meeting					
Revenue: 1070.20					
Cost: 1175.35	(105.15)				
Fall Meeting					
Revenue: 2359.50					
Cost: 2167.80	191.70				
Interest Revenue	608.79		619.02	1764.40	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3775.88		619.02	4394.90	
<u>EXPENSES</u>					
Publications					
Review	2902.61				
Newsletter	765.08				
Postage	286.16			3953.85	
Officers's Expenses					
President	43.44				
Secretary	9.45				
Treasurer	5.00				
Editor	104.15				
Librarian	3.40				
Records Committee	36.18			201.62	
TOTAL EXPENSES	4155.47			4155.47	239.43
INVESTMENTS CASHED	1529.12		(1529.12)		
PREPAID DUES	531.00	531.00			
PREPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS	208.50	208.50			
SALES TAX DUE	.07	.07			
GIFTS	435.60				435.60
BALANCE: 31 DEC 1990	2896.78	(739.57)	12,853.10		15,010.31

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### 1990 Christmas Count Report

101 species were reported on Christmas counts during 1990. An additional 2 species were recorded during count weeks but not during a specific count day. Direct comparison with 1990 count data is difficult due to a disparity in the number of counts; 110 species plus 2 in the count week were found in 1990. 14 counts were held during 1989, but only 6 counts are reported in 1990. The DeSoto NWR count was cancelled due to icy roads and bad weather. Wayne Mollhoff's 4 central Nebraska counts were apparently not held because he is a member of the Reserves and was on constant stand-by throughout this period due to the Persian Gulf crisis. No reports were received from 3 counts—Norfolk, Kearney, and Sioux City.

In the counts that were held, an observer could see a difference in the number and types of birds seen between counts early in the period and later ones. The four counts held on December 15 and 16, the first weekend of the period, all showed increases in the number of birds seen. In fact, Grand Island set a record high, nearly doubling the number of birds seen on the record 1989 count, including 5000 Sandhill Cranes, a species never before recorded on a Grand Island count. But, as Lincoln compiler Daryl Giblin noted, two or three days later, the open water which enhanced bird numbers had frozen in the face of the severe arctic blast. The Tristate count, the most southeasterly of all counts, did show some increase, mainly due to an influx of Horned Larks; however, the Omaha count, held in subzero weather with approximately half the normal participants, showed a 4000-bird reduction.

Many interesting birds were seen in all points of the count. The Pine Grosbeak at Grand Island was the one of the four new birds seen on this count, and a Prairie Falcon was seen on the Omaha count for the first time. The Lincoln count had its share of good birds: Double-crested Cormorants, a bird not often noted on any Nebraska count, were found, a Black-billed Magpie was recorded for the first time, and a Townsend's Solitaire was recorded for the second straight year. Also significant in Lincoln was the count week report of a Bonaparte's Gull, which may be the first time this species has been recorded in a count period, along with a record number of all gull species reported. More information on the Bonaparte's would be highly desired by the *NBR*. The Lincoln County (formerly North Platte) count recorded the only Mountain Bluebirds and a single Yellow-headed Blackbird. The Scottsbluff count had one of its highest species totals ever, and the Tristate count had the only Hermit Thrush and Snow Bunting recorded (though it is not known if these were in Nebraska, Missouri, or Iowa).

Several tables follow. The first of these gives count conditions, the second lists those birds not identified to species (for example, Meadowlark sp.), and the third gives species totals. The "h" refers to high counts, and those with the designation "IA" are ones on the Omaha count which were only found in Iowa. A blank in the conditions table refers to the fact that the information was not provided, and a "W" in the main table denotes a species found in the area during the count week but not on the exact day of the count.

#### PARTICIPANTS (Compilers in caps)

**Scottsbluff**—Mary Allison, Lucile Bigelow, Jeff Essman, Marie Fernandez, Vonie Hatch, Helen Hughson, ALICE KENITZ, Robert Larkin, Brad McKinney, Connie McKinney, Loni Schlothauer, Sam Schlothauer, Nora Mae Vance.

**Lincoln County**—Robert Bailey, Esther Cunningham, Harold Cunningham, Erma Grill, Gregg Hoover, Nancy Jones, Pat McEvoy, MARGARET MORTON, John Orcutt, Darlene Schick.

**Grand Island**—Colleen Babcock, Bob Braun, Faye Conlon, Paul Currier, Kenny Dinan, Craig Faanes, Tim Fannin, Louis James, Pauline James, Todd Jensen, Anne Kruse, Ron Kruse, Liz Kuta, GARY LINGLE, Connie McCartney, Deb Meyer, Jim Meyer, Scott Purdy, Helen Seim, Vern Throop, Drew Tustin, Steve Walker, Diane Zwink.

**Lincoln**—Irene Alexander, Matt Beisel, Michael Bessert, Ann Bleed, Didi Brogden, Douglas Brogden, Cindy Cochran, Carol Crosby, Kevin DeGarmo, Joe Doremus, Hans Draayer, Larry Einemann, William Garthright, DARYL GIBLIN, MARGARET GIBLIN, Everett Gross, Mildred Gross, Joseph Gubanyi, Carolyn Hall, Nancy Hall, Ellen Harrington, Keith Heinrich, Karla Kaufman, Paul Kaufman, Paul Kay, Timothy Knott, Thomas Labedz, Rosalind Morris, Kevin Poague, Gary Purdy, John Purdy, Kenneth Reitan, Richard Rhodes, Roger Riss, Hazel Scheiber, Donald Showen, Ellen Stepleton, Alyce Studnicka, James Studnicka, Clare Sward, Frances Taylor, Joyce Vanier, Lyle Vanier, Angela Williams, Donald Williams, Gertrude Wood.

**Omaha**—Betty Allen, Elliott Bedows, Russ Benedict, John Brenneman, Amy Galperin, ALAN GRENON, Betty Grenon, Essie Grill, Sam Grill, Dennis Hopp, JoEllen Hopp, Robert Hopp, Steven Hopp, Clem Klaphake, Damon Klaphake, Jim Kovanda, Sandra Kovanda, Babs Padelford, Loren Padelford, Chris Rasmussen, Ross Silcock, Bob Starr, Jerry Toll, Rick Wright.

**Tristate**—ROSS SILCOCK. Other participants not listed.

TABLE 1. COUNT COVERAGE AND WEATHER CONDITIONS.

	Scottsbluff	Lincoln County	Grand Island	Lincoln	Omaha	Tristate
Date	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 29	Dec. 23
Start Time (am)	7:40	8:00	7:30	4:05		
End time (pm)	4:10	3:00	6:00	5:45		
Miles by Vehicle	186		505	508	446	316
Miles on Foot	4.5		10	85	18	7
Miles Owling	0		4.5	51.5	11.5	0.5
Hours by Vehicle	17.75		33	33.5	61.5	26.5
Hours on Foot	3.75		9	104.25	total	total
Hours Owling	0		2	6.5	2.5	0.5
Hours at Feeders	6			8	21	5.5
Maximum Temp. (°F)	43	45	40	38	-5	10
Minimum Temp. (°F)	28	26	30	19	-9	-10
Wind Direction	W-NW; NE (pm)		NW	SW	NW	S
Wind Speed (mph)	7-8; 10-12	5-15	5-15	0-10	18-24	0-5
AM Weather	clear	clear	cloudy to clear	partly cloudy	cloudy, snow	clear
PM Weather	partly cloudy	clear	clear	cloudy, light rain and sleet	cloudy, snow	clear
Snow Cover	0	gone by pm	0	0	4	0-1

	Scottsbluff	Lincoln County	Grand Island	Lincoln	Omaha	Tristate
Still Water	pt. open		open	open		
Moving Water	open		open	open		
# of Field Observers	13	10	23	46	24	6
Number of Parties	1-4		8	16-20	9	3
# of Feeder Watchers	3			8	5	1

TABLE 2. BIRDS NOT IDENTIFIED TO SPECIES. Those listed in bold were the only birds of that type identified on the count.

Bird	Location and Number
Buteo sp.	Scottsbluff—3; Lincoln—11
Hawk sp.	Lincoln—1
Gull sp.	Lincoln—16 (high)
Owl sp.	Lincoln—4
Meadowlark sp.	Lincoln—130; Omaha—28; Tristate—17
Blackbird sp.	Lincoln—2

TABLE 3. COUNT RESULTS. All count centers and coverage areas are the same as reported last year. Further details can be found in NBR 58: 3-12.

	Scotts-bluff	Lincoln County	Grand Island	Lincoln	Omaha	Tristate
Double-crested Cormorant				2 (h)		
Great Blue Heron	2			3 (h)		1
Gr. White-fronted Goose			155 (h)			
Snow Goose			13 (h)	1101 (h)		200
Canada Goose	11,902 (h)	5807	20,449 (h)	882 (h)	45	
Wood Duck			2			
Green-winged Teal			105 (h)	30 (h)	3 (IA)	
American Black Duck					2 (IA)	
Mallard	2342	395	9682	584 (h)	760	6
Northern Pintail	6		1			
Northern Shoveler	12 (h)					
Gadwall	14 (h)		5 (h)			
American Wigeon	51		18	4	1 (IA)	
Redhead	W					
Lesser Scaup				2		
Common Goldeneye	22		7 (h)	14	130	1
Bufflehead			1 (h)	1		
Common Merganser			1	1369 (h)	88	1
Turkey Vulture			1 (h)			
Bald Eagle	7	8	21 (h)	1	42	5
adult	4		11	1		
immature	3		10			
undesignated		8			42	5
Northern Harrier	2	1	8	10		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		2	8		1

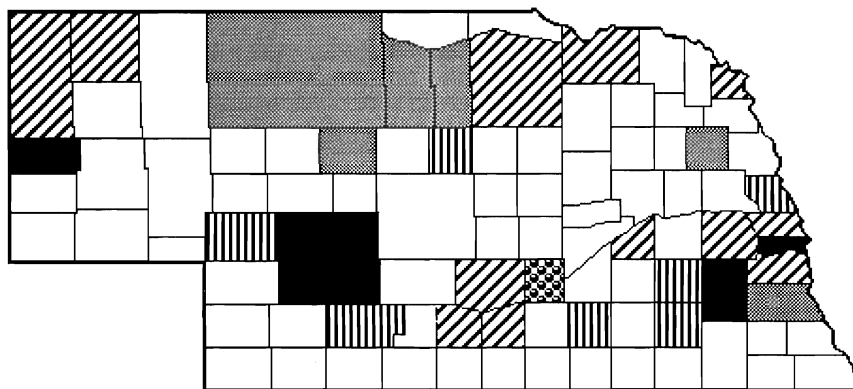
	Scottsbluff	Lincoln County	Grand Island	Lincoln	Omaha	Tristate
Cooper's Hawk			1	W	1 (LA)	
Red-tailed Hawk		20	47 (h)	77	40	48
Ferruginous Hawk			1			
Rough-legged Hawk	1	6	5	6	3	1
Golden Eagle	3					
American Kestrel	10	22	39 (h)	28	7	13
Merlin		1	1	1		1
Peregrine Falcon			1	W		
Prairie Falcon			4 (h)		1 (h)	1
Ring-necked Pheasant	2		50	86 (h)	5	21
Wild Turkey	14	32	20		20	16
Northern Bobwhite			76	1	1	5
Sandhill Crane			5000 (h)			
American Coot			2	W		
Killdeer				2		
Common Snipe	2		3			
Bonaparte's Gull				W		
Ring-billed Gull		25		232 (h)		
Herring Gull		1		31 (h)		
Rock Dove	244 (h)	17	161	579	7	67
Mourning Dove		2	1	156	5	40
Eastern Screech-Owl			2	15	2	5
Great Horned Owl	2	1	10	30	1	8
Barred Owl				4	1	2
Long-eared Owl				13		
Short-eared Owl			3			
Northern Saw-whet Owl				1		
Belted Kingfisher	3		5	10	W	1
Red-headed Woodpecker		1		7	22	6
Red-bellied Woodpecker			7	41	32	36
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				2	3	1
Downy Woodpecker	7	7	16	77	87	42
Hairy Woodpecker		2	5	18	17	6
Northern Flicker	36	14	56	50	38	62
<i>yellow-shafted</i>	1			23		
<i>red-shafted</i>	13			1		
<i>yellow x red</i>	1					
<i>undesignated</i>	21	14	56	26	38	62
Horned Lark	10	7	30	3	420	2257
Blue Jay	41 (h)	12	25	487	95	151
Black-billed Magpie	35	16	3	1 (h)		
American Crow	67	175	2767 (h)	505	197	67
Black-capped Chickadee	75 (h)	25	156	372	238	184
Tufted Titmouse					26	15
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4			3		
White-breasted Nuthatch	2		14	93	35	31
Brown Creeper	1	5	5	19	7	5

