Cedar Bluffs R.A. (Important Bird Area)

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.3462409677081,-91.3208216428757

**Ownership:** County

**Description:** Near Cedar River but high ground - 176 acres

**Habitat:** top of the hills are planted with prairie plants and the rest is wooded with steep hills, has a few small ponds

**Directions:** In the southwest corner of Muscatine Co., and somewhat rough in places - Along Hwy. 92, just east over the river from Columbus Junction in Louisa Co., take G-40 north through Fredonia. After emerging from Fredonia, follow G-40 north and east a little under four miles to Q Ave., on the left. Go north on Q Ave., including two jogs, about 1.5 miles to the entrance on the right, after a line of pines. The first left from the trail off the parking lot leads to steep wooded bluffs and a creek. The trail gets thin in places going in, and at creek-level there are nettles and mosquitoes. The woods on the bluff across the creek has a good trail, but otherwise the park is unfinished in this section; best to stick to the woods itself. The other half of the park, south of the trail off the parking lot, is field and shrub.

**Public Hunting Area**

**Amenities:** Parking | Trails |

**Cedar Bottoms**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.4632114769375,-91.19480073452

**Ownership:** State

**Description:** Most references are for Cedar Bottoms but there are actually two parcels. The Cedar Bottoms is divided by the Cedar River, one parcel is on Bayfield Road and the other is on 170th St. Cedar river bottom ground that was farmed in the past 1,555 acres total

**Habitat:** The east parcel has a lane leads downhill from the parking area. The extensive weedy field habitat is immediately ahead. Follow this lane eventually westward (leftward) to find the pools, not a long walk. The west parcel Grassland yielding to timber near the river 1/4 timber and 3/4 grassland with some wet areas

**Directions:** For parcel on east side of Cedar river In central Muscatine Co. Along Hwy. 22 about six miles east of Nichols or six miles west of Muscatine, X-43/Independence Ave. meets Hwy. 22 on the south side. One quarter mile east of X-43 is Bayfield Rd., a gravel road, going north. Follow Bayfield north one mile, eventually including short bends right, left, and right. The parking area is at that second bend to the right (east). For parcel on west side of Cedar River - From W end of Cedar River bridge go N on Ironcity Ave for 1.12 miles and turn R to continue on Ironcity, another 1.58 miles and make R on 170th St go .99 miles to Jasper St. and make R, raod ends in .26 miles

**Public Hunting Area**

**Amenities:** Parking |

**Fairport Fish Hatchery**
GPS Coordinates: 41.4391553980914,-90.8963084220886
Ownership: State
Description: Warm water DNR fish hatchery
Habitat: 18 ponds cascading down from the Hwy to the river. The public can walk around the ponds and explore the wooded hillside on the west side of Hwy 22. The hillside is fenced on three sides to mark the property.
Directions: 8 miles E of Muscatine on Hwy 22 - on the E edge of Fairport
Amenities: Parking |

Lock 16
GPS Coordinates: 41.4253682866906,-91.0096478462219
Ownership: Multiple
Description: Although the viewing area is in IL, the river channel swings to the east side of the river for the lock which means that most of the birds are in IA.
Habitat: The road runs on top of the dike and provides lookouts to the river as well as the lock property. Gulls will roost on the lock structures and diving birds raft above the dam.
Directions: At Muscatine, Muscatine Co. Cross the bridge over into Illinois from downtown, on Hwy. 92. Take the first road upriver 1.3 miles to the dam.
Amenities: Restrooms | Parking |

Pike Run Wildlife Area
GPS Coordinates: 41.4930209103129,-91.2114143371582
Ownership: County
Description: 182 acres that ties into Cedar Bottoms, Pike run stream flows through one corner,
Habitat: heavy timber and native sand prairie with a wet stream in one corner
Directions: From Hwy 22 and Ironcity Ave near the Cedar River bridge go N on Ironcity Ave. for 1.13 mi. and turn R (ESE) on Ironcity Ave., go another 1.35 mi. to a lot on the right
Public Hunting Area
Amenities: Parking | Trails |

Red Cedar WMA
GPS Coordinates: 41.4603531988763,-91.2811088562012
Ownership: State
Description: 786 Acres 4/5 timber, 1/5 upland
Habitat: Timber is mostly Cedar River bottom ground and has slough like bodies of water, bushwhacking at its best to get around in the timber. The upland is sandy soil with edge effect around the fields. Chat are usually heard there.
Directions: From Hwy 22 and Elder Ave. go S on Elder for 1.25 miles, E on 195th. St. for 0.5 miles
Public Hunting Area
Amenities: Parking |
Richardson WA

