Join us in Lincoln for the NOU spring meeting – 3-5 May

125th Anniversary & Birding Bowl Weekend Kickoff

The NOU spring meeting is just around the corner and this year we plan to take things up a notch. The meeting will take place earlier in May than usual. A registration form is available in this newsletter or register online HERE beginning in late March. You do NOT need to be a member of the NOU to attend the meeting. In addition, students hoping to attend may apply for a scholarship to cover meeting and travel costs. For more information, interested students should contact NOU President Joel Jorgensen at nebraska.ornithologists.union@gmail.com.

The NOU’s 2024 spring meeting is also a time to celebrate the organization’s 125th Anniversary! As part of this celebration, we are teaming up with the Nebraska Birding Bowl. If you are unfamiliar with the Birding Bowl, it is a monthlong birding competition first launched in 2023 that is meant to be fun and includes prizes. The Birding Bowl proved to be wildly popular, and it seemed to propel many beginning birders to take their interest up a notch. Since the NOU meeting will be held at the beginning of May at the start of the competition, we are also calling the event the Birding Bowl Weekend Kickoff. We are hoping some experienced birders can provide some insights to fledgling birders, especially during field trips. Also, Friday evening’s program is designed to provide some tutorials to help everyone improve their birding game. Finally, we will be offering a few fun awards for some of the birds found by individuals or groups on Saturday.

Meeting location is the Holiday Inn Lincoln Southwest location, at 2500 Tamarin Ridge Road in Lincoln. This location is about half a mile south of the 27th and Pine Lake Road intersection and is a right turn off 27th street as you head south. It can be accessed most easily from Highway 77 south (Beatrice exit off I-80. Travel south to Old Cheney Road, turn east (left) on Old Cheney, then east to South 27th, then south to the hotel. The venue is located about ½ mile south of South Pointe Pavilions Mall.

A special room rate of $139 is available for individuals attending the NOU meeting, for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, May 2-4, 2024. This is the Room reservation procedure: Call Holiday Inn Lincoln Southwest direct at 402 421-1893 and reference the Nebraska Ornithologists Union 2024 Spring meeting to receive the discounted rate.
**CUT OFF DATE:** Reservations must be received by the Hotel on or before 5PM on April 2, 2024, or thirty days prior to the date of arrival. After the cut-off date, the hotel will review the reservations for the group block and will release any unsecure rooms back into inventory for general sale.

**NOTE:** Hotel has an onsite restaurant which serves breakfast, for purchase, during the week beginning at 6:30 and on the weekend at 7:00. For our group, they will have a complimentary limited continental breakfast available EARLY for NOU guests staying at the hotel. At check-in they should be provided with a ticket for breakfast.

**OTHER NEARBY HOTELS:** Quality Inn and Suites at 1511 Center Park Road, Lincoln (402-423-3131). Their website today suggests they will charge $112 plus taxes that weekend. They have complimentary breakfast. This location is north and west of the NOU meeting site, off 14th Street, and is located south of Nebraska Parkway (formerly known as Highway 2). This hotel is about two plus miles north of the meeting location. South on 14th street to Pine Lake Road, then east on Pine Lake to 27th, and then south ½ mile to Holiday Inn, located on the right.

Travelodge by Wyndham Lincoln South at 1140 Calvert Street, Lincoln (402-623-0012). Their website suggests prices about $75 for the weekend of the meeting. They have complimentary breakfast. They are located approximately 4 to 5 miles from NOU meeting site, off 10th Street (Nebraska Parkway). From there travel south to either south 14th or south 27th to reach the Holiday Inn Southwest location.

Hampton Inn Lincoln-South Heritage Park at 5922 Vandervoort Drive (402-420-7800), at near 56th and Nebraska Parkway. Rooms appear to be going at $212 per night for the weekend of May 3-5. Travel west on Nebraska Parkway to 27th street to access the meeting site, about 7 miles away.

