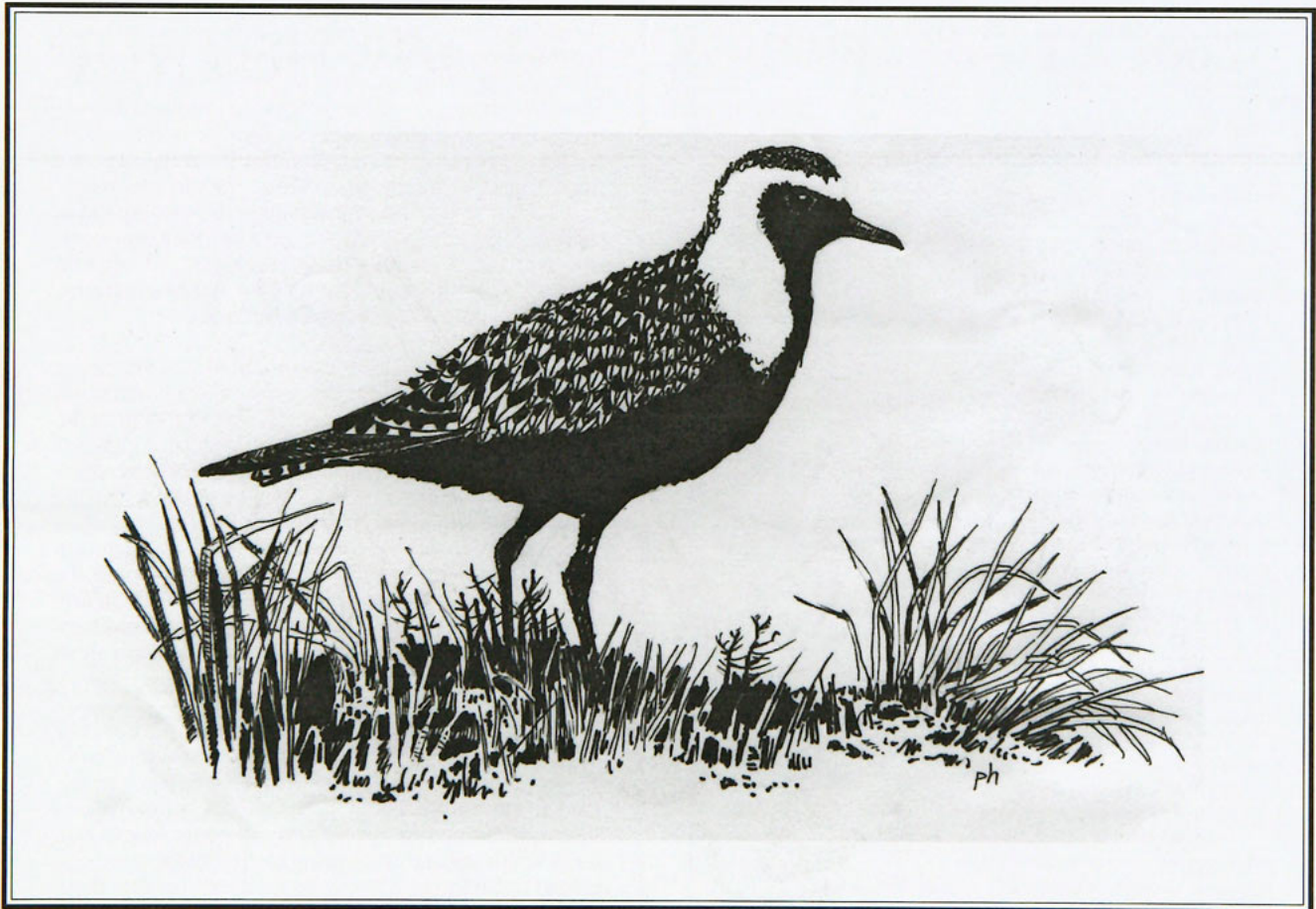


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From The
**SECRETARY of the
RECORDS COMMITTEE**

The Records Committee has been working diligently to put the last touches on records from 2001 as well as begin the process for this year's records. Be sure to look at the report on the web http://www.iowabirds.org/records/annualReport_public.asp to watch our work in action.

