

IOU News

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The far west end of Clear Lake, known as Ventura. Photo by P Hertzal 2005.

SPRING MEETING 2006: Clear Lake, IA

The Iowa Ornithologists' Union Spring Meeting will be held May 19-21 at Ventura in North Central Iowa. Deer Valley Lodge, nestled in a wooded valley and located on the shores

of Clear Lake, will serve as the host facility. The IOU invites members, friends and others interested in birds and birding to spend a few days in this spectacular natural area.



Deer Valley Lodge is located in Ventura Heights, IA.

IOU members from the Mason City area are hosting this event. Led by Carolyn Fischer, Rita Goranson, Curt Nelson, Paul and Tammy Hertzal, this group will provide leadership in a number of areas, including field trips to area lakes, marshes, sloughs and woodlands on both Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The keynote speaker for the Saturday evening will be Dr. Jerome "Jerry" Jackson, who is the Whitaker Eminent Scholar in Science at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers. He has a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University and a PhD from the University of Kansas. Jackson, a native Iowan, is an expert on the behavioral ecology of birds, with special emphasis on endangered species and woodpeckers.

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Dates, Things To Do

April 29, 30

IOU Trip Committee field trip to Crex Meadows, Wisconsin. Kent Nickell, Chairman.

May 5-7

Audubon Society of Missouri Spring Meeting, St. Louis, MO.

May 13

International Migratory Bird Day, 2006. Theme: "Boreal Forest: Bird Nursery of the North".

May 13, 14

Wings & Wetland Weekend-Iowa lakes country. Contact: Lost Island Prairie Wetlands Nature Center (712) 837-4866.

May 19-21

IOU Spring Meeting, Ventura, Iowa. John Rutenbeck, Coordinator. See page 4.

May 19-21

Nebraska Ornithologists' Union 107th Annual Meeting, Ponca State Park.

May 26-28

Wisconsin Society for Ornithology 67th Annual Convention, Nicolet College, Rhinelander, WI.

May 28

IOU Trip Committee field trip to southwest Iowa. Kent Nickell, Chairman.

June 01

End of Spring Reporting Season. Matt Kenne, Spring Editor. See page 10.

Slate of Officers

The IOU Nominations Committee announces the following slate of candidates for consideration at the 2006 IOU Spring Meeting:

<i>Secretary:</i>	Bob Cecil
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Tammy Hertzell
<i>Board of Directors:</i>	Carolyn Fischer
<i>Board of Directors:</i>	John Bissell
<i>Board of Directors:</i>	Tim Humpal

From the President

Our IOU Committees have been hard at work this fall and winter. Here's a brief overview of what they have been accomplishing.

The Membership Committee is finalizing arrangements for a book signing at a bird/nature shop in Mason City tentatively set for early April. Ann Johnson will be signing her Iowa bird guide book and Nishantha Gunawardena will be signing his book, *Traces of Eden*, which is a natural history book and contains photos of many birds from around the world. Nish is donating a portion of the sales to IOU. Hopefully, the event will draw attention to IOU and encourage folks to join. The Committee will also be asking for approval for two new members at the May Board meeting. Barb and Clyde Edson have agreed to serve on the committee and are willing to take on merchandise sales.

The Records Committee is putting the final touches on records from 2005 and will soon be starting on 2006. It was a banner year for newspecies added to the Iowa list in 2005 - Royal Tern, Acorn Woodpecker, and Green Violet-ear. The committee, especially the secretary, thanks all who enter their documentations on-line through the IOU website. This makes the process go much faster and we are pleased to be able to take timely action, often in time for our field reports editors to include some good records that otherwise might be omitted.

The Publications Committee has been slowly transitioning from the comfortable way former Registrar Dave Edwards managed the membership list to using new technology to accomplish the same thing. Thanks to the hard work of new Registrar, Doug Hunt, and Treasurer, Tammy Hertz, we feel confident that all members will receive our fine publications. Beginning with the first issue for 2006, mailing for the journal will be done through a mailing house in Boulder, CO. Since our mailing list can be generated electronically from the website, this method will save the IOU several dollars. Look for an added feature on the latest issue. Your expiration year will be on the cover sheet so, if yours reads 2005, get that renewal done soon and don't miss an issue of either *Iowa Bird Life* or *IOU News*.

The Projects Committee met in January. They have completed a draft of procedures to present to the Board for discussion in May. They are currently working on a grant application and guidelines for submitting proposals. They hope to open the application period next fall and give out the first grants in the spring of '07.

The Library/Archive Committee of the IOU now has a presence on the IOU webpage. At the last Executive Board meeting, a vision statement for the Library/Archive committee was approved. This statement was placed on the website in January. Within the last two weeks the location of our archives at the Special Collections, Parks Library, Iowa State University was described, hours of service, and contact information was provided.

The Committee continues to make copies of listserv information pertaining to the Union. Board and committee minutes, handouts, newspaper articles, photographs and anything else of relevant value is taken to the archives. The Committee requests that all IOU correspondence should have a cc to Hank Zaletel so that this information can be included in the Archive. Feel free to contact Hank by e-mail (madowl@midiova.net) or at any IOU function if you have material to contribute. Remember, information is only as good as people have access to it.

The Trip Committee reports that details are nearly finalized for the August IOU Arizona trip. Registration has been closed with eleven excited participants looking forward to a week of birding in the southwest. The Crex Meadows trip led by Jim Schieb has eight more on the Saturday outing with the option to continue on the Necedah extension and spaces for 12 for the Sunday outing to Crex only. Jim will be doing a repeat of his September IOU presentation on April 6 for the Iowa City Bird Club and those who might be interested in previewing the trip. It will be at 7:00 pm at Grant Wood AEA on Holiday Road in Coralville just north of the First Avenue exit from I-80. Check the IOU website for more details on the trips and watch for announcements of future trips.

One last reminder to get your membership renewal in for 2006 if you have not already done so. It's easy to do on the website or by mail. Renewals done on the website streamline the bookkeeping process for our registrar and treasurer so even if you plan to send a check, please consider entering the renewal information online.

I hope to see many of you at the spring meeting!

