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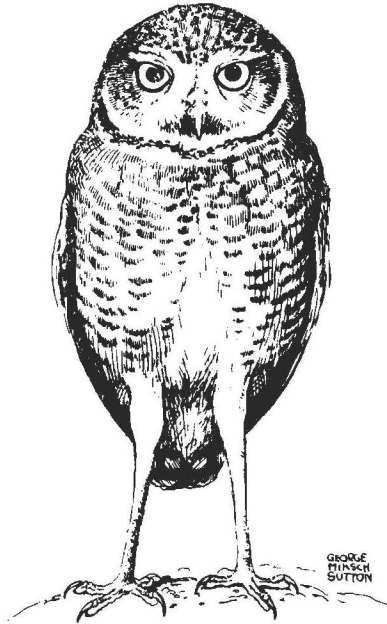
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1989 (SIXTY-FOURTH) SPRING OCCURRENCE REPORT

Two hundred and eighty-nine species (plus the possibility that the Empidonax sp. was one not listed) are listed in this report, from 13 locations, plus 36 counties reported in 7 "spot check" columns or as notes in regular columns. In 1988 there were 306 species from 15 locations plus 13 "spot check" columns involving 34 counties; in 1987 288 species from 13 locations and 6 "spot check" columns involving 9 counties; 1986 304 from 13 locations and 9 "spot check" columns involving 24 counties; and 1985 296 from 13 locations and 9 "spot check" columns (plus additions on *NBR* 53:70) involving 22 counties.

The "spot check" columns are for infrequent visits to an area, and the lack of an entry for a particular species may be due to visits at the wrong time, or inadequate observing time. The average reader can just take the symbols in these columns as indicating that the species was present; those who want to know when and in which county can get that information from the symbols, which are given separately for each column. The symbols have different significance in each column.

The symbols used in the regular columns are:  
Ja, Fe, Mr, Ap, My, and Je for the months.

F Lan-	Da-	W Doug.	Cass		
caster	kota	a Sarpy			
-	-	Mr 27	-	-	Ap 8
-	Mr 16	Mr 25	n Mr 13	My 2	
	My 10	My 11	My 11		
-	Ap 12	Ap 3	- Ap 6	-	
	Ap 14	Ap 15	Ap 11		
-	Ap 11	Ap 4	- Ap 6	Ap 15	
	My 19	Ap 29	My 6		
-	-	Je 14	m Ap 25	-	
			My 6		
-	Mr 24	Ap 8	n Ap 14	My 7	
	Je 30	MY 7	Je 25		
-	Mr 24	Ap 5	n Ap 9	Ap 14	
	Je 30	My 7	My 11	My 6	
-	-	-	- Ap 30	-	
-	-	-	-	-	
d Mr 10	Ap 1	n Mr 24	Ap 28		
Ny 31	- S	Je 29	Je 15		
-	Ap 17	Ap 1	- Ap 8	-	
	Je 26	My 7	My 9		
-	Ap 16	-	n Ap 29	-	
	Je 2		My 6		
-	-	-	- Ap 28	-	
			Ap 29		
-	-	My 7	-	-	
d My 6	Ap 30	o Ap 27	My 2		
My 24	- S	Je 28	Je 18		
-	-	-	- Ap 21	-	
			Ap*26		
-	-	-	- Ap 26	-	
			Je*14		

NR for species which the observer believes are there, but did not record.

P to indicate a species which is present all of the year, although the same individuals may not be present during the whole year, and the numbers may vary greatly.

(p) for probable permanent species for which reports were not spread over the whole period.

R in the Sioux and Dawes columns for species recorded in the northern parts of the respective counties in the last third of June.

S to indicate the compiler knows the species remained after 30 June, but the lack of such indication does not necessarily mean the species did not remain.

W - to indicate the species was present before 1 January.

W - S to indicate a species which arrived before 1 January and stayed after 30 June. It is similar to P, but the pattern is not always true.

X in the Cass column to indicate observations in Otoe Co. 16 June.

x and a month indicates that the exact date in the month was not reported.

+ in the Whooping Crane line to indicate locations on the tabulation mentioned in the Whooping Crane Report, page 82. Other locations, not on the tabulation, are also mentioned. Only those dates given on the individual column reports are shown on the tabulation.

\* to indicate a comment in the text.

The number of species reported, contributors (to the extent known), and special comments are (spot check columns are given at the end):

Antelope, see E.  
Box Butte, Alliance. 67 species, Doug G. Thomas, reporter.

Boyd, see D.

Buffalo, see B.

Butler, see Sharp-shinned note in Lancaster.

Cass, Elmwood, 169 species and the possibility that the Empidonax species was one not listed, Gertrude Wood, reporter, Alan Grenon, David Stage. X indicates observations in Otoe Co. (immediately south) by David Stage Je 16. Mrs. Wood saw the Black-throated Blue Warbler at Platte



F	Lan-	Da-	W	Doug.	Cass		
caster	kota	a	Sarpy				
-	-	-	-	Ap 21	-		River State Park for about 10 minutes, with 7x35 and 8x50 binoculars.
-	-	-	-	-	-		Cedar, Laurel, 160 species, David Stage, reporter. The Red Crossbills were reported at a feeder in Hartington in the month of February.
-	-	-	-	-	-		Chase, see A.
-	-	-	-	Fe 26	-		Clay, see E.
-	W -	Ap 8	-	Mr 10	Ap 8		Cuming, see F.
My 6	Ap 28			Ap 11			Custer, see B.
-	W -	Ja 21	a	W -	Mr 11		Dakota, South Sioux City, 178 species, Bill Huser, reporter, Jerry L. Probst. All species marked * were also recorded Ja 21, just before Snyder's Bend froze up. The Black-billed Magpie dates are estimated from a dead nestling found in their last year's nest. The birds themselves were neither seen nor heard.
Ap 16	Ap 28		h	Je 30			Dawes, Crawford, 78 species, Jim Minyard, reporter, and observations (marked R) by Larry Einemann in the northern part of the county the last third of June (Fort Robinson and Chadron State Parks, Crawford, and Chadron).
-	-	-	-	a	-		Dixon, see F.
-	-	-	-	c	-		Douglas, (and Sarpy), 226 species and the possibility that the Empidonax species was not one listed, Tanya Bray, R. G. Cortelyou, Alan Grenon, Ruth Green, Clyde and Emma Johnson, Babs and Loren Padelford, reporters, Bill Adler, Duane Bright, George and Marian Brown, Kathleen Crawford-Rose, Julie Eilers, Sam and Essie Grill, Jackie Howe, Phil Swanson. A Black-crowned Night-Heron was also reported Je 26, a Killdeer on Ja 31, a Ring-billed Gull Ja 20, a Coot Ja 1, and a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Ja 8.
-	-	-	-	b	-		Dundy, see A.
-	P	Ja 15	a	W -	Mr 10		Furnas, see C.
	My 6	n	My 6				Gage, see Robin note in Lancaster.
d	Mr 18	Mr 14	n	Ja 29	Mr 21		Garfield, see B.
My 21	-	S		Je 30	Je 15		Greeley, see D.
-	W -	Ap 11	-	W -	Ap 1		Hall (and Howard), Grand Island and Cairo, 127 species, Helen Seim, Wm. W. Lemburg, reporters, Norris Alfred, Paul Bedell, Linda Flaheerty, Drew Justin, Pat Scroggins, Ruth Strauch, David Stage. The Loon was in breeding plumage. A Wood Duck was reported Ja 14.
My 13	My 6		My 16				Hamilton, see Polk.
-	-	Ap 11	a	W -	-		Harlan, see C.
			Mr 11				Hayes, see A.
a	P	Mr*14	a	W -	Mr 11		Hitchcock, see A.
b	my 11	o	Je 27	My 2			Holt, see D.
-	W -	Mr 14	a	Ja 1	Mr 11		Howard, see Hall.
Ap 8	Mr 21	h	Mr 21				Knox, Creighton, 169 species, Mark A. Brogie, reporter, Ed. M. Brogie, Ellen Brogie, Lona Schrier, Larry Roper.
-	Mr 23	Mr 30	n	Mr 18	Mr 20		Lancaster, Lincoln, 192 species, Tanya Bray, Mabel B. Ott, Larry Einemann, Norma Johnson, Paul and Karla Kaufman, Thomas E. Labeledz, Babs and Loren Padelford, reporters. A Hooded Merganser was also reported Je 2. Russ and Carol Krupicka, Rising City, Butler Co., had a Sharp-shinned Hawk taking sparrows in their back yard in mid-February. The Prairie Falcon was seen in the vicinity of 33rd and Holdrege for several days by John Dinan and other Game Commission employees. A Franklin's Gull was reported Ja 24, a Ring-billed Ja 31, and a Herring Ja 4. A Snowy Owl was
-	Je 26	My 11	Je 2	Je 24			
-	-	Ap 24	-	-	-		
-	-	Ap 26	-	-	-		
-	Mr 8	Mr 14	a	Mr 12	Ap 15		
-	My 31	My 11	n	My 11			
-	W -	Mr*16	n	Ja 1	-		
My 13	Ap 29		My 11				
-	W -	Mr*16	h	W -	-		
My 10	Ap 25	n	My 27				
-	Mr 12	Mr 14	-	Mr 11	Ap 2		
Ap 14	My 7		My 2				
-	Mr 16	Fe*26	b	Mr 4	-		
My 6	Ap 18		My 7				
-	Mr 12	Fe*26	a	Mr 7	Ap 2		
Ap 16	Ap 20	d	Ap 30				
-	-	-	a	-	-		
-	-	-	b	-	-		
-	Mr 7	Mr 14	a	Fe 1	Ap 2		
My 11	My 1		My 11				
-	-	-	-	Mr 11	-		
-	W -	-	a	W -	-		
Ap 16	Ap 26	h	My 6				
-	-	-	b	-	-		
-	-	-	d	-	-		