State Records Committees often seem to be shrouded in mystery to most birders. In some states records seem to disappear into an abyss of no return. The reporter never even knows for sure that he or she found the correct mailing address to get that Rufous-necked Waffle-snatcher report in for discussion. Feedback to reporters is important and Iowa has a pretty good track record in this regard. In this electronic age, I am trying to provide as much as possible via e-mail to reporters, not only to save copying and postage but to also speed up the process a bit. When you send the Field Reports Editors your documentations, an e-mail address is always appreciated.

In an effort to make documentation a bit easier for web-enabled birders, an on-line documentation form is now available on the IOU website. Fill in the form, hit submit, edit as necessary, and print yourself a nice copy for your records. When you have completed this process, the Field Reports Editor for the season will get notice of a report and you have now completed your obligation. It is much easier to get home from a great day in the field and finish up the paperwork than to wait until the report period is nearly over and you have to reconstruct a few details. Committees love promptness since more details are fresh in the reporter's mind.

Keep those reports of good Iowa birds coming. This is the most valuable way of gathering data to not only document vagrancy but to determine more nearly the stability of bird populations. Some of our recent discussions have revolved around birds like Bohemian Waxwing and Burrowing Owl. Are there enough records over the past ten years to determine that these species are regular in our state or does the data indicate otherwise? A hundred years from now researchers will be dependent upon data such as this as they look at what Iowa used to be. Please join in being a part of that history.

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Two to Share Iowa RBA Duties

Pete Ernzen, editor of the Iowa Birdline, announced that responsibility for the internet component of the information system has been transferred to Mike Dooley of Cedar Rapids. Both sources for information, phone and internet, will continue to be available. Reports of sightings may be submitted by phone to the birdline at (712) 364-2863, or via the internet by email to Mike Dooley at:

mcdoolley@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu

The Iowa Birdline expanded from a pure phone operation to a multimedia service when Jim Fuller began posting the reports on the internet in the 1990s. The internet postings make a written version of the latest sightings available by email to subscribers of the IA-BIRDS listserv. To subscribe to this service, send an e-mail request to

subscribe-ia-bird@lists.iowabirds.org

or visit the website

< <http://www.iowabirds.org/main/listserv.asp> >.

The latter web address also contains links to archived RBA transcripts.

"People may still call the birdline with reports", said Ernzen. "I then e-mail these reports to Mike as soon as possible." Dooley combines the phone reports with e-mail and listserv reports to make one written report, which he posts on the IA-BIRD listserv, and Ernzen tapes verbatim on the birdline. This makes three methods available for bird sightings to make it into the report— a phone report to the Birdline, an e-mail to Mike Dooley, or a posting to the IA-BIRDS listserv.

The same three methods can be used to receive notification of sightings, too. Interested people may call the Birdline, receive e-mail transcripts by subscribing to the IA-BIRDS listserv, or check the archives with an internet browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer.

Pete Ernzen and Mike Dooley donate their time to make the Iowa RBA system work. Please make use of this system as explained above, and avoid calls to their private phones for birding information. And thanks to the many birders who do utilize the RBA system. Without their reports, there would be no system.

Regional Rare Bird Alerts

Iowa	(712) 364-2863
Missouri	(573) 445-9115
NW Illinois	(815) 965-3095
Wisconsin	(414) 352-3857
Minnesota	(763) 780-8890
So Dakota	(605) 773-6460

Two Fall Field Trips

This fall, Eugene and Eloise Armstrong will lead two Iowa field trips that IOU members and others are welcome to attend. The first will be on August 31 and September 1 in the Iowa City area. The focus will be on fall migrants, particularly shorebirds. People may wish to attend the first day and consider the second day optional, depending on events.