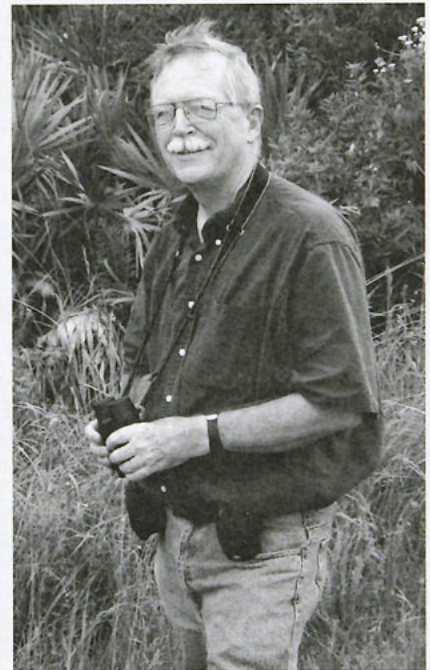
Sharon Stilwell
IOU President

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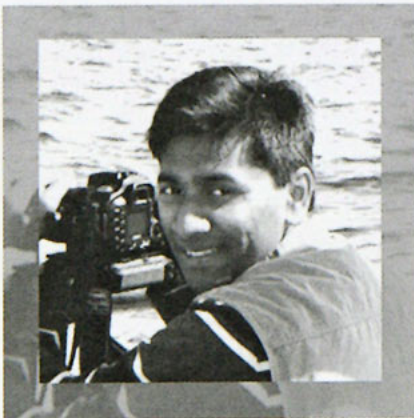
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Jackson has served as the editor of numerous ornithological journals, including *The Wilson Bulletin*, *Journal of Field Ornithology*, *The Mississippi Kite*, *North American Bird Bander*, *Inland Bird Banding*, *Florida Field Naturalist*, regional editor for *North American Birds*, and consulting editor for *Birder's World*. For 13 years he was co-host of a weekly nature-oriented television segment called "Southern Outdoors" that aired on CBS.

Author of the book *In Search of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker* (Smithsonian Institution Press, 2002), Jackson was an original member of the 1986 USFWS Ivory-billed Woodpecker Advisory Committee, which also included James Tanner. More recently, he was appointed a member of the Biology Working Group of the USFWS Ivory-billed Woodpecker Recovery Team. Ever careful, in January of this year, he wrote in *The Auk*, "Within a month of the announcement of the possible rediscovery of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, scientists began to question the validity of the interpretation of the data presented. Among the first to question the discovery were two Brazilian ornithologists who believed an alternative hypothesis (i.e. the bird in the Luneau video was an abnormal Pileated Woodpecker) had not been adequately considered and that the possibility that it was an Ivory-billed Woodpecker should only be considered a hypothesis (Nemésio and Rodrigues 2005). Serious questions have been raised concerning the quality of the data presented to support the contention that Ivory-billed Woodpeckers exist in the Big Woods. . ." (Ivory-billed Woodpecker (*Campephilus principalis*): Hope, and the interfaces of science, conservation, and politics. *The Auk* 123(1):1-15, 2006).

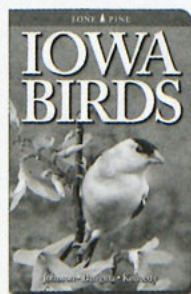


Keynote Speaker, Jerry Jackson.



Author Nishantha Gunawardena

On Friday night, two authors will be on hand to sign copies of their books. Most IOU members know Ann Johnson, co-author of *Iowa Birds*, who also serves the IOU as chair of the Records Committee, chair of the Publications Committee, and editor and manager of the IOU website. Nish Gunawardena, author of *Traces of Eden, the Last of the American Wilderness*, a highly acclaimed photographic essay on the wilderness left in this country, will also be present. From the Chicago Tribune: "*Traces of Eden is a simmering volume. Nishantha Gunawardena's photographs eloquently remind us of the Eden that greeted Meriwether Lewis and William Clark some two hundred years ago, but cautions us that if we do not embrace this gift with our minds as well as our hearts we are in danger of squandering it completely. ... The lush photographs are accompanied by Gunawardena's own anecdotes of adventurous travels to create the pictures, which put you in the shoes of a lone traveler awestruck by the humbling mountain ranges, verdant river valleys, foreboding deserts and diverse prairies that comprise this country. To look at these landscapes, these beautiful animals, is to wonder what we have given up, at what price and why.*"



SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 19:

6:00-9:00 p.m. Registration, field trip sign-up and social time at Deer Valley Lodge. Book signing with Ann Johnson, and Nish Gunawardena. If weather cooperates, at sunset, a field trip is planned to Hanlontown Marsh to listen to night sounds.

SATURDAY, MAY 20:

6:00-7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Deer Valley Lodge.

7:00 a.m. Field trips depart from the Deer Valley Lodge, and return by 12:00 p.m.

- * Local trip: Clear Lake, including boat ride, McIntosh State Park, Lone Tree
- * Parker's Woods/Lime Creek Conservation Area (woodlands, river habitat)
- * Eagle Lake (lake, marsh, woodlands)
- * Pilot Knob State Park (woodlands, uplands, prairie, small lake)
- * Worth County wetlands
- * Zirbel Slough/Union Hills WMA (marsh, prairie/wetlands)

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch at Deer Valley Lodge

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

2:30-3:30 p.m. **Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation**
Marlene Ehresman, Ames

Birds of Sri Lanka
Harsha Jayawardena, Mason City

3:30-4:00 p.m. Introduction of New IOU Members
Awards Presentation – Records Committee
and *IOU News*

6:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Banquet
7:30-8:30 p.m. **“Hope in the Big Woods: Science, Conservation,
and the Ivory-billed Woodpecker.”**
Dr. Jerome Jackson, Florida Gulf Coast University

SUNDAY, MAY 21:

6:00-7:00 a.m. Breakfast

7:00 a.m. Field trips depart from the Deer Valley Lodge, and return by 12:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. Lunch and Final Compilation



An evening trip is planned to a local marsh to listen to night sounds. The photo shows Ventura Marsh.



Pilot Knob State Park in Hancock County offers woodland, prairie, lake and wetland habitat.



Zirbel Slough can be a good spot for shorebirds, gulls, terns, and rails.



Eagle Lake, in Hancock County, has had a spectacular boardwalk/platform installed on the west side.