***IMPORTANT NOTICE:*** the Lincoln Marathon will be taking place Sunday Morning May 5th. DOWNTOWN streets and streets within the central part of Lincoln, typically south to Nebraska Parkway, will be blocked. It is not recommended folks stay downtown because you may have delays getting out of the area. If staying on the north side of town (up to 15/20 minutes from meeting location) would be okay but travel directly through town not advised. Given the marathon, lodging becomes less available in certain areas. The meeting location should not be impacted by the marathon.

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**NOU’s Next Scheduled Meetings**

Spring Meeting: Lincoln, 3-5 May 2024  
Fall Meeting: McCook, 20-22 September 2024

**New Members**

Darcy Lindsey, Kearney

**Moving?**

If you are changing your address, please update it by logging into the NOU website or by sending a note to Jan Johnson at janbirder@gmail.com. Copies of the *Nebraska Bird Review* sent to defunct addresses are costing the NOU unnecessary postage. Being proactive will help us save dollars.

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**Donations accepted and appreciated**

The NOU occasionally receives donations from members, non-members, or other entities. These gifts are greatly appreciated and can be used to enhance the organization by improving our capacity. The NOU recently received a generous donation from one member and their employer, and it is appreciated. Do not hesitate to donate to this organization if you desire to do so. The NOU is a 501(c)(3) entity, so your contribution is tax deductible!!
TENTATIVE AGENDA (Final agenda will be posted on NEbirds)

3 May

4:30 to 5:30 - Photography workshop (Boni Edwards, Colleen Childers)
5:00 to 6:00 - Registration
6:00 to 6:05 - Welcome! (Joel Jorgensen)
6:05 to 6:45 - Dinner (All)
6:45 to 7:00 - History of the NOU (Dan Leger)
7:00 to 7:10 - Introduction to the Birding Bowl (Olivia DaRugna)
7:10 to 7:20 - Introduction to the Birding Bowl Kickoff Weekend (Joel Jorgensen)
7:20 to 7:40 - Basic bird identification (Thane Dinsdale)
7:40 to 8:00 - eBird basics (Jason St. Sauver)
8:00 to 8:15 – Field trip primer for Saturday (directions and details about field trips offered)

4 May

7:00 a.m. to late afternoon - Field trips (departure times may vary)
6:00 to 6:45 - Dinner
6:45 to 7:00 - Field trip summary - awards for best bird, etc
7:00 to 7:30 - Business meeting
7:30 to 8:30 – “Nebraska Birds and People: 125+ years of change” presentation by W. Ross Silcock
8:30 to 8:45 – Field trip primer for Sunday morning (directions and details about field trips offered)

5 May

7:00 a.m. to ? – Possible limited field trips

Final reminder – renew your NOU Membership
A few individuals still need to renew their NOU membership for 2024. Now, renewing your NOU membership is easier than ever and can be completed online HERE. If you are unable to renew online, a printable version of the membership form is available at the same link.
Registration Form: NOU Spring 2024 Meeting
Holiday Inn at 2500 Tamarin Ridge Road in Lincoln
May 3-5, 2024

Registration Deadline: To reserve meals, registration must be received by 27 April. Refunds may be requested prior to 27 April. Refunds are not possible after 27 April. You may register for the meeting without meals until 1 May. Please do not put registration off.

Location: 2500 Tamarin Ridge Road in Lincoln

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<td>May 4 – Saturday Dinner – 6 PM</td>
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Would you like to become a member? Dues:
- Active household: $25.00
- Sustaining household: $40.00
- Student: $10.00

Fees include all taxes and gratuities. Total: ____________

Name(s) __________________________________________ Address __________________________________________

City/State/Zip __________________________ Phone __________ Email __________________________

Please indicate any special dietary requirements: __________________________________________

Please send registration forms and checks to: Jan Johnson
86252 581 Ave.
Wakefield, NE 68784

This form must be received by 27 April if you are reserving meals! No refunds after 27 April. Thanks!

Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Students may apply for scholarships to assist them and their parent/teacher/advisor in attending; please send a request to NOU President Joel Jorgensen at nebraska.ornithologists.union@gmail.com
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