	Scottsbluff	Lincoln County	Grand Island	Lincoln	Omaha	Tristate
Carolina Wren				1	2	3
Winter Wren					1	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	5 (h)		13	27	4	6
Eastern Bluebird		58	6	2	2	25
Mountain Bluebird		15				
Townsend's Solitaire	5		1	1 (h)		
Hermit Thrush						1
American Robin	66	271	718 (h)	129	325	227
Brown Thrasher				2		
Cedar Waxwing	1	5	32	113	147	41
Northern Shrike	1	6	2	2		1
Loggerhead Shrike			3 (h)	1		2
European Starling	1805	7299	8442 (h)	2666	310	250
Northern Cardinal		5	13	206	171	182
Rufous-sided Towhee			1	3		2
American Tree Sparrow	11	21	340	741	266	535
Song Sparrow	1		3	45 (h)	9	17
Swamp Sparrow					W	
White-throated Sparrow				34 (h)	1	
White-crowned Sparrow	9		1	10		
Harris' Sparrow			28	432 (h)	59	53
Dark-eyed Junco	43	74	299	1328	512	970
<i>Slate-colored</i>	1			163		
<i>Oregon</i>				9		
<i>undesigned</i>	42	74	299	1156 (f)	512	970
Lapland Longspur			77 (h)		55 (IA)	575
Snow Bunting						1
Red-winged Blackbird	5585 (h)	1700	350 (h)	259		1
Eastern Meadowlark				2		
Western Meadowlark		1	57	3	2	11
Yellow-headed Blackbird		1				
Rusty Blackbird			156 (h)	1		
Great-tailed Grackle				W		
Common Grackle	45 (h)		3	50		1
Brown-headed Cowbird			3 (h)			
Pine Grosbeak			1 (h)			
Purple Finch			1	11	9	
House Finch	127	30	74 (h)	51 (h)	1	
Red Crossbill			3 (h)	1		
Pine Siskin	16		11	7		
American Goldfinch	41	208	47	370	243	66
House Sparrow	429	1731	790	4003	1390	1420
Total Number of Species	46	40	75	74	46	56
Number Species During Week	2	0	0	5	2	0
Total Number of Birds	23,113	16,462	50,459	17,628	23,113	7706








### Fall 1990 Occurrence Report

During the period from 1 July to 31 December 1990, 284 species were recorded in the state. This compares with 291 species in the second half of 1989, 282 species in 1988, 296 in 1987, and 293 in 1986. The map below gives a representation of the frequency of reports within the state:



#### LEGEND

-  Occurrence and Christmas Count Reports Received
-  Occurrence Reports Received
-  Christmas Count Report Received
-  Field Trip Reports Received
-  Miscellaneous Sighting Reports Received

The report which follows gives information on reporting counties in a rough west-to-east order. Counties of similar longitude are dealt with in a north-to-south fashion with some consideration for keeping counties along river valleys together. Those counties whose data is found within the occurrence tables are denoted in capital letters. One change to note: species recorded by observers as NR (not observed during count period but birds which observer is sure were present) are listed in the county-by-county report rather than the occurrence tables.

Corrections to the 1989 Spring Occurrence Report: in Lancaster County, the dates for Franklin's Gull should be March 22 to April 2 (*NBR* 58:69), and those for Great Crested Flycatcher should read May 9 to June 8 (58:71).

### COUNTY-BY-COUNTY REPORT

**SIOUX COUNTY—133 species.** Reporters: David and Helen Hughson. Observers: Vonie Hatch and Stephen Kerr.

Helen Hughson reports: Townsend's Warbler is seen occasionally at their ranch. The bird observed this fall was feeding on the insects it found on the leaves of their box elder tree. Helen was able to watch the bird for 10 minutes. The MacGillivray's Warbler was observed on their lower fence wire and kept hopping back and forth in the weeds. She has seen all three of the grey-headed warblers [*Oporornis*] in the area, and did note the broken eyering on this bird. The Broad-tailed Hummingbird, a male, was identified using the metallic wing sound that it made in flight. This bird fed on her hanging geranium plant on the front porch. Hughson spent about an hour watching it from a lawn chair on the porch, and at one point the bird came within 6 inches of her face. She suspects that it must have seen the geranium reflection in her glasses.

Two other birds which were firsts for the Hughsons' ranch were the Great Crested Flycatcher and the Eastern Phoebe. The Flycatcher sat on a wire over their garden and was viewed for an entire morning while Helen Hughson worked in the yard. The Phoebe she at first thought was a late Pewee, but the bird looked odd. Closer observation with field guide and binoculars in hand revealed that the bird was an Eastern Phoebe, and she then watched it on and off for the rest of the day.

Kerr's report on the Swainson's Hawk migration (see page 34), including the sighting of three accipiters during this incident, has been added to the report submitted by the Hughsons.

**SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY—133 species.** Reporter: Alice Kenitz. Observers: Felix Koenig, Lucy Koenig, Nora Mae Vance, and Christmas Count participants.

The Barrow's Goldeneye was sighted at the Gering sewage lagoons; it was a life bird for Alice Kenitz, and she has submitted a report on it to the NOURC. Nora Mae Vance saw 4 Whooping Cranes in a flock of Sandhill Cranes near Lake Minatare on October 21; this sighting was not reported to Game and Parks or USF&W, so it is not included in the Whooping Crane Report found later in this issue. The Sanderlings and Stilt Sandpipers were reported by personnel of the North Platte NWR. Kenitz also notes that she does not recall having American White Pelicans in the area for the entire summer previous to 1990. Species listed as NR: Northern Bobwhite, Eastern Screech-Owl, Burrowing Owl.

**DAWES COUNTY—62 species.** Reporter: Jim Minyard. Observer: Hope Minyard.

Future documentation on the summer occurrences of American Tree Sparrows has been requested. Johnsgard (1982) lists this species as a migrant and winter visitor with dates of occurrence between October and May, and summer records would be outstanding.

**Cherry County—89 species.** A list of species recorded by members during the NOU Fall Field Days, 7 to 9 September 1990, can be found in *NBR* 58:97-98 by following the V and C columns within the accompanying table. The only additional sighting received was of Whooping Crane (see page 32).

**Thomas County—89 species.** A list of species recorded by members during the NOU Fall Field Days, 7 to 9 September 1990, can be found in *NBR* 58:97-98 by following the T and F columns within the accompanying table. An appeal for further information on the Northern Shrike was made in the NOU Newsletter and is repeated here; conservatively counting this as a Shrike sp. does not change the number recorded as the only other shrike mentioned was also a Shrike sp. An *Empidonax* sp. was also recorded.

**Keith County—Whooping Crane** was the only species recorded (see page 32).

**LINCOLN COUNTY—126 species.** Reporters: Margaret Morton and Mrs. Howard Wyman. Observers: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cunningham, members of the Tout Bird Club of North Platte, and Christmas Count participants.

Both Mrs. Wyman and Morton reported that the sparrow population in Lincoln County was significantly lower during the entirety of this period. Species listed as NR: Chipping Sparrow (Further communication on sparrow occurrence this summer led to designation).

**Frontier County—Whooping Crane** was the only species recorded (see page 32).

**Brown County—28 species.** A list of species recorded by members during the NOU Fall Field Days, 7 to 9 September 1990, can be found in *NBR* 58:97-98 by following the B column within the accompanying table.

**Rock County—21 species.** Reporters: Jim Ducey and Jerry Schoenenberger. An article by Ducey and Schoenenberger, containing data on sightings around Pony Lake, has been accepted for publication in the June *NBR*. A complete listing of dates and species will be given there. The number given above is a conservative estimate using the dates provided and noting species recorded as "permanent"; this includes the following species (some species may be added later): American White Pelican, Cattle Egret, Canada Goose, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Ring-necked Pheasant, Greater Prairie-Chicken, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Wild Turkey, Great Horned Owl, Common Nighthawk, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, American Robin, Loggerhead Shrike, Common Yellowthroat, Northern Oriole, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

The Trumpeter Swans reported in *NBR* 58:106 were probably in this county at times, though no direct mention of this was made (they are not included in the total above).

**Loup County—**On 16 September 1990 Loren Blake found one White-faced Ibis and about 100 Sanderlings at Calamus Dam near Burwell.

**PHELPS COUNTY—114 species.** Reporter: Robin Harding. Observer: Lanny Randolph.

This report is mostly made up of sightings from Funk Marsh, but also includes sightings from the Sacramento Game Management Area. Species Listed as NR: Western Grebe, American Bittern, Green-backed Heron, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Solitary Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, Forster's Tern, Rock Dove, Barn Owl,

Short-eared Owl, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Purple Martin, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, Gray Catbird, Cedar Waxwing, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Chipping Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Lapland Longspur.

**BUFFALO AND KEARNEY COUNTIES—97 species.** Reporter: Robin Harding. Observer: Lanny Randolph and US F & W (Whooping Crane).

These two counties are combined because much of Harding and Randolph's birding was done along the Platte River, which is the county border. Along the river, bird sightings were recorded at Fort Kearny State Park, Bassway Strip, Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary, and the sandpits behind Grandpa's Steakhouse. Away from the river, sightings were recorded at the reporter's home (northeast of Kearney), the Kearney City Cemetery, the Kearney State College campus, Kearney Lake, along back roads in Kearney County, and at a marsh two miles east of Funk Marsh. Also includes data from Whooping Crane Report. Species Listed as NR: Double-crested Cormorant, Turkey Vulture, Swainson's Hawk, Wild Turkey, Franklin's Gull, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Purple Martin.

**Hall County—76 species.** The only reports from Hall County have been the Christmas Count and the Whooping Crane (see page 32). The Pine Grosbeak noted on the Christmas Count was the only one recorded in the state during the period, and further information has been requested.

**HOLT COUNTY—147 species.** Reporter: Loren Blake. Observers: Clyde Blake and Jim Boettcher.

Blake notes that this report covers only southern Holt County. He is not as familiar with birds which would be expected in the northern half. See page for several spring dates for this region. A photograph of the Sprague's Pipit has been provided by Blake for future publication. Species Listed as NR: Horned Grebe, Eared Grebe, American Bittern, Black-crowned Night-heron, Greater White-fronted Goose, Snow Goose, Turkey Vulture, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Virginia Rail, Black-bellied Plover, Piping Plover, American Avocet, Greater Yellowlegs, Willet, Long-billed Curlew, Marbled Godwit, Red-necked Phalarope, Bonaparte's Gull, Black-billed Cuckoo, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Say's Phoebe, Great Crested Flycatcher, Tree Swallow, Brown Creeper, Swainson's Thrush, Wood Thrush, Nashville Warbler, American Redstart, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Yellow-breasted Chat, Northern Cardinal, Lazuli Bunting, Indigo Bunting, Field Sparrow, Common Redpoll (in some years).

**KNOX COUNTY—144 species.** Reporter: Mark A. Brogie. Observers: Ellen L. Brogie and Ed M. Brogie.

**Clay County—**Craig Faanes' sighting of 15 White-faced Ibis at Harvard Marsh was reported in the *NOU Newsletter*.

**POLK COUNTY—94 species.** Reporter: Norris Alfred. Observers: Lee Morris and Swede Lind.

This report was compiled by R. G. Cortelyou, who is in correspondence with the reporter. Species Listed as NR: Wild Turkey (note: this species was not seen during Fall 1990, but a flock of 119 birds was seen on 1 January 1991).

