

# *IOU News*

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Village Creek Bible Camp – sight of the 2004 Spring Meeting.

## **IOU 2004 Spring Meeting: Allamakee County**

Join the IOU membership May 14-16 at the Village Creek Bible Camp in Allamakee County, southwest of the city of Lansing. Nestled into the green hills of northeastern Iowa, the camp offers a lush, eastern forest setting, and sits just eight short miles from the mighty Mississippi River.

The incredible beauty of Allamakee County extends from corner to corner, and includes a variety of habitats. Among

the rich natural areas are the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge, Pool Slough, the Effigy Mounds National Monument and Park, the Yellow River State Forest Preserve, the Lansing Wildlife area, French Creek, and numerous trout streams cutting through the hills on their way to the big river.

See pages 4-6 for details.





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## Meetings:

- 18 April Board of Directors
- 14-16 May Spring Meeting  
Village Creek Bible Camp  
Allamakee County
- 17-19 Sept Fall Meeting  
Wickiup Hill Natural Area  
Cedar Falls

## Slate of Candidates

The IOU Nominations Committee announces the following slate of candidates for consideration at the IOU Spring Meeting at the Village Creek Bible Camp, in Allamakee County, in May:

<i>Secretary</i>	Bob Cecil
<i>Treasurer</i>	Tammy Hertzel
<i>Board of Directors</i>	John Rutenbeck
<i>Board of Directors</i>	Susan Spieker
<i>Board of Directors</i>	Jay Gilliam

The Nominations Committee members are Mark Proescholdt, Jim Sinclair, and Ric Zarwell.

Membership application to the IOU can be made on the web site at <http://www.iowabirds.org> or by writing to the Registrar at

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Or contact any member for help.





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**“Spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil.”** - *Reginald Heber*



The main pool of Segment A at Elk Creek Marsh in Worth County, Iowa. Photo by Rita Goranson.

## **Spring Field Reports : Share Your Experiences**

*Matt Kenne*

As I sit here writing this with snow flurries coming down outside my window, my thoughts turn to one thing: It's Spring in Iowa! The Spring birding season began on March 1 and continues until May 31. Soon it will be time for Iowa birders to slip into those boots, squish out into the marsh, and try to determine if the King Rail in Iowa has gone the way of the Norwegian Blue Parrot. Please consider sharing your Spring experience with other IOU members while adding to our cumulative knowledge on the birdlife of our state by contributing a 2004 Spring field report for inclusion in the Spring Field Reports of Iowa Bird Life. Send your information to me by postal mail, e-mail, or as a Word attachment to an e-mail, by June 3rd (sooner if you'd like). Include your name and address, e-mail address, and the following information for species that aren't of the common resident variety (unless you've witnessed some interesting behavior or incident): species, date, number of birds, location, and any comments. Please include details of observation for migratory birds found on

what are new early or late dates according to Tom Kent's website <http://home.mchsi.com/~thkbirds/>, or if there is any question of confusing species (i.e. April Swainson's Thrushes and May Hermit Thrushes). Please include details of observation for those difficult species marked with an asterisk on the IOU field checklist (also on Tom's website). And (I'm almost finished nagging!), if you are fortunate enough to encounter a Casual or Accidental species, please document the observation for review by the IOU records committee. If you haven't taken part in this process before, consider trying it this Spring. Please contact me with any questions you might have.

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# IOU 2004 Spring Meeting

May 14–16, 2004      Village Creek Bible Camp  
Lansing, Iowa

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## Schedule of Events:

<i>Friday</i>	6:00 to 9:00 pm	Registration and Social (light snacks)
<i>Saturday</i>	6:00 am	Breakfast and Registration
	6:45 am	Field Trips depart.
	12:00 pm	Lunch
	1:00 to 1:10 pm	<i>Introduction of Scholarship Recipients and Guests</i>
	1:10 to 1:20	<b>IOU News: Iowa Birder Awards</b> , Paul Hertzel
	1:20 to 2:00 pm	<i>Bird ID Workshop</i> , members of the Records Committee
	2:00 to 2:20 pm	<i>How to Monitor Birds at Iowa's Important Bird Areas</i> , Jim Dinsmore and Ric Zarwell
	2:20 to 2:30 pm	Break/Snack
	2:30 to 3:15 pm	<i>Camera in Hand and Birds in the Bush</i> , Linda and Robert Scarth
	3:15 pm	<i>Business Meeting</i>
	6:00 pm	Dinner
	7:00 pm	<i>The New Prairie Grouse of Iowa</i> , Roger Hill
<i>Sunday</i>	6:00 am	Breakfast
	6:45 am	Field Trips Depart.
	12:00 pm	Lunch
	12:30	<i>Compilaton</i> , Danny Akers
		Depart by 3:00 pm

## Details:

All meetings and meals will be in the gym at Village Creek. Meet in the parking lot for field trips. The folks at Village Creek have made every effort to accommodate our group with housing and meal options. Meals and snacks will be prepared by the camp kitchen staff. Participants provide their own linens. Participants may go canoeing or fishing on the lake. Archery, a gym and game room are also available to participants at no charge. The camp can arrange for trail rides for a charge of \$10. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm Friday.

The following options are for meals and lodging per person at Village Creek:

- Option 1 All meals, snacks, 2 nights dorm-style housing: \$80
- Option 2 All meals, snacks, tent camping (no hookups available) with use of shower/restroom facilities: \$65
- Option 3 All meals, snacks, no lodging: \$55
- Option 4 Snacks, meals Friday evening through Saturday dinner and one night dorm-style lodging or camping: \$50
- Option 5 Meals, snacks Saturday noon through Sunday noon and one night dorm-style lodging or camping. \$60
- Option 6 All meals, snacks, 2 nights lodging in a room with private bath that will hold 2-8 people. Limited availability. Minimum of 2 persons per room. Please send registrations as a group. Call or email for availability: \$100



