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A Glance at Christmas Bird Count Results

Christmas Bird Count (CBC) season took place from December 14, 2019 to January 5, 2020. Overall, the CBC season was relatively mild. However, the Lake McConaughy CBC was cancelled and other CBCs were postponed because of winter weather. With Lake McConaughy out, the Harlan County CBC appears to be the state's top CBC with a total of 85 species. Coming close behind was the Lower Platte River CBC at 80 species. Seward/Branched Oak and DeSoto tied for third with 77 species. Each and every CBC produced valuable data that can be used to evaluate long-term changes in the abundance and distribution of our birds. NOU members can look forward to a more in-depth review of the CBC season in an upcoming issue of the *Nebraska Bird Review*.

1. Harlan County – 85 species
2. Lower Platte River – 80 species
3. Seward/Branched Oak – 77 species
3. DeSoto – 77 species
4. Omaha – 69 species
5. Lincoln - 68 species
6. North Platte – 74 species
7. Ames – 63 species
8. Calamus/Loup – 48 species
9. Norfolk – 57 species
10. Ponca – 52 species
10. Scottsbluff – 52 species
11. Beaver Valley – 42 species
12. Crawford – 35 species
13. Harrison – 18 species
14. Lake McConaughy – cancelled due to weather

Membership Renewal Time

A new year means it is time to renew your NOU membership if you have not done so already. Thanks to those individuals that have already renewed. If you are currently not a member, it is a good time to think about starting the year out right by joining the organization. The good news is that memberships can now be purchased online by visiting this [page](#). If you are unable to join online, you may still join the NOU or renew your membership by sending a check (payable to NOU) of \$25 (regular membership), \$40 (sustaining membership, which includes a \$15 donation), or \$10 (student membership) to Jan Johnson, NOU Treasurer, 86252 581 Ave., Wakefield, NE 68784. A handy membership form can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

NOU's Next Meetings

Gering, May 22-24, 2020

Schramm Park State Recreation Area,
October 23-25, 2020

New Members

Linda Sullivan of Valparaiso, Donna Matlock of Elkhorn, Daniel Evasco of Papillion, Jeff McNear of Lincoln, and Katharine W. Cohen of Murray, Kentucky

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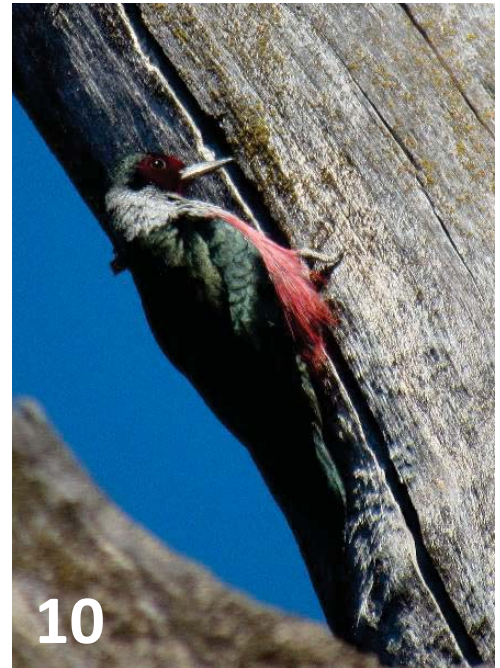


Ranking Nebraska's Best Birds of 2019

The year 2019 has ended and with its conclusion comes the opportunity to take a look back at the birds that defined the year. Below, the top birds of 2019 are ranked in reverse order, with the bird of the year coming at the end. Note that all of these sightings are subject to review by the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union Records Committee, but I purposely only included sightings that appear to be likely to pass scrutiny (because they were photographed). The selection and their rank are solely the opinion of the Editor, so please send criticism, corrections or omissions to him.

10. Red-naped Sapsucker and Lewis's Woodpecker (tie)

in Sarpy County: Red-naped Sapsucker and Lewis's Woodpecker are rare in the western Panhandle and are unexpected in the east. Either species, let alone both, showing up in far eastern Nebraska in the same calendar year is noteworthy. The Red-naped Sapsucker was photographed by Malcom Wilbur in his yard in Bellevue 10-11 April, while the Lewis's Woodpecker showed up at Schramm Park SRA in December. Nine species of Woodpecker have now been recorded in Sarpy County.



9. Cassin's Vireo in Platte County:

Similar to the above, Cassin's Vireo is regular in western Nebraska but not expected in the east. In addition, it would be easy for any observer to overlook a vagrant Cassin's



Vireo and just consider it a pale Blue-headed Vireo. Fortunately, the one found by Ed Brogie in Platte County on 18 May was not only a great find, it was also very well documented. There are only a handful of other records from eastern North America. Photo by Ed Brogie.

8. **Long-tailed Jaeger:** An unusual bird sighted at the Calamus State Fish Hatchery in September by Nebraska Game and Park Commission Fisheries Division staff turned out to be a bird belonging to this species. The Fisheries staff did not know what species they spotted, but fortunately took cell phone video, which made identification possible. This will likely become Nebraska 12th record. Image from video collected by Charles Bridgham.