**CUMING COUNTY—61 species.** Reporter: Larry Einemann.

Einemann took two trips to West Point and areas south and southeast of that town. One trip was made on 4 and 5 August (designation in table: Au 4), and the other on 3 and 4 November (designation: No 3). He reports the following nesting activity from the August trip:

Yellow-billed Cuckoo—nest with 3 eggs in a pine on a farm SE of W. Point;  
Mourning Dove—a nest with 2 eggs in same windbreak as cuckoo nest;  
Eastern Bluebird—one box with several young on a farm SE of West Point;  
Dickcissel—3 downy young in an uncut, wet prairie.

**Seward County**—In a widely noted report, Joe Gubanyi spotted a Broad-tailed Hummingbird at his feeder on 18 October 1990 in Seward. Further notes on this sighting have been requested.

**Saline County**—The only report was the 8 American Kestrels sighted by John Nygren, noted in *The NOU Newsletter*.

**SAUNDERS COUNTY—101 species.** Reporters: Fr. Thomas Hoffman and Larry Einemann.

Fr. Hoffman reports: The territory covered in Saunders Co. is the same as always, in the northwest corner, an area of about 2 square miles centered on a sand and gravel operation. I thought the dry conditions of this fall limited cedar berry and hackberry production greatly and cut into numbers and species considerably. Einemann's coverage of this county consisted of two trips to the new Czechland Lake just northwest of Prague, one on 4 August, the other on 19 September.

**LANCASTER COUNTY—174 species.** Reporters: Larry Einemann, Thomas Labedz, Mabel Ott, and Babs and Loren Padelford. Observers: Doug Fritz, Joe Gubanyi, and Norma Johnson-Mueller.

The Mississippi Kite is a subject within the Notes section (see page 34). The White-winged Scoter sighted by Norma Johnson-Mueller was reported in the *NOU Newsletter*; further documentation has been requested. The Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, one adult male and one bird with a shorter tail, were reported by NGPC personnel John Sweet and Margo Ems, via Jon Dinan, to Tom Labedz. Ott's records, which included the only mention of Hermit Thrush in the entire table, are from her banding records. According to Daryl Giblin's Christmas Count report, the Peregrine Falcon has been living in Lincoln for about 15 months; however, no other reporter recorded the bird's presence beyond the nebulous date of "during the Christmas Count week." Given Giblin's note, "Jl" was recorded as an initial date.

**DAKOTA COUNTY—104 species.** Reporter: Bill Huser.

Huser notes that his time in the field during the fall was reduced, so this report should be examined in light of this. The highlight of the period was the

Snowy Egret sighting; 2 Snowys were seen in the company of up to 13 Great Egrets and were present for about a month.

**Washington County—10 species.** News from this oft-visited county was rare this fall. R.C. Hoover of Pullman, Washington, visited DeSoto NWR on November 23 and observed Snow Geese and Bald Eagles. Hoover also reported ducks and gulls, but he is not a birder and was not positive on what kinds of birds he saw beyond this sketch. The Gull sp., however, is the only one recorded in the county this fall and is included above. This represents the only report I received to which a definite date can be affixed.

R.C. Korpi and Ruth Green did visit the Interpretative Center after a Snow Goose count one day during November. Korpi reported the following list, which he admits is not complete: Snow Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose, Canada Goose, Bufflehead, Mallard, Green-winged Teal, and Bald Eagle.

The Tundra Swan (only one noted this fall) and Sandhill Crane were reported in Ruth Green's "Notes from Nature" column in the Audubon Society of Omaha newsletter. Both birds apparently visited DeSoto NWR in late November. No identifying details or names of observers were given in the column including these reports. Documentation on either bird, or any other observations from DeSoto NWR or Washington County, would be appreciated.

**DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES—205 species.** Reporters: Tanya E. Bray, R.G. Cortelyou, Kathleen Crawford-Rose, Ruth C. Green, Alan G. Grenon, Clyde E. Johnson, and Babs and Loren Padelford. Observers: Russ Benedict, Carr Heaney, Dawn Holt, Emma Johnson, Raymond C. Korpi, Raymond T. Korpi, Lorraine Lienemann, Gail Roebuck, B.J. Rose, Robert Rose, Alice Rushton, Del Stites, and Ione Werthman.

Several sightings were gleaned from Green's "Notes from Nature" column. One sighting for which further documentation is desired by the NBR and NOURC is the Henslow's Sparrows found by Carr Heaney on October 13 and 20. Efforts by Green and R.C. Korpi to locate these birds later was unsuccessful. The sparrows were found at Cunningham Lake, Douglas County, and Heaney reported seeing them there in 1987 through 1989. This species' status in Nebraska is one of much debate, and documentation of any Henslow's Sparrow in the state is highly desired by the NOURC.

Other sightings and dates gleaned from Green's column are as follows: Snowy Owl (Holt), Golden Eagle (Lienemann), first occurrence of Red-breasted Nuthatch (Roebuck). The Connecticut and Kentucky Warblers reported by Green were both banded, the Connecticut in her backyard and the Kentucky in Fontenelle Forest. Green also notes these other banding records: 76 Nashville Warblers, 18 House Finches, and the reported Wood Thrush.

The November 4 Black-legged Kittiwake at Carter Lake, Douglas County, was reported by several people as was the Pacific Loon on November 10. The Golden-winged Warbler—a hatching-year bird, probably male—was seen by R.T. Korpi in Fontenelle Forest. 2 Purple Finches and a Carolina Wren were coming to the feeders of Del Stites, who lives adjacent to the eastern border of Schramm State Park. R.G. Cortelyou notes that the last Burrowing Owl report in Douglas County, occurring in 1979, happened during a meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society and therefore caused much more of a stir than Russ Benedict's September 25

sighting of a Burrowing Owl, a bird which was temporarily trapped in a South Omaha auto garage.

**CASS COUNTY—136 species.** Reporters: Gertrude Wood. Observers: Kevin DeGarmo and Donald Wood.

Gertrude Wood notes: the House Finches nested in our yard; there were four young. They all left by December 3 and have not been seen since this date. The only designation with Whip-poor-will was "S"; dates will be reported in a later issue.

**Otoe County—31 species.** Larry Einemann reports the following species on a field trip to Nebraska City on 15 and 16 September: Double-crested Cormorant, Red-tailed Hawk, Mourning Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, Cedar Waxwing, European Starling, Solitary Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Cardinal, Chipping Sparrow, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

Some of the Tristate Christmas Count birds could have been from Otoe County, but no differentiation of Nebraska species was made in data provided.

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TABLE 1. County-by county listing of those birds identified to genus only.

	Sioux	Phelps	Buffalo Kearney	Polk	Cuming	Lancaster	Douglas Sarpy
Accipiter sp.	Sp 29						
Yellowlegs sp.				Au 11			
Dowitcher sp.	Au 20 Au 22	Au 4 Ot 28					Ot 14 Ot 25
Cuckoo sp.				Au 11			
Shrike sp.		Au 18 No 17					
Meadowlark sp.		Au 4 No 17	Ot 5 Dm 31	Ot 7 Dm 7	No 3	Jl 1 Dm 30	Jl 2 Dm 31

Those is denoted in bold here were the only members of that group seen in that particular county during the count period. Therefore, they are included in the species totals previously presented. Not all counties are represented.

	Sioux	Scotts Bluff	Dawes	Lincoln	Phelps	Buffalo Kearney	Holt	Knox	Polk	Cuming	Saunders	Lancaster	Dakota	Douglas Sary	Cass
Pacific Loon														No 10	
Common Loon		Jl 6 Ot 31										Au 4 No 10		No 4 No 17	
Pied-billed Grebe	S Sp	Jl 6 No 13		Sp 2 Ot 13	Au 21 Ot 3	Sp 20 No 23	S Ot 12	Jl 16 Ot 21	Sp 30		Sp 19 No 24	Sp 19 No 11	Au 17 No 4	Au 6 No 4	Ot 20
Horned Grebe												Ot 18 No 11			
Eared Grebe		Jl 19 Ot 31		Sp 1 Sp 15	Sp 26 Ot 3										
Western Grebe	Sp 28	Jl 6 No 13					Sp 29					No 12			
American White Pelican		Jl 12 Ot 31		Jl 31 Sp 20	Au 4 Ot 28	Sp 28	S Ot 9	Ot 5 Ot 21				Jl 29 No 1	Au 16 Sp 10	Sp 8 No 24	Ot 20
Double-crested Cormorant	Sp 10	Jl 20 Ot 31		Jl 1 Ot 27	Au 18 Ot 5		S No 15	Ot 21	Sp 9		Jl 13 No 23	Jl 14 Dm 16		Sp 1 No 17	Sp 11
American Bittern				Au 15 Au 22										Au 18	
Least Bittern													Sp 3		
Great Blue Heron	Ot 1	Jl 1 Dm 15	Jl 6 Jl 20	Jl 1 Dm 15	Au 4 Ot 5	Sp 5 Dm 31	S Ot 20	Jl 16 Dm 16	Jl 7 Dm 7	Au 4	Jl 14 W	Jl 1 Dm 16	No 17	Jl 11 No 24	Jl 20 No 14
Great Egret					Au 18 Ot 5	Sp 21						Jl 30 Sp 9	Au 2 Sp 10	Jl 23 Ot 5	Sp 20
Snowy Egret					Au 22 Ot 5							Au 11	Au 10 Sp 10		Sp 21
Little Blue Heron											Au 4	Jl 29 Au 19		Jl 31 Ot 8	
Cattle Egret				Jl 15					Au 11						Sp 14
Green-backed Heron				Au 20 Sp 2		Au 30 Sp 5		Au 19 Sp 1	Jl 7 Au 11		S Sp 9	S Sp 7	S Sp 10	Jl 7 Sp 24	Jl 14 Sp 12
Black-crowned Night Heron				Au 5 Au 28	Au 19 Ot 5			Au 19 Au 25	Sp 9				Sp 7	Jl 27	
Yellow-crowned Night Heron					Sp 28										
White-faced Ibis					Au 22 Au 24										
Trumpeter Swan							Sp 2	Ot 21					Ot 18 No 1		
Greater White-fronted Goose					Sp 23 Ot 17	No 23 Dm 15									