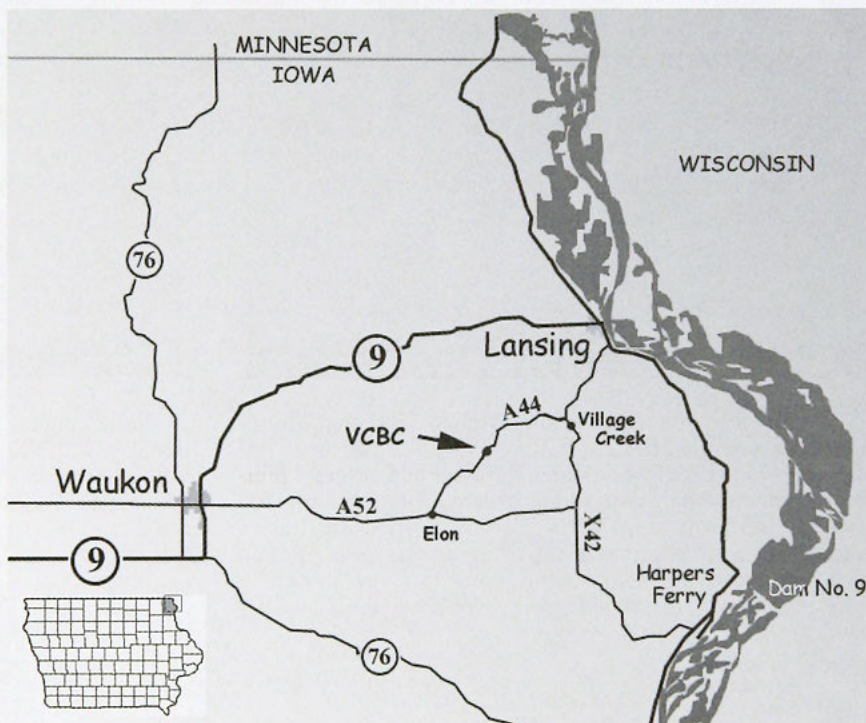




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# IOU 2004 Spring Meeting

**Directions From Lansing:** To get to the Village Creek Bible Camp from Lansing, follow the river road, along the railroad tracks, to the south end of town. Turn right on X42 (Lansing - Harpers Rd.). The intersection is across from a marina on your left. There is a sign for Village Creek at the corner on your right but be careful to take the second right and not to turn too early onto the road just before it. After 3 miles you will turn right onto Village Creek Drive (A44). There is a sign on your right at this turn as well as a brick house with an old school bus in the yard. Follow the gravel for 3 miles then turn left on Drake Road at the sign for the camp. As soon as you cross the bridge you will be on camp property.



**Directions from Waukon:** To get to the Village Creek Bible Camp from Waukon, turn east from Highway 9 onto A52 at the town's only stoplight. Proceed 9 miles to the town of Elon (there are 4 houses and the speed limit is 45 mph). Turn left (north) on the gravel Drake Road and follow it for 3 miles to the camp.

## Contact Numbers:

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*rsstilwell@att.net*

Danny Akers: *warbler\_1231@hotmail.com*

Village Creek Camp: 563 535-7320  
888 661-8222 (toll free)

## Additional area lodging:

### Lansing, Iowa

Thornton House 563-538-4116  
Scenic Valley Motel 563-538-4245  
River's Edge Retreat 563-538-4091  
Red Barn Resort & Campground  
563-538-4956

### Harpers Ferry, Iowa

Houlihan House Bed & Breakfast  
563-586-2639  
Apartments Daily/Weekly, J.Grissom  
563-586-2557

### Waukon, Iowa

Stoney Creek Inn 563-568-2220

### Ferryville, Wisconsin

Grandview Motel 608-734-3235  
Mulqueen's Inn 608-734-3456  
(5 bedroom cabin sleeps 10, \$105 per night)



The Yellow River cuts through the sandstone of Allamakee County. Samuel Calvin.





Woodland bluffs of the Effigy Mounds National Monument overlook the Mississippi River. This natural area consists of 1475 acres of woodlands, wetlands and tallgrass prairie in southern Allamakee and northern Clayton County. Effigy Mounds was created to preserve prehistoric Indian mounds, and has many miles of hiking trails, and a modern visitor center with an information center, museum and bookstore. Saturday and Sunday field trips will explore this area and the nearby Yellow River Forest.



Stretching for 261 miles, the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge is the longest wildlife refuge in the lower 48 states. It consists of over 242,000 acres in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois with management districts at Winona, La Crosse, McGregor, and Savanna. The Refuge was established in 1924 to protect bottomland habitat for migratory birds and fish. In 2002, longtime IOU member, Fred Leshner, was honored with a special Volunteer of the Year award by the Refuge for his many years of service there. Fred will lead a field trip to parts of the refuge during the 2004 spring meeting.

## Attendees of 2003 IOU Spring Meeting, Cedar Falls, IA. 16-18 May, 2003

1 Akers, Danny	Garnavillo	IA	34 Haack, Joel	Cedar Falls	IA	67 Proescholdt, Beth	Liscomb	IA
2 Akers, Melissa	Garnavillo	IA	35 Haack, Linda	Cedar Falls	IA	68 Proescholdt, Mark	Liscomb	IA
3 Akers, Pam	Garnavillo	IA	36 Harr, Doug	Ogden	IA	69 Rutenbeck, John	Burlington	IA
4 Anderson, Jan	Cedar Falls	IA	37 Hart, Rollie	W Des Moines	IA	70 Scheible, Bill	Cedar Rapids	IA
5 Anderson, Wayne	Cedar Falls	IA	38 Hertz, Paul	Mason City	IA	71 Schilke, Tom	Waterloo	IA
6 Armstrong, Eloise	Van Meter	IA	39 Hollenrake, Laura	Knoxville	IA	72 Sinclair, Jim	Indianola	IA
7 Armstrong, Eugene	Van Meter	IA	40 Huff, Marlys	Garwin	IA	73 Slife, Nancy	Iowa Falls	IA
8 Berrier, Carol	Ankeny	IA	41 Humpal, Tim	Waukee	IA	74 Sonderman, Carolyn	Omaha	NE
9 Bettis, Barbara J	Ames	IA	42 Hunt, Doug	Oskaloosa	IA	75 Spieker, Susan	Norwalk	IA
10 Brazell, Casey	Elkader	IA	43 Hunt, Mary Beth	Oskaloosa	IA	76 Stephenson, Walter	Cedar Falls	IA
11 Brazell, Julie	Elkader	IA	44 Jackson, Meridel	Ankeny	IA	77 Stephens, Mike	Centerville	IA
12 Brees, Aaron	Corydon	IA	45 Johnson, Ann	Norwalk	IA	78 Stephens, Vicky	Centerville	IA
13 Brown, Alan	Cedar Falls	IA	46 Johnston, Mike	Waterloo	IA	79 Stillwell, Dick	W Des Moines	IA
14 Carbrey, Edward	Ames	IA	47 Kenne, Matt	Algona	IA	80 Stillwell, Sharon	W Des Moines	IA
15 Carbrey, Elizabeth	Ames	IA	48 Kraemer, Dick	Waterloo	IA	81 Stone, Tom	Waterloo	IA
16 Cecil, Bob	Des Moines	IA	49 Lynch, Nancy	Solon	IA	82 Tasler, Linda	Marshalltown	IA
17 Cummins, Ray	Centerville	IA	50 Lynch, Richard	Solon	IA	83 Tetrault, Gerry	Coralville	IA
18 Dentlinger, Diane	Des Moines	IA	51 Lynch, Richard W.	Cedar Falls	IA	84 Tetrault, Richard	Coralville	IA
19 Dillman, Drew	Iowa City	IA	52 McGurk, Ramona	Iowa City	IA	85 Van Dyke, Doug	Boone	IA
20 Dillman, Judy	Iowa City	IA	53 McGurk-Eicher, Marita	Iowa City	IA	86 Van Dyke, Vicky	Boone	IA
21 Dinsmore, Jim	Ames	IA	54 Miller, Barbara	Des Moines	IA	87 VonEhwegen, Jerry	Sioux City	IA
22 Disbrow, Karen	Iowa City	IA	55 Miller, John	Cedar Falls	IA	88 Wagner, Irene	Ida Grove	IA
23 Dragula, Sherry	Ames	IA	56 Miller, Leonard C	Indianola	IA	89 Walsh, Jason	Des Moines	IA
24 Eggleston, Lois	Waverly	IA	57 Mitchell, John	Des Moines	IA	90 Walsh, Phil	Des Moines	IA
25 Ehresman, Bruce	Ames	IA	58 Mitchell, Mary	Des Moines	IA	91 Wickham, Louise	Cedar Rapids	IA
26 Ehresman, Marlene	Ames	IA	59 Moore, Francis L.	Waterloo	IA	92 Wickham, Peter	Cedar Rapids	IA
27 Engle, Dian	Marshalltown	IA	60 Nabholz, Rod	Independence	IA	93 Widrechner, Mark	Ames	IA
28 Finan, Brendan	Knoxville	IA	61 Neher, Lyle	Grundy Center	IA	94 Winterwood, Charlie	Dubuque	IA
29 Flanagan, Donna	Ames	IA	62 Nickolson, Bob	Sioux City	IA	95 Woods, Doyle L	Indianola	IA
30 Garton, Judy	Fort Dodge	IA	63 Nickolson, Phyllis	Sioux City	IA	96 Zaletel, Hank	Nevada	IA
31 Gilliam, Jay	Norwalk	IA	64 Pesek, Diana	Cedar Rapids	IA	97 Zaletel, Linda	Nevada	IA
32 Goranson, Rita	Mason City	IA	65 Petersen, Marietta	Walnut	IA	98 Zarwell, Betty	Lansing	IA
33 Gregory, Mary Ann	Dysart	IA	66 Pogensee, Don	Ida Grove	IA	99 Zarwell, Ric	Lansing	IA



# Report of the Publications Committee for 2003

Thomas H. Kent

In January 2003, members of this committee resigned and the following new members were approved by the Board of Directors: James J. Dinsmore, Paul Hertzell, Ann M. Johnson, Thomas H. Kent, and Kayleen A. Niyo. The committee elected Tom Kent as chair, and he served until February 2004, when Ann Johnson was elected chair.

New committee bylaws were drafted and approved by the Board of Directors (*Iowa Bird Life* 73:106-107). Electronic publications (such as *Iowa Birds and Birding* and the IA-Bird Listserv) were included under the purview of the committee, and the membership of the committee was changed to include the three editors (*Iowa Bird Life*, *IOU News*, *Iowa Birds and Birding*) and two other members with five-year terms.

The major task of the committee was to reduce publication costs while maintaining the quality of the publications. Members were also concerned with developing a rational budgetary plan that would provide a solid basis for future years.

Based on past experience and experience of other state birding societies, the basic cost of publications should approximate the basic fees for membership and subscription (currently \$20) and any extra amount that might be designated by the Board. Increasing membership and dealing with the journal costs attributed to life members will be keys to the future of IOU publications.

In the meantime the committee made a detailed retrospective review of the procedures associated with publications and associated costs. Yearly costs are detailed below.

Beginning in 2000, the cost of publications began to exceed the theoretical basis (\$20 x the number of members and subscribers). In 2002, the Board of Directors lowered the deficit by creating membership classes that allow members to donate extra (tax deductible) amounts and by a call for special donations (\$4,200 received from 48 contributors (*IOU News* 19(3):3).

The Publications Committee considered four ways to deal with publications costs:

(1) The idea of increasing dues did not meet with committee endorsement, because increase dues might cause a decrease in members and even a decrease in total revenue. In addition, our dues fall in the middle of dues for ornithological organizations in adjoining states—Minnesota and Wisconsin, with higher dues, have much larger memberships and larger journals, the others have equal or lower dues and smaller journal-size.

(2) Reduce the cost of publications. The above table shows that we were able to reduce costs by \$4,527 in one year (see below for more detail).

(3) Move content from the journal to the newsletter. It turns out that the cost per page is about the same for the journal and newsletter. Actually, there might be more cost saving in moving material from the newsletter to the journal, since the newsletter costs are mostly incremental while a large part of the journal cost is fixed (e.g., printer set up costs).

