



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Birding Sites in Des Moines County

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Blackhawk Bottoms WMA (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 40.7396313276348,-91.142667979002

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: Take Mason Road in Burlington to the east left around the north end of the airport. This is the last stoplight on HWY 61 at the south end of Burlington, just past Culvers and Buffalo Wild Wings if you are coming from the north the first stop light if you are coming from the south Follow this around the airport to Summer St. the next light, and turn south right. Follow Summer St. south a few miles until you see a sign for Cessford Quarry turn east left there and follow it over the RR tracks, looking for the parking lot designated Blackhawk Bottoms. Follow the waking path into the field where you will encounter plenty of water.

Amenities:

Casey Barrow Landing

GPS Coordinates: 40.9419728315572,-90.9682559967041

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: North of Burlington in Des Moines Co. FROM THE SOUTH: Just north of the 9-mile marker on Hwy. 99, or 1.5 miles north of Stony Hollow Rd./155th St., take 170th St. east. Proceed two miles to 40th Ave., then one mile north on 40th to 180th St., and finally two miles east on 180th to the landing. FROM THE NORTH: 170th St. is 3.5 miles south of Kingston along Hwy. 99, then as above.

Amenities:

Geode State Park

GPS Coordinates: 40.820954433429,-91.3828611373901

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: From Mt. Pleasant: Take US Highway 218 south to county road J20. Take J20 eastbound, and the road goes through the park.

Amenities:

Huron Bottoms

GPS Coordinates: 41.0651157854007,-91.047477722168

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: This area is at the intersection of County Rd 99 and Pumping Station Rd.

Amenities:

Mississippi River Pool No. 19, "Colusa elevator"

GPS Coordinates: 40.6461903630828,-91.1879369616508

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: In eastern Lee County. Three miles either north of Ft. Madison or south of Wever, take J-50/190th St. east from U.S. 61 for 4.5 miles to X-50/Green Bay Rd. Proceed south (right) on Green Bay Rd. a little more than two miles, just past the grain elevator, and look for open water. Note that the road ends as a private drive. Shortly before the elevator also see Green Bay Access.

Amenities: