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FALL FIELD DAYS AT HARLAN COUNTY RESERVOIR

The annual Fall Field Days were held on September 9-11, 2005, at the 4-H Camp near Alma. Field trip destinations included Harlan County Reservoir and various other points of interest in Furnas, Harlan, Franklin, Phelps, Kearney and Adams Counties. The total tally was 119 species, including Snowy Egret, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Mississippi Kite, Prairie Falcon and Olive-sided Flycatcher

Fifty-four members and guests attended. On Friday the group heard from Dr. Josef Kren on the topic of obligate brood parasites, species that have lost the ability to construct nests and incubate eggs and instead lay eggs in the nests of other species, and non-obligate brood parasites, species that lay eggs both in their own nests in the nests of other members of their own species.

On Saturday, Joel Jorgensen talked about his research on the importance of the Rainwater Basin as a stopover site during the migration of Buff-breasted Sandpipers. The world population of Buff-breasted Sandpipers is declining and is currently estimated at only 15,000, many of which use agricultural fields of the Rainwater Basin as they pass through Nebraska.

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	Harlan	Phelps	Franklin	Furnas	Kearney	Adams
Greater White-fronted Goose						x
Snow Goose						x
Canada Goose	x					
Wood Duck	x					
Gadwall	x	x				
Mallard	x	x				x
Blue-winged Teal	x	x				x
Northern Pintail	x					
Green-winged Teal	x					
Ring-necked Pheasant		x	x			
Greater Prairie-Chicken		x				
Wild Turkey	x		x	x		
Northern Bobwhite		x	x	x		
Pied-billed Grebe				x		
American White Pelican	x			x		x
Double-crested Cormorant	x					
Great Blue Heron	x	x	x			x
Great Egret	x					x
Snowy Egret	x					
Cattle Egret	x					x
Green Heron	x					x
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		x				
<i>Plegadis sp.</i>	x	x				
White-faced Ibis	x					
Turkey Vulture	x		x	x		
Osprey	x		x	x		
Mississippi Kite	x					
Bald Eagle	x					
Northern Harrier	x	x			x	x
Sharp-shinned Hawk	x					
Cooper's Hawk	x	x			x	
Swainson's Hawk	x				x	
Red-tailed Hawk	x	x	x	x	x	x
American Kestrel	x		x	x	x	x
Merlin	x					x
Prairie Falcon			x			
American Coot	x					x
American Golden-Plover					x	
Killdeer	x	x	x	x	x	x
Greater Yellowlegs		x				x
Lesser Yellowlegs		x				
Solitary Sandpiper		x				

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Spotted Sandpiper	x	x				x
Semipalmated Sandpiper					x	
Least Sandpiper	x				x	
Baird's Sandpiper	x	x				
Stilt Sandpiper		x				
Long-billed Dowitcher		x				
Wilson's Snipe		x				
Franklin's Gull	x					
Ring-billed Gull	x					
Forster's Tern	x					
Black Tern	x					
Rock Pigeon	x	x	x	x		x
Eurasian Collared-Dove	x	x		x		
Mourning Dove	x	x	x	x	x	x
Great Horned Owl	x					
Short-eared Owl	x					
Common Nighthawk	x			x		
Chimney Swift	x	x		x		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	x					
Belted Kingfisher	x			x		
Red-headed Woodpecker	x	x	x	x		x
Red-bellied Woodpecker	x					
Downy Woodpecker	x					
Hairy Woodpecker	x	x				
Northern Flicker	x	x	x	x		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	x			x		
Western Wood-pewee				x		
Eastern Wood-pewee	x					
Eastern Phoebe	x	x		x		
Say's Phoebe	x			x		
Great Crested Flycatcher	x					
Western Kingbird	x			x		
Eastern Kingbird	x			x	x	
<i>Empidonax sp.</i>	x					
Loggerhead Shrike	x	x	x	x		x
Warbling Vireo	x					
Red-eyed Vireo	x					
Blue Jay	x	x	x	x	x	
American Crow	x		x			
Horned Lark	x					x
Purple Martin	x			x		
Tree Swallow	x			x		

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N. Rough-winged Swallow	x					
Bank Swallow	x	x	x			
Cliff Swallow	x	x				
Barn Swallow	x	x	x	x	x	x
Black-capped Chickadee	x			x		
White-breasted Nuthatch	x	x	x	x		
House Wren	x			x		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	x					
Eastern Bluebird	x			x		
American Robin	x	x	x	x	x	x
Gray Catbird	x			x		
Brown Thrasher	x	x	x	x		
European Starling	x	x	x	x		x
American Redstart	x					
Wilson's Warbler	x			x		
Eastern Towhee	x					
Chipping Sparrow	x	x		x		
Clay-colored Sparrow		x	x	x		
Field Sparrow	x		x			
Vesper Sparrow	x		x			
Lark Sparrow	x				x	
Grasshopper Sparrow				x		
Song Sparrow	x					
White-crowned Sparrow				x		
Northern Cardinal	x		x	x		
Blue Grosbeak		x				
Indigo Bunting			x			
Red-winged Blackbird	x	x	x		x	x
Western Meadowlark	x		x	x		x
Yellow-headed Blackbird	x					x
Common Grackle	x	x	x	x		
Brown-headed Cowbird	x		x	x	x	x
Baltimore Oriole	x	x		x		
House Finch	x	x				
American Goldfinch	x	x	x	x		x
House Sparrow	x	x	x	x	x	x
County totals	97	47	34	48	18	31
Total species	119					