7. **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (successful nesting):** This species has become an annual occurrence, but the first nesting record requires a mention here. The saga of this nesting record began when an out-of-state birder reported adults with young at Funk Waterfowl Production Area on 28 September. Even though nesting by this species was not unexpected, the equivocal nature of the report along with the late date on which the sighting occurred meant additional evidence was needed before the report could be considered legitimate. Additional evidence was obtained and the pair and its brood were observed during much of October, which (interestingly) also happened to be duck season. Photograph by Boni Edwards.



6. **Harris's Hawk:** A beautiful adult captured at Offutt Air Force Base on 14 November by folks working to keep birds from colliding with planes will be Nebraska's 6th record. The bird showed no signs of captivity and was released without being harmed away from the airbase.



5. **Ash-throated Flycatcher:** Nebraska's third record will likely be a bird(s) at I-80 Exit 1 in Kimball County reported on 26 June and subsequently photographed by Boni Edwards on 29 June. This is the same location the species last appeared in the state in 2009 when breeding occurred. Sightings of 1-2 birds by multiple observers continued through mid-July. It is not unreasonable to expect additional records from this locale in the future.



4. **Anna's Hummingbird:** A sub-adult that made a brief appearance at Marie Smith's feeder in Scotts Bluff county will likely become Nebraska's third record. All of Nebraska's records have occurred in the past 4 years. If this trend continues, it will not be too much longer before a sighting of this species will no longer make this list. Photo by Marie Smith.
3. **Yellow-billed Loon:** Nebraska's fourth was found and photographed at Branched Oak Lake on 8 December, the same location where Nebraska's first Yellow-billed Loon was discovered nearly a half century earlier in 1996. Photo by Steve Kruse.
2. **Purple Gallinule:** A surprise turned out to be this report of a strange bird trapped inside a semi-open courtyard at a school in Hastings, Adams County on 13 September. The odd bird turned out to be a juvenile Purple Gallinule. It was captured by a law enforcement officer and released at a nearby wetland. This is only Nebraska's second Purple Gallinule and by far the better documented. Interestingly, the first record was also from Adams County.
1. **Grace's Warbler:** Barely edging out the Purple Gallinule as the bird of the year was a Grace's Warbler photographed at Louisville State Recreation Area by Elizabeth Winter. Originally reported as and assumed to be the very similar Yellow-throated Warbler, careful scrutiny of the photos indicated this bird was in fact Nebraska's 2nd Grace's Warbler. A bird of the Southwest, a second record of this species was expected at some point, but it was a total shocker that it be bird in fall from the eastern end of the state. Four birds on this list are western species in the east and is more evidence that careful scrutiny of all birds may turn up more goodies in future. Bring on the good birds of 2020!



Proposed change to the Bylaws

The NOU Board of Directors is proposing to amend the bylaws. Specifically, the proposed change would alter the composition of the Nominating Committee. The proposed change will come up for a vote of the membership at the Business Meeting during the 2020 Spring meeting in Gering, Nebraska, on 23 May. The Bylaws also requires that the membership be made aware of the proposed change more than thirty days in advance of the Business Meeting. The proposed change is from page 4 of the Bylaws, which are available on the NOU website at <https://noubirds.org/Documents/Bylaws.pdf>. The proposed changes to the Nominating Committee section are shown below. Changes are highlighted in yellow, with the language shown with the strikethrough as words proposed to be deleted. Language proposed to be added in shown in red.

Nominating Committee – It shall consist of three members ~~who are not member of the Board of Directors, and~~ who have been ~~members~~ **active participants** in the organization for at least five years. **No more than one committee member shall also be a member of the Board of Directors.** Only one member may have served on the previous year’s committee, but may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Its purpose is to assure that at least one candidate for each office will be available at the annual meeting. Each nominee for each office must indicate a willingness to accept office if elected. The committee shall present nominee names at the annual business meeting of the Corporation.

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2019 NEBRASKA BIRDING LIST REPORT

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Going over the 2019 numbers here are some significant changes that I noticed! The biggest news this year were the 100 additions to the County Lists (125 or over) and the number of additions of eBird listers.

2019 Annual List – (two people hit or exceeded the 300 total in 2019)

1. Joel Jorgensen topped this list in 2019 (303); his third time in going over 300.
2. Sharla Meester had 301 species in 2019; her second time going over 300.

Top 2019 Annual County Lists (over 200)

- 238 Larry Einemann – Lancaster
- 226 Matthew Van Den Broeke - Lancaster
- 225 Michael Willison – Lancaster
- 222 Cynthia Van Den Broeke – Lancaster
- 220 Steve Brenner - Lancaster
- 208 Tom Gannon - Lancaster
- 208 Steve Kruse - Lancaster
- 206 Mark A. Brogie – Knox
- 206 Esa Jarvi – Lancaster

NEBRASKA COUNTY ADDITIONS: (Adding 3 or more)

1. Rick Eades added five counties and he now has 39 counties over 125 species.
2. Ed Brogie added five counties and hit 15 counties over 125 species.
3. Don Paseka (59) added four counties.
4. Dave Heidt (47), Jan Johnson (37), Janis Paseka (59), and Brian Peterson (14) all added three counties.
5. Ruthie Stearns (14), San Manning (12), and Paul Roisen (10) joined the list of those with 10 counties or more with over 125 species.