(4) Raise more revenues for publications. Extra revenues related to the 2003 budget year that could be allocated to publications came from the following sources: (a) amounts above \$20 from graded membership categories (\$3,002); (b) advertising in the newsletter (\$165); (c) royalties from website purchases (\$393); (d) sales of books donated by various

Year	<i>Iowa Bird Life</i>	<i>IOU News</i>	Total	Regular Members*	Subscribers	Life Members	Basis = total X (dues)
1989	\$ 4,570	\$ 770	\$ 5,340	NA**	NA	NA	
1994	\$ 3,812	\$ 888	\$ 4,700	344	55	42	\$5,292 (\$12)
1999	\$ 4,193	\$1,475	\$ 5,668	NA	NA	NA	
2000	\$10,800	\$1,304	\$12,104	372	40	57	\$9,380 (\$20)
2001	\$11,509	\$2,461	\$13,970	315	37	59	\$8,220 (\$20)
2002	\$11,871	\$2,399	\$14,270	303	36	60	\$7,980 (\$20)
2003	\$ 7,475	\$2,268	\$ 9,743	334	32	59	\$8,500 (\$20)

\* does not include extra family members  
 \*\* data not available



individuals and prints donated by Don Poggensee (\$393); and (e) donations to the Publications Enhancement Fund (\$2,225 from 18 contributors—see below). The PEF was created specifically to finance extra (bonus) pages in IOU publications.

The following cost savings were implemented for *Iowa Bird Life*:

(1) Reduction in number of pages from 242 in 2002 to 144 in 2003. The number of pages had increased from 140 in 1999 to 216 in 2001 and 204 in 2002. Part of the page reduction came from cessation of the Spring Count (18 pages saved), more use of cover pages (2 pages saved per issue); and reduced margins, proportional spacing, and other layout changes (several pages saved).

(2) Reduced cost per page from \$55 to \$45 dollars. Part of this saving was from using a new printer with option to add pages in four-page increments at the same cost per page. A reduction in the number of maps (produced by a professional) may have also been a factor.

(3) There was also a reduction in the amount of content, but this hardly seems noticeable.

The cost of *IOU News* is almost directly proportional to the number of pages (averaging \$49 per page over the last five years). We got estimates from two other printers that offered no cost reduction and less convenience. The number of pages was reduced from 56 in 2002 to 48 in 2003, but this was still the second highest number. The committee considered 12-page issues to be standard for the newsletter, but that can be supplemented in four-page increments.

The committee evaluated the quality of publications through informal exchanges and by a questionnaire sent to members. The questionnaire identified the most popular items in *Iowa Bird Life*, *IOU News*, and *Iowa Birds and Birding* (*IOU News* 19(3):8). Each of the items available in our publications is of value to many members—members are able to select those of most interest for themselves. As a result of the questionnaire, Kay Niyo will use more bird identification articles in *Iowa Bird Life*, and color photographs will be added to the outside covers (paid for with funds outside the regular budget). Ann Johnson has already added photo quizzes and a photo gallery to *Iowa Birds and Birding*. Paul Hertzell is always adding new twists to *IOU News*—we will have to wait and see what comes next.

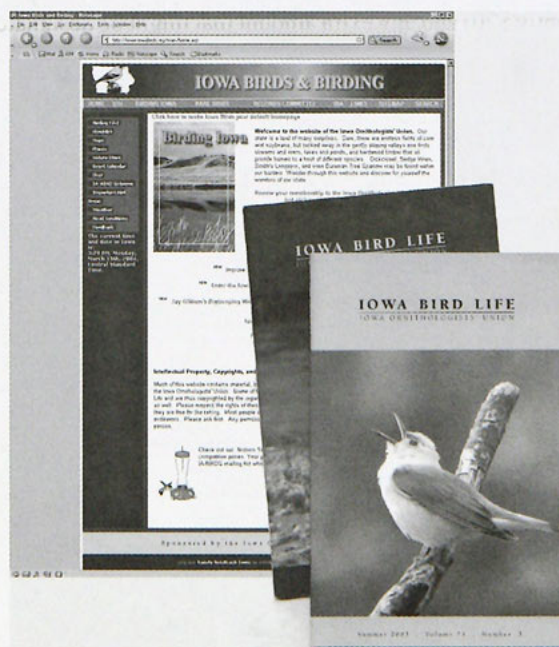
The committee would like to thank the following for their contributions to the Publications Enhancement Fund and assure them that we will do our best to use those funds to make significant additions to our publications beyond that funded by the yearly budget.

\$25 to \$50: Barbara Beaumont, William Clark, Timothy Humpal, Eva Wiedemeyer, Bruce Ehresman, Dennis Henrickson, Janet Lovell, Kathryn Malmberg, Deanne Summerfelt, and Gerald VonEhwegen.

\$100 to \$600: Jim Fuller, Rita Goranson, David Hurd, Ross Silcock, Tom Kent, Kevin Healy, Barbara Buckley, and Den and Tracie Henrickson.

I would like to thank the committee members—Jim, Paul, Ann, and Kay—for many hours of work and great cooperation. The committee was in almost continuous session by e-mail resulting in five inches of printout by my measurement. It was the most successful way of having committee meetings in my experience. I also thank Rita Goranson and David Edwards for providing information when we needed it.

For 2004, the committee hopes to smooth out the budgeting and accounting processes, continue to look at changes that might improve the publications, support efforts to increase membership, and continue to raise funds to enhance our publications.





## 2003 Iowa Listing Totals

Thirty-one Iowa birders submitted state list totals for 2003. Four of them, Eugene Armstrong, Eloise Armstrong, T. H. Kent, and Jim Fuller have seen over 90% of the official Iowa state list, a remarkable fact. Seventeen additional birders have recorded at least 300 species in the state, which is approximately 75% of the state list.

The Armstrong duo also submitted the highest annual list for the year 2003. They each found 294 species in the state, slightly less than their 2002 totals. Aaron Brees, Mike Overton and Mark Proescholdt were all over the 270 mark.

Topping a new category invented by an obscure IOU staff member, was Jay Gilliam, who encountered an incredible 91% of his state life list during the year 2003.