The second field trip will be to northeast Iowa on November 9 and 10. Target birds for this outing will be a variety of local specialties like Ruffed Grouse, Golden Eagle, Tundra Swan and others.

Feedback is desired on these types of trips. Contact Tom Johnson at tjbjohn@iowasocean.com or the Armstrongs at (515) 996-2726. Times and exact locations will be on the listserv and birdline.

The IOU Nature Store

Is open for business!

Buy that copy of Sibley's Guide to Bird Life & Behavior or that new finch feeder from our store and help support the activities of the IOU. Prices are competitive and each purchase provides the IOU with a little bit of revenue. Shopping is done on a secure web server so your credit card information is safe. Store entrance is from the IOU web site –

< <http://www.iowabirds.org> >

or you can go directly to

< <http://www.withoutbricks.com/IowaBirdsNatureStore> >.

We all know that it takes money to pull off the projects that IOU members hold near and dear. In the past few years we have sponsored varied opportunities such as purchasing a telescope for use at the Greater Prairie Chicken lek at Kellerton and reaching new birders with the Iowa Birding web site and more recently the IA-BIRD listserv. Some members rely on the Iowa Birdline for up-to-date telephone reports of rare birds around the state. Donations help finance these projects but do not cover the entire cost.

The Board of Directors recently approved the IOU jumping into the internet on-line shopping revolution to help raise some needed money. Many of you probably have shopped at *Amazon.com* or a similar enterprise. Our store is similar to this. You have the advantage of over 6000 natural history items for sale in a store that is open 24 hours a day, every day.

The Iowa Birds Nature Store features not only books but audio tapes and CDs, feeders, shade-grown coffee, jewelry, and yard ornaments. There are items for everyone, from novice to expert. The next time you have that nature-related item you just can't live without, consider checking our Nature Store. It is a painless way to help support the projects we as an organization have embraced.

IOU Fall Conference – September 13-15, 2002

Enjoy the Following Highlights:

- **6 Outstanding speakers**, including **Kenn Kaufman**, author, artist, and recipient of the Ludlow Griscom Award, and **Paul Baicich**, author, former editor of *Birding*, and current Conservation and Public Policy Director for the American Birding Association. Y Camp Naturalist, **Mike Havlik** will give programs with live hawks and an owl, and lead us in songs. Short discussions will be led by **Dr. Jim Dinsmore**, Iowa's leading authority on birdlife, and recently retired Iowa State University Professor; **Doug Harr**, Wildlife Diversity Program Coordinator, Iowa DNR; and **Ric Zarwell**, Audubon Iowa Important Bird Area (IBA) Coordinator.
- **Two + Day Field Trips to Excellent Birding Locations**– Saturday and Sunday morning field trips will be led by some of Iowa's best field birders, will seek maximum fall migration bird sightings, and will take advantage of local water conditions. Trips will include Ledges State Park, Saylorville Lake, Polk City Wildlife Refuge, and may also include Harrier Marsh and several other very good nearby habitats. Have fun. Build your lists.
- **Demonstrations of the Latest Binoculars and Spotting Scopes, and a Workshop on Digiscoping – the Exciting and Easy-to-Learn New Way to Take Great Nature Photos.** Eagle Optics, largest mail-order optical outfitter in the U.S. and Corporate Sponsor of Iowa's IBA Program, will have two experts in birding and butterfly optics on-site along with a wide variety of new binoculars and scopes for you to try. Eagle Optics will also conduct a workshop on digiscoping and answer questions and give pointers throughout the weekend. Bring your digital camera with you to try on a scope from Eagle Optics, or just enjoy and benefit by the workshop, and test the latest in optics.
- **Conference Concludes Sunday Afternoon at the 3rd Annual Pelican Festival.** This fun-filled and well-attended festival offers interesting and entertaining talks, exhibits and displays, a kid's tent, and viewing of pelicans, shorebirds and other wildlife. It takes place in Jester Park at Saylorville Lake, north of Des Moines. Conference attendees will receive parking stickers to park adjacent to the activities – while others will have to ride a tram to the festival site. This habitat will likely be a Globally Important Area for White Pelicans due to the concentrations found here in fall migration.

