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Participants of a morning field trip cross the Raccoon River. Photo by Don Poggensee.

2009 IOU Spring Meeting Wrap-up — Paul Roisen

Iowa Ornithologist's Union's (IOU) spring meeting was held at Swan Lake State Park in Carroll County May 1-3, 2009. Hosts were Matt Wetrich and the Carroll County Conservation board. The one hundred and five birders who gathered from all over the state were treated to one of the best meeting places we have had the privilege to use. The recently constructed Carroll County Conservation Education Center provided us with plenty of room to meet in as well as to eat. The state of the art multimedia system that is in place there made it easy to transition between audio or visual presentations.

Friday evening included registration and a social gathering in the Education Center right on the grounds of the state park. Snacks, drinks, old friends gathering to visit and a couple of birding tests rounded out the night. Steve Dinsmore provided a great collection of unlabeled bird wings to test our birding knowledge. Chris Caster was the winner identifying all but one of the of the wings. Stan Buman put together a great video comprised of sixty-two of his wonderful birds photos. Each photo was numbered so we write down our answers and compare them with others.

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Fall Meeting

Lake Rathbun - Appanoose Co.

Dan Tiemeier, Tom Johnson, and the Lake Rathbun Birding Club will host the Fall Meeting October 16-18, 2009 in Centerville. Lake Rathbun and the surrounding areas should produce outstanding birding for the weekend.



The one and only Jon Dunn will take centerstage on Saturday night for the banquet. Jon Dunn has lived much of his life in California, where he became a birder at age eight, an event triggered, he says, by the life-altering appearance of a bright male Hooded Oriole in his garden.

Jon has extensive knowledge of the identification and distribution of North American birds and has published numerous papers in a wide variety of journals. He has also long been interested in Asian avifauna. Jon has been



Chief Consultant/Editor for all five editions of the National Geographic Society's Field Guide to the Birds of North America, the most recent published in 2006. He is the co-writer and host of the two-video set Large and Small Gulls of North America, as well as co-author (with Kimball Garrett) of Birds of Southern California: Status and Distribution as was a key contributor for the Peterson Field Guide to Warblers. Jon is a member of the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of the American Ornithologists' Union and the ABA Checklist Committee, and has served more than 20 years on the California Bird Records Committee. Beyond birds, Jon has a keen interest in politics, history, and the cinema.

President's Welcome

I'd like to take a moment to send a summer welcome to Iowa Ornithologists' Union members. As many of you are aware, John Rutenbeck completed his term as IOU president at the Carroll spring meeting, where I was elected to replace him. During John's two years as president the IOU moved forward on many fronts - membership remained strong; resources including *Iowa Bird Life*, the *IOU Newsletter*, and the IOU web page continued to receive strong support; and events sponsored by the organization (annual meetings and field trips) were well-attended. This would not have been possible without John's leadership and the support of other officers and members. Thank you, John, for a job well done! I also thank Paul Roisen (out-going Vice President), Bill Scheible (continuing board member), and Jim Fuller (retiring board member) for their efforts.

The Iowa Ornithologists' Union has a long and rich interest in the identification, study and protection of birds that I hope will continue during the next two years. I would like to extend a welcome to Aaron Brees (vice president) and Paul Roisen (newly elected board member) and to welcome those officers who are continuing their terms. I am excited at the prospect of working with these volunteers and you, the members, during the next two years.

While there are many important tasks for the IOU, I would like to mention two that are a priority for me: (1) increasing the membership, and (2) expanding participation in the Breeding Bird Atlas project. A solid membership base is important in many ways, including revenue generation to support our publications,



The first breeding bird atlas project was in 1985-1990.



Stephen J. Dinsmore

and I encourage every member to make a special effort to recruit someone new to the IOU this year. In 2008, the IOU helped sponsor (with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources) a 5-year effort to document the state's breeding birds with the second comprehensive breeding bird atlas project (the first was in 1985-1990). This is an ambitious undertaking, but will provide invaluable information on bird responses to changes in land use as Iowa expands its bio-economy and as federal programs such as the Farm Bill are reshaped. Please consider donating your time to this effort! More details are available on the IOU web page (<http://bba.iowabirds.org/>). The IOU depends upon the efforts of its volunteers, so I urge each of you to try to find an opportunity to get involved and volunteer your time to our organization.

