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Autumn: the season of plenty. With food sources abundant and bird populations peaking, it's a great time for birders to get out and find what they are looking for. Above, a juvenile Cedar Waxwing feeds on crab apples. Photo by P Hertzell.

The Return of Fall : Birding for Rarities

Springtime, summertime, and *even* winter are great times to go birding, each with its own attractive characteristics, but it is the fall season that actually produces the highest numbers of rarities in Iowa.

In the last five years, 66 casual and accidental species have been documented in Iowa in the fall, the most of any

birding season. In part, this is due to the fact that the fall season lasts four months, instead of two or three, but it is also due to the nearly ideal ecological conditions. In late summer and fall, food sources are most abundant, with both insect and seed supplies widely available. In addition, bird popula-

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Dates, Things To Do

October 6, 7

HawkWatch at Effigy Mounds National Monument,
McGregor, IA.

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October 26-28

IOU Fall Meeting in Ankeny, with Jim Rising. See
pages 4-7

Nov 9-11

6th Annual Rivers & Bluffs Fall Birding Festival,
Lansing, IA.

See: LansingIowa.com/birdfest2007.html

Nov 30

End of summer reporting season. See page 9, and
enter field data at the website, www.iowabirds.org

Dec 14 - Jan 5

Christmas Count season.

May 9-11, 2008

IOU Spring Meeting 2008, in Oskaloosa.

The **Spring 2008 Meeting** of the **Iowa Ornithologists' Union** will be headquartered in Oskaloosa. The meeting will be held May 9-11. Doug and Mary Beth Hunt will be the local hosts.

The spring dates will allow us to look for migrating and nesting passerines at several wooded areas, marsh birds at Maskunky Marsh, as well as water birds at Lake Red Rock. Other areas for possible exploration would be Russell Wildlife Area, EverTru Wildlife Area, Millpond Wildlife Area, Cedar Bluffs. Eveland Access, Lake Keomah, White Oak Wildlife Area, and Belva Deer Park.

Dr. David Lambeth of the University of North Dakota will be with us for the weekend and will be our banquet speaker on May 10. Dr. Lambeth will speak on prairie pothole birds and birding.



Birding in the Fall *-continued from page 1*

tions are peaking following the breeding season. Almost anything seems possible in Iowa, in the fall. Here is a brief list of some of the rarities found over the last few fall seasons:

2006. Two **Anhingas** were spotted by hawkwatchers on 6 November, at the Hitchcock Nature Center in the Loess Hills; two **Red Phalaropes** were found in the state, one by Matt Kenne at Union Slough NWR in September, and a second by Steve Dinsmore at Rathbun Lake in October; a second state record **Green Violet-ear** appeared at private feeder in Sioux City on 12 September.

2005. An incredible three first state records were found in the fall of 2005. Steve Dinsmore and Jay Gilliam found a **Royal Tern** on 20 August at Rathbun; A **Green Violet-ear** was noticed by Lyle and Marlene Neher at their feeder in Grundy County; an **Acorn Woodpecker** was photographed in early September at Brookside Park in Ames. In addition, the season produced two **Magnificent Frigatebirds**, a **Brown Pelican**, a **Black Vulture**, and a **Pomarine Jaeger**, among several other rarities.

2004. A first state record **Boreal Owl** was photographed on 12 November at George Wythe State Park in Black Hawk County; Aaron Brees found a second state record **Neotropic Cormorant** at Saylorville Reservoir on 19 November; and Corey Holden discovered a third state record **Groove-billed Ani** in Wapello County on 20 October.

Of course, in addition to casual and accidental species showing up in the fall, many rare regulars and seasonal regulars begin to appear too. Gulls begin to gather at the large reservoirs, and along the major rivers. Smith's Longspurs



Northern Saw-whet Owls arrive in October. Photo by S. Dinsmore.



A Green Violet-ear appeared at the Neher's feeder in September 2005. Photo by P. Hertzell.

pass through in October, and Long-eared and Saw-whet Owls arrive to spend the winter, along with species like Northern Shrikes and Snow Buntings.

