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Source: Larry Eineman, Important Bird Area (IBA) 2005 application to Nebraska Audubon

Common Bird Name	Season Month/Day/Year of Observation	Count Numbers	Notes	Source
Great blue heron	Fall		This heron is likely to be found later in the fall, especially in the bed of Little Salt Creek	Larry Eineman
Great egret	4-1-2003	1	An uncommon, post-breeding visitor to area from late spring to early fall	Larry Eineman
Green heron	8-1-1999 8-14-1999 8-20-1999 6-25-2000 7-4-2000 8-13-2000 8-27-2000 7-29-2001 5-4-2002 6-23-2002 4-17-2004 5-8-2004 7-10-2004 7-31-2004	3 3 3 1 1 5 4 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 4	A fairly common to uncommon summer resident and possible breeder. <u>Counts taken throughout IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Yellow-crowned night-heron	8-1-1999 8-14-1999	1 1	An uncommon to rare summer visitor.	Larry Eineman
Wood duck	8-1-1999 8-14-1999 8-20-1999 8-28-1999 6-18-2000 6-25-2000 8-6-2000 3-25-2001 3-31-2001 7-29-2001 9-2-2001 6-27-2004 8-28-2004	43 13 8 5 1 adult & 7 ducklings 1 adult & 9 ducklings 7 14 6 9 14 1 adult & 5 ducklings 2	A fairly common summer resident and breeder, first coming into the area in late March and with a few lingering to mid-October. In 2002 and 2003 very few were observed due to the drought.	Larry Eineman

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Green-winged teal	11-1-1999	25	A common spring and fall migrant with some occasional over-wintering in Little Salt Creek. The ponds and creek beds in the area also attract small numbers of mallards, northern pintails, northern shovelers, American widgeons, redheads, lesser scaups, gadwalls, and buffleheads.	Larry Eineman
	11-7-1999	72		
	3-12-2000	75		
	3-18-2000	35		
	3-26-2000	30		
	4-1-2000	75		
	4-2-2000	20		
	3-17-2002	20		
	4-6-2002	38		
	11-30-2002	30		
	3-11-2003	18		
	10-5-2003	21		
	10-18-2003	30		
	12-6-2003	16		
	1-24-2004	15		
2-8-2004	17			
10-17-2004	19			
10-24-2004	29			
10-30-2004	30			
Blue-winged teal	8-1-1999	12	A common spring migrant and fairly common summer breeder, arriving by mid-March and leaving the area by September	Larry Eineman
	8-14-1999	30		
	8-20-1999	24		
	8-28-1999	22		
	4-1-2000	20		
	4-29-2000	20		
	4-7-2001	70		
	4-14-2001	52		
	4-6-2002	78		
5-9-2004	6			
Hooded merganser	3-25-2001	3	An uncommon to rare migrant	Larry Eineman
Northern harrier			A winter visitor occurring in small numbers from late August into March <u>throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Red-tailed hawk			A fairly common year-round resident and breeder <u>throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Ring-necked pheasant			A fairly common year-round resident and breeder <u>throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman

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Sora	5-6-2002	1	An uncommon to rare spring and fall migrant. Its secretive nature makes it difficult to detect and may be more common than indicated.	Larry Eineman
Virginia rails			Found in the area prior to 1999. They are even more difficult to find than soras	Larry Eineman
American coots			Fairly common migrants in the spring and fall <u>throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u> A few may breed locally.	Larry Eineman
Killdeer	7-31-2004	19	A common summer resident and breeder, arriving in the area in March and remaining in small numbers into October	Larry Eineman
Greater yellowlegs			An uncommon migrant during spring (late March to mid-May) and fall (August to mid-October) migration. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Lesser yellowlegs	8-1-1999 8-14-1999 8-20-1999 5-7-2000 5-6-2001 5-13-2001 5-2-2004	6 7 6 10 9 15 5	A fairly common spring and fall migrant (late March to mid-May and from July to early October).	Larry Eineman
Solitary sandpiper	7-29-2000 8-6-2000 8-13-2000 8-27-2000 7-29-2001 8-11-2001 9-2-2001 8-7-2004 8-14-2004	6 3 5 5 2 6 4 3 4	An uncommon local migrant from late April to early May and from late June to early September. Little Salt Creek in the Arbor Lake area is one of the consistent sites where these shorebirds can be found.	Larry Eineman
Willet	5-13-2001	1	A rare to uncommon spring migrant.	Larry Eineman
Spotted sandpiper	8-20-1999 8-13-2000	4 5	A fairly common summer resident and breeder. This species is found in small numbers along Little Salt Creek from May through August.	Larry Eineman

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Semipalmated sandpiper	8-1-1999	26	A fairly common late April and May and August to early September migrant.	Larry Eineman
	5-7-2000	30		
	9-2-2001	6		
Least sandpiper	8-14-1999	5	A common May and August and September migrant. During drought this species is likely to be found in Little Salt Creek west of Arbor Lake.	Larry Eineman
	8-20-1999	7		
	8-28-1999	6		
	8-27-2000	5		
	8-18-2001	17		
	9-2-2001	19		
	5-8-2004	23		
5-9-2004	25			
10-30-2004	3			
White-rumped sandpiper	5-7-2000	25	A fairly common spring migrant from late April to early June.	Larry Eineman
	5-9-2004	20		
Baird's sandpiper	4-6-2002	13	A fairly common early spring migrant (early April into May) and fall migrant (late July to early October).	Larry Eineman
Pectoral sandpiper	8-1-1999	7	A fairly common May migrant and August to September migrant.	Larry Eineman
	8-28-1999	16		
	5-7-2000	15		
	9-2-2001	8		
Stilt sandpiper	8-1-1999	15	A fairly common May migrant and August to October fall migrant	Larry Eineman
	5-7-2000	10		
Wilson's snipe	10-10-1999	6	A fairly common migrant found from April and early May and from late August through late November	Larry Eineman
	11-7-1999	12		
Wilson's phalarope	5-6-2001	25	A fairly common to common spring migrant from late April into May and less common migrant in the fall. A few may linger for breeding.	Larry Eineman
Yellow-billed cuckoo	7-21-2001	1	An uncommon summer resident and breeder from mid-May to early September	Larry Eineman
	6-29-2002	1		
Tree swallow	7-21-2001	50	A fairly common summer resident and breeder at some country sites.	Larry Eineman
	8-24-2002	52		
Northern rough-winged swallow	7-29-2001	10	A fairly common summer resident from late April through August and breeder in the banks of Little Salt Creek.	Larry Eineman
	5-8-2004	4		

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Cliff swallow	5-27-2000	85	A common summer resident and breeder, especially in a culvert on north 27 th Street just north of Arbor Road..	Larry Eineman
	6-4-2000	60		
	6-25-2000	60		
	7-4-2000	70		
	5-13-2001	110		
	5-26-2001	40		
	7-5-2001	95		
	7-8-2001	175		
	7-14-2001	75		
	7-21-2001	50		
	7-29-2001	175		
	8-11-2001	40		
	8-18-2001	50		
	5-8-2004	50		
6-27-2004	150			
7-10-2004	55			
Barn swallow	9-16-2001	125	A common summer resident and breeder from May through early October	Larry Eineman
	4-28-2002	30		
Sedge wren	8-1-1999	6	An uncommon May migrant and August into October migrant with possible breeding occurring.	Larry Eineman
	8-14-1999	3		
	8-20-1999	1		
	8-28-1999	1		
	8-6-2000	3		
	10-14-2000	1		
	9-21-2003	1		
	10-18-2003	1		
8-14-2004	1			
Marsh wren	9-21-2003	1	A fairly common spring migrant (late April into May) and fall migrant (September into October) and possible breeder.	Larry Eineman
Northern mockingbird	5-6-2001	1	A rare, erratic summer visitor and rare, possible breeder.	Larry Eineman
Mourning dove			A common summer resident and breeder. A few generally overwinter. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Common yellowthroat	6-4-2000	5	A common summer resident and breeder, becoming less common in the fall during migration in August and September.	Larry Eineman
	7-29-2001	10		
Blue grosbeak	8-26-1999	2	An uncommon to rare summer resident and possible breeder, suggesting fall migration.	Larry Eineman

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Dickcissel	6-4-2000 7-8-2001 7-21-2001 6-12-2004	5 8 7 6	A common summer resident and breeder in the area arriving by mid-May and leaving by late August	Larry Eineman
American tree sparrow	11-7-1999 3-3-2002	75 40	A common winter visitor entering the area in late October and leaving by mid-April.	Larry Eineman
Clay-colored sparrow	5-6-2001	5	A fairly common May migrant becoming less common as a migrant in September and October.	Larry Eineman
Vesper sparrow	9-23-2001 10-4-2001 10-13-2002 10-20-2002 10-9-2004	1 2 3 1 2	An uncommon migrant (April and May) and fall migrant (September and October) in open spaces.	Larry Eineman
Savannah sparrow	10-20-2002 10-18-2003	4 20	A fairly common to common migrant (April into May) and fall migrant from late September to mid-November.	Larry Eineman
Grasshopper sparrow			A fairly common migrant (late April and May) becoming less common in the fall. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Le Conte's sparrow	10-20-2002 10-18-2003	5 2	A fairly common migrant in October that is not seen too often during spring migration.	Larry Eineman
Nelson's sharp-tailed sparrow	9-26-1999 10-13-2002 10-20-2002 10-18-2003	1 2 5 2	An uncommon May migrant and late September into October migrant.	Larry Eineman
Swamp sparrow	9-28-2002 10-13-2002 10-20-2002 10-18-2003	1 1 2 2	An uncommon May migrant and fall migrant from late September into October.	Larry Eineman
Bobolink	6-4-2000 5-6-2001 6-15-2002	1 1 1	Occurs infrequently in the area from May into August and may breed occasionally.	Larry Eineman
Red-winged blackbird	3-25-2001 11-1-2001 11-11-2001 10-5-2003 10-18-2003 10-26-2003 5-2-2004	350 500 550 550 500 3,000 545	A common to abundant summer resident and breeder, occurring in small flocks from 25 to 200 during migration in March and April and from September into October.	Larry Eineman

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Eastern meadowlark			Fairly common to uncommon in area during the summer. Breeding occurs in the Arbor Lake wetland areas.	Larry Eineman
Western meadowlark	12-11-2004	14	A fairly common to common year-round resident and breeder. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Yellow-headed blackbird	8-14-1999 8-20-1999 8-28-1999 5-6-2001 5-13-2001 6-23-2001	2 4 1 45 100 2	An uncommon migrant in the spring, becoming less common in the fall with a few breeding in the area.	Larry Eineman
Rusty blackbird	11-8-2003	3	An uncommon to rare autumn migrant with few overwintering in the county.	Larry Eineman
Brewer's blackbird	4-28-2002	17	A rare to uncommon spring migrant.	Larry Eineman
Great-tailed grackle	4-28-2001 6-3-2001	25 13	An uncommon to fairly common summer resident and breeder with a few overwintering.	Larry Eineman
Brown-headed cowbird	9-21-2003 10-18-2003 10-26-2003	250 100 2,000	A common summer resident and breeder, occurring from April through September. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Orchard oriole	7-29-2001 6-27-2004	6 2	A fairly common summer resident and breeder, especially along Little Salt Creek.	Larry Eineman
Baltimore oriole			A fairly common summer resident and breeder in the area, occurring from late April into early September. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman