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## THE EIGHTY-NINTH (1990) ANNUAL MEETING

Good weather and good birding, and "Welcome" flags on the main street, greeted the 103 who registered for the 1990 Annual Meeting at Falls City. A check of the last 10 previous meetings shows that the 1987 meeting at Valentine had 116 participants registered, but that was a joint meeting with South Dakota, and 39 of the participants were members of SDOU only, so that 77 (or less, there were 14 unaffiliated participants, some of whom may have attended only because of the South Dakota participation) would be the comparable figure for a Nebraska meeting. The next highest attendance was "about" 85 at Scottsbluff/Gering in 1988. The total species recorded (161) was also higher than for any of the 10 previous meetings, but the 126 recorded from Nebraska was exceeded at all meetings since 1984. However, 10 were species not recorded in the 10 previous meetings (shown in italics in the list below).

Friday night a talk on "The Early History of the Human Inhabitants of Indian Cave State Park" was given by Larry Cook, Park Superintendent, and Saturday morning was devoted to birding at the Park. Saturday afternoon Gary Lingle spoke on the Platte River flows and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission decision. The annual business meeting followed. Five changes to the NOU Bylaws, proposed in the March/April NOU Newsletter, were discussed. Two changes were passed and, after rigorous discussion, the other three were tabled for further work and will be brought up again at a future meeting. Article III, **Officers**, Section 6 now reads: "The Secretary, or his/her designate, shall act as clerk of all meetings of the Corporation and the Board of Directors, preparing records and minutes in permanent form. The Secretary shall be responsible for sending the members any necessary announcements, including those of annual and special meetings, also for preparation of mail ballots." Article III, **Officers**, Section 9, now reads: "The Librarian shall have supervision of the permanent records, publications held for sale, and the library, and shall be responsible for their care and maintenance, and for keeping a record of publications sold and moneys received, and for remitting such receipts at least quarterly to the Treasurer." Changes to Article V, Section 1 were tabled and additions of Sections 5 and 6 to Article V were also tabled. It was decided that the Occurrence Reports, the Christmas Count, and the Nesting Survey should continue to be published annually in the Review in their present or similar forms. These officers for the next year were elected: President, Dr. Norma Johnson, Lincoln; Vice-president, Douglas G. Thomas, Alliance; Secretary, Alice S. Rushton, Omaha; Treasurer, Alice Kenitz, Gering; Librarian, Thomas E. Labedz, Lincoln; and Editor, Ray T. Korpi, Pullman, Washington. (Editor's terms are for a calendar year, to coincide with a volume.) R. G. Cortelyou was voted Editor Emeritus. The nominations by the Records Committee for Thomas E. Labedz and Joseph A. Gubanyi for three year terms were accepted. An anonymous donation of \$250 in honor of Thomas E. Labedz, Ruth Green, and R. G. Cortelyou, who were retiring or changing jobs this year, and Dr. Neva Pruess, who retired at the Scottsbluff/Gering meeting, was announced. It was

announced that the Fall meeting would be at Halsey Forest 7 to 9 September. This earlier date than usual should provide a different assortment of birds. Saturday evening was the banquet at the Elk's Club, and the speaker was Dr. Charles A. Ely, of Ft. Hays State University, Kansas, who spoke on North American Migrant Birds Wintering in Mexican Rainforests.

An afghan crocheted by Mrs. Janet Korpi was raffled off for \$137, which will be used for a suitable purpose. The proceeds of a similar raffle last year were used to buy shrubbery for campgrounds at Halsey Forest. Sunday morning was for birding at Squaw Creek (Missouri) National Wildlife Refuge. Ronald L. Bell, Refuge Manager, gave a talk at the headquarters and then led a tour of the Refuge. The water level this year was about back to normal, after some dry years. The Directors and the Records Committee also held meetings during the weekend.

