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Schedule

Field Trips are free and open to the public. Meeting places vary and are noted in the schedule. Carpooling is encouraged. Trips may be cancelled due to inclement weather or flooding and will be announced on our Facebook page and by email notification to club members. Some trips are accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or questions email iowacitybc@gmail.com.

Meetings are held at the Iowa City Environmental Education Center, 2401 Scott Blvd. SE, at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, from September through November and February through May.

December 15, Sunday. Iowa City Christmas Bird Count. Join us for this holiday tradition! To participate contact Chris Edwards at credwards@aol.com or (319) 430-4732 by December 11. See page 3 for more details.

January 5, Sunday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Bird Feeder Watch Social at 2898 Naples Ave. NE, North Liberty. Join hosts Barbara Beaumont and Kurt Hamann at their beautiful home in the country. Chat with fellow birders, watch winter birds at the feeding stations, and eat snacks! Bring food to share if desired; coffee is provided. People are welcome to bird the property and the adjoining Muddy Creek Preserve before, during, or after the indoor event.

January 12, Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Coralville WinterFest, Marriott Hotel, Iowa River Landing. The club will have a viewing area with scopes and information about feeders for winter birdwatching.

February 1, Saturday, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bald Eagle Watch at Iowa River Power Restaurant and Dam. Our club will assist with this Coralville Parks and Recreation event. Watch the eagles from the dam or come inside the restaurant for eagle viewing and activities.

February 9, Sunday, 8 a.m. Quad Cities for gulls, waterfowl, and other birds on the Mississippi River. We'll stop at locks and dams, riverside parks, and other hotspots like Fairmount Cemetery for winter finches. Walking is usually short-distance from frequent stops. We'll stop for lunch at a nearby restaurant. Return time is mid-afternoon. Dress for cold and wind, and bring a spotting scope if you have one. Meet leader Chris Caster at the Hy-Vee parking lot, 1125 N Dodge St., Iowa City.

February 16, Sunday, 1-3 p.m. Freeze Fest at the Terry Trueblood Recreation Area lodge. The club will have a viewing area with scopes and information about feeders for winter birdwatching.

February 20, Thursday, 7 p.m. Meeting. Professor Christopher Brochu, vertebrate paleontologist at the University of Iowa, will present "What is a Species?" focusing on birds and crocodiles of Africa.

February 22, Saturday, 8 a.m. Macbride Nature Recreation Area. Cure your cabin fever! Start with feeder birds at the bird blind, then hike surrounding trails. Target species are Purple Finch, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Pine Siskin, Brown Creeper, woodpeckers, and more. Meet leaders Deb and Mark Rolfe at the MNRA main parking area where heated restrooms are available. We'll drive to the Raptor Center parking lot for a short walk to the bird blind, then hike on mulched, uneven, and possibly wet or snowy trails.

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March 4, Wednesday, 8 a.m. Kent Park Bird Walk with leader Rick Hollis. Meet at the Conservation Education Center.

March 7, Saturday, 6:30 a.m. Burlington Area and Mississippi River. Target birds include ducks, geese, pelicans, Winter Wren, and many more. This is an all-day trip, or take the option to return early about mid-afternoon. Our trip leader is Burlington local expert birder Chuck Fuller. Stops include locks and dams, riverside parks, and other hotspots. Walking is usually short distance from frequent stops. We'll stop for lunch at a nearby restaurant. Dress for cold and wind, and bring a scope if you have one. Meet Karen Disbrow at 6:30 at the Fin & Feather parking lot, 125 Hwy. 1 W, Iowa City; or at 8 a.m. at the Port of Burlington, 400 Front St., Burlington.

March 17, Tuesday, 7 p.m. Beginning Birder Course: Basics of Birding I at the Conservation Education Center in Kent Park. Advance registration is requested, and is free for club members. Call Kristen Morrow at (319) 645-1011 to register. See page 7 for a complete course schedule.

March 18, Wednesday, 8 a.m. Kent Park Bird Walk with leader Rick Hollis. Meet at the Conservation Education Center.

March 19, Thursday, 7 p.m. Meeting. Mark Bowman, bird bander and past Iowa City Bird Club member, will speak on the American Kestrel.

