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1983 NEBRASKA NESTING SURVEY

Compiled by Dr. Esther V. Bennett

Data on the 1983 nesting season in Nebraska were received from 24 observers, reporting on 69 species from 49 counties. Counties in the tabulation are listed in a west to east order, with the northernmost of approximately equal locations given first. Numbers represent Nest Record Cards: N represents nests observed for which no Nest Record Card was submitted; and Y represents young observed. GPC in the following paragraph represents Nebraska State Game and Parks Commission.

Fifty-four species were reported on 595 North American Nest Record Cards. The counties, with column numbers on the tabulation shown in parentheses, and the contributors were: Adams (28), GPC, E.M. Helzer, B. Welch; Banner (3), GPC; Boone (30), W.J. Mollhoff; Box Butte (5), GPC; Boyd (20), GPC; Brown (15), GPC; Buffalo (24), GPC, Thomas E. Labedz; Butler (36), GPC; Cass (47), GPC; Cedar (35), GPC; Custer (16), GPC; Dakota (41), GPC; Dawes (4), GPC; Dawson (17), GPC; Dixon (40), GPC; Dodge (42), GPC; Douglas (45), Russ Benedict, R.G. Cortelyou, E.D. Johnson, GPC; Fillmore (34), J.M. Votipka; Frontier (12), GPC; Garfield (22), GPC; Gosper (18), GPC; Hall (27), GPC; Hayes (10), GPC; Hitchcock (11), GPC; Holt (21), GPC; Howard (26), GPC; Jefferson (39), GPC; Keith (7), GPC; Keya Paha (14), GPC; Knox (29), GPC; Lancaster (44), GPC, A.D. Kelley, W.C. Garthright, Max (8) Schuster, Ann Williams for Wildlife Rescue Team; Lincoln (9), GPC; Loup (19), GPC; Merrick (32), GPC; Morrill (6), GPC; Nance (31), GPC; Otoe (48), GPC; Perkins (8), GPC; Polk (33), GPC; Red Willow (13), GPC; Richardson (49), GPC; Saline (38), J.M. Votipka; Sarpy (46), Charlie Grandt, R.G. Cortelyou, Russ Benedict, GPC; Saunders (43), Gary Lingle, Janet Weaver, GPC; Scotts Bluff (2), A.M. Kenitz, GPC; Seward (37), GPC; Sioux (1), GPC; Wheeler (25), W.J. Mollhoff; and Valley (23), GPC.

Persons or agencies contributing over 15 Nest Crds were: Game and Parks Commission, 423; W.C. Garthright, 71; A.M. Kenitz, 21; and W.J. Mollhoff, 34. Games and Parks Commission employees who provided Nest Card information are: D.E. Carlson, J.J. Dinan, Jim Ducey, N. Ellman, Allen George, W. Vodenahl, and G.A. Wingfield.

The following eight species included in this report were not reported in the 1982 Nesting Survey (*NBR* 51:26): Merlin, American Woodcock, Chuck-will's-widow, Tree Swallow, Cedar Waxwing, Yellow Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and House Finch.

Forty-five species reported in the 1982 survey were not reported in 1983: Eared and Western Grebes; Cattle Egret, Green-backed Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Gadwall; Sharp-shinned and Swainson's Hawks; American Kestrel, Greater Prairie-Chicken, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Northern Bobwhite; Spotted and Upland Sandpipers; Long-billed Curlew, Black Tern, Black-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Screech-Owl; Burrowing and Long-eared Owls; Common Poorwill, Hairy Woodpecker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Purple Martin, Black-billed Magpie, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Marsh Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Wood Thrush; Bell's and Red-eyed Vireos; Louisiana Waterthrush, Scarlet Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Dickcissel, Rufous-sided Towhee; Field and Lark Sparrows; Lark Bunting, Bobolink, Western Meadowlark, Orchard Oriole, and American Goldfinch.

Anyone who sees evidence of nesting, young, or adult birds carrying nesting material, food, or fecal sacs, can submit the information without the use of a special form, although it will be appreciated if the information is in such form that it can be easily separated by species and county. This information will be included in the Nebraska Nesting Survey by letters rather than by numbers.

Anyone who has found, or expects to find, an active nest is invited to write for North American Nest Record Cards to use in reporting the nest. Each nest requires a separate card, except for colonial nesting species, which require a separate card for each visit to the site.

Cards, instruction sheets, and Laboratory of Ornithology Nest Survey newsletters may be obtained from Dr. Esther V. Bennett, 1641 Devoe Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506.

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