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The weather was bright and clear for the 75 people who attended some part of the 1987 Fall Field Day at the 4-H Camp at Halsey National Forest 3 and 4 October. It was nice to have Mrs. Gross, who broke her leg at the Valentine meeting, among those attending. Her leg was progressing according to schedule, although she still used a crutch, There was the usual slide show Saturday night, the rest of the time was for birding, including banding. The Executive Board decided to have the terms of members of the Records Committee start and expire with the spring meeting, rather than at the fall meeting, as at present.

Eighty-seven (and the possibility that at least one of the Meadowlark was an Eastern) species were recorded on or immediately adjacent to the Forest, and 12 (marked *) were recorded only from off the Forest. count compares with 69 in 1986 and 72 in 1985. The species reported were: Pied-billed Grebe*, American White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Canada Goose*, Wood Duck, Mallard, Northern Pintail*, American Wigeon*, Ruddy Duck*, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier; Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Swainson's, and Red-tailed Hawks; Golden Eagle, American Kestrel, Merlin, Prairie Falcon, Ring-necked Pheasant, Greater Prairie-Chicken, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Northern Bobwhite, American Coot*, Sandhill Crane*, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Dowitcher sp., Ring-billed Gull*; Rock and Mourning Doves; Black-billed Cuckoo, Common Barn-Owl, Eastern Screech-Owl; Great Horned and Burrowing Owls; Common Poorwill, Belted Kingfisher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers; Northern Flicker, Western Kingbird, Horned Lark, Barn Swallow, Blue Jay, Black-billed Magpie, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee; Red-breasted and White-breasted Nuthatches; Brown Creeper; Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets; Eastern and Mountain Bluebirds; Townsend's Solitaire, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Water Pipit*, Cedar Waxwing, Loggerhead Shrike, European Starling*; Tennessee, Orange-crowned, Nashville, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Green, and Connecticut Warblers; Common Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Northern Cardinal, Rufous-sided Towhee; Chipping, Clay-colored, Field, Vesper, Lark*, Savannah*, Grasshopper, Song, Lincoln's, Swamp, White-throated, White-crowned, and Harris' Sparrows; Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Meadowlark sp., Western Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Red Crossbill, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, and House Sparrow.