GPS Coordinates: 41.3610997732496,-91.3019335269928
Ownership: County
Description: Very near and similar to Cedar Bluffs
Habitat: 77 Acres, hilly upland with about 50% field/crop field which makes for good edge effect
Directions: From G 28 and Echo Ave. go (S) on Echo 3.66 miles and then Right (W) on 260th St for 0.5 miles
Public Hunting Area
Amenities: Parking |

Saulsbury Bridge RA (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 41.5003495912893,-91.1727905273438
Ownership: County
Description: Multi use area with 601 acres of the 675 total area managed for wildlife. Mostly Cedar river bottom land with a stream and wet area
Habitat: River bottom land with areas that are dry and areas that are very wet
Directions: From Hwy 61 and CR X54/ Mulberry Ave. NNW 2.69 miles to, left (W) on Saulsbury Rd. for 4 miles
Public Hunting Area
Amenities: Restrooms | Drinking Water | Parking | Trails | Camping |

Shield Prairie WMA

GPS Coordinates: 41.4789820014964,-91.1273109912872
Ownership: State
Description: First land purchased with Chickadee Check-off funds. 80 acres. Henslow's Sparrow has been seen here. High ground Sand Prairie with a wet area in a swale. Site has not been cultivated in the past.
Habitat: Sand Prairie with native grasses and one wetland area
Directions: From intersection of Hwy 61 and X54/ Mulberry Ave. NNW 1.14 miles to Bayfield Rd., turn left to W for 1.78 miles and turn right N on Seven Springs Rd. for .83 miles to parking on the right
Public Hunting Area
Amenities: Parking |

Swamp White Oak Preserve (Important Bird Area)

GPS Coordinates: 41.408166490476,-91.301203536987
Ownership: Private (see directions for access)
Description: Cedar River bottom land that is on the edge of the flood zone, 648 acres in size. Efforts are ongoing to remove trees to re-establish the Swamp White Oak Savanna. Several wet areas are on the property as well. The Nature Conservancy owns and manages the land. Area has had extensive wildlife
survey work done and birds of interest include Prothonotary Warbler, Cerulean warbler, Sandhill Crane, and Red-shouldered Hawks. Very limited parking

**Habitat:** Sandy Cedar River bottom ground subject to flooding. Much of the brush and trees have been cleared for preservation of Burr Oak and Swamp White Oak

**Directions:** From the west at Hwy 70 and G 28; go east 2.4 miles on Hwy G28. After crossing two bridges; the access drive is immediately past the second bridge and on the north side of the road From the east on Hwy 61 and G 28; go (west) onto County G28 11.73 miles (about 0.8 miles past the Cedar River. The access drive is immediately before a bridge and on the north side of the road.

**Amenities:** Parking |

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**Wiese Slough WMA--North Unit (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.5543248,-91.1207771

**Ownership:** State

**Description:** Old oxbow from nearby river.

**Habitat:** Both units total 1,871 acres with 4/5 timber and 1/5 marsh, the North Unit has most of the marsh with two boat ramps

**Directions:** From Atalissa at CR 46 and Hwy 6 go E 2.27 miles on Hwy 6 to Mohawk Ave. turn R (S) .6 miles

**Public Hunting Area**

**Amenities:** Parking |

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**Wiese Slough WMA--South Unit (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.52657,-91.11467

**Ownership:** State

**Description:** River bottom ground with some water, southern unit of 1,871 acres mostly timber

**Habitat:** Mostly timber with a few stands of Conifers and also some flowing streams

**Directions:** south of Moscow on CR X 54 and Hwy 6 go S on CR X%$ for 3.17 miles to R (W) on 152 nd. St for 1.37 miles

**Public Hunting Area**

**Amenities:** Parking |

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**Wildcat Den SP (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.4684895,-90.8813095

**Ownership:** State

**Description:** Timber and major creek on Mississippi River bluff

**Habitat:** upland woods Sandstone cliffs and timber create different sections. The cliff area is cool and dark. Wood Thrush call from the deeper woods and Worm-eating Warbler are often found near the cliffs. A major creek and mill pond are also in the park

**Directions:** From Hwy 61 and CR Y 26 go S on y26 2.5 miles , L (E) on 180th St for .96 miles, turn R (ESE) on Verde Ave. for .33 miles From Montpiler and CR Y36 and Hwy 22, W on Hwy 22 for 3.04 miles
, turn R (NNW) on Wild Cat Den Rd for .8 miles to New Ara Rd.

**Amenities:** Restrooms | Drinking Water | Parking | Trails | Camping |