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Rules of the Game

By Matt Kenne, Algona

When I was young, the boys in my neighborhood played football almost every day. Rain or shine, day or night, it didn't really matter, the game was always the same; but somehow the rules were different every time we played. They changed from tackle to two-hand touch, and a dozen other combinations, depending on whose yard or neighborhood and the composition of the teams present.

The game has changed for me over the years. I rarely get tackled now while out looking for birds. But one aspect of the game has stayed the same, the variety of styles and rules. One of the best qualities of the birding game is the flexibility to change to suit the desire of the individual birder. You can concentrate on a single bird species or family, record or photograph birds, transform your yard into a bird sanctuary, conduct breeding bird surveys, or chase everything that flies. You can keep records and lists for places ranging in size from continents to individual birding locations.

In this article, I will share yet another set of rules, another listing scheme for you to examine and ponder: a personal list.

But first, I have a confession to make. In the fall of 1994, I made trips to see three birds I had never seen before: Common Black-headed Gull at Spirit Lake, Long-tailed Jaeger at Blackhawk Lake, and Little Gull at Big Creek State Park. These trips were the first I

had ever made specifically to see an individual bird to add to my life list. They required, as all such trips do, crucial timing, early rising, fast food, and gas money. I was successful in finding each of the birds at the required place (I did fail to find the Sabine's Gull at Blackhawk Lake, however), and placed checkmarks in the appropriate blanks in my life and Iowa lists.

Here's the confession: I really didn't like it. They were lovely, interesting birds, and I did enjoy the trip to Spirit Lake with my daughters, but there was no passion while watching the birds. It was like kissing your sister, to borrow a phrase. Maybe it's a result of twenty years of birding by myself, but I don't feel that I deserve to have these birds on my lists without my earning them, and conversely, I don't feel that they deserve to be given the same rank as the birds that I slog around in the mud to find.

In recent issues of the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union newsletter, Kim Eckert, one of North America's premier birders, raised blasphemous questions about one of the basic tenets of birding, the counting of birds on lists by those who didn't actually find the birds. Mr. Eckert wanted to gauge response to the idea that maybe a person shouldn't claim a bird as their own simply because he or she took the time to race across the state and stare at a bird that was found with the birding skill, luck, and effort of others. If you brand Mr. Eckert a heretic, you must also condemn me as well as I've harbored feelings like these for years.



I have made the personal decision not to count stakeouts on my lists. Even if you don't agree with me, a scanning of your lists once out of curiosity will surprise you. A stakeout was defined by Mr. Eckert as a bird found previously by someone else which you see as a result of being informed of its location. It does not include: a bird found by someone else birding with you at the time of discovery, a bird found previously by someone else without you being aware of the discovery, or a bird at an "established" location for that species i.e. Chuck-will's-widow at Waubonsie S.P., Croton Unit warblers, or Allamakee County Golden Eagles, etc.

It is a simple, relatively painless procedure to identify the birds on your lists that are not your own. I carved eight birds off my Iowa list and two off my Kossuth County list with very little effort. Goodbye to fabulous gulls, I'll find my own someday! The lost Pacific Loon at Anderson Lake where I almost broke my leg and my scope? Gone. The Burrowing Owl with the sign pointing to the burrow was an easy one to erase. And my nemesis, Snowy Owl, fades back into the fog for yet another year. My lists are a little shorter, but each and every bird on them is my own accomplishment, my own history. In an article I once read on rarities in California, the author stated his belief that, sooner or later, all the birds on the North American list would pass through California. Likewise, I believe that all the birds that I need will someday pass before me.

Don't get me wrong, it's not that you'll never see me at the site of the next hot bird; the lure of lovely, interesting birds is hard to resist. But, I'll be there to spend time with people who are following their varied desires and rules. And I'll be there to study and learn the bird, to gain experience, because maybe someday I'll want to go play in the neighborhood with the Big Year kids.

If you like the idea of a personal list and would like to refine or change or add to the concept, or think it's a load of egotistical bull and want to blow it full of holes, feel free to drop Hank a note, he'd love to actually receive submissions for the newsletter.

1995 Spring Meeting **by Mary Kuhlman, Ft. Dodge**

The I.O.U. Spring meeting was held May 19-21, 1995 in Ida Grove. Pete and Kristine Ernzen, Virginia Boggs, Irene Wagner and Don Poggensee were in charge of local arrangements. Jeremiah Rice, a local student, attended the weekend meeting as the student guest of the I.O.U.

