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## Firm Takes Wing As Pair's Hobby Goes High-tech

**Ideaforms sells software** for veteran bird-watchers and videos for neophytes by Larry Stone, Register Outdoor Writer

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Fairfield, Ia. - Blame it on the birds.

Diane and Michael Porter had a thriving mail-order computer software business, creating programs for labeling, publishing, cataloging and other functions. The couple's teamwork - he was the technical whiz, she was the teacher and communicator - made Ideaforms, Inc. a success.

"But what we're *really* interested in is birds," Diane confessed, nodding toward the array of feeders just outside the window of the couple's home, which doubles as their office.

The interest led to Bird Brain, a program to help bird-watchers put their field notes species lists on Macintosh computers. With the \$125 software, introduced in 1989, birders can keep track of daily, annual, state, life or other species lists. There's room for notes, references and scientific information about the 1,946 species found in North America, Central America, Hawaii, Bermuda and the Bahamas.

Cosmopolitan birders even have the choice of World Bird Brain, which includes a database of all the 9,700 bird species in the world.

## Endless Possibilities

Avid bird-watchers, who are hooked on record-keeping, will find the possibilities almost endless. With the success of Bird Brain, the Porters decided to sharpen their focus on the huge number of potential bird-watching customers.

A 1991 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service survey found that 63.1 million Americans are back-yard birders, Diane said. Nearly 25 million people take trips primarily to watch birds. And bird-watchers spend an estimated \$14 billion annually on their hobby.

## Televised Textbook

Motivated by those figures, the Porters recently entered the video market. Diane, who has taught bird-watching classes for the Southeast Iowa Audubon Society, Indian Hills Community College and Maharishi International University, shares her expertise in a 90-minute tape, "How to Start Watching Birds."

Although it includes striking footage of several birds, the production is different from many videos, which mostly show pretty pictures, Diane said. Instead, she uses a textbook approach to detail each facet of the sport for beginning birders.





The tape methodically covers field guides and binoculars, ways to identify birds, where to find birds, why to watch birds - even birding etiquette.

Throughout, Diane exudes the enthusiasm she's developed during nearly 30 years of bird-watching. "I'm a birding evangelist!" she said with a laugh.

"Birding is a quest," Diane explained. "You set out to see birds - but the prize you come back with, I can only describe as happiness. Birding is like getting a lifetime ticket to the theater of nature!"

### Respecting Nature

In their business, as well as their personal lives, they've tried to promote a respect for nature, the Porters said. "Our mission is to move the world toward a sustainable human culture," Diane said.

"What better way to do that than to encourage people to watch birds?" she asked. "It's a great way to turn people into good citizens of the natural world."

And Michael touted the challenges, social interactions and health benefits of birding. It's a hobby that crosses all cultural lines.

The Porters came to Fairfield from southern California in 1982 because of their interest in transcendental meditation and Maharishi International University.

"The bonus was we got to live in a small town in Iowa," Michael said. "The quality of life here is best. When I go back to California, I have culture shock."

The couple may have found their niche in Fairfield, blending spaceage electronics with an appreciation for the small wonders of the world.

"In the future, the (bird) field guide

may be a little computer you can carry in your pocket," Michael said. There could be ready access to bird pictures and songs. The device even might be linked to binoculars, providing instant information about a bird in the field of view.

But there is a limit, Michael conceded.

"The technology of the hummingbird will still exceed anything anybody has thought up!"

### Bird Info

For more information, call the Porters at Ideaforms, Inc. (800) 779-7256.



### Nomination of Officers 1995

The nominating committee, composed of Harold White, chair, Mark Proescholdt, and Reid Allen has presented the following slate of candidates for consideration at the election to be held at the spring meeting.

President: Carol Thompson  
Vice President: Ann Johnson  
Directors (3 positions):  
Ann Barker  
Bud Gode  
Matt Kenne





## Jim Dinsmore Inducted Into Hall of Fame

The Iowa Chapter of the Wildlife Society is Iowa's affiliate of the national organization of wildlife professionals in North America. Among many things we do, we maintain the Iowa Conservation Hall of Fame to recognize individuals with an Iowa connection that have had a major impact on conservation. Included as inductees are such people as J.N. Ding Darling, Logan J. Bennett, Aldo Leopold, Ira N. Gabrielson, Wm. T. Hornaday, Maynard Reese, Margaret J. Black, John Madison, Paul Milton Weller, and many others.