DIRECTIONS TO DEER VALLEY LODGE:

From Interstate 35, drive west on US Hwy 18, proceeding through the town of Clear Lake and continuing west a few miles to Ventura. At Ventura, turn south on Cerro Gordo County Road S14 and drive through the heart of Ventura. Continue across the highway that crosses between Clear Lake on the east, and Ventura marsh on the west. This road is also known as Balsam Avenue. South of Ventura, turn east at the first opportunity, into the village of Ventura Heights. The Deer Valley Lodge will appear on your right.



REGISTRATION, MEALS AND HOUSING:

Please register online at <http://www.iowabirds.org/iou/meetings.asp> if you have web access even if you plan to pay by check. This simplifies bookkeeping for the conference. Otherwise, use the form below, and mail by U.S. Postal.

HOUSING AT DEER VALLEY LODGE:

- < There are 10 rooms each with two double beds. These rooms cost \$60 per night double occupancy. Each additional person is \$3.00. These rooms have no television and no phone. Otherwise, they are comparable to motel rooms.
- < There are two dormitory rooms with twenty beds each. These beds cost \$14 per person per night. You must provide your own bedding and towels. These are bunk beds.
- < There are RV hook-ups on the Deer Valley Lodge property. For a full hook-up the cost is \$23 per night.
- < There are camping tent sites on the Deer Valley Lodge property. These tent sites allow for one vehicle and the cost is \$12 per night.

AREA MOTELS:

- < Super 8 Motel at I-35 and Hwy 106, Clear Lake. Cost is \$50 + tax. 641-357-7521.
- < Budget Inn at I-35 and Hwy 18, Clear Lake. Cost is \$55 + tax. 641-357-8700.
- < Best Western Motel at I-35 and Hwy 18, Clear Lake. Cost is \$64 + tax (mention IOU). 641-357-5253
- < Americinn at I-35 and Hwy 18, Clear Lake. Cost is \$70 + tax. 641-357-8954.



There are 10 motel rooms at the lodge.



There are two dormitory-style rooms, each with 20 beds.

If it is not convenient for you to register online at <http://www.iowabirds.org/iou/meetings.asp>, use the form below.

Registration Form (print and mail)

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

		No. of Persons		Total Cost
Registration	\$12.00	x	_____ =	_____
Meals				
Sat Breakfast	\$ 5.50	x	_____ =	_____
Sat Lunch	\$ 7.00	x	_____ =	_____
Sat Banquet	\$14.00	x	_____ =	_____
Sun Breakfast	\$ 5.50	x	_____ =	_____
Sun Lunch	\$ 7.00	x	_____ =	_____
Meatless option			_____	

Lodging

Fri Lodge Room	\$60.00 for 2 people			
plus	\$ 3.00	x	_____ =	_____
Sat Lodge Room	\$60.00 for 2 people			
plus	\$ 3.00	x	_____ =	_____
Fri Dorm Bed	\$14.00		=	_____
Sat Dorm Bed	\$14.00		=	_____
Fri Lodge RV	\$23.00		=	_____
Sat Lodge RV	\$23.00		=	_____
Fri Tent Site	\$12.00		=	_____
Sat Tent Site	\$12.00		=	_____

Total Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to *John Rutenbeck*.

Mail to: John Rutenbeck
2912 Lawn Avenue
Burlington, IA 52601-1542.

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/film: _____

Make and power of lens/telescope: _____

Photo 2

Species (common name): _____

Date of photo: _____ Location (include county): _____

Make of camera: _____ Digital/film: _____

Make and power of lens/telescope: _____

Photo 3

Species (common name): _____

Date of photo: _____ Location (include county): _____

Make of camera: _____ Digital/film: _____

Make and power of lens/telescope: _____

Please indicate your choices:

I wish to donate any winnings to the IOU Publications Enhancement Fund for publications of winning photos. ____ **yes** ____ **no**

I agree to allow my photo(s) to be published in an IOU publication medium. ____ **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. 33rd Street
West Des Moines, IA 50265-6415

Mail for receipt no later than May 5, 2006. Make checks payable to the IOU Treasurer.

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 and received no later than May 5, 2006. Use the entry form from *IOU News* or on the website *Iowa Birds & Birding* (<http://www.iowabirds.org>). Submitters should indicate yes or no (default) to the following (1) donate winnings to IOU Publications Enhancement Fund (for publication of winning photos), (2) allow publication of photo(s) in *Iowa Bird Life* or *IOU News* or display on the *Iowa Birds & Birding* website (Photos will be watermarked to prevent copying.), and (3) donate the photo(s) to the IOU for use by the IOU for display. See entry form.

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, secretive-ness) 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.



2005 Photo contest winners. Left to right: Cedar Waxwing by Tim McKone, Mason City; Yellow-billed Cuckoo by Dick Stilwell, West Des Moines; Eastern Kingbird, Tim McKone. See *Iowa Bird Life* 75(3):134.

SPRING FIELD REPORTS — Matt Kenne

Another Iowa spring has begun, with its skeins of geese passing overhead and the tinkling sounds of ice breakup in the air. Of course, by the time you read this, it'll be the buzzing sounds of insects in the warm sunshine and neotropical migrants flitting through the canopy above your head. Regardless, the ebb and flow of the current of Iowa bird life is definitely in its flow!

During this lovely time of year, please keep in mind the reporting of your interesting and valuable bird observations to the IOU. This information can then be shared with current readers of Iowa Bird Life, and stored for reference by future researchers. The simplest method for reporting your notable March

1st to May 31st sightings is by entering them on-line at www.iowabirds.org. Using the website eliminates transcription errors that can occur if I enter your data, but you can also send your field reports to me by regular or e-mail by June 3. Data from under-reported areas and new contributors is welcomed and helps to strengthen the coverage of the season. I look forward to hearing about the adventures of the birding explorers who've gone forth to challenge a Big Year in their selected Iowa counties. This effort should yield much intriguing information about uncommon birds and new and rarely-visited natural areas of the state. To give you all a stick with which to measure and then beat me, I began this spring season with a less-



A Connecticut Warbler pops into view at Land of Two Waters WMA in Worth County. Photo by P Hertzell.

than-intimidating 34 species in Kossuth County. Here's hoping I have a bit more success by the arrival of May 31!

COUNTY BIG YEARS : *Seventeen of Them in Progress!*

In the winter issue of IOU News, one of our editors wondered aloud, in print, if there would be interest in members conducting County Big Years during 2006, in a favorite county. Eighteen intrepid Iowa birders chose 17 counties and agreed to do this - that is, spend extra time birding in the chosen county, keeping track of all species seen during the calendar year 2006.

Here, we publish the first progress reports of these 17 Big Years, as told by the people conducting them. We asked the participants to report their totals through the end of the winter season (Feb 28). As always, lists of IOU members adhere to the standards of the official Iowa State List kept by the IOU Records Committee. Casual and Accidental species are noted only when reported to and accepted by the committee.

Stayed tuned for the next progress reports in the summer issue of the *IOU News*.

Allamakee County— Ric Zarwell. Total: 41
The first 2 months of '06 were quite slow bird-wise for me. The Great Backyard Bird Count in February produced 19 species from our home, and my total in my county for the first two months was just 41 species. Due to steady work on a specific IBA project I did very little birding, and with the mild weather never drove rural roads seeking the winter birds that would be present in a normal winter. By far my best sighting during this period would have been a Parasitic Jaeger which flew up the main channel of the Mississippi River, which I

can watch from my office. Alas, since jaeger identification is so problematic and my bins were not within reach, I felt I didn't have enough for a report to the records committee.

Clay County— Lee Schoenewe. Total: 45
I have several good birds on the list already, including Long-eared Owl as my first bird of the year on January 1st in my neighbor's pine tree. Since I added Long-eared Owl finally to my Clay County list the week before when the neighborhood roost was discovered, I consider that a good omen and a good start. We had a Hermit Thrush coming to the suet feeder in January, which was much sooner than I expected to find that species in 2006. A buddy of mine called in mid-February to report a Varied Thrush at his feeder and that was one I didn't anticipate getting for the year. In early February I headed off to a business meeting in Ankeny early in the morning and as I traveled a blacktop road south of Gillette Grove, I spooked a good-sized falcon off a telephone pole. Turning around, I came back to find a Prairie Falcon sitting and looking at me like it was glad I had time to stop.

Clayton County— Danny Akers. Total: 42
Birding in northern Iowa this winter has not been very eventful. On the SE Clayton Co. CBC, I started the year off with 34 species. After the CBC, I have added a mere 8 species. The Mississippi River, in this county, is one of the last segments of the river in Iowa to open up. As of 28 Feb, there was a small segment of channel open off Frenchtown Park, north of Guttenberg. Best birds of the period are Northern Saw-whet

Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren, White-crowned Sparrow, and Lapland Longspur. The Longspurs were observed within days of the 6 inch snowfall in early Feb. Several species were missed, with the most notable being the Spotted Towhee on the SE Clayton Co. CBC.

Dallas County– Pam and Reid Allen. Total: 48

Best bird is definitely a Tundra Swan that was resting at Maffitt Reservoir along with five Trumpeter Swans. The difference in sizes between the two species was neat too. Another good find was a Short-eared Owl in the western part of the county on 1/21/2006. It was being chased by 5 crows, 2 Red-tailed Hawks and 1 Rough-legged Hawk. We wondered what the owl had done to deserve that! We plan to drive every mile of “country” roads in the county this year, and I’m keeping a map of where we’ve driven (another list?).



A Short-eared Owl became a member of the Allens' list on Jan 21. Photo by Reid Allen.

Decatur County– Jeffrey Livingston. Total: 70

Winter was pretty mild down here on the southern border of Iowa, and it made for good birding. Almost all of my birding is done on foot or from working around our farm, with a few short trips by car to the local park lakes. By the end of February, I totaled 70 species. Some of the highlights: 5 species of owls (we are still looking for a Saw-whet!), 2 species of woodpeckers, 5 species of geese and 10 species of ducks.

Delaware County– Bill Scheible. Total: 8

In 2005, I pursued a Big Year in my home county of Linn. I set an optimistic but seemingly achievable goal of 200 species. Finished the year with 199 and felt pretty smug about it until I realized that Scott County birders once had 204 in ONE DAY. When Paul Hertzell suggested that IOU members do county Big Years in 2006, I elected to participate and chose seldom birded Delaware with its paltry species list of 131. As of today, February 28, I have amassed a grand total of . . . eight species. Best sighting was 47 Bald Eagles feeding (on piglet carcasses?) in a stubble field south of Manchester. Now I hope to improve on my stellar pace-to-date, which would put be at 48 species for the year. Stay tuned.

Dickinson County– Ed Thelen. Total: 45

I really hadn't planned on doing a Big Year until Lee Schoenewe mentioned to me in February that he was doing one for Clay County. I thought I might as well do one for Dickinson County because it seems that lately all my birding has been in Dickinson County anyway. So far I have 45 species– thanks to some open water at the north end of East Okoboji Lake by the fish hatchery. I was able to check it out every day at work. That area and my yard were my most frequent birding spots. Best bird would have to be the White-winged Dove at a feeder in Okoboji. My goal this year is to find a Barred Owl in Dickinson County, which will mean more birding down along the timbered area southwest of Milford, an area I think may be my best chance to find one.

Dubuque County– Charles Winterwood. Total: 12

Best birds: Cooper's Hawk and Rough-legged Hawk.

Hancock County– Rita Goranson. Total: 34

I spent most of the past two months looking for Northern Shrike and Snowy Owl and bombed out on both. Paul helped and we located a Long-eared Owl in some pines by the Winnebago River in January, my best bird so far. Otherwise, it was pretty slow until the ice started breaking up and waterfowl began returning to the area. I had several Rough-legged Hawks wintering in the county and they were interesting to watch when they were hunting.

Johnson County– Chris Edwards. Total: 39

The most surprising bird was a Killdeer at Swan Lake on January 21st. More seasonal finds included Long-eared Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Lapland Longspur, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and Northern Shrike. The last few days of February brought some returning waterfowl, blackbirds, and gulls.

Kossuth County– Matt Kenne. Total: 34

The Screech Owl was a surprise. We were heading into a restaurant at the end of main street Algona for my daughter's birthday the evening of Jan 17, when I spotted one by streetlight flutter across into trees next to the courthouse.

Linn County– Diana Pesek. Total: 49

Best bird for me was a female Long-tailed Duck that wintered in downtown Cedar Rapids. She became quite the celebrity bird among the local birders as we all enjoyed watching her, and it was a treat to mark “Long-tailed Duck” on a year and county list on Jan. 1. But Ms. Duck, as we began to call her, suffered a mishap by getting caught in fishing line at Cedar Lake. For a few weeks she trailed a greenish fluorescent bobber directly behind her tail. The natural resources students from Kirkwood Community College came out and tried to catch her to free her of the encumbrance, but what they learned instead was how good a diving duck she was, bobber and all! The attempt to free her of the fishing line merited a front-page story in the Cedar Rapids Gazette by Orlan Love, the outdoor writer for the paper, who was instrumental in getting the Kirkwood students involved in trying to help the duck. Luck-

ily for Ms. Duck, she eventually somehow freed herself of the bobber. After about 2 months in Cedar Rapids, and finally “bobber-less”, she departed for more enticing waters. Other unusual birds we’ve had in Linn County this winter include a Sandhill Crane appearing off and on near the open water on the Cedar River behind the Cargill Plant near downtown Cedar Rapids. Danny Akers and I were birding at Pleasant Creek State Park in January (looking for long-eared owl, which we found) when we had a surprise bird. A Merlin flew directly over us, what a treat! The Merlin, in typical merlin fashion, flew directly toward a Red-Tailed Hawk and harassed the hawk from its perch. Those are some of the birds that stand out to me from my Linn County birding so far this year.

Monona County– Jon Strong. Total: 32

Best birds thus far are Hooded Merganser and Northern Pintail singles seen on January 1 at Blue Lake. Also somewhat early was a single Ring-necked Duck at Decatur Bend WMA on February 15. In January and February, I only made 2 trips to Monona, totaling 5 hours of birding (I have to have an excuse for my low species total!). So far I’m having fun, and I think Blue Lake should be good for at least 20 waterfowl species. Also, I would bet Decatur Bend WMA will attract some shorebirds come spring migration. Monona county is a beautiful area of the state, and I can hardly wait to bird there through the seasons.

Polk County– Aaron Brees. Total: 49

My biggest suprise was a Hermit Thrush at Jester. I whistled it in along with a few robins and several dozen White-throated Sparrows. A small flock of Harris’s Sparrows along a roadside with juncos was also a bit unexpected. My inability to find Lapland Longspur, Snow Bunting, Northern Shrike, Long-eared Owl, N. Saw-whet Owl, or Gray Partridge has been frustrating, as was missing the Stillwells’ Varied Thrush.

Warren County– Jay Gilliam. Total: 40

Looks like, as of the 28th, I am at 40 species for Warren County. Best bird I guess would have to be the Cooper’s Hawk in my backyard. I wish I had a Snowy Owl for Warren Co!!

Woodbury County– Gerald Von Ehwegen. Total: 64

Our oxbows were open for a while then froze over again and now are mostly open again so we have recorded many waterfowl species. Best birds so far are Prairie Falcon, Peregrine Falcon, Merlin and Carolina Wren.

Worth County– Paul Hertzal. Total: 48

It was a pretty quiet winter in north-central Iowa, and we had a hard time finding any birds at all. Seems like every day we would read a report of another Snowy Owl in some distant part of the state, get our hopes up and go out looking, only to spend the day counting crows. The standard list of 25 or 30 species was all I could generate until the last few days of February when a flood of early migrants, especially waterfowl gave my list a boost. Probably the best bird of the winter was a Savannah Sparrow found on the Worth County Christmas Count on January 1. I could only find two Long-eared Owl roosts during the winter months, an unusually low number for an area with so many good spots. On February 28, the last day of the winter season, I finally found a Saw-whet Owl roosting in arborvitae in a county park.



Five Gray Partridge were easy to see against January’s deep snow in northern Iowa. Photo by Paul Hertzal.



Yardlists

- 203 Jim Fuller (Johnson Co)
- 188 Carolyn Fischer (Cerro Gordo Co)
- 182 Ann Johnson (Warren Co)
- 177 Rita Goranson (Cerro Gordo Co)
- 173 Lee Schoenewe (Clay Co)
- 171 Matt Kenne (Kossuth Co)
- 170 Ric Zarwell (Allamakee Co)
- 165 Mike Overton (Boone Co)
- 146 Mark Proescholdt (Marshall Co)
- 140 Tom Stone (Black Hawk Co)
- 105 Dale Fye (Linn)
- 92 Reid & Pam Allen (Dallas Co)
- 74 Danny Akers (Clayton Co)
- 39 Charles Winterwood (Dubuque Co)

LIST TOTALS

Thirty-seven IOU members submitted totals for their Iowa State Life lists. 2005 was an incredible year for rarities, with 3 first-state records and several 2nd- and 3rd-state records. Even longtime birders added multiple species to their lists. The Armstrongs added three species, bringing their leading totals to 387.

Reporting the greatest gains in their lists were Danny Akers with 43, Diana Pesek with 30, and Jay Gilliam with 24.

Iowa State Life List

387 Eugene Armstrong, Eloise Armstrong
383 Tom Kent
378 Jim Fuller
368 Reid & Pam Allen
367 Ann Johnson
366 Mark Proescholdt
360 Tom Stone, Stephen Dinsmore
356 Pete Wickham
355 Beth Proescholdt
346 Jim Dinsmore
340 Mike Overton, Chris Edwards, Ray Cummins
337 Aaron Brees
333 Rita Goranson, Christopher Caster
332 Carolyn Fischer
327 Mary Lou Petersen
326 Lee Schoenewe
325 Jay Gilliam
320 Bill Scheible
317 Diana Pesek
316 Bill Huser
313 Paul Hertzell
309 Mike Stephens
307 Ric Zarwell
306 Dale Fye
283 Danny Akers
279 Gerald Von Ehwegen
274 Vicky Stephens
258 John Bissell
248 Jeffrey Livingston
182 Charles Winterwood
113 Jon Strong

A personally found bird, is a bird found by a birder, without prior knowledge of recent birds or recurring birds of that species at that site.

