

Driftless Area Education and Visitors Center Purchases Outdoor Spotting Scope

The Allamakee County Conservation Board was the recipient of a \$500 grant to purchase an outdoor spotting scope to be placed on the deck of the Driftless Area Education and Visitors Center in Lansing, Iowa. The grant monies received from the Iowa Ornithologists Union enabled the purchase of a double handicapped accessible outdoor spotting scope from the Glass Eye Telescope Company. The purchase of the double scope will allow multiple people at a time to focus on the same or on different objects along the Mississippi River.

The spotting scope was purchased during the Summer of 2017, but took nearly 6 months to manufacture. The delivery of the telescope will allow the ACCB to have a viewing station ready for the Spring migration where Bald and Golden Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, waterfowl and neotropical birds are viewed from the decks of the Driftless Center.

The Driftless Area Education and Visitors Center is open seven days a week and offers visitors a look into the unique Driftless Area of Northeast Iowa, Southeast Minnesota, Southwest Wisconsin and Northwest Illinois. For more information on the center you can contact the office at (563)538-0400 or by following the Allamakee County Conservation on Facebook!



The view from the observation deck of the Driftless Area Education and Visitors Center where the outdoor spotting scope purchased with a grant from the Iowa Ornithologist Union is located.