	Scotts Sioux	Bluff	Dawes	Box Butte	A	Lin- coln	B	C	D	Hall Howard	Knox	E	Polk	Cedar
Bufflehead	Ap 19 My 8	Mr 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mr 25 Ap 5	Ap 4 Ap 29	-	Mr 19 Ap 9	W - Ap 27
Hooded Merganser	Ap 18	Mr 20 Ap 5	-	-	-	My 13 My 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mr 23 Mr 31
Common Merganser	Ap 1	W - My 8	-	-	-	My 1 My 20	-	-	-	Fe 11 Mr 14	Ja 21 Ap 9	-	Mr 19 Ap 9	Mr 16 My 6
Red-breasted Merganser	-	Mr 27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mr 23 Mr 31
Ruddy Duck	Ap 15 R	Mr 20 Je 13	-	-	-	My 2 My 20	-	-	-	-	Ap 4 Je 24	-	Ap 16 My 6	Mr 23 My 6
Turkey Vulture	Ap 27 R	Ap 7 Je 30	Je 3 JeR30	-	G o	Ap 25 Je 30	a c	b e	-	Ap 4 My 29	Ap 9 My 13	-	My 21 S	Ap 28 My 6
Osprey	Ap 24 Ap 25	Ap 19	-	-	-	My 29 My 30	-	-	-	Ap 13	-	-	My 6	-
Bald Eagle	-	W - Mr 20	Ap 13 Je 20	-	-	W - Mr 15	-	-	-	W - Ap 9	Ja 21 Ap 4	-	W - Mr 18	W - Ja 28
Northern Harrier	(p)	W - Ja 4	-	Mr 12	-	My 2 Je 30	-	-	-	W - Ja 14	Mr 10 My 7	-	Fe 5 Ap 16	W - Je 2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	Mr 3 Mr 13	-	-	m	-	-	-	-	Fe 1 Fe 18	Fe 21	-	Mr 18	-
Cooper's Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	Fe 18 Ap 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap*16 Ap 30	Ja 4 Ap 26
Red-shouldered Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 4	-	-	-	-
Broad-winged Hawk	-	Ap*29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 6
Swainson's Hawk	Mr 26	Ap 13 Je 7	-	Ap 18 Je 30	A m	My 1 Je 30	-	b e	n e	Ap 4	Ap 4 My 3	-	Ap 9 My 6	Mr 31 Je 13
Red-tailed Hawk	-	Mr 24 R Je 17	P	Mr 24 Je 30	z o	My 1 Je 10	K e	c e	i e	My 3	W - My 13	d	P	P
Ferruginous Hawk	Ap 1	-	-	-	m n	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rough-legged Hawk	Mr 20	Fe 28	-	-	-	Mr 15 Ap 3	-	-	-	Ja 8 Ap 4	Fe 8 Mr 31	-	W - Mr 18	Mr 16 Mr 23
Golden Eagle	(p)	W - Mr 18	Fe 18 My 5	-	k	-	-	-	-	W - Ja 14	W - Ja 15	-	-	-
American Kestrel	(p) R	P	Ap 10 JeR30	Ap 9 Je 30	G S	P	M e	a e	k e	Ja 5	Ja 2 Ap 18	c	Ja 1 -S	P
Merlin	-	Ja 22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ja 28	-	-	Mr 20
Peregrine Falcon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 29	-	-	-	-
Prairie Falcon	Mr 28	P	-	-	-	-	-	a *	-	Fe 2 Mr 12	Ja 30	-	Ja 15	-
Gray Partridge	--	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 18 My 13	-	*	P
Ring-necked Pheasant	(p)	P	P R	P	C U	P	R g	- g	(p) e	(p)	P	c	P	P

F Lan- caster	Da- kota	W Doug. a Sarpy	Cass a Sarpy		
- Mr 12 Ap 17	Mr 14 Ap 23	n	Mr 12 Ap 30	Ap 2	reported Mr 13, just over the Saunders Co. line, near Valparaiso. Lena Harden reported nearly countless Robins in their yard in Blue Springs, Gage Co. in mid-January. A Red-winged Blackbird was reported Ja 15 and a Cowbird Ja 7. A female Evening Grosbeak that spent the winter at feeders in Seward, Seward Co., was reported to Joe Gubanyi Ap 10.
- Mr 19 - Mr*24	Mr 19 Mr 21	d	Ja 1 My 11	Ap 3	
- W - Ap 14	W - Mr 24	a	W - n Mr 26	Ap 2	Lincoln, North Platte, 116 species, Mrs. Howard Wyman, reporter, David Stage.
- -	Ap 23 Ap 28	-	Mr 24 My 6	-	Logan, see B. Loup, see B.
- Ap 5 My 13	Mr 21 Ap 29	n	Mr 18 My 27	Ap 8	Madison, see E. Merrick, see E. Otoe, see note on X in Cass.
- Ap 4 Je 30	Ap 30 - S	n	Mr 26 Je 27	Ap 13 Je 30	Perkins, see A. Phelps, see C.
- -	My 7	n	Ap 27 My 11	Ap 8	Pierce, see E. Platte, see E.
- W - Mr 24	W - Ap 3	a	W - h Mr 25	Ja 5 Ap 8	Polk (and adjacent parts of Hamilton and York counties), Polk, 147 species, Norris Alfred, reporter, Jim and Jan Burch, Swede Lind, Barbara Lucas, Lee and Shirley Morris, David Stage, Steve Wilson. A Great Blue Heron, a Cooper's Hawk and an Eastern Bluebird were reported on Ja 1. Jim Morris saw what he thought were Gray Partridges near Benedict, York Co., about Mr 13. At the annual Meeting Lee Morris reported that he had seen very few Buff-breasted Sandpipers, and thought he had missed the flight because it was so late, but after he got home the main flight came through. A Mourning Dove and a Towhee were reported Ja 22. White-breasted Nuthatch, Robin, and Harris' Sparrow were reported through Ja 22, and Cedar Waxwing through Ja 15.
- W - Ap 5	-	h	Ja 3 Ap 23	Mr 8 Je 3	Red Willow, see C. Sarpy, see Douglas.
- W*- Ja 21	-	-	W - Mr 17	Ja 1 Je 30	Saunders, see note on Snowy Owl in Lancaster.
- W - My 6	-	-	Mr 5 Ap 8	Ja 6	Scotts Bluff, Gering, 154 species, Alice Kenitz, reporter, Joyce Brashear, Felix Koenig, Lucy Koenig, Nora Mae Vance. The Great Egret was seen south of Gering, the Snowy Egret north of Morrill, the Broad-winged Hawk east of Scottsbluff, on the North Platte River, and the Snowy Owl at Lake Minatare. An Indigo Bunting was at a feeder in Mitchell, but the date was not recorded.
- -	-	-	W - Je 1	Je 8	Seward, see note on Evening Grosbeak in Lancaster.
- -	My 7	-	Ap 16 My 19	Ap 29	Sherman, see B.
- W - Ja 18	Ap 30 My 7	-	Ap 20 My 9	Ap 18	Sioux, (Mitchell is the Hughson's post office, but they live in southern Sioux Co.), 151 species, Helen and David Hughson, reporters, and observations (marked R) by Larry Einemann in the northern part of the county the last third of June (Big Smiley Canyon, Soldiers Creek Wilderness, Agate Fossil Beds, Toadstool Park, Carter P. Johnson Lake)
d W - e Je 10	P	a	P	P	Stanton, see F.
- Mr 23 My 9	-	-	-	Ja 15	Thurston, see F.
- W - - Mr 31	-	-	Ja 12 - Ap 8	Mr 8	Washington (Wa), DeSoto NWR, a Breeding Bird Survey, and Washington Co. portion of Neale Woods, 121 species, Alan G. Grenon, reporter, <i>Iowa Bird</i>
- -	-	-	-	-	
a W - l Je 15	P	h	P	P	
- Fe 25 Mr 4	-	-	-	-	
- -	-	-	Ap 11 Ap 23	-	
- Ja*26	-	-	Mr 28 Ap 20	-	
- -	My 2	-	-	-	
a P i	P	a	P	P	
		o	X		



	Scotts Sioux Bluff	Dawes	Box Butte	A	Lin- coln	B	C	D	Hall Howard	Knox	E	Polk	Cedar
Greater Prairie-Chicken	-	-	-	-	(p)	-	-	-	(p)	(p)	-	Ja 22	Mr 15
Sharp-t. Grouse	(p)	(p)	-	-	(p)	-	-	-	Ap 4	(p)	-	-	-
Wild Turkey	(p)	P	P R	-	k n	(p)	-	b e	(p)	(p)	-	Ap 16 Je 18	(p)
Northern Bobwhite	(p)	(p)	-	-	Q n	(p)	f	n e	(p)	P	-	(p)	(p)
Virginia Rail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 29 Je 24	-	-	My 13
Sora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 30 My 13	-	-	-
American Coot	Ap 19	Mr 20 Je 12	-	-	-	Ap 20 Je 30	-	-	Ap 4 My 30	Ap 4 Je 24	-	Ap 23	W - My 6
Sandhill Crane	-	Ap 5 Ap 19	Mr 17 My 3	-	X * Mr 21	Fe 27	-	-	Fe 25 Ap 19	-	-	-	Ap 14
Whooping Crane	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	Ap+ 9 Ap 10	-	-	-	-
Blk-bell. Plover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L. Golden-Plover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Semipalmated Plover	My 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 16	-
Piping Plover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 30	-
Killdeer	Mr 18 R	Mr 18 Je 30	R	Fe 25 Je 30	N o	Mr 28 Je 30	H e	d e	Mr 20 Je 30	Mr 30 Je 25	f g	Ap 24 S	Mr 23 Je 30
American Avocet	Ap 26	Ap 19 Je 12	-	Ap 15	-	My 2 My 5	-	-	Ap 4	-	h	Ap 23	-
Greater Yellowlegs	Ap 18	Ap 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 4 Je 24	-	Ap 16 My 6	Ap 28 My 20
Yellowlegs sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 10 Ap 22	-	-	-	Ap 28 My 28
Lesser Yellowlegs	Ap 26	Ap 10 My 16	-	-	a	-	-	-	Ap 4 My 13	Ap 4 My 13	-	Ap 16 My 14	Ap 28 My 20
Solitary Sandpiper	Ap 26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 25 Ap 30	My 1 My 7	-	Ap 16 My 14	Ap 29 My 6
Willet	Ap 19	Ap 24 Ap 29	-	Ap 29	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 30	-	My 6	-
Spotted Sandpiper	My 1	Ap 19 Ap 29	-	-	g o	-	-	-	Ap 4 Je 30	Ap 26 My 13	-	Ap 30 Je 25	Ap 28 My 14
Upland Sandpiper	My 2 R	My 27	Je 15	Ap 23 My 28	e j	Ap 28 Je 30	f	-	g g	Je 10 Je 13	Ap 24 c	My 14 S	Ap 28 Je 30
Long-billed Curlew	Ap 1	Ap 13 Je 30	-	Ap 23 Je 18	-	Ap 28 Je 30	-	-	Ap 4	-	-	-	-
Hudsonian Godwit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 10	-	-	My 14	-
Marbled Godwit	-	Ap 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 15	-	-	My 6
Sanderling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 20	-	-	-	-