One hundred sixty-one species were reported on the final count. The 22 species recorded in Nemaha Co. outside of Indian Cave State Park are coded N; the 80 in the Nemaha Co. portion of the Park are coded U (for upper); the 77 in the Richardson Co. portion of the Park are coded L (for lower); the 66 in the rest of Richardson Co. are coded R; the 104 in Squaw Creek (Missouri) NWR are coded S; the 28 in the rest of Missouri are coded M; the 50 in Kansas are coded K if they were marked for Brown Co., and those marked on the Kansas list with an "X," rather than with the "B" of Brown Co., are coded X. Eliminating duplicate listings gives 87 for Nemaha Co., 97 for Indian Cave State Park, 111 for Richardson Co., 126 for Nebraska, and 112 for Missouri. Eastern Kingbird, Blue Jay, American Robin, and Red-winged Blackbird were listed in all seven columns. Italics mark the 10 species not recorded in the 10 previous meetings.

Pied-billed Grebe	- - L - S - -	Northern Bobwhite	N U L R S - X
Double-crested Cormorant	- - - R S - K	Sora	- - - - S - -
American Bittern	- - - - S - -	American Coot	- - - - S - -
Least Bittern	- - - - S - -	Black-bellied Plover	- - - - S - -
Great Blue Heron	- U - R S - K	Semipalmated Plover	- - - - S - -
Great Egret	- U - - - - -	Killdeer	N - L R - M -
<i>Snowy Egret</i>	- - - R - - -	Yellowlegs sp.	- - - - S - -
Green-backed Heron	- - - - S - -	Lesser Yellowlegs	- - - R S - -
White-faced Ibis	- - - - S - -	Spotted Sandpiper	- - L R - - X
Wood Duck	- U - R S - K	Upland Sandpiper	- - - - M X
Green-winged Teal	- - - - S - -	Sanderling	- - - - S - -
Mallard	- - - - S M -	Semipalmated Sandpiper	- - - - S - -
Northern Pintail	- - - - S - -	Western Sandpiper	- - - - S - -
Blue-winged Teal	- - - R S - -	Least Sandpiper	- - - - S - -
Northern Shoveler	- - - - S - -	White-rumped Sandpiper	- - - - S - -
Gadwall	- - - - S - -	Baird's Sandpiper	- - - - S - -
<i>Hooded Merganser</i>	- - - R - - -	Pectoral Sandpiper	- - - - S - -
Turkey Vulture	N U L R S - K	Dunlin	- - - - S - -
Northern Harrier	- - L R - - -	Stilt Sandpiper	- - - - S - -
Sharp-shinned Hawk	- U - - - - -	Short-billed Dowitcher	- - - - S - -
Red-shouldered Hawk	- - - - S - -	Wilson's Phalarope	- - - - S - -
Broad-winged Hawk	- U - - - - -	Red-necked Phalarope	- - - - S - -
Swainson's Hawk	- - - - S - X	Franklin's Gull	- - - R - - -
Red-tailed Hawk	N U L - S - K	Ring-billed Gull	- - - R - - -
American Kestrel	N - - R - M -	<i>Caspian Tern</i>	- - - R S - -
Ring-necked Pheasant	N U - R S - K	Forster's Tern	- - L - - M -
Greater Prairie-Chicken	- - - R - - -	Black Tern	- - - R S - -
Wild Turkey	- U - - - - -	Rock Dove	- - - R - M -