Members gathered Friday night at the historic train depot at Moorhead Park. Registration and field trip sign-ups were held. Members and guests enjoyed the evening of refreshments and socializing.

Field trips were taken Saturday and Sunday mornings. Destinations included Tomahawk Marsh, Blackhawk Lake, Cherokee County, Woodbury County, Moorhead Park, Badger Lake and the Loess Hills Wildlife Area in Monona County. Field trip leaders were Pete Ernzen, Dan Reidell, Jerry Probst, Bob Livermore, Wayne Livermore, Russ Field, Dick Bierman and Dawn Devore.

The Saturday afternoon program was held at Juval's Supper Club in Ida Grove. Members enjoyed three informative programs. Birding by computer was presented by Jim Scheib. He showed how using a computer can enhance your birding hobby. "The possibilities are endless," he said, as he showed us how to use CD ROM, word processing, database and creative programming.

Tom Bruegger, director of the Monona County Conservation Board, presented a very educational program about the natural history of the Loess Hills. The goal is to preserve as much prairie as possible on this unique and fragile habitat. Pete Ernzen reviewed Birding



in Ida County at Moorhead Park and Crawford Creek. We wish Pete good luck on his move to Montana.

The I.O.U. business meeting followed the program. Election of officers were held. New officers are Carol Thompson, president and Ann Johnson, vice president. Newly elected board members are Matt Kenne, Bud Gode and Ann Barker. New decals are available for purchase.

A wonderful banquet was held Saturday night at Juvals with Don Poggensee as the featured speaker. His wonderful wildlife photos taken all over the world were accompanied simply by music and the oohs and aahs of the audience.

The weekend concluded after the Sunday morning field trips with lunch and compilation at Crawford Creek Recreation Area.

Special thanks to all who helped make the weekend so successful. The Fall Meeting will be held at Dixon (Quad Cities area) on September 8-10.

Attendance:

Adel: Janet Eppard.

Algona: Matt Kenne.

Ames: Jim Dinsmore, Barb Bettis.

Ankeny: Galin & Carol Berrier,
Maridel Jackson.

Arthur: Virginia Boggs.

Booneville: Eugene & Eloise Armstrong.

Cherokee: Dick Bierman.

Clear Lake: Virgil & Joan Eness.

Davenport: Pete & Mary Lou Petersen.

Decorah: Dennis Carter.

Des Moines: Bob Cecil, John Fleckenstein.

Dow City: Bill Eimermann.

Elgin: Dawn Devore.

Estherville: Harold White.

Ft. Dodge: Cliff & Sharon Perkins,
Dave & Peggy Moody, Dorothy Zehr,
Judy Garton, Mary Kuhlman.

Ida Grove: Dewey Tuneberg,
Don Poggensee, Irene Wagner,
Jeremiah Rice, Pete Ernzen.

Indianola: Jim Sinclair.

Iowa City: Bud Gode, Carol Thompson,
Dick Tetrault, Jim & Sharon Scheib,
Jim Fuller, Tom Kent, Rick Hollis.

Lake Mills: Sibyl Sand.

Liscomb: Beth & Mark Proescholdt.

Marshalltown: Alice Smith, Jean Eige,
Joan Buwalda, Russ Widner.

Mason City: Carolyn Fischer,
Rita Goranson.

Nevada: Hank Zaletel.

Nora Springs: Reva Pedelty.

Norwalk: Ann Johnson.

Osceola: Beth Brown.

Princeton: Ann Barker.

Sioux City: Bob & Phyllis Nickolson,
Bob Livermore, Jerry Probst,
Wayne Livermore.

Spencer: Lee & Nancy Schoenewe.

Waterloo: Alice McBride.

Bud & Jean Ouren, Edna Kirse, Janet
Hollis, Phil Walsh.

Heard on the Birdline March 15 - June 15

All reports of rare birds to the Iowa Birdline are considered hypothetical until they have been documented and accepted by the Records Committee.

An outstanding spring season for rarities was closed out with Lazuli Buntings at the Heine yard near Spencer on May 28-29, and a Macgillivray's Warbler found by Mark Proescholdt in Hardin County on June 2.

