

\$1,000 to Pottawattamie County Conservation Board

IOU grant money covered additional costs of an extended raptor banding season at Hitchcock Nature Center north of Council Bluffs. The Fall 2012 banding effort produced 161 diurnal raptors, including 3 new species for this multi-year project (Red-shouldered Hawk, Northern Harrier, Prairie Falcon). The ongoing Saw-whet Owl banding season yielded 69 new captures and 4 additional owls previously banded in Minnesota.