March 21, Saturday, 8 a.m. Cone Marsh in Louisa County for Sandhill Cranes, migrating ducks and geese, and other water birds. Wear boots for walking in wet areas, and bring a spotting scope if you have one. Meet at the Fin & Feather parking lot, 125 Hwy. 1 W in Iowa City. *Beginning Birder Trip.*

March 28, Saturday, 8 a.m. Kent Park with leader Rick Hollis. We will explore the trails in this county park looking for migrating songbirds and resident woodland birds. Meet at the Conservation Education Center in Kent Park. *Beginning Birder Trip.*

April 1, Wednesday, 8 a.m. Kent Park Bird Walk with leader Rick Hollis. Meet at the Conservation Education Center.

April 4, Saturday, 8 a.m. Hawkeye Wildlife Area for ducks, geese, pelicans, and other early spring migrants. Wear boots for walking in wet areas, and bring a spotting scope if you have one. Meet at the HWA parking lot across from Swan Lake.

Other Dates of Note

February 7-10, Friday-Monday. Minnesota Avian Adventure. Join Carroll and Sac County Conservation for their 7th annual trip to the North Woods of Minnesota. Take a comfortable coach bus to Sax-Zim Bog and other areas to find specialty birds of northern Minnesota in the winter. Targets include Bohemian Waxwing, Great Gray Owl, Northern Hawk Owl, Snowy Owl, Pine Grosbeak, Evening Grosbeak, Spruce Grouse, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Ruffed Grouse, Northern Goshawk, Boreal Chickadee, American Three-toed Woodpecker, and Black-backed Woodpecker. Space is limited – for more information email Carroll County Naturalist Matt Wetrich at matt@carrollcountyiowa.org.

March 3, 6–9 p.m. Bur Oak Land Trust's Prairie Preview at the Clarion Highlander Hotel Conference Center.

May 1-3, Friday-Sunday. Iowa Ornithologists' Union Spring Meeting at Carroll. For more information and to register, visit www.iowabirds.org.

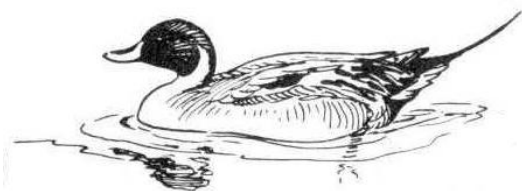
Christmas Bird Count Sunday, December 15

This year's Iowa City Christmas Bird Count will be held Sunday, December 15. To participate, please contact Chris Edwards at credwards@aol.com or (319) 430-4732 by Wednesday, December 11.

The Christmas Bird Count program is administered by the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and it is the longest-running citizen science project in existence. The Iowa City count area is a 15-mile diameter circle centered in North Liberty. It includes parts of Iowa City, all of Coralville, Lake Macbride, Kent Park, and most of the Coralville Reservoir. The goal is to identify and count all the birds found in the count circle on the day of the count. The circle is divided into ten territories, and a group is assigned to cover each territory.

We need participants in the field and as feeder watchers. If you wish to be a field participant, you will be assigned to a group and your group leader will contact you to coordinate a meeting time and place. If you wish to be a feeder watcher, email Chris your address and he will make sure you are in the count circle and will send you a reporting form. If you know others who may want to participate as feeder watchers, please have them contact Chris.

On count day, we will meet at noon for a mid-day compilation in Room N1 at the North Liberty Community Center, 520 W. Cherry St. – bring your own lunch. A dinner and final compilation will be at 5:30 p.m. at Mexico Lindo Grill and Cantina, 1857 Lower Muscatine Road, Iowa City (formerly the site of Okoboji Grill).



Time to Renew Your Membership

It's time to send in your membership dues for 2020. Our annual membership dues per household are \$15 for a print subscription, \$10 for an email subscription, or \$10 for students for a print or email subscription. Your dues help support our publications, events, and volunteer activities. Members also receive a 10% discount on birdseed and suet at Dodge St. Ace Hardware and Forever Green Garden Center. Check your mailing label or contact Treasurer Larry Mahoney at ltjmahoney@aol.com for the year you have paid through. Please complete the membership renewal form on the inside back cover and send it with your check payable to "Eastern Iowa Birdwatch" to Larry Mahoney, 2223 Cae Drive, Iowa City, IA 52246. Or go to our website and use your PayPal account to pay.