	2003/life
.907 Jay Gilliam	253/279
.885 Bill Scheible	262/296
.873 Danny Akers	186/213
.866 Aaron Brees	277/320
.860 Gerald VonEhwegen	227/264
.846 Mike Overton	275/325
.809 Ed Thelen	246/304

### Iowa State Life List 2003 Iowa Year List

380 Eugene Armstrong	294 E & E Armstrong
379 Eloise Armstrong	277 Aaron Brees
376 T. H. Kent	275 Mike Overton
370 Jim Fuller	273 Mark Proescholdt
362 Mark Proescholdt	264 Ray Cummins
359 Reid & Pam Allen	262 Bill Scheible
354 Beth Proescholdt	256 Rita Goranson
353 Steve Dinsmore	255 Mike Stephens
350 Jim Scheib	253 Tom Johnson
348 Dennis Thompson	253 Jay Gilliam
339 Jim Dinsmore	252 Lee Schoenewe
327 Jan Walter	248 Reid & Pam Allen
326 Mary Lou Petersen	246 Ed Thelen
325 Chris Edwards	245 Vicky Stephens
325 Mike Overton	243 Paul Hertzell
324 Rita Goranson	237 Chris Edwards
320 Aaron Brees	232 Shane Patterson
320 Lee Schoenewe	228 Katy Patterson
306 Paul Hertzell	227 Gerald VonEhwegen
304 Ed Thelen	226 Ric Zarwell
297 Ric Zarwell	221 Matt Kenne
296 Mike Dooley	188 Jan Walter
296 Bill Scheible	186 Danny Akers
293 Dale Fye	181 Doug Harr
291 Matt Kenne	178 Dale Fye
280 Dick Bierman	127 Den Henrickson
279 Jay Gilliam	
279 Doug Harr	
264 Gerald VonEhwegen	
213 Danny Akers	
167 Den Henrickson	

### Big Days

New Big Day\* high totals were established for the months of August (124) and November (87). Rita Goranson and Paul Hertzell came up one species short of the July Big Day record.

Aaron Brees and Jim Sinclair established a top county Big Day record of 154 in Warren County. In addition, five other counties had new Big Day records set: Allamakee (126), Clayton (78), Hancock (128), Marshall (123), and Worth (136).

#### Top Big Days\* by Month

<i>January</i>	63	29 Jan 1995
		G Brown, S Dinsmore
<i>February</i>	64	29 Feb 2000
		P Allen., R Allen
		E Armstrong, E Armstrong
<i>March</i>	90	27 Mar 1988
		S Dinsmore, R Silcock
<i>April</i>	141	29 Apr 1989
		S Dinsmore, P Hertzell
<i>May</i>	204	13 May 1996
		B Blevens, D Moeller
		P Petersen,
<i>June</i>	114	02 Jun 2001
		G Grange, L Schoenewe
<i>July</i>	103	19 Jul 2001
		E & E Armstrong
<i>August</i>	124	30 Aug 2003
		Rita Goranson, Paul Hertzell
<i>September</i>	135	05 Sep 1987
		S Dinsmore, A Fix, J Sinclair
<i>October</i>	91	05 Oct 2002
		G Grange, L Schoenewe
<i>November</i>	87	11 Nov 2003
		Lee Schoenewe, Ed Thelen
<i>December</i>	55	05 Dec 1998
		R Allen, P Allen

#### County Big Days\*

<i>Allamakee</i>	126	10 May 2003
		Meliss Wolfe, Matt Paulson,
		Betty Zarwell, Ric Zarwell
<i>Cerro Gordo</i>	145	11 May 2002
		Carolyn Fischer,
		Rita Goranson, Paul Hertzell
<i>Clayton</i>	78	07 Jun 2003
		Danny Akers, Jay Gilliam
<i>Dickinson</i>	91	5 Oct 2002
		Lee Schoenewe, Gary Grange
<i>Hancock</i>	128	20 May 2003
		Matt Kenne, Rita Goranson
<i>Johnson</i>	134	May 1990
		Francis Moore, T. H. Kent
<i>Kossuth</i>	153	14 May 2002
		Matt Kenne, Paul Hertzell
<i>Marshall</i>	123	10 May 2003
		Mark Proescholdt,
		Paul Hertzell
<i>Warren</i>	154	09 May 2003
		Aaron Brees, Jim Sinclair
<i>Worth</i>	136	13 May 2003
		Rita Goranson, Paul Hertzell

#### Some Yard Lists

199 Jim Fuller (Johnson)
176 Rita Goranson (Cerro Gordo)
173 Ed Thelen (Dickinson)
167 Matt Kenne (Kossuth)
165 Lee Schoenewe (Clay)
158 Ric Zarwell (Allamakee)
151 Pam Allen (Polk-former)
145 Mark/Beth Proescholdt (Marshall)
136 Jan Walter (Cerro Gordo)
114 Dick Bierman (Cherokee)
105 Dale Fye (Linn)
69 Reid & Pam Allen (Polk-new)
65 Jay Gilliam (Warren)
53 Mary Lou Petersen (Scott)
50 Danny Akers (Clayton)



\*ABA rule, multiple-person Big Days



## Individual County Totals

### Adair

97 Reid & Pam Allen  
58 Mark Proescholdt

### Adams

59 Mark Proescholdt  
55 Reid & Pam Allen

### Allamakee

263 Ric Zarwell  
177 Mark Proescholdt  
158 Rita Goranson  
156 Chris Edwards  
140 Jan Walter  
134 Danny Akers  
71 Reid & Pam Allen

### Appanoose

281 Ray Cummins  
160 Mark Proescholdt  
151 Reid & Pam Allen  
83 Danny Akers

### Audubon

83 Reid & Pam Allen  
50 Mark Proescholdt

### Benton

177 Mark Proescholdt  
127 Chris Edwards  
50 Reid & Pam Allen  
43 Danny Akers

### Black Hawk

221 Mary Lou Petersen  
167 Mark Proescholdt  
62 Danny Akers  
30 Reid & Pam Allen

### Boone

252 Steve Dinsmore  
239 Jim Dinsmore  
232 Mark Proescholdt  
220 Beth Proescholdt  
214 Reid & Pam Allen  
208 E&E Armstrong  
180 Doug Harr  
70 Danny Akers