The Iowa Chapter of the Wildlife Society, assembled in its annual meeting in 1995, has selected, for 1994, an individual who has contributed immensely to the science of ornithology and the knowledge of Iowa birds. Our 1994 inductee grew up in Owatonna, Minnesota but migrated to Iowa, receiving his bachelor's degree from Iowa State University in 1964. He followed that with an M.S. in zoology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1967 and received his Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 1970.

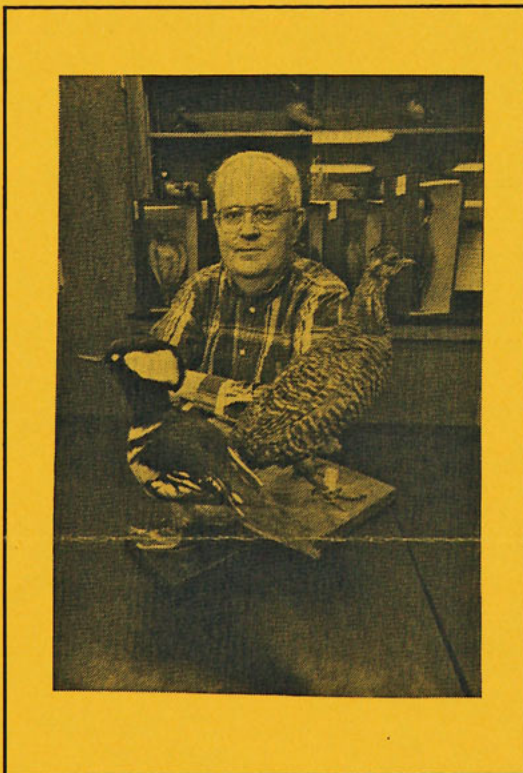
After several years of teaching in Florida, our inductee returned to Iowa in 1975, joining the Department of Animal Ecology at Iowa State University.

There he has established himself as Iowa's leading ornithologist, teaching courses in vertebrate biology, ornithology, and bird study. As a professor, he has touched the lives of hundreds of students who have taken his classes.

His contributions, however, have not stopped there. He has directed the work of 20 graduate students. His publications include some 50 journal articles, primarily on birds. He has been a leader in wetland restoration, researching the effects of restoration on bird species. His two books, *Iowa Birds*, and *A Country So Full of Game*, have significantly contributed to the education of Iowans about Iowa wildlife. He is very active in professional organizations, offering his talents to both national and state organizations. In addition to serving on committees

for the Iowa chapter of TWS, our inductee has been particularly active with the Iowa Ornithologists' Union both as an officer and as editor of their journal, *Iowa Bird Life*. In addition, our inductee is a frequent speaker to a wide variety of Iowa citizen groups.

It is with great pleasure that the Iowa Chapter of the Wildlife Society inducts Dr. James J. Dinsmore into the Iowa Conservation Hall of Fame.





## The Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas is Underway.

The Wisconsin Society for Ornithology (WSO) will be conducting a breeding bird atlas project for the state of Wisconsin starting with the 1995 breeding season. WSO invites all of you who were observers on the Iowa Atlas to satisfy your longing to do atlas work again by joining us in Wisconsin this summer to find evidence of breeding birds here. If you missed out in Iowa, but think you would enjoy working on an atlas, we would like to hear from you too. A weekend or week in Wisconsin in June or July doing some atlasing would be a great vacation. Come join us. We will be conducting atlas work through 1999. Bettie Harriman, Atlas Director, 5188 Bittersweet Lane, Oshkosh, WI 54901, or call 414/233-1973.