I sincerely look forward to serving the role of IOU president for the next two years and always welcome suggestions for improvement or comments in general. I hope to see many of you at the fall IOU meeting October 16-18, 2009 in Centerville!

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IOU Spring Meeting 2009

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Saturday and Sunday mornings began with breakfast followed by the departure of the field trips at 7:00AM. Whiterock Conservancy, Black Hawk State Park, Dunbar Slough, Snake Creek Marsh, selected portions of the Racoon River, and Swan Lake itself provided excellent opportunities for local as well as some rather rare birds. Saturday's field trips included lunch in the field. This recent change, which allows us to extend the field trips to 1:00 or 1:15 P.M., has been well received by



Birders scan for the Black-bellied Whistling Duck at Hobbs Pit. Photo by Jay Gilliam.



Taking a break between stops. Photo by Don Poggensee.

participants.

The IOU General Meeting included a number of presentations: 1) The records committee presented some tips for better rare bird documentation, 2) The Breeding Bird Atlas (BBA II) project provided us with results from the first year of the five year effort—Jerry VonEhwegen and Bruce Ehresman were honored as the top BBA producers for last summer, 3) Kay Newman gave us presentation on caring for injured birds, and



Mark Proescholdt and Ray Cummins catch up on old times. Photo by Don Poggensee.

4) General business was handled.

First time attendees Diane Buman (Council Bluffs), Stan Crull (Ames), Dave Eastman (Cedar Rapids)—we failed to catch Dave at the last meeting, Fritz Franzen (Ames), Evan McWillimans (Paton), Josh Obrecht (Ames), and Rick Wright (Tuscon, AZ) were recognized and provided with a copy of "Birds In Iowa" by T. Kent and J. Dinsmore as a welcoming gift.

The IOU Board met briefly after the conclusion of the General Meeting

Rick Wright, a well known writer and birder from Tuscon, Arizona presented the Keynote address for the Saturday night banquet. Rick prepared and presented a stirring reading punctuated with photos highlighting the beauty of southwest warbler species. Though the format was not the traditional menu of photos and identification tips it certainly showed why Rick is such a well-known author of magazine articles. Arizona will certainly be high on the list for many of us as we plan our winter birding trips.



Left: Matt Wetrich, Carroll County Naturalist, served as IOU meeting host. Right: Rick Wright, managing director for Wings, was our keynote speaker. Photos by Don Poggensee.

Sunday's field trips were shortened to noon so final compilation could be made by 1 P.M. The weekend still yielded a total of one hundred and seventy-six species, including Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Gray Partridge, Western Grebe, Snowy Egret, Prairie Falcon, Western Sandpiper, and Barn Owl.

Good weather and great people made for a great weekend. Thanks, Matt Wetrich for putting it all together.



Steve Dinsmore discusses the identification of a female grosbeak during a presentation sponsored by the Records Committee. Photo by Jay Gilliam.



Roisen, Ann Johnson and Wright. Photo by Don Poggensee.



Participants gathered in the Education Center at Swan Lake SP. Photo by Don Poggensee.

IOU Spring Meeting Attendees

Reid Allen, West Des Moines IA
 Pam Allen, West Des Moines IA
 Jean Allgood, Iowa City IA
 Ed Allgood, Iowa City IA
 Eugene Armstrong, VanMeter IA
 Eloise Armstrong, VanMeter IA
 Carol Berrier, Ankeny IA
 Galin Berrier, Ankeny IA
 John Bissell, Grimes IA
 Aaron Brees, Des Moines IA
 Suzanne Brown, Evansdale IA
 Jerry Brown, Evansdale IA
 Diane Buman, Council Bluffs IA
 Stan Buman, Carroll IA
 Chris Caster, Coralville IA
 Bob Cecil, Des Moines IA
 Jane Clark, Clive IA
 Stanley Crull, Ames IA
 Raymond Cummins, Centerville IA
 Larry Dau, Ames IA
 Diane Dentlinger, Des Moines IA
 Stephen J. Dinsmore, Ames IA
 Karen Disbrow, Iowa City IA
 Tom Duffy, Indianola IA
 Cathy Duffy, Indianola IA
 James Durbin, Marion IA
 Keith Dyche, Shenandoah IA
 David Eastman, Cedar Falls IA