Iowa Personally Found List

335 Stephen Dinsmore
326 Jim Fuller
325 Ray Cummins
309 Lee Schoenewe
308 Mark Proescholdt
305 Tom Stone
302 Aaron Brees
296 Pam & Reid Allen
293 Matt Kenne
286 Rita Goranson
284 Jay Gilliam
275 Paul Hertzell
248 Danny Akers
247 Jeffrey Livingston

At the annual fall meeting at Lakeside Lab in Okoboji, Jim Dinsmore commented that the year 2005 may be remembered for a long time not simply because there were so many rarities, but because there were so many rarities that remained faithful to their locations for such extended periods of time. For example, the Royal Tern in Appanoose County stayed a good three weeks at Rathbun Reservoir, and the Neher's Green Violet-ear stayed just long enough for all who were interested to drive leisurely to the Neher farm, have a cup of cider, and add the bird to their lists.

But there was more. The Vermilion Flycatcher found in May stayed the entire summer and into the month of September. The Northern Hawk Owl in Worth County stayed 100 days in the town of Manly. The Brown Pelican made two appearances in the state, one at Spirit Lake, and a second, extended visit at Saylorville Reservoir in the central part of the state, just to make sure. Black-bellied Whistling Ducks were so numerous around the state, even ordinarily unlucky birders added this species to their lists. King Rails paraded their young openly, and the Black-headed Gull appeared early and often.

In addition, birders found knots, frigatebirds, kittiwakes, Great Gray Owls, a Ruff, a Common Raven a Pomarine Jaeger, and many other rarities. It's no wonder most people reported an annual total for 2005 that was greater than their annual list for 2004.

2005 Annual List

307 Jay Gilliam
297 Pam & Reid Allen
294 Diana Pesek
287 Mike Overton
285 Chris Edwards
276 Mike Stephens
274 Mark Proescholdt
271 Aaron Brees, Rita Goranson
267 Danny Akers, Jim Fuller, Stephen Dinsmore
264 Ray Cummins
256 Tom Stone
254 Christopher Caster
250 Tom Johnson
244 Paul Hertzell
243 Lee Schoenewe
228 John Bissell
222 Gerald Von Ehwegen
218 Dale Fye
199 Bill Scheible (Linn Co. only)
72 Charles Winterwood

Big Days. A Big Day is a 24-hour birding adventure in which a group of participants attempts to record as many species as possible in some geographic region. The *IOU News* publishes all new Big Days and maintains historical record totals by county and by month. Two counties had their first Big Days added to the books, and birders set new marks for four of the twelve months of the year.

2005 Big Days

- 141 Hancock Co*** - 09 May 2005
Rita Goranson, Carolyn Fischer, Paul Hertzell
- 124 Warren Co** - 07 May 2005
Jay Gilliam, John Bissell
- 118 Floyd Co*** - 21 May 2005
Rita Goranson, Curt Nelson, Paul Hertzell
- 111 Decatur Co*** - 13 May 2005
Jeffrey Livingston, et al.
- 110 Decatur Co** - 11 May 2005
Jeffrey Livingston, et al.
- 109 Decatur Co** - 10 May 2005
Jeffrey Livingston, et al.
- 83 Clayton Co** - 05 June 2005
Danny Akers, Diana Pesek, Mark Brown
- 136 Month of August*** - 26 Aug 2005
Lee Schoenewe, Ed Thelen
- 135 Month of June*** - 01 June 2005
Danny Akers, Rita Goranson, Paul Hertzell
- 120 Month of July*** - 28 July 2005
E & E Armstrong, Dennis Thompson
- 70 Month of December*** - 02 Dec 2005
Jim Fuller, Chuck Fuller, John Rutenbeck

* denotes new record total

Iowa Record Big Days by County:

- Allamakee 126** - 10 May 2003
M Paulson, M Wolfe, B Zarwell, R Zarwell
- Cerro Gordo 145** - 11 May 2002
C Fischer, R Goranson, P Hertzell
- Clay 148** - 09 May 2004
P Ernzen, G Grange, L Schoenewe
- Clayton 94** - 08 May 2004
D Akers, J Brazell
- Decatur 111** - 13 May 2005
J Livingston, et al.
- Dickinson 91** - 05 Oct 2004
G Grange, L Schoenewe
- Floyd 118** - 21 May 2005
R Goranson, P Hertzell, C Nelson
- Fremont 171** - 11 May 1991
S Dinsmore, BJ Rose, D Rose, R Silcock

Hancock 141 - 09 May 2005
C Fischer, R Goranson, P Hertzell

Johnson 136 - 08 May 2004
J Fuller, T Kent

Kossuth 153 - 14 May 2002
P Hertzell, M Kenne

Marshall 123 - 10 May 2003
P Hertzell, M Proescholdt

Polk 132 - 20 May 1994
G Brown, S Dinsmore

Warren 154 - 09 May 2003
A Brees, J Sinclair

Winnebago 127 - 09 May 2004
R Goranson, P Hertzell

Woodbury 165 - 08 May 2004
B Livermore, J Probst, D Stage

Worth 136 - 13 May 2003
R Goranson, P Hertzell

Iowa Record Big Days by Month:

January 63 - 29 Jan 1995
G Brown, S Dinsmore

February 64 - 29 Feb 2000
P Allen, R Allen

March 90 - 27 Mar 1988
S Dinsmore, R Silcock

April 141 - 29 Apr 1989
S Dinsmore, P Hertzell

May 204 - 13 May 1996
B Blevins, D Moeller, P Petersen

June 135 - 01 Jun 2005
D Akers, R Goranson, P Hertzell

July 120 - 28 Jul 2005
E&E Armstrong, D Thompson

August 136 - 26 Aug 2005
L Schoenewe, E Thelen

September 135 - 29 Jan 1995
G Brown, S Dinsmore

October 91 - 05 Oct 2002
G Grange, L Schoenewe

November 87 - 11 Nov 2003
L Schoenewe, E Thelen

December 70 - 02 Dec 2005
C Fuller, J Fuller, J Rutenbeck



2006 County Lists

Adair
114 Pam & Reid Allen
58 Mark Proescholdt

Adams
90 Reid & Pam Allen
59 Mark Proescholdt

Allamakee
269 Ric Zarwell
180 Mark Proescholdt
170 Danny Akers
168 Rita Goranson
164 Chris Edwards
153 Stephen Dinsmore
121 Pam & Reid Allen
120 Ray Cummins