## IOU People

**Rod Schmidt** of Algona was featured in a Des Moines Register article on his elk ranch.

**Pete Petersen** is leading a birding trip to Costa Rica June 30-July 10, 1995.

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## The Birds of Polk County

Steve Dinsmore has recently published *The Birds of Polk County*. It is an annotated list of the 334 species of birds recorded in Polk County through December of 1994. Steve has included information about seasonal abundance, breeding and historical status, early and late dates, and a summary of some of the popular birding spots in Polk County. It is an updated version of one previously published by Philip A. DuMont of Des Moines Audubon Society in 1931.

The book will be available at meetings of the Des Moines Audubon Society and the Spring IOU meeting. The book sells for \$2.00. It is also available by sending a check for \$3.25 (book plus postage and handling) to Des Moines Audubon Society, in care of Jane Clark, 9871 Lincoln Ave., Clive, IA 50325.



## Upcoming IOU Field Trips

**Shimek State Forest, April 29, 1995, 7:00 AM.** Join IOU's southeast Iowa specialist, Bob Cecil, in looking for some of the areas specialities such as tanagers, warblers, Bewick's Wren and others.

Meet at the parking lot for the Croton Unit. To reach this area, go east of Argyle for approximately two miles to a point where the road forks. Bear to the right and wind around (past the junkyard) to the bottom of the hill. The parking lot will be on your right, just before a small bridge.

If time permits, we will also bird the Lacey-Keosauqua area looking for more





early migrants and Henslow's Sparrow. Lodging is available in Donnellson, Keosauqua, or Keokuk. For more information, call Bob Cecil at 515/277-5709 or Ann Johnson at 515/961-2002.

**Stephens State Forest, June 17-18, 1995.** We will be exploring this under-birded area for whatever maybe around. One target will be Chuck-wills-widow found here last year.

Meet at the campground by the pond before dusk on the 17th. To reach the campground, go west on Highway 34 from the 34/65 intersection in Lucas for about a mile. Watch for signs to the forest. Turn left and bear left at the first intersection inside the state forest boundary. Non-campers can obtain accommodations in Chariton or Osceola. For more information, call Ann Johnson at 515/961-2002.



### **State & County Bird Lists Pete Petersen, Davenport**

Members are encouraged to submit their state and county bird lists for the 1994 calendar year. Submission can be for one or all of the counties. The threshold for the state is 200 species and 150 for counties. This is a life long total and covers all species of wild birds positively recorded within the county or state. It is hoped that everyone will be able to submit a total of 150 species for their home county. One does not need to be a resident of Iowa, just an IOU member. Lifetime records through 1994 are due by May 21 and should be sent to Pete Petersen, 235 McClellan Blvd., Davenport, IA 52803.



### **Iowa and North American Spring Bird Count**

In conjunction with the Fourth Annual North American Migration Count, Iowa will hold its Spring Count on May 13, 1995. The counts will be conducted on a county basis. We are seeking county coordinators to organize the count and to prevent duplicate or overlapping coverage. As with the Christmas Bird Count, all birds found during the 24 hour period are to be reported.

Iowa birders are encouraged to assist in this important project. Your participation as a coordinator or as a participant is essential to its success. In 1994 the number of counties reporting was double that of 1993. For count forms and additional information contact Pete Petersen, 235 McClellan Blvd., Davenport, IA, 52803, or by phone 319/355-7051 evenings.

### **Errington Lecture at Iowa State University April 25, 1995, 8 PM Molecular Biology Auditorium**

The speaker this year will be Dr. Glen Woolfenden of the University of South Florida. His topic will be "Fire and conservation biology of the Florida Scrub Jay: a model for endangered species." Dr. Woolfenden has been studying Florida Scrub Jays for more than 25 years and is an expert on both their social behavior and biology. With the rapid development of natural lands in Florida, this species is a candidate for inclusion on the endangered species list. Besides that, it has a fascinating breeding biology. Glen is an entertaining lecturer and it should be an interesting presentation..



## **Quad City Audubon Field Trip May 26-29, 1995 - Southern Illinois/ Missouri**

Depart from Quad Cities at 5:30 PM May 26 for southern Illinois for Swainson's Warbler, Fish Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Bachman's Sparrow and other southern species. Return Monday May 29 through St. Louis to Quad Cities. All welcome to attend. Contact Pete Petersen: 319/323-2520.

## **Heard on the Birdline November 1 - March 15 Jim Fuller, Iowa City**



The Iowa Birdline 319/338-9881 - All reports are considered hypothetical until documented and accepted by the IOU Records Committee.

The highlight was a female **Common Eider** discovered by Tim Schantz on January 27 below the Red Rock Reservoir dam, a bird which was easy to find at that location for another six weeks. This is a potential first state record.

Steve Dinsmore found a **Little Gull** at Big Creek State Park on November 14, and a **Common Black-headed Gull** was spotted there five days later. Late November provided other unusual waterfowl reports of **Clark's Grebe** at S. Twin Lake in Calhoun County, **Red Phalarope** at Big Spirit Lake, **Barrow's Goldeneye** at Terra Lake in Johnston, and **Red-throated Loon** at Lake Manawa.

In Spencer, two **Pine Grosbeaks** spent February 25 - March 8 eating seeds from ash trees in a west-side neighborhood. Two March rarities of individual birds seen just one day were **Black-legged Kittiwake** in Sac County on the

11th, and a **Mountain Bluebird** in southern Clay County on the 15th. **Varied Thrush** reports came from three widely separated locations, Havelock, Des Moines, and Wellman.

A group led by Ray Cummins on the Lake Rathbun CBC discovered a **Say's Phoebe** in Appanoose County on December 17, and it was seen irregularly for another week.

The mild late fall and early winter kept water open, with a large number of unusual waterfowl and gull sightings resulting. **Western Grebe, Oldsquaw**, and all three scoters were widely reported, and gulls at Red Rock and Rathbun Reservoirs through the first of the year included **Mew, Great Black-backed, Lesser Black-backed, Glaucous, and Thayer's Gulls, and Black-legged Kittiwake**. Matt Kenne traveled to Red Rock to look for gulls on January 2nd, and found a **Gyrfalcon** instead.

In late January and February, the open water was limited to the Mississippi River in southeast Iowa, and **Great Black-backed, Lesser Black-backed, and Glaucous Gulls**, as well as **Oldsquaw** reports came from Scott and Lee Counties.

The only two **Snowy Owl** sightings were in Madison County on November 23, and a bird that stayed at least two months just south of Cayler Prairie in Dickinson County.

Six **Prairie Falcon** reports came throughout the winter and from the western portion of the state. **Short-eared Owls** were also widely reported from across the state. Other notable reports were a **Pacific Loon** at Black Hawk Lake in Sac County on November 7, and a **Cinnamon Teal** at Lewis and Clark State Park on November 30.





Birds seen at the Fall, 1994 meeting at Pella, October 28-30, 1994

**REGULAR SPECIES**

(recorded in at least 8 of last 10 years)

- GAVIIDAE**  
 Common Loon  
**PODICIPEDIDAE**  
 Pied-billed Grebe  
 Horned Grebe  
 Red-necked Grebe  
 Eared Grebe  
 Western Grebe  
**PELECANIDAE**  
 American White Pelican  
**PHALACROCORACIDAE**  
 Double-crested Cormorant  
**ARDEIDAE**  
 American Bittern  
 Least Bittern  
 Great Blue Heron  
 Great Egret  
 Snowy Egret  
 Little Blue Heron  
 Cattle Egret  
 Green-backed Heron  
 Black-crowned Night-Heron  
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron  
**ANATIDAE**  
 Tundra Swan  
 Mute Swan  
 Greater White-fronted Goose  
 Snow Goose  
 Ross' Goose  
 Canada Goose  
 Wood Duck  
 Green-winged Teal  
 American Black Duck  
 Mallard  
 Northern Pintail  
 Blue-winged Teal  
 Cinnamon Teal  
 Northern Shoveler  
 Gadwall  
 American Wigeon  
 Canvasback  
 Redhead  
 Ring-necked Duck  
 Greater Scaup