NEBRASKA LIFE-LISTS: (Hitting milestone or adding 5 or more – above 300)

1. Clem Klaphake added seven birds to his Nebraska life-list and moved into the Top Ten with his new total of 388.
2. T.J. Walker hit the 350 mark.
3. Sharla Meester added 13 birds to get to 348.
4. Paul Roisen added 6 species in 2019 to get to 360.
5. Tom Gannon, Jonathan Nikkila, and David Ely all added species to make it to the 300 and over list.

SPECIES IN ALL 93 COUNTIES:

1. Don and Janis Paseka each added six species to get to 22 in this category.

SPECIES TOTALS FOR ALL 93 NEBRASKA COUNTIES:

1. Janis Paseka added 245 to her county totals and moved into fifth place.
2. Big Movers in the top 25 of this category: (300 or more)
 - Paul Roisen added 847 in 2019.
 - Brian Peterson added 458.
 - Rick Eades added 370.



Gary Roberts added 344.

Jan Johnson added 315.

TOTAL SPECIES PER COUNTY:

1. Joel Jorgensen added 3 species and hit 251 in Seward County. *** (His 8th county 250 or more). WOW!
2. Dave Stage now has two counties where he has seen 250 or more species.

NEBRASKA COUNTY LISTS: (125 or over)

1. Steve Morris took over the lead in Merrick County and is now a co-leader in Nance County.
2. Lanny Randolph now leads in Sherman County.
3. Rick Eades added 21 and now leads in Johnson County.
4. Those leading a county and adding 10 or more:

Kent Skaggs added 10 species to maintain his lead in Loup County.

5. The following (over 125) moved up at least 10 species in a county:

Steve Morris up 107 in Hall.

Olivia DaRugna up 47 in Lancaster.

Eric Bents up 41 in Douglas.

Jonathan Nikkila up 37 in Lancaster.

Ed M. Brogie up 35 in Dixon.

Jonathan Nikkila up 25 in Buffalo.

Paul Roisen up 25 in Cedar.

T.J. Walker up 25 in Seward.

Ed M. Brogie up 24 in Platte.

Mary Clausen up 24 in Sarpy.

Rick Eades up 24 in Adams.

Rick Eades up 24 in Otoe.

Elizabeth Winter up 23 in Douglas.

Scott Bradley up 22 in Douglas.

Ed M. Brogie up 22 in Knox.

Bobby Walz up 22 in Sarpy.

Sam Manning up 21 in Lancaster.

Rick Eades up 19 in Clay.

Landon Korth up 19 in Lancaster.

Sam Manning up 19 in Washington.

Matt Van Den Broeke up 19 in Lancaster.

Boni Edwards up 18 in Lincoln.

Scott Bradley up 17 in Sarpy.

Andrew Furman up 17 in Dawson.

Lanny Randolph up 17 in Buffalo.

Elizabeth Winter up 17 in Sarpy.

Cynthia Van Den Broeke up 16 in Lancaster.

Rick Eades up 15 in Cherry.

William Flack up 15 in Chase.

William Flack up 15 in Hitchcock.

Deb Ratzlaff up 15 in Lancaster.



Ed M. Brogie up 14 in Lancaster.
Mark A. Brogie up 14 in Burt.
William Flack up 14 in Thayer.
Ed M. Brogie up 13 in Keith.
Ed M. Brogie up 12 in Scotts Bluff.
Rick Eades up 12 in Colfax.
Rick Eades up 12 in Platte.
Kadynn Hatfield up 12 in Sarpy.
William Flack up 11 in Kearney.
Andrew Furman up 11 in Gosper.
Steve Kruse up 11 in Lancaster.
Jan Johnson up 11 in Burt.
Justin Rink up 11 in Lancaster.
Matt Shurtliff up 12 in Douglas.
Rick Eades up 10 in Gage.
Dave Heidt up 10 in Polk.
Sam Manning up 11 in Burt.
Cynthia Van Den Broeke up 11 in Seward.
Matt Van Den Broeke up 11 in Seward.
Marion Weidemann up 11 in Sheridan.
Sam Manning up 10 in Platte.

6. 59 individuals had new additions to the County Lists (125 and over); the following with two or more counties:

- 5 Ed M. Brogie
- 5 Rick Eades
- 5 Stephen Mlodinow
- 5 Justin Rink
- 4 Steve Morris
- 4 Don Paseka
- 4 Ruthie Stearnes
- 3 Jan Johnson
- 3 Sam Manning
- 3 Janis Paseka
- 3 Brian Peterson
- 3 Elizabeth Winter
- 2 Lee Brogie
- 2 Larry Einemann
- 2 Jonathan Nikkila
- 2 Neal Ratzlaff
- 2 Kent Skaggs
- 2 Jason Thiele

I am sure I have omitted some other significant changes, so let me know!

Have a GREAT 2020 BIRDING YEAR, and ADD to these lists!