Paul J. Baicich, co-author of *A GUIDE TO THE NESTS, EGGS, AND NESTLINGS OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS*, past editor of *BIRDING*, and the current Conservation and Public Policy Director for the American Birding Association will give two presentations at our fall conference. He will give a talk on Saturday afternoon on "What Research Tells Us About Ourselves." This will focus on what recent studies have told us about who and what we are; he will interpret those varied findings and their implications, and, finally, he will emphasize our strengths and weaknesses as a birding community. That evening he will give a keynote address on "Where is Birding Headed? New Directions and Possibilities." Paul promises that this will be historical (going back to the 1400s!) and fanciful. He will also propose some important tasks for the future of birding in the 21st century.

Kenn Kaufman, is a legend among birders, and the youngest person ever to win their highest honor, the Ludlow Griscom Award. He is also a bird artist, a columnist for numerous magazines, and author of such well-known books as *ADVANCED BIRDING*, which is a Peterson Field Guide, *LIVES OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS*, the new *FOCUS GUIDE TO BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA*, and *KINGBIRD HIGHWAY*. Kenn will make a 1-hour presentation on Saturday, "Bringing People to Birds, Moving Birders to Positive Action – Insights & Examples", and take part on field trips. T-shirts with art Kenn created for this event will be on sale.

“Bringing New People to Birding Moving More Birders to Conservation Action”

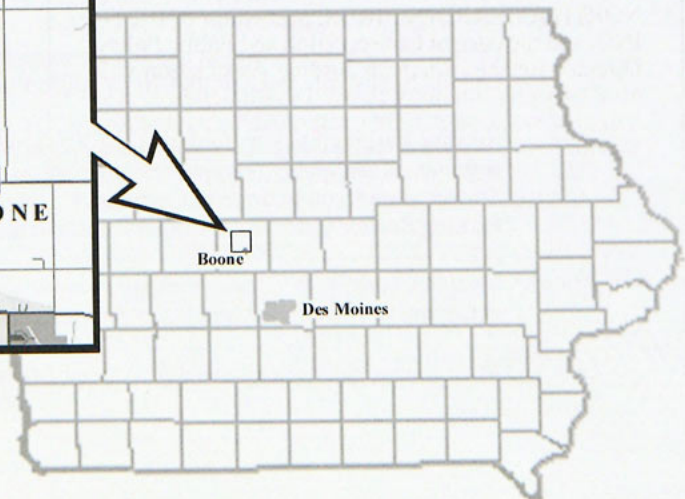
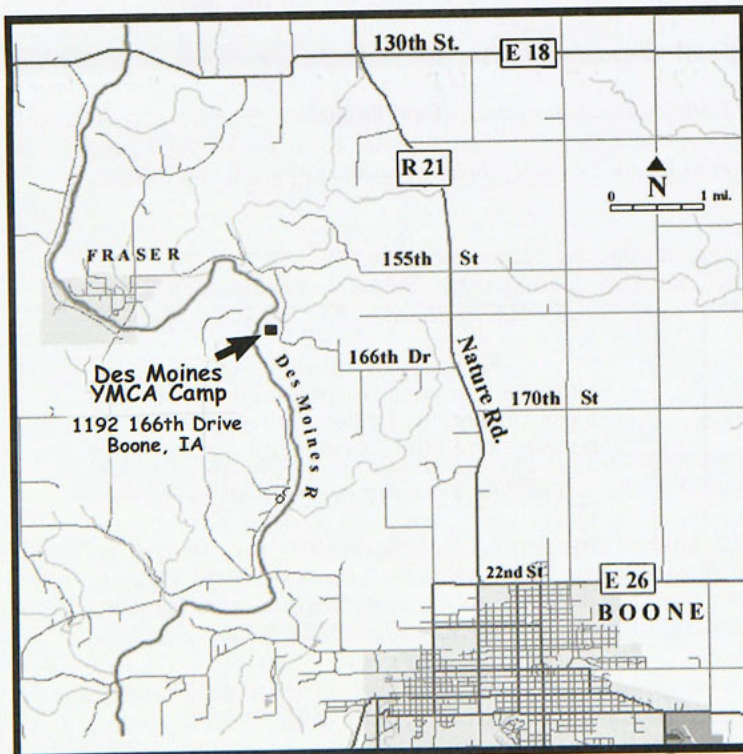
Organized and Hosted by Audubon Iowa’s Important Bird Area (IBA) Program