- Lesser Scaup  
 Oldsquaw  
 \*Black Scoter  
 \*Surf Scoter  
 \*White-winged Scoter  
 Common Goldeneye  
 Bufflehead  
 Hooded Merganser  
 Common Merganser  
 Red-breasted Merganser  
 Ruddy Duck  
**CATHARTIDAE**  
 Turkey Vulture  
**ACCIPITRIDAE**  
 Osprey  
 Bald Eagle  
 Northern Harrier  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk  
 Cooper's Hawk  
 \*Northern Goshawk  
 (Accipiter species)  
 Red-shouldered Hawk  
 Swainson's Hawk  
 Red-tailed Hawk  
 Rough-legged Hawk  
 Golden Eagle (NE)  
**FALCONIDAE**  
 American Kestrel  
 \*Merlin  
 \*Peregrine Falcon  
 \*Prairie Falcon  
**PHASIANIDAE**  
 Gray Partridge  
 Ring-necked Pheasant  
 #Ruffed Grouse (NE)  
 Wild Turkey  
 Northern Bobwhite  
**RALLIDAE**  
 \*Yellow Rail  
 \*King Rail  
 Virginia Rail  
 Sora  
 Common Moorhen  
 American Coot

- GRUIDAE**  
 Sandhill Crane  
**CHARADRIIDAE**  
 Black-bellied Plover  
 Lesser Golden-Plover  
 Semipalmated Plover  
 Piping Plover  
 Killdeer  
**RECURVIROSTRIDAE**  
 American Avocet  
**SCOLOPACIDAE**  
 Greater Yellowlegs  
 Lesser Yellowlegs  
 Solitary Sandpiper  
 Willet  
 Spotted Sandpiper  
 Upland Sandpiper  
 Hudsonian Godwit  
 \*Marbled Godwit  
 Ruddy Turnstone  
 Sanderling  
 Semipalmated Sandpiper  
 \*Western Sandpiper  
 Least Sandpiper  
 White-rumped Sandpiper  
 Baird's Sandpiper  
 Pectoral Sandpiper  
 Dunlin  
 Silt Sandpiper  
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper  
 \*Short-billed Dowitcher  
 \*Long-billed Dowitcher  
 (Dowitcher species)  
 Common Snipe  
 American Woodcock  
 Wilson's Phalarope  
 Red-necked Phalarope  
**LARIDAE**  
 Franklin's Gull  
 Bonaparte's Gull  
 Ring-billed Gull  
 Herring Gull  
 \*Glaucous Gull  
 Caspian Tern  
 \*Common Tern  
 Forster's Tern

- Least Tern  
 Black Tern  
**COLUMBIDAE**  
 Rock Dove  
 Mourning Dove  
**CUCULIDAE**  
 Black-billed Cuckoo  
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
**TYTONIDAE**  
 Common Barn-Owl  
**STRIGIDAE**  
 Eastern Screech-Owl  
 Great Horned Owl  
 Snowy Owl  
 Barred Owl  
 Long-eared Owl  
 Short-eared Owl  
 Northern Saw-whet Owl  
**CAPRIMULGIDAE**  
 Common Nighthawk  
 #Chuck-will's-widow (S)  
 Whip-poor-will  
**APODIDAE**  
 Chimney Swift  
**TROCHILIDAE**  
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
**ALCEDINIDAE**  
 Belted Kingfisher  
**PICIDAE**  
 Red-headed Woodpecker  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
 Downy Woodpecker  
 Hairy Woodpecker  
 Northern Flicker  
 Pileated Woodpecker  
**TYRANNIDAE**  
 Olive-sided Flycatcher  
 Eastern Wood-Pewee  
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher  
 Acadian Flycatcher  
 \*Alder Flycatcher  
 Willow Flycatcher  
 Least Flycatcher  
 (Empidonax species)  
 Eastern Phoebe

