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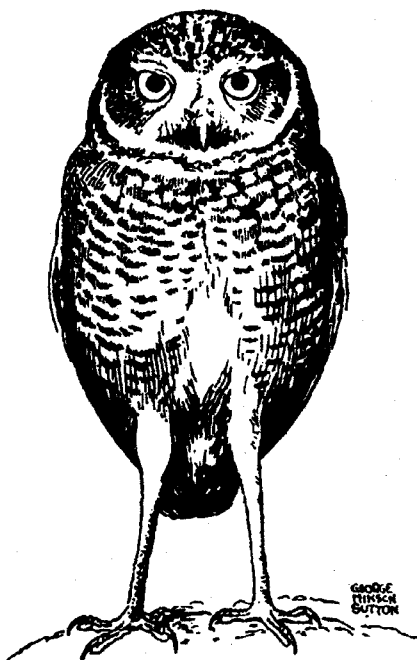
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SUMMER FIELD REPORT, June-July 2009

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INTRODUCTION

This was an interesting summer, with range expansions of multiple species continuing in all directions, but predominantly northward. Exceptions to the northward trend were Trumpeter Swan, which bred south of its usual western Sandhills range, and Sedge Wren, which may be occurring in June in northeast Nebraska in greater numbers. Moving eastward are Western Wood-Pewee, which now overlaps with westward-moving Eastern Wood-Pewee in Lincoln Co, Cordilleran Flycatcher in the Pine Ridge, and Lesser Goldfinch in the west. Song Sparrow is also expanding south and west. No fewer than 16 species are moving north and/or northwestward. Several species were seen more westerly including Broad-winged Hawk, nesting again in North Platte, Yellow-throated Vireo in the Niobrara River Valley, and Carolina Wren across a broad front. Species expanding in a northward direction include Acadian and Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, Summer Tanager in the east, Ash-throated Flycatcher in the west, and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher and Northern Mockingbird statewide. Species moving north primarily in the Missouri River Valley include Fish Crow, Prothonotary Warbler, and Louisiana Waterthrush. Red-shouldered Hawk bred at its new location in Lancaster Co.

Black-billed Cuckoos were found in greater numbers than in recent years. Puzzling is the increase in fall records of White-rumped Sandpipers in recent years; have they started to migrate inland in fall? For rarity buffs, White-tailed Kite, Inca Dove, and Fish Crow provided some hot weather excitement.

Finally, interesting data regarding movement of Long-billed Curlews Bailey and Sandy in the Sandhills and far beyond was obtained using transmitters; check the fascinating website at www.BirdsNebraska.org.

ABBREVIATIONS

ADF: Arbor Day Farm, Nebraska City

BBS: Breeding Bird Survey

BOL: Branched Oak L., Lancaster Co

Cem: cemetery

CLNWR: Crescent L NWR, Garden Co

FF: Fontenelle Forest, Sarpy Co

HCR: Harlan Co Res, Harlan Co

ICSP: Indian Cave SP, Nemaha/Richardson Cos

LM: L McConaughy, Keith Co

LO: L Ogallala, Keith Co

m.ob.: many observers

NC: Nature Center

NLB: North Lake Basin WMA, Seward Co

PL: Pawnee L, Lancaster Co

Res: Reservoir
RV: River Valley
RWB: Rainwater Basin, southcentral and southeast Nebraska
SCP: (Audubon) Spring Creek Prairie, Lancaster Co
SHP: State Historical Park
SL: Sewage Lagoon(s)
SP: State Park
SRA: State Recreation Area
WMA: (State) Wildlife Management Area
WPA: (Federal) Waterfowl Production Area
WSR: Wind Springs Ranch, Sioux Co

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SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Greater White-fronted Goose: None were reported; usually a few summer.

Snow Goose: The usual summer stragglers were reported, with, as usual, the best tally from the e. RWB, 50 on 20 Jun (JGJ), but the 13 at HCR during the period was unusual (G&WH).

Canada Goose: Routine reports.

Trumpeter Swan: A breeding range expansion southward was noted at a rather small pond in Buffalo Co; a pair of adults with two flightless young were photographed there 29 Jul (Evan Shike, fide MSt). Also unexpected were 3 on the lower Platte River between Leshara and Two Rivers SRA, Douglas Co 6 Jun (JGJ, JLL).

Wood Duck: Routine reports.

Gadwall: Routine reports.

American Wigeon: One in Antelope Co 2 Jul (MB) was east of the usual breeding range.

Mallard: Routine reports.

Blue-winged Teal: Routine reports.

Cinnamon Teal: One in Seward Co 20 Jun (JG) was easterly.

Northern Shoveler: Routine reports.

Northern Pintail: Routine reports.

Green-winged Teal: Although summer sightings are not unusual, especially in late Jul and Aug, breeding is inconsistent and occurs mostly in the w. Sandhills. Jun sightings, however are suggestive of breeding; single males, perhaps mated with incubating hens, were in Hamilton Co 11 Jun and Garfield Co 13 Jun (DH).

Canvasback: Routine reports.

Redhead: Routine reports.

Ring-necked Duck: Routine reports.

Lesser Scaup: Somewhat similar in summer distribution to Green-winged Teal, this species occurs in small numbers in mid-summer, but breeding is rarely reported. Southerly were 2 at Alma SL 13 Jun (G&WH); a male was in Brown Co 14 Jun (DH), 2 males and 2 females were in Cherry Co 30 Jun (DH), and a single was in Antelope Co 9 Jun-2 Jul (MB).

Hooded Merganser: Routine reports.

Common Merganser: The usual small summering group at LO comprised 6 birds 25 Jul (TJW). HCR may be another summer site; a female 4 and 13 Jun and a male 23 Jul (G&WH) were suggestive, along with sightings there of 1-2 birds in summers back to 1998 (G&WH). One was at South Sioux City 22 Jun (RM).

Ruddy Duck: This species is not known to breed at HCR, and so 7 there 13 Jun (G&WH) were rather late; none were seen from then until a male arrived there 30 Jul (G&WH), likely a molt migrant.

Gray Partridge: Locally-distributed and hard to find in its ne. Nebraska range, 1-2 in Knox Co through the period were the observer's first there in 3 years (MB); another was in n. Antelope Co 21 Jul (MB).

Ring-necked Pheasant: Routine reports.

Sharp-tailed Grouse: Survey routes in n.-cen. Dawson Co located 2 leks 2006-2008 (TJW); these are the southernmost known in sw. Nebraska.

Greater Prairie-Chicken: Surveys in 2006-2008 show leks in the lower two rows of counties, e. to Red Willow and Frontier Cos, as well as Perkins, Lincoln, and Dawson Cos (TJW); south of the Platte River and east of these counties in s.-cen. Nebraska distribution is limited by available habitat, but in se. Nebraska the population appears to be doing well. In the ne., 1-3 were on lek at the e. edge of the summer range in Platte Co 4 and 11 Jun (DH).

Wild Turkey: Routine reports.

Northern Bobwhite: Mild winters have helped populations (TJW) in n. and w.-cen. areas; reports included Lincoln Co (TJW), Loup Co 25 Jun (MB), 3 birds in Blaine Co 10 Jul (RE), singles at Valentine NWR, Cherry Co 9 and 26 Jul (MS), and a pair in McPherson Co 5 Jul (LR, RH).

Common Loon: Late dates in the east have been at the end of May, and so unprecedented were a single immature at Cunningham L, Douglas Co (JT), 2 immatures at Capitol Beach L, Lancaster Co (LE), and 2 more immatures at Whitehead Marsh, Lancaster Co (LE); surprisingly, these birds all occurred 12

- Jun. Two un-aged birds were in Rock Co 6 Jul (RE). Late migrants are usually immatures, but previously have been found only in the west.
- Pied-billed Grebe:** Routine reports.
- Eared Grebe:** Southerly stragglers were 3 in Phelps Co 12 Jun (JGJ) and one at Alma SL 13 Jun (G&WH).
- Western Grebe:** Easterly, where rare, and rather late in spring were singles at BOL 10 Jun (LE) and in Phelps Co 12 Jun (JGJ).
- Clark's Grebe:** The only reports were of 1-2 at LM 30-31 Jul (JJ) and one at Swanson Res, Hitchcock Co, 11 Jun (LF).
- American White Pelican:** A few non-breeders summer, usually in the north and west, and so the 100+ as late as 21 Jun at HCR and the 30 through the period there (G&WH) and the 6 on the lower Platte River in Saunders and Douglas Cos 25 Jun (JGJ) were unusual. A few others were scattered about the state mid-Jun through mid-Jul (LE, JGJ, MB, RE).
- Double-crested Cormorant:** Around 100 were in trees at LO 14 Jun where nesting has occurred recently, but no nests were visible (WRS, KN). Similarly, 75 were at the w. end of HCR, but no breeding activity was noted (G&WH).
- American Bittern:** Routine reports.
- Least Bittern:** This species continues to be reported in increasing numbers over a wider part of the state, as defined by a single at Valentine NWR, Cherry Co, 25 Jun (MS), a juvenile at CLNWR 18 Jul (LR, RH), and a single w. of North Platte along the North Platte River 20 Jul (TJW). Others were a female in Platte Co 4 Jun (DH) and singles at different locations in Seward Co 18 Jul (JGJ) and 19 Jul (DL).
- Great Blue Heron:** Routine reports.
- Great Egret:** Few were reported; the best count was only 13, at HCR 30 Jul (G&WH). Rare westward, one was in Scotts Bluff Co 21 Jun (KD).
- Snowy Egret:** The only reports were of singles near Brady 6 Jun (TJW), in Seward Co 20 Jun (JGJ), and near Louisville 23 Jul (JGJ, MBB).
- Little Blue Heron:** The only report was unexpected; an adult at Kiowa WMA, Scotts Bluff Co, 21 Jun (KD) is the first Panhandle record for summer and only the 3rd there overall.
- Cattle Egret:** Surprisingly few were reported, as with Great Egret; one was in the e. RWB 29 Jun (JGJ) and one in McPherson Co the same day (JT). For the 3rd year, a colony was active at Smith L, CLNWR, where 30 nests were estimated present (WM).
- Green Heron:** Northwestern-most were singles in Sherman Co 14 Jun (WF) and Blaine Co 10 Jul (RE).
- Black-crowned Night-Heron:** Routine reports.
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:** There were 2 reports, typical for a summer; a juvenile was at NLB 14 Jul (JC, SS), and an immature was at Jack Sinn WMA, Saunders/Lancaster Co, 24 Jul (LE).
- White-faced Ibis:** Nesting, now routine in the state, was noted at CLNWR, where about 40 nests were estimated 25 Jun (WM), and was suspected due to the behavior of the 14 birds at Sacramento-Wilcox WMA, Phelps Co, 12 Jun (JGJ).
- Turkey Vulture:** Routine reports.
- Osprey:** The pair that attempted nesting near Winters Creek L, Scotts Bluff Co, in 2008 returned and built a nest, but as of 9 Jul there was no sign of eggs or chicks (KD). Scattered summer reports are increasing; notable was a banded

bird hacked on the South Dakota side of Lewis & Clark L, Knox Co, (fide JGJ) and seen near Linoma Beach, Sarpy Co, 22-28 Jul (MBB, MS, CC, CNK). Others included singles in Keith Co 11 Jun (MB) and 25 Jul (TJW), and at mile marker 11 on the lower Platte River 23 Jun (JGJ).

White-tailed Kite: One returned to the same site where one was seen in 2008 in the cedar canyons of se. Lincoln Co, where it was seen 22 Jun-2 Jul (TJW, PD photo, MB, CNK). Only one bird appeared to be present, and no evidence of nesting was found.

Mississippi Kite: The expected summer sightings were received from Ogallala (MB, JJ), but somewhat surprising were the 5-9 birds at Ogallala Strip WMA, 4 miles west of Ogallala 10 Jul (JGa).

Bald Eagle: Routine reports.

Northern Harrier: Routine reports.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: Reports in summer should have accompanying identification details, as male Cooper's Hawks, breeding commonly statewide in recent years, can easily be confused at least with females of this species. A male was reported in Platte Co 5 Jul (DH) and one without age or gender details was in Hitchcock Co 11 Jun (LF).

Cooper's Hawk: Routine reports.

Red-shouldered Hawk: The 3 birds and nest found at PL 25 Jun (LE) bodes well for

continued presence at this location; a single bird was also seen 20 miles to the north near Ceresco (LE). Exciting was the presence of a juvenile possibly accompanied by an adult at ICSP 29 Jul (L&BP); breeding has not been documented at this seemingly-suitable location.

Broad-winged Hawk: Two birds returned to the site of successful breeding in 2008 in North Platte, summered, and built a nest (TJW), but no further information on success was received. This species probably summers most years in the Missouri Valley; singles were seen in the Bellevue area 29 Jun (ARy) and 5 Jul (CNK).

Swainson's Hawk: Routine reports.

Red-tailed Hawk: Routine reports.



This White-tailed Kite was photographed by Paul Dunbar 29 Jun 2009 in southeast Lincoln Co; it was Nebraska's 6th record and likely the same bird as the 5th record seen there in 2008.

Ferruginous Hawk: Routine reports.

Golden Eagle: Routine reports.

American Kestrel: Fall movement had started by 22 Jul, when 16 were using a newly-mowed oat field in Knox Co (MB). Second broods are rare in Nebraska; the pair using the nest box on the Game and Parks building in Lincoln hatched their second brood 27 Jul (JGJ).

Prairie Falcon: One as far east as Greeley Co 8 Jul (RE) was a surprise; there is only a handful of summer reports away from the breeding range, likely immatures or non-breeders.

Peregrine Falcon: The Omaha pair, 10-year residents Zeus and Hera, fledged 4 chicks, as did the Lincoln pair, which has been present since 2005.

Virginia Rail: Routine reports.

Sora: Routine reports.

Common Moorhen: Exciting was breeding by this species at NLB, only the 8th report for Nebraska since the 1950s. One bird was noted 24 Jun (CL, fide JGJ) and 2 adults with 8 chicks were present 28 Jul (CL,SL, fide JGJ).

American Coot: Routine reports.

Sandhill Crane: One was at the regular Morrill Co breeding site 27 Jun (AK); this pair had chicks by late May. Continuing a trend of recent years, pairs are popping up in n. and w. parts of the state. This summer, 2 were unusually far eastward in Antelope Co 4 Jun (MB), 2 were at Kiowa WMA, Scotts Bluff Co, through 18 Jun (AK), 2 were a surprise in sw. Scotts Bluff Co 18 Jun (AK), and a single was near Ord 23 Jun (BW).

Black-bellied Plover: None were reported; a few occur in early Jun.

Snowy Plover: With much less habitat at LM, reports are few. The only one was of a single between mile markers 89 and 102 on the lower Platte River 3 Jun (JGJ, MBB), likely a late spring overshoot.

Semipalmated Plover: Last for spring was on 6 Jun near Two Rivers SRA, Douglas Co (JGJ, JLL). First for fall were 2 at Harvard Marsh 21 Jul (PD) and one on the lower Platte River the same day (JGJ). These dates are typical, if not routine.

Piping Plover: Nesting continued at regular sites like LM (WRS, KN) and along the lower Platte River, where 23 were counted 21 Jul between mile markers 21 and 40 (JGJ). Of interest was breeding at two sites somewhat peripheral to the main breeding areas: a pair was nesting in Knox Co nw. of Verdigre 3 Jul (MB, DH) and a nest with 4 eggs was at a private sandpit east of North Platte 7 and 14 Jul (TJW). A single at Harvard Marsh 21 Jul (PD) was probably heading south.

Killdeer: Routine reports.

Mountain Plover: The only report was from a regular location in sw. Kimball Co 13 Jun (WRS).

Black-necked Stilt: The 6 birds near Lakeside 9 Jun (PR) were at a regular summer location. None appeared at Harvard Marsh this spring, but 2 had arrived by 11 Jun (JGJ). Encouraging from a mitigation standpoint was the presence of at least one nesting pair at cattle feedlot waste-control ponds near Darr 2 and 5 Jul (CNK, WRS).

American Avocet: The feedlot near Darr also hosted 2-3 nesting pairs of this species 2 and 5 Jul (CNK, WRS).

Spotted Sandpiper: Although a regular breeder in the state, nesting reports are few; 2 broods were at a sandpit e. of North Platte 7 Jul (TJW).

Solitary Sandpiper: Routine reports.

Greater Yellowlegs: Earliest were about on time: one was in Antelope Co 26 Jun (MB) and another in Colfax Co 28 Jun (D&JP).

Willet: Uncommon in spring eastward, one in Otoe Co 1 Jun (SQ) was unexpected and rather late away from the breeding range.

Lesser Yellowlegs: Rather late spring migrants were 2 in Antelope Co 4 Jun (MB) and one in Burt Co the same day (WF).

Upland Sandpiper: Groups begin to form in early Jul; 36 were at Fort Niobrara NWR, Cherry Co, 7 Jul (RE) and 23 were in a mowed hayfield in Clay Co 21 Jul (PD).

Long-billed Curlew: This species usually begins to form flocks and start migration by late Jun, but fascinating insights were gained through radio transmitters attached to two females that nested in Garden Co (CG, JGJ); both nests were predated, and the first female left Garden Co on the very early date 19 Jun, arriving on wintering grounds in ne. Mexico 29 Jun, while the second departed on 29 Jun (fide JGJ). Reports are scarce after mid-Aug; last dates from WSR were 22 Jul this year and 31 Jul in 2008 (HKH).

Marbled Godwit: Adding to scattered summer reports in n. Nebraska recently was one in Cherry Co 30 Jun (DH); at this date this may have been a migrant, as this species also departs very early in fall.

Sanderling: Routine reports.

Semipalmated Sandpiper: Routine reports.

Western Sandpiper: None were reported; arrival is in Jul.

Least Sandpiper: Two in Dawson Co 18 Jun (CNK) and 2 in Lancaster Co the same day (LE) defy directional determination; there is however an 8-day gap in records between the spring series of dates ending 10 Jun and fall dates beginning 18 Jun, suggesting these were early fall migrants.

White-rumped Sandpiper: One on the lower Platte River between Fremont and Two Rivers SRA, Douglas Co, 25 Jun (JGJ) was the 3rd latest spring date on record. Since the first fall record, as recently as 2001, there are now 8 documented fall records for this species, which normally does not return south in the interior. This year, 10 "obvious White-rumped Sandpipers" were in s. Webster Co 21 Jul (TJW), and one with an injured wing was at Harvard Marsh 25 Jul (PD).

Baird's Sandpiper: Two in Dawson Co 18 Jun (CNK) were rather late; as with least Sandpiper, there is a narrow mid-summer window with no records, but for Baird's the window is 24 Jun-4 Jul, suggesting that Baird's sighted 18 Jun are spring migrants while the Least's on the same day discussed above were fall migrants. (I have a bridge for sale, too.)

Pectoral Sandpiper: Routine reports.

Dunlin: Last-reported for this late spring migrant was one in Antelope Co 8 Jun (MB), a typical last spring date.

Stilt Sandpiper: Routine reports.

Short-billed Dowitcher: None were reported; adults move through in Jul, ahead of juveniles.

Long-billed Dowitcher: Rather early were 8 at Harvard Marsh 21 Jul (PD).

Wilson's Snipe: Migrants appear at the end of Jul away from breeding areas; 3 were in Lancaster Co 30 Jul (LE).

American Woodcock: None were reported; migration probably begins in late Jul but there is little documentation.

Wilson's Phalarope: Routine reports.

Red-necked Phalarope: None were reported; migration timing barely includes late Jul.

Bonaparte's Gull: Only the 4th record for Jul was one with "white wing flashes" at Sutherland Res, Lincoln Co, 27 Jul (TJW).

Franklin's Gull: Sightings are fewest in early to mid-Jul; a "messy-looking" single in Logan Co 5 Jul (LR, RH) was the only report between 18 Jun and 23 Jul.

Ring-billed Gull: Routine reports.

California Gull: The usual small numbers were at LM; the 7 present 14 Jun included 5 adults, and one each 1st summer and 2nd summer (WRS, KN).

Herring Gull: None were reported; summer records are few, almost all immatures.

Least Tern: Routine reports.

Caspian Tern: Numbers were higher than usual for this species in the period 11 Jun-17 Jul, when there are only about 30 reports. At least 9 were reported statewide: 4 were at LM 14 Jun (WRS, KN), one was near Plattsmouth 26 Jun (JGJ), and 2-4 were at HCR 6-9 Jul (KS, G&WH). In addition, 4 were at LM 25 Jul (TJW) and 2 were at BOL 30 Jul (LE).

Black Tern: Routine reports.

Common Tern: The only report was of one between mile markers 89 and 102 on the lower Platte River 3 Jun (JGJ, MBB). This is an uncommon migrant.

Forster's Tern: Reports are fewest away from breeding areas mid- to late Jun, most from the north and west; 2 were in sw. Scotts Bluff Co 18 Jun (AK).

Rock Pigeon: Routine reports.

Eurasian Collared-Dove: Putative hybrids between this species and Mourning Dove have been reported, but seem to be rare. Two candidate birds at Bushnell 2 Jul were the size of Mourning Doves, but were pale and lacked a nape mark (MR).

White-winged Dove: This species is now a regular summer visitor in low numbers; reports of breeding are expected to increase as pairs are being reported more frequently. There were 4 reports of 6 birds, including pairs in Funk 17 Jun (WF) and Arapahoe 25 Jun-1 Jul (fide TJW, fide JGJ), and singles in Hastings 21-23 Jun (PD) and Fairmont 20-22 Jul (JRi).

Mourning Dove: Routine reports.

Inca Dove: The 8th documented record was one present at a farmyard with House Sparrows and photographed in Dundy Co 8 Jun (TS); this is the only spring record, the others are from 11 Sep into winter.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo: One was carrying nest material in a Bellevue yard 3 Jul (ARy).

Black-billed Cuckoo: The increased number of summer reports for this species continues, with this the best year for some time. There were about 15 reports of about 18 birds; one photographed in a Bellevue yard was the "first there for several years" (L&BP), Lancaster Co, had "the most sightings for several years" (LE), and the species "seems to be doing OK" in the lower Big Blue and Republican River systems (WM). The cedar canyons in se. Lincoln Co had 3-4 on 22 Jul (TJW).

Barn Owl: Reports were from known summer locations in the sw. and at CLNWR (TJW, PR, AK).

Eastern Screech-Owl: Routine reports.

Great Horned Owl: Routine reports.