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Snow Goose	No 11	Ot 27			Ot 20 No 17	No 10 Dm 14		No 3			Sp 19 Dm 1	No 1 Dm 16		Ot 6 Dm 17	Ot 9 Dm 28
Canada Goose	P	Jl 1 Dm 31		Jl 1 Dm 31	Au 26 Dm 16	No 23 Dm 31	S		Sp 30 Ot 28		Au 4 W	P	S	Jl 4 Dm 29	Ot 18 Dm 30
Wood Duck	S	Jl 6 Au 28		Jl 1 Ot 27	Au 25 Sp 29	Sp 20 Sp 21	S	Jl 16 Ot 21	Ot 7 Ot 28	Au 4	S	Sp 19	S	Jl 1 Au 17	Jl 1 Sp 30
Green-winged Teal	S	Au 14 Dm 30		Sp 22	Sp 3 Ot 20	Sp 21 Ot 22	Ot 9 Ot 22	Ot 5 No 11				Ot 9 Dm 16		Ot 20 Dm 2	Ot 9 Dm 9
Blue-winged Teal	S	Jl 6 Sp 10		Sp 20 Ot 13	Au 4 Ot 20	Sp 20 Sp 21	S	Au 19 Ot 21	Au 11 Ot 28		Sp 1	Sp 19 Ot 13	Au 15 Au 26	Au 20 No 6	Ot 25 No 1
Cinnamon Teal	S	Sp 29													
Mallard	P	Jl 6 Dm 31		Jl 1 Dm 31	Au 22 No 3	Sp 21 Dm 31	S	Au 19 No 11	Au 11 Dm 7		P	P	Jl 18 Dm 29	Jl 5 Dm 29	Ot 25 Dm 28
Northern Pintail	S	Au 11 Sp 10		Ot 20 No 15	Au 25 Ot 20	Sp 20 Sp 21	S	Ot 21 Ot 31	Sp 9 Ot 28		No 23	Ot 13 Ot 27			Ot 25
Northern Shoveler	S	Sp 3 Dm 15		Ot 13 Dm 2	Au 25 Ot 20	Sp 20 Sp 21	S	No 11						Ot 20 Dm 2	
Gadwall	S	Sp 3 Dm 15			Au 25 Ot 20	Sp 20 Sp 21	S	Ot 5 No 11			Dm 15	Ot 9	Ot 21 Dm 29	Ot 20 No 4	
American Wigeon	S	Sp 3 Dm 15		Ot 30 Dm 15	Sp 3 Sp 30	Sp 20 Sp 21	Ot 5 Ot 31	Ot 5 No 11				Ot 27 Dm 16	Au 26	Ot 20 No 9	
Canvasback		Jl 19 No 13					Ot 12 No 11	Ot 21 No 11						Ot 20 No 7	
Redhead	Sp	Jl 6 Dm 14					Ot 14 No 5	Ot 20 Ot 21						No 4	Ot 29
Ring-necked Duck	Sp	Sp 29 No 13			Ot 3		Ot 5 Ot 20	Ot 3 Ot 21	Au 4			Ot 14	No 4	Ot 20 No 7	No 21
Greater Scaup	Ot											Ot 20	Ot 21	Ot 20 No 30	Ot 29
Lesser Scaup		Ot 4 No 13			Sp 22		No 5 No 29	Ot 21 No 11				Dm 16			
White-winged Scoter												Ot 17			
Common Goldeneye		No 13 Dm 15		No 20 Dm 30		Dm 14 Dm 15	No 12 No 29	No 11				Dm 16	Dm 29 W	No 4 Dm 29	No 25
Barrow's Goldeneye		Ot 30													
Bufflehead		Sp 19 No 13		Ot 13		Dm 15	No 11 No 21	Ot 20 No 11				Ot 27 Dm 16		No 4 Dm 2	No 20
Hooded Merganser		Ot 31 Dm 11					No 21				No 3	Ot 22		No 4 No 24	No 4

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Common Merganser		Jl 6 Dm 11		No 10 Dm 15			No 15 No 29	No 11 Dm 8				No 10 Dm 16	Dm 29 W	No 17 Dm 29	No 29 Dm 30
Red-breasted Merganser														No 4	Dm 30
Ruddy Duck		Au 8 No 13			Au 24 Sp 22		Sp 6					Ot 18 Ot 27		No 24	Ot 29
Turkey Vulture	S Au 29	Jl 23 Sp 29	Jl 3 Sp 20	Jl 1 Sp 30				Au 5 Au 19	Jl 1 Au 11			S Ot 3		Jl 7 Ot 22	Jl 1 Sp 22
Mississippi Kite									Au 11			Sp 7			
Bald Eagle	Dm 18 W	No 13 Dm 15	Jl 7 No 17	Ot 7 Dm 31		No 24 Dm 31	No 14 Dm 28	Sp 1 Dm 8	Dm 7 W		Sp 15 Dm 15	Dm 16	Dm 1 W	Ot 26 Dm 29	Ot 19 Dm 30
Northern Harrier	P	Sp 1 Dm 15		Ot 7 Dm 15	Au 4 Dm 16	Sp 21 Dm 8		Au 25 Dm 8	Sp 30 Ot 7		Sp 15 Ot 27	Au 11 Dm 31	Dm 2	Sp 9 Ot 22	P
Sharp-shinned Hawk		Dm 15					Ot 9 W	Ot 20 No 24	Ot 7	No 3	Sp 15 No 18	Ot 14 Dm 30		Sp 5 Dm X	Jl 28 Dm 30
Cooper's Hawk					Ot 13	No 22 No 23		Au 25 Ot 6	Au 11		Ot 6	Sp 19 Dm X		Sp 24 Ot 21	No 25
Red-shouldered Hawk														Sp 14 Ot 18	Sp 25
Broad-winged Hawk														Sp 22 Ot 4	Sp 18
Swainson's Hawk	S Sp 29	S Jl 14		Jl 1 Au 22	Au 4 Ot 13		Jl 16 Sp 14	Jl 4 Sp 16	Sp 30					Ot 4	P
Red-tailed Hawk	S Sp 29	Au 24 Sp 29	Jl 1 Dm 25	P Dm 25	Au 4 Dm 16	Sp 8 Dm 15	P Dm 9	Sp 22 Dm 9	P Dm 9	Au 4 No 3	P	P	P	Jl 1 Dm 31	P
Ferruginous Hawk	S Sp 10			Ot 7 Ot 21			Ot 7								Dm 3
Rough-legged Hawk	Sp 29 W	Dm 15 W		No 5 Dm 15	No 17	No 25	Ot 24 W	No 22 Dm 9	Dm 7		No 18	Dm 16 Dm 31	Dm 2 W	Ot 7 Dm 29	No 25
Golden Eagle	P	Jl 15 Dm 15	Jl 21 No 15	Sp 25 Dm 15			Dm 22 Dm 30							Ot 6	
Osprey		Sp 3		Ot 15 No 15	Sp 8							Au 4 Sp 19	Sp 3	Sp 8 Sp 29	Ot 13
American Kestrel	P	Jl 1 Dm 15	Jl 1 Dm 25	P Dm 15	Au 25 Dm 16	Au 29 Dm 31	P	Jl 4 Dm 8	Sp 30 W	Au 4 No 3		P	P	Jl 17 Dm 29	P
Merlin				Dm 15		Dm 8		Ot 5 Dm 3			Au 19 Sp 29	Dm 16		Ot 22	
Peregrine Falcon				Ot 27					Sp 9			Jl Dm X		Au 25 Sp 13	

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Prairie Falcon	S No 3	Jl 15 Ot 8			Sp 15 No 17	Sp 18 Dm 31	Ot 4 No 4					Ot 25 Dm 31		Dm 29	
Gray Partridge							P	Jl 4 No 11							
Ring-necked Pheasant	P	Jl 1 Dm 15	Jl 6 Dm 28	P	Au 25 Ot 28	Sp 14 Dm 8	P	Jl 4 Dm 20	Au 11 Dm 7	Au 4 No 3	P	P	P	Jl 2 Dm 31	P
Greater Prairie-Chicken				P			P								
Sharp-tailed Grouse	P		Sp 20 Sp 28	P			P								
Wild Turkey	P	Jl 23 De 15	Jl 1 Dm 20	P			P	De 8			S No 3		Ot 13 (p)	Sp 3 De 29	P
Northern Bobwhite	P			P	P	Au 27 Ot 27	P	Jl 4 Sp 13	Jl 7 Dm 7	Au 4	Jl 8 Au 5	P	S-Jl 18 (p)	Jl 2 De 20	P
Virginia Rail					Sp 15 Sp 30			Au 19							
Sora					Sp 19 Ot 5			Au 25	Au 11				Au 17	Sp 30	
American Coot	S Sp 10	Jl 6 No 13		Jl 1 Ot 1	Au 18 Ot 28	Sp 20 Sp 21	Sp 14 Sp 28	Ot 5 No 11	Ot 28			Ot 9 No 1	Sp 3	Ot 5 No 30	Ot 20
Sandhill Crane	Oc 8	Ot 1 Ot 21	Sp 26 Dm 10	Ot 20 No 1	Sp 28 Ot 28	Ot 30 No 16	Ot 18 No 15								
Whooping Crane		Ot 21			Ot 23 No 1										
Black-bellied Plover					Sp 22 Sp 23							Ot 13 Ot 20			
Lesser Golden-Plover							Sp 14					Sp 10			
Semipalmated Plover					Sp 22 Sp 23		Au 25 Sp 6					Ot 14	Au 10	Au 18 Sp 25	
Piping Plover															Jl 1 Au 2
Killdeer	S Sp 29	Jl 6 Ot 4		Jl 1 Sp 10	Au 4 No 17	Sp 01 Ot 21	S Ot 30	Jl 4 Ot 20	Jl 7 Ot 28	Au 4	S Ot 6	S Dm 16	S Ot 15	Jl 2 No 22	Jl 1 No 20
American Avocet	S	Jl 19			Sp 16 Ot 28										
Greater Yellowlegs	Sp 10 Au 18	Sp 29		Au 26	Sp 9 Ot 14			Ot 5 Ot 20		Au 4	Sp 19		Jl 16 Au 26	Ot 5 Ot 22	No 8

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Lesser Yellowlegs	Au 18	Au 14 Sp 29		Au 26	Au 4 Ot 20		Jl 26 Sp 14		Ot 7	Au 4	Sp 19	Jl 15 Ot 9	Jl 16 Sp 10	Au 6 Ot 25	No 19
Solitary Sandpiper	Au 20					Au 26 Sp 5	Au 8 Sp 23	Sp 27	Au 11	Au 4		Jl 15 Sp 7		Jl 28 Ot 1	Sp 13
Spotted Sandpiper		Au 8 Sp 4				Au 27 Sp 1	Jl 25 Au 10	Au 17 Au 25		Au 4	Au 4 Sp 9	S Sp 19	S Au 26	Jl 13 Sp 29	Au 2
Upland Sandpiper	S			Jl 1 Au 5			S Au 22	Jl 4	Jl 29					Au 8	Jl 15
Long-billed Curlew	Au 17	Au 14		Jl 1 Au 7											
Marbled Godwit				Jl 8											
Sanderling		Jl 6 Sp 3		Au 26			Sp 14 Sp 16					Ot 20			
Semipalmated Sandpiper					Sp 22 Ot 28		Au 12 Sp 6					Sp 7 Ot 9	Au 10 Au 12	Ot 22	
Western Sandpiper					Sp 29 Ot 14		Sp 14 Ot 12								Sp 13
Least Sandpiper					Sp 22 Ot 20		Jl 26 Sp 14			Au 4		Jl 14 Ot 9	Jl 18 Au 17		
White-rumped Sandpiper															Sp 13
Baird's Sandpiper	Au 17	Sp 4 Ot 30			Au 25 Ot 28		Jl 26 Sp 19						Au 10		
Pectoral Sandpiper		Ot 30			Ot 12 Ot 28		Au 12 Ot 12		Au 11	Au 4			Jl 16 Au 25	Sp 29 Ot 22	Sp 13
Dunlin					Sp 15		Jl 25 Sp 6					Ot 20		No 18 Ot 22	
Suit Sandpiper		Au 14					Sp 6								
Buff-breasted Sandpiper															
Short-billed Dowitcher					Sp 9 Ot 20										
Long-billed Dowitcher		Sp 29			Sp 15 Ot 28		Sp 6 Sp 23					Ot 13			
Common Snipe	S Ot 8	Ot 9 Dm 15		Au 26 Dm 15	Sp 15 Ot 28		S Dm 22	Ot 5 Ot 21	Ot 7 Ot 28			Ot 9 Ot 13			Sp 13