Headquarters: Des Moines YMCA Camp – 5 miles north of Boone, IA

Check-in begins at 3 P.M. on Friday, Sept. 13. Copies of the full agenda (see page 6) will be available. Meals are at 7 A.M., Noon and 5:30 P.M. We will be staying in a number of small, comfortable, men’s & women’s cabins. **Please provide your own bedding.**

Directions to Conference: Traveling to Boone on Highway 30 (the major east-west highway), at the only 4-way stop sign on the south edge of town, turn north onto Story Street. Follow this street through Boone until you reach a T- intersection at 22nd Street (County E-26). Turn left (west) and at approximately 1/2 mile follow the sweeping curve to the right (north) onto County R-21. Drive 2.5 miles north on R-21 to a brown Y Camp sign with arrowhead design near a Dragoon Trail sign, on the right side of the highway. At this point, turn left (west) on 166th Drive. Take this gravel road 2.5 miles to the Y Camp. Check-in is at camp headquarters, which will be on your left as you go down a steep hill.

Contact: Ric Zarwell, P.O. Box 299, Lansing, IA 52151; (563) 538-4991; zarxzar@salamander.com. Please use the **Registration Form** (see page 7) to sign up for this interesting and entertaining weekend.



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Agenda

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Friday Evening – Sept 13th

- 3 p.m. Check-in begins – Y Camp Headquarters (HQ)
- 4:00 Some of Iowa's better birders will lead bird hikes (Kenn K. and Paul B. will bird too) – habitats at camp
- 5:30 Dinner – Y Camp Dining Hall
- 7:00 Social time. Meet **Kenn Kaufman**, and **Paul Baicich**. Live entertainment, (HQ)
- 7:30 Optics Program – Bins, Scopes & Digiscoping, Ron Windingstad & Tom Hall, Eagle Optics (HQ)
(Bring your own digital cameras with you – receive training, practice with scopes)
- 8:30 Naturalist **Mike Havlik** will give program with live hawk and owl, and lead group in songs; Snacks, Refreshments, Explain Weekend Schedule (HQ)

Saturday – Sept 14th

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Y Camp
Field Trips will be according to conditions – will include Ledges S.P., very likely to include Saylorville Lake, Polk City Wildlife Refuge, may also include Harrier Marsh and other habitats
- Noon Lunch – Y Camp Dining Hall
- 1 p.m. Panel Summary of Iowa Birdlife and Opportunities for Birding with a Purpose: (HQ)
Iowa Birds and Habitats, an Overview of Fun and Opportunities, 20 minutes – **Jim Dinsmore**.
Iowa DNR Bird Conservation Areas, 20 minutes – **Doug Harr**.
Update – Iowa's Important Bird Area (IBA) Program, 20 minutes – **Ric Zarwell**.
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 *What Research on Recreational Birders Tells Us About Ourselves* – **Paul Baicich**.
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 *Bringing People to Birds, Moving Birders to Positive Action – Insights & Examples* – **Kenn Kaufman**.
- 4:30 IOU Business Meeting (HQ)
- 5:30 Dinner – Y Camp Dining Hall
- 6:30 Digiscoping Workshop (Bring your own digital cameras – receive help) (HQ)
- 7:00 Keynote Address: *Where is Birding Going? New Directions and Opportunities* – **Paul Baicich** (HQ).
Mike Havlik – live hawk and owl, and live music; Snack and Refreshments, Explain Sunday Schedule.