Burrowing Owl: Family groups begin to move around in late Jul; likely candidates were the 3 birds in Knox Co 29 Jul as no obvious breeding sites were in the area (MB, D&JP).

Barred Owl: Towards the w. edge of the range was one at Homestead NM, Gage Co, 10 Jun (JW).

Long-eared Owl: None were reported; this species should be looked for during the summer as breeding does occur in Nebraska and little is known about this species.

Short-eared Owl: There are regular but rare summer sightings in the Panhandle; 2 were at Courthouse Rock, Morrill Co, 11 Jun (KC).

Common Nighthawk: One in s. Dixon Co 1 Jun was a surprise to the observer; it was the first there for 4 years (JJ).

Common Poorwill: There is a population in the cedar canyons of se. Lincoln Co; a representative was detected 8 Jul (TJW).

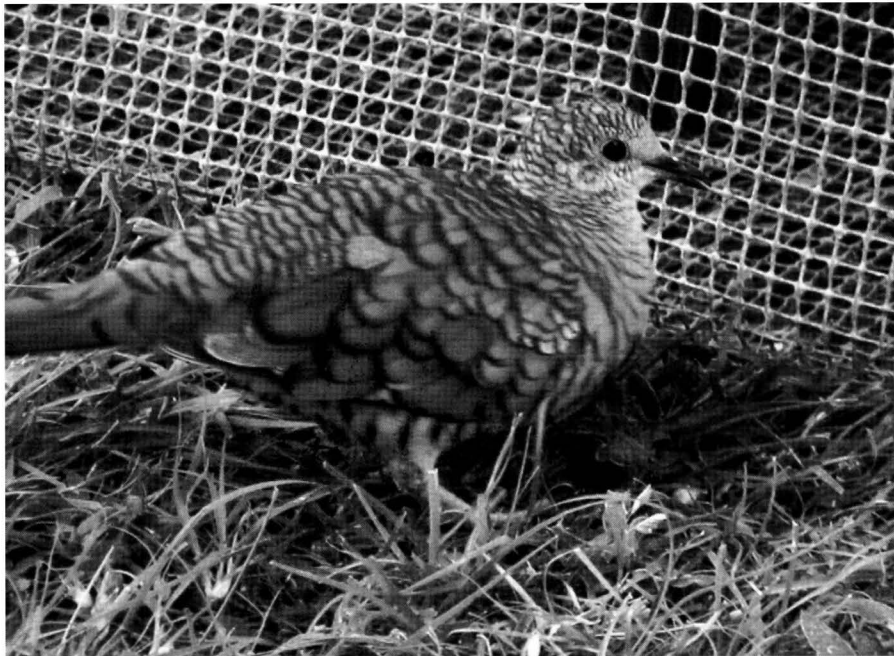
Chuck-will's-widow: The birds reported in spring at Bohemia Prairie WMA, Knox Co, continued, with singles heard through 28 Jul (MB, D&JP).

Whip-poor-will: "Many" were at Bohemia Prairie 30 Jun-28 Jul (MB).

Chimney Swift: Routine reports.

White-throated Swift: Routine reports.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: One was at WSR 22 Jul (HKH); this species has been reported (and photographed) at least 7 times in fall in the Panhandle. Although Black-chinned is a possibility, it appears to be regular in fall on the Great Plains only south of Nebraska. Ruby-throats breed in the Missouri Valley; a pair was in the observer's Bellevue yard during the summer, and 3 female/immature types appeared there 31 Jul (ARy).



Nebraska's 8th, and first for summer, this Inca Dove was photographed (it was outside the cage!) by Tim Smith near Benkelman 8 Jun 2009.

Calliope Hummingbird: None were reported; this species is regular in low numbers in fall in the Panhandle.

Broad-tailed Hummingbird: None were reported; this species is also regular in low numbers in fall in the Panhandle.

Rufous Hummingbird: A male in a Scotts Bluff Co yard 12 Jul (KD) was the first arrival, a typical first arrival date.

Belted Kingfisher: Observers at HCR thought this species was scarce the past 2 years (G&WH).

Red-headed Woodpecker: Routine reports.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: An adult was feeding a young bird 25 Jul in Platte Co (DH), apparently a typical date to see fledglings.

Downy Woodpecker: Routine reports.

Hairy Woodpecker: Routine reports.

Northern Flicker: Routine reports.

Pileated Woodpecker: Best count was 3 at FF 12 Jul (TJW).

Olive-sided Flycatcher: Last for spring were singles in Dodge Co 3 Jun (LE) and Thurston Co 4 Jun (WF).

Western Wood-Pewee: The eastward extent of the summer range in the North Platte Valley, as discussed here in 2008, has shifted east to Lincoln Co (TJW); one in se. Lincoln Co 6 Jul marked the current limit (TJW). Previously the edge of the breeding area was the LM area, where it was found in cottonwood savannah. Further indication of increasing numbers east of there were 5 singing in the same habitat nw. of Paxton 10 Jul (TJW).

Eastern Wood-Pewee: A new area of overlap with Western Wood-Pewee (see above) is occurring in se. Lincoln Co, where one was present 7 Jul (TJW). Also 3 were at Chester Island WMA, Lincoln Co, 7 Jun (TJW). The only other area of overlap of these species is along the Niobrara River in ne. Cherry Co. This species breeds throughout the Republican RV drainage, although numbers are lower westward; one was at Medicine Creek Res, Frontier Co, 10 Jun (TJW).

Acadian Flycatcher: This species is another that may be pushing northward, with more reports north of ICSP; one was at FF 30 Jun-2 Jul (L&BP, PS photo), 1-2 were at PRSP 20-28 Jun (JC, SS, LE), and one was singing at Wilderness Park, Lincoln, 28 May-12 Jul (LE). By far most adventurous was the one singing on Schindler Creek, Knox Co, 10-22 Jul, first for the county (MB).

Alder Flycatcher: Last one through was in Madison Co 9 Jun (WF), 2nd latest on record by one day.

Willow Flycatcher: Routine reports.

Least Flycatcher: None were reported; although there are a few summer records in northern Nebraska, late dates for migrants are unclear.

Cordilleran Flycatcher: Perhaps a reflection of the eastward movement of the summer range on the Pine Ridge in recent years was a "loner" at the Gordon Cem 7 Jun (CNK). Continuing at the only known nest site away from the Pine Ridge was one at the Wildcat Hills NC, Scotts Bluff Co, 10 Jun (PR).

Eastern Phoebe: Generally considered a rare, or at least low density, breeder in the northwest, of interest was the presence of several birds in 3 Breeding Bird Atlas blocks in Dawes Co 13 Jun, including a nesting pair (KD).

Say's Phoebe: Good numbers were found in Kimball Co 13 Jun, a total of 5 (WRS); perhaps related (increase in numbers and range?) was the presence of one in Antelope Co 28 Jul (MB). It has been many years since this species occurred in the northeast.

Ash-throated Flycatcher: After the first breeding record in 2007 and an apparent absence in 2008, at least one bird was present at the same 2007 location in Kimball Co this year; it was seen 22 Jun-5 Jul (WM, TH photo, WRS). Indicative of a surge into Nebraska was one in a yard near Morrill, Scotts Bluff Co, 12 Jul (KD details); this is the 2nd report in the last 3 summers away from the Kimball Co location. There is a single record prior to 2007 and 2 additional reports in 2000.

Great Crested Flycatcher: This species now occurs statewide; recent years have seen many more reports from the northwest. This year was no exception, with reports from extreme w. Scotts Bluff Co 5 Jun (KD), a pair in Dawes Co 13 Jun (KD), and 2 along the White River 4 Jul (B&DW). One in Morrill Co 27 Jun was "a surprise" (AK), and one was in Valentine 7 Jul (RE).

Cassin's Kingbird: An excellent tally of 19 was made in canyons n. of Potter 13 Jun 9 (WRS, KN). This species is quite common in pine savannah in the Panhandle.

Western Kingbird: An excellent count was the 86 in Cherry Co 28 Jul (JJ). Westerns outnumbered Easterns by 12:1 in Kimball Co 10 Jul (JRo). Recent years have seen this species in cities and towns, most notably in the east; 3 pairs were found along 40th St in Omaha 29 Jul (JR).

Eastern Kingbird: Routine reports.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher: Summer reports are now routine in the southeast, albeit of low numbers (3 birds this year, CT, LE, KP); one in se. Lincoln Co 29 Jul (TJW) was unexpected, however.

Loggerhead Shrike: Good numbers were reported in Dodge Co 1 Jul, when there were 10 birds in 3 family groups in about 5 miles (D&JP).

White-eyed Vireo: A major surprise was a first Knox Co record; one was along Schindler Creek 28-29 Jul (MB, D&JP).

Bell's Vireo: Not numerous in the Panhandle, one in Dawes Co 13 Jun was considered unusual (KD).

Yellow-throated Vireo: As in 2008, at least one was found near the w. edge of the apparently-expanding range along the Niobrara; this year's bird was along Schindler Creek in Knox Co 22 Jul (MB).

Plumbeous Vireo: None were reported; this is a regular breeder on the Pine Ridge.

Warbling Vireo: Routine reports.

Red-eyed Vireo: Common in Missouri Valley forests in summer, 15 were at PRSP 20 Jun (JR, JC, SS).

Blue Jay: Routine reports.



This Ash-throated Flycatcher was present this summer at a 2007 breeding site in Kimball Co. Photo by Tim Hajda 23 Jun 2009.

Pinyon Jay: None were reported; this species can be hard to find in summer, with breeding rarely reported.

Black-billed Magpie: Routine reports.

American Crow: Routine reports.

Fish Crow: Apparently the same bird seen along the Platte River just above the Missouri this spring was seen there again 24 Jun (JGJ); it was molting its primaries, possibly a difference in molt timing allowing separation from juvenile American Crow (JGJ).

Horned Lark: Routine reports.

Purple Martin: The huge roost which formed in the area of 42nd St and Dodge St in Omaha in late summer 2008 reformed much earlier this year; "hundreds" were there by 29 Jun (JED), with 7000-8000 by the end of the period (JR). The total peaked at 35,000 on 2 Sep 2008. The 9 birds in Dawes Co 29 Jul 2009 (JJ) provided only the 2nd fall report (presumed migrants) from the Panhandle. Breeding occurs each year west as far as Ogallala in the North Platte Valley and Ainsworth (possibly Valentine) in the Niobrara Valley.

Tree Swallow: Routine reports.

Violet-green Swallow: Routine reports.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow: Routine reports.

Bank Swallow: Routine reports.

Cliff Swallow: Routine reports.

Barn Swallow: Routine reports.

Black-capped Chickadee: Routine reports.

Tufted Titmouse: Routine reports.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: Almost a repeat of last summer, 3 were at Forest Lawn Cem, Omaha, 27 Jun (JR). There were also several Lincoln sightings: at least one was in an observer's yard throughout the period (RE), 3 were at Pioneers Park 21 Jun (RE), and another was in a Lincoln yard 31 Jul (MUs), and might have been a very early fall arrival, although such birds are not usually seen until mid-Aug.

White-breasted Nuthatch: Reports from a part of the state where this species has been scarce as a summer resident until the last couple of decades or so included singles in Chase Co 13 Jun (MB), Hayes Co 14 Jun (MB), and Frontier Co 2 Jul (ME).

Pygmy Nuthatch: Routine reports.

Brown Creeper: None were reported; this species should be looked for during the summer as breeding has occurred in Nebraska.

Rock Wren: Good numbers continue in the cedar canyons of se. Lincoln Co, where 10-12 were found 14 Jul (TJW).

Carolina Wren: Reports from the edge of the slowly-expanding range included Dodge Co 27 Jul (D&JP), Fillmore Co 1-14 Jul (JRi), Buffalo Co 23 Jul (LB), and Franklin Co (2) 25 Jul (LR, RH).

House Wren: The 44 at WP 8 Jul (LE) was an excellent count.

Sedge Wren: As was the case last summer, significant numbers were again reported from ne. Nebraska during Jun, with some 12 reports, mostly of singles 2-18 Jun (WF, MB, DH, D&JP), although birds in Antelope and Pierce Cos persisted through 6 and 11 Jul respectively (MB, DH), and 5+ were calling in Platte Co 4 Jun (DH). Unexpected in the southeast were 3 pairs at Shoemaker Marsh, Lancaster Co, 29-30 Jun (KC, LE) and one at Jack Sinn WMA, Saunders/Lancaster Co, 30 Jun (LE).

Marsh Wren: Western song type birds were in Loup and Wheeler Cos 2 and 14 Jun (WF).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: This species can now be found, albeit still in low numbers in some areas of s.-cen. Nebraska, throughout most of the state except the n.-cen., primarily the Sandhills. One was at Schindler Creek, Knox Co, 2-22 Jul (MB), the westernmost of the eastern reports, and singles were in Morrill Co 27 Jun (AK) and nw. Sioux Co 20 Jun (AK). A pair was carrying food in Frontier Co 10 Jun (TJW).

Eastern Bluebird: Nest boxes at ADF fledged 92 birds Jun-Jul (LF).

Mountain Bluebird: This species breeds se. in pine canyons to extreme se. Banner Co, where 4 were seen 13 Jun (WRS, KN).

Townsend's Solitaire: This species occurs on rare occasions in summer in pines in the w. Pine Ridge, and has bred; one at Chadron SP 13 Jun (WM) was only the 5th breeding season report for Dawes Co.

Swainson's Thrush: None were reported; last spring dates are usually in early Jun in the northwest.

Wood Thrush: Two were westerly along Schindler Creek, Knox Co 2-29 Jul, as last year (MB). Reports from the Republican RV are very few, and so significant was one at Inavale 7 Jun (LR, RH). Although this was probably a westerly migrant, there are no summer records west of Webster Co along the Republican RV. One in Gosper Co 2 Jul (CNK) was also out of range; there are very few Platte RV reports that far west.

American Robin: Routine reports.

Gray Catbird: Routine reports.

Northern Mockingbird: Reports from the north, where still uncommon, included singles in Sheridan Co 6 Jun (PR), in Cherry Co 10 Jul (RE), and in Knox Co 28-30 Jul (MB, D&JP). This species is now fairly common across the southern half of Nebraska.

Sage Thrasher: Apparently the first confirmation of breeding in Nebraska, although the 6th record for Jun, was one carrying food in sw. Kimball Co 18 Jun (CNK), and seen again there 2 Jul (MR).

Brown Thrasher: Routine reports.

European Starling: Routine reports.

Cedar Waxwing: A pair with 2 juveniles was at LO 25 Jul (TJW).

Northern Parula: Routine reports.

Yellow Warbler: Routine reports.

Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler: Routine reports.

Yellow-throated Warbler: Routine reports.

Cerulean Warbler: None were reported; this despite the 2-3 reported in spring.

Black-and-white Warbler: This species is most common in summer in the e. Niobrara RV; reports were from Keya Paha and Brown Cos 13 Jun (WF) and Knox Co 28-29 Jul (MB, D&JP).

American Redstart: Reports were from known breeding locations in Knox Co (MB), Cherry Co (RE), and Dawes Co (KD). Distribution is spotty west of Knox Co, however, except for the Pine Ridge.

Prothonotary Warbler: Following several spring reports at FF, the only one reported for Jun-Jul was there 9 Jun (L&BP). As with Cerulean Warbler, summer follow-ups would be of interest.

- Ovenbird:** Reports outside the usual eastern and northern Nebraska summer range were of one at Chester Island WMA, Lincoln Co, 7 Jun (TJW), likely a late migrant, and one in Pierce Co 17 Jul, the observer's first in this county (DH).
- Louisiana Waterthrush:** There were numerous reports, through 27 Jul at FF (PS), including 4-5 birds and a pair carrying food 20 Jun at PRSP (JR, JC, SS, LE). A surprise was one as far nw. as Schindler Creek, Knox Co, 2-22 Jul (MB); this is the first summer record away from the Missouri RV.
- Kentucky Warbler:** The only reports of this lower Missouri RV summer resident were of singles at PRSP 20 Jun (JR, JC, SS) and 28 Jun (LE). It is most often seen at ICSP.
- Mourning Warbler:** Last was a window kill in Omaha 1 Jun (JED).
- Common Yellowthroat:** Adults were feeding a fledgling in Lancaster Co 29 Jun (KC).
- Yellow-breasted Chat:** The eastern edge of the current range was suggested by sightings in Knox Co 2-29 Jul (MB), Garfield Co 28 Jun (LR, RH), Webster Co 7 Jun (LR, RH) and Harlan Co 6 Jul (KS). The Webster Co sightings were the farthest east in the Republican RV for several years. "Lots" were in se. Lincoln Co canyons 6 Jul (TJW).
- Summer Tanager:** Now established in the lower Missouri RV, reports were from regular locations at FF (L&BP), PRSP (JR, JC, SS), Otoe Co (LF), and ICSP (L&BP). Unexpected was a first spring male at Schuyler 6 Jun (WF); such out-of-range reports are increasing in recent years as this species increases in numbers in the southeast.
- Scarlet Tanager:** Keya Paha Co may mark the w. edge of the summer range in the Niobrara RV; one was there 13 Jun (WF). Another was in Knox Co 3-29 Jul (MB).
- Western Tanager:** Routine reports.
- Spotted Towhee:** Two in Webster Co 7 Jun (LR, RH) were easterly; most in that area are hybrids. Spotteds and hybrids only were noted in Brown and Cherry Cos 6 Jul (RE), as expected.
- Eastern Towhee:** A belated report was of one at the w. edge of the breeding range in Hall Co 21 Jun 2008 (TEL).
- Cassin's Sparrow:** Continuing the trend of increased numbers in sw. Nebraska were reports of 7-8 in Chase Co 12-15 Jun (MB, JLL), 1-2 in sw. Kimball Co 13 Jun-19 Jul (WRS, m. ob.), and a belated report of nesting at WSR in 2008 (HKH). The latter is among the most northerly reports for the state.
- Chipping Sparrow:** Lowest summer numbers are west of Harlan Co in the southwest; one in Frontier Co 10 Jun (TJW) provided what appears to be only the 3rd summer record in the southwest 8 counties.
- Brewer's Sparrow:** None were reported; this is an uncommon breeder in the w. Panhandle.
- Field Sparrow:** Routine reports.
- Vesper Sparrow:** Breeding is uncommon in the cen. and w. Platte Valley southward, and so a report of an adult with a juvenile in Polk Co 25 Jul (DH) was noteworthy.
- Lark Sparrow:** Routine reports.
- Lark Bunting:** Routine reports.
- Savannah Sparrow:** None were reported; this is a localized breeder in the Panhandle.
- Grasshopper Sparrow:** Routine reports.

Henslow's Sparrow: The only reports were of 2-3 at SCP 7-14 Jun (TEL, KP), a regular location. A belated westerly report was of one in Hall Co 21 Jun 2008 (TEL); Hall Co marks the w. edge of the summer range in Nebraska.

Song Sparrow: Still uncommon in summer but increasing in the Republican RV, one was at Republican City 10 Jun (LF) and 3 were in Franklin Co 25 Jul (LR, RH). One near Oshkosh 19 Jul (LR, RH) appears to be only the 2nd report for the North Platte RV; this species has increased in numbers significantly in recent years in Lincoln Co and more North Platte RV reports can be expected as westward expansion continues.

Swamp Sparrow: There are few summer reports s. of the Platte RV, except for a few RWB locations; one was singing at Harvard Marsh 20-25 Jul (PD).

Harris's Sparrow: Last spring birds were the 1-3 at a Danbury feeder through 9 Jun (DJ). This is the 10th Jun record for the state.

Dark-eyed (White-winged) Junco: Routine reports.

McCown's Longspur: The only report was of 2 in w. Kimball Co 13 Jun (WRS).

Chestnut-collared Longspur: The only reports were from Kimball Co: 3 on 3 Jun (WRS) and 4 on 2 Jul (MR).

Northern Cardinal: Routine reports.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: This species often wanders westward into early Jun; singles were farther west than usual at Chadron SP 13 Jun (KD) and, not as surprising, at Alma 10 Jun (LF).

Black-headed Grosbeak: Routine reports.

Blue Grosbeak: Routine reports.

Lazuli Bunting: One as far east as sw. Dixon Co 1 Jun (JJ) was the last of the several easterly spring migrants. Rare e. of the Panhandle, one was in Cherry Co 28 Jul (JJ), 1-2 were in Chase Co 13-18 Jun (MB, JLL), and one was singing in se. Lincoln Co 8 Jul (TJW).

Indigo Bunting: Westerly was one in Dawes Co 4 Jul (B&DW); non-hybrids this far west are unusual.

Dickcissel: Excellent numbers occurred westward again, including 30+ on a BBS route in Cheyenne Co 4 Jul (KD); most were males, with only one pair seen (KD). It was considered "abundant" in Lincoln Co (WRS), Cherry Co (RE), and Logan Co (LR, RH). Singles were in Kimball Co 10 Jul (JRo), near Chadron SP 13 Jun (KD) and in sw. Scotts Bluff Co 18 Jun (AK).

Bobolink: Molt had begun 25 Jul with several seen in reeds at Harvard Marsh (PD), and likely migrants were the 50 in Holt Co 28 Jul (JJ).

Red-winged Blackbird: Routine reports.

Eastern Meadowlark: Uncommon in se. Lincoln Co canyons, one was found there 6 Jul (TJW). A BBS route in Garden Co 20 Jun found a ratio of 10:1 Western: Eastern Meadowlarks (B&DW).

Western Meadowlark: Routine reports.

Yellow-headed Blackbird: Routine reports.

Brewer's Blackbird: An adult was feeding a young bird near Chadron SP 13 Jun (KD); reports of breeding from this area are few.

Common Grackle: Routine reports.

Great-tailed Grackle: Although now found statewide in summer, reports from areas where numbers are still low were of a male near Bassett 14 Jun (WF), a single in Custer Co 11 Jun (MB), and another in Chase Co 12-15 Jun (MB, JLL).

Brown-headed Cowbird: Routine reports.

Orchard Oriole: Routine reports.

Baltimore Oriole: Westerly, but not unexpected, were singles in Scotts Bluff Co 12 Jun (LF) and Morrill Co 27 Jun (AK).

Bullock's Oriole: This species and hybrids predominate in s.-cen. Morrill Co (WRS). Males depart early, essentially performing a molt migration to the sw. United States; interesting observations regarding this were made at a feeding station near Mitchell where 4 families with young were in attendance. The males departed when young were able to feed themselves, while females and juveniles departed together a month later, around mid-Aug (KD).

House Finch: Routine reports.

Red Crossbill: A surprise was a female/immature type at a feeder in Fillmore Co 3 Jun (JRi photo); last dates for winter visitors are in the first few days of Jun. Other reports were as expected from the Pine Ridge and Wildcat Hills.

Pine Siskin: There were scattered reports away from the usual summer range, but no breeding was noted. Singles were in a Dixon Co yard 18 and 23 Jun (JJ), at a Dodge Co feeder 19 Jun (D&JP), at Forest Lawn Cem, Omaha, 27 Jun (JR), and at Shelton 14 Jul (MM).

Lesser Goldfinch: Somewhat surprisingly after the large numbers reported in 2008, albeit most in fall, none were reported.

American Goldfinch: Routine reports.

House Sparrow: Routine reports.

Long-tailed Jaegers in Western Nebraska

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The Long-tailed Jaeger is an accidental migrant in Nebraska with just one accepted record through the mid-1990s. Based on records from adjacent states, especially Colorado (Andrews and Righter 1992) and Wyoming (Faulkner 2010), the species is probably more frequent than these records indicate, and its status is further complicated by possible confusion with Pomarine and Parasitic jaegers. In this article I report details of four records of Long-tailed Jaegers in western Nebraska and comment on the species' identification and status in the state.

On 3 October 1998 I observed a juvenile Long-tailed Jaeger walking along the shoreline at Martin Bay along the north shore of Lake McConaughy in Keith County. I watched this bird for almost half an hour as it foraged for insects well away from the water's edge. It did not associate with other birds, nor did it show any interest in harassing the hundreds of Franklin's and Ring-billed Gulls feeding on the main lake. On 11 September 2000 I found and photographed another juvenile Long-tailed Jaeger, this time at Lake Minatare in Scotts Bluff County. I studied this bird for nearly 3 hours, during which time it slowly circled the main eastern portion of the lake, occasionally dropping to the water to pick at something on the surface (I assumed it was after small fish). Other than a brief (<30 seconds) chase of a Franklin's Gull, the bird showed no interest in the many gulls and terns that were present. On 19 September 2001 I was stunned to see an adult light morph Long-tailed Jaeger flying east along the north shore of Lake McConaughy at Sand Point. The bird was very close (<100 m away) and its long tail streamers were fluttering in

the wind. Its passage spooked hundreds of Franklin's Gulls off the point, but it never harassed them. The bird quickly disappeared as it flew towards the dam and I was unable to relocate it in more than an hour of searching. Finally, on 9 June 2008 I observed and photographed an adult Long-tailed Jaeger at the eastern end of Lake McConaughy. I initially saw the bird flying east from Theis Bay on the north side of the lake, and later found it sitting on the water north of Ogallala Beach. The bird seemed uninterested in the many Franklin's and Ring-billed Gulls that were present. Instead, it made several short flights, each of which ended when the bird dropped to the water and swam in wide circles, picking at the water's surface much like a phalarope. Each of these birds was present for a single day and was not, to my knowledge, later seen by other birders.

The identification of any jaeger requires careful scrutiny, especially those that appear at unexpected inland locales. Features such as size, structure, coloration, shape of the rectrices, and wing pattern easily identified each of the above birds as a jaeger. Identification of the adult birds as Long-tailed Jaegers was relatively easy as both showed a neat black cap that was widest below the eye, a short, stubby, black bill that was less than half the length of the head, a pale neck, nape, chin, throat, and breast fading from dull yellow on the nape to white on the lower breast, elongated central rectrices that extended well beyond (≥ 6 in) the tips of the remaining rectrices, and a two-toned upperwing (pale gray-brown coverts contrasting with black remiges) with white shafts to the outer two primaries and uniformly dark underwings lacking any white at the base of the primaries. Identification of the juvenile birds required greater caution and was based on a combination of a very short, thin, dark-colored bill with a pale base, the blunt-tipped elongated central rectrices that extended at least one inch beyond the remaining rectrices, the generally cold, gray/brown overall coloration with unbarred underparts and contrasting paler undertail coverts with prominent darker barring, and the uniform dark gray/brown upperwings showing white color along the basal half of the outer two primaries and white edges to the primary and secondary coverts that gave the coverts a scalloped look. On the basis of plumage coloration I concluded that the 3 October 1998 bird was a light morph individual while the 11 September 2000 bird was an intermediate morph individual.

These represent the second through fifth reports of Long-tailed Jaegers in Nebraska. The state's only previous record is also the only report from the eastern two thirds of the state: a juvenile collected 1 September 1952 at Salt Lake, Lancaster County (Baumgarten and Rapp 1953). On the basis of these reports, Long-tailed Jaeger may be a more common migrant in western Nebraska than previously thought. Three of the four records were in a relatively narrow time period in September and early October that fits this species' pattern of occurrence elsewhere in the Great Plains. Summer records are more unusual, but not without precedent, and often involve adults.

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THE OFFICIAL LIST OF THE BIRDS OF NEBRASKA: 2009

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The duties of NOU Records Committee (NOU Records Committee 1986) include:

- A. The committee shall publish an official list of the birds of Nebraska.
- B. The official list will include all those species whose occurrence has been reported in Nebraska.
- C. The committee shall keep the official list current.
- D. The committee shall publish a list of species for which details are requested with every sighting reported.

The 2009 NOU Records Committee has completed the above duties and the following is the result of its endeavors. This work summarizes the changes made to the "Official List" since its last publication (NOU Records Committee 2004).

The "Official List of the Birds of Nebraska" was first published in 1988 (Nebraska Ornithologists' Union [NOU] Records Committee 1988), based initially on Bray et al. 1986, and has been updated two times (NOU Records Committee 1997, 2004). The "Official List" has also been appended twenty times: (Mollhoff 1989; Grenon 1990, 1991; Gubanyi 1996a, 1996b, 1996c; Brogie 1997, 1998, 1999, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009a, 2009b; Jorgensen 2001, 2002, 2003).

The taxonomic treatment and species sequence follows the American Ornithologists' Union [AOU] Checklist of North American Birds, seventh edition (1998) including changes made to the list in annual supplements (AOU: 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009).

Record Classification and Status:

Firmness of data classification supporting a species placement on the "Official List of the Birds of Nebraska" is indicated by the following terms (NOU Records Committee 1986):

- I-S: an adequately labeled diagnostic specimen
- I-P: an adequately labeled diagnostic photo or slide
- I-R: an adequately labeled diagnostic recording
- II: a sight record with three or more acceptable written documentations
- III: a sight record with one or two acceptable written documentations

Additionally, the list reflects status changes in the frequency of occurrence as determined by the NOU Records Committee, which reviewed records of bird occurrences in Nebraska for 2000-2009. Frequency of occurrence is indicated by the following terms (NOU Records Committee 1988):

Regular - acceptably reported in 9-10 of the past 10 years
Casual - acceptably reported in 4-7 of the past 10 years
Accidental - acceptably reported in 0-2 of the past 10 years
Extirpated - not acceptably reported in the past 50 years
Extinct - no longer found alive anywhere in the world

The frequency of occurrence for any species that is acceptably reported in 3 or 8 of the last 10 years is discussed by the committee and placed in a category felt most appropriate by the committee.

Changes at the Family and/or Order Level

1. **Vultures** (Cathartidae) are moved from the order Ciconiiformes and once again placed at the beginning of the order Falconiformes (AOU 2007).
2. **Jaegers** are placed in their own family (Stercorariidae) and follow (Laridae) (AOU 2006).
3. **New World Quails** (Odontophoridae) are moved before pheasants (Phasianidae) (AOU 2009).
4. **Tanagers** in the genus *Piranga* are moved from the family Thraupidae and placed at the beginning of the family Cardinalidae (AOU 2009).

Changes Involving Nebraska Species Due to Taxonomic Revisions and/or Changes in English Names

1. **Taiga Bean-Goose** (*Anser fabalis*) as a result of a split in the Bean-Goose complex (AOU 2007).
2. **Cackling Goose** (*Branta hutchinsii*) as a result of a split from Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) complex (AOU 2004).
3. **Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow** (*Ammodramus nelsoni*) is now Nelson's Sparrow (AOU 2009).

Changes in Scientific Names

1. **Spotted Sandpiper** (*Actitis macularia*) becomes *Actitis macularius* (AOU 2004).
2. **Willet** (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*) becomes *Tringa semipalmata* (AOU 2006).
3. **Bonaparte's Gull** (*Larus philadelphia*) becomes *Chroicocephalus philadelphia* (AOU 2008).
4. **Black-headed Gull** (*Larus ridibundus*) becomes *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* (AOU 2008).
5. **Little Gull** (*Larus minutus*) becomes *Hydrocoloeus minutus* (AOU 2008).
6. **Laughing Gull** (*Larus atricilla*) becomes *Leucophaeus atricilla* (AOU 2008).
7. **Franklin's Gull** (*Larus pipixcan*) becomes *Leucophaeus pipixcan* (AOU 2008).
8. **Least Tern** (*Sterna antillarum*) becomes *Sternula antillarum* (AOU 2006).

9. **Caspian Tern** (*Sterna caspia*) becomes *Hydroprogne caspia* (AOU 2006).
10. **Belted Kingfisher** (*Ceryle alcyon*) becomes *Megaceryle alcyon* (AOU 2007).
11. **Worm-eating Warbler** (*Helmitheros vermivorus*) becomes *Helmitheros vermivorum* (AOU 2004).
12. **Common Redpoll** (*Carduelis flammea*) becomes *Acanthis flammea* (AOU 2009).
13. **Hoary Redpoll** (*Carduelis hornemanni*) becomes *Acanthis hornemanni* (AOU2009).
14. **Pine Siskin** (*Carduelis pinus*) becomes *Spinus pinus* (AOU 2009).
15. **Lesser Goldfinch** (*Carduelis psaltria*) becomes *Spinus psaltria* (AOU 2009).
16. **American Goldfinch** (*Carduelis tristis*) becomes *Spinus tristis* (AOU 2009).

Changes in Firmness of Data

1. **Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*) III to I-P (Brogie 2006).
2. **Wood Stork** (*Mycteria americana*) III to I-P (Brogie 2007).
3. **Costa's Hummingbird** (*Calypte costae*) III to I-P (Brogie 2006).
4. **Ash-throated Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus cinerascens*) III to I-P (Brogie 2008).
5. **Mountain Chickadee** (*Poecile gambeli*) I-P to I-S (UNSM # ZM-17444) (Brogie 2005).
6. **Black-throated Gray Warbler** (*Dendroica nigrescens*) III to I-P (Brogie 2009a).
7. **Black Rosy-Finch** (*Leucosticte atrata*) III to I-P (Brogie 2009b).