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Wilson's Phalarope	Au 17 Au 20	Sp 4			Au 18 Sp 22		Au 25 Sp 6								Sp 27 Sp 29
Red-necked Phalarope															
Franklin's Gull		Jl 6 Sp 29			Sp 15 Ot 20		Sp 6 Sp 14	Ot 5 Ot 20				Jl 14 No 1	Au 19	Sp 14 No 12	Sp 20
Bonaparte's Gull												Ot 9 Dm X		Ot 18 No 11	
Ring-billed Gull	S Oc 6	Jl 6 Dm 14		Jl 1 Dm 15	Sp 15 No 17	No 22 Dm 15	Sp 14 Sp 16	Au 19 Dm 8	Ot 28		Sp 22	Jl 29 Dm 16	Au 12 Au 19	Jl 14 Dm 15	Sp 21 Dm 3
Herring Gull				Jl 1 Dm 15								Dm 16		No 17 Dm 15	No 29
Black-legged Kittiwake														No 4	
Caspian Tern								Au 19				Jl 29 Ot 9		Sp 9	
Common Tern				Sp 5											
Forster's Tern						Ot 21						Jl 28 Ot 9	Jl 16 Au 20	Jl 18 Au 20	
Least Tern					Au 21				Jl 7 Ot 28			Sp 7	Jl 16 Au 12	Jl 19 Au 18	Jl 1 Au 10
Black Tern					Au 4 Au 26		Sp 6	Jl 17 Au 25	Au 11			Jl 29 Au 19	Jl 16 Au 15	Sp 3	
Rock Dove	P	Jl 1 Dm 31		P		Ot 21 Dm 15	P	Jl 4 Dm 9	P	No 3	No 23	P	P	Jl 1 Dm 31	P
Mourning Dove	S Sp 29	Jl 1 Dm 27	Jl 1 Ot 4	Jl 1 Dm 15	Au 4 Ot 13	Au 27 Sp 21	S No 5	Jl 4 No 3	S Ot 7	Au 4	S Ot 13	S Dm 31	S Ot 11	Jl 1 Dm 31	Jl 1 No 8
Black-billed Cuckoo								Jl 4	Jl 7			S Jl 30	Au 12	Jl 2 Sp 30	Jl 2 Jl 30
Yellow-billed Cuckoo							S Sp 3	Jl 4	Jl 29	Au 4	S Sp 1	S Au 19		Jl 1 Ot 10	Jl 8
Barn Owl	S Sp 16														
Eastern Screech Owl	Dm 20						P	Jl 2 Dm 1			P	No 8 Dm 16	Sp 15 (p)	Jl 13 Dm 31	P
Great Horned Owl	P	Jl 19 Dm 25	Jl 4 Dm 29	Au 5 Dm 30	Sp 9	Jl 31 No 25	P	Sp 17 Dm 11		No 3	P	P		Au 9 Dm 31	P
Snowy Owl														Dm 2	
Burrowing Owl	S Sp 9			Jl 1 Sp 2										Sp 25	

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Barred Owl												Dm 16		Jl 2 Dm 29	P
Long-eared Owl												Dm 16			
Short-eared Owl	Au 21						Dm 30							Dm X	
Northern Saw-whet Owl												Dm 16			
Common Nighthawk	S Sp 4	Jl 20 Sp 15 Ot 10	Jl 1 Ot 10	Jl 1 Sp 2	Au 22	Au 29 Sp 14	S Sp 4	Jl 4				S Sp 15	S Ot 2	Jl 1 Ot 8	Jl 1 Sp 16
Common Poorwill		Au 2 Sp 6						Au 17							
Chuck-will's-widow														Jl 19	
Whip-poor-will								Sp 2						Jl 13 Au 23	S
Chimney Swift	S Sp 9	Jl 1 Au 3		Jl 1 Sp 10	Sp 29	Sp 1 Sp 8	S Au 28	Jl 4 Sp 16	Jl 1 Jl 29	Au 4	Jl 14 Au 25	S Ot 10	S Ot 2	Jl 1 No 5	Jl 1 Ot 6
White-throated Swift	S Sp 9	Jl 4 Jl 25	Jl 1 Jl 20												
Ruby-throated Hummingbird				Sp 2							Au 25	Sp 4	Sp 9 Sp 14	Jl 5 Sp 21	Sp 15 Sp 30
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Au 9														
Belted Kingfisher	S Sp 29	Jl 19 Dm 31	Au 5 Au 14	P	Au 18 Au 22	Sp 1 Dm 31	Au 28 Sp 29	Jl 16 No 11	Jl 1 Au 11		S No 18	S Dm 31		Jl 3 Dm X	Jl 1 No 3
Red-headed Woodpecker	S Sp 9	Jl 19 Sp 29	Jl 1 Ot 18	Jl 1 Dm 15	Au 4 Au 25	Au 27 Ot 27	S Sp 20	Jl 4 Sp 16	Jl 1 Au 11	Au 4	S Sp 22	S Dm 31		Jl 2 Dm 31	Jl 1 Dm 14
Red-bellied Woodpecker				Sp 17 Dm 31		Sp 18 Dm 15	W	Sp 1 Ot 6		No 3	P	P	S Ot 13	Jl 1 Dm 31	P
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Sp 22											Dm 16	Ot 13	Sp 30 Dm 31	
Downy Woodpecker	P	Jl 19 Dm 28	Jl 3 Dm 6	Jl 5 Dm 31		Au 30 Dm 31	P	Jl 4 Dm 23	P	Au 4 No 3	P	Jl 1 Dm 31	P	Jl 1 Dm 31	P
Hairy Woodpecker	P	Jl 24 No 7	Ot 20 Dm 31	Ot 20 Dm 31		No 10 Dm 8	P	Au 19 Dm 9		No 3	P	Jl 1 Dm 31	P	Jl 1 Dm 31	P
Northern Flicker	P	Jl 1 Dm 15	Jl 1 Sp 7	P	Au 4 Ot 13	Au 27 Dm 31	P	Jl 4 Dm 16	Jl 29 Dm 7	Au 4 No 3		P	S-Ot 13 (p)	Jl 1 Dm 31	P
Olive-sided Flycatcher														Au 18 Sp 5	
Western Wood-Pewee	S Sp 16	Jl 15	Jl 6 Sp 5												

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Eastern Wood-pewee								Au 25 Sp 1			S Sp 1	Jl 1	S Au 26	Jl 1 Ot 3	Jl 1
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher															Ot 1
Acadian Flycatcher														Jl 14 Jl 21	
Alder Flycatcher												Jl 30		Au 19	
Willow Flycatcher															
Least Flycatcher			Jl 10 Sp 14	Sp 22			Jl 25 Au 12								Jl 20
Eastern Phoebe	Sp 29 Sp 30							Au 25	Jl 7		S Au 18	S Ot 10		Jl 19 Ot 13	Jl 1
Say's Phoebe	S Sp 9	Jl 1 Jl 22	Jl 8 Sp 16	Jl 1 Au 20											
Great Crested Flycatcher	Au 22 Au 24										S Au 5			Jl 2 Sp 20	
Western Kingbird	S Sp 6	Jl 1 Sp 12	Jl 1 Sp 8	Jl 1 Sp 16	Au 4 Au 25	Au 29 Sp 1	S Sp 9	Jl 4 Sp 1	Jl 1 Au 11			S Sp 22	S Au 15	Jl 1 Au 26	Jl 2
Eastern Kingbird	S Sp 14	Jl 1 Sp 4	Jl 1 Sp 14	Jl 1 Sp 2	Au 4 Sp 3	Au 27 Sp 14	S Sp 10	Jl 4 Sp 1	Jl 1 Au 11	Au 4	S Sp 9	S Sp 7	S Au 26	Jl 1 Sp 18	Jl 1 Sp 12
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher												Au 16			
Horned Lark	P	Sp 1 Dm 15	Jl 3 Dm 10	P	Ot 28	Dm 31	P	Jl 4 Dm 16				P	P	Jl 9 Dm 31	P
Purple Martin				Jl 1 Au 19			S Au 28	Jl 4 Au 11	Jl 1 Au 11			S Au 13	S Au 12	Jl 1 Sp 23	Jl 1 Sp 12
Tree Swallow					Sp 23			Au 25			S Jl 15	S Sp 7		Jl 2 No 4	Sp 1
Violet-green Swallow		Jl 26 Au 2	Jl 9 Au 10		Au 4										
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	S Sp 16			Jl 1 Sp 22	Au 18 Sp 23	Sp 21	S Au 10		Jl 7	Au 4	S Jl 8	Jl 1 Au 17	S Au 17	Jl 2 Ot 12	Jl 1
Bank Swallow				Au 29	Au 4 Sp 15			Au 28		Au 4	Au 5	Jl 1 Au 29	S Au 17	Jl 1 Sp 17	Jl 1
Cliff Swallow	S Au 29	Jl 1 Sp 29		Jl 1 Sp 2	Au 4 Sp 23	Sp 20 Au 12	S Au 12	Jl 16 Au 25	Jl 29 Au 11	Au 4	S Sp 1	Jl 1 Au 17	S Au 17	Jl 2 Au 9	Jl 1
Barn Swallow	Sp 29	Jl 1 Ot 4	Jl 1 Au 20	Jl 1 Sp 3	Au 4 Ot 3	Au 27 Sp 21	S Ot 5	Jl 4 Sp 16	Jl 1 Sp 30	Au 4	S Sp 22	S Ot 10	S Au 17	Jl 1 Ot 11	Jl 1 Sp 19

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Blue Jay	P	Jl 4 Dm 15	Jl 1 Sp 18 Jl 10 Dm 20	P	Au 4 Ot 20	Au 27 Dm 31	P	Jl 4 Dm 23	Jl 7 W	Au 4 No 3	P	Jl 1 Dm 31	P	Jl 1 Dm 31	P
Pinyon Jay	P	Sp 5 Jl 10 Dm 31	Jl 10 Dm 20												
Black-billed Magpie	P	Jl 1 Dm 15	Jl 1 Dm 15	P		Sp 1 Dm 15	No 14 W	Sp 22 Dm 9	Au 11 W		Sp 22 No 24	Ot 5 Dm 16			
American Crow	P	Jl 1 Dm 15	Jl 1 Dm 28	P	Sp 25 Dm 16	Sp 8 Dm 31	P	Au 17 Dm 23	Jl 7 W	Au 4 No 3	P	P	P	Jl 1 Dm 31	P
Black-capped Chickadee	P	Jl 1 Dm 15	Jl 1 Dm 31	P	Au 4 Au 25	Au 27 Dm 31	P	Jl 4 Dm 22	Ot 27 W	Au 4 No 3	P	Jl 1 Dm 31	P	Jl 1 Dm 31	P
Tufted Titmouse														Jl 1 Dm 31	P
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sp 14 W	Sp 29 Dm 15	Jl 1 Dm 15	No 6 Dm 30		Dm 15		Dm 1 Dm 22				Ot 9 Dm 16		Ot 16 Dm 9	
White-breasted Nuthatch	P	Sp 29 Dm 15	Jl 1 Dm 30	Ot 15 Dm 31		Au 27 Dm 15	P	Jl 4 Dm 22	Sp 30 W	No 3	P	P	P	Jl 1 Dm 31	P
Pygmy Nuthatch		Sp 29 Ot 28	Jl 14 Au 20												
Brown Creeper		Dm 15		Ot 21 Dm 29		Ot 8		Ot 28 Dm 8				Ot 9 Dm 30		Sp 27 Dm 31	No 4
Rock Wren	S	Jl 25													
Carolina Wren												Dm 16		Jl 1 Dm 31	Ot 1
House Wren	S	Jl 1 Sp 15	Jl 1 Sp 15	Jl 1 Au 30	Au 18 Sp 16	Au 27 Sp 8	S Ot 5	Jl 4 Ot 9		Au 4	S Ot 6	S Ot 16	S Sp 8	Jl 1 Ot 20	Jl 1 Sp 11
Winter Wren							Ot 11					Ot 4 Dm 31		Sp 28 Dm 29	
Sedge Wren							Jl 29 Au 22	Jl 16 Au 25		Au 4		Ot 11		Sp 30	
Marsh Wren					Sp 3 Ot 5		S Ot 9	Jl 16 Au 25				Sp 19		Sp 30	Sp 3
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Sp 10 Dm 15	No 14 Dm 15				Ot 29 Dm 15	Ot 16 Dm 9	Ot 5 Dm 9		No 3	Ot 27 Dm 30	Ot 9 Dm 30	No 20	Sp 28 Dm 31	Ot 6
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Sp 22 Sp 29				Ot 13	No 10 No 22	Sp 25 Ot 13	Sp 16 Ot 3			Sp 29 Ot 13	Sp 17 Ot 15	Ot 9	Sp 16 Dm 9	Ot 8
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher														Jl 7 Au 30	
Eastern Bluebird		Jl 4	Jl 1 Sp 28	Sp 26 Dm 31		No 23 Dm 15	S Dm 30	Jl 4 Dm 9	Jl 7 W	Au 4	P	S Dm 16		Jl 2 Dm 29	P