- Great Crested Flycatcher  
 #Western Kingbird (W)  
 Eastern Kingbird  
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher  
**ALAUDIDAE**  
 Horned Lark  
**HIRUNDINIDAE**  
 Purple Martin  
 Tree Swallow  
 N. Rough-winged Swallow  
 Bank Swallow  
 Cliff Swallow  
 Barn Swallow  
**CORVIDAE**  
 Blue Jay  
 American Crow  
**PARIDAE**  
 Black-capped Chickadee  
 Tufted Titmouse  
**SITTIDAE**  
 Red-breasted Nuthatch  
 White-breasted Nuthatch  
**CERTHIDAE**  
 Brown Creeper  
**TROGLODYTIDAE**  
 Carolina Wren  
 House Wren  
 Winter Wren  
 Sedge Wren  
 Marsh Wren  
**MUSCICAPIDAE**  
 Golden-crowned Kinglet  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
 Eastern Bluebird  
 Veery  
 Gray-cheeked Thrush  
 Swainson's Thrush  
 Hermit Thrush  
 Wood Thrush  
 American Robin  
 \*Varied Thrush  
**MIMIDAE**  
 Gray Catbird  
 Northern Mockingbird  
 Brown Thrasher

- MOTACILLIDAE**  
 Water Pipit  
**BOMBYCILLIDAE**  
 Bohemian Waxwing  
 Cedar Waxwing  
**LANIIDAE**  
 Northern Shrike  
 Loggerhead Shrike  
 (Shrike species)  
**STURNIDAE**  
 European Starling  
**VIREONIDAE**  
 White-eyed Vireo  
 Bell's Vireo  
 Solitary Vireo  
 Yellow-throated Vireo  
 Warbling Vireo  
 Philadelphia Vireo  
 Red-eyed Vireo  
**EMBERIZIDAE**  
**PARULIDAE**  
 Blue-winged Warbler  
 Golden-winged Warbler  
 Tennessee Warbler  
 Orange-crowned Warbler  
 Nashville Warbler  
 Northern Parula  
 Yellow Warbler  
 Chestnut-sided Warbler  
 Magnolia Warbler  
 Cape May Warbler  
 Black-throated Blue Warbler  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler  
 Black-throated Green Warbler  
 Blackburnian Warbler  
 Yellow-throated Warbler  
 \*Pine Warbler  
 \*Prairie Warbler  
 Palm Warbler  
 Bay-breasted Warbler  
 Blackpoll Warbler  
 Cerulean Warbler  
 Black-and-white Warbler  
 American Redstart  
 Prothonotary Warbler  
 Worm-eating Warbler

- Ovenbird  
 Northern Waterthrush  
 Louisiana Waterthrush  
 Kentucky Warbler  
 Connecticut Warbler  
 Mourning Warbler  
 Common Yellowthroat  
 Hooded Warbler  
 Wilson's Warbler  
 Canada Warbler  
 Yellow-breasted Chat  
**THRUPIDAE**  
 #Summer Tanager (S)  
 Scarlet Tanager  
**CARDINALINAE**  
 Northern Cardinal  
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
 #Blue Grosbeak (W)  
 Indigo Bunting  
 Dickcissel  
**EMBERIZINAE**  
 Rufous-sided Towhee  
 American Tree Sparrow  
 Chipping Sparrow  
 Clay-colored Sparrow  
 Field Sparrow  
 Vesper Sparrow  
 Lark Sparrow  
 Savannah Sparrow  
 Grasshopper Sparrow  
 \*Henslow's Sparrow  
 Le Conte's Sparrow  
 \*Sharp-tailed Sparrow  
 Fox Sparrow  
 Song Sparrow  
 Lincoln's Sparrow  
 Swamp Sparrow  
 White-throated Sparrow  
 White-crowned Sparrow  
 Harris' Sparrow  
 Dark-eyed Junco  
 Lapland Longspur  
 \*Smith's Longspur  
 Snow Bunting  
**ICTERINAE**  
 Bobolink