Changes in Frequency of Occurrence

1. **Brant** (*Branta bernicla*) Accidental to Casual (Brogie 2005).
2. **American Black Duck** (*Anas rubripes*) Regular to Casual (Brogie 2007).
3. **Neotropic Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) Casual to Accidental (Brogie 2007); Accidental to Casual (Brogie 2009b).
4. **Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*) Accidental to Casual (Brogie 2005).
5. **Red Knot** (*Calidris canutus*) Regular to Casual (Brogie 2006).
6. **Mew Gull** (*Larus canus*) Casual to Regular (Brogie 2005); Regular to Casual (Brogie 2007).
7. **Iceland Gull** (*Larus glaucooides*) Casual to Regular (Brogie 2005); Regular to Casual (Brogie 2009b).
8. **Great Black-backed Gull** (*Larus marinus*) Casual to Regular (Brogie 2006).
9. **Eurasian Collared-Dove** (*Streptopelia decaocto*) Casual to Regular (Brogie 2005).
10. **White-winged Dove** (*Zenaida asiatica*) Casual to Regular (Brogie 2005).
11. **Inca Dove** (*Columbina inca*) Accidental to Casual (Brogie 2009a).
12. **Pileated Woodpecker** (*Dryocopus pileatus*) Casual to Regular (Brogie 2006).
13. **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** (*Tyrannus forficatus*) Casual to Regular (Brogie 2006).
14. **Cassin's Vireo** (*Vireo cassinii*) Casual to Regular (Brogie 2006).
15. **Clark's Nutcracker** (*Nucifraga columbiana*) Casual to Regular (Brogie 2006).

16. **Sprague's Pipit** (*Anthus spragueii*) Casual to Regular (Brogie 2006).
17. **Blue-winged Warbler** (*Vermivora pinus*) Regular to Casual (Brogie 2007).
18. **Black-throated Gray Warbler** (*Dendroica nigrescens*) Accidental to Casual (Brogie 2009a).
19. **Prairie Warbler** (*Dendroica discolor*) Casual to Accidental (Brogie 2009a).
20. **Connecticut Warbler** (*Oporornis agilis*) Regular to Casual (Brogie 2007).
21. **Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch** (*Leucosticte tephrocotis*) Casual to Regular (Brogie 2005).
22. **Cassin's Finch** (*Carpodacus cassinii*) Regular to Casual (Brogie 2007).
23. **White-winged Crossbill** (*Loxia leucoptera*) Regular to Casual (Brogie 2008).
24. **Evening Grosbeak** (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*) Regular to Casual (Brogie 2007).

Species Added to the Official List of the Birds of Nebraska Based on Acceptable Documentation

1. **Cackling Goose** (*Branta hutchinsii*) - added in 2004 by specimen collected on 01 April, 1896 (UNSM # ZM-11999) (Brogie 2005).
2. **Magnificent Frigatebird** (*Fregata magnificens*) added in 2009 by description (Brogie 2009b) replaces Frigatebird (*Fregata sp.*), added in 2007 by photograph (Brogie 2008).
3. **Zone-tailed Hawk** (*Buteo albonotatus*) - added in 2007 by description (Brogie 2008).
4. **Royal Tern** (*Thalasseus maximus*) - added in 2007 by specimen (UNSM # ZM-18317) (Brogie 2008).
5. **Fish Crow** (*Corvus ossifragus*) - added in 2009 by description (Brogie 2009b).
6. **Grace's Warbler** (*Dendroica graciae*) - added in 2008 by photograph (Brogie 2009a).
7. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** (*Passer montanus*) - added in 2007 by photograph (Brogie 2008).

The "Official List of the Birds of Nebraska: 2009" contains 454 species with the following classification and status.

<u>Class:</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Status:</u>	<u>#</u>
I-S:	365	Regular:	329
I-P:	69	Casual:	42
I-R:	4	Accidental:	77
II:	1	Extirpated:	4
III:	15	Extinct:	2
	454		454

The NOU Records Committee seeks documentation for all species of less than regular occurrence in Nebraska as well as for those species whose occurrence has not been documented in Nebraska. Species documentation currently may be sent to:

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THE OFFICIAL LIST OF THE BIRDS OF NEBRASKA: 2009
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Order ANSERIFORMES

Family Anatidae: Swans, Geese, and Ducks

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*), Accidental, I-S
Taiga Bean-Goose (*Anser fabalis*), Accidental, I-P
Greater White-fronted Goose (*Anser albifrons*), Regular, I-S
Emperor Goose (*Chen canagica*), Accidental, I-P
Snow Goose (*Chen caerulescens*), Regular, I-S
Ross's Goose (*Chen rossii*), Regular, I-S
Brant (*Branta bernicla*), Casual, I-S
Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii*), Regular, I-S
Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*), Regular, I-S
Trumpeter Swan (*Cygnus buccinator*), Regular, I-S
Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*), Regular, I-S
Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*), Regular, I-S
Gadwall (*Anas strepera*), Regular, I-S
Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*), Casual, I-S
American Wigeon (*Anas americana*), Regular, I-S
American Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*), Casual, I-S
Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*), Regular, I-S
Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*), Accidental, I-P
Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*), Regular, I-S
Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*), Regular, I-S
Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*), Regular, I-S
Northern Pintail (*Anas acuta*), Regular, I-S
Garganey (*Anas querquedula*), Accidental, I-P
Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*), Regular, I-S
Canvasback (*Aythya valisineria*), Regular, I-S
Redhead (*Aythya americana*), Regular, I-S
Ring-necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*), Regular, I-S
Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*), Accidental, I-P
Greater Scaup (*Aythya marila*), Regular, I-S
Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*), Regular, I-S

King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*), Accidental, I-P
Common Eider (*Somateria mollissima*), Accidental, I-S
Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*), Accidental, I-S
Surf Scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*), Regular, I-S
White-winged Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*), Regular, I-S
Black Scoter (*Melanitta nigra*), Regular, I-S
Long-tailed Duck (*Clangula hyemalis*), Regular, I-S
Bufflehead (*Bucephala albeola*), Regular, I-S
Common Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*), Regular, I-S
Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*), Regular, I-P
Hooded Merganser (*Lophodytes cucullatus*), Regular, I-S
Common Merganser (*Mergus merganser*), Regular, I-S
Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*), Regular, I-S
Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*), Regular, I-S

Order GALLIFORMES

Family Odontophoridae: Quail

Northern Bobwhite (*Colinus virginianus*), Regular, I-S

Family Phasianidae: Partridges, Grouse, and Turkeys

Gray Partridge (*Perdix perdix*), Regular, I-S
Ring-necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*), Regular, I-S
Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*), Extirpated, I-S
Greater Sage-Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*), Accidental, III
Sharp-tailed Grouse (*Tympanuchus phasianellus*), Regular, I-S
Greater Prairie-Chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido*), Regular, I-S
Lesser Prairie-Chicken (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*), Extirpated, I-S
Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*), Regular, I-S

Order GAVIIFORMES

Family Gaviidae: Loons

Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*), Casual, I-P
Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*), Regular, I-P
Common Loon (*Gavia immer*), Regular, I-S
Yellow-billed Loon (*Gavia adamsii*), Accidental, I-P

Order PODICIPEDIFORMES

Family Podicipedidae: Grebes

Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*), Regular, I-S
Horned Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*), Regular, I-S
Red-necked Grebe (*Podiceps grisegena*), Regular, I-P
Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*), Regular, I-S
Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*), Regular, I-S
Clark's Grebe (*Aechmophorus clarkii*), Regular, I-S

Order PELECANIFORMES

Family Pelecanidae: Pelicans

American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*), Regular, I-S

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*), Accidental, I-P

Family Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*), Casual, I-S

Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*), Regular, I-S

Family Anhingidae: Darters

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*), Accidental, I-S

Family Fregatidae: Frigatebirds

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*), Accidental, III

Order CICONIIFORMES

Family Ardeidae: Bitterns and Herons

American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*), Regular, I-S

Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*), Regular, I-S

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*), Regular, I-S

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*), Regular, I-S

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*), Regular, I-P

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*), Regular, I-S

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*), Accidental, I-S

Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*), Accidental, I-P

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*), Regular, I-P

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*), Regular, I-S

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*), Regular, I-S

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*), Regular, I-S

Family Threskiornithidae: Ibises and Spoonbills

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*), Accidental, I-P

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*), Casual, I-P

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*), Regular, I-S

Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*), Accidental, II

Family Ciconiidae: Storks

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*), Accidental, I-P

Order FALCONIFORMES

Family Cathartidae: American Vultures

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*), Accidental, I-S

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*), Regular, I-S

Family Accipitridae: Kites, Hawks, Eagles, and Allies

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*), Regular, I-S

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*), Extirpated, I-S

White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*), Accidental, I-P

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*), Regular, I-S

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), Regular, I-S

Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*), Regular, I-S

Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*), Regular, I-S

Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*), Regular, I-S

Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*), Regular, I-S

Harris's Hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*), Accidental, I-S

Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*), Regular, I-S

Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*), Regular, I-S

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*), Regular, I-S

Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*), Accidental, III

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*), Regular, I-S

Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*), Regular, I-S

Rough-legged Hawk (*Buteo lagopus*), Regular, I-S

Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*), Regular, I-S

Family Falconidae: Falcons

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*), Regular, I-S

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*), Regular, I-S

Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*), Casual, I-S

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*), Regular, I-S

Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*), Regular, I-S

Order GRUIFORMES

Family Rallidae: Rails, Gallinules, and Coots

Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*), Accidental, I-S

Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*), Accidental, I-R

Clapper Rail (*Rallus longirostris*), Accidental, I-S

King Rail (*Rallus elegans*), Casual, I-S

Virginia Rail (*Rallus limicola*), Regular, I-S

Sora (*Porzana carolina*), Regular, I-S

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*), Accidental, III

Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*), Casual, I-S

American Coot (*Fulica americana*), Regular, I-S

Family Gruidae: Cranes

- Sandhill Crane** (*Grus canadensis*), Regular, I-S
Common Crane (*Grus grus*), Accidental, I-P
Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*), Regular, I-S

Order CHARADRIIFORMES

Family Charadriidae: Plovers

- Black-bellied Plover** (*Pluvialis squatarola*), Regular, I-S
American Golden-Plover (*Pluvialis dominica*), Regular, I-S
Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*), Regular, I-S
Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*), Regular, I-S
Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Regular, I-S
Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*), Regular, I-S
Mountain Plover (*Charadrius montanus*), Regular, I-S

Family Recurvirostridae: Stilts and Avocets

- Black-necked Stilt** (*Himantopus mexicanus*), Regular, I-S
American Avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*), Regular, I-S

Family Scolopacidae: Sandpipers and Phalaropes

- Spotted Sandpiper** (*Actitis macularius*), Regular, I-S
Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*), Regular, I-S
Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*), Regular, I-S
Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*), Regular, I-S
Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*), Regular, I-S
Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*), Regular, I-S
Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*), Extirpated, I-S
Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*), Regular, I-S
Long-billed Curlew (*Numenius americanus*), Regular, I-S
Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*), Regular, I-S
Marbled Godwit (*Limosa fedoa*), Regular, I-S
Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*), Regular, I-S
Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*), Casual, I-P
Sanderling (*Calidris alba*), Regular, I-S
Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*), Regular, I-S
Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*), Regular, I-S
Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*), Regular, I-S
White-rumped Sandpiper (*Calidris fuscicollis*), Regular, I-S
Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*), Regular, I-S
Pectoral Sandpiper (*Calidris melanotos*), Regular, I-S
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (*Calidris acuminata*), Accidental, III
Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*), Regular, I-S
Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*), Accidental, I-P
Stilt Sandpiper (*Calidris himantopus*), Regular, I-S
Buff-breasted Sandpiper (*Tryngites subruficollis*), Regular, I-S
Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*), Casual, I-P

Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*), Regular, I-S
Long-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*), Regular, I-S
Wilson's Snipe (*Gallinago delicata*), Regular, I-S
American Woodcock (*Scolopax minor*), Regular, I-S
Wilson's Phalarope (*Phalaropus tricolor*), Regular, I-S
Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*), Regular, I-S
Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicarius*), Casual, I-S