F Lan- caster	Da- kota	W a	Doug. a	Cass a	Sarpy	
-	-	-	Ja 11	-	-	<p><i>Life</i>, Nebraska sections of DeSoto Bird Count. (includes small portions of Iowa which were west of the river at the time the cut-off was created), and a Breeding Bird Survey by Ruth Green and Kathleen Crawford-Rose. Mr. Grenon's observations at both sites end with Fe 23, when work pressure got too great. <i>Iowa Bird Life</i>, 59:88 and 89-90, has accounts with photographs of the Brant and the Barrow's Goldeneye. January a = 2, b = 3, c = 6, d = 8, e = 12, f = 13, g = 14, h = 15, February i = 6, j = 11, k = 22, l = 23, April m = 21, n = 29, and June o = 30.</p> <p>Wayne, see F. Wheeler, see D. York, see Polk.</p> <p>A, 89 species, Chase (C), Dundy (D), Hayes (s), Hitchcock (k), Perkins (P), Tanya Bray, Ruth Green, Iola Pennington, David Stage. a = Je 3 (D), b = Je 4 (D), c = Je 10 (P), d = Je 10 (C), e = Je 10 (s), f = Je 10 (k), g = Je 19 (C), h = Je 20 (C), i = Je 22 (C), j = Je 23 (C), k = Je 24 (C), l = Je 24 (D), m = Je 25 (C), n = Je 25 (D), o = Je 26 (C), p = late June (C), r = a+c, s = r+d, t = s+e, u = t+f, v = s+f, w = s+g, x = r,e,+g, y = r+f, z = r+g, A = a+d, B = A+e, C = A+f, D = a+e, E = D,f,+g, F = a,f,+g, G = a+g, H = a+h, I = a+m, J = b,c,+d, K = J,e,+f, L = b+d, M = L,e,f,+g, N = L+f, O = b+g, P = b+h, Q = b+k, R = i+n, S = l+o, T = m+n, U = n+o, W = g+o, Y = b+o, Z = r,n, and see Cassin's Sparrow in Dundy and Chase Counties, page 67.</p> <p>B, 54 species, Buffalo (B), Custer (C), Garfield (G), Logan (n), Loup (p), Sherman (S), David Stage, Tom Labeledz. a = Je 10 (p), b = Je 10 (G), c = Je 10 (n), d = Je 10 (C), e = Je 10 (B), f = Je 23 (S), g = Je 23 (B), A = a,b,c,d,+e, B = A+f, C = a,b,c,d,+f, D = a,b,+d, E = D,e,+f, F = D+f, G = a,c,+d, H = G,e,+f, I = G+f, J = a,d,+f, K = b,c,d,+e, L = K+f, M = b,c,d,+f, N = b,d,+f, O = b,f,+g, P = c+f, Q = P+d, R = d+f, X = Mr 19 and 20. Tom Labeledz saw an albino Sandhill Crane north of the Rowe Sanctuary Mr 19 and 20. <i>NBR</i> 54:20 reports an albino Sandhill Crane seen 9 March 1985, south of the Platte River just west of Overton. The two sites would be around 25 miles apart.</p> <p>C, 36 species, Furnas (F), Harlan (H), Phelps (P), Red Willow (R), Bill Huser, David Stage. a = Mr 19 (P), b = Je 10 (R), c = Je 10 (F), d = Je 10(P), e = Je 10 (H), g = b,c,+d, h = g+e, i = b,c,+e. Bill Huser, Tom Labeledz, David Stage. Bill Huser saw a Prairie Falcon at Funk Lagoon Mr 19. He learned later that the Raptor Recovery Center (Lincoln) had released two Prairie Falcons there the day before.</p> <p>D, 73 species, Boyd (B), Greeley (G), Holt (H), Wheeler (W), David Stage. a = Je 10 (W), b = Je 18 (H), c = Je 22 (G), d = Je 25 (B), e = Je 25 (H), g = a,b,+c, h = g+d, i = a,b,+d, j = a+c, k = j+d, l = b+c, m = l+d, n = b+d, o = c+d.</p> <p>E, 34 species, Antelope (A), Clay (C), Madison (n), Merrick (k), Pierce (i), Platte (l), Bill and Pearl Lemburg, Gary and Kari Lingle, Barbara Lucas, David Stage. a = Ap 16 (k), b = My 6 (k), c = Je 10 (A), d = Je 10 (i), e = Je 10 (n), f = Je 10 (l), g = Je 10 (k), h = Je 25 and</p>
-	-	-	Je 28	-	-	
-	-	-	-	-	-	
-	-	My 7	-	(p)	(p)	
b 1	Fe 4	My 7	n	P	(p)	
Je 30	-	S	o		X	
-	My 6	My 7	-	-	-	
-	Ap 26	My 5	-	Ap 30	-	
My 6	My 7	My 11	-	-	-	
-	Mr 24	Mr*16	n	Mr*18	Ap 2	
My 19	My 11	Je 2	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	-	-	
-	+	-	-	-	-	
-	My 26	-	-	-	-	
-	-	Ap 22	-	Ap 25	-	
-	-	-	-	My 16	-	
-	Ap 16	Ap 24	-	Ap 18	-	
Je 10	My 9	My 16	-	-	-	
-	-	My 9	-	My 6	Je 15	
-	-	-	-	Je 11	Je 19	
a 1	Fe 25	Mr 23	n	Mr*10	Mr 22	
Je 30	-	S	o	Je 27	JeX30	
-	Ap 19	Ap 18	-	Ap 18	-	
My 6	-	-	-	My 7	-	
-	Mr 26	Ap 5	n	Mr 26	My 4	
My 10	My 7	Je 11	My 6	-	-	
-	-	-	-	-	-	
-	Ap 5	Ap 17	n	Mr 26	Mr 29	
Je 3	My 8	My 16	-	My 16	-	
-	Mr 16	Ap 30	-	Ap 29	My 6	
My 25	My 9	My 8	-	-	-	
-	Ap 17	-	-	Ap 20	My 1	
My 25	-	-	-	My 9	-	
-	Ap 26	Ap 28	-	Ap 30	Ap 30	
Je 26	-	S	-	Je 11	My 11	
a 1	Ap 23	-	o	My 6	My 8	
d Je 30	-	-	-	-	S Je 29	
-	-	-	-	-	-	
-	My 11	Ap 21	-	Ap 16	-	
-	-	-	-	My 27	-	
-	Ap 16	My 7	-	Ap 9	-	
Ap 23	-	-	-	My 9	-	
-	-	-	-	Ap 6	-	
-	-	-	-	My 6	-	

	Scotts		Box	A	Lin-	B	C	D	Hall	Knox	E	Polk	Cedar
	Sioux	Bluff	Dawes	Butte	coln				Howard				
Semipalmated Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 16 - Ap 18	-	Ap 16 My 14	My 14 My 20
Western Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 6 My 14	My 14 My 20
Least Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	My 13 Je 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 16 My 14	My 14
White-rumped Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 14 My 14	My 28 My 20
Baird's Sandpiper	My 1	Ap 19 My 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 4 - Ap 18	-	Ap 16 - My 6	-
Pectoral Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 18	-	Ap 16 My 28	Ap 28 My 20
Dunlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stilt Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 14 My 14	My 20
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My*18 My 28	-
Short-billed Dowitcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 6 My 6	-
Dowitcher sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 1	-	-	-
Long-billed Dowitcher	Ap 29	Ap 29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 9 - Ap 15	-	Ap 30 My 6	-
Common Snipe	Mr 18	Fe 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 4 Ap 26	Ap 4 - Ap 15	-	Ap 30 My 14	Ap 29 My 6
American Woodcock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 20	Ap 8 a My 13 *	-	-	-
Wilson's Phalarope	Ap 20	Ap 29 My 16	-	Ap 29	- My 13 My 25	-	-	-	Ap 4	Ap 29 - My 13	-	Ap 30 My 14	My 14 My 20
Red-n. Phalarope	-	My 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Franklin's Gull	-	Ap 19 Je 17	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 4 Ap 23	Ap 26 - My 8	-	Ap 16 My 6	Ap 20 Je 7
Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mr 31 My 6
Ring-billed Gull	-	Mr 20 My 30	-	Ap 1	- Fe 28 Je 30	-	-	-	Mr 12	Ap 4 - My 7	-	Mr 19 Ap 16	Mr 16 My 6
Herring Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 16	Mr 16 My 6
Glaucous Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Caspian Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Tern	-	-	-	-	My 1 Je 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forster's Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Je 10	Ap 26 - Je 13	-	-	Ap 28 My 6
Least Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	d	-	My 13 - Je 24	-	-	-

F	Lan- caster	Da- kota	W	Doug. a	Cass Sarpy
-	Ap 28 Je 2	Ap 28 My 13	-	Ap 9 My 26	My 6
-	My 13	Ap 30 My 6	-	My 6 My 11	-
-	Ap 5 My 13	Ap 30 My 9	-	Ap 1 My 27	My 6
-	Mr 24 Je 2	My 25	-	My 4 My 30	My 6
-	Mr 19 My 11	Ap 11 My 4	-	Ap 5 My 22	My 7
-	Ap 6 Je 2	Ap 25 My 25	-	Ap 6 Je 2	My 5 My 6
-	My 26 My 25	My 6 My 25	-	Ap 6 My 7	My 6
-	My 6 My 25	My 7	-	Ap 28 My 11	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	My 9	-	Ap 25 My 11	-
-	Ap 28 My 6	-	-	-	-
-	Ap 27 My 31	Ap 25 My 7	-	Ap 25 My 9	-
-	Ap 8 Ap 28	Ap 5 My 7	-	Ap 9 My 6	My 5
-	-	-	-	Ap 30	-
-	Ap 23 My 26	My 2 n My 7	-	Ap 24 My 27	My 8 My 11
-	My 26	-	-	Ap 30	-
-	Ap* 8 My 31	Ap 16 My 8	-	My 21 Je 2	My 2 My 6
-	My 7 Je 10	-	n	Ap 20 My 27	My 6
-	Mr*18 Je 30	Mr 14 Ap 29	-	Mr*21 My 9	Mr* 9 My 6
-	Mr*18 My 31	-	-	Mr 16 My 6	Mr 11
-	Mr 19	-	-	Mr 24	-
-	My 3 My 31	-	-	My 9 My 11	-
-	Ap 25 My 10	My 25 n	-	-	-
-	Ap 23 My 6	Ap 20 My 7	n	Ap 28 My 9	My 6 My 7
-	Ap 19 My 31	-	-	Je 11 Je 29	Je 1

earlier (C), j = c,d,e,+f, k = j+g, l = c,d,e,+g, m = c,d,f,+g, n = c,d,+g, o = c,f,+g, p = d,e,f,+g. One of the two Woodcocks did a courtship flight. Connie McCartney found Avocets nesting at Harvard Marsh, and when he checked Je 25 to see how they had done in the previous night's storm he found the eggs had hatched.