Appanoose
289 Ray Cummins
270 Mike Stephens
187 Stephen Dinsmore
175 Reid & Pam Allen
166 Mark Proescholdt
103 Danny Akers

Audubon
89 Pam & Reid Allen
53 Mark Proescholdt
27 Jon Strong

Benton
177 Mark Proescholdt
131 Chris Edwards
57 Dale Fye, Reid & Pam Allen
43 Danny Akers

Black Hawk
298 Tom Stone
221 Mary Lou Petersen
167 Mark Proescholdt
112 Ray Cummins
70 Danny Akers
64 Pam & Reid Allen
36 Dale Fye

Boone
252 Stephen Dinsmore
247 Jim Dinsmore
233 Mark Proescholdt
221 Beth Proescholdt
218 Reid & Pam Allen
87 Danny Akers

Bremer
275 Tom Stone
168 Mark Proescholdt
148 Ray Cummins
105 Danny Akers
65 Pam & Reid Allen

Buchanan
160 Mark Proescholdt
42 Reid & Pam Allen

Buena Vista
131 Lee Schoenewe
74 Pam & Reid Allen
71 Mark Proescholdt

Butler
211 Mark Proescholdt
82 Reid & Pam Allen

Calhoun
159 Mark Proescholdt
119 Pam & Reid Allen

Carroll
158 Jim Dinsmore
154 Mark Proescholdt
153 Reid & Pam Allen
18 Jon Strong

Cass
139 Pam & Reid Allen
51 Mark Proescholdt
26 Jon Strong

Cedar
125 Chris Edwards
60 Reid & Pam Allen
58 Mark Proescholdt
52 Dale Fye

Cerro Gordo
298 Carolyn Fischer
296 Curt Nelson
289 Rita Goranson
272 Paul Hertzell
188 Stephen Dinsmore
169 Mark Proescholdt
166 Jim Dinsmore
156 Pam & Reid Allen
87 Danny Akers

Cherokee
67 Reid & Pam Allen
59 Mark Proescholdt

Chickasaw
60 Pam & Reid Allen
57 Mark Proescholdt

Clarke
101 Reid & Pam Allen n
65 Dale Fye
58 Mark Proescholdt

Clay
285 Lee Schoenewe
183 Stephen Dinsmore
162 Jim Dinsmore
100 Pam & Reid Allen
76 Mark Proescholdt

Clayton
201 Danny Akers
89 Mark Proescholdt
70 Reid & Pam Allen

Clinton
208 Mary Lou Petersen
127 Pam & Reid Allen
55 Mark Proescholdt

Crawford
74 Reid & Pam Allen
56 Mark Proescholdt

Dallas
207 Pam & Reid Allen
189 Stephen Dinsmore
170 Ray Cummins
165 Mark Proescholdt
154 Jim Dinsmore

Davis
84 Reid & Pam Allen
63 Mark Proescholdt

Decatur
241 Jeffrey Livingston
109 Pam & Reid Allen
67 Mark Proescholdt

Delaware
154 Mark Proescholdt
75 Reid & Pam Allen
49 Danny Akers

Des Moines
249 Jim Fuller
104 Pam & Reid Allen
61 Mark Proescholdt
42 Dale Fye

Dickinson
286 Lee Schoenewe
207 Stephen Dinsmore
187 Jim Dinsmore
164 Mark Proescholdt
134 Reid & Pam Allen
106 Ray Cummins
96 Dale Fye
81 Danny Akers

Dubuque
142 Charles Winterwood
108 Pam & Reid Allen
100 Danny Akers
65 Mark Proescholdt

Emmet
204 Lee Schoenewe
151 Stephen Dinsmore
87 Reid & Pam Allen
81 Mark Proescholdt

Fayette
79 Danny Akers
60 Pam & Reid Allen
59 Mark Proescholdt

Floyd
132 Rita Goranson
124 Paul Hertzell
62 Reid & Pam Allen
59 Mark Proescholdt

Franklin
178 Mark Proescholdt
87 Pam & Reid Allen

Fremont
255 Stephen Dinsmore
202 Mark Proescholdt
200 Reid & Pam Allen
154 Ray Cummins
127 Chris Edwards

Greene
217 Stephen Dinsmore
193 Jim Dinsmore, Pam & Reid Allen
185 Mark Proescholdt

Grundy
197 Mark Proescholdt
97 Reid & Pam Allen

Guthrie
235 Stephen Dinsmore
213 Ray Cummins
212 Pam & Reid Allen
205 Mark Proescholdt
166 Jim Dinsmore
38 Danny Akers, Jon Strong

Hamilton
226 Dennis Carter
210 Mark Proescholdt
206 Stephen Dinsmore
181 Jim Dinsmore
174 Reid & Pam Allen
36 Danny Akers

Hancock
209 Rita Goranson
175 Paul Hertzell
174 Stephen Dinsmore
167 Mark Proescholdt
152 Jim Dinsmore
131 Pam & Reid Allen
68 Danny Akers

Hardin
259 Mark Proescholdt
230 Beth Proescholdt
115 Reid & Pam Allen

Harrison
161 Stephen Dinsmore
105 Pam & Reid Allen
82 Jon Strong
58 Mark Proescholdt

Henry
90 Reid & Pam Allen
63 Mark Proescholdt

Howard
59 Pam & Reid Allen
53 Mark Proescholdt
45 Danny Akers

Humboldt
74 Reid & Pam Allen
64 Mark Proescholdt

Ida
64 Pam & Reid Allen
58 Mark Proescholdt

Iowa
221 Chris Edwards
158 Mark Proescholdt
93 Reid & Pam Allen
66 Dale Fye
58 Danny Akers

Jackson
121 Chris Edwards
102 Pam & Reid Allen
98 Charles Winterwood
77 Mark Proescholdt
40 Danny Akers

Jasper
211 Mark Proescholdt
172 Beth Proescholdt
133 Reid & Pam Allen

Jefferson
75 Pam & Reid Allen
50 Mark Proescholdt

Johnson
317 Jim Fuller
316 Tom Kent
294 Chris Edwards
273 Chris Caster
260 Diana Pesek
198 Dale Fye
185 Mark Proescholdt
177 Reid & Pam Allen
169 Danny Akers
123 Ray Cummins