Welcome to New Members

We welcome the following new members who joined in 2019: Brian Broderick, Solon; Kerry Evans, Iowa City; Betsy Fischer, Iowa City; Tammy Fraser, Iowa City; Beth Herrick, Cedar Rapids; Elsa Janie, Iowa City; Evan Krasner, Iowa City; Michele Lewis-Sells, Coralville; Sarah Mullins, Swisher; Chris Olney, Tiffin; Cindy Opitz, Iowa City; Linda Portnoy, Coralville; Andrey Schneider, Iowa City; Rob Scoblic, Iowa City; Maria and Ryan Story, Iowa City; Byron Vandenburg, Iowa City; Kathleen Van DeWalle, North Liberty; Nancy Wehrheim, Solon; Shuang Wu, Ames; and Audrey Young, Swisher.

Join Our Google Group

To receive the electronic version of the newsletter, as well as reminders about upcoming club meetings, field trips, and other events, sign up for the Iowa City Bird Club Google Group. To sign up, contact Linda Quinn at quinnhenry@msn.com. And don't forget to let

her know when you change email addresses. You do not have to create a Google account in order to receive and read our posts. Our Google Group is not a chat-discussion format like IA-BIRD – it is set for notification only.

Visit Our New Website

We invite you to visit our newly-revamped website at www.iowacitybirdclub.org. The new site was built by our new Webmaster, Mark Graber. Mark has exported much of the great information from our old site, and added more. It features upcoming events on a calendar you can subscribe to, much information about our club and special events, and many Iowa-specific resources for birders. And not to be missed, the photo albums under the Birds of Iowa tab. Have fun browsing!

The new site is still a work in progress and we will continue revising and adding content in the coming months. You can email Mark with feedback at markagraber@gmail.com – please include “website” in the subject line.

Club Merchandise Now Available

We now have a partnership with Corporate Casuals to offer many types of clothing and other items with the new Iowa City Bird Club logo featuring a Tufted Titmouse. Hat styles include baseball caps and beanies. Clothing choices range from t-shirts and polos to athletic wear with moisture-wicking fabric for hot summer days. A women’s line offers polos, tops, athletic wear, and even outerwear, with a traditional fit for ladies. There are even clothing lines for big and tall men and kids. All clothing comes with an embroidered design (vertical or horizontal, and dark or light) styled to fit your item.

Browse the Corporate Casuals website at: <http://www.CorporateCasuals.com/logoShare/icbird>
Then order by phone at (978) 268-1110, or order online:

1. Create an account using your email address and a password you create.
2. Select the items you want and complete your order.
3. Pick the logo from two ICBC styles.

NOTE: When you go to this page you should see the Iowa City Bird Club logos on your selected merchandise item. If you don’t, please contact our partner’s email address below.

If you have any issues, questions, or just need assistance please contact our Corporate Casuals partner, Kim Foley, at (978) 268-1110 or kim@corporatecasuals.com.

Iowa Audubon Corner Karen Disbrow

An Iowa Audubon board meeting was held in November. We approved a donation to Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF) towards the purchase of the Bloody Run property. We discussed Clover Woods 4-H Camp in Boone County, a 1,011-acre property recently acquired by INHF. Iowa Audubon expects to make a donation towards this property in January.

Iowa Audubon will be awarding grants in March. Application forms can be found on the website at www.iowaaudubon.org. If you’re interested in setting up an account to provide funding for future grants, you can do this by making a one-time donation. One woman donated \$2,500 last year for this purpose and was so pleased with the grant result that she has donated funds again for this year’s grant program.

We have written several letters in support of ongoing issues, the latest being the trail around Ledges State Park utilizing roads. Yellow State River Forest has had issues with ATV use, and we have advocated for no ATV use through the forest. Both wildlife and people need quiet sanctuaries, and Yellow River State Forest is one of these areas.

2019 Cy-Hawk Big Day Challenge

Chris Edwards

The sixth annual Cy-Hawk Big Day Challenge was held on Sunday, September 22. The Cy-Hawk Big Day is an annual competition between the Iowa City Bird Club, birding for the Hawkeyes, and Big Bluestem Audubon Society of Ames, birding for the Cyclones. Birders from across Iowa are welcome to join either side of the rivalry. The club with the most species at the end of the day wins the coveted Kent-Dinsmore traveling trophy, a duck decoy painted black and gold on one side and cardinal and gold on the other side. And more importantly, the winning club gets bragging rights for the next year! Last year BBAS prevailed for the first time, 108 to 101.

This year's competition was especially noteworthy for the weather. All of eastern Iowa was blanketed with steady rain throughout the morning, and it continued sporadically in the afternoon. But those who ventured out had a surprisingly great day of birding.