F, 60 species, Cuming (C), Dixon (D), Stanton (S), Thurston (T), Wayne (W), Larry Einemann, David Stage. a = My 20 and 21 (C), b = Je 2 (C), c = Je 10 (W), d = Je 14 (S), e = Je 16 (T), f = Je 21 (D), h = b,c,d,+e, I = b,d,+e, j = b+e, k = c+d, l = d+e, m = b+e.

#### CASSIN'S SPARROW IN DUNDY AND CHASE COUNTIES, NEBRASKA

On 3 and 4 June 1989 Tanya Bray, Doug Rose, and I travelled to Dundy Co. to look for two species: Chihuahuan Raven and Cassin's Sparrow. While we found no Ravens, we did find several Cassin's Sparrows.

All of the Cassin's Sparrows were found in sandy sage prairie habitat. At least six were found, in four different locations. The birds were located most easily by their skylarking behavior, although the song, once heard, is also useful for locating birds. Indeed, Doug Rose found the first Cassin's Sparrow by song. Once located, we were able to study individuals carefully at distances of less than 100 feet. While the plumage is rather nondescript, a grayish-brown overall, notable features are the relatively large size, flattish head, and long tail, the latter with distinctive white tail corners, best seen as the bird spreads its tail on landing.

The first Cassin's Sparrow was found on the south side of a dirt road at a spot one mile north of the Kansas line and four miles east of the Colorado line, in Dundy Co.

There are very few Nebraska records for Cassin's Sparrow (Bray, Padelford, Silcock: *The Birds of Nebraska*, 1986), but it probably occurs more often, as it does not seem to be regularly searched for in its preferred habitat. There is extensive sage prairie in Dundy Co. The breeding range tends to change dramatically in response to climatic conditions however, and it is possible that recent dry conditions have allowed Cassin's Sparrow to expand its breeding range northward in recent years.

Documentations have been sent to the NOU Records Committee.

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After hearing of the discovery of Cassin's Sparrow (*Aimophila cassinii*) in southwestern Nebraska Ed M. Brogie also found this species in Chase and Dundy counties on 11 June. He discovered one bird frequenting a brushy sage area on the east side of Enders Reservoir in Chase Co. and found several areas with singing males in Dundy Co. between Benkelman and Haigler. The largest concentrated area of Cassin's Sparrows

	Sioux	Scotts Bluff	Dawes	Box Butte	A	Lin- coln	B	C	D	Hall Howard	Knox	E	Polk	Cedar	
Black Tern	Ap 29 My 10	My 27	-	-	-	My 13 My 28	-	-	-	-	My 7 Je 13	-	My 14	NR	
Rock Dove	(p)	P	R	P	b	(p)	g	b	b	Je 10	P	f	P	P	
Mourning Dove	Mr 27 R	Mr 22 Je 30	Ap 21 JeR30	Mr 30 Je 30	v	U	Ap 15 Je 30	B	h	h	Ap 4 Je 30	Ap 4 Je 24	p	Ap* 2 - S	Ja 31 Je 30
Black-billed Cuckoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	e	-	Je 13	-	-	Je 25	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	-	-	-	-	f	-	-	-	d	-	-	-	My 28 - S	My 10 Je 27	
Barn Owl	Ap 16	My 15 My 27	-	-	-	(p)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Eastern Screech-Owl	-	-	-	(p)	a	(p)	-	-	-	(p)	P	-	-	P	
Great Horned Owl	(p)	P	(p)	(p)	H	(p)	-	-	-	(p)	(p)	c	(p)	P	
Snowy Owl	-	Fe* x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Burrowing Owl	Ap 18 R	My 27 Je 30	-	My 6 Je 30	b	My 1 Je 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mr 26	
Barred Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Long-eared Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Short-eared Owl	Ap 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	a	-	-	Ap 18	-	-	Ja 9	
Common Nighthawk	My 21 R	My 26 Je 30	Je 17 JeR30	Ap 29 Je 28	G	U	My 15 Je 30	D	-	i	My 14 Je 30	My 22 Je 18	c	Je 4 - S	My 26 Je 6
Common Poorwill	-	My 8 Je 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 13	-	-	-	
Whip-poor-will	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 13	-	-	Je 2	
Chimney Swift	Ap 27 R	Ap 27 Je 30	R	My 15 Je 30	s	U	My 1 Je 30	I	b	a	My 8 Je 30	Ap 23 Je 25	c	Ap 23 - S	Ap 22 Je 30
White-throated Swift	R	Ap 29 Je 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Belted Kingfisher	(p)	P	Je 21 R	-	L	My 1 Je 30	-	-	j	Ap 5 Je 30	Mr 10 Je 24	-	Fe 5 - S	(p)	
Red-headed Woodpecker	Ap 24 R	My 27 Je 21	Ap 11 JeR28	My 28	E	U	Ap 15 Je 30	B	h	h	My 6 Je 30	My 13 Je 21	o	Ap 30 - S	Ap 25 Je 30
Red-bellied Woodpecker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	e	(p)	Ap 16 Je 13	-	Ap 16 My 14	Ja 10 My 6	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Downy Woodpecker	(p)	P	P R	(p)	J	(p)	f	-	b	(p)	P	-	w	- P	
Hairy Woodpecker	(p)	(p)	R	-	-	(p)	g	-	b	(p)	P	-	Mr 19	P	
Northern Flicker	(p) R	P	Ap 1 JeR30	(p)	G	(p)	F	h	i	(p)	P	c	P	P	

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- My 10 My 7 - My 5 Je 3  
 Je 15 Je 2

a P P a P P  
 l o X

a W - Ap 1 n W - Ap 2  
 h Je 30 - S o - S JeX30

- My 13 My 12 - - My 8  
 Je 18 Je 30

- My 19 Je 30 o My 26 My 19  
 Je 27 Je 28

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- - My 7 - (p) My 2  
 Je 30

- (p) (p) o P P

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- Fe 19 My 7 f (p) Ap 28  
 Fe 25 g

- Fe 11 - - Ja 1 -  
 Mr 23 Ja 22

- Ap 23 - - Ja 8 -

- My 11 My 15 - My 7 My 25  
 Je 30 - S - - S Je 30

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- - Je 7 - Ap 30 -

a Ap 25 Ap 24 n Ap 16 Ap 15  
 d Je 30 - S o - S JeX30

- - - - -

- - My 12 - My 26 My 18  
 Je 17

b W - Ap 25 n W - Ap 12  
 d Je 30 My 7 Je 30 Je 30

a Ap 26 Ap 30 n Ja 21 Ap 25  
 h Je 30 - S o Je 30 JeX30

- P P e P P  
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- Fe 5 - - W - -  
 Mr 6 Ap\* 2

a P P e P P  
 l n X

- P P e P P  
 X

a P P h P P  
 l o X

(approximately ten birds making fluttery song flights) he located was approximately five miles west of Benkelman in a sage/yucca habitat on the south side of Highway 34.

Ellen Brogie and I visited this area 21 June and easily located several singing male Cassin's Sparrows. To aid in identification we had in our possession a tape of male Cassin's Sparrow's flutter song flight vocalizations. The calls elicited from the Dundy Co. birds were identical to those on tape; a short whistled note, followed by a trill, another short whistle, and then ending with one more short higher note.



We observed one particular bird which appeared very territorial to an area ad-

acent to the south of Highway 34 and to the west of a private drive. When we played the tape to this bird it responded by making a flutter song flight directly toward us. It then perched on a barb wire fence and gave five or six short rapid "chip" notes before making another flutter song flight.

During these flights the bird achieved a maximum height of around 15 feet and the longest horizontal distance covered was approximately 30 yards.



We observed the bird for over an hour under optimal conditions, sometimes at a distance of less than 15 feet. The area was searched unsuccessfully for positive evidence of nesting.

We returned to the area the following morning, erected a mist-net, and within 15 minutes had a Cassin's Sparrow in hand. The bird was banded (#980-96043), photographed, and released. The bird was classified as an adult, based on its worn plumage, partially molted tail, and unstreaked breast, and as a male because the bird "hit the net" during a flutter song flight. (Bent, 1968, Bull. #237, Part 2, pp. 981-990).

The following characteristics were noted: The bird had a slightly flattened head with a whitish-gray central crown streak, which was bordered with brown. A whitish-gray supercilium above the dark eye was apparent, as was a thin brownish eyeline that ran horizontally from behind the eye to a point perpendicular to the bird's nape. The bill appeared large in relation to head size, and was bicolored; the upper mandible above

	Scotts Sioux	Bluff	Dawes	Box Butte	A	Lin- coln	B	C	D	Hall Howard	Knox	E	Polk	Cedar
Olive-side.Flyc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Wood-Pewee	My 19 R	My 27 Je 17	My 25 JeR30	Je 17	a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Wood-Pewee	-	-	-	-	-	-	d	-	b	-	Je 13	-	-	My 24 Je 3
Alder Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Willow Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	a	-	-	-	Je 13	-	-	Ap 15 Ap 28
Least Flycatcher	-	My 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 8	-	My 14	My 10 My 25
Empidonax sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Phoebe	-	-	R	-	-	-	-	m	-	-	-	-	Ap 9 Je 25	Ap 14 Je 2
Say's Phoebe	Ap 7 R	Ap 14 Je 12	-	Ap 29	n	My 10 Je 10	-	b	-	Ap 23	-	-	Ap 16 Je 15	Ap 2 Je 30
Great Crested Flycatcher	-	-	R	-	a	-	d	-	c	-	Je 13 Je 24	-	Je 8 Je 18	Je 1
Western Kingbird	My 4 R	My 7 Je 30	My 14 JeR30	My 28 Je 30	v	Ap 20 Je 30	L	i	i	My 4 Je 30	Ap 29 Je 15	c	MY 21 - S	My 6 Je 30
Eastern Kingbird	My 9 R	My 17 Je 30	My 17 JeR30	My 28 Je 30	F	Ap 25 Je 30	B	h	i	Ap 26 Je 30	Ap 26 Je 24	d	My 6 - S	Ap 29 Je 30
Scissor-t. Fly.	-	-	-	-	-	My 13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Horned Lark	(p) R	P	P	P	v	(p) o	G	-	i	Ap 4	Fe 20 Je 8	c	Fe 5 - S	P
Purple Martin	-	-	-	-	g	Mr 18 Je 30	-	d	-	Ap 19	Ap 9 Je 25	-	Ap 30 - S	Ap 14 Je 27
Tree Swallow	-	-	-	-	h	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 4 Je 13	-	Ap 30 My 6	Ap 21 My 6
Violet-green Sw.	R	Ap 27	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Rough- winged Swallow	Ap 20 R	Ap 27 Je 17	R	-	D	My 1 Je 30	d	e	b	Ap 23 Je 30	Ap 25 Je 24	-	Ap 16 Je 18	Ap 28 Je 12
Bank Swallow	-	My 27	-	-	-	Ap 28 Je 30	-	-	b	Ap 29	Ap 25	-	My 14	My 6 My 27
Cliff Swallow	Ap 21 R	Ap 26 Je 30	R	-	x	Je 10	A	g	h	-	Ap 26 Je 24	-	My 6 - S	NR
Barn Swallow	Ap 19 R	Ap 16 Je 30	My 22 JeR30	Ap 29 Je 4	u	Ap 15 Je 30	B	g	h	Ap 12 Je 30	Ap 15 Je 24	k	Ap 16 - S	Ap 19 Je 30
Blue Jay	(p) R	P	R	P	M	(p) o	E	b	i	(p) c	P	f	P	P
Pinyon Jay	(p)	-	(p)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clark's Nutcr..	(p)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black-billed Magpie	(p)	P	R	-	i	(p)	-	-	b	(p)	P	-	W - S	Mr 24 My 6
American Crow	(p) R	P	P	Mr 9	z	(p) o	D	-	h	(p)	P	l	P	P
Black-capped Chickadee	(p) R	P	P	P	H	(p) i	d	-	n	(p)	P	-	P	P

