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PUBLICATIONS ABOUT BIRDS IN NEBRASKA

Birds of the Lake McConaughy Area and the North Platte River Valley, Nebraska. The author is Richard C. Rosché, a long-time member of The Nebraska Ornithologists' Union (NOU), and the fine illustrations were done by Dorothy J. Rosché. The 119 page paper, which is in an 8 x 11½" spiral binder, is a detailed account of birdlife in the Lake McConaughy area, defined as the North Platte River Valley from Oshkosh on the west to Keystone on the east. The paper contains an annotated list of the 285 species known to have occurred in the region, with information on abundance and frequency, occurrence dates, breeding status, general habitat requirements, specific locations, and historical data when appropriate. Also included are McConaughy Christmas Bird Counts and a checklist of birds of the region. The paper draws on the Roschés' extensive personal observations beginning in 1968, and a very complete literature survey, as the extensive bibliography attests.

The paper is priced at \$14.25 plus postage and handling to nonmembers of NOU. However, Mr. Rosché has kindly offered to make the paper available to NOU members for only \$10.00 plus \$2.00 for postage and handling. If you wish to obtain a copy, send your order and a check to Mr. Richard C. Rosché, 501 Shelton Street, Chadron, NE 68337.

Birding Crane River, Nebraska's Platte. The author is Gary Lingle, NOU member and former President, and the illustrators are Bill Whitney and Ernie Ochsner. The book is a 124 page, spiral-bound guide to a seven-county area, which includes the Big Bend of the Platte River and Central Rainwater Basin. It includes monthly occurrence lists for 300 bird species, a special-species section, maps, and a list of contacts and conservation groups in the covered area. The cost is \$11.95 plus shipping and handling charges (waived for NOU members). Send your orders to Harrier Publishing, Box 5352, Grand Island, NE.

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BLUEBIRD GUIDE

Bluebird Rescue by Joan Rattner Heilman, includes details on bluebird behavior, nesting-box plans, and advice on how to help bluebirds to survive, including plants for winter food, predator protection, and a bluebird trail. This nicely illustrated book, published in 1992, is available for \$6.95 in quality paperback or \$16.95 bound, from Camden House, 201 Ferry road, Charlotte, Vermont 05445 (Phone 800-344-3350). ----Ed.