

# IOU News

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Banner Wildlife Area wetlands is one of Warren County's premier sites. Photo by Jay Gilliam.

## IOU 2005 Spring Meeting: *Warren County*

The Iowa Ornithologists' Union will hold its annual Spring Meeting May 13–15 in Warren County, at Camp Wesley Woods, five miles south of Indianola. Warren County offers multiple birding opportunities over diverse habitats ranging from low wetlands, to deep woodlands. Last spring, birds found in Warren County included Eared Grebe, American and Least Bittern, Snowy Egret, Common Moorhen, Black-necked Stilt, Hudsonian Godwit, Acadian Flycatcher, Bell's Vireo, Yellow-throated, Kentucky and Hooded Warbler, and Clay-colored, Lark and Henslow's Sparrow. See pages 4–7 for meeting details.

## IOU–Sponsored Birding Trips: Popular

With continued active participation, the IOU Birding Trips Program will expand and improve from its early stages. Trips will include in-state, regional and more distant trips, for a total of perhaps 4–6 trips per year. We intend to organize some trips that are totally free, many that are moderately priced, and a few that may cost a significant amount. In all cases we should get rock-bottom prices because we will be traveling as a group. There is one way above all others to support this program: attend birding trips!

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## IOU News

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## IOU President's Message

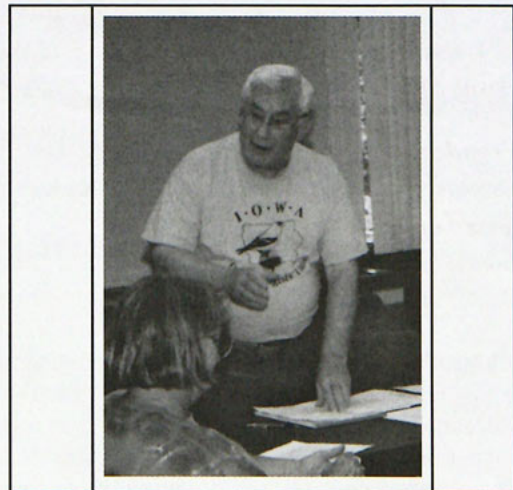
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The state of the IOU is strong. We have strong, active people in charge of publications, pembership, projects and on the board. Look for new and exciting initiatives from the IOU with financial resources to support.

Membership is holding its own although we could always use more members. Of course, the best way to get more members is for current IOU members to ask others to join, so I challenge you to ask another person to join ...TODAY!

The nominating committee has met and has submitted the following list of candidates: for President, Sharon Stillwell; for Vice President, John Rutenbeck; for 2-Year Board terms: James Fuller and Rick Zarwell; for 1-year Board term: Michael Dooley.

Susan Spieker has resigned from the board stating, "We have been given custody of our two grand-daughters and I am head chair for my elderly parents. On top of all this, I have some small health problems of my own." We all wish her well and will miss her. A replacement for Susan Spieker will be appointed.



I encourage you to attend the business meeting at our Spring Meeting in Indianola. Ross Silcock will cover our insurance policy

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## IOU President's Message

and answer all questions. Ann Johnson and the Publications Committee will cover the costs of publications on a per person basis and may suggest a membership rate increase. Paul Hertzell will cover all there is to do with state lists and maybe even make an award or two. Tammy Hertzell will give the IOU financial information in a form that will surprise even the CPA's in the group. This is truly a neat financial report. Rick Zarwell will report on IOU past birding trips and new bird trips to come. IOU members just love these birding trips. Jay Gilliam will report on IOU Projects and John Rutenbeck and Dave Edwards will update all activities related to membership. Check the minutes after the meeting and you will see for yourself how Bob Cecil, our Secretary, makes the meeting really look like something on paper. He should have been a writer, as he has real talent.

Hank and Linda Zaletel would like for you to stop at the IOU store. They have just what you may be looking for in the line of birding accessories.

I look forward to seeing you May 13, 14 and 15<sup>th</sup> in Indianola, IA for our Spring Meeting.

## Slate of Candidates

The IOU Nominations Committee announces the following slate of candidates for consideration at the 2005 IOU Spring Meeting in May:

<i>President</i>	Sharon Stilwell
<i>Vice-president</i>	John Rutenbeck
<i>Board of Directors</i>	Ric Zarwell
<i>Board of Directors</i>	Jim Fuller
<i>Board of Directors</i>	Mike Dooley

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



## Dates, Things To Do

### April 16

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

### April 29–May 1

Iowa Audubon's *Wild About Birds Weekend*, Camp Hantesa, near the Des Moines River and Ledges State Park, Boone, Iowa.

### April 30

Deadline for registration for IOU Spring Meeting

### May 14

International Migratory Bird Day

### May 13-15

IOU Spring Meeting, Camp Wesley Woods, near Indianola, Warren County.

### May 14-15

11th Annual Wings and Wetlands Festival, sponsored by the Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, O'Brien and Palo Alto County Conservation Boards.

### May 21-22

Wisconsin Society for Ornithology 66th Annual Convention, Lakeland College.

### June 01

Spring field reports due.

### June 10-19

Circle Iowa Birding Reunion Tour. See page 7 for details.

## Some Yard Lists

- 202 Jim Fuller (Johnson)
- 186 Carolyn Fischer (Cerro Gordo)
- 182 Ann Johnson (Warren)
- 177 Rita Goranson (Cerro Gordo)
- 173 Ed Thelen (Dickinson)
- 170 Lee Schoenewe (Clay)
- 163 Mike Overton (Boone)
- 163 Ric Zarwell (Allamakee)
- 146 M & B Proescholdt (Marshall)
- 136 Jan Walter (Cerro Gordo)
- 115 Dick Bierman (Cherokee)
- 107 Don Robinson (Scott)
- 105 Dale Fye (Linn)
- 79 Doug Harr (Lyon Co)
- 76 Reid & Pam Allen (Polk)
- 68 Danny Akers (Clayton)
- 39 Doug Harr (Boone)
- 32 Harsha Jayawardena (Cerro Gordo)



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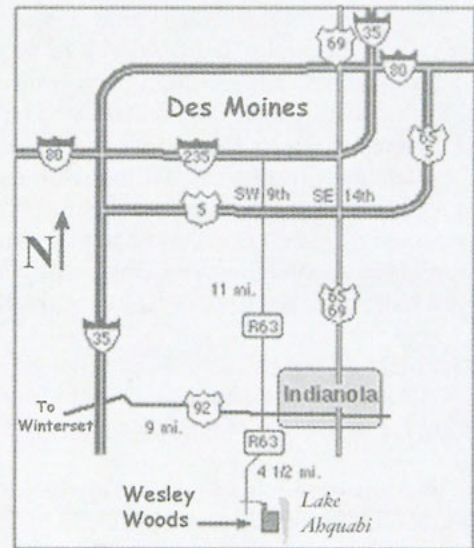
# IOU 2005 Spring Meeting

May 13–15, 2005      Camp Wesley Woods  
Indianola, Iowa

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## Schedule of Events:

<i>Friday</i>	7–9:00 pm	Social gathering at Jim Sinclair's home 810 N. B Sreet, Indianola
<i>Saturday</i>	6:00 am	Breakfast and Registration
	6:30 am	Field trips depart
	12:00 noon	Lunch
	1:00 pm	IOU Spring Business Meeting including: <i>IOU News Iowa Birder Awards</i> <i>Election of officers</i> <i>Committee reports</i>
	2:00 pm	Programs: * <i>Using GIS on Your PC to Locate Iowa Birds</i> - Ric Zarwell * <i>Why the Cardinal Is Red</i> - Diane Porter * <i>Iowa Peregrine Update</i> - Pat Schlarbaum & Bud Tordoff * <i>New Zealand: a birder's view</i> - Jim Dinsmore * <i>Taking the Mystery Out of The IOU Records Committee</i> - Jim Sinclair, moderator
	6:00 pm	Banquet Program: <i>Cowbirds vs. Hosts: Who wins the co-evolutionary arms race?</i> - Brian Peer
<i>Sunday</i>	6:00 am	Breakfast
	6:30 am	Field trips depart
	12:00 pm	Lunch & compilation



## Details:

Meals will be served at the camp and will have enough options for those preferring a meatless meal.

- \* Breakfast (\$2.50) - continental
- \* Lunch (\$7.25) - Taco Bar (Sat) and Sandwich Bar (Sun)
- \* Banquet (\$10.00) - Iowa chop, mashed potatoes, corn, strawberry shortcake (vegetable lasagna for meatless option)

Lodging in a beautiful setting is available at the camp (\$33/one night; \$56/two nights). Bedding and towels are provided. To the extent possible, rooms will be motel-like with private baths. The camp also has camping sites for \$14/night.

For those wishing to stay elsewhere, the following are available:

**Apple Tree Inn**

1215 N. Jefferson Street  
 (Highway 65/69 North)  
 Toll Free: (800) 961-0551  
 Phone: (515) 961-0551  
 E-Mail: [appletree@dwx.com](mailto:appletree@dwx.com)

Rates for 2 persons:  
 1 queen \$51 plus tax, 2 queens \$57 plus tax.  
 Add \$5 per night for each additional person  
 1 king \$67 plus tax.

**Super 8 Motel**

1701 N Jefferson Way  
 (515) 961-0058  
 Double room \$68.88 plus tax  
 Single \$58.88  
 Family Suite (3 queen beds) \$95.88  
 Each additional person \$8 per night.

**Summerset Inn and Winery**

(includes wine & hot tub)  
 1507 Fairfax  
 (515) 961-3545  
 2 suites at \$135 plus tax  
 2 regular rooms for \$95 plus tax

**The Bungalow On C** (Bed and  
 Breakfast Inn)  
 807 North C Street, Indianola, IA 50125  
 (515) 961-7749  
[rhidanesther@prodigy.net](mailto:rhidanesther@prodigy.net)

**Lake Ahquabi State Park** (camping)

5 Miles south of Indianola  
 515-961-7101  
 Tent \$6 per night Electricity \$11 per  
 night  
 Restrooms, showers, picnic tables

**Hickory Hills County Park** (camping)

12 miles south of Indianola  
 515-961-6169  
 Primitive camping, no fee, no toilets/  
 water

**Otter Creek County Park** (camping)

8 miles southeast of Indianola  
 515-961-6169  
 Primitive camping, no fee, pit toilets

**Registration:**

If possible, please register online at : <http://www.iowabirds.org/iou/currentmeeting.asp>  
 Otherwise, use the form below.

**Registration Form** (print and mail)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

			<b>No. Of Persons</b>		<b>Total Cost</b>
<i>Registration</i>	\$12.00	X	_____	=	_____
<i>Sat Breakfast</i>	\$ 2.50	X	_____	=	_____
<i>Sat Lunch</i>	\$ 7.25	X	_____	=	_____
<i>Sat Banquet</i>	\$10.00	X	_____	=	_____
<i>Sun Breakfast</i>	\$ 2.50	X	_____	=	_____
<i>Sun Lunch</i>	\$ 7.25	X	_____	=	_____
<i>Friday Lodging</i>	\$33.00	X	_____	=	_____
<i>Saturday Lodging</i>	\$33.00	X	_____	=	_____
<i>Both Nights</i>	\$56.00	X	_____	=	_____
<b>Total Enclosed:</b>					_____

Checks are payable to Sharon Stilwell. Mail to:  
 Sharon Stilwell  
 218 So. 33rd Street  
 West Des Moines, IA 50265-6415

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# IOU 2005 Spring Meeting

**Directions:** Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center is located west and south of Indianola, just off Warren County paved road R63. As R63 enters Des Moines it becomes SW 9th and is paved all the way from Wesley Woods corner to downtown Des Moines. Be careful crossing highway 92.

From I-80 EAST: Take the new 65/5 bypass exit near Altoona. Exit on R63/SW 9th and follow it to Wesley Woods.

From I-80 WEST: At 80/35 mixmaster go south on 35 to the Indianola/Winterset exit. Follow 92 toward Indianola, then go south on R63. There is a Wesley Woods sign at the intersection. Follow R63 to Wesley Woods.

For more information on the camp, visit the Wesley Woods website.

<http://www.gbmg-umc.org/wesleywoods/>

**Field Trips:** Last Spring, across Warren County wetlands, birders found Eared Grebes, both bitterns, Snowy and Cattle Egrets, Black-crowned Night Herons, Common Moorhens, Black-necked Stilts, Willets, Hudsonian Godwits, Black Terns, nesting Great-tailed Grackles, and more. In prairies and open areas they found Northern Harriers, Loggerhead Shrikes, Lark Sparrows and Henslow's Sparrows, and in wooded areas they found Acadian Flycatchers, Bell's Vireos, Carolina Wrens, Yellow-throated, Kentucky and Hooded Warblers. Field trips will target all these birds and more.

- #1 – **Banner Wildlife Area, Runnells Overlook, Diehl's Ponds** – moderate walking.
- #2 – **Woodland Mounds Preserve** – considerable walking
- #3 – **Stephen's SF, Hickory Hills Park** – moderate walking
- #4 – **Northwest Warren County/Great Western Trail** – moderate walking
- #5 – **Lake Ahquabi/Wesley Woods** – considerable walking



Cumming Wetlands. Jay Gilliam 2005.



Runnells Overlook. Jay Gilliam 2005.



Woodland Mounds Preserve. Jay Gilliam 2005.



Lake Ahquabi. Iowa State University Limnology Laboratory.

**Silent Auction:** Once again, Bob Cecil has agreed to coordinate a silent auction, to raise funds for the IOU. This year, the IOU received a remarkable donation of books through the generosity of David Kyllingstad, acting on behalf of his father's estate. These books are listed below, and will be available at the Camp Wesley Woods Spring Meeting, among many other items.

Birds of Europe *Lars Jonsson* 1993  
Shorebirds of the Pacific Northwest *Dennis Paulson* 1993  
North Dakota Wildlife Viewing Guide *Joseph Knue* 1992  
The Pettingell Book of Birding Records *Noel Pettingell* 1991  
Advanced Birding *Kenn Kaufman* 1990  
Peterson Field Guide to Western Birds 3rd Ed. *Roger Tory Peterson* 1990  
The Practical Ornithologist *John Gooders, S. Weidensaul* ed. 1990  
A Guide to the Birds of Costa Rica *Stiles & Skutch* 1989  
A Guide to Birds of Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands *H.A. Raffaele* 1989  
The Birds of Egypt *S.M. Goodman & P.L. Meininger* 1989  
Wild Birds of Canada *Tim Fitzharris* 1989  
Birds of the Middle East & No. Africa *Hollom, Porter, Chrisensen, Willis* 1988  
A Field Guide to Seabirds of the World *Peter Harrison* 1987  
Birds in Minnesota *Bob Janssen* (signed) 1987  
Peterson Field Guide to Hawks *W.S. Clark/B.K. Wheeler* (signed) 1987  
A Guide to the Birds of Colombia *S.L. Hilty & W.L. Brown* 1986  
Birds of New Guinea *Beehler, Thane, Pratt, Zimmerman* 1986  
Gulls, a guide to Identification *P.J. Grant* 1986  
Shorebirds, an Identification Guide *Hayman, Marchant, & Prater* 1986  
A Birder's Guide to Florida *James A. Lane/Holt* 1984  
A Field Guide to Birds of the USSR *Flint, Boehme, Kostin, Kuznetsov* 1984  
The A.O.U. Checklist of N. American Birds Sixth Edition 1983  
Annotated Checklist of Birds of Arizona *G Monson & A Phillips* 1981  
The Audubon Society Handbook for Birders *Stephen W. Kress* 1981  
The Plovers, Sandpipers, and Snipes of the World *Paul A. Johnsgard* 1981  
A Guide to the Birds of Alaska *Robert M. Armstrong* 1980  
Collins Handguide to Birds of the Indian Sub-continent *M Woodcock* 1980  
The Audubon Society Encyclopedia of N. American Birds *J.K. Terres* 1980  
A Birder's Guide to North Dakota *Kevin J. Zimmer* 1979

Birder's California *Don Roberson* 1978  
Owls by Day and Night *Hamilton A. Tyler & Don Phillips* 1978  
The Birds of South Dakota *SDOU* 1978  
Watching Birds, Intro to Ornithology *Roger F. Pasquier* 1977  
A Guide to the Birds of Panama *Robert S. Ridgely* 1976  
An Introduction to Ornithology *G.J. Wallace & H.D. Mahan* 1975  
The Life of Birds *Joel Carl Welty* 1975  
Utah Birds *W. H. Behle & M. L. Perry* 1975  
The Bird Watcher's America *O. S. Pettingill & J.H. Dick* 1974  
The Birds of California *Arnold Small* 1974  
Birds of the Tropics *John A. Burton* 1973  
A Field Guide to the Birds of Mexico *Ernest P. Edwards* 1972  
Birds of North America, a Personal Selection *Eliot Porter* 1972  
Birds of Brit., Euro., N. Africa, Mid. East *Heinzel, Fitter, & Parslow* 1972  
Ornithology in Lab. and Field, 4th Ed. *Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr* 1970  
Proceedings of the XIV Int'l. Ornith. Congress *D. W. Snow* 1967  
Song Birds of the World *Oliver L. Austin* 1967  
The Ducks, Geese, & Swans of No America *F. H. Kortright* 1967  
Water and Marsh Birds of the World *Oliver L. Austin* 1967  
Fundamentals of Ornithology *Van Tyne/Berger* 1966  
A Field Guide to Birds of East & Central Africa *J. G. Williams* 1964  
A Field Guide to the Birds of Texas *Roger Tory Peterson* 1963  
Life Histories of North American Gulls and Terns *Arthur C Bent* 1963  
A Field Guide to Western Birds *Roger Tory Peterson* 1961  
Birds of the World *O.L. Austin & A. Singer* 1961  
New Mexico Birds and where to find them *J. Stokley Ligon* 1961  
A Gathering of Shore Birds *H.M. Hall, Clement, Dick* 1960  
Birds of Alaska *Gabrielson & Lincoln* 1959  
A Field Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians *Roger Conant* 1958  
Birds of Cyprus *D.A. & W.M. Bannerman* (signed) 1958  
Aves Venezolanas *Kathleen Deery de Phelps* 1955  
Birds of East. & No. Eastern Africa Vol 2 *Mackworth-Praed & Grant* 1955  
Birds of the Sudan *P.O. Cave & J.D. Macdonald* 1955  
Birds of East. & No. Eastern Africa Vol. 1 *Mackworth-Praed & Grant* 1952  
Popular Handbook of Indian Birds *Hugh Whistler* 1949  
Birds of the British Isles 1/1500 *Eric Fitch Daglish* 1948  
Life Histories of North American Shore Birds *Arthur C Bent* 1934  
Birds of the Ocean *W.B. Alexander* 1928  
Field Book of Birds of the Panama Canal Zone *B Bement Sturgis* 1928  
The World of Birds (signed by RTP) *J. Fisher & Roger Tory Peterson*

## IOU-Sponsored Birding Trips

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Selecting and scheduling trips, working out the logistics and pricing, and handling individual registrations months in advance are daunting tasks that paid staff at major bird tour companies struggle with. However, each IOU-sponsored trip will be announced as far in advance as possible. And also as much as possible, each trip will be announced both in *IOU News* and via the fastest and surest form of communications between members – the IOU-sponsored IA-BIRD listserv.

Some 85% of American households are connected to the Internet. For those IOU members who are not yet online, or who are not using the free-access computers at their local libraries: it may not always be possible to perfectly match emerging opportunities for birding trips to the publication schedule of *IOU News*. But we will do the best we can with this limitation, and will strive to give each member an equal opportunity to participate on the trips.

**Registration Procedure.** Regardless of how members may learn of the details and the cost of an IOU-sponsored birding trip, as long as we are handling registrations, this program will follow a "first paid – first served" registration policy.

To be as fair as possible, booking space on a birding trip will be a two-step process. Once a cost is announced, participants may sign-up with a phone call or email. A list of sign-ups will be maintained and birders will have 7 calendar

days to make payment. Receiving such full payments will take priority over any sign-up phone calls. So, for example, for a trip that is limited to 12 participants, the first 12 birders who pay in full are registered, and each will receive notification that they are registered. Waiting lists will be maintained in chronological order for sign-ups and for those who attempt to register. Birders at the top of the waiting list will have the first opportunity to register if a cancellation should occur.

In all cases fairness will be the over-riding policy. Your indulgence is requested as this initiative evolves and matures.

### Current Trip Ideas.

*The Circle Iowa Birding Reunion Tour (The CIBR Tour)*, scheduled for June 10th through June 19th. This 9-day birding adventure (Friday evening to the following Sunday) will take place entirely within Iowa. The trip will include family-oriented birding for every skill level, and participants may take part in any part of it, from a half-day to all 9-days. We hope to make this an annual event with a different route each year.

*North Carolina Coastal Trip with Two Pelagic Trips* is scheduled for July 28 – August 4, 2005. This trip is scheduled to coincide with the peak of Atlantic Coast shorebird migration, and to avoid hurricane season. It will also provide opportunities to view southeastern U.S. specialty landbirds such as Black Rail, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bachman's Sparrow, Swainson's Warbler, and Brown-headed Nuthatch, and many, many waterbirds.

-Ric Zarwell, IOU Birding Trip Coordinator

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## Spring Field Reports

Matt Kenne

As I write this on the first calendar-day of Spring, my neighborhood is melting out from under more than a foot of bright new snow. Regardless, the rising tide of migration and nesting urges sweeps on: Mourning Doves are nesting outside my door, and Trumpeter Swans fought for territory on an ice-covered lake this morning while Cooper's Hawks flew courtship flights overhead.

As you enjoy the pageant unfolding this Spring, please keep in mind that the bird life you witness can be recorded for future generations by reporting observations for publication in *Iowa Bird Life*. You can easily enter your 1 Mar to 31 May data with a personal computer after each bird outing at the webpage

<http://www.iowabirds.org/fieldreports/default.asp>.

This electronic data entry relieves much of the workload of the field report editors and is greatly appreciated. Alternatively, you can enter your complete data set at the end of the season, but please try to do so by 3 June to help ease deadline stress. If you are unable to access a computer, your spring sightings can be sent by regular mail to me (by 3 June) at 709 N. Phillips St., Algona, Iowa 50511.

Some of the observations most useful to field report editors are:

1. The occurrence of accidental and casually occurring species, or species of special concern as determined by state or federal threatened or endangered status, or designation by the Iowa Important Bird Areas program.
2. The status of resident species usually restricted to certain regions of the state and any variation from that range.
3. The occurrence of uncommon or local nesting species and their success.
4. The first and last migrants and uncommon wintering or summering species as appropriate to each season.
5. The peak numbers for a species encountered in a given time or location.
6. Rarely encountered avian behavior or phenomenon.

Please include some details of identification for reports of rare or difficult-to-identify species, or any species found outside the regularly recorded range of dates for that species found in Kent and Dinsmore's *Iowa Birds* or on the electronic data entry webpage.



An Olive-sided Flycatcher migrates through the Lime Creek Conservation Area in Cerro Gordo County in Spring, 2004. Photo by P. Hertzell.

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## IOU Members Enjoy Sponsored Field Trip to Northern Minnesota

Ric Zarwell

A Northern Minnesota trip for owls and other boreal species took place Dec. 9-12, 2004. This trip was put together quickly in late November when it became obvious that we were in for a major invasion of northern owls. Headquartered in Duluth, MN, twelve Iowans were led by professional bird guide Mike Overton. One large van was used to reduce individual costs. Popular birding sites that were visited include: Sax-Zim Bog, Two Harbors, Highway 2 in Lake County, Wisconsin Point, Superior Dump, and a bird-filled backyard.

The group observed 45 species of birds, a total that was down due to Lake Superior being ice-free which led to widely dispersed waterbirds. Observed birds include: Thayer's Gull, Kumlien's Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull, Gray Jay, Black-billed Magpie, Bohemian Waxwing, Pine Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, Hoary Redpoll and Evening Grosbeak. Close-up views were enjoyed of some 15 Great Gray Owls and 5 Northern Hawk Owls. Each person experienced different personal highlights and special moments, but the beauty of the North Woods, the experience of a new form of winter birding, and the abundance of some species—the owls and 250+ Bohemian Waxwings—were appreciated by all.

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## In Memoriam

Dean Mosman passed away Wednesday, January 19, 2005. Dean was a longtime member of the IOU, and gave much to furthering the knowledge of birds in Iowa. He was a bander of birds for many years, and contributed to the *Iowa Bird Life* field reports continuously for twenty-one years between 1973-1993. He collected data on bird casualties at the towers at Alleman, maintained an extensive Bluebird trail, and also facilitated Purple Martin viewing and contributed to Purple Martin research. Dean hosted the famous Yellow Grosbeak at his feeders near Elkhart, Iowa.



## Iowa Birds Photo Contest Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Photo 1

Species (common name):

Date of Photo:

Location (include county):

Make of Camera:

Digital or Film:

Make and Power of Lens or Telescope:

### Photo 2

Species (common name):

Date of Photo:

Location (include county):

Make of Camera:

Digital or Film:

Make and Power of Lens or Telescope:

### Photo 3

Species (common name):

Date of Photo:

Location (include county):

Make of Camera:

Digital or Film:

Make and Power of Lens or Telescope:

### Please indicate your choices:

I wish to donate any winnings to the IOU Publications Enhancement Fund for publication of winning photos. \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

I agree to allow my photo(s) to be published in *Iowa Bird Life* or *IOU News* or to be displayed on the *Iowa Birds & Birding* website

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No. I wish to donate my photo(s) to the IOU for use in displays. \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Mail this entry form along with a \$5.00 entry fee\* for each photo submitted to:

Iowa Birds Photo Contest Committee

c/o Sharon Stilwell

218 S. 33<sup>rd</sup> St.

West Des Moines, IA 50265-6415

### Iowa Birds Photo Contest Rules

Participants: Any IOU member excluding members of the Judging Committee may submit photos.

Subjects: Still photos of wild, unrestrained birds taken in Iowa of species on the Official State List (including a new species if accepted by the Records Committee) will be accepted. Photos may be recent or old, digital or film, and color or black-and-white.

Submission: Each contestant may submit up to three photos with a submission fee of \$5 for each photo. Entries must be mailed to the Judging Committee no earlier than April 8 and received no later than May 10, 2005. Use the entry form from *IOU News* or on the website *Iowa Birds & Birding* (<http://www.iowabirds.org>).

Form: Each photo must be on 8 x 10 or 8.5 x 11 inch paper or mounted on 8 x 10 or 8.5 x 11 inch matte board or foam core. Only one photo per board allowed. On the back of the photo the following information is required: (1) name of species (common name), (2) date of photo (e.g., 6 February 2003), (3) location including county, (4) make of camera, (5) digital or film, (6) make and power of lens or telescope and (7) photographer. Other information should not be included. Neatness and quality of mounting will be a factor in judging.

Judging: The photos will be judged by a three-member committee. The time will be determined by the Judging Committee. The judges may divide the photos into categories (e.g., digital—vs. film or passerines—vs. non-passerines). The judges will base their selections on quality of the photograph, view of the bird, difficulty of obtaining the photo (rarity of species, secretiveness) and quality of the mounting and labeling. The judges shall decide on the details of the judging process and their decisions shall be final.

Winners: The number of prizes will be based on the number of entries. Forty percent of the entries will receive a prize—1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention as appropriate, overall or within categories. The entry fee money will be distributed to the winners approximately as follows: 1st 40%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 15%, and honorable mention 5%. The judges will determine the final allocation to best fit these approximations. All photos will be on display Friday evening and Saturday of the meeting. Photographers not wishing to donate photos may pick up photos after the banquet on Saturday night or make other arrangements with the chair of the Judging Committee.



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# Birds of Sewage Treatment Ponds

Jim Dinsmore

In many states, sewage treatment ponds are considered a good birding site and are visited regularly by birders. A recent article in *Birding* (Williams 2002) described several such sites and the birds that could be found at them. Although a number of birders in Iowa regularly visit at least some sewage treatment ponds, I believe that in general this is a birding habitat that is overlooked in the state. A visit to a pond generally does not lead to a long list of bird species, but in some parts of Iowa these sites are the only accessible water habitat. The typical species found on sewage treatment ponds are ducks, geese, and other water birds, especially during migration. Other species often found on them include grebes, Double-crested Cormorant, gulls, terns, swallows, and in some cases, shorebirds. However, just by stopping to check a pond, you may find a flycatcher or some other bird that otherwise you would have missed.

To try to encourage more use of these sites, I have listed below a sample of sewage treatment ponds in Iowa that I am aware of and that are accessible to birders. In most cases, the ponds are viewable from a public road or some other type of access that allows easy viewing. I have listed these sites by county along with directions on how to reach the site and any other notes about access that are needed. I would appreciate information on additional sites that could be added to this list.

## LITERATURE CITED

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### Butler County

Allison-two ponds are just south of Allison on the east side of highway 14. These ponds can be seen from the highway but better viewing is available from the cemetery that is between the highway and the ponds.

### Crawford County

Denison-from the intersection of Highways 30/59, go north on 59 to the second stop sign (Arrowhead Road). Go west past the Wal Mart store. Two ponds are on the south side of the road just west of Wal Mart store.

### Greene County

Grand Junction-three ponds are south of highway 30 just to the east of Grand Junction. The best viewing is from the highway 30 overpass east of town. There is a narrow shoulder there that you can park on but be careful for traffic; highway 30 is a busy road.

### Hamilton County

Jewell-located east of Jewell and south of highway 175. The best viewing is from the highway shoulder on the viaduct across the railroad tracks. The ponds are several hundred yards away so a spotting scope is necessary for viewing.

### Hardin County

Hubbard-two ponds are located just south of Hubbard and east of highway 65 about 0.5 miles south of the intersection of highway 65/175. A paved road is just to the south of the ponds and allows viewing but there is no shoulder and a deep ditch. This road is not too busy so usually you can stop briefly to check the ponds.

Radcliffe-several ponds are east of Radcliffe on the north side of highway 175. There is a narrow shoulder here where you can pull off of the road and view the ponds.

### Ida County

Holstein-several ponds are southeast of Holstein just to the south of highway 20. Turn south on German Avenue. The best pond is usually the southwestern most one which can be viewed from German Avenue.



## Iowa Cooper's Hawk First Banded in Mexico

McGregor, IA. A Cooper's Hawk first banded in Mexico, recently completed the 1750-mile journey between there and Iowa, for perhaps the tenth time.

Jon Stravers and David Kester of Audubon's Upper Mississippi River Campaign captured an adult female Cooper's Hawk on October 7, 2004, at their raptor banding station near Effigy Mounds National Monument on the Mississippi River. The hawk had been previously banded as a second year bird on October 14, 2000 near the town of Jalapa in Veracruz, Mexico. The distance between these two banding stations is approximately 1750 miles.

This is a remarkable journey, given that mortality rates of most raptors are significant during the first year - as much as 70%. Likely born in 1999, this is a bird that has survived five migrations to the tropics and back.

This story has an interesting personal note in that Ernesto Ruelas, director of Pronatura, a conservation organization in eastern Mexico, banded this particular Cooper's Hawk in 2000. Ruelas first came to the U.S. in 1989 and worked with Jon Stravers in the Goshute Mountains of Nevada at a raptor banding station operated by Hawkwatch International.

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## No More '300 Years'?

*Eugene Armstrong*

After a lifetime of birding Iowa, nine pairs of binoculars, and four spotting scopes, it's time to sit back and think of all the species of birds we have seen, all the people we've met, the many towns we've visited, the four different habitats of each corner of the state, and the miles and miles of highways. All of Iowa's creeks and rivers, each one unique and different; what an experience!!! The goals we've set, some made and some missed.

Twelve of fourteen of our last years we averaged 300.5 species. With a large birthday just over the horizon and many body parts that have degenerated, we wanted to make one more "300-year" in Iowa. In 2004, we picked the right year—species numbers were good, vagrants were excellent, and we made up for some regulars we missed. Three crows found our 300th species, a Short-eared Owl on December 3rd. We finished up with 305 and 306 species on December 30th (a Varied Thrush). It was only fitting that my longtime partner should finish ahead with one more species. After all, I taught her all I know.

It's been an enlightening hobby! We would like to say "thanks" to our many birding friends.

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### The Armstrongs' 2004 Running Total, By Month

58	January
82	February
113	March
189	April
264	May
270	June
271	July
278	August
283	September
294	October
300	November
306	December

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## 2004 Iowa Listing Totals

*Paul Hertzel*

Thirty-four Iowa birders submitted state list totals for 2004. It was a good year for rarities, even with people at the top of the list adding four or five species to their state totals. The top four individuals' totals are remarkable in that each represents more than 92% of the Iowa state list (406 species).

Eloise Armstrong submitted the highest annual list for the year 2004. She recorded 306 species in the state, one Cape May Warbler more than her husband, Eugene.

### Iowa State Life List

- 384 Eugene Armstrong, Eloise Armstrong
- 381 Tom Kent
- 376 Jim Fuller
- 364 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 362 Mark Proescholdt
- 360 Ann Johnson
- 354 Beth Proescholdt
- 353 Stephen Dinsmore
- 342 Jim Dinsmore
- 337 Ray Cummins
- 333 Chris Edwards
- 331 Mike Overton
- 330 Curt Nelson  
Aaron Brees
- 327 Carolyn Fischer,  
Rita Goranson,  
Mary Lou Petersen
- 321 Lee Schoenewe
- 320 Christopher Caster
- 312 Jerry Probst
- 308 Bill Scheible
- 307 Paul Hertzel
- 302 Ric Zarwell
- 301 Jay Gilliam
- 298 Dale Fye
- 293 Matt Kenne
- 287 Diana Pesek
- 281 Doug Harr
- 279 Dick Bierman
- 271 Gerald Von Ehwegen
- 257 Don Robinson
- 240 Danny Akers  
92 Harsha Jayawardena

### Personally Found in Iowa

- 334 Steve Dinsmore
- 326 Jim Fuller
- 308 Lee Schoenewe
- 305 Mark Proescholdt
- 301 Aaron Brees
- 293 Matt Kenne
- 290 Rita Goranson



Eloise Armstrong, 2004.

### 2004 Iowa Year List

- 306 Eloise Armstrong
- 305 Eugene Armstrong
- 285 Aaron Brees
- 282 Christopher Caster
- 280 Reid Allen
- 278 Pam Allen
- 276 Mike Overton,  
Chris Edwards
- 275 Jay Gilliam
- 273 Diana Pesek
- 268 Bill Scheible
- 262 Tom Kent,  
Mark Proescholdt
- 253 Rita Goranson
- 251 Lee Schoenewe
- 245 Paul Hertzel
- 237 Ray Cummins
- 236 Shane Patterson
- 235 Tom Johnson
- 234 Katy Patterson
- 226 Gerald Von Ehwegen
- 224 Mike Stevens
- 205 Vicky Stevens
- 209 Danny Akers
- 208 Ric Zarwell
- 200 Don Robinson
- 179 Dale Fye
- 92 Harsha Jayawardena

# Big Days

A handful of Iowa birders were busy doing Big Days in 2004. New high totals were achieved for three months of the year, 117 in June, 105 in July, and 68 in December. In addition, Big Days were run in several counties, with high totals established for Clay, Clayton, Johnson, Winnebago, and Woodbury.

A *Big Day* is a group affair in which participants attempt to record in a single day, in a particular geographic region, as many species as they can find. We ask that participants follow the ABA Big Day rules and the ABA Birding Code of Ethics.

## All 2004 Big Days

- 165 *Woodbury Co.\** 08 May, 2004  
Bob Livermore, Jerry Probst, Dave Stage
- 148 *Clay Co.\** 09 May, 2004  
Pete Ernzen, Gary Grange, Lee Schoenewe
- 136 *Johnson Co.\** 08 May, 2004  
Jim Fuller, Tom Kent
- 132 *Warren Co.* 08 May, 2004  
John Bissell, Jay Gilliam
- 127 *Winnebago Co.\** 09 May, 2004  
Rita Goranson, Paul Hertzell
- 117 *Statewide: June\** 01 June, 2004  
Rita Goranson, Paul Hertzell
- 105 *Statewide: July\** 24 July, 2004  
Gary Grange, Lee Schoenewe
- 94 *Clayton Co.\** 08 May, 2004  
Danny Akers, Julie Brazzell
- 78 *Clayton Co.* 06 June, 2004  
Danny Akers, Diana Pesek
- 78 *Statewide: August.* 04 Aug, 2004  
Danny Akers, Diana Pesek
- 68 *Statewide: December\** 01 Dec, 2004  
Jim Fuller, Tom Kent

\* New record high total for the category

## Iowa Big Day Records by Month

- 63 29 **January**, 1995  
Gordon Brown, Stephen Dinsmore
- 64 29 **February**, 2000  
Pam Allen, Reid Allen
- 90 27 **March**, 1988  
Stephen Dinsmore, Ross Silcock
- 141 29 **April**, 1989  
Stephen Dinsmore, Paul Hertzell
- 204 13 **May**, 1996  
P Petersen, B Blevens, D Moeller
- 117 01 **June**, 2004  
Rita Goranson, Paul Hertzell
- 105 24 **July**, 2004  
Gary Grange, Lee Schoenewe
- 124 30 **August**, 2003  
Rita Goranson, Paul Hertzell
- 135 05 **September**, 1987  
Andrew Fix, Stephen Dinsmore
- 91 05 **October**, 2002  
Gary Grange, Lee Schoenewe
- 87 11 **November**, 2003  
Ed Thelen, Lee Schoenewe
- 68 01 **December**, 2004  
Jim Fuller, Tom Kent



## Iowa Big Day Records by County

Fifteen Iowa counties now have Big Day record totals. Fremont County in extreme southwestern Iowa has the highest county total with an amazing 171 species achieved by four birders in 1991.

- Allamakee** 126 10 May 2003  
Meliss Wolfe, Matt Paulson, Betty Zarwell, Ric Zarwell
- Cerro Gordo** 145 11 May 2002  
Carolyn Fischer, Rita Goranson, Paul Hertzell
- Clay** 148 09 May 2004  
Pete Ernzen, Gary Grange, Lee Schoenewe
- Clayton** 94 08 May 2004  
Danny Akers, Julie Brazzell
- Dickinson** 91 05 Oct 2002  
Gary Grange, Lee Schoenewe
- Fremont** 171 11 May 1991  
B J Rose, Doug Rose, Ross Silcock, Stephen Dinsmore
- Hancock** 128 20 May 2003  
Rita Goranson, Matt Kenne
- Johnson** 136 08 May 2004  
Jim Fuller, Tom Kent
- Kossuth** 153 14 May 2002  
Matt Kenne, Paul Hertzell
- Marshall** 123 10 May 2003  
Mark Proescholdt, Paul Hertzell
- Polk** 132 20 May 1994  
Gordon Brown, Stephen Dinsmore
- Warren** 154 09 May 2003  
Aaron Brees, Jim Sinclair
- Winnebago** 127 09 May 2004  
Rita Goranson, Paul Hertzell
- Woodbury** 165 08 May 2004  
Bob Livermore, Jerry Probst, Dave Stage
- Worth** 136 13 May 2003  
Rita Goranson, Paul Hertzell

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# Individual County Lists

## Some of the Top Lists

- 316 Tom Kent, *Johnson*
- 315 Jim Fuller, *Johnson*
- 309 Stephen Dinsmore, *Polk*
- 299 Reid Allen, Pam Allen, *Polk*
- 295 Curt Nelson, *Cerro Gordo*
- 293 Carolyn Fischer, *Cerro Gordo*
- 291 Chris Edwards, *Johnson*
- 289 Rita Goranson, *Cerro Gordo*
- 288 Ray Cummins, *Appanoose*
- 285 Mary Lou Petersen, *Scott*
- 284 Lee Schoenewe, *Clay*
- 283 Jerry Probst, *Woodbury*
- 281 Matt Kenne, *Kossuth*

## All County Lists

### Adair

- 109 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 58 Mark Proescholdt

### Adams

- 90 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 59 Mark Proescholdt

### Allamakee

- 268 Ric Zarwell
- 180 Mark Proescholdt
- 165 Rita Goranson
- 162 Danny Akers
- 158 Chris Edwards
- 121 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Appanoose

- 288 Ray Cummins
- 201 Aaron Brees
- 160 Mark Proescholdt
- 159 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 92 Danny Akers

### Audubon

- 88 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 50 Mark Proescholdt

### Benton

- 177 Mark Proescholdt
- 131 Chris Edwards
- 57 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 43 Danny Akers

### Black Hawk

- 221 Mary Lou Petersen
- 167 Mark Proescholdt
- 64 Danny Akers
- 62 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 32 Dale Fye

### Boone

- 252 Stephen Dinsmore
- 245 Jim Dinsmore
- 232 Mark Proescholdt
- 220 Beth Proescholdt
- 215 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 186 Doug Harr
- 72 Danny Akers

### Bremer

- 169 Mark Proescholdt
- 93 Danny Akers
- 65 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Buchanan

- 160 Mark Proescholdt
- 42 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Buena Vista

- 187 Dick Bierman
- 131 Lee Schoenewe
- 74 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 70 Mark Proescholdt

### Butler

- 211 Mark Proescholdt
- 82 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Calhoun

- 159 Mark Proescholdt
- 117 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Carroll

- 167 Stephen Dinsmore
- 154 Jim Dinsmore
- 154 Mark Proescholdt
- 137 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Cass

- 134 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 50 Mark Proescholdt

### Cedar

- 125 Chris Edwards
- 58 Mark Proescholdt
- 55 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 49 Dale Fye

### Cerro Gordo

- 295 Curt Nelson
- 293 Carolyn Fischer
- 289 Rita Goranson
- 270 Paul Hertz
- 188 Stephen Dinsmore
- 182 Dick Bierman
- 166 Jim Dinsmore
- 164 Mark Proescholdt
- 152 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Cherokee

- 263 Dick Bierman
- 67 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 59 Mark Proescholdt

### Chickasaw

- 60 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 57 Mark Proescholdt

### Clarke

- 99 Jim Sinclair
- 88 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 62 Dale Fye
- 58 Mark Proescholdt

### Clay

- 284 Lee Schoenewe
- 183 Stephen Dinsmore
- 180 Dick Bierman
- 162 Jim Dinsmore
- 88 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 76 Mark Proescholdt

### Clayton

- 176 Danny Akers
- 89 Mark Proescholdt
- 69 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Clinton

- 208 Mary Lou Petersen
- 123 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 55 Mark Proescholdt

### Crawford

- 74 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 56 Mark Proescholdt

### Dallas

- 199 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 189 Stephen Dinsmore
- 170 Ray Cummins
- 165 Mark Proescholdt
- 151 Jim Dinsmore

### Davis

- 84 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 63 Mark Proescholdt

### Decatur

- 127 Stephen Dinsmore
- 101 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 67 Mark Proescholdt

### Delaware

- 154 Mark Proescholdt
- 75 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 37 Danny Akers

### Des Moines

- 248 Jim Fuller
- 101 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 61 Mark Proescholdt
- 42 Dale Fye

### Dickinson

- 284 Lee Schoenewe
- 248 Doug Harr
- 201 Stephen Dinsmore
- 195 Dick Bierman
- 184 Jim Dinsmore
- 154 Mark Proescholdt
- 126 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Dubuque

- 84 Danny Akers
- 65 Mark Proescholdt
- 52 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Emmet

- 195 Lee Schoenewe
- 81 Mark Proescholdt
- 69 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Fayette

- 60 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 59 Mark Proescholdt
- 44 Danny Akers

### Floyd

- 127 Rita Goranson
- 62 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 59 Mark Proescholdt

### Franklin

- 175 Mark Proescholdt
- 83 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Fremont

- 255 Stephen Dinsmore
- 202 Mark Proescholdt
- 196 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 154 Ray Cummins
- 104 Chris Edwards

### Greene

- 217 Stephen Dinsmore
- 185 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 183 Mark Proescholdt
- 181 Jim Dinsmore

### Grundy

- 193 Mark Proescholdt
- 96 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Guthrie

- 234 Stephen Dinsmore
- 210 Ray Cummins
- 203 Mark Proescholdt
- 203 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Hamilton

- 226 Dennis Carter
- 210 Mark Proescholdt
- 206 Stephen Dinsmore
- 179 Jim Dinsmore
- 165 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Hancock

- 192 Rita Goranson
- 170 Stephen Dinsmore
- 167 Mark Proescholdt
- 121 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Hardin

- 256 Mark Proescholdt
- 229 Beth Proescholdt
- 110 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

### Harrison

- 182 Dick Bierman
- 161 Stephen Dinsmore
- 105 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 58 Mark Proescholdt

### Henry

- 88 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 63 Mark Proescholdt

### Howard

- 59 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 53 Mark Proescholdt
- 41 Danny Akers

### Humboldt

- 74 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 64 Mark Proescholdt

### Ida

- 64 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 58 Mark Proescholdt

### Iowa

- 216 Chris Edwards
- 158 Mark Proescholdt
- 86 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 58 Danny Akers
- 30 Dale Fye

### Jackson

- 121 Chris Edwards
- 98 Reid Allen, Pam Allen
- 77 Mark Proescholdt

### Jasper

- 207 Mark Proescholdt
- 172 Beth Proescholdt
- 131 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

**Jefferson**

75 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
50 Mark Proescholdt

**Johnson**

316 Tom Kent  
315 Jim Fuller  
291 Chris Edwards  
265 Christopher Caster  
235 Diana Pesek  
185 Mark Proescholdt  
175 Dale Fye  
171 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
119 Danny Akers

**Jones**

188 Chris Edwards  
63 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
56 Mark Proescholdt  
44 Dale Fye

**Keokuk**

87 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
51 Mark Proescholdt  
37 Danny Akers

**Kossuth**

281 Matt Kenne  
180 Stephen Dinsmore  
176 Paul Hertzfel  
171 Rita Goranson  
163 Mark Proescholdt  
151 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
68 Dale Fye

**Lee**

214 Chris Edwards  
211 Stephen Dinsmore  
176 Ray Cummins  
155 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
155 Mark Proescholdt

**Linn**

247 Dale Fye  
218 Chris Edwards  
216 Bill Scheible  
181 Diana Pesek  
170 Mark Proescholdt  
122 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
89 Danny Akers

**Louisa**

272 Jim Fuller  
195 Chris Edwards  
140 Dale Fye  
128 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
106 Mark Proescholdt  
53 Danny Akers

**Lucas**

226 Aaron Brees  
158 Mark Proescholdt  
148 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
145 Ray Cummins

**Lyon**

184 Doug Harr  
68 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
55 Mark Proescholdt

**Madison**

176 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
152 Mark Proescholdt

**Mahaska**

151 Mark Proescholdt  
85 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
49 Dale Fye

**Marion**

265 Aaron Brees  
227 Stephen Dinsmore  
222 Mark Proescholdt  
213 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
207 Ray Cummins  
114 Dale Fye  
75 Danny Akers

**Marshall**

269 Beth Proescholdt  
268 Mark Proescholdt  
204 Stephen Dinsmore  
140 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

**Mills**

141 Stephen Dinsmore  
134 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
61 Mark Proescholdt

**Mitchell**

60 Mark Proescholdt  
55 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

**Monona**

180 Stephen Dinsmore  
137 Dick Bierman  
105 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
80 Mark Proescholdt

**Monroe**

102 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
53 Mark Proescholdt

**Montgomery**

68 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
54 Mark Proescholdt

**Muscatine**

228 Mary Lou Petersen  
140 Chris Edwards  
99 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
69 Mark Proescholdt

**O'Brien**

200 Lee Schoenewe  
186 Dick Bierman  
63 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
58 Mark Proescholdt

**Osceola**

59 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
55 Mark Proescholdt

**Page**

70 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
50 Mark Proescholdt

**Palo Alto**

236 Lee Schoenewe  
150 Stephen Dinsmore  
97 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
81 Mark Proescholdt  
34 Dale Fye

**Plymouth**

138 Stephen Dinsmore  
67 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
58 Mark Proescholdt

**Pocahontas**

213 Ray Cummins  
151 Dick Bierman  
87 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
66 Mark Proescholdt

**Polk**

309 Stephen Dinsmore  
299 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
268 Mark Proescholdt  
262 Aaron Brees  
255 Jim Dinsmore  
251 Jay Gilliam  
248 Beth Proescholdt  
169 Ray Cummins  
109 Chris Edwards  
108 Danny Akers  
92 Dale Fye

**Pottawattamie**

208 Stephen Dinsmore  
153 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
122 Mark Proescholdt

**Poweshiek**

213 Mark Proescholdt  
80 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

**Ringgold**

126 Stephen Dinsmore  
93 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
61 Mark Proescholdt

**Sac**

151 Mark Proescholdt  
146 Dick Bierman  
143 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

**Scott**

285 Mary Lou Petersen  
226 Don Robinson  
141 Chris Edwards  
114 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
56 Mark Proescholdt  
34 Dale Fye

**Shelby**

79 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
55 Mark Proescholdt

**Sioux**

62 Mark Proescholdt  
62 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

**Story**

279 Stephen Dinsmore  
264 Jim Dinsmore  
244 Mark Proescholdt  
225 Beth Proescholdt  
171 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

**Tama**

239 Mark Proescholdt  
189 Beth Proescholdt  
142 Chris Edwards  
119 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
76 Dale Fye  
43 Danny Akers

**Taylor**

67 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
53 Mark Proescholdt

**Union**

135 Stephen Dinsmore  
125 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
54 Mark Proescholdt

**Van Buren**

178 Ray Cummins  
156 Mark Proescholdt  
132 Chris Edwards  
111 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
73 Danny Akers

**Wapello**

95 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
81 Mark Proescholdt  
53 Danny Akers

**Warren**

244 Aaron Brees  
243 Ann Johnson  
232 Jay Gilliam  
202 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
183 Mark Proescholdt  
59 Dale Fye  
45 Danny Akers

**Washington**

138 Chris Edwards  
77 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
54 Mark Proescholdt

**Wayne**

223 Aaron Brees  
148 Ray Cummins  
108 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
62 Mark Proescholdt

**Webster**

161 Mark Proescholdt  
106 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

**Winnebago**

173 Rita Goranson  
157 Paul Hertzfel  
154 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
153 Stephen Dinsmore  
80 Mark Proescholdt

**Winneshiek**

253 Dennis Carter  
132 Danny Akers  
97 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
59 Mark Proescholdt

**Woodbury**

283 Jerry Probst  
251 Gerald Von Ehwegen  
152 Mark Proescholdt  
125 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

**Worth**

225 Curt Nelson  
215 Paul Hertzfel  
209 Rita Goranson  
121 Reid Allen, Pam Allen  
72 Mark Proescholdt

**Wright**

219 Stephen Dinsmore  
171 Mark Proescholdt  
158 Jim Dinsmore  
119 Reid Allen, Pam Allen

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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, kayaking and canoeing adventures, Trumpeter Swan releases, LIVE reptiles and amphibians, nature photography, and youth programs. There is also food and door prizes at some locations.

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, and Palo Alto Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever Chapters.

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

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## International Migratory Bird Day – May 14, 2005

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!

The 2005 Focus: *Collisions: Clear the Way for Birds*

Flight is a magnificent means of transportation, allowing bats, insects, birds, and even humans to travel great distances. For many birds, however, a journey across the skies may be a veritable obstacle course of human-related hazards. In 2005, International Migratory Bird Day examines the obstacles birds may encounter in flight and explores the many ways we may minimize their impacts. Advances made in technology invariably contribute to losses in bird life. Cell phone towers, powerlines, windows in homes and office buildings, and even sources of renewable energy, such as wind turbines, create obstacles for birds in flight. While the facts about birds and collisions may be disturbing, the collaboration of biologists, birders, communities, and corporations to develop innovative solutions is hopeful. Details for this year's IMBD collision theme can be found at: <http://www.birdday.org/>.

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## IOWA AUDUBON'S *Wild About Birds*

Join Iowa's bird & habitat specialists, expert naturalists, plus nationally known speakers as we celebrate Iowa's beautiful birds and natural habitats. Learn to support Iowa's rarest birds through Iowa Audubon's Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program.

Friday Evening April 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday Afternoon May 1<sup>st</sup>

Central Location: Camp Hantesa, near the Des Moines River and Ledges State Park, Boone, Iowa.

Registration includes: Iowa Audubon membership, Friday evening welcome reception with finger food, Saturday afternoon refreshments, Saturday night dinner with keynote speaker, all conference activities and field trips. Learn about 200+ habitats for birds in 86 Iowa counties, participate in expert led field trips to forests and wetlands, see demonstrations on how to attract and manage wildlife on your property, learn how to becoming a better birder, enjoy naturalist-led programs with live birds of prey, explore relevant bird & habitat topics through interactive panel discussions and workshops, win nature-oriented auction items and door prizes.

Check [www.IowaAudubon.org](http://www.IowaAudubon.org) for updates, registration and full details. For questions, call 515-432-5057, or email Karl Jungbluth at [weatherbird@opencominc.com](mailto:weatherbird@opencominc.com).

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## Ringgold County Prairie Chicken Day

April 16, 2005 will be the 2nd Annual Ringgold County Prairie Chicken Day. DNR Wildlife Technician, Micah Lee, invites outdoor enthusiasts to welcome the dawn at Kellerton Bird Conservation Area, enjoying these native birds as they boom and dance. DNR Wildlife Diversity Program and Americore personnel will be on hand. 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.

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can be made on the web site at  
<http://www.iowabirds.org>  
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