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 a Ap 28 My 9 n My 2 Ap 30  
 My 23 My 27  
 - - - - My 6 My 6  
 - Mr 26 My 7 o Ap 7 Ap 12  
 My 14 Je 30 JeX30  
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 a Ap 28 My 7 n Ap 28 X  
 Je 12 - S Je 30  
 d Ap 19 My 17 o My 6 My 10  
 e Je 30 - S Je 30 JeX30  
 a Ap 27 Ap 30 n Ap 22 Ap 30  
 h Je 30 - S o Je 30 JeX30  
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 a P Fe 5 j P P  
 l - S o  
 - Ap 4 Ap 14 - Ap 2 Mr 24  
 Je 30 - S Je 30 JeX30  
 d Mr 24 Ap 20 n Mr 28 Ap 28  
 Je 30 My 18 My 30 My 6  
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 d Ap 8 Ap 22 n Ap 8 My 2  
 e Je 27 - S o Je 30 JeX30  
 d My 19 Ap 29 - Ap 10 My 2  
 My 21 - S Je 17 JeX30  
 a My 12 My 12 n Ap 29 My 2  
 e My 21 - S o Je 30 JeX30  
 a Ap 16 Ap 29 n Ap 3 Ap 28  
 h Je 30 - S o Je 30 JeX30  
 a P P e P P  
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the mostrils was dark, with the remainder flesh-colored.

The unmarked breast and throat of the bird were a uniform whitish-gray coloration. The lesser wing coverts were a chestnut brown and edged with gray. The medial wing coverts were also brown, heavily edged with white, and with black marking running through the midsection, along the feather spine. The secondaries were a lighter brown than that of the coverts and were slightly edged with white, although the posterior parts of the medial feathers of this group were blackish in coloration.

The flanks were slightly streaked and the legs were a pinkish-flesh color. The back of the bird was a mottled gray and brown, with the rump appearing quite barred. The tail was long and rounded and tipped with white. The two medial tail feathers were lighter brown in comparison to the rest of the tail, and were distinctly barred. The captured bird was missing one outer tail feather; the remaining one had a conspicuous whitish outer edge and tip.

Photographs have been sent to the Records Committee.

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1986: A NEBRASKA BIG YEAR

In January of 1986 my brother, Ed M. Brogie, and I were tallying our lists for Nebraska when the question arose: "How many species of birds do you think one could see in Nebraska in one year?". The previous year (1985) had been the first year we had made a serious attempt at seeing western Nebraska species and chasing rarities in the state. Our efforts had yielded such birds as Bean Goose, Green-tailed Towhee, Black-necked Stilt, Red Phalarope, Lewis' Woodpecker, Sprague's Pipit, Cassin's Finch, Cassin's Kingbird, and King Eider. When 1985 ended, my Nebraska life list stood at 290 and I had seen 237 species in the state for the year, without any real attempt to see migrant songbirds.

At the beginning of February I made a list of all the birds that occurred in Nebraska and assigned them a code number (1-5) according to the following criteria:

1. common nesting or common migrant - 197
2. uncommon nesting or regular migrant - 54
3. rare or local nesting or casual migrant - 40
4. uncommon or hard to find casual or regular migrant - 36
5. rare migrant - 75+

Subjective considerations, such as distance one would have to travel to appropriate habitat and ease of identification also influenced code number. I thought that with enough luck and effort I could see 240 of the 251 Code 1 and 2 birds, and if I chased rarities and concentrated on finding Code 3 species I hopefully could add 35 more; thus my goal was 275 species for 1986.

I learned in March that Barbara Padelford had seen 267 species of birds in Nebraska in 1985, and



	Scotts		Box	A	Lin-	B	C	D	Hall	Knox	E	Polk	Cedar
	Sioux	Bluff	Dawes	Butte	coln				Howard				
Tufted Titmouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-breasted Nuthatch	(p) R	Mr 19 My 27	(p) R	-	-	W -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White-breasted Nuthatch	Ap 11 R	-	P	-	g o	W - Ap 29	-	d e	(p)	P	-	Ap*16 My*14	W - Mr 30
Pygmy Nuthatch	(p) R	-	(p)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brown Creeper	-	-	-	-	-	Fe 1 Mr 2	-	-	-	W - Ap 9	-	Ja 22	Ja 23 Ap 16
Rock Wren	Ap 19 R	Ap 19 Je 12	-	-	g o	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carolina Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W - Mr 2	-	-	-	-
House Wren	My 2 R	Ap 29 Je 30	My 7 JeR30	My 28 Je 30	G o	My 13 Je 30	M -	m e	Ap 20 Je 30	Ap 24 Je 24	-	Ap 30 - S	Ap 22 Je 30
Winter Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sedge Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 29 Je 24	-	-	NR
Marsh Wren	Ap 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	a -	My 20	Ap 29 Je 24	-	-	-
Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	W - Ja 29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	My 19 My 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 25	-	Ap 16	Ap 25
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastern Bluebird	-	Ap 29	R	-	a	Fe 20 Ap 15	-	e	Mr 12 Je 30	Mr 12 Je 13	-	Mr*19 - S	Mr 23 My 6
Mountain Bluebird	Mr 17 R	Mr 2 Je 22	Mr 22 JeR30	Mr 26 Je 30	-	Ja 15 Mr 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Townsend's Solitaire	Ja 30	W - Ap 2	-	Mr 17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Veery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 18	-	-	NR
Swainson's Thrush	My 17 Je 10	My 9 Je 15	-	My 18 My 25	-	My 1 Je 10	-	-	-	-	-	My 14 My 21	My 2 My 20
Hermit Thrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wood Thrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 15
American Robin	Fe 8 R	P	Mr 11 JeR30	Mr 9 Je 30	u W	(p)	B g	h e	Mr 8 Je 30	(p)	k	Mr*12 - S	Ja 26 Je 30
Gray Catbird	My 18	My 16	-	-	b	Mr 20 Ap 15	-	b e	My 12 Je 30	My 18 Je 18	-	Je 4 - S	My 14
Northern Mockingbird	-	My 13	-	My 28	P j	My 2 My 20	-	-	-	-	-	My 6	-

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My 13		Je 7		
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- Ap 24	- -	Ja 9	-	
- My 6	- -	Mr 22	-	
- -	Ap 29	- Ap 30	-	
- -	My 7	- -	-	
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- Mr 27	My 12	n Ap 5	My 6	
Ap 23		My 12		
- Ap 16	Ap 30	- Ap 25	Ap 30	
My 14	My 7	My 31		
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- My 11	- -	My 2	My 10	
- -	- -	My 15	-	
- Ap 28	My 9	- Ap 22	My 6	
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later I learned that Tanya Bray had also equaled this number. As far as I could discern, this was the record number of birds anyone had seen in one year in Nebraska. At the end of March my year list was 111 species, including 7 Code 3 species: Evening Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, Red-shouldered Hawk, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Trumpeter Swan, and Cinnamon Teal.

The first week of April brought my first "big chase" of the year. At about 9:00 PM on Friday 4 April Gary Lingle called to say that three Whooping Cranes had landed for the night in an accessible area just east of North Platte. It was perfect in the sense that the weather was to be good, and since my wife, Ellen, and I are both teachers, we had the weekend free. The only problem was the birds were over 250 miles from Creighton and getting there would take some time. Ellen had a meeting until ten o'clock, so she was surprised to find her bags packed when she came home. I made several phone calls and by midnight Ellen and I were on the road in the company of Roger and Isolde Cutshall. Just after sunrise on the 5th we were all observing our first Nebraska Whooping Cranes and my first Code 4 bird of the year. We drove to Grand Island that afternoon and found 3 Surf Scoters (1 adult and 2 immatures) on the lake at the Mormon Island Recreation Area and I saw my second code 4 species for the day.

Eldon Marsh of Brunswick (Antelope Co.) called me on the 20th, saying he had seen a Sprague's Pipit (Code 4) that evening just east of where he lives. Ellen and I picked him up after school the next day and drove to the native grass pasture where he and his wife, Barbara, had observed the bird. We had walked only about 50 yards into the pasture when we flushed a bird which made a towering flight and then dropped back to earth. We got a good view of the bird, with its streaked back and its flesh-colored legs before we flushed it a second time.

During the last week of April, Ellen and I spent two days in northwestern Nebraska and added several species for the year; most notable a male and a female Cassin's Finch (Code 3), which we observed for about 20 minutes on 26 April, at Chadron State Park.

May brought migrants and several unexpected species. I spent the 3rd and morning of the 4th birding in Fontenelle Forest in the company of Bob Steinauer and Tanya Bray. I observed over 100 species during these two days, of which 38 were new for the year. Highlights included White-eyed Vireo, and my first Yellow-crowned Night-Heron and Yellow-throated Warbler.

May continued to yield good birds; on the 15th in Dixon Co. Ed and I had Philadelphia Vireo, Alder Flycatcher, and Short-billed Dowitcher, all of which I had considered would be hard-to-find Code 3 birds. Mike Erickson and I visited extreme western and northcentral Nebraska on the 17th and 18th and I picked up 12 new year birds, including a pair of Northern Mockingbirds in Cherry Co. During our field work for the Nature Conservancy in this area in 1982 we had found this species on



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several occasions, but it was very uncommon. Even though we had found Western Flycatcher, Western Tanager, Brewer's Sparrow, Cassin's Kingbird, Least Tern, and Barn-Owl I considered the Mockingbird to be the best bird of the trip, for unlike the others, I know of no area that I could be certain to locate it during the course of the year.

