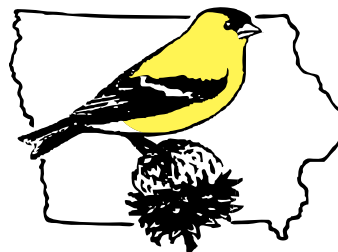


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Online Shopping and its Financial Benefit to the IOU

By John Bissell

With the holiday season already upon us, this particular newsletter is the perfect place to remind IOU members and users of the website Iowabirds.org that Amazon.com and Eagle Optics are affiliates of the IOU. If you go to Iowabirds.org, and from the home page, go to the dropdown menu under Iowa Ornithologists' Union, you can click on the Merchandise link. On the left side of the page, you will see both a link to Eagle Optics and an Amazon.com search engine. Clicking on either of these links from the IOU website will set a cookie with the IOU's ID on it. Eagle Optics and Amazon have a program where if you buy something from them using the links on the IOU website, they will reimburse the IOU a percentage of what was purchased. The percentage varies based upon type of item and sometimes volume of items purchased. The percentage kickback can be up to 10%, and generally averages around 5%.

This is a fantastic way to financially support the IOU! Both Eagle Optics and Amazon carry high quality birding and optical gear, and Amazon carries just about everything under the sun for birders and non-birders alike! Which reminds me, encourage family and friends to do their online shopping through the IOU as well! Remember, birding related items aren't the only merchandise that qualify for an IOU kickback. Electronics, game and music downloads, even grocery purchases will kick some money back to the IOU! The key is remembering to start your Eagle Optics or Amazon search from the IOU website links.

Linda Rudolph posted to the Listserve that Amazon recently cut a check for \$800.00 to the IOU for the use of this program. This is obviously a very significant amount of money for a nonprofit of our size. To the folks who enjoy online shopping, please consider initiating your search from Iowabirds.org.

amazon.com

Purchase size does not matter. If all IOU members and their friends and family shopped through our affiliates, the financial benefit to the IOU would add up very quickly!

Happy holidays and have fun shopping online!

****** WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!!! ******

Do you know someone who is interested in birding but who is NOT a member of I.O.U.? Please ask this interested person (or family) to join I.O.U. We offer so many opportunities for our members to become involved in many ways: joining us on a field trip at one of our semi-annual membership gatherings (held all over the state); becoming actively involved in reporting your bird sightings and observations (through our on-line field notes reporting and documentation process); or, taking part in some of the projects which we help sponsor. To join is simple and the easiest way to do this is to join on-line (even if the new member is paying by check). When someone joins, a membership profile is created and through this process we know where to send your publications, so it is important for this profile to be created. The URL is: <http://Iowabirds.org/IOU/PayDues.aspx>

Encourage a new member to join TODAY!!!

Christmas Bird Count Dates

Date	Count Name	Compiler	Email Address	Phone
12-14	Lake Rathbun	Mike Stephens		641-437-1736
12-14	Keokuk	John McCecil		515-249-5668
12-15	Princeton/Camanche	Kelly McKay	kellyjmckay@aol.com	309-235-4661
12-17	Clinton/Savanna	Kelly McKay	kellyjmckay@aol.com	309-235-4661
12-19	Waterloo/Cedar Falls	Francis Moore		319-269-0741
12-19	Eldora/Union	Mark Proescholdt		641-496-5219
12-19	Cedar Rapids	James Durbin	bugmugger187@gmail.com	319-721-1593
12-19	Sioux City	Jerry Probst	probstsuebee@aol.com	712-258-1296
12-19	Mason City	Rita Goranson	ritag@mchsi.com	641-423-1699
12-19	Burlington	Chuck Fuller	cfuller989@aol.com	319-753-0710
12-19	Woodbury County	Don Poggensee	donpog@netllc.net	712-364-3491
12-19	Grinnell	Robert Van Ersvelde	crvanersvelde@iowatelecom.net	
12-19	Dallas County	Leland Searles	searleslr@msn.com	515-979-6457
12-19	Red Rock	Tyler Harms	tyharms@gmail.com	515-320-4975
12-19	Shenandoah	Keith Dyche	kadd27@hotmail.com	712-246-9517
12-20	Davenport	Kelly McKay	kellyjmckay@aol.com	309-235-4661
12-20	Saylorville	Stephen Dinsmore	cootjr@iastate.edu	515-450-8805
12-20	Iowa City	Chris Edwards	credwards@aol.com	319-430-4732
12-20	Bremer County	Francis Moore		319-269-0741
12-20	Ida County	Don Poggensee	donpog@netllc.net	712-364-3491
12-20	Lamoni	Jeff Livingston	jeffandjenia@hotmail.com	641-223-3273
12-21	Muscatine	Kelly McKay	kellyjmckay@aol.com	309-235-4661
12-21	Yellow River	Larry Reis	naturalist@winneshiekwild.com	563-534-7145
12-23	Buchanan County	Danny Akers	birdmandan1231@hotmail.com	
12-26	West Mercer County	Kelly McKay	kellyjmckay@aol.com	309-235-4661
12-26	Taylor County	Corey Lange	coreyjlange@gmail.com	
12-26	Des Moines	Dennis Thompson	cndthomps@acm.org	
12-26	Decorah	Larry Reis	naturalist@winneshiekwild.com	563-534-7145
12-28	Desoto	Jerry Toll	geritol48@cox.net	402-453-9239
12-30	North Linn	James Durbin	bugmugger187@gmail.com	319-721-1593
1-1	Worth County	Rita Goranson	ritag@mchsi.com	641-423-1699
1-2	Andalusia/Buffalo	Kelly McKay	kellyjmckay@aol.com	309-235-4661
1-2	Boone County	Mark Widrechner	mpwskd@aol.com	515-520-3881
1-2	Neal Smith NWR	Karen Viste-Sparkman	k.vistesparkman@mchsi.com	515-994-3400
1-2	Sac County	Elizabeth Blessington	liz@moveit.com	
1-3	Humboldt County	Jacob Newton	newtia84@gmail.com	
1-3	Carroll	Matt Wetrich	go_tweeting@hotmail.com	
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2015 IOU Bird Listing Report Form