Clyde Edson, Ames IA
 Barbara Edson, Ames IA
 Marlene Ehresman, Ames IA
 Bruce Ehresman, Ames IA
 Carolyn Fischer, Mason City IA
 Fritz Franzen, Ames IA
 Jim Fuller, Iowa City IA
 Scott Garrett, Cedar Falls IA
 Cathy Garrett, Cedar Falls IA
 Judy Garton, Fort Dodge IA
 Jay Gilliam, Norwalk IA
 Rita Goranson, Mason City IA
 Janet Greer, Council Bluffs IA
 Loren Hansen, Kingsley IA
 Doug Harr, Ogden IA
 Torre Hovick, Ames IA
 Sunney Hsu, Ames IA
 Doug Hunt, Oskaloosa IA
 Mary Beth Hunt, Oskaloosa IA
 Maridel Jackson, Ankeny IA
 Ann Johnson, Norwalk IA
 Tom Johnson, Mystic IA
 Mike Johnston, Waterloo IA
 Sandy Johnston, Waterloo IA
 Dorothy Kelley, Des Moines IA
 Mike Kelley, Des Moines IA
 Cathy Konrad, Bettendorf IA
 Jim Konrad, Bettendorf IA

Ken Lowder, Iowa City IA
 Rob Thelen, Carroll IA
 Tucker Lutter, Bronson IA
 Les Lutter, Bronson IA
 Evans McWilliam, Paton IA
 Len Miller, Indianola IA
 Francis Moore, Waterloo IA
 Jim Murdock, Ames IA
 Robert Nickolson, Sioux City IA
 Phyllis Nickolson, Sioux City IA
 Kay Newman, Des Moines IA
 Josh Obrecht, Ames IA
 Diana Pesek, Cedar Rapids IA
 Marietta Petersen, Walnut IA
 Willard Piercy, Council Bluffs IA
 Don Poggensee, Ida Grove IA
 Mark Proescholdt, Liscomb IA
 Paul Roisen, Sioux City IA
 Rex Rundquist, Sioux City IA
 Maria Rundquist, Sioux City IA
 John Rutenbeck, Burlington IA
 Bill Scheible, Cedar Rapids IA
 Tom Schilke, Waterloo IA
 Shirley Schirck, Carroll IA
 Lee Schoenewe, Spencer IA
 Becky Simmons, Carroloo IA
 Bill Simmons, Carroll IA
 Nancy Slife, Iowa Falls IA

Ty Smedes, Urbandale IA
 Stuart Sparkman, Des Moines IA
 Mike Stephens, Centerville IA
 Vicky Stephens, Centerville IA
 Dick Stilwell, West Des Moines IA
 Sharon Stilwell, West Des Moines IA
 Richard Tetrault, Coralville IA
 Gerry Tetrault, Coralville IA
 Daniel Tiemeier, Centerville IA
 Richard Trieff, Indianola IA
 Lorna Truck, West Des Moines IA
 Fred Truck, West Des Moines IA
 Peter Vander, Meer Le Mars IA
 Laura Vander, Meer Le Mars IA
 Karen Viste-Sparkman, Des Moines IA
 Jerry Von Ehwegen, Sioux City IA
 Matt Wetrich, Jefferson IA
 Gerald White, Muscatine IA
 Doyle Woods, Indianola IA
 Rick Wright, Tuscon AZ
 Hank Zaletel, Nevada IA

Iowa State Bird Gets A New Old Name

The scientific name of the American Goldfinch, Iowa's state bird, has been changed from *Carduelis tristis* to *Spinus tristis* by the American Ornithologists' Union Committee on Classification and Nomenclature – North and Middle America. Governor Culver was unavailable for comment.