### Bremer

168 Mark Proescholdt  
87 Danny Akers  
54 Reid & Pam Allen

### Buchanan

158 Mark Proescholdt  
34 Reid & Pam Allen

### Buena Vista

187 Dick Bierman  
126 Lee Schoenewe  
70 Mark Proescholdt  
57 Reid & Pam Allen

### Butler

211 Mark Proescholdt  
43 Reid & Pam Allen

### Calhoun

159 Mark Proescholdt  
117 Reid & Pam Allen

### Carroll

156 Steve Dinsmore  
154 Mark Proescholdt  
132 Reid & Pam Allen

### Cass

133 Reid & Pam Allen  
50 Mark Proescholdt

### Cedar

125 Chris Edwards  
58 Mark Proescholdt  
17 Reid & Pam Allen

### Cerro Gordo

293 Curt Nelson  
292 Jan Walter  
288 Rita Goranson  
267 Paul Hertzell  
182 Dick Bierman  
164 Mark Proescholdt  
153 Jim Dinsmore  
152 Reid & Pam Allen

### Cherokee

263 Dick Bierman  
61 Reid & Pam Allen  
59 Mark Proescholdt

### Chickasaw

58 Reid & Pam Allen  
57 Mark Proescholdt

### Clarke

80 Reid & Pam Allen  
58 Mark Proescholdt

### Clay

278 Lee Schoenewe  
180 Dick Bierman  
158 Jim Dinsmore  
88 Reid & Pam Allen  
76 Mark Proescholdt

### Clayton

147 Danny Akers  
80 Mark Proescholdt  
30 Reid & Pam Allen

### Clinton

205 Mary Lou Petersen  
123 Reid & Pam Allen  
55 Mark Proescholdt

### Crawford

68 Reid & Pam Allen  
56 Mark Proescholdt

### Dallas

206 Eugene Armstrong  
205 Eloise Armstrong  
192 Reid & Pam Allen  
165 Mark Proescholdt

### Davis

80 Reid & Pam Allen  
63 Mark Proescholdt

### Decatur

127 Steve Dinsmore  
70 Reid & Pam Allen  
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### Delaware

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28 Reid & Pam Allen

### Des Moines

247 Jim Fuller  
99 Reid & Pam Allen  
59 Mark Proescholdt

### Dickinson

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279 Ed Thelen  
249 Doug Harr  
195 Dick Bierman  
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### Dubuque

65 Mark Proescholdt  
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52 Reid & Pam Allen

### Emmet

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### Fayette

59 Mark Proescholdt  
57 Reid & Pam Allen  
37 Danny Akers

### Floyd

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59 Mark Proescholdt  
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### Franklin

175 Mark Proescholdt  
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### Fremont

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160 E&D Armstrong

### Grundy

189 Mark Proescholdt  
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### Guthrie

234 Steve Dinsmore  
228 Eloise Armstrong  
227 Eugene Armstrong  
203 Mark Proescholdt  
201 Reid & Pam Allen

### Hamilton

226 Dennis Carter  
209 Mark Proescholdt  
178 Jim Dinsmore  
165 Reid & Pam Allen

### Hancock

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110 Reid & Pam Allen

### Hardin

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229 Beth Proescholdt  
112 Reid & Pam Allen

### Harrison

182 Dick Bierman  
105 Reid & Pam Allen  
58 Mark Proescholdt

### Henry

88 Reid & Pam Allen  
60 Mark Proescholdt

### Howard

53 Mark Proescholdt  
52 Reid & Pam Allen  
40 Danny Akers

### Humboldt

66 Reid & Pam Allen  
64 Mark Proescholdt

### Ida

58 Mark Proescholdt  
55 Reid & Pam Allen

### Iowa

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155 Mark Proescholdt  
85 Reid & Pam Allen  
37 Danny Akers

### Jackson

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98 Reid & Pam Allen  
77 Mark Proescholdt

### Jasper

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172 Beth Proescholdt  
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### Jefferson

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50 Mark Proescholdt

### Johnson

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284 Chris Edwards  
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161 Dale Fye  
63 Danny Akers

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56 Mark Proescholdt  
37 Reid & Pam Allen

### Keokuk

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51 Mark Proescholdt  
37 Danny Akers

### Kossuth

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172 Paul Hertzell  
163 Mark Proescholdt  
151 Reid & Pam Allen  
130 Jan Walter  
115 Rita Goranson

### Lee

211 Steve Dinsmore  
208 Chris Edwards  
154 Reid & Pam Allen  
153 Mark Proescholdt

### Linn

246 Dale Fye  
213 Chris Edwards  
156 Mark Proescholdt  
82 Reid & Pam Allen  
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### Louisa

191 Chris Edwards  
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95 Mark Proescholdt  
53 Danny Akers

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### Lyon

186 Doug Harr  
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25 Reid & Pam Allen

### Madison

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258 Eloise Armstrong  
170 Reid & Pam Allen  
152 Mark Proescholdt

### Mahaska

151 Mark Proescholdt  
68 Reid & Pam Allen

### Marion

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222 Mark Proescholdt  
207 Reid & Pam Allen  
104 Dale Fye  
74 Danny Akers

### Marshall

269 Beth Proescholdt  
268 Mark Proescholdt  
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### Mills

141 Steve Dinsmore  
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61 Mark Proescholdt

### Mitchell

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41 Jan Walter

### Monona

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137 Dick Bierman  
104 Reid & Pam Allen  
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### Monroe

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53 Mark Proescholdt

### Montgomery

68 Reid & Pam Allen  
54 Mark Proescholdt

### Muscatine

228 Mary Lou Petersen  
136 Chris Edwards  
99 Reid & Pam Allen  
60 Mark Proescholdt

### O'Brien

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## Iowa's Important Bird Areas (IBAs) Now Total 57 Onsite Bird Surveys To Be Topic at Spring Meeting

At a recent meeting, the Iowa IBA Technical Committee reviewed bird observation data for some 114 previously nominated habitats. They then voted to approve 17 of those habitats as Important Bird Areas (IBAs). This brings the total number of Iowa IBAs to 57. The full list of our state's recognized IBAs can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.iowabirds.org/iba/sites.asp>

The first 57 IBAs occur in 45 counties. The 138 nominated habitats that need additional bird data in order to be approved for IBA status, are even more widespread. One or more of these habitats are accessible to every birder in Iowa.

Additional data are needed, especially during the 2004 nesting season, to get the 138 nominated habitats approved as official IBAs. Jim Dinsmore, Iowa Technical Committee Chair, and Ric Zarwell, Iowa IBA Coordinator, will provide training on gathering and submitting field data at the Iowa Ornithologists' Union's Spring Meeting, May 14-16, 2004.