Early in the season, northwest Iowa produced Mountain Bluebird sightings on the 15th in Clay County, and the 25th in Dickinson County. A Townsend's Solitaire was at Lake Anita State Park on March 18. The first of five Cinnamon Teal reports came on the 15th from Lake Manawa at Council Bluffs. Others were a bird near Runnells that stayed put for over a month, in Woodbury County, near Carroll, and in Palo Alto County.

Tim Schantz discovered a Reeve at the Riverton Area on March 31, and it obliged birders through April 2, and Jim Sinclair found a Ruff in Ringgold County on April 22.

Tom Kent went searching snow-covered northwest Iowa on April 12 for



Chestnut-collared Longspurs, and found single birds along the roadside in Sioux and Lyon Counties. At the other corner of the state, Tom's quest for a Fish Crow was rewarded with four birds one April 21 along the Mississippi River in Louisa County. White-faced Ibis were reported in unusually large numbers, with as many as 14 at South Blue Lake in Monona County on April 25. Other reports were from Dunbar Slough in Greene County, Union Grove State Park, and the Riverton Area, where as many as five were still being seen in late May. However, the two Glossy Ibis at Riverton on May 18 are a potential second state record. Red-necked Grebes were also seen more often than usual with four reports from mid-April to early May.

Other April sightings included Smith's Longspurs in the Cone Marsh area of Johnson and Louisa Counties. Snowy egrets in Guthrie (16th), and Woodbury County (17th), a Prairie Falcon in Guthrie County on the 16th, and a Red-throated Loon at Little Wall Lake on the 22nd. In addition, Bewick's Wrens were found nesting in a nail sack in a building in Iowa County, and at a junkyard in Lee County. To close out April, a Yellow Rail was flushed at Otter Creek Marsh on the 29th, an Oldsquaw was at Cone Marsh on the 29th, and a Prairie Warbler was near Carroll on the 30th.

Things got ever more lively in May, and during the first half of the month a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was observed in Palo Alto County on the 4th, and a Black-headed Grosbeak paid a brief visit to an Iowa City feeder on the 10th. Gordon Brown reported an adult Laughing Gull below the Saylorville Reservoir dam on the 10th, Dennis Carter saw a male Black-throated Blue Warbler in Winneshiek County on the 11th, and a King Rail was at Tomahawk Marsh in Sac County on the 13th. Jane Clark watched a Mississippi Kite sail over Clive on the 15th, and the next day Eugene and Eloise Armstrong found two of them at the rear of the Olivet Baptist Church in West Des Moines. May was also excellent for shorebird rarities, with Red-necked Phalaropes in Story County (14th), and Sac County (20-21st), Whimbrels in Fremont and Hamilton Counties, and a Long-billed Curlew at the dredge pond at Black Hawk Lake on the 22nd.

In late May, a Western Tanager was at Hickory Hill Park in Iowa City, and a Prairie Warbler was at Lake McBride State Park. In the far southwest corner of the state, among all the other herons east of Nebraska City, there were Little Blue Herons and a Snowy Egret reported.

In Taylor County, Zelbert Freemyer showed off the three nests of Barn Owls in his farmyard east of Bedford.

Breeding Bird Atlas by Carol Thompson, Iowa City

The atlas is going well. All the species accounts are done and have been edited. We are working on the introductory chapters right now and hope to have a first draft to the University of Iowa Press by mid-summer. Publication will be sometime next year. The Atlas committee would like to express their appreciation to Jim Sandrock who has spent many, many hours editing the accounts and attempting to force use in correct grammatical composition and some semblance of order in our accounts. Despite our grumblings at times, we are very grateful for his efforts.

August Field Trip



The August 27th field trip will feature Brushy Creek State Recreation Area and Dolliver State Park, both located southeast of Fort Dodge. We will meet at the Brushy Creek Equestrian Campground at 7:30 AM. To reach Brushy Creek, take highway 20 to county road P73. This is between Fort Dodge and Webster City. Turn south on P73 and go 3 1/2 miles, then turn east on gravel. Travel approximately 1/2 mile to the campground. Park by the amphitheater near the information booth. All turnoffs are clearly marked with signs.

Motels on the east side of Fort Dodge include Super 8 (515/576-8000) and Comfort Inn (515/573-3731). In Webster City, Super 8 (515/832-2000) is located at the junction of highways 20 and 17.

For more information contact Mary Kuhlman, 515/576-3862.



Adopt-A-Book

Pam Allen, West Des Moines

Please help the I.O.U. purchase 781 copies of the Breeding Bird Atlas. They will be distributed to Iowa middle/high schools and county conservation boards. To make your donation, send your check for \$11.50 per book (payable to IOU) to Pam Allen, 1601 Pleasant St., West Des Moines, IA 50265-2331.



New I.O.U. Decals

The new I.O.U. decal features our logo. They are made of removable plastic that adhere to the inside of car windows or glass. Each logo costs \$1.00 and can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Pam Allen, 1601 Pleasant St., West Des Moines, IA 50265-2331. Checks should be made payable to I.O.U.



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Information on Myrle Burk Scholarships

The following four students received Myrle Burk scholarships in ornithology. These \$750 scholarships are funded by a bequest from Myrle Burk, a life I.O.U. member and former treasurer. The funds were given to the Iowa Academy of Sciences. The Iowa Ornithologists' Union has agreed to give each of the scholarship recipients a one-year membership in the I.O.U.

Tammy Stafford - Ph.D. student at Iowa State University who is studying the effects of some agricultural chemicals on birds.

Jeannette Schafer - M.S. student at Iowa State University who is studying the nesting success of birds in restored and natural wetlands in northern Iowa.

Liesl Kelly - M.S. student at Iowa State University who has done extensive work on birds elsewhere and is studying endangered butterflies in Iowa.

Laura Myers - a recent B.S. graduate of Iowa State University who studied the food habits of the reintroduced Peregrine Falcons in Des Moines for an honors project.



State & County Lists 1994

by Pete Petersen, Davenport

For 1994, 24 people reported lifetime Iowa totals, up from 18 last year. Of interest is the fact that Eugene and Eloise Armstrong recorded 304 species for 1994 in Iowa, exactly in the middle of the lifetime lists reported below. We received at least one listing for 48 counties, up from 37 last year.

Please send your totals for Iowa and any counties you have recorded at least 125 species within through Dec. 31, 1995 to the compiler by May 31, 1996 at 235 McClellan Blvd., Davenport, IA 52803. Just the total number is needed, not a list of the species.

Iowa Totals 200 Minimum

Pete Petersen	367
Eugene Armstrong	358
Eloise Armstrong	356
Brian Blevins	355
Mark Proescholdt	338
Beth Proescholdt	336
Steve Dinsmore	336
Reid Allen	332
Pam Allen	331
Ann Johnson	327
Mary Lou Petersen	314
Ray Cummins	313
Curt Nelson	304
Ann Barker	300
Corey Blevins	290
Pete Ernzen	284
Bill Huser	274
Lee Schoenewe	273
Matt Kenne	270
Rita Goranson	270
Carolyn Fischer	261
Doug Harr	249
Marty Thelen	225
Judy Garton	205

County Totals 125 Minimum

Allamakee	
Mark Proescholdt	157
Appanoose	
Ray Cummins	263

Steve Dinsmore	173
Black Hawk	
Pete Petersen	235
Mary Lou Petersen	228
Boone	
Steve Dinsmore	243
Mark Proescholdt	206
Beth Proescholdt	195
Eugene Armstrong	179
Eloise Armstrong	179
Ann Johnson	167
Bremer	
Ray Cummins	131
Butler	
Mark Proescholdt	153
Carroll	
Marty Thelen	166
Cerro Gordo	
Curt Nelson	266
Carolyn Fischer	244
Rita Goranson	242
Steve Dinsmore	174
Clay	
Lee Schoenewe	252
Judy Knight	210
Alice Kehoe	205
Clinton	
Pete Petersen	249
Mary Lou Petersen	183
Dallas	
Eugene Armstrong	195
Eloise Armstrong	195
Steve Dinsmore	174
Ray Cummins	157
Des Moines	
Pete Petersen	219
Dickinson	
Lee Schoenewe	237
Doug Harr	231
Steve Dinsmore	181
Dubuque	
Pete Ernzen	278
Franklin	
Mark Proescholdt	162
Fremont	
Steve Dinsmore	242
Mark Proescholdt	191
Ray Cummins	153
Greene	
Steve Dinsmore	213
Mark Proescholdt	169



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 Birds seen on field trips May 19-21, 1995 at the Spring Meeting.