The **2007 IOU Annual Fall Meeting** will be held later than usual this year (see page 4), in an effort to take advantage of the arrival times of some of these fall specialties. The principal field trips on Saturday and Sunday will target birds at the two central Iowa reservoirs, Saylorville in Polk County, and Red Rock in Marion County. This will be an excellent opportunity for members to bird with people from the central part of the state who have intimate knowledge of these two reservoirs and the surrounding areas. For instance, I suppose I could admit here that I have never been to the famous *Runnells Overlook* near the Polk/Marion County line. I'm looking forward to my first visit there and of course, finding my first Iowa Ruff. For complete details of the meeting, see pages 4-7.

Another interesting fall birding event is the Rivers & Bluffs Fall Birding Festival, held in Lansing in November. See page 2 for more details. Or you may want to participate in the *Smith's Longspur Challenge* in your part of the state. For more information, see page 8. In any case, please consider becoming a contributor to the field report process, by sharing your observations this fall with the IOU. To find out how, see page 10.

-Your Editor



IOU FALL MEETING 2007

October 26 - 28

Ankeny Best Western Inn, Ankeny, IA

The **Fall 2007 Meeting of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union** will be headquartered in **Ankeny** at the Best Western Inn (Exit 92 off I-35). Dr. Stephen Dinsmore will be site host.

The late fall dates will allow us to look for grebes, loons, gulls, ducks and other interesting birds at both **Saylorville Lake** and **Lake Red Rock**. Lunch will be on your own on Saturday in order to allow field trip groups to stay in the field somewhat longer than usual. The drive, particularly to and from Red Rock will be a bit longer than the usual field trip drives.



Red Rock Reservoir. Photo by Jay Gilliam.

Dr. Jim Rising of the University of Toronto will be with us for the weekend and will be our banquet speaker on Saturday, October 27. Rising became interested in birds at about 10 years of age, and took up serious birdwatching almost immediately. Coming from Kansas City in the Great Plains, where many species of sparrows are common in migration and winter, he very early became interested in the identification of these challenging birds. He received his B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in biology, with his Ph.D. thesis being on the hybridization of Baltimore and Bullock's orioles in the Great Plains. After taking a position as a professor of zoology at the University of Toronto, Jim started to work on sparrows, and particularly on the geographic variation of sparrows – specializing on grassland sparrows. He is at present engaged in systematic studies of Savannah Sparrows and sparrows of the genus *Aimophila*. Jim's research on birds has taken him to all of the states of the United States, all of the Canadian provinces and states, and all but one of the Mexican states. He and David Beadle collaborated on *A Guide to the Identification and Natural History of the Sparrows of the United States and Canada* (1996) and on *Sparrows of the United States and Canada: The Photographic Guide* (2002). Jim lives with his wife in Toronto, and has two grown sons.



Jester Park flats, at the north end of Saylorville Reservoir. Photo by Stephen Dinsmore.

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, October 26:

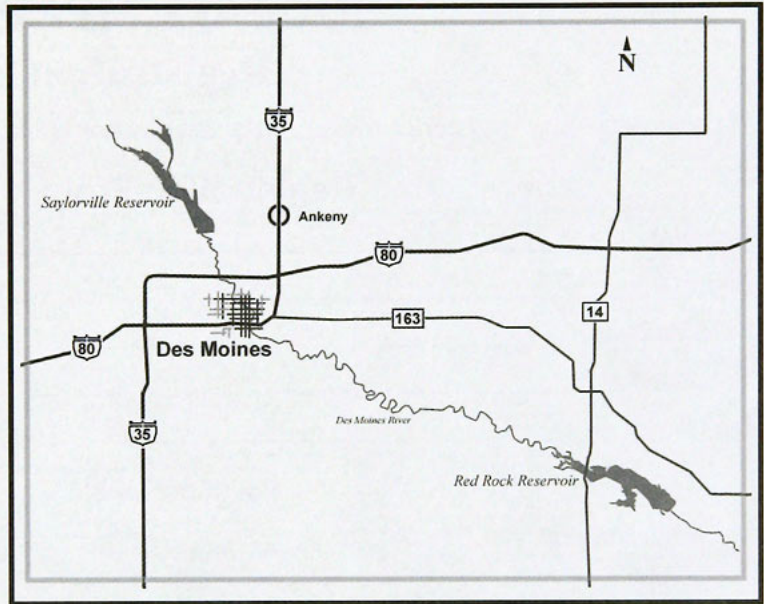
- 6-9:00 p.m. Registration
 Social time with snacks
 Field trip sign-up

SATURDAY, October 27:

- 6-7:00 a.m. Breakfast
7:00 Field trips depart
 (lunch will be on your own)
2:00 Field trips return
2:15-3:00 IOU General Business Meeting
 Update on the Iowa Breeding Birding Atlas
 project –Stephen J. Dinsmore
3:15-3:45 Ty Smedes
 Urbandale, Iowa
3:45-4:00 Introduction of new IOU members
4:00-5:00 IOU Board Meeting
6:00-7:00 Saturday evening banquet
7:00-8:00 Speaker: **Dr. Jim Rising**, University of
 Toronto, author of *Sparrows of the United
 States and Canada*.

SUNDAY, October 28:

- 6-7:00 a.m. Breakfast
7 a.m. Field trips depart
12:00 p.m. Lunch
 Final compilation



The first Snow Buntings of the season often appear along the shore of Saylorville Reservoir. Photo by Jay Gilliam.



Northern Shrikes usually arrive in late October. Photo by Stephen Dinsmore.

IOU FALL MEETING 2007

Registration Form

If possible, please register online at: <http://www.iowabirds.org/> otherwise, use the form below:

Registration Form (print and mail)

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Telephone _____
 E-mail _____

				No. Of Persons		Total Cost
Registration	\$12.00	X	_____	=	_____	_____
Meals						
<i>Sat Breakfast</i>	\$ 6.00	X	_____	=	_____	_____
<i>Sat Banquet</i>	\$ 16.00	X	_____	=	_____	_____
<i>Sun Breakfast</i>	\$ 6.00	X	_____	=	_____	_____
<i>Sun Lunch</i>	\$ 6.50	X	_____	=	_____	_____

Meatless Option? _____yes

Total Enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to I.O.U.
 Mail to: Tammy Hertz, 1432 E State St., Mason City, IA

Lodging:

Ankeny Best Western (Meeting Location)
 133 SE Delaware, I-35 Exit 92
 Ankeny, IA 50021
 Rooms are available to IOU participants for \$58 and \$60

Other Motels/Hotels

Days Inn
 103 NE Delaware Ave.
 Ankeny, IA
 (515) 965-1995

Fairfield Inn
 215 NE Delaware Ave.
 Ankeny, IA
 (515) 965-8400

Heartland Inn
 201 SE Delaware Ave
 Ankeny, IA
 (515) 964-8202

Holiday Inn Express
 2402 SE Tones Dr.
 Ankeny, IA
 (515) 965-2400

AmericInn
 1610 SE Oralabor Rd.
 Ankeny, IA
 (515) 964-2004

Country Inn & Suites
 2510 SE Tones Dr.
 Ankeny, IA
 (515) 965-2646

Comfort Inn
 2602 SE Creekview Drive
 Ankeny, IA
 (515) 963-1100

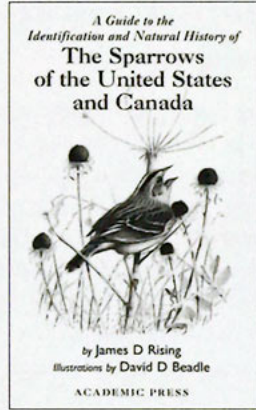
Palace Inn
 6215 NE 14th St.
 Des Moines, IA
 (515) 289-2770

Campgrounds

Cherry Glen (Saylorville Lake)
 964-8792
 \$16 - \$18

(all other Saylorville campgrounds are closed except for Prairie Flower which is considerably farther away from Ankeny than Cherry Glen)





Jim Rising, author of *The Sparrows of the United States and Canada*, will be the keynote speaker Saturday night.

Silent Book Auction

Thanks to some very generous donations to the IOU, we have replenished our supply of books for the IOU silent auction which will be held in conjunction with the fall IOU meeting at Saylorville Res. on Oct. 26 to 28. Our selection will include domestic and international field guides, several accounts of Alaskan and other explorations, bird-finding guides, studies from Iowa and adjacent states, species and family studies, and some ornithological classics.

Over the years, some \$2000 has been received by the IOU from the silent auctions, and we hope you will continue your support by bidding on some of these titles. It will benefit the buyer through enriching the personal library, and will support the publications of the IOU, among the best in the nation. And, of course, we also hope you will look through your own libraries for items to donate. Books, as well as art works, optics, and general nature gear are accepted.

-Bob Cecil



Six grebes occur in Iowa, and the large reservoirs are a good place to look for them in migration. This incredible side-by-side photo of a Clark's Grebe and Western Grebe was taken by Stephen Dinsmore.



Two Horned Grebes float in the water at Saylorville. Photo by Jay Gilliam.



In the fall, gulls gather by the thousands at the large reservoirs. This photo and the one below were taken by Jay Gilliam in 2006.



The Smith's Longspur Challenge

Matt Kenne

Rarity, beauty, difficulty of observation, and song (yes, song!), Smith's Longspurs have it all- I just don't understand why Iowa birders haven't found more of them to enjoy.

The Birds of North America account gives a population estimate of <75,000 Smith's Longspurs in North America (Briskie, 1993), but the majority of them likely migrate through Iowa in spring and fall. While most Smith's pass over the bare dirt fields of Iowa, more should be discovered in our state, considering they once wintered in southern Iowa before the plowing of the original prairie. Smith's core migration and wintering range in the U.S. seems intrinsically tied to the historical Tallgrass Prairie Region, although the birds really don't like tall grass. Traditionally, field guides suggested searching areas such as airports, mowed pastures, and weedy crop-stubble fields, but these haven't proven very fruitful in Iowa. Historically however, Smith's favored short-grass areas amid tallgrass prairie, areas such as recently spring-flooded ground, and the perimeter of drying fall wetlands. Perhaps they once enjoyed swaths of devastation caused by bison? Based on this "natural habitat" profile, I propose a method for finding Smith's Longspurs all across Iowa.



The dominant prairie in Iowa is tallgrass, which is not preferred by Smith's Longspur. The restored area shown in the photo is part of the Union Hills complex in Cerro Gordo County. Photo by P. Hertzell.

In the past ten years, Smith's Longspurs have been regularly found from Dickinson to Cerro Gordo County by searching a very specific habitat: newly established grasslands on prairie restoration projects. In my experience (Kossuth Co. sightings in 6 of 10 springs, 7 of 9 falls, and 9 of 10 years), these former crop fields usually either contain low wet areas, or there's some in the surrounding landscape in association with wetlands. The first fall and spring after initial planting, especially if the area is mowed after the first season's growth as managers like to do, is ideal short-grass habitat for attract-

ing Smith's. The clincher seems to be foptail, which is always in good supply on the fields with longspurs. The second-season growth cycle can sometimes be productive for Smith's as well, if the grasses don't come in too thick and deep after mowing and burning. The recently planted and mowed areas are usually obvious when hiking around established prairie restorations. Searching similar spots in other parts of the state in April and mid-to-late October should find Smith's Longspurs to be more widespread than previous records indicate.

As an example, Karen Viste-Sparkman, Biologist at Neal Smith NWR, Jasper Co., provided me with their latest planting information. She suggested a 100 acre plot that was planted this spring south of 88th Ave., 1 mile east of 129th St. This area can also be accessed from the interior refuge entry road. It is a large plot of the correct mowed cover in good surroundings, but it's unknown if the lack of nearby wetlands will make a difference in Smith's migration usage when compared to similar grasslands in northcentral Iowa. The wetland association may be desired habitat of Smith's, or perhaps it's just a feature of the restored prairie grasslands in my area. We won't know for sure until birders go out and discover that themselves. According to the DNR, additional prairie restoration plantings have been done at many locations, such as Harrier and Errington Marshes, and around Saylorville Reservoir, so ample search opportunities are out there if birders consult with DNR, INHF, County Conservation, or other similar prairie conservation personnel in their area. Public access in an area is sometimes complicated by multiple adjacent management agencies and the patchwork nature of modern prairie restoration and funding, so be sure to consult on that topic as well.

In an effort to predict where Smith's Longspurs will next be found in my area based on what we've learned about their migration habitat in northcentral Iowa, I consulted Ron Howing, DNR coordinator of prairie restoration with the Iowa Prairie Pothole Joint Venture. He supplied me with information on grasslands newly seeded and to be mowed in 2007, of which the following larger plantings are sight-unseen examples of shortgrass habitat for the Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 Smith's Longspur migrations.

Dickinson County:

Spring Run Complex- 100 total acres planted at various locations in '06, 130 acres in '07:

- * South of Hwy 9 on the west side of 270th Ave.
- * South of 160th St. between 280th and 290th Aves.
- * NE of the intersection of 180th St. and 260th Ave./M56
- * West of 260th Ave./M56 between 185th and 190th Sts.
- * NW and NE of the intersection of 190th St. and 270th Ave.
- * NW of the intersection of 260th Ave./M56 and 200th St.