- Red-winged Blackbird  
 Eastern Meadowlark  
 Western Meadowlark  
 (Meadowlark species)  
 Yellow-headed Blackbird  
 Rusty Blackbird  
 \*Brewer's Blackbird  
 \*Great-tailed Grackle  
 Common Grackle  
 Brown-headed Cowbird  
 Orchard Oriole  
 Northern Oriole  
**FRINGILLIDAE**  
 Purple Finch  
 House Finch  
 Red Crossbill  
 White-winged Crossbill  
 Common Redpoll  
 Pine Siskin  
 American Goldfinch  
 Evening Grosbeak  
**PASSERIDAE**  
 House Sparrow  
**CASUAL SPECIES**  
 (recorded in 4 to 7 of last 10 years)  
 Red-throated Loon  
 \*Pacific Loon  
 \*White-faced Ibis  
 \*Whimbrel  
 \*Red Knot  
 \*Thayer's Gull  
 \*Lesser Black-backed Gull  
 \*Great Black-backed Gull  
 \*Black-legged Kittiwake  
 \*Burrowing Owl  
 \*Bewick's Wren  
 \*Townsend's Solitaire  
 \*Lark Bunting  
 \*Pine Grosbeak  
 \*Eurasian Tree Sparrow  
**ACCIDENTAL SPECIES**  
 (recorded in less than 4 of last 10 yrs)  
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## Iowa Ornithologists' Union Spring Meeting - May 19-21, 1995 Ida Grove, Iowa

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The Friday evening social/mixer will be held at the old train depot located in Moorhead Park just west of Ida Grove on Highway 175. All field trips scheduled for the weekend will leave from the train depot on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Field trips are planned for Tomahawk Marsh, Kiowa Marsh and Blackhawk Lake in Sac County, Moorhead Park in Ida County, Cherokee County led by Dick Bierman, Stone Park, Snyder's Bend, Brown's Lake, Badger Lake and the Loess Hills Wildlife Area in Monona County. Targeted species for the weekend will be western Iowa specialties - Blue Grosbeak, Lark Sparrow, and Western Kingbird.

### Schedule of Events

Friday, May 19	7:00-9:00 PM	Registration at train depot at Moorhead Park - socializing and snacks
Saturday, May 20	6:00-7:00 AM	Breakfast on your own
	7:00-8:00 AM	Field trips leave from depot at Moorhead Park
	12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch on your own

### **Saturday afternoon's activities and banquet at Juval's Supper Club located east of Ida Grove on Highway 175**

	1:00-1:45 PM	Birding Ida County and NW Iowa areas - Pete Ernzen
	1:45-2:45 PM	Loess Hills - Monona Co. Cons. Bd. Dir. Tom Bruegger and IDNR game biologist Ed Weiner
	2:45-3:30 PM	Birding by computer - computer software - Jim Scheib
	3:30 PM	Business meeting
	6:00 PM	Don Poggensee, Ida Grove Adventures of a Wildlife Photographer
Sunday, May 21	6:30 AM	Sioux City field trips depart
	7:00 AM	Field trips depart
	12:00 PM	Lunch - Crawford Creek Recreation Area - compilation







All breakfasts and the Saturday noon meal are on your own. There are several eating establishments in Ida Grove that will be open for early breakfasts. These are the Rolling Pin and Mary's Kitchen. Directions are - from the stop light on highway 175 in Ida Grove turn south, stay on the this road until you come to a four way stop, turn left and head one block west. Both eating establishments are on the south side of the road. Other eateries are the Arthur Cafe in the town of Arthur, Freeman's Restaurant, Joyce's Food Store and Apple Core in Ida Grove, and Duke and Mins in Battle Creek.

**Motels:**

- Delux Motel**, Ida Grove, 712/364-3317
- Maple Motel**, Mapleton, 712/882-1271
- Best Western Inn**, 502 Boyer Valley Rd., Denison, 712/263-5081
- Budget Inn**, E. Highway 30, Denison, 712/263-4611
- Ho Hum Motel**, Highway 30 W., Denison, 712/263-3843

**Camping:** **Moorhead Park** west of Ida Grove. Primitive only \$4.00.

**Crawford Creek Recreation Area** 2 1/2 miles south of Battle Creek on county road L51. Primitive - \$4.00, electric \$6.00.

**Cobb Park** located on west side of Ida Grove next to Pizza Hut along highway 175. Semi-modern \$8.00.

**Registration**

Completed registrations are due to Kristine Ernzen, 401 Taylor, Ida Grove IA 51445 by Monday May 15, 1995. Make checks payable to the IOU c/o Kristine Ernzen. For questions call Peter work 712/364-3300 or 712/423-2400 after 6:00 PM call Peter at 712/364-2180. If you have special dietary needs, please indicate on this form.