The month of May continued; Red-necked Phalarope and Ruddy Turnstones in Pierce Co. on the 19th, Magnolia Warbler in Dixon Co. the next day, four new year birds in Knox Co. on the 21st, including American Woodcock, a bird which I had mistakenly given a Code 3, as I found it very common locally along parts of the Niobrara River. The 22nd of May was a fantastic day; Ed M. Brogie, Paul Pearson, David Stage, and I found a male Mourning Warbler, a female Connecticut, and a male MacGillivray's Warbler, all within 20 minutes, in Cedar Co. (NBR 55:41-42). My first Code 5 bird of the year came on the night of 25 May when Ed and I were birding in northwestern Knox Co. and heard and tape-recorded the vocalizations of a Black Rail (NBR 55:40-41). On the 26th Ed, Ellen, and I spent part of the day birding with Wayne Mollhoff in Boone Co. and succeeded in finding four more new year birds: Willow Flycatcher, Long-eared Owl, Green-backed Heron, and a Code 3 Least Bittern. My last new bird for May was a Blue Grosbeak we found later that day in Knox Co. when several of us, without success, tried to relocate the Black Rail. During the month of May I had identified 219 species, of which 87 were new for the year.

I spent the first part of June out of the state, and finally saw a new species for the year 14 June: a Red Crossbill in Wayne Co. Bill Huser and I spent the 14th through the 18th birding the Panhandle and the southwestern part of the state. New species for the year included Western Wood-pewee (my last of of the 197 Code 1 birds), Lewis' Woodpecker, and Solitary Vireo. Other highlights included Northern Mockingbirds and finding new areas with Cassin's Kingbirds and Western Flycatchers. I birded Fontenelle Forest 20 June, and with the help of Bob Steinauer I finally succeeded in adding Cerulean Warbler and then Kentucky Warbler to my year list. These two Code 2 species had worried me, in that I had missed them so far for the year despite several efforts to locate them. The Kentucky Warbler was my 268th species, and my last new bird for the first half of the year.

During the last week of June and the first three weeks of July, Ellen and I were out of the state birding in southern Texas, Big Bend National Park, southeastern Arizona, and Colorado. We saw many new birds, and Ellen broke 500 on her life list with a Plain-capped Starthroat, in Arizona.

We returned to Nebraska on 18 July, in Kimball Co., and spent a good deal of time looking for Mountain Plover, to no avail. Loren Padelford called me on 25 July, saying a Black Scoter had been seen at DeSoto NWR that day. I was there

	Sioux	Scotts Bluff	Dawes	Box Butte	A	Lin- coln	B	C	D	Hall Howard	Knox	E	Poik	Cedar
Yellow-throated Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 20	-	-	-	-
Palm Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blackpoll Warb.	My 25 My 27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 18 My 23
Black-and-white Warbler	My 19 MyR21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	My 2	-	-	-
American Redst.	My 18 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Je 13 Je 24	-	My 14	My 19 My 20
Prothonotary Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ovenbird	My 24 R	-	-	My 15 My 16	-	-	-	e	-	-	-	-	-	My 6
Northern Waterthrush	My 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana Waterthrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mourning Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Yellowthroat	My 10 R	My 17 Je 17	R	-	G U	My 1 Je 30	J g	- e	h NR	seen	My 13 Je 24	-	My 6 S	My 13 Je 30
Wilson's Warbler	My 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yellow-breasted Chat	My 20 R	My 27 Je 22	R	-	a U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Summer Tanager	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Tanager	My 25	-	-	-	-	My 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Tanager	My 18 MyR24	My 3	Je 6 Je 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Cardinal	-	-	-	-	G o	(p)	a	-	(p)	(p)	(p)	-	(p)	P
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	My 24 My 25	-	-	-	My 13	-	-	-	My 20	Je 13	-	My 14 S	My 13
Black-headed Grosbeak	My 23 R	My 14	Je 2 JeR30	My 23 o	g o	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blue Grosbeak	My 23 Je 30	My 27 Je 30	R	-	a T	-	d f	- e	-	-	-	-	My 21 S	My 21 Je 30
Lazuli Bunting	My 27 P	My 5 30	-	-	-	My 13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indigo Bunting	R	*	-	-	o	-	f c	b e	n	-	My 13 Je 13	-	My 14 S	My 14 Je 30
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Rufous-sided Towhee	My 1 R	Ap 27 Je 30	Ap 27 JeR30	Ap 23 My 9	-	Ap 29 My 1	-	-	e	Ap 20 My 5	Ap 25 Je 13	-	Ap*16 Ap 30	NR

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-	My 14			My 26	
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-	My 11	My 12		Ap 27	My 5
-	My 21	- S		Je 27	My 6
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-	My 11	My 7		My 4	Ap 30
-	My 19	Je 18		Je 26	
-	My 1	Ap 30		Ap 24	My 10
-	My 11	My 9		My 11	
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a	My 6	Je 7	o	My 8	My 2
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-	My 13	- S	o	Je 30	MyX15

early the next morning, and although I did not see the Scoter, I did see my first Snowy Egret (Code 4) for Nebraska and added Sedge Wren for the year.

In early August Ellen and I found Carolina Wren in Fontenelle Forest on the 6th and later that evening had Chuck-will's-widow in Richardson Co. A few days later Richard Rosche reported seeing California Gulls at Lake McConoughy and on 14 August I also found and photographed this gull at the Keystone Lake area (NBR 54:77). August also brought new warblers for the year: Wilson's and Canada in Cuming Co. on the 23rd, Blackburnian in Knox Co. on the 27th, and Bay-breasted, also in Knox Co., on the 30th. The month ended with Mike Erickson and me making a trip on the 31st to York Co., where we found a large group of Cattle Egrets. On the way down we found a Little Blue Heron in Platte Co. I had missed these two Code 2 species several times already during the year close to home and was very glad to see them. When August ended I had 279 species for the year and had met my goal, although I knew there were several species I still could see.

I added three new birds in September, and all of these were found on the same day. On 5 September once again the Padelfords called me and said that B.J. Rose had found Red Knots (Code 4) at Lake Babcock, in Platte Co. Jeff Chrynoweth, Ellen, and I were there the next day, and after several hours of searching we finally found them. During the course of looking for the Knots we also saw Caspian Tern (Code 3) and Black-bellied Plover (Code 2), which were new for the year. Caspian Terns and several shorebird species were also present at Willow Creek (Pierce Co.) that evening. We saw 22 different species of shorebirds that day!

B. J. Rose found a Red Phalarope at Lake Babcock during the second week of October, and on the 13th Ellen and I left right after school and drove to see this Code 5 bird. We found the Phalarope and were able to approach it within 10 yards. The bird was in immature plumage, and I took several pictures of it. Ed and I had found this species in Pierce Co. in September 1985 (NBR 53:72-73), which was only the second Nebraska record, and I felt very fortunate to see this bird two years in a row. I found several Townsend's Solitaires in Halsey National Forest on 24 October and was glad to finally see this Code 2 bird.

November started out well with my first Pine Warbler (Code 4) for Nebraska. Ed and I found it 2 November in the Wayne Cemetery. We also saw a Palm Warbler that day, which was my second for the year but a notable late date. On 5 November I found an Oldsquaw (Code 4) at the Pierce sewage treatment plant, and three days later, while a group of us were observing this bird Isolde Cutshall found a White-winged Scoter. This code 3 bird was a year bird for me and a life bird for several of the observers. On 9 November Mike Erickson, Ed, and I went to DeSoto NWR and found another White-winged Scoter and a Surf Scoter (a life bird for both of them, but a bird I already

	Sioux	Scotts Bluff	Dawes	Box Butte	A	Lincoln	B	C	D	Hall Howard	Knox	E	Polk	Cedar
Cassin's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	Z*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Tree Sparrow	Ap 18	W - Mr 18	Mr 28 Je 30	Mr 18	-	-	-	-	-	W - Ap 27	W - Ap 18	-	W - Ap 2	W - Ap 21
Chipping Sparrow	Ap 28 MyR10	Ap 23 Je 22	My 1 JeR30	Mr 12 My 9	g o	-	d	-	1	Ap 11 Je 30	Ap 23 Je 25	-	Ap 30 S	Ap 14 Je 30
Clay-colored Sparrow	Ap 28	Ap 29 My 5	My 16 Je 30	Ap 29	-	My 5	-	-	-	Ap 28 My 14	Ap 29 My 13	-	My 6 My 14	Ap 25 My 15
Brewer's Sparrow	Ap 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Field Sparrow	-	-	-	-	k m	-	f	-	b	Ap 13 My 1	Ap 25 Je 13	-	Ap 28	Ap 14 Je 30
Vesper Sparrow	Ap 24	Ap 19 Ap 29	-	-	a	-	-	-	b	Ap 12 Ap 23	Ap 18 Je 13	-	Ap 16	Ap 2 Je 29
Lark Sparrow	Ap 30 R	Ap 26 Je 30	Ap 17 JeR30	My 14 My 28	s U	My 2 Je 10	C	-	h	Ap 24 Je 30	Ap 25 Je 8	c	Ap 30 My 6	Ap 27 Je 26
Lark Bunting	Ap 30 R	My 7 Je 12	My 21 Je 28	My 7 Je 18	J U	My 1 Je 15	-	-	b	-	My 19	-	Je 4	My 13 Je 22
Savannah Sparrow	Ap 29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 22 Ap 30	Ap 18 Ap 30	-	Ap 16 My 6	Ap 14 My 18
Grasshopper Sparrow	My 10 R	Je 12 Je 30	R	My 28 Je 30	A S	Ap 30 Je 10	-	c	h	My 20	Ap 25 Je 13	-	My 6 S	Ap 24 Je 30
Le Conte's Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 27
Fox Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Lincoln's Sparrow	My 10 My 27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 16 My 10	Ap 25 Ap 30	-	Ap 30 My 14	Ap 2 My 13
Swamp Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NR	Ap 25 Je 24	-	-	Ap 20 My 1
White-throated Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 26 My 9	-	-	Ap 26 My 22
White-crowned Sparrow	Ap 16	W - Ap 29	Ap 15 My 28	Mr 26 My 9	-	My 1	-	-	-	Ap 15 My 14	Ap 29 Ap 30	-	Ap 30 My 6	Ap 25 My 6
Harris' Sparrow	-	Fe 4 Fe 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mr 22 My 13	Ap 24 My 9	-	Ap* 2 My 14	Mr 27 My 16
Dark-eyed Junco	Ap 16	W - Ap 25	P	W - Ap 15	-	W - Mr 10	-	-	-	W - My 3	Ja 2 Ap 12	-	W - My 6	W - Ap 19
McCown's Longsp. Lapland Longspur	Ap 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chestnut-col. L. Snow Bunting	Ap 28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bobolink	-	My 13	-	-	a n	My 20 Je 30	a	-	a	My 9 Je 30	Je 8 Je 24	-	My 6 S	My 28 Je 28
Red-winged Blackbird	(p) R	Fe 8 Je 30	R	Mr 12 Je 30	X U	Ap 10 Je 30	B	h	h	Ja 2 Je 30	Mr 10 Je 24	k	Mr 12 S	P