- Mark



Nebraska County Lists

(125 species minimum)

Adams:

Paul Dunbar	270
Joel Jorgensen	188
Robin Harding	178
Lanny Randolph	176
William Flack	167
Rick Eades	158
Craig Faanes	142
Mark A. Brogie	132

Antelope:

Mark A. Brogie	269
Scott Buss	190
William Flack	168
Dave Heidt	166
Jan Johnson	161
Jason Thiele eBird	145
Lanny Randolph	142
Dave Stage	139
Robin Harding	138
Don & Janis Paseka	131

Arthur:

Mark A. Brogie	133
William Flack	129

Banner:

William Flack	130
Kathy DeLara	127
Stephen J. Dinsmore	125

Blaine:

Mark A. Brogie	152
William Flack	136
Lanny Randolph	133
Robin Harding	131
Gertrude Wood	125

Boone:

Wayne Mollhoff	245
Mark A. Brogie	166
William Flack	149
Dave Heidt	142
Lanny Randolph	138
Robin Harding	136
Jan Johnson	136
Janis Paseka	136
Don Paseka	135

Box Butte

Richard Rosche	165
William Flack	135

Boyd:

Mark A. Brogie	194
Dave Heidt	163
Jan Johnson	144
Dave Stage	139
William Flack	138

Brown:

Mark A. Brogie	204
Dave Heidt	171
William Flack	163
Jan Johnson	155
Dave Stage	155
Joel Jorgensen	153
Don Paseka	143
Robin Harding	139
Neal Ratzlaff	134
Lanny Randolph	132
Izen Ratzlaff	128
Janis Paseka	127
Richard Rosche	126
Gertrude Wood	125

Buffalo:

Kent Skaggs	252
Robin Harding	234
Andrew Furman eBird	230
Lanny Randolph	220
Jonathan Nikkila eBird	213
Gary Lingle	202
William Flack	196
Barbara Brown eBird	194
Thomas Labeledz	184
Andrew Pierson	178
T.J. Walker	163
Rick Eades	162
Mark A. Brogie	158
Joel Jorgensen	150
Tim Hajda	141
Craig Faanes	136
Clem Klaphake	133
Don Paseka	132
Janis Paseka	131
Gertrude Wood	130

Burt:

Joel Jorgensen	199
Mark A. Brogie	173
Paul Timm	164
Eric Bents	155
Clem Klaphake	155
Don & Janis Paseka	155
Jan Johnson	151
T.J. Walker	150
Sam Manning	142
Gary Roberts	138
Dave Stage	137
William Flack	134
Larry Einemann	132
Brian Peterson	129

Butler:

Joel Jorgensen	209
Mark A. Brogie	184
Larry Einemann	181
Rick Eades	177
William Flack	163
Joe Gubanyi	152
Dave Heidt	151
Don Paseka	150
Scott Buss	149
Janis Paseka	149
Dave Stage	149
Curtis Dykstra eBird	145
Clem Klaphake	145
Lanny Randolph	136
Jan Johnson	135
Gary Roberts	133
Robin Harding	132
Neal Ratzlaff	125

Cass:

Gertrude Wood	294
Clem Klaphake	218
Rick Eades	209
Joel Jorgensen	202
Babs & Loren Padelford	182
Larry Einemann	172
Mark A. Brogie	164
Sam Manning	162
Elaine Bachel	156
Dave Stage	155
Ruthie Stearns	153
Don & Janis Paseka	149
Susan Quinn	148
Neal Ratzlaff	142
Tom Gannon	133
William Flack	132
Greg Hartel eBird	131
Brian Peterson	130
Gary Roberts	126
Elizabeth Winter	125

Cedar:

Dave Stage	264
Mark A. Brogie	261
Jan Johnson	214
Bill Huser	198
David True eBird	187
Norma Brockmoller	175
Dave Heidt	169
William Flack	157
Paul Roisen	153
Ed M. Brogie eBird	136
Joel Jorgensen	134
Don & Janis Paseka	132
Roger Dietrich eBird	131



Chase:

Mark A. Brogie	194
T.J. Walker	167
William Flack	158
Richard Rosche	148
Joel Jorgensen	135

Cherry:

Mark A. Brogie	223
Joel Jorgensen	189
Clem Klaphake	187
Richard Rosche	187
William Flack	186
Robin Harding	180
Jan Johnson	180
Dave Heidt	179
Bill Huser	178
Lanny Randolph	173
Don Paseka	171
T.J. Walker	170
Janis Paseka	167
Neal Ratzlaff	162
Craig Faanes	157
Paul Roisen	155
Dave Stage	155
Elaine Bachel	150
Edward Raynor	148
Thomas Labeledz	144
Dan Leger	144
Larry Einemann	143
Babs & Loren Padelford	143
Stephen Brenner	142
Rick Eades	141
Izen Ratzlaff	141
Ruthie Stearns	137
Kathy DeLara	136
Joe Gubanyi	135
Stephen J. Dinsmore	132
Gary Roberts	130
Gertrude Wood	130
Brian Peterson	128
Keith Dyche	125

Cheyenne:

William Flack	130
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**Clay:**

Joel Jorgensen	257
Paul Dunbar	237
Stephen J. Dinsmore	182
Lanny Randolph	178
Robin Harding	176
Rick Eades	169
Craig Faanes	169
Mark A. Brogie	161
William Flack	143
Larry Einemann	140
Babs & Loren Padelford	138
Dave Heidt	134
Don Paseka	133
Ruthie Stearns	131
Janis Paseka	130
Dave Stage	126

Colfax:

Don Paseka	187
Janis Paseka	186
Mark A. Brogie	172
William Flack	172
Joel Jorgensen	156
Larry Einemann	149
Jan Johnson	139
Rick Eades	137
Dave Heidt	129
Gary Roberts	129
T.J. Walker	128