Sunday – Sept 15th

- 7 a.m. Breakfast at Y Camp
Field Trips will be according to what we experienced on Saturday – will include Ledges S.P., likely to include Saylorville Lake, Polk City Wildlife Refuge, may also include Harrier Marsh and other habitats.

Receive Parking Stickers for Campsite # 3, at Jester Park, Saylorville Lake, to attend the variety of public activities at the highly popular Pelican Festival where pelican numbers have reached 10,000. Parking Sticker allows you to drive to Campsite # 3, reserved for IOU Conference participants only. Without Parking Sticker you will face delays and will need a tram at Jester Park to reach the Pelican Festival.
- Noon Meet at Campsite # 3, Jester Park, to compile the final bird checklist for the conference. Hike short distance to Campsite # 4 to enjoy organized activities and fun at the 3rd Annual Pelican Watch Festival
- Lunch On your own via concessions at 3rd Annual Pelican Festival.

IOU Fall Conference – September 13-15, 2002 Registration Form

Registration \$ 5.00 x _____ people = \$ _____

Lodging* Friday night \$12.50 x _____ people = \$ _____

 Saturday night \$12.50 x _____ people = \$ _____

Meals Friday Dinner \$7.00 x _____ people = \$ _____

 Saturday Breakfast \$5.50 x _____ people = \$ _____

 Saturday Lunch \$6.50 x _____ people = \$ _____

 Saturday Dinner \$7.00 x _____ people = \$ _____

 Sunday Breakfast \$ 5.50 x _____ people = \$ _____

 Sunday Lunch – On your own at Pelican Festival Food Stand

Total \$ _____

Please Print Your Name(s) _____

 Address _____

 Phone # _____

*** Be sure to bring your own bedding.**

In order to guarantee a room and meals at the convenient conference headquarters setting on the Des Moines River, Registration Form and check *must* be received *by mail* no later than Friday, August 30, 2002. Cabins will be assigned according to the order in which registration forms are received, newest cabins first. Remember to bring your favorite pillow and bedding, and enjoy evening programs, snacks, and abundant camaraderie.

Please make your check payable to, and mail with this form to:

**Ric Zarwell
P.O. Box 299
Lansing, Iowa 52151**

Other Lodging – (all area code 515): Bluebird B & B (beside Ledges S.P.) 432-5057; American Inn 432-4322; Super 8 Motel 432-8890; AmeriHost Inn 432-8168; Barkley House B & B 433-1424; Hancock House B & B 432-4089.



NOTES FROM THE FIELD

A Liscomb Backyard

Beth Proescholdt

To migrating birds, our little town of Liscomb must look like an oasis in the midst of Iowa's farmlands, and our yard with all its trees and shrubs and flowers acts, at times, like a magnet for birds.

There have been days when we've been out birding and have come home to find the best bird of the day in our own backyard. One long ago day a surprising Hooded Warbler dropped down at my feet. Last year, a Black-throated Blue Warbler visited our yard and waterpan for two days. Then there's the exciting memory of the Connecticut Warbler that walked on the branches of a highbush cranberry while Mark and I watched it from two opposing sides.

This spring our yard lived up to our expectations with one, and sometimes two, Cape May Warblers using our waterpans from May 9 to May 18—both brilliant males for us to enjoy at close range. During this same time, thrushes wandered through our yard— one Gray-cheeked and three Swainson's.

One day as I stood just inside the back door, a Gray-cheeked Thrush hopped closer and closer to within eight feet of the door. There it paused and seemed to look at me for two or three minutes, both of us motionless, the bird apparently aware of the shape inside the doorway (bird watching birder?). "Wow," I thought, "that bird is going to the top of the world, and here we are practically eyeball-to-eyeball."

Oh, we'll chase birds at the drop of a hat, but there's still a lot of magic in our own backyard.

