



IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Birding Sites in Mahaska County

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Hawthorn W.A. (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 41.4854342092417,-92.4540710449219

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: In extreme northeast Mahaska Co., about 1.5 miles south of Barnes City. The main entrance is east off V-13, 1/4 mile north of G-17, and difficult to spot. Where the the main entrance road forks, both roads lead to parking on the water, and together these cover scoping for the entire north arm and the middle third of the lake. The remaining east part of the lake is viewable from Victoria Ave. crossing the water: Return to V-13 and drive south one mile past G-17 (120th St.) to 130th St. on the east (left). Proceed east on 130th for 1.5 miles to Victoria Ave. and turn north (left). Victoria crosses the lake at 3/4 of a mile. Returning to V-13 from here is much simpler by retracing your route than by continuing north toward Barnes City.

Amenities:

Maskunky Marsh (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 41.3078581559712,-92.5245380401611

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions: In southeast Mahaska Co., about five miles east of Oskaloosa alongside Hwy. 92. A parking area for the northeast side of the marsh is at T-60/Snyder Rd. A parking area on the southeast side of the marsh is just up Snyder Rd., on the right. The west end of the marsh can be viewed by walking in that direction from the end of the southside parking area, a short distance through grass, although there is no actual trail.

Amenities:

Russell Wildlife Area (eBird Hotspot)

GPS Coordinates: 41.3582571,-92.6327705

Ownership: None listed

Description:

Habitat:

Directions:

Amenities: