

# *IOU News*

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The Hotel Manning sits along the Des Moines River in Van Buren County.

## *2006 IOU Fall Meeting Hotel Manning, Keosauqua*

The 2006 Iowa Ornithologists' Union Fall Meeting will be held September 8-10 at Keosauqua in Southeast Iowa. Hotel Manning, located along the Des Moines River, will serve as the headquarters facility. The IOU invites members, friends and others interested in birds and birding to spend a few days in pastoral Van Buren County.

Birding attractions in Van Buren County are Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, a 1653 acre pristine natural area, and 898 acres of the Shimek Forest. Nearby, in Lee County, another 6200 acres of Shimek Forest, plus extended riverbottom

habitat along both the Des Moines and Mississippi Rivers can be found. In addition, and known only to Iowa birders, the secret Bewick's Wren spot near Argyle might harbor a September bird.

Our keynote speaker for Saturday evening will be Dr. Ross Silcock, longtime IOU member and native of New Zealand. Ross is both a former president of the IOU, and co-author of *The Birds of Nebraska* (2001). He will speak on *Birding and Conservation in New Zealand*.

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:**

6:00-9:00 p.m. Registration, field trip sign-up and social time at Hotel Manning

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9:**

6:00-7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Hotel Manning

7:00 a.m. Field trips depart from the Hotel Manning

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch at Hotel Manning

1:00-2:15 p.m. IOU Membership Business Meeting, Sharon Stilwell, IOU President

2:30-3:30 p.m. Afternoon Programs.

*Using Your IOU Website*, Ann Johnson, Norwalk

*Biology of the Mountain Plover in Montana*, Dr. Steve Dinsmore, Ames

3:30-4:00 p.m. Introduction of New IOU Members, John Rutenbeck

4:00-5:00 p.m. IOU Board Meeting

6:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Banquet, at Hotel Manning

*Birding and Conservation in New Zealand*, Dr. Ross Silcock

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:**

6:00-7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Hotel Manning

7:00 a.m. Field trips depart from the Hotel Manning

12:00 p.m. Lunch and Final Compilation at Lacey-Keosauqua Lodge

**Possible Saturday and Sunday Morning FieldTrips:**

- Lacey-Keosauqua State Park and Lake Sugema
- Shimek State Forest Croton Unit
- Shimek State Forest Donnellson Unit and Mississippi River
- Sedan Bottoms, Appanoose County

**Registration and Meals:**

Please register online if you have web access even if you plan to pay by check. This simplifies bookkeeping for the conference. Otherwise, use the form on the opposite page.

**Housing at Hotel Manning**

The Hotel Manning actually has three different facilities available for room rental, each with different prices. These are the hotel itself, the Riverview Inn and the Standard Motel. They are all located adjacent to each other and within easy walking distance.

To reach the hotel by phone, call (800) 728-2718 or (319) 293-3232. Please remember to indicate you are with the IOU.

**Area Motels and Bed & Breakfasts:**

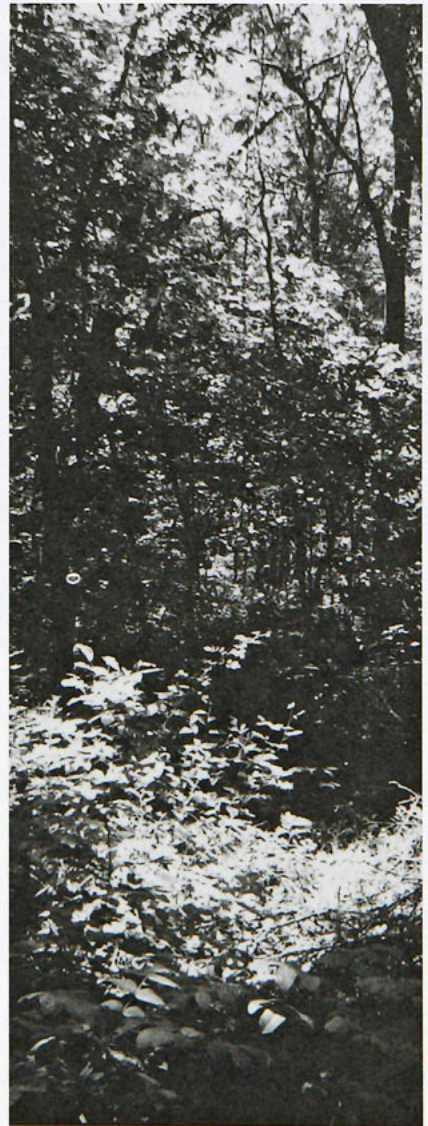
- Best Western Fairfield Inn, 2200 W. Burlington Avenue, Fairfield, (641) 472-2200
- Super 8 Motel, 3001 W. Burlington Avenue, Fairfield, (641) 469-2000
- Economy Inn, 2701 W. Burlington Avenue, Fairfield, (641) 472-4161
- Grandview Bed and Breakfast, Keosauqua, (877) 293-3138
- Mansion Inn Bed & Breakfast, 500 Henry St., Keosauqua (800) 646-0166

**Camping:**

There are camping sites (vehicle and tent) in Lacey-Keosauqua State Park. The park is located just across the Des Moines River south of Keosauqua. Costs are \$16 per day for sites with electricity and \$11 per day for sites without electricity.



The lobby, at Hotel Manning.



Shimek Forest is a woodland mosaic.

**Directions to Keosauqua**

From Ottumwa in Wapello County, drive east on US Hwy 34 to Iowa 16 and head south towards Eldon. If time allows, make a stop here at the American Gothic House, site of Grant Wood's famous painting. Proceed on southeast to Iowa Hwy 1 and turn south to Keosauqua. From Mt. Pleasant, head south on the Avenue of the Saints (US 27/218) to Iowa Hwy 16 and head west to Iowa Hwy 1. Turn south here into Keosauqua.

The hotel complex is located on the Des Moines River at the south edge of town.



Lake Sugema, Van Buren County.

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ross Silcock.**

W. Ross Silcock was born in New Zealand in 1944. He attended high school at King's College in Auckland, New Zealand. At Massey University in Palmerston North, New Zealand, he graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Science, majoring in Biochemistry. In 1968 Ross received a Master's Degree in Agricultural Science with Honors. In 1968 he began Ph.D. studies at Penn State University and received the Ph.D. degree in Food Science and Biotechnology in 1971.



While in Pennsylvania, Ross renewed his life-long interest in birds, which he pursued avidly during and subsequent to post-doctoral research at North Carolina State University. Ross then returned to farm management and nutrition, part of his undergraduate area of study, and managed large livestock operations in North Carolina and Iowa for the next ten years until allergies forced a change.

Since 1985 Ross has been an independent insurance agent in Sidney, Iowa, managing a successful insurance agency which specializes in agricultural lines of insurance.

While living in Iowa, Ross has been a member of both the Iowa and Nebraska Ornithologists' Unions' Records Committees, wrote yearly Christmas Bird Count and Winter Field Report Summaries for Iowa Bird Life for about 19 years, is a Past President of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union, and has since 1993 written the Seasonal Reports for the Nebraska Bird Review, the journal of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union.

**Registration Form**

<b>Person 1</b>	<b>Person 2</b>	<b>Person 3</b>	<b>Person 4</b>
First Name: _____	First Name: _____	First Name: _____	First Name: _____
Last Name: _____	Last Name: _____	Last Name: _____	Last Name: _____
City: _____	City: _____	City: _____	City: _____
State: _____	State: _____	State: _____	State: _____
Registration: \$10.00	Registration: \$10.00	Registration: \$10.00	Registration: \$10.00
Sat Breakfast: 3.75	Sat Breakfast: 3.75	Sat Breakfast: 3.75	Sat Breakfast: 3.75
Sat Lunch: 7.00	Sat Lunch: 7.00	Sat Lunch: 7.00	Sat Lunch: 7.00
Sat Banquet: 14.00	Sat Banquet: 14.00	Sat Banquet: 14.00	Sat Banquet: 14.00
Sun Breakfast: 3.75	Sun Breakfast: 3.75	Sun Breakfast: 3.75	Sun Breakfast: 3.75
Sun Lunch: 7.00	Sun Lunch: 7.00	Sun Lunch: 7.00	Sun Lunch: 7.00
Meatless Option: Y / N	Meatless Option: Y / N	Meatless Option: Y / N	Meatless Option: Y / N
Total: _____	Total: _____	Total: _____	Total: _____

Cummulative Total : \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: John Rutenbeck  
 Mail to him at: 2912 Lawn Avenue  
 Burlington, IA 52601-1542

Make lodging arrangements through the Hotel Manning (800) 728-2718 or (319) 293-3232, or through your preferred alternative.

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