* NW of the intersection of 202nd St. and 250th Ave.

Christopherson Slough- 100 acres planted in '06-'07, less than 1 mile north of 130th St. on 340th Ave./N22, west side

Cayler Prairie- 25 acres, + mile north of 170th St. on 170th Ave., west side

Yager Slough- 50 acres, + mile east of 140th Ave. on 170th St., south side

Wright County: Lower/Morse Lake Complex:

- * 100 acres, SE of intersection of 150th St. and Nelson Ave.
- * South of 150th St. east of Reed Ave.
- * North of 160th St. west of Reed Ave.
- * West of Page Ave. south of 160th St.
- * North of Page Ave. 1/2 mile west of previous location

**Kossuth County:
Union Slough Complex-**

- * 40 acres, northeast of intersection of 120th Ave and 410th St.



Typical disturbed, shortgrass habitat occurs in the first and usually second season of restored grassland areas. The section above occurred in central Kossuth County in 2006, and produced multiple flocks of Smith's Longspur in the fall. Photo by P. Hertzell.

Second-cycle '06 plantings that had Smith's Longspurs in Fall 2006/Spring 2007 (Kossuth):

- * 30 acres, SW of intersection of 390th St. and 210th Ave.
- * 70 acres, SW of intersection of 220th Ave./P66 and 320th St.
- * 150 acres, 1 mile so. of 360th St./A42 on 185th Ave., east side

Cerro Gordo County, Union Hills Complex

- * 40 acres, south of B55, northeast quarter of section 34 Union township



The current composition of grass on 40 acres south of B55 at the Union Hills complex in Cerro Gordo County is short with frequent bare patches of dirt. Grasses are less than knee-high, and foxtail is an abundant constituent of the mix. Photo by P. Hertzell.

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Iowa Fall Smith's Longspur Dates

Smith's Longspur were once described as common in Iowa in both spring and fall. But the species virtually disappeared from the state in the early part of last century, or at least, almost none were found after about 1930. In the 1980s, a trickle of spring birds was detected in the southeastern part of the state, and for the next 20 years, the Smith's Longspur remained an exclusively spring migrant. The first modern fall record finally occurred in October of 1998 in Kossuth County. At right is the reported fall window of the species since that time.

Modern Records of Fall Smith's Longspur

Year	First report	Last report
2006	14 Oct	16 Oct
2005	23 Oct	26 Oct
2004	2 Oct	8 Nov
2003	19 Oct	14 Nov
2002	2 Nov	2 Nov
2001	27 Oct	10 Nov
2000	18 Oct	4 Nov
1999	17 Oct	13 Nov
1998	7 Oct	25 Oct

2007 Projects Committee Awards

This winter the IOU Projects Committee got a strong response in its initial offering to support projects aligned with the ideals of the IOU. Thanks to the IOU leadership, \$6,000 was available to support some very worthwhile proposals. The 2006-2007 Projects Committee, consisting of Tom Johnson, Doug Harr, Chris Caster, and Marlene Ehresman, met in March to evaluate the proposals and vice-chair Doug Harr announced the awards this May at the Spring IOU Meeting in Sioux City.

Winnebago County Conservation Board—\$2,000, towards acquisition of a 105-acre parcel between the Lande River Conservation Area and the Hogsback Marsh. This would prevent fragmentation of this critical habitat for birds and other wildlife. This area is notable as it hosted five of the Necedah, Wisconsin Whooping Cranes in May 2006. Whooping Cranes once nested in north-central Iowa; it would be exciting if they could return someday.

The Nature Conservancy—\$1750, towards restoration and improvement of prairie habitat at the Broken Kettle Grasslands in Plymouth County. Money is often available for acquisitions, but not stewardship. This award will assist TNC in protecting a very special region of the Loess Hills.

The Hitchcock Nature Center—\$750, towards a raptor-banding project. The money will be used to build necessary structures and provide training to banders. The Hitchcock Hawkwatch has proved well situated for the study of raptor migrants along our western border and its capable leadership is deserving of our support.

The Iowa National Heritage Foundation—\$1,500, towards the acquisition of a 93-acre addition to the Hale's Slough Wildlife Management Area on Big Spirit Lake. This project will preserve the lake's last remaining wild shoreline from development. It is an extremely expensive acquisition; therefore, in the event that the purchase falls through, the INHF is required to return the funds.