Audubon Iowa's statewide IBA Program, like those taking place in 45 other states, is a citizen-led, science-based effort, with a long-term focus on essential habitats.

Everyone associated with Iowa's IBA initiative extends their thanks and appreciation to the many thoughtful birders who have stepped forward to gather and submit the essential data that drives this program. We hope that many more birders will gather vital bird data while having enjoyable birding experiences during the upcoming nesting season.

Submitted by Ric Zarwell, Audubon Iowa, IBA Coordinator, 563-538-4991, or [Ric.Zarwell@mchsi.com](mailto:Ric.Zarwell@mchsi.com)





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## Top Area Listers Compared

Eugene Armstrong is the top lister in the state of Iowa. His state list of 380 species is an amazing 93.8% of the state total of 405 species. By a very narrow margin, this is the best percent for any of the surrounding states.

<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Birder</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>State Total</u>
.938	Eugene Armstrong	IA	380	405
.936	David Easterla	MO	379	405
.932	Kim Eckert	MN	398	427
.931	Tom Pucelik	IL	405	435
.894	Daryl Tessen	WI	388	434
.877	Stephen Dinsmore	NE	391	446
.865	Jeffrey Palmer	SD	359	415

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## 2003 Partners in Flight National Awards

I am pleased to announce the eight winners of the 2003 Partners in Flight National Awards. These groups and individuals were elected to receive a national award by a committee of their peers. Each of these award winners will be recognized (and receive a nice award) during the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference, USFWS Director's Reception from 7 to 9pm, March 18, 2004, in Spokane, WA. This year's awards are jointly sponsored by the American Birding Association and Swarovski Birding.

1. C.J. Ralph, Klamath Demographic Monitoring Network.
2. Marjorie Schock Derrick, USFWS Communication Tower Construction Guidelines made County law to save birds.
3. Steve Lowrimore, Conservation of Swallow-tailed kites in the Gulf Hammock region of Florida and the Southeast.
4. Merrie Morrison, Bird Conservation Magazine.
5. Tim Burr, Conservation, protection and management of sensitive avian species on military lands in the western United States including Hawaii.
6. Peter Blancher, Technical and mapping contributions to the North American Landbird Conservation Plan.
7. The Institute for Bird Populations, Developing and implementing landbird conservation strategies by modeling.
8. Kirtland's Warbler Training and Research Project, Conserving the Kirtland's Warbler, the Bahamas' most elusive bird.

Congratulations to these individuals and groups for a job well done!

Richard A. Fischer, Ph.D.  
Chair, Partners in Flight Awards Committee

## In Memoriam: Jane Fuller

Jane Culbertson Fuller, 92, died October 16 at the Oaknoll Retirement Residence in Iowa City, where she had made her home the past 12 years. She was a longtime member of the IOU and had been a member of the Iowa City Bird Club. Born in Des Moines, she spent her growing up years in Wyoming, but returned to Iowa to attend Grinnell College. With a degree in mathematics and chemistry, she spent two years on the frontier of Wyoming, living in a log cabin and serving as principal and teaching all the science courses at Tensleep.

Following her marriage to Lowell Fuller, she spent the next 57 years in Burlington before moving to Iowa City. She was an elementary school teacher there for 17 years. One of her students, Jim Kelly, became an astronaut. Jane became interested in birding in the early 1950s, and that interest grew over the years. She was a co-founder of the Burlington Bird Club, serving as its president and as compiler of the Christmas Bird Count for many years. She had traveled the four corners of the state, as well as the nation, and internationally in Central and South America, and Europe in search of birds during her most active birding years. Jane's life list stood at 621, with a memorable number 600 being a Great Gray Owl seen in northern Minnesota. Her interest never waned, as she was still a participant in the CBC last year, and had been birding with her sons, Jim and Chuck, only a few weeks prior to her death. She was an early influence on two Burlington boys, Jerome Jackson, now a world-renowned ornithologist, and Peter Lowther, an ornithologist with the Field Museum in Chicago.

Jane has passed the birding torch to the next generation with sons, Jim Fuller of Iowa City and Chuck Fuller of Burlington. Remembrance services were held in Burlington. Memorials have been designated for the Iowa Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.





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## Book Review

*Birds at your feeder.* A guide to winter birds of the Great Plains by Dana Gardner and Nancy Overcott. University of Iowa Press. \$9.95. 2003. This is not a traditional field guide, but rather a set of fourteen 4 1/4 by 9 1/4 inch laminated panels that fold out to illustrate 50 species that are typically found near feeders during the winter in the Great Plains states (North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin south to Oklahoma and Arkansas). Gardner's paintings generally do a good job of illustrating the various species. Both sexes are shown for 22 species with sexual dimorphism. Several other species with prominent age dimorphism also merit two illustrations. A few brief lines of text list the body length and usual food for each species. The choice of species seems reasonable for the intended purpose of this guide although I noted that, among others, Harris's Sparrow, Spotted Towhee, and Carolina Chickadee were missing. Although most hard-core birders will probably find little new, I suspect that many more casual birders will find this guide useful. Its compactness and focus on winter birds will appeal to many Iowans who feed birds in their yard and are unfamiliar with many species.

—J.J.Dinsmore

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## Ringgold County Prairie Chicken Day

April 17 has been designated Ringgold County Prairie Chicken Day. According to DNR Biologist, Mel Moe, outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to welcome the dawn at Kellerton Bird Conservation Area, enjoying these native birds as they boom and dance. Plans include planting prairie forbes at the site later in the morning. Area managers Mel Moe and Ed White will be on hand to share developments of this exciting grassland project. DNR Wildlife Diversity Program and Americore personnel will be assisting. Kellerton Grasslands is located two miles west of Kellerton, Iowa on Hwy. 2 then about 1 1/2 miles south to Prairie Chicken viewing platform. Further details will be forthcoming, but wanted to give folks a heads-up of a great opportunity to connect with southern Iowa birding and prairie experiences. For further details contact Ben Mullarkey 641-783-2369, Mel Moe 641-464-2220.