Please return this form within a week or so of the new year in order for your totals to be included in the next compilation. Of course, **all categories are optional**. Contributed totals should be accurate as of December 31, 2015, and should adhere to the standards of the official Iowa State List (accidentals and casuals should have Records Committee acceptance).

Return to: Paul Hertz, 1432 East State Street, Mason City, IA 50401 or send email to: phertz@rconnect.com

Name: _____

E-mail or postal address: _____

County of residence: _____

Iowa State Life List Total: _____ Personally Found by Me in Iowa: _____

Iowa 2015 Annual List Total: _____ (Total species seen in Iowa during 2015) Yardlist Total: _____

Regional or Statewide Big Day * Totals:	Region	Date	Species	Names of Participants
<i>Example:</i>	<i>Dickinson Co</i>	<i>16 May 10</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>Ed Thelen, Lee Schoenewe</i>

*Record totals should be accompanied by the species list.

COUNTY LIST TOTALS

_____ Adair County	_____ Decatur County	_____ Jones County	_____ Polk County
_____ Adams County	_____ Delaware County	_____ Keokuk County	_____ Pottawattamie Co
_____ Allamakee County	_____ Des Moines County	_____ Kossuth County	_____ Poweshiek County
_____ Appanoose County	_____ Dickinson County	_____ Lee County	_____ Ringgold County
_____ Audubon County	_____ Dubuque County	_____ Linn County	_____ Sac County
_____ Benton County	_____ Emmet County	_____ Louisa County	_____ Scott County
_____ Blackhawk County	_____ Fayette County	_____ Lucas County	_____ Shelby County
_____ Boone County	_____ Floyd County	_____ Lyon County	_____ Sioux County
_____ Bremer County	_____ Franklin County	_____ Madison County	_____ Story County
_____ Buchanan County	_____ Fremont County	_____ Mahaska County	_____ Tama County
_____ Buena Vista County	_____ Greene County	_____ Marion County	_____ Taylor County
_____ Butler County	_____ Grundy County	_____ Marshall County	_____ Union County
_____ Calhoun County	_____ Guthrie County	_____ Mills County	_____ Van Buren County
_____ Carroll County	_____ Hamilton County	_____ Mitchell County	_____ Wapello County
_____ Cass County	_____ Hancock County	_____ Monona County	_____ Warren County
_____ Cedar County	_____ Hardin County	_____ Monroe County	_____ Washington County
_____ Cerro Gordo County	_____ Harrison County	_____ Montgomery Co	_____ Wayne County
_____ Cherokee County	_____ Henry County	_____ Muscatine County	_____ Webster County
_____ Chickasaw County	_____ Howard County	_____ O'Brien County	_____ Winnebago County
_____ Clarke County	_____ Humboldt County	_____ Osceola County	_____ Winneshiek County
_____ Clay County	_____ Ida County	_____ Page County	_____ Woodbury County
_____ Clayton County	_____ Iowa County	_____ Palo Alto County	_____ Worth County
_____ Clinton County	_____ Jackson County	_____ Plymouth County	_____ Wright County
_____ Crawford County	_____ Jasper County	_____ Pocahontas County	
_____ Dallas County	_____ Jefferson County		
_____ Davis County	_____ Johnson County		

County **Total Ticks** _____

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