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 My 17 My 7 My 9

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c Mr 26 Ap 30 n Ap 2 Ap 29  
 d Je 30 - S o Je 11 Je 28

a - Ap 30 n Mr 26 Ap 30  
 l - S My 8 Je 17

a Ap 29 Ap 30 - Ap 29 Ap 19  
 i Je 11 - S My 25 Je 8

- - - - Je 4 -  
 Je 20

- Mr 26 My 7 n Ap 9 Ap 29  
 My 13 My 11 My 6

a Ap 23 Je 7 o Ap 19 My 8  
 i Je 30 - S Je 11

- - - - Ap 20 -  
 Ap 27

- Ap 8 -- - Ap 2 Ap 12  
 Ap 16 Ap 16 Ap 15

d w - Mr 20 n Ja 9 Ap 12  
 Je 30 My 7 Je 30 Je 28

- Mr 11 Ap 19 n Ap 17 Ap 28  
 My 11 My 9 My 15 My 10

- Ap 19 - - Ja 23 Ap 26  
 My 11 Ap 30

- W - Ap 25 n W - Mr 14  
 My 15 My 7 My 13 My 6

- Ja 15 My 5 - Ja 31 Fe 4  
 My 11 My 7 My 10 My 8

- W - My 7 n W - Ja 2  
 My 11 My 12 My 10 My 6

- W - W - k W - Ja 1  
 Ap 19 Mr 11 l Ap 26 Ap 7

- - - - -

- Fe 4 - - Fe 3 Ja 2  
 Fe 11

- - - - -

- W - - - - Ja 14  
 Fe 4

a My 6 Je 18 - My 8 -  
 i Je 3 - S Je 27

a Mr\*12 Mr 11 n Fe 20 Fe 6  
 h Je 30 - S o Je 30 JeX30

had seen earlier in the year). After several hours of searching Ed and I did manage to add Black Duck, which luckily flew from Iowa into Nebraska.

My next bird for Nebraska did not come until after Christmas, when Mike Erickson, Paul Pearson, Ed, and I drove to Scottsbluff to see the Eurasian Wigeon (Code 5) that had been seen there on their Christmas Count. On 29 December Alice Kenitz led us to the bird, which was in the company of several hundred ducks and geese. The bird was quite wary, but I was able to get several photographs of it (NBR 55:19). The same day we drove to Sowbelly Canyon (Sioux Co.), where we saw our first Clark's Nutcrackers (Code 4) for Nebraska. We didn't see just one, we saw at least 40! We also had a flock of approximately 25 Bohemian Waxwings (Code 4) fly over. This was a species I had seen only once before in Nebraska. Despite several Goshawk reports around the area and a report of a Snowy Owl just north of Creighton, I was unable to find these birds and the Waxwings turned out to be the last new bird of the year. I ended 1986 with a Nebraska year list of 291 species.\*

In summary, I found all of the 197 birds I had given a Code 1 and 53 of the 54 Code 2 species (missed Hermit Thrush). Of the 40 birds I had given a Code 3 I had found 26. The species that I missed in this group were: White-faced Ibis, Northern Goshawk, Black-necked Stilt, Common Moorhen, King Rail, Mountain Plover, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Winter Wren, and Sharp-tailed Sparrow. With the exception of the Moorhen, I had reports of each of these species being in Nebraska in 1986. Included in my total were 12 Code 4 birds and 3 Code 5 species. Each species counted in the total had at least one witness or was documented with a photograph. I did not include the small loon species Ellen and I saw in Pierce Co. in November, as we were not sure of its identity. I do not believe it was a Common Loon, as it did not have the "jizz" of the species.

All in all, 1986 was a great year for birding and I had a fun time playing the game. One always thinks about the species he missed, but I know I'll remember for life some that I found. It was a year I learned a great deal about the birds of Nebraska, and about Nebraska as a whole. Perhaps the best part of birding in 1986 was making new acquaintances, spending time with old friends, and just sharing the joys and experiences that go with the sport.

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	Scotts Sioux Bluff	Dawes	Box Butte	A	Lin- coln	B	C	D	Hall Howard	Knox	E	Polk	Cedar
Eastern Meadowlark	-	-	-	a	-	-	-	-	My 20	-	-	-	-
Meadowlark sp.	-	-	-	-	(p)	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	-
Western Meadowlark	(p) R	P	Mr 25 JeR30	Mr 4 Je 28	K U	Je 10	B g	h e	Fe 10 Je 30	Ja 29 Je 25	j W	- Je 25	P
Yellow-headed Blackbird	My 9 Je 17	Ap 25 Je 17	-	-	g o	Ap 10 Je 30	-	-	Ap 18 Ap 25	Ap 25 Je 24	-	Ap 23 My 6	Mr 17 My 7
Rusty Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brewer's Blackb.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mr 27	-	Ap 16	-
Great-tailed Grackle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ap 24 Je 24	Ap 4 g	b	-	-
Common Grackle	Mr 19 Je 30	Mr 28 Je 30	R	Ap 1 Je 30	u W	(p)	B g	h e	i Je 30	Fe 22 Je 24	Mr 30 Je 24	k -	Mr 25 S Je 30
Brown-headed Cowbird	Ap 28 R	Ap 26 Je 17	Je 19 JeR26	Ap 22 My 28	C Y	Ap 5 Je 30	B g	i e	h Je 30	Mr 2 Je 24	Ap 24 m	Ap 16 -	Mr 17 S Je 30
Orchard Oriole	My 10 Je 30	My 24 Je 30	R	My 15 Je 30	B W	My 13 Je 30	N e	- e	o Je 13	My 20 Je 13	My 15 -	My 14 -	My 10 S Je 30
Northern Oriole	My 16 Je 30	My 16 Je 30	R	-	C Y	Ap 29 Je 30	P g	- e	h Je 30	My 6 Je 21	My 11 n	My 6 -	Ap 23 S Je 30
Rosy Finch	Fe* x Ap 16	Mr 4 Mr 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purple Finch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mr 13	Ap 18	-	-	-
House Finch	(p)	P	R	W - Ap 23	g o	(p)	g	-	Mr 24 Je 18	Ap 9 Je 18	b	-	-
Red Crossbill	-	Je 11	Ap 21 JeR20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fe* x
Common Redpoll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fe 18	-	-	-
Pine Siskin	-	P	P R	Mr 11 Ap 7	- Mr 1	W -	-	-	Ja 5 Ap 23	W Je 18	-	-	-
American Goldfinch	Mr 29 R	P	My 11 JeR30	Ja 7 My 14	G o	(p)	a f	c e	b -	(p)	P	-	Mr 19 S
Evening Grosbeak	-	-	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
House Sparrow	(p)	P	R	P u	n	(p)	B g	h e	h -	(p)	P	k	P P

to thank my wife, Ellen, for her support and tolerance during the course of the year, although she has yet to ask me "Do you think it is possible to see 300 in one year in Nebraska?".

\*ADDENDUM: Just recently, in going over photos I had taken in 1986, I came across several pictures of an immature tern I had taken at Willow Creek on 5 September. I remember the bird, questioning its identity, and photographing it before concluding it just must be another Forster's. Oops! The bird is clearly a Common Tern, based on the black horizontal line across the wing and the head pattern. This is a species I considered a Code 4 bird, based on the number of detailed records for the state and because of the identification problem. Nobody likes to admit botching an identification but this also proved to me the importance of keeping good records and taking photographs. Here, several years later I was able to identify a bird that up to this point I had

F Lan- Da- W Doug. Cass  
 caster kota a Sarpy  
 b Mr 13 - o Mr 24 P  
 k Je 30 Je 3  
 a P - - P -

not thought I had seen in Nebraska and had missed on my Nebraska Big year!

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NOTES

a P Ap 1 n P Ap 2  
 i - S o JeX19  
 - Ap 5 Ap 17 n Ap 3 My 6  
 My 19 My 7 My 27 My 7  
 - Ap 6 - - Ja 1 -  
 Mr 28  
 - Ap 5 - n - My 1  
 d Ap 26 My 7 - - -  
 Je 30  
 a P Mr 25 n P Fe 13  
 h - S o JeX30  
 a Ap\*23 Ap 19 n Ap 16 Fe 12  
 h Je 30 - S o Je 30 JeX30  
 d My 13 My 7 o My 6 My 20  
 e Je 3 - S Je 30  
 a Ap 26 My 6 n Ap 23 My 3  
 i Je 30 - S o Je 30 JeX30  
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 Ap 23  
 - W - - - Ja 15 Ap 24  
 Ap 26 My 5 Je 15  
 - - - - -  
 - - Mr 29 - Fe 20 -  
 Mr 7  
 - W - - - Mr 14 Ap 2  
 Ap 8 Ap 5  
 a P P i P P  
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 a P P h P p  
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**SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER NEST IN CASS COUNTY.** On 2 July 1989 Greg Hertel, Murray, Cass Co., reported an adult Scissor-tailed Flycatcher in his yard. He thought it had left the area, but Betty Allen and Ruth Green went down on 8 July to look for it, and they finally found it (a male) in Young Memorial Park. The next morning Betty took others down to see it, and found a female on a nest on a 40-foot light pole used to floodlight the ball field. This naturally drew attention of many birders. But about 20 July the birds abandoned the nest and disappeared. A power company lineman brought down the nest, which contained only shell fragments. The nest will be delivered to the State Museum. (This information is taken from Ruth Green's columns in *A Bird's Eye View*, 17: 6:5 and 7:6.) On 16 July Mark Brogie



took these photographs. The one of the nest was taken through a scope. The bird's tail can be seen, perpendicular to the base of the photo-

graph. Ducey's *Nebraska Birds, Breeding Status and Distribution* lists a nest in Clay Co. in 1964

(*NBR* 33:14) which was assumed to be successful, although no young were seen (the nest was in an Osage orange); in York (not Platte) Co. in 1959 (*NBR* 28:56), although again no



young were seen (but the old birds made such a fuss); in 1958 in Gage Co. (*NBR* 27:19), five young fledged; in Logan Co. in 1944 (*NBR* 13:50), with newly hatched birds; and, with no further details, Adams and Lancaster counties (*NBR* 13:21). Also (*NBR* 3:30), "Mr. Glenn Viehmeyer and his mother, Mrs. George Viehmeyer, report that a male Scissor-tailed Flycatcher spent the summers of 1926 and 1927" (the *Review* was first published in 1933 - Ed.) "among the trees about their residence three miles north of Stapleton. They state that it mated one summer with a female that appeared to them to be an Arkansas" (now Western) "Kingbird." The editor (Myron H. Swenk) added a footnote that in 1921 a female Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, mated with a male Western Kingbird, built two nests in Lancaster Co., both of which were taken over by House Sparrows. (The original report (Swenk and Dawson, *Wils. Bull.* 33:132-3) said only that the

female was "quarreling in a good natured way with a Western Kingbird". This later record probably is the same as the Lancaster record (NBR 13:21) above.