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Mountain Bluebird	No 1	Jl 8	Jl 10	Ot 27			Ot 31								
Townsend's Solitaire	Sp 14	Ot 17	Sp 15	Dm 29			No 12					Dm 16			
Gray-cheeked Thrush		Sp 16		No 18								Ot 5			
Swainson's Thrush	Sp 2			Sp 20								Sp 10		Sp 15	
Hermit Thrush	Ot 18			Ot 10								Ot 9		Ot 12	
Wood Thrush								Jl 16			S	Ot 13		Jl 14	
American Robin	S	Jl 1	Jl 1	P	Au 4	Au 27	P	Au 4	Jl 1	Au 4	P	Sp 15	S	Jl 1	Jl 1
Gray Catbird	S	Dm 10	Dm 15	No 20	Ot 28	Dm 31	No 12	Au 4	W	No 3	Dm 31	Dm 31	Ot 13	Dm 31	Dm 28
Northern Mockingbird	Sp 29			Ot 2		Sp 2	S	Jl 4	Jl 7	Au 4	S	Sp 29	S	Jl 2	Jl 1
Brown Thrasher				Jl 1			No 10	Sp 16	Au 11			S	Au 17	Ot 7	Au 30
American Pipit	S	Jl 4	Jl 1	Sp 10	Au 25	Au 27	S	Jl 4	Jl 1	Au 4	S	Sp 19	S	Jl 2	Jl 1
Sprague's Pipit	Sp 29	Sp 29	Au 10	Sp 10	Sp 9	Sp 8	Sp 16	Ot 6	Jl 29		Ot 6	Dm 24	Sp 8	Ot 7	Sp 20
Cedar Waxwing		Ot 12	Jl 10	Ot 7		Ot 21	Sp 17	Sp 22	Ot 7					No 7	
Northern Shrike	No 1	Dm 15	Au 15	Dm 15			Ot 16								
Loggerhead Shrike	W	No 19	No 6	No 25			No 22	No 11			Au 18	Ot 15	Jl 27	Jl 4	P
European Starling	S	Dm 15	Dm 20	Dm 30			W	Dm 2			Dm 2	W	Ot 13	Dm 30	
Bell's Vireo	Sp 9	Au 13		Jl 1	Au 18	Dm 15	S	Au 17	Ot 7			S		Au 8	Jl 20
Solitary Vireo	P	Jl 1	Jl 10	P	Au 4	Au 25	Sp 6	Ot 9	W		P	Dm 31	P	Jl 1	Dm 11
Yellow-throated Vireo		Dm 31	Sp 1		Ot 28	Dm 31	P	Dm 9	W	No 3		Dm 31		Jl 2	P
							Au 25	Sp 1				Sp 7		Sp 5	
												Ot 16		Sp 29	
														Jl 7	Sp 24

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Warbling Vireo		Jl 15					S Sp 3	Jl 4 Sp 16			S Sp 9	S Sp 7	S Sp 8	Jl 1 Sp 17	
Philadelphia Vireo										Au 1 Sp 29				Sp 3	
Red-eyed Vireo	S Au 15									S Sp 9				Jl 5 Sp 18 Sp 10	
Golden-winged Warbler														Sp 4 Sp 26	
Tennessee Warbler														Sp 15 Ot 16	
Orange-crowned Warbler	Sp 9 Oc 8	Sp 29					Sp 15 Ot 2	Ot 1 Ot 9			Sp 22 Ot 6	Sp 14 Ot 15	Ot 13		
Nashville Warbler										Sp 1 Ot 6		Sp 7 Ot 12		Au 31 Ot 13	
Northern Parula														Jl 2 Sp 10	
Yellow Warbler	S Au 15	Jl 1 Au 22	Jl 1 Sp 21	Jl 1 Au 19	Sp 16	Sp 2	S Sp 3	Jl 4 Sp 1		S Jl 14				Jl 5 Sp 7 Sp 9 Sp 15 Sp 4 Sp 30	
Chestnut-sided Warbler															
Magnolia Warbler															
Yellow-rumped Warbler	S Oc 8	Sp 29 Ot 19	Jl 1 Sp 30		Sp 25 Ot 13	Ot 11	Sp 19 Ot 14	Sp 27 Ot 24	Ot 7		Sp 29 Ot 13	Sp 19 Ot 14	Ot 9 Ot 13	Sp 22 No 21	Ot 1
Townsend's Warbler	Au 23 Au 31														
Black-throated Green Warbler												Sp 14		Sp 3 Ot 1	
Yellow-throated Warbler														Jl 27 Sp 4	
Bay-breasted Warbler														Sp 15	
Cerulean Warbler														Jl 21	
Black-and-white Warbler												Sp 14		Sp 3 Sp 11	
American Redstart	S Sp 9							Jl 16			Sp 1	Sp 10		Jl 8 Sp 17	
Prothonotary Warbler														Jl 2 Sp 24	
Ovenbird	Ju 1 Au 29											Sp 19		Jl 2 Sp 28	

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Northern Waterthrush	Au 25													Sp 2	
Louisiana Waterthrush	Au 27													Sp 12	
Kentucky Warbler														Jl 14	
Connecticut Warbler														Au 20	
Mourning Warbler														Sp 15	
MacGillivray's Warbler														Sp 19	
Common Yellowthroat														Sp 28	
Wilson's Warbler														Sp 3	
Canada Warbler														Ot 1	
Yellow-breasted Chat														Sp 14	
Scarlet Tanager														Ot 1	
Western Tanager														Sp 3	
Northern Cardinal														Sp 8	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak														Jl 1	
Black-headed Grosbeak														Ot 11	
Blue Grosbeak														Au 25	
Lazuli Bunting														Sp 21	
Indigo Bunting														Sp 3	
Dickcissel														Sp 8	
Rufous-sided Towhee														Sp 28	
American Tree Sparrow														Dm 15	

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Chipping Sparrow	S Sp 8	Sp 4 Sp 29	Sp 16 Sp 16			Ot 19 No 10	Au 11 Ot 18	Sp 16 Sp 16	Au 11 Ot 9	Au 4	Au 19 Ot 13	S Ot 30	S Jl 31	Jl 1 Ot 24	Jl 1
Clay-colored Sparrow	Sp 9 Sp 16		Jl 10 Sp 4	Au 24			Sp 23 Ot 5	Sp 1 Sp 16				Sp 17			
Brewer's Sparrow	S Sp 8														
Field Sparrow					Ot 6 Ot 14	Au 27 Au 30		Jl 4 Ot 9	Ot 7	Au 4	S Ot 13	S Ot 16	S Au 29	Jl 2 Ot 22	Jl 1
Vesper Sparrow	S Ot 8	Sp 13 Sp 29		Au 15 Sp 30	Ot 6		Sp 16 Ot 5	Sp 16 Sp 16				Ot 5 Ot 14		Sp 24	Sp 20
Lark Sparrow	S Sp 4	Jl 1 Sp 13	Jl 1 Sp 14	Jl 1 Sp 15			Sp 1 Sp 6	Jl 16 Sp 7		Au 4	S Au 4		Au 29	Jl 19	Jl 7
Lark Bunting	S Sp 5	Jl 27 Sp 30	Jl 4 Sp 30	Jl 1 Sp 15			Sp 6 Sp 7								
Savannah Sparrow	Au 29 Sp 8				Ot 7		Sp 19 Ot 14	Sp 16 Ot 9			Sp 30 Ot 28			Ot 22	Sp 18
Grasshopper Sparrow	S Sp 8	Jl 1 Au 3		Jl 1 Jl 30	Au 4		S Sp 9	Jl 4	S Au 5		Jl 7 Jl 29	S Au 17		Jl 4 Au 8	
Henslow's Sparrow														Ot 13	
LeConte's Sparrow														Sp 30	
Fox Sparrow														Ot 22	
Song Sparrow	Dm 15	Dm 15		Ot 27		Ot 27	Sp 28		Ot 27			No 1		Ot 6	Ot 20
Lincoln's Sparrow	Ot 14	Sp 29			Sp 30 Dm 16	Sp 1 Dm 9	S Ot 23	Jl 16 No 3	P		Jl 29 Dm 7	S Dm 28	S Jl 9	Jl 2 Dm 29	Au 20 No 3
Swamp Sparrow					Sp 16 Ot 14		Sp 14 Ot 12	Sp 16 Ot 9	Sp 29 Ot 27		Sp 30 Ot 7	Sp 14 No 1	Ot 13	Sp 30 Ot 23	Sp 17
White-throated Sparrow					Ot 13		S Au 2	Sp 16 Ot 6	Ot 13		Sp 19 No 11			Sp 17 Dm X	
White-crowned Sparrow	Sp 29 W	Sp 29 Dm 15	Jl 8 Ot 10	Ot 27	Sp 29 No 17	Ot 9 Dm 31	Sp 16 Ot 22	Sp 16 Ot 6	Sp 29 Dm 8		Ot 7	Ot 9 Dm 16	Ot 3	Ot 7 Dm 27	Ot 3
Harris' Sparrow				Sp 15	Ot 7 No 17	Sp 1 Dm 31	Sp 1 No 4	Ot 3 Ot 22	Sp 29 No 24	No 3	Ot 28 W	Ot 9 Dm 16	Ot 13	Ot 11 Dm 31	Ot 29
Dark-eyed Junco	Sp 28 W	Ot 19 Dm 31	Jl 1 Dm 31	Ot 21 Dm 31		Ot 17 Dm 31	Ot 2 W	Ot 21 Dm 23	Ot 13 W	No 3	Dm 7	Ot 5 Dm 31	Ot 13 W	Sp 28 Dm 31	No 2
McCown's Longspur	S Sp 15														
Lapland Longspur							Ot 31 W	No 3 Dm 3						No 7	Dm 15

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Chestnut-colored Longspur	S														Dm 20
Bobolink	Sp 20			Jl 1 Au 10			S Sp 13	Jl 4							
Red-winged Blackbird	P	Jl 1 Dm 15	Jl 1 Au 4	P	Au 4 No 17	Sp 21 Dm 15	S Dm 5	Jl 4 No 11	S Dm 7	Au 4 No 3	S Dm 2	S Dm 31	S No 15	Jl 2 Dm 21	Jl 1 Dm 2
Eastern Meadowlark				Jl 1 Ot 1			Sp 19			Au 4	Au 5	S Dm 16		Jl 21 Ot 30	P
Western Meadowlark	P	Jl 1 Sp 29	Jl 1 Ot 20	Jl 1 Dm 15			S No 12	Jl 4 No 3	Jl 1 Sp 30	Au 4	S No 18	P	S Sp 29	Jl 2 Dm 29	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Au 29 Sp 5	Jl 19		Jl 1 Dm 15	Au 4 No 17	Sp 20 Sp 21	S Au 27	Jl 16 No 11	Au 11			Jl 1	S Jl 15	Jl 4 Au 13	
Rusty Blackbird					No 17		No 9					Dm 16		Ot 20 Ot 29	
Brewer's Blackbird			Jl 10 No 3	Jl 30 Sp 30	Sp 26 Ot 28		Sp 23 No 14	Ot 20	Jl 29			Sp 23 Ot 9			Ot 14
Great-tailed Grackle					Au 4 Ot 14			Ot 12				Ot 22 Dm X			
Common Grackle	S Ot 14	Jl 1 Dm 15	Jl 15 Au 10	Jl 1 Sp 15	Au 4 No 17	Sp 8 Ot 23	S Ot 28	Jl 4 Dm 7	S Dm 7	Au 4	S Ot 6	S Dm 16	S No 15	Jl 1 Dm 22	Jl 1 Ot 30
Brown-headed Cowbird	S Sp 15	Jl 4 Jl 25	Jl 1 Au 22	Jl 1 Sp 3	Au 4 No 3	Sp 21 No 3	S Au 20	Jl 4 Jl 16	S Ot 28	Au 4	S Jl 14	S No 12	S Ot 15	Jl 2 Dm 15	Jl 1 Dm 5
Orchard Oriole	S Au 20	Jl 19 Jl 27		Jl 15 Au 26		Au 30	S Au 27	Jl 4 Au 4	Jl 1		S Sp 1	Au 19		Jl 2 Au 18	
Northern Oriole	S Au 29	Jl 13 Au 3		Jl 1 Au 20	Au 18 Sp 16	Au 27 No 23	S Sp 6	Jl 4 Sp 6	Jl 1 Au 11	Au 4	S Sp 9	S Sp 14	S Au 26	Jl 1 Sp 20	Jl 1 Sp 12
Purple Finch											Ot 28 Dm 15	No 1 Dm 16		Ot 20 Dm 31	
House Finch	P	Jl 1 Dm 31		P	Au 18	Sp 2 Dm 15		Jl 12 Dm 31	Dm 7			P	P	Jl 1 Dm 29	Jl 8 Dm 3
Red Crossbill	Ot 14		Jl 1 No 16			No 25 Dm 15	Jl 11 Jl 21	Jl 16 Dm 1				Dm 16		Ot 20	
Pine Siskin		Ot 10 Dm 15	Jl 1 Dm 30	Ot 27 No 30	No 1 Dm 9	No 1 Dm 9	Sp 23 W					No 17 Dm 16		Ot 22 Dm 9	Jl 20
American Goldfinch	P	Jl 1 Dm 15	Jl 1 No 20	P	Au 4 Ot 20	Au 27 Dm 15	P	Jl 4 Dm 23	Jl 7 Dm 7	Au 4 No 3	S Dm 8	Jl 1 Dm 31	S Ot 15	Jl 1 Dm 31	P
Evening Grosbeak		No 7 Dm 29		Ot 20											
House Sparrow	P	Jl 1 Dm 31		P	Au 4 Au 18	Ot 5 Dm 31	P	Jl 4 Dm 31	P	Au 4 No 3	S Ot 13	Jl 1 Dm 31	P	Jl 1 Dm 31	P