Cuming:

Larry Einemann	232
Mark A. Brogie	198
Dave Stage	172
Jan Johnson	164
Don Paseka	162
Janis Paseka	161
Dave Heidt	155
William Flack	142
Joel Jorgensen	141
Gary Roberts	133

Custer:

Tim Hajda	220
T.J. Walker	179
Mark A. Brogie	173
Robin Harding	160
Lanny Randolph	158
William Flack	154
Larry Einemann	148
Joel Jorgensen	130
Rick Eades	129
Dave Stage	127

Dakota:

Bill Huser	287
Mark A. Brogie	200
Jan Johnson	186
Paul Roisen	180
Dave Stage	178
William Flack	150
Don & Janis Paseka	148
Ed M. Brogie	143
Shawn Pfautsch eBird	133
Brian Peterson	130
Dave Heidt	129

Dawes:

Richard Rosche	286
Mark A. Brogie	186
Bruce & Donna Walgren	162
Stephen J. Dinsmore	156
Josh Lefever eBird	155
Helen Hughson	151
Joel Jorgensen	151
William Flack	148
Michael Willison	146
T.J. Walker	144
Craig Faanes	138
Clem Klaphake	137
Jan Johnson	131
Rick Eades	130
Babs Padelford	129
Ruthie Stearns	129
Gertrude Wood	129
Kathy DeLara	128
Loren Padelford	128
Larry Einemann	127
Dave Heidt	127
Don Paseka	127
Dave Stage	127
Ed M. Brogie	126
Dean Drawbaugh	126
Phyllis Drawbaugh	126
Janis Paseka	126
Nick Varvel eBird	125

Dawson:

T.J. Walker	188
Robin Harding	172
Lanny Randolph	172
Andrew Furman eBird	164
William Flack	163
Rick Eades	149
Joel Jorgensen	147
Mark A. Brogie	145
Kathryn Kaufman	141
Craig Faanes	137
Thomas Labeledz	137
Dave Stage	134
Mark M. Peyton	133



Deuel:

William Flack	131
Stephen J. Dinsmore	127

Dixon:

Jan Johnson	270
Bill Huser	247
Mark A. Brogie	244
Ed M. Brogie	199
T.J. Walker	196
Rick Eades	178
Dave Stage	175
Dave Heidt	160
Babs Padelford	157
Loren Padelford	155
Lee Brogie	150
Clem Klaphake	148
Paul Roisen	147
Don & Janis Paseka	145
Joel Jorgensen	136
William Flack	135
Gertrude Wood	127

Dodge:

Don Paseka	267
Janis Paseka	263
Gary Roberts	250
Mark A. Brogie	193
Larry Einemann	193
Charlotte Croshaw	192
Ken Shuster eBird	184
Joel Jorgensen	177
Jan Johnson	161
Rick Eades	160
Rick Sammons eBird	150
William Flack	145
Babs & Loren Padelford	145
Dave Stage	145
Clem Klaphake	141
Brian Peterson	137
Neal Ratzlaff	131
Sam Manning	130
Gertrude Wood	126

Douglas:

Justin Rink	297
Joel Jorgensen	266
Babs Padelford	262
Sam Manning	261
Clem Klaphake	260
Loren Padelford	260
Neal Ratzlaff	255
Dave Stage	245
Brian Peterson	234
Jon Strong	218
Rick Eades	209
Izen Ratzlaff	198
Gary Roberts	197

Douglas: continued

Don & Janis Paseka	189
Mark A. Brogie	184
Andrew Furman eBird	183
Katie Gooby eBird	182
Michael Willison	181
Mike Ellis eBird	179
Deb Ratzlaff	179
Jonas Grundman eBird	178
Eric Bents	177
Larry Einemann	177
Scott Bradley eBird	173
Mary Clausen eBird	173
Jan Johnson	163
Elizabeth Winter	162
Darnell Jefferson eBird	159
Bob Wells eBird	156
John Breneman	152
Amy Peterson eBird	146
William Flack	144
Matt Shurtliff eBird	141
Joe Gubanyi	138
Susan Quinn	138
Ruthie Stearns	138
Dan Leger	136
Aaliya Booker eBird	131
Paul Roisen	131
Bradley Anderson eBird	127
Gertrude Wood	127

Dundy:

T.J. Walker	166
William Flack	140
Richard Rosche	137
Joel Jorgensen	135
Michael Willison	135
Bill Kaempfer	134
Mark A. Brogie	131
Stephen J. Dinsmore	130

Fillmore:

Joel Jorgensen	251
Stephen J. Dinsmore	197
Robin Harding	163
Lanny Randolph	160
Mark A. Brogie	151
William Flack	145
Rick Eades	143
Larry Einemann	142
Juanita Rice	137
Janis Paseka	134
Babs Padelford	133
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Don Paseka	134
Janis Paseka	133



York:

Joel Jorgensen	224
Rick Eades	187
Craig Faanes	177
Gertrude Wood	177
Larry Einemann	167
Robin Harding	156
Chuck Otte	156
Lanny Randolph	153
Mark A. Brogie	152
Loren Padelford	145
Don Paseka	145
Babs Padelford	144
Joe Gubanyi	142
Janis Paseka	142
William Flack	140
Dave Stage	136
Neal Ratzlaff	134
Ruthie Stearns	126