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION EAGLE SURVEY.** The 1989 NWF Midwinter Eagle Survey resulted in a record number of Bald Eagles observed in Nebraska: 209 along the Missouri River and 907 in the rest of the state, for a total of 1,116. The previous record was 1,114 Bald Eagles reported in 1987. Generally, winter conditions throughout Nebraska were quite mild right until the survey period began, when a major cold front moved through much of the state. Conditions were much milder than in 1988, when 650 Eagles were reported. In some prior years not all Eagles observed on the Missouri River were included, but but totals were "split" with the states sharing a common border. Also, survey coverage on the Missouri varied prior to 1987. The totals for all years have been amended to include all birds observed on the Missouri. In the following tabulation river sites are stretches of the river.

Sites	No	Bald	Gold	To-	Sites	No	Bald	Gold	To-						
	Ad	Im	?	Ad	Im	Ad	Im	?	Ad						
North Pl. R.	6	65	49	0	4	2	120	Wheeler/Boone	2	4	0	0	2	1	7
Platte River	9	254	105	7	1	0	367	Madison-Dodge	3	3	1	0	0	0	4
South Pl. R.	1	9	3	0	0	0	12	Branched Oak	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Republican R.	3	61	64	0	3	1	129	Clay Co.	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Middle Loup	2	24	2	0	1	0	27	Phelps Co.	1	1	2	0	0	0	3
N. Loup River	1	6	2	0	2	0	10	Harlan/Furnas	2	4	3	0	0	0	7
Loup River	1	33	6	0	0	0	39	Red W-Hitchcock	4	5	0	0	0	1	6
Snake River	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	Enders Res.	1	1	4	0	0	0	5
Niobrara R.	5	40	11	0	2	2	55	Sutherland Res.	1	78	40	0	0	0	118
Dawes/Sioux	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	Subtotal	62	607	293	7	24	10	941
Box Butte	3	1	0	0	2	0	3	Above Soo City	1	75	28	0	0	0	103
Sheridan Co.	1	3	0	0	2	2	7	Soo City-Omaha	1	38	14	12	0	0	64
W. Cherry Co.	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	Omaha-Neb. City	1	13	4	0	0	0	17
Valentine NWR	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Neb. City-Rulo	1	13	12	0	0	0	25
Logan/Blaine	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	Subtotal	4	139	58	12	0	0	209
Calamus River	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	Total	66	746	351	19	24	18	
Custer Co.	1	2	0	0	0	0	2							1150	
Buffalo Co.	1	2	0	0	1	0	3								
Holt Co.	1	0	0	0	1	0	1								

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**WHOOPING CRANE REPORT** The Grand Island office of the Fish and Wildlife Service reported 12 confirmed (2 of the same birds), 6 probable, and 9 unconfirmed sightings of Whooping Cranes in Nebraska in the spring of 1989. There were only 23 confirmed sightings in the U.S. Confirmed sightings are:

One adult, Hall Co., 24 March-14 April, on the Platte River, 2.5 mi. w. of Wood River bridge T9N, R12W, S23.

Two adults, Phelps Co., 5-7 April, Sacramento-Wilcox WMA, 2.5 mi. w. of Wilcox, T5N, R17W, S28, NE 1/4, S21, 34.

Two adults, Loup Co. 9-12 April, North Loup River, .5 mi. w. and .25 mi. n. of Almeria, T22N, R19W, S32,33. Same birds just reported above.

Four adults, Harlan Co., 6-7 April, 2.5 mi. n. of Republican City, T2N, R17W, S15 NE 1/4, SE 1/4.

Two adults and a young, Howard Co., 8-11 April, 1 mi. s. of Dannebrog, Middle Loup River. T13N, R11W, S14, 22.

Four adults, Valley Co., 11-18 April, 3 mi. n. and .5 e. of North Loup, North Loup River, T18N, R13W, S11, 12.,

One Adult, Buffalo Co., 16-17 April, 3 mi. w. of N10 bridge, Platte River., T8N, R15W, S16, SE 1/4.

Four adults, Custer Co., 16-17 April, 2 mi. n. and 6 w. of Merna, T18N, R22W, S20, SE 1/4.

Two adults, Buffalo Co., 24 April, 3 mi. n., 1 e., and .5 n. of Riverdale, T10N, R16W, S17, SE 1/4.

Four adults, Sheridan Co., 27 April-1 May, 23 mi. n. and .5 w. of Ellsworth on N27, T28N, R42W, S27, NW 1/4.

Five adults, Sheridan Co., 27-30 April, 29 mi. n. and .25 w. of Ellsworth on N27. T28N, R42W, S3 SW 1/4.  
 One adult, Garden Co., 23-24 May, 2 mi. sw. of Oshkosh North Platte River, T17N, R44W, S33 SE 1/4.  
 Probable sightings are:  
 One adult, Keya Paha/Brown Co. line, 17 April, Niobrara River, just e. of Fairfield Creek.  
 Five adults, Valley Co., 20 April, 3 mi. s. of Arcadia, Middle Loup River.  
 Six adults, Custer Co., 20 April, 5.5 mi. ne. of Arnold on N92/70 and .5 n., T18N, R24W, S32.  
 Two adults, Cherry Co., 22-29 April, 15 mi. n. and 7.5 e. of Mullen, T26N, R31W, S14 SW 1/4.  
 Two adults, Thomas Co., 24 April, 5 mi. e. of Seneca, RR mile marker 253, Middle Loup River.  
 Two adults, Dodge Co., 30 April, .2 mi. w. of Hooper on US275, flying.  
 The unconfirmed sightings are:  
 One adult in Hall Co., 28 February, s. of Crane Meadows, flying.  
 One adult, Hall Co., 1 March, along I-80 between Alda and US 281, flying.  
 Two adults, Hall Co., 17 March, 4 mi. w. of I-80 Wood River interchange.  
 One adult, Buffalo Co., 17 March, between Odessa and Elm Creek, flying.  
 Two adults, Lancaster Co., 25, 27 March, 9 mi. w. of Lincoln, n. of I-80, flying.  
 Four adults, Buffalo Co., 30 March, Shelton I-80 interchange.  
 Two adults, county uncertain, 7 April, between Shelton, Buffalo Co., and Kenesaw, Adams Co.  
 Two adults, Lincoln Co., 17 April, Sutherland Reservoir, flying.  
 Three adults, Thomas Co., 20 April, Middle Loup River, 7 mi. e. of Thedford.  
 Confirmed, probable, and unconfirmed sightings are defined on *NBR* 56:79.  
 There were 137 Whooping Cranes reported at Aransas last winter (118 adults/subadults and 19 young), and a 1986 subadult wintered near Ganado, Tex. During the winter 3 adults and 2 chicks were lost, and on 21 April 1989 a subadult female was found at Aransas in a weakened condition, captured, treated, and sent to the San Antonio Zoo. This left 132 Cranes, one more than last year, available to migrate. The 1986 subadult male which spent last summer at Aransas was still there at the time the report was prepared. About 55 birds left between mid-March and 8 April. Only 2 left between 8 and 15 April, when the winds were predominately northeast, it was overcast and with drizzle over the Texas coast. Between 15 and 22 April 62 birds migrated. *Grus Americanus*, 28:3&4,1, reported that the bird sent to the San Antonio Zoo died of avian tuberculosis. Thirty nests were located in Wood Buffalo National Park, and by late June 21 to 26 chicks were seen. In May, 15 eggs were collected and sent to Patuxet, and of these hatched. The Patuxet flock laid 19 eggs and 9 hatched. This year 2 eggs were left in each of 7 nests at Wood Buffalo, and in at least 6 nests both hatched, but in June a survey found that only one chick survived in each of these nests.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

**The Collins Field Guide to the Birds of the Galapagos**, Micheal Harris, illustrated by Barry Kent MacKay, 160 pp., 5 x 7 3/4, index, Stephen Greene Press, Lexington, Mass., hard cover \$19.95.

The book starts with an overview of the islands and their topography, flora, and fauna. A two-page map of the archipelago is given early in the book, and is also used for the end papers. This portion of the book will be helpful to anyone planning a trip to the islands in evaluating the itineraries and timing of group tours, or in planning an independent visit. The rest of the book is given over to the usual field guide information on the individual species. There are sketches scattered through these pages, but the basic illustrations are on 12 plates (4 colored, 8 black-and-white), scattered through the book. It should be a very useful book, even to those just contemplating a trip.

**A Birdsong Tutor for Visually Handicapped Individuals**, two cassettes (120 minutes), Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology, Ithaca, \$14.95.

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These cassettes, which include frog, insect, and mammal sounds as well, are available for no-cost loan to the patrons of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. *NBR* 55:86 gives more information on this library service.

**1990 The Bird Identification Calendar**, illustrated by John Sill, 11 x 14, Viking Penguin, New York, \$8.95.

The first two pages are on attracting birds, thereafter a page with bird pictures and short notes on them (except for one month devoted solely to "The Endangered Roseate Tern") facing the month's calendar. Of the over 60 species pictured, some are wide-spread, some (such as the Sandhill Crane) are regional.

**The Flyfisher's 1990 Calendar**, Ernest Schwiebert, 11 x 14, Viking Penguin, New York, \$10.95.

The first two pages give "A Year of Fishing Secrets", thereafter each month has almost a page and a half of flies and comments on them, and a little over half a page for the month's calendar. The back page has a chart of hatches, showing the spread of months and whether Rocky Mountain and Pacific (in black) or East, Southeast, and Midwest (in red).

**Birds, A 1990 Equinox Nature Calendar**, 12 x 14, Firefly Books, Ltd., Willowdale, Ontario, \$7.95

Bird photographs in color, with the month's calendar and a short note on the picture on the facing page. Among their similar calendars are *Wildflowers* and *Decoys*.

**Eric Hosking's Birds of Prey of the World**, Eric and David Hosking with Jim Flegg, 176 pp., 8 3/4 x 11, bibliography, index, Stephen Greene Press, Lexington, Mass., hard cover \$19.95

The Hoskings took almost all of the photographs, almost all of them in the wild; and most are in color. Mr. Flegg starts the text out with three introductory chapters on birds of prey, and then launches into discussions, in series, of the various families and their members. He concludes with a chapter on falconry, one on conservations, and a tabulation in guide book order, giving the scientific name, the English common name, and the region(s) where each is found. This is a book for careful reading for one interested in birds of prey, or in looking at pictures of them.