The change in the Goldfinch's name is warranted by the elevation of the subgenus *Spinus* to full genus status, and restores a name assigned to the American Goldfinch long ago. At various times in the last 250 years, it has held the names *Fringilla tristis*, *Spinus tristis*, *Astragalinus tristis*, and *Carduelis tristis* with changes reflecting uncertainty in the structures of genera within the family *Fringillidae*.

This and all recent checklist adjustments are published by the Committee in the July 2009 issue of *The Auk*. Other changes affecting the Iowa State List are as follows:

- 1) Northern Bobwhite is moved from the bottom of the list of upland gamebirds to the top of the list, by a reordering of the families within *Galliformes*.
- 2) Boreal Chickadee is now *Poecile*

hudsonicus.

3) Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow finally loses the "Sharp-tailed" modifier, and becomes Nelson's Sparrow.

4) The three tanagers are placed in a position below sparrows instead of above sparrows, by their reclassification as belonging to the family *Cardinalidae*.

5) Common Redpoll is now *Acanthis flammea* and Hoary Redpoll is *Acanthis Hornemanni*.

6) Pine Siskin is now *Spinus Pinus*.

7) Lesser Goldfinch is *Spinus psaltria*.

In-depth explanations of these and all changes can be coaxed out of Jon Dunn, member of the A.O.U. Committee on Classification and Nomenclature, and keynote speaker at the IOU Fall Meeting in Centerville. See page 2.

– P. Hertzell

Spring Meeting Compilation – Paul Roisen

Greater White-fronted Goose
Snow Goose
Ross's Goose
Canada Goose
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck*
Wood Duck
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Green-winged Teal
Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser
Ruddy Duck
Gray Partridge
Ring-necked Pheasant
Wild Turkey
Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe
American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant
American Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Cattle Egret
Green Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
White-faced Ibis
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Prairie Falcon*

Virginia Rail
Sora
American Coot
Black-bellied Plover
American Golden-Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Piping Plover
Killdeer
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper
Willet
Spotted Sandpiper
Upland Sandpiper
Hudsonian Godwit
Sanderling
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper*
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Dunlin
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher*
Long-billed Dowitcher*
Wilson's Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope
Franklin's Gull
Bonaparte's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Forster's Tern
Rock Pigeon
Eurasian Collared-Dove
Mourning Dove
Barn Owl***
Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl
Barred Owl
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker

Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Eastern Kingbird
Loggerhead Shrike
Blue-headed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Horned Lark
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow
Black-capped Chickadee
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
House Wren
Sedge Wren
Marsh Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
American Pipit
Cedar Waxwing
Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Northern Parula
Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Palm Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Ovenbird
Northern Waterthrush
Louisiana Waterthrush
Common Yellowthroat
Scarlet Tanager
Spotted Towhee
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow

Clay-colored Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Harris's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Bobolink
Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Common Grackle
Great-tailed Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
Purple Finch
House Finch
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow

*Documentation requested
***not viewable by public as it was on private land.

IOU Projects Committee Report

Chris Caster

The IOU Projects Committee (Chair Chris Caster, Vice Chair Marlene Ehresman, Secretary Mary Beth Hunt, and Member Keith Dyche) met at the Neal Smith NWR in April to review and recommend small projects to be funded by the Iowa Ornithologists' Union in 2009.

Three projects were selected for support based on their current and/or future impact on Iowa birds and birding:

1) Purchase of land along the Wapsipinicon River Greenbelt. Submitted by the Mitchell County Conservation Board. The purpose of this project is to acquire two parcels of farmland along the river totaling 59.43 acres. The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation has already acquired the land and Mitchell Co. Conservation will be purchasing it from the INHF on contract. The need to preserve and improve habitat along the Wapsi headwaters is a high priority. Tall grass prairie, shrub and forest replanting will be accomplished in 2009. These and future land acquisitions will be added as multi-use wildlife management areas. The Committee has funded this request at \$1,250.