Family Laridae: Gulls and Terns

Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*), Casual, I-S
Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*), Regular, I-S
Bonaparte's Gull (*Chroicocephalus philadelphia*), Regular, I-S
Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*), Accidental, III
Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*), Casual, I-P
Ross's Gull (*Rhodostethia rosea*), Accidental, I-P
Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*), Casual, I-P
Franklin's Gull (*Leucophaeus pipixcan*), Regular, I-S
Mew Gull (*Larus canus*), Casual, I-P
Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*), Regular, I-S
California Gull (*Larus californicus*), Regular, I-S
Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*), Regular, I-S
Thayer's Gull (*Larus thayeri*), Regular, I-P
Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucoides*), Casual, I-P
Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*), Regular, I-P
Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glaucescens*), Accidental, I-P
Glaucous Gull (*Larus hyperboreus*), Regular, I-P
Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*), Regular, I-P
Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*), Regular, I-S
Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*), Regular, I-S
Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*), Regular, I-S
Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*), Regular, I-S
Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*), Accidental, I-P
Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*), Regular, I-S
Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*), Accidental, I-S

Family Stercorariidae: Jaegers

Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*), Casual, I-S
Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*), Accidental, I-S
Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*), Accidental, I-S

Family Alcidae: Auks, Murres, and Allies

Ancient Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus antiquus*), Accidental, I-S

Order COLUMBIFORMES

Family Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves

- Rock Pigeon** (*Columba livia*), Regular, I-S
- Band-tailed Pigeon** (*Patagioenas fasciata*), Accidental, I-P
- Eurasian Collared-Dove** (*Streptopelia decaocto*), Regular, I-P
- White-winged Dove** (*Zenaida asiatica*), Regular, I-P
- Mourning Dove** (*Zenaida macroura*), Regular, I-S
- Passenger Pigeon** (*Ectopistes migratorius*), Extinct, I-S
- Inca Dove** (*Columbina inca*), Casual, I-P
- Common Ground-Dove** (*Columbina passerina*), Accidental, III

Order PSITTACIFORMES

Family Psittacidae: Parrots

- Carolina Parakeet** (*Conuropsis carolinensis*), Extinct, I-S

Order CUCULIFORMES

Family Cuculidae: Cuckoos and Anis

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo** (*Coccyzus americanus*), Regular, I-S
- Black-billed Cuckoo** (*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*), Regular, I-S
- Groove-billed Ani** (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*), Accidental, I-P

Order STRIGIFORMES

Family Tytonidae: Barn Owls

- Barn Owl** (*Tyto alba*), Regular, I-S

Family Strigidae: Typical Owls

- Eastern Screech-Owl** (*Megascops asio*), Regular, I-S
- Great Horned Owl** (*Bubo virginianus*), Regular, I-S
- Snowy Owl** (*Bubo scandiacus*), Regular, I-S
- Northern Hawk Owl** (*Surnia ulula*), Accidental, I-S
- Burrowing Owl** (*Athene cunicularia*), Regular, I-S
- Barred Owl** (*Strix varia*), Regular, I-S
- Great Gray Owl** (*Strix nebulosa*), Accidental, I-S
- Long-eared Owl** (*Asio otus*), Regular, I-S
- Short-eared Owl** (*Asio flammeus*), Regular, I-S
- Boreal Owl** (*Aegolius funereus*), Accidental, I-S
- Northern Saw-whet Owl** (*Aegolius acadicus*), Regular, I-S

Order CAPRIMULGIFORMES

Family Caprimulgidae: Goatsuckers

- Common Nighthawk** (*Chordeiles minor*), Regular, I-S
- Common Poorwill** (*Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*), Regular, I-S
- Chuck-will's-widow** (*Caprimulgus carolinensis*), Regular, I-P
- Whip-poor-will** (*Caprimulgus vociferus*), Regular, I-S

Order APODIFORMES

Family Apodidae: Swifts

Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*), Regular, I-S

White-throated Swift (*Aeronautes saxatalis*), Regular, I-S

Family Trochilidae: Hummingbirds

Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*), Regular, I-S

Costa's Hummingbird (*Calypte costae*), Accidental, I-P

Calliope Hummingbird (*Stellula calliope*), Casual, I-P

Broad-tailed Hummingbird (*Selasphorus platycercus*), Regular, I-P

Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*), Regular, I-S

Order CORACIIFORMES

Family Alcedinidae: Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*), Regular, I-S

Order PICIFORMES

Family Picidae: Woodpeckers

Lewis's Woodpecker (*Melanerpes lewis*), Regular, I-S

Red-headed Woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*), Regular, I-S

Acorn Woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus*), Accidental, I-P

Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*), Regular, I-S

Williamson's Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus thyroideus*), Accidental, I-S

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*), Regular, I-S

Red-naped Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus nuchalis*), Casual, I-S

Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*), Regular, I-S

Hairy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*), Regular, I-S

American Three-toed Woodpecker (*Picoides dorsalis*), Accidental, I-S

Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*), Regular, I-S

Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*), Regular, I-P

Order PASSERIFORMES

Family Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*), Regular, I-S

Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*), Regular, I-S

Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*), Regular, I-S

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*), Casual, I-S

Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virens*), Regular, I-S

Alder Flycatcher (*Empidonax alnorum*), Regular, I-R

Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*), Regular, I-R

Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*), Regular, I-S

Hammond's Flycatcher (*Empidonax hammondi*), Casual, I-S

Gray Flycatcher (*Empidonax wrightii*), Accidental, I-S

Dusky Flycatcher (*Empidonax oberholseri*), Casual, I-P

Cordilleran Flycatcher (*Empidonax occidentalis*), Regular, I-R

Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*), Regular, I-S
Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis saya*), Regular, I-S
Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*), Accidental, I-P
Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*), Accidental, I-P
Great Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*), Regular, I-S
Cassin's Kingbird (*Tyrannus vociferans*), Regular, I-S
Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*), Regular, I-S
Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*), Regular, I-S
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*), Regular, I-P

Family Laniidae: Shrikes

Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*), Regular, I-S
Northern Shrike (*Lanius excubitor*), Regular, I-S

Family Vireonidae: Vireos

White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*), Casual, I-S
Bell's Vireo (*Vireo bellii*), Regular, I-S
Black-capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*), Accidental, I-S
Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*), Regular, I-S
Plumbeous Vireo (*Vireo plumbeus*), Regular, I-S
Cassin's Vireo (*Vireo cassinii*), Regular, I-S
Blue-headed Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*), Regular, I-S
Warbling Vireo (*Vireo gilvus*), Regular, I-S
Philadelphia Vireo (*Vireo philadelphicus*), Regular, I-S
Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*), Regular, I-S

Family Corvidae: Jays, Magpies, and Crows

Gray Jay (*Perisoreus canadensis*), Accidental, III
Steller's Jay (*Cyanocitta stelleri*), Accidental, I-S
Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*), Regular, I-S
Pinyon Jay (*Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus*), Regular, I-S
Clark's Nutcracker (*Nucifraga columbiana*), Regular, I-S
Black-billed Magpie (*Pica hudsonia*), Regular, I-S
American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*), Regular, I-S
Fish Crow (*Corvus ossifragus*), Accidental, III
Chihuahuan Raven (*Corvus cryptoleucus*), Accidental, I-S
Common Raven (*Corvus corax*), Accidental, III

Family Alaudidae: Larks

Horned Lark (*Eremophila alpestris*), Regular, I-S

Family Hirundinidae: Swallows

Purple Martin (*Progne subis*), Regular, I-S
Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*), Regular, I-S
Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*), Regular, I-S

Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*), Regular, I-S
Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*), Regular, I-S
Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*), Regular, I-S
Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*), Accidental, I-P
Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), Regular, I-S

Family Paridae: Chickadees and Titmice

Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*), Regular, I-S
Mountain Chickadee (*Poecile gambeli*), Casual, I-S
Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*), Regular, I-S

Family Sittidae: Nuthatches

Red-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta canadensis*), Regular, I-S
White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*), Regular, I-S
Pygmy Nuthatch (*Sitta pygmaea*), Regular, I-S

Family Certhiidae: Creepers

Brown Creeper (*Certhia americana*), Regular, I-S

Family Troglodytidae: Wrens

Rock Wren (*Salpinctes obsoletus*), Regular, I-S
Canyon Wren (*Catherpes mexicanus*), Accidental, I-P
Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*), Regular, I-S
Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*), Casual, I-P
House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*), Regular, I-S
Winter Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*), Regular, I-S
Sedge Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*), Regular, I-S
Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*), Regular, I-S

Family Cinclidae: Dippers

American Dipper (*Cinclus mexicanus*), Accidental, I-S

Family Regulidae: Kinglets

Golden-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus satrapa*), Regular, I-S
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*), Regular, I-S

Family Sylviidae: Gnatcatchers

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila caerulea*), Regular, I-S

Family Turdidae: Thrushes and Allies

Eastern Bluebird (*Sialia sialis*), Regular, I-S
Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*), Regular, I-S

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*), Regular, I-S
Veery (*Catharus fuscescens*), Regular, I-S
Gray-cheeked Thrush (*Catharus minimus*), Regular, I-S
Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*), Regular, I-S
Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*), Regular, I-S
Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*), Regular, I-S
American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*), Regular, I-S
Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*), Casual, I-S

Family Mimidae: Mockingbirds and Thrashers

Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*), Regular, I-S
Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*), Regular, I-S
Sage Thrasher (*Oreoscoptes montanus*), Regular, I-S
Brown Thrasher (*Toxostoma rufum*), Regular, I-S
Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*), Accidental, I-S

Family Sturnidae: Starlings

European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), Regular, I-S

Family Motacillidae: Pipits

American Pipit (*Anthus rubescens*), Regular, I-S
Sprague's Pipit (*Anthus spragueii*), Regular, I-S

Family Bombycillidae: Waxwings

Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*), Casual, I-S
Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*), Regular, I-S

Family Ptilonotidae: Silky-flycatchers

Phainopepla (*Phainopepla nitens*), Accidental, I-P

Family Parulidae: Wood Warblers

Blue-winged Warbler (*Vermivora pinus*), Regular, I-S
Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*), Casual, I-S
Tennessee Warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*), Regular, I-S
Orange-crowned Warbler (*Vermivora celata*), Regular, I-S
Nashville Warbler (*Vermivora ruficapilla*), Regular, I-S
Virginia's Warbler (*Vermivora virginiae*), Casual, III
Northern Parula (*Parula americana*), Regular, I-S
Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*), Regular, I-S
Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Dendroica pensylvanica*), Regular, I-S
Magnolia Warbler (*Dendroica magnolia*), Regular, I-S
Cape May Warbler (*Dendroica tigrina*), Casual, I-S
Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Dendroica caerulescens*), Regular, I-S
Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Dendroica coronata*), Regular, I-S