Counties over 125: (Minimum - 10)

93	William Flack (All 93 Completed)
81	Mark A. Brogie
66	Joel Jorgensen
59	Don Paseka
59	Janis Paseka
52	Lanny Randolph
51	Robin Harding
49	Dave Stage
47	Dave Heidt
39	Rick Eades
39	Larry Einemann
37	Jan Johnson
32	Clem Klaphake
28	Babs Padelford
28	T.J. Walker
27	Loren Padelford
26	Gertrude Wood
20	Stephen Dinsmore
19	Craig Faanes
19	Neal Ratzlaff
18	Gary Roberts
17	Richard Rosche
15	Ed M. Brogie
15	Thomas Labeledz
14	Brian Peterson
14	Ruthie Stearns
13	Joe Gubanyi
12	Sam Manning
12	Michael Willison
11	Susan Quinn
10	Paul Roisen

Nebraska Life-List: (Minimum - 250)

420	Mark A. Brogie
412	Ross Silcock
411	Joel Jorgensen
407	Stephen J. Dinsmore
406	Babs Padelford
405	Loren Padelford
391	Ed M. Brogie
390	Joe Gubanyi
390	Bill Huser
388	Clem Klaphake
384	Dave Stage
384	Justin Rink
380	Larry Einemann
379	Paul Dunbar
377	Michael Willison
375	Dave Heidt
365	Ellen Brogie
365	Robin Harding
364	Jan Johnson
362	John Sullivan eBird
361	Thomas Labeledz
360	Don Paseka
360	Neal Ratzlaff
360	Paul Roisen
359	Janis Paseka
358	Craig Faanes
356	Sam Manning
352	Ruthie Stearns
351	Lanny Randolph
350	Dan Leger
350	T.J. Walker
348	Kathy DeLara
348	Sharla Meester
347	Brian Peterson
347	Gertrude Wood
344	Steve Morris
342	Phil Swanson
341	Gary Roberts
339	Rick Eades
337	Ed Raynor eBird
336	Elaine Bachel
336	Keith Dyche
336	Kent Skaggs
335	Helen Hughson
328	William Flack
327	Richard Johnson
326	Norma Brockmoller
325	Alice Kenitz
322	Glen Hoge
319	Susan Quinn
318	Beverly Canterbury
318	George Canterbury
318	Wanda Hoge
317	Noah Hensley eBird
314	Aaron Brees eBird

Nebraska Life-List: (Continued)

311	Scott Buss
311	Jim Mountjoy
310	Jerry Jorgensen
308	Neva Pruess
305	John Brennehan eBird
304	Tom Gannon
302	Jonathan Nikkila eBird
301	Bill Fink
300	David Ely eBird
298	Paul Bedell
297	Tim Hajda
297	Deb Ratzlaff
292	Scott Bradley eBird
292	Kent Fiala
290	Stephen Brenner eBird
289	Edward Allen eBird
289	Izen Ratzlaff
286	Lee Brogie
286	Mary Clausen eBird
286	Andrew Furman eBird
284	Jon Strong
283	Shari Schwartz eBird
281	Boni Edwards
280	Laurence Falk
280	Kadynn Hatfield eBird
278	Ben Heppner eBird
276	Katie Gooby eBird
275	Steven Mlodinow eBird
274	Esa Jarvi
272	Steve Kruse eBird
267	Barbara Straus
265	Andrew Pierson
265	Elizabeth Winter
263	Jason St. Sauver eBird
263	Matt Van Den Broeke
261	Cynthia Van Den Broeke
260	Matt Shurtliff eBird
257	Bruce Walgren
257	Donna Walgren
254	Matthew Jensen eBird
253	Luke Hamilton
252	Mike Ellis eBird
250	Rueben Siegfried eBird



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Species Observed in All 93 Counties:

49 William Flack
 34 Mark A. Brogie
 22 Don Paseka
 22 Janis Paseka
 18 Dave Heidt
 18 Joel Jorgensen
 16 Rick Eades
 13 Jan Johnson
 11 Larry Einemann
 9 Neal Ratzlaff
 5 Ruthie Stearns
 4 T.J. Walker
 3 Clem Klaphake

Counties Over 250: (Minimum - 2)

8 Joel Jorgensen
 3 Mark A. Brogie
 3 Gertrude Wood
 2 Stephen Dinsmore
 2 Joe Gubanyi
 2 Helen Hughson
 2 Clem Klaphake
 2 Babs & Loren Padelford
 2 Justin Rink
 2 Richard Rosche
 2 Dave Stage

2019 NE Annual List: (Minimum - 100)

303 Joel Jorgensen
 301 Sharla Meester
 290 Ed M. Brogie
 287 Jonathan Nikkila
 286 Mark A. Brogie
 281 Larry Einemann
 267 Dave Stage
 266 Boni Edwards
 263 Michael Willison
 261 Ruthie Stearns
 257 Sam Manning
 254 Tom Gannon
 250 Gary Roberts
 246 Brian Peterson
 242 Justin Rink
 237 Paul Roisen
 235 Colleen Childers
 230 Kathy DeLara
 230 William Flack
 228 Don Paseka
 226 Janis Paseka
 218 Jan Johnson
 218 Elizabeth Winter
 217 Clem Klaphake
 215 Esa Jarvi
 210 Kent Skaggs
 209 Paul Timm
 207 Neal Ratzlaff