At the end of May, Mary Beth Hunt was selected to replace Tom Johnson on the committee, and Doug Harr will be the new chair. The deadline for new grant proposals is Feb. 1, 2008. Please visit the IOU website for the latest application information.

Chris Caster, Secretary



There is very little pristine shoreline remaining at Spirit Lake. Photo by P. Hertzell.

Fall Field Reports

The Fall reporting season ends November 30. Reports may be entered online at www.iowabirds.org by clicking on **Reporting**. Or, reports may be sent by email or postal to Paul Hertzell. One advantage of entering data online is that a contributor's information is deposited directly into the IOU database by the contributor, which skips a transcription step by an editor, resulting in fewer errors.

Although the IOU membership has not grown significantly in the past five years, participation in the field report process has expanded dramatically. Perhaps enabling members to submit their data online has helped this trend. We are in debt to Ann Johnson for her donation of time and skill in creating the scripts that make this possible, and we hope more birders will

consider taking part in the process. Following are the numbers of individual bird observations making up the fall report in each of the last five years.

Year	Fall Reports
2006	3900+
2005	3262
2004	2484
2003	2017
2002	2063

This spring, contributors submitted over 4800 reports covering the 2007 spring season. This is a great endorsement by members of a primary duty of the IOU - to make a permanent record of the birdlife in the state of Iowa.

DNR Bird Nest Monitoring Workshops Scheduled for Fall

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has an exciting new way for the public to get involved with wildlife conservation. Become a citizen scientist and help fill in the gaps in our knowledge of raptors, herons or egrets! The Volunteer Wildlife Monitoring Program (VWMP) is a 6 hour training designed to prepare folks for collecting yearly data on Iowa's declining wildlife and submitting that data to the wildlife diversity program. These data are crucial to the DNR's ability to monitor declining populations of nesting raptors, and colonial waterbirds. Four training workshops have been scheduled across Iowa.

Participants in the bird-nest monitoring workshops will learn how to identify raptors and colonial waterbirds (herons, egrets) and locate and monitor their nesting sites. Surveyors will visit nests 2-3 times during the spring and summer and collect data on the number of young successfully fledged. Bird nest monitoring workshops are scheduled for Central Park in Jones County, Starr's Cave near Burlington, Chichaqua Bottoms Longhouse in Polk County and Lost Island Lake Nature Center in Palo Alto County.



Information presented at the trainings will appeal to adults with an enthusiasm for the outdoors and an interest in observing wildlife. Pre-registration is required with a \$7.00 fee to cover the provided lunch. Trainings will run from 10am-4pm.

For information on registration and other details please visit: <http://www.iowadnr.com/wildlife/diversity/vwmp.html> or contact Stephanie Shepherd, (515) 432-2823 ext. 102, or stephanie.shepherd@dnr.iowa.gov.

Join us and become a citizen scientist!

Bird Nest Monitoring Workshops:

October 20, 2007 - Center Junction, Jones County
LOCATION: Jone CCB Nature Center
TIME: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (Lunch provided)
FEE: \$7.00

October 27, 2007 - Burlington, IA
LOCATION: Des Moines CCB
Starr's Cave Nature Center
TIME: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (Lunch provided)
FEE: \$7.00

November 3, 2007 - Near Maxwell, IA
LOCATION: Polk CCB, Chichaqua Bottoms Longhouse
TIME: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (Lunch provided)
FEE: \$7.00

November 10, 2007 - Ruthven, IA
LOCATION: Palo Alto CCB Lost Island Lake Nature Center
TIME: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (Lunch provided)
FEE: \$7.00

DNR Seeks Help With Bald Eagle Nest Census

The Iowa DNR staff no longer has the resources to monitor many of the Iowa nests, nor to adequately search for new nests. Monitoring of nests is left mostly up to volunteers and concerned citizens. Therefore, the discovery of new nests, which is often by chance, is primarily by volunteers, other citizens, and agency staff. As a result many nests go unnoticed and unreported.

If you or anyone you know locates a bald eagle nest, please report your findings to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Diversity Program, 1436 255th Street, Boone, IA 50036.

See: http://www.iowadnr.com/wildlife/diversity/report_eagles.html

Unscramble the IOU Member Names

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1. Kenny O'Leija (Kayleen Niyo)
2. Tony Duga Jr. (Judy Garton)

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