2.) Purchase of land along West Indian Creek in Story County. Submitted by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. This 168-acre parcel contains 25 acres of remnant prairie, buffered by a reconstructed prairie from its own seed. Also present are 31 acres of woodland. The Story County Conservation Board would eventually like to own the property. Two other pro-

tected properties: SCCB's Robinson Wildlife Acres and the Izaak Walton League property, are only about 1 + miles away along Indian Creek. Also nearby, is a conservation easement held by INHF. The Committee has funded this request at \$1,000.

3) Continued funding of the Hitchcock Hawkwatch Banding Station. Submitted by the Pottawattomie County Conservation Board. The past two seasons banding has been performed to aid our understanding of raptor migration in the upper Midwest by supplementing the Hawkwatch's count data with information only attainable through a capture and release project. The project research goals will be evaluated after the 2009 season and every three years thereafter. The station provides a platform for raptor research collaborators and provides educational outreach. The Committee has funded this request at \$750.

The first two projects are supported by a number of important Iowa conservation groups and should reflect well on the IOU. The Hitchcock Hawkwatch has been funded by the IOU at the same level in the previous two years and the Committee felt it is deserving of our continued support.

Applications for project funding in 2010 will be accepted from June 1 through November 1, 2009. Information and grant forms are available on the IOU web-site.

New Arrival in Magpie's Neighborhood

The Nature Conservancy's Broken Kettle Grasslands Preserve, home of Iowa's only known breeding population of Black-billed Magpies, has had an historic birth. The re-introduced bison herd is a little larger today thanks to the arrival of its first calf. This is the first time that a bison has been born on native prairie in Iowa in more than a century and a half within a herd established exclusively for conservation. Scott Moats, Preserve Manager, said, "We moved them from South Dakota last year and we had a pretty tough winter here in Iowa. That they're able to calve tells me the forage is adequate and everything they need is here. They should be able to thrive and do what we want them to do ecologically."

Former *IOU News* editor, Harley Winfrey, asked Scott to comment on the relationship between the bison herd and the birdlife on the Preserve. Scott wrote, "I think over time the bison will have a positive impact on the bird community by creating a more heterogeneous landscape in terms of disturbance and grazing distribution. Bird conservation is considered in preserve management plans, but we are managing our biological system as a whole, not for single groups of species. So we are very aware of our management impacts on the bird community and weigh the responses with inverte-

brates, plants, herptofauna, and the mammal community, etc. The Black-billed Magpies seem to be doing well with our current management strategies and I do not see that changing in the future. Again, we are aware of their presence and continue to watch for them whenever we are out on the preserve. I always enjoy the magpies; we have seen Scissor-tailed Flycatchers here, too."



The bison herd at Broken Kettle Grassland Preserve has had its first calf. Photo by Nature Conservancy Staff.

Iowa 2008 Listing Totals and Records

Thirty-six Iowa birders submitted to *IOU News* state list lifetime totals in response to the Reporting Form included in the winter issue. All totals printed here are current through December 31, 2008, and do not include additions from the calendar year 2009.

The top three totals exceed 90% of the current state list of 420 species, remarkable achievements possible only through many decades of birding the state. Topping the most active over the last year was Steve Dinsmore with a 2008 Annual List of 297, and Jay Gilliam close behind. The 288 species seen by Keith Dyche in 2008, constituted 94% of his lifetime total, another amazing achievement. Steve and Keith are the *IOU News* **Top Birders for 2008**.

Other interesting totals reported were several County Big Years conducted and six 2008 Bigbys. A **Big Green Big Year** has the acronym BIGBY... and it is simply a Big Year in which the lister only counts those species seen within walking or cycling distance of his/her home or principle place of work. No dashing off to the far corners of the state burning fossil fuels to get there.