Registration \$5.00	_____
Saturday afternoon snacks/beverages \$2.00	_____
Banquet \$10.50	_____
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TOTAL	_____

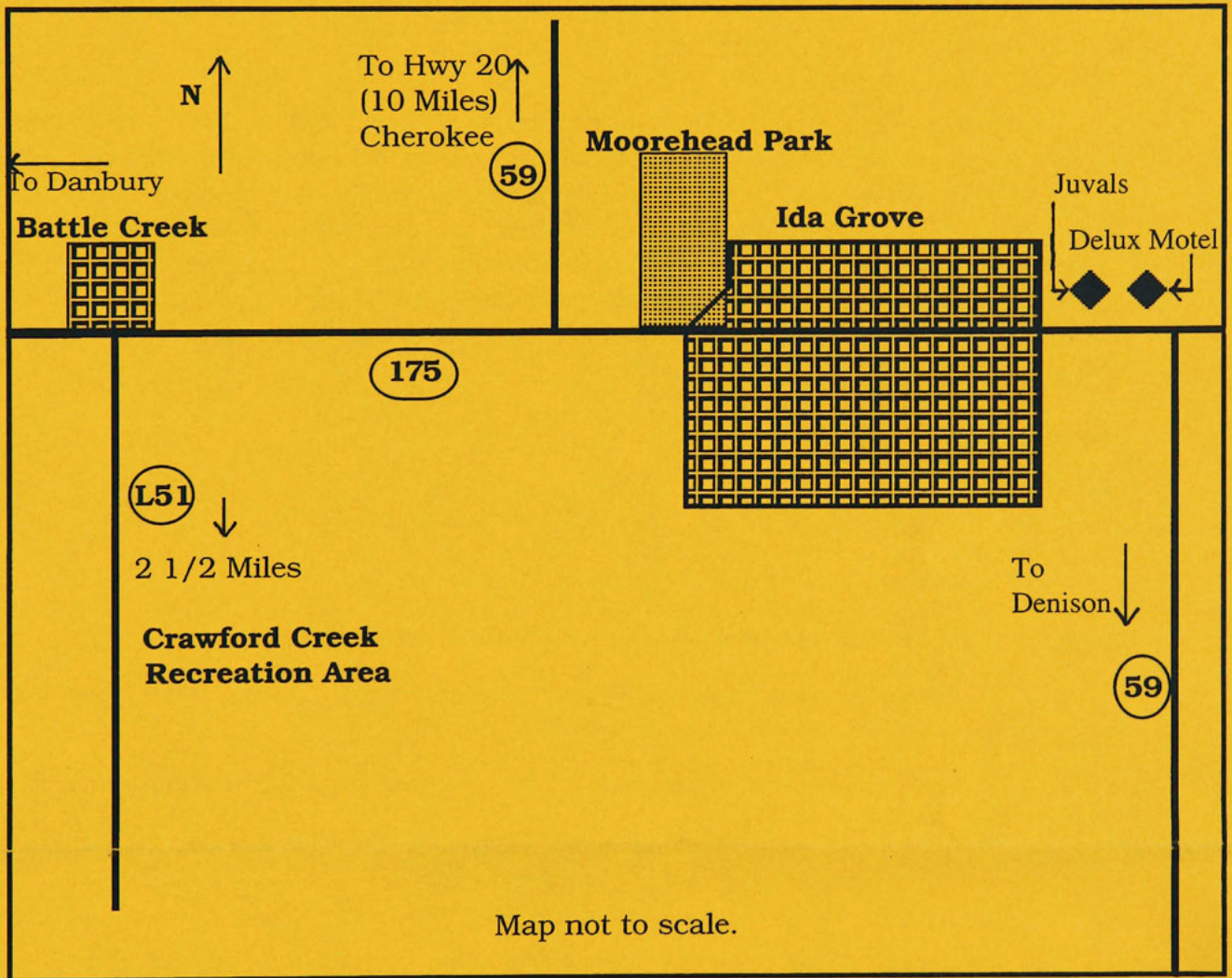
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