Mourning dove	N U L R S - K	Solitary Vireo	- - - R - - -
Black-billed Cuckoo	- - L - - - -	Yellow-throated Vireo	- U L R - - X
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	- U L - S - -	Warbling Vireo	- U L - S - K
Great Horned Owl	- - - R - - -	Red-eyed Vireo	- U L - S - K
Barred Owl	- U L - - - -	Tennessee Warbler	- U L R S - -
Common Nighthawk	- U - R - - -	Northern Parula	- U L - - - -
Chuck-will's-widow	- - L - - - -	Yellow Warbler	- U L - S M K
Whip-poor-will	- U L - - - -	Chestnut-sided Warbler	- - L - - - K
Chimney Swift	N - - R S M K	Magnolia Warbler	- U L - - - -
Ruby-throated Hummingb.	- U L - - - -	Yellow-rumped Warbler	- - - - - K
Belted Kingfisher	- - - R S M -	Black-throated Green W.	- U - - - - -
Red-headed Woodpecker	- U L R S M K	Blackburnian Warbler	- U - - - - -
Red-bellied Woodpecker	- U L - S - K	Blackpoll Warbler	- U - - S - -
Downy Woodpecker	- U L - S M -	Cerulean Warbler	- - L - - - -
Hairy Woodpecker	- U - R - - -	American Redstart	- - L - S M X
Northern Flicker	- U L - S M K	Prothonotary Warbler	- U - - S - -
Olive-sided Flycatcher	- - - - - X	Ovenbird	- U L - - - -
Eastern Wood-Pewee	- U L R S - -	Northern Waterthrush	- U - - S - -
Alder Flycatcher	- - L - - - -	Kentucky Warbler	- U L - S M -
Willow Flycatcher	- U L - - - -	Connecticut Warbler	- - L - - - -
Least Flycatcher	- U L - S - -	Mourning Warbler	- U L - S - -
Eastern Phoebe	- U L - - - K	Common Yellowthroat	- U L - S M K
Great Crested Flycatcher	- U L - S - -	Wilson's Warbler	- - - R - - -
Western Kingbird	- - - R - - K	Canada Warbler	- U - - - - -
Eastern Kingbird	N U L R S M K	Yellow-breasted Chat	- - - - S - -
Horned Lark	N - - R - - -	Summer Tanager	- U L - - - -
Purple Martin	- - - R - M -	Scarlet Tanager	- U L - S - -
Tree Swallow	- U - - S - -	Northern Cardinal	- U L R S - K
N. Rough-winged Swallow	- U L R S - K	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	- U L - S - K
Bank Swallow	- - L - S - -	Blue Grosbeak	- - - - S - -
Cliff Swallow	- - - R S M K	Indigo Bunting	- U L - S - K
Barn Swallow	N U L R S - K	Dickcissel	N - - R S - K
Blue Jay	N U L R S M K	Rufous-sided Towhee	- U L - - - -
American Crow	- - - R S - -	Chipping Sparrow	- - - R S - -
Black-capped Chickadee	- U L - S - K	Field Sparrow	- U L R - - -
Tufted Titmouse	- - L - - M K	Lark Bunting	- - - R - - -
White-breasted Nuthatch	- U L - S M -	Savannah Sparrow	- - - R - - -
Carolina Wren	- U - - - - -	Grasshopper Sparrow	- U L - S - K
House Wren	- U L R S - K	Fox Sparrow	- - - - S - -
Sedge Wren	- U - - S - -	Song Sparrow	- U L - S - -
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	- - L R - - -	Lincoln's Sparrow	- - L - - - -
Eastern Bluebird	- U L R S - -	Red-winged Blackbird	N U L R S M K
Gray-cheeked Thrush	- - - - - K	Eastern Meadowlark	- U L R S - K
Swainson's Thrush	- U L R S - -	Meadowlark sp.	N U - - S M -
Hermit Thrush	- U - - - - -	Western Meadowlark	- - - R - M K
Wood Thrush	- U L - S M -	Yellow-headed Blackbird	- - - R S - -
American Robin	N U L R S M K	Great-tailed Grackle	- - - - S - -
Gray Catbird	- U L R S M K	Common Grackle	N - L R S M K
Northern Mockingbird	- U - R - - -	Brown-headed Cowbird	N U L R S M -
Brown Thrasher	- U L R S - -	Orchard Oriole	- U L - S - K
Cedar Waxwing	- U L - S - -	Northern Oriole	- U L R S - -
Loggerhead Shrike	N U L R S - K	American Goldfinch	N U L R S - -
European Starling	N U L R S - K	House Sparrow	N - L R S - K
Bell's Vireo	- U - - S - -		