Bookmarks

James J. Dinsmore

Effects of Management Practices on Grassland Birds

< <http://www.npwr.usgs.gov/resource/literatr/grasbird/grasbird.htm> >

I have found the above website very useful when I receive questions about how to manage lands for a particular grassland bird species. The Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, North Dakota, has written articles on 33 grassland species (3 more are in progress) with the emphasis being on how various management activities affect these species.

The species covered include most of the familiar grassland species of Iowa (e.g., Savannah Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Bobolink, Upland Sandpiper, etc). Each article provides a summary of information gleaned from scientific articles with an emphasis on how activities such as grazing, burning, etc affect that particular species. In sum, they provide a tremendous resource for people who are managing public areas by letting them know what they can do to help (or harm a particular species). They also are useful for birders because they provide great information on what specific kinds of habitat are most attractive to a species. I suspect that all of us could probably learn something about these species by reading through these articles. And, the next time a landowner asks you what can they do to attract one of these species to their land, you now have a place to go to get the answer.



Fall Field Reports

Fall field reports are due within a week of the end of the season, November 30, 2002. They can be sent to the editor by e-mail at

phertzel@rconnect.com

or by postal to

Paul Hertzel
240 12th St. SE
Mason City, IA 50401

Traditionally, fall is the season with the most number of rarities. Over the last eight years, the fall season has produced 116 rarities whose documentations have passed the scrutiny of the records committee. This compares with 109 found in the last eight spring seasons, 67 in winter, and 20 in summer.

Fall is also the longest season, at four months, and this accounts, in part, for the high numbers of rarities. It does not contain the month with the highest average of rarities during the last 8 years.

Fall Quiz

For the annual *Fall Quiz*, which months have averaged the most numbers of rarities over the last 8 years? Rank them 1-2-3 and write them on the back of an e-mail message, or a postcard, or a five-dollar bill, and send to the editor of the newsletter before the season expires. Last year's *Fall Quiz* winner, Mark Proescholdt, won a great prize, and will probably win again if you don't enter! Now, are you going to let that happen, Beth?



Lark Bunting is classified Accidental in Iowa.
Photo by Anthony Hertzel.



Recent Literature on Iowa Birds

Compiled by James J Dinsmore

2000

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Hultquist, J. M., and L. B. Best. 2001. Bird use of terraces in Iowa rowcrop fields. *American Midland Naturalist* 145:275-287.

Igl, L. D., and L. B. Best. 2001. On the rarity of food provisioning by male Dickcissels. *Prairie Naturalist* 33:111-118.

Things To Do

August 10

Field Trip for migrating shorebirds, with the Quad-City Audubon Society. Contact Mary Lou Petersen, (563) 332-2042.

August 31-September 1

IOU Shorebird Field Trip. See page 3.

September 6-8

Nebraska Ornithologists' Union Fall Field Days, to be held at Halsey.

September 13-15

IOU Fall Conference, Y Camp, Boone IA. See details on pages 4-7.

September 15

Pelican Festival, Jester Park, Saylorville Reservoir.

September 21

Annual Hawk Watch at Stainbrook Preserve, with the Iowa City Bird Club.

September 24-30

3rd North American Ornithological Conference, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA. Visit <http://www.tulane.edu/~naoc-02/>

October 4-6

Illinois Audubon Society Annual Meeting, Rock Island. Contact Tim Murphy (309) 764-9779.

November 9-10

IOU Field Trip to NE Iowa. See page 3.

November 30

End of fall reporting season. Send fall field reports to the season editor. See page 8.



Awards and Nominations

Lesher Honored

Fred Lesher, IOU member from LaCrosse, Wisconsin, has been given a special Volunteer of the Year award by the Upper Mississippi River Fish and Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) staff for his work there.

The Refuge is the longest wildlife refuge in the lower 48 states. It extends 261 miles along the Mississippi River from the Chippewa River in Wisconsin to nearly Rock Island, Illinois. The Refuge was established in 1924 to protect bottomland habitat for migratory birds and fish. It encompasses approximately 194,000 acres in parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois. The Refuge is divided into four management districts with offices located at: Winona, Minnesota; La Crosse, Wisconsin; McGregor, Iowa; and Savanna, Illinois.