Black-throated Gray Warbler (*Dendroica nigrescens*), Casual, I-P
Black-throated Green Warbler (*Dendroica virens*), Regular, I-S
Townsend's Warbler (*Dendroica townsendi*), Regular, I-S
Hermit Warbler (*Dendroica occidentalis*), Accidental, III
Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*), Regular, I-S
Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*), Regular, I-P
Grace's Warbler (*Dendroica graciae*), Accidental, I-P
Pine Warbler (*Dendroica pinus*), Casual, I-P
Prairie Warbler (*Dendroica discolor*), Accidental, I-P
Palm Warbler (*Dendroica palmarum*), Regular, I-S
Bay-breasted Warbler (*Dendroica castanea*), Regular, I-S
Blackpoll Warbler (*Dendroica striata*), Regular, I-S
Cerulean Warbler (*Dendroica cerulea*), Regular, I-S
Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*), Regular, I-S
American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*), Regular, I-S
Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*), Regular, I-S
Worm-eating Warbler (*Helminthos vermivorum*), Casual, I-P
Swainson's Warbler (*Limnithlypis swainsonii*), Accidental, I-S
Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*), Regular, I-S
Northern Waterthrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*), Regular, I-S
Louisiana Waterthrush (*Seiurus motacilla*), Regular, I-S
Kentucky Warbler (*Oporornis formosus*), Regular, I-S
Connecticut Warbler (*Oporornis agilis*), Casual, I-P
Mourning Warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*), Regular, I-S
MacGillivray's Warbler (*Oporornis tolmiei*), Regular, I-S
Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*), Regular, I-S
Hooded Warbler (*Wilsonia citrina*), Regular, I-S
Wilson's Warbler (*Wilsonia pusilla*), Regular, I-S
Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia canadensis*), Regular, I-S
Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*), Regular, I-S

Family Emberizidae: Towhees, Sparrows and Longspurs

Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*), Regular, I-S
Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*), Regular, I-S
Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*), Regular, I-S
Cassin's Sparrow (*Aimophila cassinii*), Regular, I-P
American Tree Sparrow (*Spizella arborea*), Regular, I-S
Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*), Regular, I-S
Clay-colored Sparrow (*Spizella pallida*), Regular, I-S
Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*), Regular, I-S
Field Sparrow (*Spizella pusilla*), Regular, I-S
Vesper Sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*), Regular, I-S
Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*), Regular, I-S
Black-throated Sparrow (*Amphispiza bilineata*), Accidental, I-P
Sage Sparrow (*Amphispiza belli*), Accidental, III
Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*), Regular, I-S
Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*), Regular, I-S
Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*), Regular, I-S
Baird's Sparrow (*Ammodramus bairdii*), Casual, I-S

Henslow's Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*), Regular, I-S
Le Conte's Sparrow (*Ammodramus leconteii*), Regular, I-S
Nelson's Sparrow (*Ammodramus nelsoni*), Regular, I-S
Fox Sparrow (*Passerella iliaca*), Regular, I-S
Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*), Regular, I-S
Lincoln's Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolni*), Regular, I-S
Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*), Regular, I-S
White-throated Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*), Regular, I-S
Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*), Regular, I-S
White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*), Regular, I-S
Golden-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*), Accidental, I-P
Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*), Regular, I-S
McCown's Longspur (*Calcarius mccownii*), Regular, I-S
Lapland Longspur (*Calcarius lapponicus*), Regular, I-S
Smith's Longspur (*Calcarius pictus*), Casual, I-S
Chestnut-collared Longspur (*Calcarius ornatus*), Regular, I-S
Snow Bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*), Regular, I-S

Family Cardinalidae: Cardinals and Allies

Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*), Accidental, I-P
Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*), Regular, I-S
Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*), Regular, I-S
Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*), Regular, I-S
Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*), Regular, I-S
Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*), Regular, I-S
Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*), Regular, I-S
Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*), Regular, I-S
Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*), Regular, I-S
Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*), Regular, I-S
Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*), Accidental, I-S
Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*), Regular, I-S

Family Icteridae: Meadowlarks, Blackbirds, Orioles, and Allies

Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*), Regular, I-S
Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*), Regular, I-S
Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*), Regular, I-S
Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*), Regular, I-S
Yellow-headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*), Regular, I-S
Rusty Blackbird (*Euphagus carolinus*), Regular, I-S
Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*), Regular, I-S
Common Grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula*), Regular, I-S
Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*), Regular, I-S
Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*), Regular, I-S
Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*), Regular, I-S
Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*), Regular, I-S
Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*), Regular, I-S
Scott's Oriole (*Icterus parisorum*), Accidental, III

Family Fringillidae: Finches

Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*), Accidental, I-P
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (*Leucosticte tephrocotis*), Regular, I-S
Black Rosy-Finch (*Leucosticte atrata*), Accidental, I-P
Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*), Accidental, I-S
Purple Finch (*Carpodacus purpureus*), Regular, I-S
Cassin's Finch (*Carpodacus cassinii*), Casual, I-S
House Finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus*), Regular, I-S
Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*), Regular, I-S
White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*), Casual, I-S
Common Redpoll (*Acanthis flammea*), Regular, I-S
Hoary Redpoll (*Acanthis hornemanni*), Accidental, I-P
Pine Siskin (*Spinus pinus*), Regular, I-S
Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*), Casual, I-P
American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*), Regular, I-S
Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*), Casual, I-S

Family Passeridae: Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), Regular, I-S
Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*), Accidental, I-P

ACCIDENTAL AND CASUAL SPECIES FOR WHICH THE
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Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Anhinga
Taiga Bean-Goose	Frigatebird species
Emperor Goose	Tricolored Heron
Brant	Reddish Egret
Eurasian Wigeon	White Ibis
American Black Duck	Glossy Ibis
Mottled Duck	Roseate Spoonbill
Garganey	Wood Stork
Tufted Duck	Black Vulture
King Eider	White-tailed Kite
Common Eider	Harris's Hawk
Harlequin Duck	Zone-tailed Hawk
Greater Sage-Grouse	Gyr Falcon
Red-throated Loon	Yellow Rail
Yellow-billed Loon	Black Rail
Brown Pelican	Clapper Rail
Neotropic Cormorant	King Rail

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Purple Gallinule	Mountain Chickadee
Common Moorhen	Canyon Wren
Common Crane	Bewick's Wren
Red Knot	American Dipper
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Varied Thrush
Curlew Sandpiper	Curve-billed Thrasher
Ruff	Bohemian Waxwing
Red Phalarope	Phainopepla
Black-legged Kittiwake	Blue-winged Warbler
Black-headed Gull	Virginia's Warbler
Little Gull	Cape May Warbler
Ross's Gull	Black-throated Gray Warbler
Laughing Gull	Hermit Warbler
Mew Gull	Pine Warbler
Glaucous-winged Gull	Grace's Warbler
Arctic Tern	Prairie Warbler
Royal Tern	Worm-eating Warbler
Pomarine Jaeger	Swainson's Warbler
Parasitic Jaeger	Connecticut Warbler
Long-tailed Jaeger	Hepatic Tanager
Ancient Murrelet	Black-throated Sparrow
Band-tailed Pigeon	Sage Sparrow
Inca Dove	Baird's Sparrow
Common Ground-Dove	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Groove-billed Ani	Smith's Longspur
Northern Hawk Owl	Painted Bunting
Great Gray Owl	Scott's Oriole
Boreal Owl	Brambling
Costa's Hummingbird	Black Rosy-Finch
Calliope Hummingbird	Pine Grosbeak
Acorn Woodpecker	Cassin's Finch
Williamson's Sapsucker	White-winged Crossbill
Red-naped Sapsucker	Hoary Redpoll
American Three-toed Woodpecker	Lesser Goldfinch
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Evening Grosbeak
Hammond's Flycatcher	Eurasian Tree Sparrow
Gray Flycatcher	
Dusky Flycatcher	
Vermilion Flycatcher	
Ash-throated Flycatcher	
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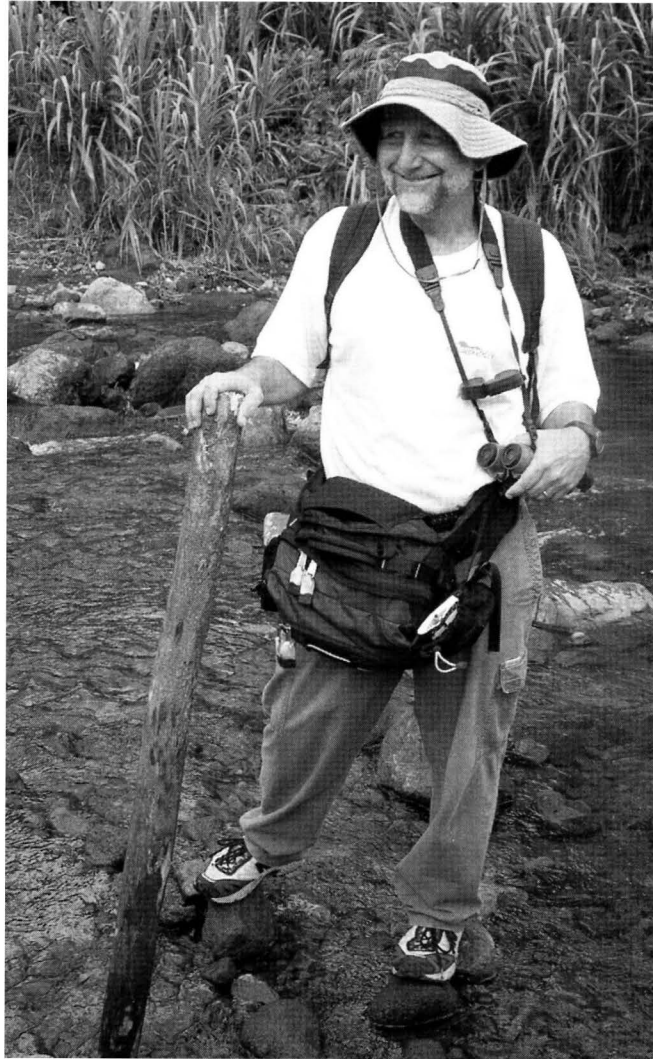
When I took on the job of editor of the *The Nebraska Bird Review*, it was obvious right away that I could use some help. Steve Dinsmore had been assisting our previous editor, Bill Clemente, for two years, and he graciously agreed to continue. Now, seven years later, Steve is bowing out. His other responsibilities include being an associate professor in the Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management Iowa State University, where he supervises the work of five graduate students, continuing his own research on Mountain Plovers, leading the Iowa Ornithologists' Union as their president, editing *Iowa Bird Life*, and having a new baby at home. It was hard to argue against his assertion that he no longer has time to assist with the *NBR*.

Steve read every manuscript we published. His comments and constructive criticism were of great value to me and made the *NBR* a much better journal than it would have been without his input. His credentials (B.S., Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from Iowa State University; M.S., Zoology [Minor in Statistics] from North Carolina State University; Ph.D., Fishery and Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University) attest to his experience and abilities.



Stephen J. Dinsmore on Horn Island, MS, 2004. Photo by Don McKee.

After seven years of working with Steve, I'm a better editor but I can still benefit from a real biologist looking over my shoulder. I am pleased to announce that with this issue, Joe Gubanyi is the new technical editor of the *NBR*. Joe is a professor of biology in the Natural Science Department at Concordia University in Seward. He has a B.S. Ed. from Concordia, an M.S. and a Ph.D in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He has taught biology, genetics, ecology, vertebrate zoology, and ornithology and has led study tours to Belize and Costa Rica. He is the compiler of the Branched Oak-Seward Christmas Bird Count and participates in both



Joe Gubanyi at Volcan Arenal, Costa Rica, 2005.

the North American Breeding Bird Survey and the Nebraska Breeding Bird Atlas Project. He lives in Seward, where he and his wife Heidi have raised 4 children. He studied Barn Owls in Lincoln County for his M.S. and the effect of high deer populations on bird communities for his Ph.D. He loves helping students pursue opportunities in ornithology and field biology. As an active Nebraska birder and a member of the NOU Records Committee, Joe has the knowledge and experience to be an asset to the editorial staff of the *NBR*. I look forward to working with him.

--Editor

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