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## Kirtland's Warbler Tours

Two federal agencies offer tours for birders who want to see Kirtland's Warblers during the breeding season. Otherwise, the breeding grounds are closed to the public.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tours daily 15 May-4 July, free, from Grayling, MI. More info:

<http://midwest.fws.gov/EastLansing/tour.html>

U.S. Forest Service, Tours daily 15 May-2 July, \$5, from Mio, MI. More info:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf/pages/kirkland.htm>

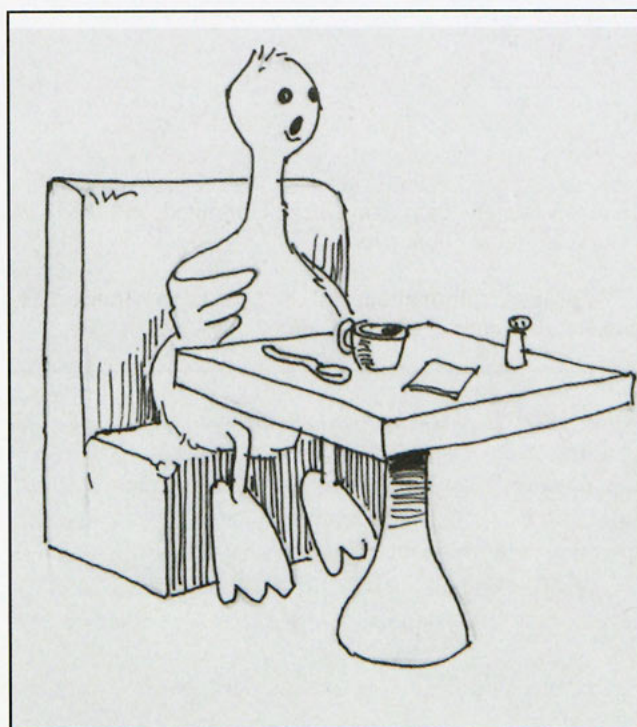
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## International Migratory Bird Day – May 8, 2004

International Migratory Bird Day celebrates the incredible journeys of migratory birds between their breeding grounds in North America and their wintering grounds in Mexico, Central, and South America. The event, which takes place on the second Saturday in May each year, encourages bird conservation and increases awareness of birds through hikes, bird watching, information about birds and migration, public events, and a variety of other education programs. Join us in the celebration!

IMBD was created in 1993 by visionaries at the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. Now under the direction of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, IMBD continues to focus attention on one of the most important and spectacular events in the life of a migratory bird -- its journey between its summer and winter homes. Today, it is celebrated in Canada, the U.S., Mexico and Central America through bird festivals and bird walks, education programs, and Bird Day! We invite you to join us in this important celebration.

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"I'd like my bill, please."



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## 10th Annual Wings and Wetlands Festival

The 10th Annual Wings and Wetlands Festival is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16, 2004. Welcome the coming of spring, celebrate National Wetland Month, and explore the unique prairie pothole region of northwest Iowa. This year the stellar event will feature Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation locations to help that organization celebrate 25 years of protecting Iowa's land, water, and wildlife for those who follow.

This festival is coordinated over a six-county region in Northwest Iowa (Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, O'Brien and Palo Alto) and offers a wide selection of programs and activities for people of all ages and interests. Events held throughout the region include bird hikes, prairie wildflower walks, Trumpeter Swan releases, *live* raptors, canoeing, birding programs for youth, and wild edibles. There is also food and door prizes at some locations.

A special event will be held on Saturday evening at the Spencer Community School Administration Building, 23 E 7th St, Spencer, IA, Room B. Highlights include a buffalo burger feed, *live* raptor presentation, and renown Iowa naturalist, Larry Stone, speaking on his new book *Sylvan Runkel: Citizen of the Natural World*. This big night of programming begins at 5:30.

Join us for one or more of the programs being offered throughout the weekend. Experience first-hand our beautiful lakes, marshes, and upland habitat. Bird hikes will offer people the opportunity to see waterfowl, shorebirds, and of course, warblers during peak migration time!

Sponsors of the festival include Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, O'Brien and Palo Alto County Conservation Boards, Palo Alto Soil and Water Conservation District, Prairie Lakes Audubon Society, Palo Alto Ducks Unlimited, and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

For more information, call the Lost Island Prairie Wetland Nature Center, 712-837-4866.

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### Workshop: Iowa's Neotropical Migrants

A workshop for classroom teachers that will discuss issues related to neotropical migrant birds of Iowa will be offered several times in the coming year:

West Des Moines—21-23 Jul 2004 and 7-8 Oct 2004

Dubuque—12-14 Nov 2004 and 28-29 Jan 2005

West Des Moines—4-6 Feb 2005 and 8-9 Apr 2005

For more info contact Dr. Carl W. Bollwinkel:  
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## Dates, Things To Do

### April 05

Program and reception for BBAS member Janet Jepeway's photo exhibit on Ada Hayden Heritage Park. 7pm at the Story County Conservation Center, McFarland Park.

### April 15

"Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge: A 2004 Overview", a program by Gary L Shea, Park Ranger, USFWS. 7:30pm, Room 2226 Veterinary Medicine Building, ISU, Ames.

### April 17

Ringgold County Prairie Chicken Day, including programs at the Kellerton Bird Conservation Area.

### April 18

IOU Board of Directors Meeting, Polk County.

### April 30

Deadline for registration for IOU Spring Meeting

### May 08

International Migratory Bird Day

### May 08

Big Bluestem Audubon Birdathon. Contact Jeff Nichols 515 795-4176 or [jnichols1961@hotmail.com](mailto:jnichols1961@hotmail.com) for more information.

### May 14-16

IOU Spring Meeting, Village Creek Bible Camp, near Lansing, Allamakee County. See pages 4-6.

### May 14-16

Nebraska Ornithologists' Union Spring Meeting, at Ogallala.

### May 15-16

10th Annual Wings and Wetlands Festival, sponsored by the Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, O'Brien and Palo Alto County Conservation Boards.

### May 19-20

Wisconsin Society for Ornithology 65th Annual Convention, Chippewa Falls.

### June 01

Spring field reports due.

### July 21-23

First of six workshops for classroom teachers on neotropical migrant birds of Iowa- West Des Moines. Contact: Dr. Carl W. Bollwinkel, [bollwinkel@uni.edu](mailto:bollwinkel@uni.edu)

### September 17-19

IOU Fall Meeting, Wickiup Hill Nature Area, near Cedar Rapids, Linn County.





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