Jones
189 Chris Edwards
63 Pam & Reid Allen
59 Dale Fye
56 Mark Proescholdt

Keokuk
87 Reid & Pam Allen
51 Mark Proescholdt
37 Danny Akers

Kossuth
281 Matt Kenne
182 Paul Hertzell
180 Stephen Dinsmore
171 Rita Goranson
163 Mark Proescholdt
151 Pam & Reid Allen
68 Dale Fye
37 Danny Akers

Lee
217 Chris Edwards
214 Stephen Dinsmore
176 Ray Cummins
157 Reid & Pam Allen
155 Mark Proescholdt

Linn
284 Pete Wickham
252 Dale Fye
225 Bill Scheible
220 Chris Edwards
197 Diana Pesek
170 Mark Proescholdt
122 Pam & Reid Allen
103 Danny Akers

Louisa
272 Jim Fuller
196 Chris Edwards
142 Dale Fye
136 Mary Lou Petersen
128 Reid & Pam Allen
106 Mark Proescholdt
60 Danny Akers

Lucas
226 Aaron Brees
160 Mark Proescholdt
159 Pam & Reid Allen
154 Ray Cummins
64 Danny Akers

Lyon
184 Doug Harr
68 Reid & Pam Allen
55 Mark Proescholdt

Madison
190 Pam & Reid Allen
152 Mark Proescholdt

Mahaska
151 Mark Proescholdt
88 Reid & Pam Allen
49 Dale Fye

Marion
267 Aaron Brees
240 Stephen Dinsmore
225 Mark Proescholdt
220 Pam & Reid Allen
207 Ray Cummins
193 Jay Gilliam
114 Dale Fye
112 Chris Edwards
78 Danny Akers

Marshall
269 Beth Proescholdt
268 Mark Proescholdt
204 Stephen Dinsmore
143 Reid & Pam Allen

Mills
135 Pam & Reid Allen
61 Mark Proescholdt

Mitchell
55 Reid & Pam Allen
50 Mark Proescholdt

Monona
180 Stephen Dinsmore
115 Pam & Reid Allen
80 Mark Proescholdt
15 Jon Strong

Monroe
102 Reid & Pam Allen
53 Mark Proescholdt

Montgomery
68 Pam & Reid Allen
54 Mark Proescholdt

Muscatine
229 Mary Lou Petersen
141 Chris Edwards
99 Reid & Pam Allen
69 Mark Proescholdt

O'Brien
202 Lee Schoenewe
65 Pam & Reid Allen
58 Mark Proescholdt

Osceola
59 Reid & Pam Allen
55 Mark Proescholdt

Page
70 Pam & Reid Allen
54 Mark Proescholdt

Palo Alto
237 Lee Schoenewe
150 Stephen Dinsmore
122 Ray Cummins
102 Reid & Pam Allen
81 Mark Proescholdt
35 Dale Fye

Plymouth
202 Bill Huser
70 Pam & Reid Allen
58 Mark Proescholdt

Pocahontas
213 Ray Cummins
103 Reid & Pam Allen
66 Mark Proescholdt

Polk
311 Stephen Dinsmore
301 Pam & Reid Allen
268 Mark Proescholdt
267 Aaron Brees
259 Jim Dinsmore
258 Jay Gilliam
248 Beth Proescholdt
173 Ray Cummins
118 Danny Akers
110 Chris Edwards
99 Dale Fye

Pottawattamie
208 Stephen Dinsmore
163 Reid & Pam Allen
123 Mark Proescholdt
105 Jon Strong

Poweshiek
215 Mark Proescholdt
85 Pam & Reid Allen

Ringgold
103 Reid & Pam Allen
63 Mark Proescholdt

Sac
152 Mark Proescholdt
151 Pam & Reid Allen

Scott
285 Mary Lou Petersen
141 Chris Edwards
130 Reid & Pam Allen
112 Ray Cummins
56 Mark Proescholdt
49 Dale Fye
43 Danny Akers

Shelby
82 Pam & Reid Allen
55 Mark Proescholdt

Sioux
68 Reid & Pam Allen
62 Mark Proescholdt

Story
280 Stephen Dinsmore
270 Jim Dinsmore
246 Mark Proescholdt
227 Beth Proescholdt
187 Pam & Reid Allen
38 Danny Akers

Tama
239 Mark Proescholdt
189 Beth Proescholdt
145 Chris Edwards
120 Reid & Pam Allen
86 Dale Fye
43 Danny Akers

Taylor
67 Pam & Reid Allen
54 Mark Proescholdt

Union
151 Stephen Dinsmore
125 Reid & Pam Allen
54 Mark Proescholdt

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

Wapello
133 Ray Cummins
95 Reid & Pam Allen
81 Mark Proescholdt
55 Danny Akers

Warren
249 Ann Johnson
247 Jay Gilliam, Aaron Brees
229 Pam & Reid Allen
199 Mark Proescholdt
158 Stephen Dinsmore
124 Ray Cummins
104 Danny Akers
59 Dale Fye

Washington
142 Chris Edwards
78 Reid & Pam Allen
54 Mark Proescholdt

Wayne
223 Aaron Brees
150 Ray Cummins
113 Pam & Reid Allen
63 Mark Proescholdt

Webster
161 Mark Proescholdt
106 Reid & Pam Allen

Winnebago
188 Rita Goranson
172 Paul Hertzell
159 Pam & Reid Allen
155 Stephen Dinsmore
80 Mark Proescholdt
41 Danny Akers

Winneshiek
254 Dennis Carter
132 Danny Akers
97 Reid & Pam Allen
59 Mark Proescholdt

Woodbury
283 Jerry Probst
282 Bill Huser
251 Gerald Von Ehwegen
152 Mark Proescholdt
126 Pam & Reid Allen

Worth
225 Curt Nelson
219 Paul Hertzell
214 Rita Goranson
122 Reid & Pam Allen
77 Mark Proescholdt
36 Danny Akers

Wright
219 Stephen Dinsmore
171 Mark Proescholdt
160 Jim Dinsmore
125 Pam & Reid Allen

Total County Ticks

13,007 Stephen Dinsmore
11,563 Mark Proescholdt
11,190 Pam & Reid Allen
10,421 Jim Dinsmore
4,276 Chris Edwards

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