



# I.O.U. News

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## Gladys Black, Iowa's Bird Lady, Dies at 89

Gladys Black died Sunday, July 19 at her home in Pleasantville. She was 89. Best known for her bird articles that appeared in the Des Moines Register, they were collectively published in 1992 in "Iowa's Birdlife."



She was awarded an Honorary Degree by Simpson College for her ornithological investigations and was inducted into the Iowa Woman's Hall of Fame in 1985.

She was an Honorary Member of both the Des Moines Audubon Society and the Iowa Ornithologists' Union. She was only one of three members of the IOU to receive this honor.

A Gladys Black Memorial Fund has been established at the Pleasantville State Bank, 102 N. Washington, Pleasantville, IA 50225. Money sent to her memorial fund will be used to support her environmental interests.

## The Birds of Story County

Steve Dinsmore and Hank Zaletel have recently published the second edition of the Birds of Story County. Funded by the Big Bluestem Audubon of Ames, it is an annotated list of the 301 species of birds recorded in Story County through May of 1998. It included information about seasonal abundance, breeding and historical status, early and late

dates, and a summary of some of the popular birding spots in Story County.

The book sells for \$3.00. It is available by sending a check for \$4.50 (book plus postage and handling) to Big Bluestem Audubon, in care of Hank Zaletel, 1928 6th St., Nevada, IA 50201-1126

**Iowa Birdline**  
**319/338-9881**



## Rare Bird Hosts

A mechanism has been established whereby hosts of rare birds can be recognized and thanked by the IOU. Every year willing folks let us into their homes to see rare species. Now we will honor them with a certificate of thanks and a 1-year membership to the IOU. Please send your nominations to any board member or officer of the IOU and they will be acted on at the subsequent board meeting.

*Thank your Bird Hosts!*



## Breeding Bird Files to Archive

by Carol Thompson

The archives of the IOU have just been enhanced by the addition of a large amount of material relating to the Breeding Bird Atlas. Included in these files are committee meeting notes, the original materials for the atlas including original block designation, some atlas cards, a few atlas maps, publicity on the atlas and the publication, newsletters used during the atlas by various regional coordinators, results and papers from the North American Breeding Bird conferences, and the original maps used in the atlas publication. Hopefully this material may provide some guidance when the atlas is redone in 20 years.



## Recent Literature

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## DeLorme Atlas Available for Iowa

**Iowa Atlas and Gazetteer.** DeLorme, Yarmouth, Maine, 1998, 64 pp., \$16.95. For those not familiar with them, DeLorme atlases are a series of state atlases featuring fairly detailed colored topographic maps. For Iowa, 51 maps, each featuring part or all of several counties show the familiar gridwork of Iowa's roads, including rural roads, superimposed on a topographic background. Because many Iowa birders now use the Iowa Sportsman's Atlas maps, comparisons between the two are inevitable.

The relief lines on Iowa's relatively flat landscape are not very prominent, and this feature is not particularly useful for most of Iowa. I found that the drainage patterns (rivers, creeks, etc) and towns stand out particularly well on the DeLorme maps. Also, the larger scale view of the DeLorme maps gives a better perspective of where you are than with the county-level maps of Sportsmans.

The DeLorme maps show many publicly owned lands (wildlife areas and refuges, state parks, state preserves, etc). However, many such areas are missing. In general, the DeLorme maps do not include county owned areas which often are important birding areas in Iowa. In addition, I noticed a number of state-owned areas, some of them publicly owned for many years, that are not identified on these maps. Many birders will find this atlas useful, especially for the "big picture" view it gives. However, for locating many birding areas, especially county areas, it is not as useful as the Sportsman's Atlas.—J.J.D.



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# 75th Anniversary



## Celebrate 75 years

with Des Moines Audubon,  
Iowa Ornithologists' Union  
and our Guest *Pete Dunne*



# Meet Our Banquet Speaker! Get An Autographed Copy of One of His Books!

Informal reception and book signing at  
**Barnes and Noble,**  
8801 University Ave. Clive, Iowa  
Friday, September 11  
5-9 p.m.

*Barnes & Noble*

Booksellers Since 1873

BOOKFAIR SUPPORT VOUCHER

STORE: Barnes & Noble #2529

LOCATION: 8801 University Ave

I support the Bookfair for:

Iowa Ornithologists' Union

Organization

September 11, 1998

Date/Time

Please give to cashier at designated register at the time of purchase and the organization will receive a percentage of the net sale.

For office use only: Reg# \_\_\_\_\_ Trans # \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of sale before tax: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A percentage of all book sales will be donated to the IOU's meeting and speaker's fund.





## Celebrate 75 years



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**September 11-13 1998 at Camp Sunnyside**  
Des Moines, Iowa

The date for the Fall Meeting of IOU will be September 11-13, and the location will be Camp Sunnyside, just north of Des Moines. Camp Sunnyside is adjacent to Margo Frankel Woods State Park and offers a "camp" experience while being conveniently located near the Interstate for easy access. The year, 1923, was an important one for ornithology in Iowa. Not only was it the year of the founding of Iowa Ornithologists' Union, but it was also the year Des Moines Audubon Society was organized. The past 75 years have been one of cooperation between the two groups and the sharing of members and their experiences.

### PETE DUNNE TO SPEAK

Pete Dunne, well-known author, speaker, and trip leader will be our featured guest. The week-end will kick off Friday evening with a book signing and reception at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Clive. Pete Dunne will present an afternoon "Hawk Workshop" on Saturday, and will be the featured speaker at the Saturday evening dinner, with "Small-headed flycatcher – seen yesterday, didn't get his name."

### OTHER PROGRAMS

Other programs will include Eugene and Eloise Armstrong presenting "Sparrows – Cinderellas of the Avian World", the IOU field trip to Mexico by Rick Hollis, and a summary of 75 years of Des Moines Audubon.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

Field trips will be held on Saturday and Sunday mornings to favorite birding spots around the Des Moines area, and might include Saylorville Lake, Red Rock Lake, Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt, Errington Marsh, and Des Moines area parks such as WaterWorks, Maffitt Reservoir, Walnut Woods State Park. Of course, Margo Frankel Woods will be available next door for a casual woodland walk. It is appropriate that this meeting be held near this state park named for Margo Frankel, founding member of both IOU and Des Moines Audubon.

### LODGING AND ACCOMODATIONS

**\*\*\* You must furnish your own bedding and towels\*\*\*** Camp Sunnyside has large dormitory-type cabins available at the rate of \$15 per person per night. Some of these cabins have showers in-house and others have shower buildings just outside the cabin. *These will be assigned, first come, first served.* All rooms are handicap accessible. See additional information for other accommodations.





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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:00-9:00 pm	Registration Informal reception and book signing at Barnes & Noble, 8801 University Avenue, Clive
Saturday, September 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 am	Breakfast
	6:45 am	Field Trips leave from Camp Sunnyside parking lot
	12:00 noon	Lunch
	1:00 pm	Afternoon programs begin with Pete Dunne
	4:15 pm	Business meeting
	6:00 pm	Banquet
Sunday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 am	Breakfast
	6:45 am	Field Trips leave from Camp Sunnyside parking lot
	12:00 noon	Lunch and Compilation

**Emergency telephone numbers: Camp Sunnyside 515-289-1933 or James Clark 515-223-5047**

## REGISTRATION

Registration: \$5.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Room at Camp Sunnyside:

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 Friday night \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 Saturday night \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfasts: \$4.00 per person Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lunches: \$5.50 per person Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner: \$10.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL:----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Des Moines Audubon Society. Deadline for meal registration is Tuesday, September 8, 1998. Questions? Jane Clark at 515-223-5047 or jrclark@radiks.net or Phil Walsh at 515-255-2552 .**

**Mail registrations to: Jane Clark, 9871 Lincoln Avenue, Clive, Iowa 50325**



## OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS

**CAMPING:** Tent camping is available on an island in the pond at Camp Sunnyside. Campers with vehicles may use the parking lot; however, there are no hook-ups in the lot. Other camping is available at Saylorville Lake's Cottonwood Recreation Area.....located a few miles away.

### MOTELS AT ANKENY:

#### Exit 92

Heartland Inn, 201 SE Delaware 515-964-8202

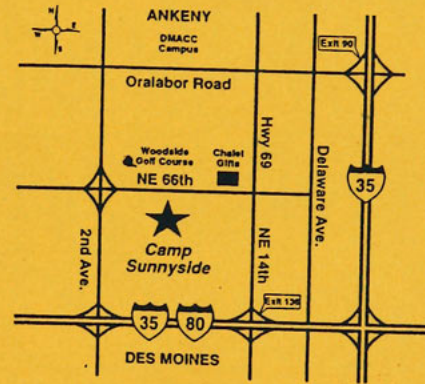
Super 8, 206 SE Delaware, 515-964-4503

Best Western, I-35 & 1st Street, 515-964-1717

#### Exit 90

Holiday Inn Express, 2602 SE Creekside, 515-965-2400

Country Inn & Suites, 2510 SE Tones Drive, 515-965-2646



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