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192 Deb Ratzlaff
 190 T.J. Walker
 181 Rick Eades
 170 Dan Leger
 160 Eric Bents
 141 Barb Straus
 105 Bill Kaempfer

Total Species/County: (Minimum-225)

331 Larry Einemann: Lancaster
 327 Mark A. Brogie: Knox
 325 Stephen Dinsmore: Keith
 308 Joel Jorgensen: Lancaster
 298 Clem Klaphake: Sarpy
 298 Michael Willison: Lancaster
 297 Justin Rink: Douglas
 296 Babs Padelford: Sarpy
 296 Loren Padelford: Sarpy
 294 Gertrude Wood: Cass
 292 Kathy DeLara: Scotts Bluff
 289 Ellen Brogie: Knox
 287 Bill Huser: Dakota
 286 Richard Rosche: Dawes
 286 T.J. Walker: Lincoln
 285 Dan Leger: Lancaster
 282 Rick Eades: Lancaster
 282 Alice Kenitz: Scotts Bluff
 281 Thomas Labeledz: Lancaster
 274 Ruth Green: Sarpy
 274 Joe Gubanyi: Lancaster
 274 Ruthie Stearns: Lancaster
 272 Joe Gubanyi: Seward
 270 Paul Dunbar: Adams
 270 Jan Johnson: Dixon
 269 Mark A. Brogie: Antelope
 269 Stephen Dinsmore: Scotts Bluff
 267 Don Paseka: Dodge
 266 Joel Jorgensen: Douglas
 266 Gary Lingle: Hall
 265 Helen Hughson: Sioux
 264 Dave Stage: Cedar
 263 Helen Hughson: Scotts Bluff
 263 Janis Paseka: Dodge
 262 Babs Padelford: Douglas
 262 Edward Raynor: Lancaster
 261 Mark A. Brogie: Cedar
 261 Sam Manning: Douglas
 260 Esa Jarvi: Lancaster
 260 Clem Klaphake: Douglas
 260 Loren Padelford: Douglas
 259 Tom Gannon: Lancaster
 259 Justin Rink: Sarpy
 259 Dave Stage: Sarpy
 258 Elaine Bachel: Lancaster
 258 Joel Jorgensen: Washington

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258 Joel Jorgensen: Washington
 257 Glen Hoge: Harlan
 257 Joel Jorgensen: Clay
 257 Gertrude Wood: Lancaster
 256 Wanda Hoge: Harlan
 256 Matt Van Den Broeke: Lancaster
 255 John Sullivan: Lancaster
 254 Steve Kruse: Lancaster
 254 Neal Ratzlaff: Douglas
 254 Cynthia Van Den Broeke: Lancaster
 252 Joel Jorgensen: Keith
 252 Kent Skaggs: Buffalo
 252 Gertrude Wood: Sarpy
 251 Joel Jorgensen: Fillmore
 251 Joel Jorgensen: Sarpy
 251 Joel Jorgensen: Seward
 251 Richard Rosche: Sheridan
 250 Gary Roberts: Dodge
 249 Scott Buss: Pierce
 249 Neal Ratzlaff: Sarpy
 249 Richard Rosche: Keith
 247 Bill Huser: Dixon
 246 Gertrude Wood: Otoe
 245 Ed M. Brogie: Wayne
 245 Joe Fontaine: Keith
 245 Wayne Mollhoff: Boone
 245 Dave Stage: Douglas
 244 Mark A. Brogie: Dixon
 244 Stephen Dinsmore: Garden
 243 Laurence Falk: Otoe
 243 Joel Jorgensen: Saunders
 242 Jerry Jorgensen: Washington
 241 Stephen Dinsmore: Kimball
 240 Steve Morris: Hall
 240 Babs Padelford: Lancaster
 240 Loren Padelford: Lancaster
 240 Shari Schwartz: Lancaster
 240 Duane Wolff: Stanton
 238 Mark A. Brogie: Lancaster
 237 Paul Dunbar: Clay
 237 Clem Klaphake: Keith
 236 Robin Harding: Phelps
 236 Kevin Poague: Lancaster
 235 Mark A. Brogie: Pierce
 234 Robin Harding: Buffalo
 234 Brian Peterson: Douglas
 232 Stephen Brenner: Lancaster
 232 Larry Einemann: Cumming
 232 Craig Faanes: Hall
 232 Craig Faanes: Keith
 232 Jason St. Sauver: Lancaster
 231 Phyllis Drawbaugh: Scotts Bluff
 231 Larry Einemann: Seward
 231 Brian Peterson: Sarpy
 231 Dave Stage: Lancaster
 230 Mark A. Brogie: Keith

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Total Species/County: continued
 230 Andrew Furman: Buffalo
 230 Dave Heidt: Knox
 230 T.J. Walker: Keith
 229 Dean Drawbaugh: Scotts Bluff
 229 Mark A. Brogie: Madison
 228 Edward Allen: Lancaster
 228 Wendy Becker: Lincoln
 228 Ben Hepner: Lancaster
 227 Dave Heidt: Stanton
 227 Sam Manning: Sarpy
 225 Mark A. Brogie: Platte

