

## **Spotting Scope for Public Bird Viewing Programs**

### **Description**

A spotting scope was purchased with the grant funds and a tri-pod was purchased with money from Mills County Conservation.

### **Goals**

The purpose of adding a spotting scope to our programs is to increase the public and school groups awareness of bird watching and conservation with an up close look at some species that they might not otherwise see.

### **Impact**

The spotting scope has already been used in numerous public programs. The new education deck at Pony Creek Park provides a nice space for people of all ages to view waterfowl on Pony Creek Lake. There are plans for Spring programs of viewing the local eagle nest and giving people a chance to see the eaglets.

We greatly appreciate all the opportunities the IOU provides Mills County Conservation and the public with the generous grants you offer.