County Big Years

2008 Appanoose County	215 Ray Cummins
2008 Decatur County	208 Jeff Livingston
2008 Linn County	204 Bill Scheible

Iowa State Life Lists

386 Tom Kent
 383 Jim Fuller
 378 Reid & Pam Allen
 377 Chuck Fuller
 375 Stephen Dinsmore
 373 Mark Proescholdt
 372 Ann Johnson
 365 Jim Sinclair
 365 Pete Wickham
 359 John Rutenbeck
 354 Chris Edwards
 351 Aaron Brees
 351 Jay Gilliam
 350 Jim Dinsmore
 349 Ray Cummins
 339 Carolyn Fischer
 339 Rita Goranson
 335 Danny Akers
 332 Lee Schoenewe
 331 Bill Scheible
 329 Mary Lou Petersen
 328 Paul Hertzell
 328 Paul Roisen
 323 Ric Zarwell
 318 Dale Fye
 315 Ed Thelen
 307 John Bissell
 306 Keith Dyche
 296 Gerald Von Ehwegen
 295 Matt Kenne
 292 Doug Harr
 291 Jeff Livingston
 285 Dick Bierman
 280 Nathan Miller
 260 Tucker Lutter
 253 Harley Winfrey

2008 Annual Lists

297 Stephen Dinsmore
 296 Jay Gilliam
 288 Keith Dyche
 281 Pam & Reid Allen
 278 Aaron Brees
 274 Paul Roisen
 265 Mark Proescholdt
 254 Bill Scheible
 246 John Bissell
 241 Danny Akers
 240 Tucker Lutter
 239 Nathan Miller
 239 Rita Goranson
 238 Gerald Von Ehwegen
 228 Lee Schoenewe
 226 Paul Hertzell
 224 Ray Cummins
 215 Jeff Livingston
 203 Harley Winfrey
 149 Dale Fye

IA Personally Found List

344 Stephen Dinsmore
 326 Jim Fuller
 321 Ray Cummins
 312 Lee Schoenewe
 309 Jay Gilliam, Mark Proescholdt
 308 Aaron Brees
 306 Pam & Reid Allen
 295 Matt Kenne
 292 Paul Hertzell
 291 Rita Goranson
 276 Carolyn Fischer
 270 Keith Dyche
 268 Nathan Miller
 238 Harley Winfrey

2008 Bigby

236 Ben Baldwin
 225 Nathan Miller
 189 Jeff Livingston
 182 Ric Zarwell
 128 Harley Winfrey
 99 Reid & Pam Allen



Some Yardlists

208 Jim Fuller (Johnson Co)
 189 Carolyn Fischer (Cerro Gordo Co)
 186 Ed Thelen (Dickinson Co)
 185 Rita Goranson (Cerro Gordo Co)
 184 Ann Johnson (Warren Co)
 178 Matt Kenne (Kossuth Co)
 177 Lee Schoenewe (Clay Co)
 175 Ric Zarwell (Allamakee Co)
 148 Mark Proescholdt (Marshall Co)
 140 Stephen Dinsmore (Story Co)
 126 Dick Bierman (Cherokee Co)
 117 Chris Edwards (Johnson Co)
 108 Dale Fye (Linn Co)
 103 Jay Gilliam (Warren Co)
 102 Harley Winfrey (Boone Co)
 102 Reid & Pam Allen (Dallas Co)
 73 Keith Dyche (Page Co)
 71 Doug Harr (Boone Co)

Iowa Big Days

There were four Big Days reported for 2008. A Big Day conducted in Guthrie County brings to 21 the number of Iowa's 99 counties that now have Big Day records.

2008 Big Days

- 146 Guthrie County – 11 May 2008
Gilliam, Dinsmore, Brees
- 111 Dickinson County – 27 Aug 2008
Lee Schoenewe, E & E Armstrong
- 101 Decatur County – 3 Oct 2008
Livingston, Livingston, Miller, Wilson
- 86 Clayton County – 1 Jun 2008
Reid & Pam Allen, Danny Akers

Iowa Record Big Days by Month

- January** 71 10 Jan 2007
Chuck Fuller, Jim Fuller, John Rutenbeck
- February** 64 29 Feb 2000
Pam & Reid Allen
- March** 90 27 Mar 1988
Stephen J Dinsmore, Ross Silcock
- April** 141 29 Apr 1989
Stephen J Dinsmore, Paul Hertzel
- May** 204 13 May 1996
Pete Petersen, Brian Blevins, Don Moeller
- June** 135 1 Jun 2005
Danny Akers, Rita Goranson, Paul Hertzel
- July** 120 28 Jul 2005
E & E Armstrong, Dennis Thompson
- August** 136 26 Aug 2005
Lee Schoenewe, Ed Thelen
- September** 135 5 Sep 1987
Steve Dinsmore, Jim Sinclair, Andrew Fix
- October** 101 3 Oct 2008
Livingston, Livingston, Miller, Wilson
- November** 87 11 Nov 2003
Ed Thelen, Lee Schoenewe
- December** 75 19 Dec 2007
Bob Dick, Chuck Fuller, Jim Fuller, John Rutenbeck

Iowa Record Big Days by County

- Allamakee** 126 10 May 2003
R. Zarwell, B. Zarwell, M. Wolfe, M. Paulson
- Cerro Gordo** 145 11 May, 2002
Paul Hertzel, Rita Goranson, Carolyn Fischer
- Clayton** 107 12 May 2007
Danny Akers, Julie Brazell
- Clay** 148 09 May, 2004
Lee Schoenewe, Gary Grange, Pete Erzen
- Decatur** 130 11 May 2006
Jeff Livingston, Matthew Torres, et al
- Dickinson** 111 27 Aug 2008
Lee Schoenewe, E&E Armstrong
- Emmet** 140 16 May 2007
Rita Goranson, Matt Kenne, Paul Hertzel
- Floyd** 118 21 May 2005
Curt Nelson, Rita Goranson, Paul Hertzel
- Fremont** 171 11 May, 1991
S. Dinsmore, R. Silcock, BJ Rose, D. Rose
- Greene** 150 11 May 2007
Steve Dinsmore, Jay Gilliam
- Guthrie** 147 11 May 2008
Jay Gilliam, Steve Dinsmore, Aaron Brees
- Hancock** 141 09 May, 2005
Carolyn Fischer, Rita Goranson, Paul Hertzel
- Johnson** 136 08 May, 2004
Tom Kent, Jim Fuller
- Kossuth** 153 14 May, 2002
Matt Kenne, Paul Hertzel
- Marshall** 123 10 May, 2003
Mark Proescholdt, Paul Hertzel
- Mitchell** 90 14 May, 2007
Carolyn Fischer, Rita Goranson
- Polk** 162 12 May, 2006
Stephen Dinsmore, Jay Gilliam, Aaron Brees
- Warren** 154 09 May, 2003
Aaron Brees, Jim Sinclair
- Winnebago** 127 09 May, 2004
Paul Hertzel, Rita Goranson
- Woodbury** 165 08 May, 2004
Jerry Probst, Bob Livermore, Dave Stage
- Worth** 136 13 May, 2003
Paul Hertzel, Rita Goranson

2008 County Listing

Some Top County Lists

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 320 Jim Fuller, *Johnson*
 318 Tom Kent, *Johnson*
 310 Pam & Reid Allen, *Polk*
 301 Aaron Brees, *Polk*
 300 Carolyn Fischer, *Cerro Gordo*
 299 Chris Edwards, *Johnson*
 297 Jay Gilliam, *Polk*
 296 Ray Cummins, *Appanoose*
 294 Rita Goranson, *Cerro Gordo*
 293 Chuck Fuller, *Des Moines*
 292 Jerry Probst, *Woodbury*
 291 Lee Schoenewe, *Clay*
 291 Ed Thelen, *Dickinson*
 288 Pete Wickham, *Linn*
 288 Mary Lou Petersen, *Scott*
 288 Steve Dinsmore, *Story*

Adair

120 Pam & Reid Allen
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