**Species Total
For All 93
NE Counties**

		Average # For All 93 NE Counties
15523	Mark A. Brogie	166.9
14391	Joel Jorgensen	154.7
13952	William Flack	150.0
11997	Don Paseka	129.0
11970	Janis Paseka	128.7
11796	Dave Stage	126.8
11439	Dave Heidt	123.0
11343	Larry Einemann	122.0
11180	Robin Harding	120.2
11124	Lanny Randolph	119.6
10916	Rick Eades	117.4
9977	T.J. Walker	107.3
9818	Clem Klaphake	105.6
9696	Jan Johnson	104.3
8692	Babs Padelford	93.5
8662	Loren Padelford	93.1
8482	Neal Ratzlaff	91.2
8479	Stephen Dinsmore	91.2
8071	Gary Roberts	86.8
7269	Thomas Labedz	78.2
6707	Paul Roisen	72.1
6534	Ruthie Stearns	70.3
6190	Dan Leger	66.6
5932	Brian Peterson	63.8
5504	Susan Quinn	59.2
5499	Joe Gubanyi	59.1
5263	Izen Ratzlaff	56.6
5134	Deb Ratzlaff	55.2
5103	Jon Strong	54.9
4673	Tom Gannon	50.2
4492	Sam Manning	48.3
4242	Michael Willison	45.6

Total Species Photographed in NE
 366 Mark A. Brogie
 338 Phil Swanson
 319 Brian Peterson
 302 Sam Manning
 281 Boni Edwards
 266 Elizabeth Winter
 263 Michael Willison
 251 Esa Jarvi
 233 Jonathan Nikkila
 228 Ed M. Brogie
 224 Colleen Childers
 224 Tom Gannon
 222 Rita Flohr
 206 Joel Jorgensen
 183 Charlotte Croshaw
 175 William Flack
 170 Jenny Jo Johnson
 168 Steven Mlodinow
 149 Stephen Brenner
 141 Jan Johnson
 133 Paul Timm

Total Species w/Audio in NE

119 Tom Gannon
 47 Steven Mlodinow
 43 Stephen Brenner
 33 Mark A. Brogie
 26 Ed M. Brogie

**Species Total
For All 93
NE Counties**

		Average # For All 93 NE Counties
4026	Elaine Bachel	43.3
3573	Craig Faanes	38.4
3334	Helen Hughson	35.8
3310	Keith Dyche	35.6
2709	Phyllis Drawbaugh	29.1
2689	Dean Drawbaugh	28.9
2473	Kathy DeLara	26.6
2138	Joe Fontaine	23.0
1573	Bill Kaempfer	16.9
1432	Boni Edwards	15.4
1412	Mike Ellis	15.2
1363	Kent Skaggs	14.7
1290	Bruce Walgren	13.9
1289	Donna Walgren	13.9
1283	Edward Allen	13.8
1108	David Chaffin	11.9
1071	Justin Rink	11.5

**Nebraska Big-Year Records:
(300 & Over)**

347 Paul Dunbar (2013)
 339 Ed M. Brogie (2018)
 333 Sharla Meester (2018)
 332 Michael Willison (2014)
 331 John Sullivan (1998)
 330 Mark A. Brogie (2018)
 325 Michael Willison (2018)
 324 Mark A. Brogie (1996)
 321 Joel Jorgensen (1996)
 317 Stephen J. Dinsmore (2000)
 314 Larry Einemann (2014)
 313 Larry Einemann (2013)
 313 Justin Rink (2018)
 313 Dave Stage (2018)
 309 Michael Willison (2016)
 304 Stephen J. Dinsmore (1999)
 304 Larry Einemann (2012)
 304 Ross Silcock (1996)
 303 Joel Jorgensen (2019)
 301 Mark A. Brogie (2016)
 301 Joel Jorgensen (2018)
 301 Sharla Meester (2019)
 301 Michael Willison (2017)
 300 Mark A. Brogie (2012)
 300 Larry Einemann (2015)

**Nebraska Big-Day Records:
(150 & Over)**

203 A. Brees, S.J. Dinsmore,
R. Silcock May 14, 2003
 175 S.J. Dinsmore, J. Fontaine,
R. Silcock May 14, 2000
 173 S.J. Dinsmore, D.C. Ely,
J. Fontaine May 12, 1999
 162 M.A. Brogie, P. Wickham
May 15, 1993
 157 S.J. Dinsmore, R. Silcock
May 20, 1989
 150 M.A. Brogie, B. Huser
May 12, 1993

Nebraska Big Days By Month:

83 January
 79 February
 98 March
 129 April
 203 May (2003 AB, SD, RS)
 133 June
 105 July (2008 EB, MB)
 110 August (2012 MB, DH, DP, JP JR)
 135 September
 115 October
 97 November
 86 December

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Counties With Greatest # of

Participants: (Top 10)

- 76 Lancaster
- 64 Sarpy
- 52 Keith
- 42 Douglas
- 37 Scotts Bluff
- 35 Cherry
- 34 Saunders
- 32 Seward
- 30 Sioux
- 29 Dawes & Lincoln

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