Volunteer projects at the Refuge include frog surveys, rail and bittern surveys, waterfowl banding, habitat restoration, the kiosk and trail maintenance, pamphlet distribution, river clean-up activities, administrative and clerical duties, education and photography.

Two IOU members nominated for conservation award

Michael Meetz, Nevada, and Erv Klaas, Ames, are two of six candidates who have been nominated to receive the prestigious 2002 Lawrence and Eula Hagie Heritage Award. Both candidates are IOU members.

The Eula Hagie Heritage Award, given annually by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF), recognizes Iowans who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to conservation of the natural environment.

Meetz, an assistant scientist of virology at the ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, was nominated following his work in helping to create the county's first Master Conservationist Program. This program's success has led to the ISU Extension's offering it in other areas of the state in addition to Meetz's Story County.

Erv Klaas of Ames, retired professor of animal ecology at Iowa State University, has remained active with conservation issues. He led successful volunteer campaigns to protect the future of Ames' water, and to preserve habitat and create the new park at Hallet's Quarry.

In honor of their parents, Lawrence and Eula Hagie, Jan Hagie Shindel and Ila Jeanne Hagie Logan created the Hagie Heritage Award.

This article contains information compiled by Marlys Barker of the Nevada Journal.

IOU Fall Conference Silent Auction Sale

Books:

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- *Bird Neighbors. Neltje Blanchan, 1916. Hardcover (worn).
- *How to Attract Birds (Ortho Books). Ken Burke, 1983. Paperback.
- *The Travels of Birds. Frank Chapman, 1916. Hardcover (worn).
- *Hope is a Thing with Feathers. Christopher Cokinos, 2000. Hardcover (autographed).
- *A Paradise of Birds (When spring comes to Texas). Helen Cruickshank, 1968. Hardcover.
- *Birds in Southeastern Arizona. Davis and Russell, 1979. Paperback.
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- *Tales of a Low-Rent Birder. Pete Dunne, 1986. Paperback.
- *A Birder's Guide to Minnesota (second edition). Kim Eckert, 1983. Paperback.
- *The Birder's Handbook. Ehrlich/Dobkin/Wheye, 1988. Paperback.
- *Introduction to Environmental Physiology. Edgar Folk, 1966. Hardcover (autographed).
- *The Birds of the Malay Peninsula, Singapore, and Penang. A. G. Glenister, 1951. Hardcover.
- *The Warblers of North America. Griscom and Sprunt, 1957. Hardcover.
- *Shorebirds, an Identification Guide. Hayman/Marchant/Prater, 1986. Paperback.
- *A Birder's Guide to Southern California. Harold Holt, 1990. Paperback.
- *New Mexico Bird Finding Guide. Huntington and Zimmerman, 1984. Paperback.
- *Birder's Guide to Southeastern Arizona. James Lane, 1977. Paperback
- *Birder's Guide to Southeastern Arizona. James Lane, 1986. Paperback
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- *Birder's Guide to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. James Lane, 1988. Paperback.
- *Waterfowl, an Identification Guide. Madge and Burn, 1988. Paperback.
- *The Crazy World of Bird Watching. Peter Rigby, 1986. Hardcover.
- *Guide to Preserves. The Nature Conservancy, 1985. Booklet.
- *The Sandhill Cranes. Lawrence Walkinshaw, 1949. Hardcover.
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- *Classical Loon II (cassette)
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"The Wildlife Diversity Program team agonizes almost daily over questions about how many birders (and other "non-consumptive" wildlife users) are out there, and how we can get them motivated as active conservationists. Although anglers outnumber hunters, hunters tend to be do the most for their sport, and for conservation in general. From my many years working with hunters, I'd estimate that perhaps 1 in 4 is active, or perhaps 4 million of the nation's 16 million hunters. Just imagine what birders might be capable of if just 1 in 4 took such an active role."

- Doug Harr, Wildlife Diversity Program Coordinator, Iowa DNR, 7/27/02

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