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FOR THE BIRDS

FIFTH ANNUAL INDIAN BOUNDARY PRAIRIES SPRING BIRD SURVEY

MAY 11, 1991

The Annual Spring Bird Survey took place on the Indian Boundary Prairies on Saturday, May 11. Being out on the prairies is always a wonderful experience. Part of this feeling comes from knowing that the prairies exist due to the hard work and dedication of a caring group of people. And since the prairies exist, so do the prairie birds.

Every spring brings the rewarding experience of seeing that some species are still alive and doing well. Nearly every year we also find a bird that was not seen the previous spring. The presence of new birds serves as a tribute to all the work done by the stewards and volunteers to preserve this unique habitat. Several articles in this issue include information about our feathered friends, and our 1991 Survey list follows this article.

Vice President of the Friends and Paintbrush Steward, Janice Graden, and Sundrop Prairie Steward, Mike Kirk, are working on a handy pocket checklist of the birds of the Indian Boundary Prairies. The list is being compiled from reports collected during our annual bird counts as well as individual observations throughout the year. Watch for the checklist in a future issue of *The Paintbrush Prairie Newsletter*.

The Friends of the Indian Boundary Prairies gratefully acknowledge the help of Karl Bartel and Scott King who led our bird survey this spring. We also appreciate the work done by Walter Marcisz whose list of breeding birds appears in this issue. Last of all, thank you to all those who have renewed their subscriptions to this publication. Your contributions enable The Friends to continue to make such useful and informative material available. (See Page 2 for "Footnotes.")

T. Stepenski, Editor

9	American Goldfinch	6	Meadowlark (Eastern)
2	Blue Jay	13	Mourning Dove
9	Bobolinks	4	Myrtle or Yellow Rumped Warbler
1	Brown Thrasher	1	Northern Oriole
5	Cardinal	2	Red-tailed Hawk
3	Catbird	10	Red-winged Blackbird
5	Common Crow	3	Ring-necked Pheasant
5	Common Yellow Throat	4	Robin
	Warbler	6	Song Sparrow
3	Cowbird	5	Starling
5	Common Grackle	1	Swamp Sparrow
1	Field Sparrow	5	Yellow-shafted Flicker
3	Green-backed Heron	1	Yellow Warbler
5	Gull		
1	Indigo Bunting	28	Species
4	Eastern Kingbird	122	Individuals
2	Mallard Duck		

-- Compiled by Scott King



Ron Panzer

Henslow's Sparrow

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