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THE EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

About 75 people participated in at least one of the events at the eighty-fourth Annual Meeting, held 18 and 19 May 1985 at the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Camp, adjacent to Schramm State Park, between Louisville and Gretna, in Sarpy Co. There was the usual slide show Friday night. Saturday morning was available for birding. In the afternoon the following papers were presented:

Waterfowl Production in the Rainwater Basins.

Robin Harding, Department of Biology, Kearney State College.

Age and Reproductive Success in Northern Orioles.

Thomas Labeledz, Nebraska State Museum.

A Comparative Analysis of Long-eared Owl Pellets.

Russell Benedict and Ray Korpi

presented by Ray Korpi, University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Breeding Bird Atlas Update, Wayne J. Mollhoff, Albion.

The business meeting followed. Wayne Mollhoff was appointed chairman of a committee to establish a records committee. The Fall Field Day will be at Halsey National Forest 5 and 6 October, and the Annual Meeting at North Platte, the date to be selected by the North Platte committee. The Bean Goose was selected as the best bird of the season. The current officers were all re-elected.

At the banquet that evening Dr. Harvey Gunderson, Lincoln, spoke on African Birds.

Sunday morning was available for birding, and Wayne Mollhoff gave a demonstration of the preparation of a study skin.

The weather both days was fine for birding. Most of it was done around the Camp and Schramm Park, but a group did go to Fontenelle Forest, also in Sarpy Co. The 58 species recorded at both places are marked b, the 50 recorded at Schramm and not in the Forest are marked s, and the 12 recorded at the Forest and not at Schramm (including a Red-tail between the two) are marked f. In addition to these 120 species, 18 others recorded by a party that went to the settling ponds, across the river from the Forest, in Iowa, are marked i; and 2 seen at the Werthman home, in NE Douglas Co., by the Werthmans, who were commuting, are marked d. Eared Grebe i, American White Pelican i, Great Blue Heron b, Cattle Egret i, Green-backed

Heron b, Black-crowned Night-Heron i, Wood Duck b, Mallard s, Blue-winged Teal i, Lesser Scaup i, Red-breasted Merganser i, Turkey Vulture b; Red-shouldered f, Broad-winged f, and Red-tailed b Hawks; Merlin s, Peregrine Falcon s, Ring-necked Pheasant s, Wild Turkey s, Northern Bobwhite s; Semipalmated s and Piping s Plovers; Killdeer s, American Avocet i, Lesser Yellowlegs i, Spotted Sandpiper s, Hudsonian Godwit s, Sanderling i; Semipalmated s, Least i, White-rumped s, Baird's s, and Pectoral s Sandpipers; Dunlin s, Stilt Sandpiper i, Long-billed Dowitcher i, American Woodcock s, Wilson's Phalarope i; Franklin's s, Ring-billed i, and Herring i Gulls; Caspian i, Forster's i, Least s, and Black s Terns; Rock b and Mourning b Doves; Black-billed b and Yellow-billed s Cuckoos; Eastern Screech-Owl s; Great Horned b and Barred b Owls; Common Nighthawk s, Chuck-will's-widow s, Whip-poor-will s, Chimney Swift b, Ruby-throated Hummingbird f, Belted Kingfisher b; Red-headed b and Red-bellied b Woodpeckers; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker s; Downy b and Hairy b Woodpeckers; Northern Flicker b, Olive-sided Flycatcher f, Eastern Wood-Pewee b; Least b and Great-crested b Flycatchers; Western s and Eastern b Kingbirds; Purple Martin s; Tree f, Northern Rough-winged b, Bank s, Cliff b, and Barn s Swallows; Blue Jay b, American Crow b, Black-capped Chickadee b, Tufted Titmouse b, White-breasted Nuthatch b, Brown Creeper s; Bewick's s and House b Wrens; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher b, Eastern Bluebird s; Gray-cheeked b, Swainson's b, and Wood b Thrushes; American Robin b, Gray Catbird b, Brown Thrasher b, Cedar Waxwing b, European Starling b; Bell's s, Solitary s, Yellow-throated b, Warbling b, Philadelphia s, and Red-eyed b Vireos; Tennessee b and Nashville f Warblers; Northern Parula f; Yellow b, Chestnut-sided b, Yellow-rumped f, Yellow-throated f, Black-poll b, and Cerulean s Warblers; American Redstart f, Ovenbird b; Northern b and Louisiana f Waterthrushes; Kentucky Warbler s, Common Yellowthroat b, Wilson's Warbler f, Yellow-breasted Chat s; Summer s and Scarlet s Tanagers; Northern Cardinal b, Rose-breasted Grosbeak b, Indigo Bunting b, Dickcissel s, Rufous-sided Towhee b; Chipping s, Field s, Lark s, Grasshopper s, and Song s Sparrows; Red-winged Blackbird b, Western Meadowlark s, Yellow-headed Blackbird i, Common Grackle b, Brown-headed Cowbird b; Orchard s and Northern b Orioles; Red Crossbill d, Pine Siskin d, American Goldfinch b, and House Sparrow b.

A small group went to Burchard Lake, Pawnee Co., to look for the Henslow's Sparrow, and succeeded. They also recorded Greater Prairie-Chicken, Upland Sandpiper, and Northern Mockingbird which were not recorded in the Douglas-Sarpy area.