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**A Second Specimen Record of Red-shouldered Hawk  
(*Buteo lineatus*) from Nebraska**

On 9 February 1989, while walking in a wooded area of the Sass Farm (Nebraska: Otoe County; extreme northwest corner of county, T9N, R9E, Section 5), Robert and Hope Sass and Liz Otradosky discovered a dead hawk they could not identify. Telephone conversations with Liz Otradosky and instructions on how to legally transport the hawk to the University of Nebraska State Museum (UNSM) resulted in delivery of the specimen. The specimen was well preserved and showed little or no sign of deterioration, drying, or scavenging by predators that would result from laying outside for a long period of time. It is probable that the bird had not been dead long when found. Identification of the specimen proved initially difficult for the author as well. Consultation of *The Birds of Minnesota* (Roberts, 1955) and its key to the species of birds of Minnesota revealed the specimen to be an immature Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*).

Wayne J. Mollhoff graciously volunteered to prepare a study skin of the specimen for the museum (preparation number WJM-999). This specimen was assigned UNSM number ZM-16026. A partial skeleton, including one complete foot, was also prepared from the specimen. External measurements obtained prior to preparation are (in millimeters) as follows: total length=493, tail length=210, wingspan=1048, chord=326, tarsus=85, culmen= 23. The specimen was determined to be a female, and the ovary measured 15 x 5 millimeters. The specimen weighed 425.0 grams and was found to be extremely thin with no fat. A normal female Red-shouldered Hawk should weigh over 700 grams. Because of the lack of injuries, extremely light weight, and empty stomach, it is presumed that this first-winter bird starved, perishing during the extreme cold of the immediately preceding days.

The first specimen of Red-shouldered Hawk from Nebraska is ZM-12519 in the UNSM collection. This adult male was taken at Fontenelle Forest, Sarpy County, on 15 January 1941, by an unknown person and prepared as a study skin by Ralph Velich.

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**1991 National Wildlife Federation  
Eagle Survey Results**

From 3 to 17 January 1991, the National Wildlife Federation sponsored their midwinter survey of Bald and Golden Eagles in Nebraska. This year, the surveyors spotted a total of 642 Bald and 41 Golden Eagles. Of the 642 Bald Eagles, 176 birds were spotted along the Missouri River, and 466 were seen in the remainder of the

state (the Missouri area total is kept separately due to state boundaries which occur along the river). Only one of the 41 Golden Eagles was seen along the Missouri.

The 1991 eagle count was about 475 birds below the record set in 1989 and about 200 birds below the average over the past five years. Noteworthy drops in eagle concentration took place along the Missouri (17% below last year's total and the past four-year average), in the Harlan County Reservoir area, the Sutherland Reservoir area, and on the stretch of the Platte between Darr and Elm Creek. It is believed that the below normal temperatures from late December through the first part of January caused significant ice cover in several major eagle concentration areas. The timing of the cold weather plus the ice cover is believed to have pushed the eagles south. One area which did note an above normal level in eagle usage was the North Platte River Valley between Lewellen and Keystone (up 40 to 45%). This was mainly due to a high number of eagles—66—concentrated around the open water of Lake Ogallala.

The tables which follow give a breakdown of eagles seen by species and age. The tables are generally organized by river valley, with NWF checkpoints described as well as individual counts for each survey location.

Sites	Bald Eagles			Golden Eagles		
	Ad	Imm	Unk	Ad	Imm	Unk
<b>WHITE RIVER VALLEY &amp; PINE RIDGE</b>	2			7	2	
2 miles northeast of Harrison: Sioux County				2		
1 mile north of Montrose: Sioux County				1		
1 mile south of Ardmore, SD: Sioux County				1		
12 miles north of Whitney: Dawes County				1	1	
Whitney area: Dawes County				2	1	
4 miles east of Chadron: Dawes County	2					
<b>NORTH PLATTE RIVER</b>	84	41	1	8	2	
Wyoming Line to Bayard (incl. Lakes Minatare, Alice, and Winters Creek): Scotts Bluff and Morrill Counties	7	4				
Bayard to Lisco: Morrill and Garden Counties	10	6		2		
Courthouse Rock: Morrill County	1					
Lisco to Lewellen: Garden County	12	2		2	2	
8 miles north of Oshkosh: Garden County				4		
Lewellen to Keystone: Garden and Keith Counties	42	24				
Keystone to Sutherland: Keith and Lincoln Counties	12	5	1			
Sutherland to North Platte: Lincoln County	None					
<b>REPUBLICAN RIVER &amp; TRIBUTARIES</b>	23	13		1		
Frenchman River: Chase County	3	1				
Enders Reservoir: Chase County		1				
17 miles north of Haigler: Dundy County				1		
Buffalo Creek: Dundy County		1				
Republican River, 3 miles east of Haigler: Dundy County	1					
Stratton to Trenton (incl. Swanson Reservoir): Hitchcock County	2	1				
Republican River, 4 miles west of Cambridge: Red Willow County	2					
Republican River, 2 miles east of Cambridge: Furnas County	1					
Republican River, 3 miles east of Arapaho: Furnas County	1					

Sites	Bald Eagles			Golden Eagles		
	Ad	Imm	Unk	Ad	Imm	Unk
Alma to Naponee (incl. Harlan County Reservoir): Harlan and Franklin Counties	9	6				
Turkey Creek: Harlan County	2	1				
Naponee to Inavale: Franklin and Webster Counties	1	2				
4 miles north of Hardy: Nuckolls County	1					

<b>SOUTH PLATTE RIVER</b>	7	10				
Colorado Line to North Platte: Deuel, Keith, and Lincoln Counties	4					
Sutherland Reservoir: Lincoln County	3	10				

<b>PLATTE RIVER</b>	106	55	9			
North Platte to Gothenburg (incl. Jeffrey Reservoir): Lincoln and Dawson Counties	17	12				
Gothenburg to Darr: Dawson County	17	7	1			
Darr to Elm Creek (incl. Johnson Reservoir, Elwood Lake): Dawson, Gosper, Phelps, and Buffalo Counties	37	23	6			
Elm Creek to Kearney: Phelps, Buffalo, and Kearney Counties	12	5	2			
Kearney to Grand Island: Buffalo, Kearney, Hall, and Adams Counties	6	4				
Grand Island to Silver Creek: Hall, Hamilton, Merrick, and Polk Counties	4					
Silver Creek to Columbus: Merrick, Polk and Platte Counties	None					
Columbus to Ashland: Platte, Butler, Colfax, Dodge, Saunders, Douglas, and Sarpy Counties	8	4				
Ashland to Plattsmouth: Saunders, Sarpy, and Cass Counties	5					

<b>NIOBRARA RIVER DRAINAGE</b>	36	11		8		
Walgren Lake: Sheridan County	1					
2 miles north of Clinton: Sheridan County				4		
4 miles south, 2 miles west of Gordon: Sheridan County				1		
Niobrara River, 18 miles southwest of Merriman: Cherry County	1					
Niobrara River, directly south of Eli: Cherry County	1					
Niobrara River, directly south of Nenzel (near Hwy. 97 bridge): Cherry County	1					
Snake River, directly south of Nenzel: Cherry County	1					
Niobrara River, directly south of Kilgore: Cherry County	2					
Snake River, Hwy.97 to Niobrara River (including Merritt Reservoir): Cherry County	13	3				
Niobrara River, Snake River to Cornell: Cherry County	2					
Valentine NWR: Cherry County	2	1		2		
Niobrara River, Cornell to Sparks: Cherry County	2	3		1		
Niobrara River, Sparks to Hwy. 183 Bridge south of Springview: Cherry, Keya Paha, and Brown Counties	4	1				
Bone Creek: Brown County	2	1				
Niobrara River, Hwy. 183 Bridge to Hwy. 137 Bridge north of Newport: Keya Paha, Brown, and Rock Counties	None					
Niobrara River, Hwy 137 Bridge to Niobrara:	4	2				



Sites	Bald Eagles			Golden Eagles		
	Ad	Imm	Unk	Ad	Imm	Unk
<b>RAINWATER BASIN/LITTLE BLUE RIVER</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>		
Sac/Wilcox WMA: Phelps County	3	1				
Little Blue River at Hwy. 281: Adams County	5					
4 to 7 miles west of Clay Center: Clay County	3	1		3		
<b>LOUP RIVER DRAINAGE/ELKHORN RIVER</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	
Middle Loup River, Thedford to Dunning: Thomas and Blaine Counties	4			2		
North Loup River, Purdum to Saint Paul: Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Valley, Greeley, and Howard Counties	8	2				
Calamus River, 25 miles northwest of Taylor: Loup County		1			1	
Calamus Reservoir: Loup County	2					
Calamus River, 6 miles northwest of Burwell: Garfield County	2	1				
1 mile east of Mason City: Custer County	1					
Cedar River at Ericson: Wheeler County	2	1		4	1	
Middle Loup River, Loup City to St. Paul: Sherman and Howard Counties	4	2				
Beaver Creek west of Petersburg: Boone County	4	2		3	1	
11 miles west, 2 miles north of Belgrade: Nance County		1				
Loup River, St. Paul to Columbus (incl. Lake Babcock): Howard, Nance, and Platte Counties	12	3				
Elkhorn River, southeast of Beemer: Cuming County	2					
<b>MISSOURI RIVER (includes adjacent portions of Iowa, South Dakota, and Missouri)</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>21</b>				<b>1</b>
Ft. Randall to Sioux City: Boyd, Knox, Cedar, Dixon, and Dakota Counties	41	11				1
Sioux City to Omaha: Dakota, Thurston, Burt, Washington, and Douglas Counties	33	7				
Omaha to Nebraska City: Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, and Otoe Counties	29					
Nebraska City to Rulo: Otoe, Nemaha, and Richardson Counties	52	3				

---Data provided by Greg Wingfield, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, District IV, Route 4, Box 36, North Platte, NE 69101

### Fall 1990 Whooping Crane Report

The following is a synopsis of the report from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with regard to Whooping Crane sightings from this fall. The report consists of confirmed, probable, and unconfirmed sightings during the season (these terms are defined in *NBR* 56:79). The USFWS states that under best conditions 155 cranes, including at least 13 fledged young, should have made the trip to Aransas this fall. As of December 19, 1990, nine of these birds had not arrived. The most spectacular confirmed sighting of the fall was a record group of 13 birds seen together in Saskatchewan on October 12. Twelve separate confirmed sightings were also reported in areas around Cheyenne Bottoms, Kansas, the important wetlands area which has been much beleaguered by drought as of late. Perhaps most encouraging

is that the fall season produced a record 78 confirmed sightings in the United States and Canada during fall migration.