GAVIIDAE		SCOLOPACIDAE		CORVIDAE		THRAUPINAE
X Common Loon		X Greater Yellowlegs		X Blue Jay		X #Summer Tanager (S)
PODICIPEDIDAE		X Lesser Yellowlegs		X Am. Crow		X Scarlet Tanager
X Pied-billed Grebe		X Solitary Sandpiper		PARIDAE		X Black-capped Chickadee
X Horned Grebe		X Willet		X Tufted Titmouse		SITTIDAE
X Eared Grebe		X Spotted Sandpiper		X Red-breasted Nuthatch		X White-breasted Nuthatch
X Western Grebe		X Upland Sandpiper		CERTHIIDAE		X Brown Creeper
PELECANIDAE		X Hudsonian Godwit		TROGLODYTIDAE		X Carolina Wren
X Am. White Pelican		X Marbled Godwit		X House Wren		X Winter Wren
PHALACROCORACIDAE		X Ruddy Turnstone		X Sedge Wren		X Marsh Wren
X Double-crstd Cormorant		X Sanderling		MUSCICAPIDAE		X Golden-crowned Kinglet
ARDEIDAE		X Semipalmated Sandpiper		X Ruby-crowned Kinglet		X Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
X Am. Bittern		X *Western Sandpiper		X Eastern Bluebird		X *Townsend's Solitaire
X Least Bittern		X Least Sandpiper		X Veery		X Gray-cheeked Thrush
X Great Blue Heron		X White-rumped Sandpiper		X Swainson's Thrush		X Hermit Thrush
X Great Egret		X Baird's Sandpiper		X Wood Thrush		X Am. Robin
X Little Blue Heron		X Pectoral Sandpiper		X *Varied Thrush		MIMIDAE
X Cattle Egret		X Dunlin		X Gray Catbird		X N. Mockingbird
X Green-backed Heron		X Stilt Sandpiper		X Brown Thrasher		X Brown Thrasher
X Blk-crwnd Night-Heron		X *Short-billed Dowitcher		MOTACILLIDAE		X Water Pipit
X Yllw-crwnd Night-Heron		X *Long-billed Dowitcher		BOMBYCILLIDAE		X Cedar Waxwing
ANATIDAE		X Common Snipe		CANTIDAE		X *Northern Shrike
X Tundra Swan		X Am. Woodcock		X Loggerhead Shrike		STURNIDAE
X Mute Swan		X Wilson's Phalarope		X European Starling		VIREONIDAE
X Gr. White-fronted Goose		X Red-necked Phalarope		X White-eyed Vireo		X Bell's Vireo
X Snow Goose		CHARADRIIDAE		X Solitary Vireo		X Yellow-throated Vireo
X Ross' Goose		X Franklin's Gull		X Warbling Vireo		X Philadelphia Vireo
X Canada Goose		X Bonaparte's Gull		X Red-eyed Vireo		EMBERIZIDAE
X Wood Duck		X Ring-billed Gull		PARULINAE		X Blue-winged Warbler
X Green-winged Teal		X Herring Gull		X Golden-winged Warbler		X Tennessee Warbler
X Am. Black Duck		X *Glaucous Gull		X Orange-crowned Warbler		X Nashville Warbler
X Mallard		X Caspian Tern		X Northern Parula		X Yellow Warbler
X N. Pintail		X *Common Tern		X Chestnut-sided Warbler		X Magnolia Warbler
X Blue-winged Teal		X Forster's Tern		X Cape May Warbler		X Blk-thrtd Blue Warbler
X Cinnamon Teal		X Least Tern		X Black-thrtd Green Warbler		X Blackburnian Warbler
X N. Shoveler		X Black Tern		X Yellow-throated Warbler		X *Pine Warbler
X Gadwall		COLUMBIDAE		X Palm Warbler		X Bay-breasted Warbler
X Am. Wigeon		X Rock Dove		X Blackpoll Warbler		X Cerulean Warbler
X Canvasback		X Mourning Dove		X Black-and-white Warbler		X Am. Redstart
X Redhead		CUCULIDAE		X Prothonotary Warbler		X Worm-eating Warbler
X Ring-necked Duck		X Black-billed Cuckoo		X Ovenbird		X Northern Waterthrush
X *Greater Scaup		X Yellow-billed Cuckoo		X Louisiana Waterthrush		X Kentucky Warbler
X Lesser Scaup		TYTONIDAE		X Connecticut Warbler		X Mourning Warbler
X Oldsquaw		X Common Barn-Owl		X Common Yellowthroat		X Hooded Warbler
X *White-winged Scoter		STRIGIDAE		X Wilson's Warbler		X Canada Warbler
X Common Goldeneye		X Eastern Screech-Owl		X Yellow-breasted Chat		
X Bufflehead		X Great Horned Owl				
X Hooded Merganser		X Snowy Owl				
X Common Merganser		X Barred Owl				
X Red-breasted Merganser		X Long-eared Owl				
X Ruddy Duck		X Short-eared Owl				
CATHARTIDAE		X N. Saw-whet Owl				
X Turkey Vulture		CAPRIMULGIDAE				
ACCIPITRIDAE		X Common Nighthawk				
X Osprey		X #Chuck-will's-widow (S)				
X Bald Eagle		X Whip-poor-will				
X N. Harrier		APODIDAE				
X Sharp-shinned Hawk		X Chimney Swift				
X Cooper's Hawk		X Ruby-thrtd Hummingbird				
X *N. Goshawk		ALCEDINIDAE				
X Red-shouldered Hawk		X Belted Kingfisher				
X Broad-winged Hawk		PICIDAE				
X Swainson's Hawk		X Red-headed Woodpecker				
X Red-tailed Hawk		X Red-bellied Woodpecker				
X Rough-legged Hawk		X Yellow-bltd Sapsucker				
X #Golden Eagle (NE)		X Downy Woodpecker				
FALCONIDAE		X Hairy Woodpecker				
X Am. Kestrel		X N. Flicker				
X *Merlin		X Pileated Woodpecker				
X *Peregrine Falcon		TYRANNIDAE				
PHASIANIDAE		X Olive-sided Flycatcher				
X #Gray Partridge (N)		X Eastern Wood-Peeve				
X Ring-necked Pheasant		X *Yellow-bltd Flycatcher				
X #Ruffed Grouse (NE)		X Acadian Flycatcher				
X Wild Turkey		X *Alder Flycatcher				
X N. Bobwhite		X Willow Flycatcher				
RALLIDAE		X Least Flycatcher				
X Virginia Rail		X Eastern Phoebe				
X Sora		X #Say's Phoebe (NW)				
X Common Moorhen		X Great Crstd Flycatcher				
X Am. Coot		X #Western Kingbird (W)				
		X Eastern Kingbird				
CHARADRIIDAE		LAUDIDAE				
X Black-bellied Plover		X Horned Lark				
X Lesser Golden Plover		HIRUNINIDAE				
X Semipalmated Plover		X Purple Martin				
X Piping Plover		X Tree Swallow				
X Killdeer		X N. Rough-winged Swallow				
RECURVIVROSTRIDAE		X Bank Swallow				
X Am. Avocet		X Cliff Swallow				
		X Barn Swallow				



Grundy			Muscatine		
	Mark Proescholdt	174		Pete Petersen	254
Guthrie				Mary Lou Petersen	219
	Steve Dinsmore	227	Pocohontas		
	Eugene Armstrong	211		Ray Cummins	220
	Eloise Armstrong	210	Polk		
	Ray Cummins	204		Steve Dinsmore	302
	Mark Proescholdt	187		Eugene Armstrong	292
Hamilton				Eloise Armstrong	291
	Steve Dinsmore	203		Pam Allen	279
	Mark Proescholdt	181		Reid Allen	276
Hardin				Ann Johnson	259
	Mark Proescholdt	235		Mark Proescholdt	250
	Beth Proescholdt	215		Pete Petersen	243
Ida				Beth Proescholdt	230
	Pete Erzen	228	Pottawattamie		
Jackson				Steve Dinsmore	195
	Pete Petersen	233	Sac		
Jasper				Marty Thelen	164
	Mark Proescholdt	175	Scott		
	Beth Proescholdt	156		Pete Petersen	304
Johnson				Brian Blevins	284
	Pete Petersen	248		Mary Lou Petersen	275
Kossuth				Corey Blevins	272
	Matt Kenne	262	Story		
	Steve Dinsmore	177		Steve Dinsmore	274
Lee				Mark Proescholdt	235
	Steve Dinsmore	184		Beth Proescholdt	206
	Pete Petersen	157	Tama		
	Ray Cummins	144		Mark Proescholdt	225
Linn				Beth Proescholdt	175
	Pete Petersen	204	Van Buren		
Louisa				Ray Cummins	156
	Pete Petersen	257	Warren		
Lucas				Ann Johnson	247
	Ray Cummins	144	Wayne		
Lyon				Ray Cummins	132
	Doug Harr	174	Winneshiek		
Madison				Dennis Carter	213
	Eugene Armstrong	258	Woodbury		
	Eloise Armstrong	254		Bill Huser	245
Marion			Wright		
	Ann Johnson	255		Steve Dinsmore	216
	Mark Proescholdt	208		Mark Proescholdt	158
	Steve Dinsmore	196			
	Ray Cummins	175			
Marshall					
	Beth Proescholdt	258			
	Mark Proescholdt	257			
	Steve Dinsmore	175			





Iowa Ornithological Union Meeting
Wapsi River Environmental
Education Center
Dixon, Iowa
September 8-10, 1995



The Quad City Audubon Society welcomes I.O.U. members to eastern Iowa. Headquarters for the meeting will be the newly remodeled Wapsi River Environmental Education Center near Dixon. Located in a beautiful wooded setting along the Wapsi River at the Clinton-Scott county line adjacent to Clinton County's Sherman Park, the center provides excellent habitat for migrating passerines.

Field trips will explore hotspots such as Sherman Park, Mockridge, Syracuse, Goose Lake, Bolgers Hollow, Eagle Point Park, Barber Creek, Princeton Marsh, Scott County Park, Wildcat Den State Park, Wiese's Slough, and Big Sand Mound Nature Preserve. Target birds include: Common Moorhen, Sandhill Crane, Carolina Wren, Northern Mockingbird, migrant vireos and warblers, and Lark Sparrow. The area has Iowa's largest cormorant colony, and should provide an excellent chance to see grassland shorebirds.

Friday, Sept. 8 Social gathering at the Wapsi Center. Refreshments, packet pick-up, presentations by Quad City Audubon members about birding the local area and information about the weekend's field trips at 7 - 9 P.M. approximately 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, Sept. 9 Breakfast on your own.
6:30 A.M. Field trips depart from the Farm & Fleet parking lot, 8535 Northwest Blvd., (Hwy 130 just north of I-80), Davenport.

12:00 noon Lunch at the Wapsi Center.

1:00 P.M. Fish & Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative - Carol Thompson.
1:45 P.M. New alignments in the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and how they affect volunteer birders - Rick Nelson, Director, Rock Island Field Office, USFWS.

2:15 P.M. Break.
2:30 P.M. Fall warbler identification with slides & calls - Kelly McKay, Quad City Audubon Society.

3:30 P.M. Business meeting.

6:30 P.M. Banquet at the Iowa Machine Shed Restaurant, 7250 Northwest Blvd., (Hwy 130 just south of I-80), Davenport. Fried chicken and ham, special featured dessert. Program: New Zealand slides - Pete Petersen.

Sunday, Sept. 10 Breakfast on your own.
6:30 A.M. Field trips depart from the Farm & Fleet parking lot.
12:00 noon Picnic lunch and compilation at the upper level shelter Wildcat Den State Park (follow signs from hwy 22 or 61).



Accommodations

Camping facilities are available at the Wapsi Center. No electricity or shower. \$4.00 per night. No reservations necessary.

Motels: (early reservations recommended)

Super 8 , Walcott (exit 284)	319/284-5083 / 800/800-8000
Comfort Inn , Davenport (exit 292) next to Iowa Machine Shed	319/391-8222 / 800/272-1779
Heartland Inn , 6605 N. Brady, Davenport (exit 295A)	319/386-8336 / 800/334-3277 ext. 15
Ramada Inn , 6263 N. Brady (exit 295A)	319/386-1940 / 800/228-2828
Excel Inn , 6310 N. Brady, Davenport (exit 295A)	319/386-6350 / 800/356-8013

Directions:

Wapsi River EEC: From I-80 east or west: off at Walcott (exit 284), go north on county Y-40 to Dixon, then northwest on Y-4E about 1 mile to 52nd Ave., north on 52nd Ave. to center. From Hwy. 30: take Y-4E south from Wheatland about 6 miles to 52nd Ave., north on 52nd Ave. to center.

Field Trips:

Western Clinton County: Sherman Park, Mockridge pine grove, Syracuse Wildlife Area, Peckosh marsh.

Eastern Clinton County: Goose Lake Marsh, Bolger's Hollow and Gomer's Lake along the Mississippi, Eagle Point Park woodland.

Southern Clinton-North Scott Counties: Barber Creek Wildlife Area, Princeton Marsh, Scott County Park.

Muscatine County: Wildcat Den State Park, Bluebird Trail, Wiese's Slough, Big Sand Mound Nature Preserve.

Registration:

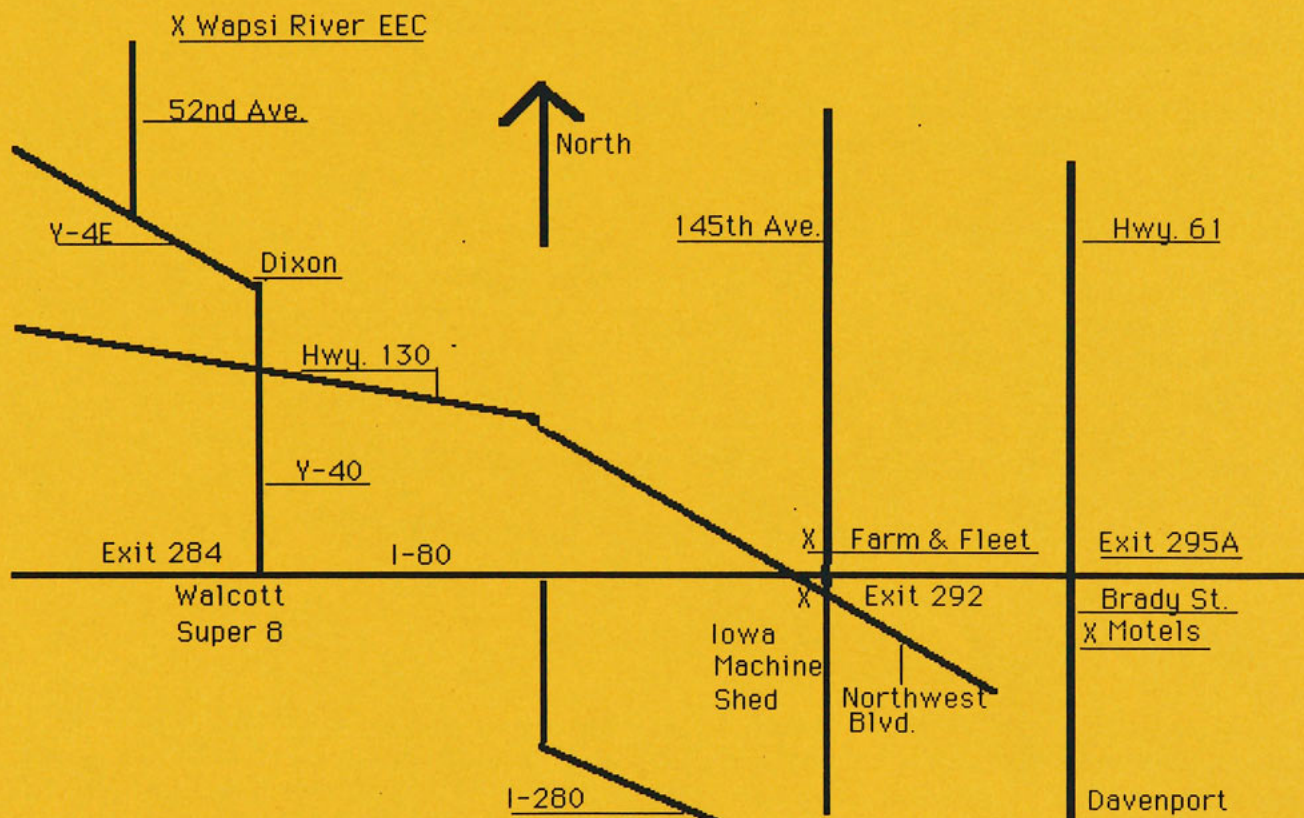
Name _____	Registration: 5.50 _____
Address _____	Saturday lunch: 6.00 _____
Phone _____	Banquet: 12.50 _____
Special needs _____	Sunday lunch: 6.00 _____

Entire package: \$30.00

Amount enclosed _____

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