In Nebraska, there were 6 confirmed, 10 probable, and 12 unconfirmed sightings of Whooping Cranes. The table below outlines the Nebraska sightings. Those NOU members interested in further information about these sightings should contact Wally Jobman, USFWS, Fish and Wildlife Enhancement, NE/KS Field Office, 203 W. Second Street, Grand Island, NE 68801.

#### Confirmed Sightings

10/23/90	3 adults	Buffalo Co.	Near Gibbon bridge over Platte River. Flying.
10/24/90	2 adults	Keith Co.	West End of Lake McConaughy, south of Omaha Beach.
10/26-27/90	2 adults, 1 subadult	Hall Co.	2.5 miles west of Wood River bridge, Platte River. T9N, R12W, S23, 27, 29.
10/29/90	1 adult	Cherry Co.	Flying over Ft. Niobrara NWR HQ, 3 mi. east of Valentine. T34N, R27W, S26.
11/1/90	1 adult	Buffalo Co.	.5 mi. west (T8N, R15W, S13) and 1 mi. east (T8N, R14W, S17) of Hwy. 10 Platte River Bridge. Flying.
11/7-9/90	2 adults, 1 subadult	Frontier Co.	Medicine Creek Reservoir, T5N, R26W, S14.

#### Probable Sightings

10/20/90	2 adults	Cherry Co.	Niobrara River, 3 mi. south of Valentine.
10/25/90	2 adults	Howard Co.	5 mi. west of St. Paul on Hwy. 92.
10/26/90	3 adults	Valley Co.	1 mi. north of Arcadia
10/27/90	3 adults	Webster Co.	1 mi. south and 3 mi. west of Inavale. Flying.
10/18/90	3 adults	Keith Co.	3 mi. north and 2 mi. east of Ogallala.
10/21/90	4 adults, 1 subadult	Custer Co.	2 mi. west of Gates.
10/25/90	4 adults	McPherson Co.	15 mi. west of Tryon. Flying.
10/29/90	1 adult	Custer Co.	Flying over Arnold.
11/3/90	3 adults	Brown Co.	South of Johnstown at Moon Lake.
11/3/90	3 adults	Brown Co.	15 mi. south and .5 mi. west of Johnstown.

#### Unconfirmed Sightings

8/5/90	1 adult	Perkins Co.	1.5 mi. south and 1.5 mi. west of Madrid. T10N, R37W, S19, NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .
9/16/90	1 adult	Kearney Co.	North of Hwy 6/34 between Axtell and Minden. Flying.
9/25/90	1 adult	Rock Co.	11 mi. south and 3 mi. east of Newport. T28N, R17W, S2, N <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> .
10/10/90	4 adults	Rock Co.	8 mi. south of Bassett. Flying.
10/12/90	1 adult	Brown Co.	Hwy. 183/20 Jct. east of Ainsworth. Flying.
10/18/90	3 adults	Buffalo Co.	7 mi. north of Kearney on Hwy. 10. Flying.
10/13/90	6 adults	Cherry Co.	Big Alkali Lake, 20 mi. south of Valentine.
Unknown	6 adults	Logan Co.	12 mi. southwest of Dunning
10/23/90	1 adult	Hamilton Co.	2.5 mi. east of Phillips I-80 exit. Flying.
10/24/90	6 adults	Garden Co.	2 mi. southeast of Lewellen. Flying.
11/3/90	13-14 adults	Buffalo Co.	3 mi. west and 1 mi. south of Elm Creek.
11/9/90	2 adults	Blaine Co.	4.5 mi. east of Purdum. Flying.

## NOTES

**Swainson's Hawks.** On Saturday, 29 September 1990, I witnessed a mass migration of Swainson's Hawks. The weather was clear, with large cumulus clouds, approximately 75°F. At about 3:30 pm, I noticed several Swainson's traveling south over the Carpenter Ranch (20 miles north of Henry in Sioux County). For the next 45 minutes, I counted 176 Swainson's. One thermal contained 62 birds, soaring to an estimated 3800 feet (National Weather Service data on base of clouds). Once near the clouds, the birds would "peel off" and head south, with wings folded and at speeds clocked via auto at 55 mph. How long before 3:30 this was occurring was unknown. Three accipiters were also observed. It was very exciting—a first for me.

---Stephen Kerr, Box 327, Gering, NE 69341

**Holt County Sightings.** As it was his first time turning in an occurrence report, Loren Blake was good enough to provide some of the first spring dates for his area in Holt County. Any of the following which were not recorded in the fall are listed in capital letters:

Pied-billed Grebe Mr 21; HORNED GREBE Mr 21; EARED GREBE Ap 20; American White Pelican Ap 29; Double-crested Cormorant Ap 4; AMERICAN BITTERN My 18; Great Blue Heron Mr 16; GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE Ap 15; Canada Goose Fe 21; Wood Duck Mr 11; Blue-winged Teal Mr 12; Mallard Fe 12; Northern Pintail Mr 4; Northern Shoveler Mr 19; Gadwall Mr 4; Killdeer Mr 4; Upland Sandpiper Ap 27; Common Snipe Ap 2; Mourning Dove Ap 12; BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO Je 20; Yellow-billed Cuckoo Je 12; Common Nighthawk My 21; Chimney Swift Ap 26; Red-headed Woodpecker Ap 30; GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER My 17; Western Kingbird Ap 22; Eastern Kingbird My 2; TREE SWALLOW My 3; Barn Swallow Ap 15; House Wren Ap 24; Marsh Wren My 27; Eastern Bluebird Mr 11; Gray Catbird My 17; NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD Ap 27 (only sighting of year); Brown Thrasher Ap 23; Loggerhead Shrike Ap 16; Warbling Vireo My 12; Yellow Warbler My 12; Common Yellowthroat My 5; Dickcissel Je 9; Lark Sparrow Ap 27; Grasshopper Sparrow My 17; Song Sparrow Mr 20; Swamp Sparrow My 14; Bobolink My 5; Western Meadowlark Mr 4; Yellow-headed Blackbird Ap 18; Common Grackle Mr 12; Brown-headed Cowbird Ap 17; Orchard Oriole My 12; Northern Oriole My 10.

---Loren Blake, HC 63, Box 18, Chambers, NE 68725

**Mississippi Kite.** In the late afternoon of 7 September 1990, there was a severe hailstorm in parts of Lincoln. A Mississippi Kite was picked up at 3710 Prescott Street, apparently stunned. After being held overnight to make sure that there were no injuries, it was released the following day.

---Mabel B. Ott, 2718 S. 33rd St., Lincoln, NE 68506

**Bat Netting.** Ruth Green's Nature column in a recent *A Bird's Eye View* included this about a 3 July 1990 bat-netting try along Stream Trail in Fontenelle Forest, Sarpy County, by Russ Benedict, Naturalist at Fontenelle Forest (The items in parentheses are additional information provided by Benedict). "I caught 21 bats of four different species in my mist nets. Fifteen were big brown bats (*Eptesicus fuscus*, abundant statewide), which I decorated with numbered plastic wing bands and then released; most were nursing females. Other captures included a Red Bat (*Lasiurus borealis*, fairly common statewide) as well as two nursing Silver-haired Bats (*Lasionycteris noctivivans*, fairly common statewide), both beautifully colored species. I also caught three Northern Myotis (*Myotis septentrionalis*, common statewide), which were the

earliest young of the year recorded over a four-year study. During the last four years, seven species of bats have been captured in Fontenelle Forest. This number includes these four, Eastern Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus subflavus*, uncommon in extreme southeastern corner), Hoary Bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*, uncommon statewide), and Evening Bat (*Nyctecius humeralis*, fairly common in the southeastern corner). Another species, the Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*, uncommon in the eastern third), has been found in local caves although it has not been caught in the Forest to date."

In response to questions as to why the bats' echolocation didn't keep them out of nets, Benedict said that echolocation takes energy, and the bats don't use it unnecessarily. If nets are placed in areas where the bats don't feel it is necessary to use echolocation, particularly areas they commonly use, they won't use it and so won't be warned off. There are five other bats which may be found in Nebraska: Fringe-tailed Myotis (*Myotis thysanodes*), uncommon in the far west; Small-footed Myotis (*Myotis ciliolabrum*), found in the western third; Long-legged Myotis (*Myotis volans*), found in the Pine Ridge; Big-eared Bat (*Plecotus townsendii*), which has one record from the Pine Ridge; and Mexican Free-tailed Bat (*Tadarida brasiliensis*), which has six records from the central part of the state. Professor Ken Geluso of UNO, Frank Koch, and Benedict mark only the Big Brown Bats because they are not sure if the other, smaller bats would be able to operate with a marker on them. These bats are retained in small cups until the netting is over. If they were released earlier, they wouldn't be able to be sure a subsequent capture was a different bat. The three take measurements and other information on the bats before they are released. They have marked 100 Big Brown Bats but have had no returns on them.

---Additional information gathered by R.G. Cortelyou,  
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**Correction.** "The Third Report of the NOU Records Committee" acknowledgements section (NBR 58:96) should include R. T. Korpi.

---Alan Grenon, NOURC Chair, 1111 Bellevue Blvd. N.,  
Bellevue, NE 68005

## BOOK REVIEWS

Dan O'Brien. *The Rites of Autumn: A Falconer's Journey Across the American West*. New York: Anchor Books, Doubleday, 1988. 192 pp. \$9.95.

The reintroduction of animals into the wild is difficult and, at times, seemingly futile work. A tiny fraction of those actually released live long enough to reach full adulthood, and an even smaller number actually survive to breed. Dan O'Brien has worked since 1965 at the frustrating task of reintroducing young peregrine falcons to the mountains of the western United States. His new book, *The Rites of Autumn*, is an autobiographical account of his dedication to this Herculean job. Travelling from Montana to the Gulf of Mexico, O'Brien's narrative traces the fall migration route of the Peregrine Falcon in a last attempt to teach a young falcon how to be wild.

O'Brien begins his story in the mountains of Montana as his three-person team attempts to release four fledgling falcons into the wild as part of a propagation and "hacking" or reintroduction program. Unfortunately, three of those four birds are lost to a wandering Golden Eagle. The last, whom O'Brien names Dolly, is recaptured and adopted by O'Brien, who decides to play the roles of both falconer

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and mother. He will try to teach Dolly how to hunt her natural prey along what would be her natural migratory route.

Up to this point in his career, O'Brien has only published fictional works—*Eminent Domain* and *Spirit of the Hills*. The descriptive skill of a fiction writer, however, transfers smoothly into his new book. He clearly has a passion for the outdoors and the birds he cares for, investing both with a wildness and grandeur that reflect his deep respect for both. His landscapes are as expansive as Dolly's eyes are expressive. At the same time, O'Brien's sharp social commentary and introspective digressions allow the reader a personal investment in Dolly's progress. So, while Dolly's wildness must ultimately be contained, O'Brien's writing permits his audience intimate contact with her brief taste of freedom.

---Lysbeth Benkert, Dept. of English, Washington State  
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Edward Duensing. *Talking to Fireflies, Shrinking the Moon: A Parent's Guide to Nature Activities*. New York: New American Library, 1990. 96 pp. \$7.95.

The book has 35 short chapters on items pertaining to nature and suggestions as to how they can be presented in a way that will be interesting to children. It is interesting just for the reading and should be helpful to anyone who wants to interest children in nature.

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