This year Big Bluestem fielded three teams in central Iowa and found a total of 102 species. Of special note was the continuing Yellow-billed Loon at Brushy Creek State Recreation Area in Webster County. This is by far the rarest bird in Cy-Hawk history. Other BBAS highlights included Virginia Rail, Common Gallinule, Common Loon, Black-crowned Night-Heron, *Plegadis ibis* sp., Eastern Screech-Owl, Marsh Wren, Vesper Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, and Yellow-headed Blackbird.

Our club fielded six teams this year. Linda Rudolph and Chris Edwards, visiting Lake Macbride, Coralville Reservoir, and Hawkeye Wildlife Area, found the most species with 78. Elliot Stalter and Jamie McCoy ventured northeast to Goose Lake, Green Island Wildlife Area, Bellevue State Park, and Mines of Spain State Recreation Area, and were close behind with 77 species. They found an amazing 20 warbler species. Diana Pesek, James Huntington, and Jerry Denning drove to central Iowa and covered Saylorville Reservoir, Jester Park, and Brushy Creek State Recreation Area. They deserve a shout-out for going above and beyond the call of duty by spending three hours (unsuccessfully) searching for the Yellow-billed Loon that had been present there for weeks. Karen Disbrow, Linda Fisher, and Mary Noble birded areas in Johnson County including Lake Macbride, Kent Park, and Williams Prairie. Kate Kostenbader and Ted Lepic visited several areas including Swan Lake, Hawkeye Wildlife Area, and Amana Lily Lake. Ric and Betty Zarwell birded areas in NE Iowa including Pike's Peak State Park in Clayton County and the Mississippi River floodplain near their home in Allamakee County.

ICBC highlights included Greater White-fronted Goose, Horned Grebe, Common Gallinule, Sandhill Crane, American Avocet, Sanderling, Bonaparte's Gull, Common Tern, Northern Harrier, Peregrine Falcon, Philadelphia Vireo, Prothonotary Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Pine Warbler, and Yellow-throated Warbler. Our list included 22 warbler species, which is outstanding for late September. Our final tally was 125 species, a new Cy-Hawk record!

In addition to the competition, there is a fundraising component as each participant is asked to make a minimum \$5 donation to support Iowa Audubon's bird conservation and education programs. This year our club raised \$70 from participants, which was matched by our club treasury for a total of \$140.

I am also proud to report that during the six years of this competition, unlike the Iowa-Iowa State football rivalry, there have been no reports of verbal or physical harassment, taunting, finger-pointing or other rude hand gestures, or objects being thrown by participants or fans on either side. To our birding friends in central Iowa -- thanks for another fun competition!

BIRDS FOUND ONLY BY IOWA CITY BIRD CLUB (47 SPECIES)

Greater White-fronted Goose	Green Heron	Tennessee Warbler
Gadwall	Northern Harrier	Orange-crowned Warbler
American Wigeon	Pileated Woodpecker	American Redstart
Ring-necked Duck	Peregrine Falcon	Northern Parula
Horned Grebe	Yellow-throated Vireo	Magnolia Warbler
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Philadelphia Vireo	Bay-breasted Warbler
Common Nighthawk	Warbling Vireo	Blackburnian Warbler
Chimney Swift	Horned Lark	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Sandhill Crane	Tufted Titmouse	Blackpoll Warbler
American Avocet	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Black-throated Blue Warbler
Sanderling	Wood Thrush	Pine Warbler
American Woodcock	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Bonaparte's Gull	Northern Waterthrush	Yellow-throated Warbler
Caspian Tern	Golden-winged Warbler	Canada Warbler
Black Tern	Blue-winged Warbler	Scarlet Tanager
Common Tern	Prothonotary Warbler	

BIRDS FOUND ONLY BY BIG BLUESTEM AUDUBON SOCIETY (24 SPECIES)

Ring-necked Pheasant	Greater Yellowlegs	Marsh Wren
Virginia Rail	Yellow-billed Loon	Brown Thrasher
Least Sandpiper	Black-crowned Night-Heron	Field Sparrow
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Plegadis (ibis) sp.</i>	Vesper Sparrow
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Eastern Screech-Owl	Savannah Sparrow
Wilson's Snipe	Great Horned Owl	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Solitary Sandpiper	Bank Swallow	Brown-headed Cowbird
Lesser Yellowlegs	Cliff Swallow	Wilson's Warbler

BIRDS FOUND BY BOTH GROUPS (78 SPECIES):

Canada Goose	Osprey	White-breasted Nuthatch
Trumpeter Swan	Sharp-shinned Hawk	House Wren
Wood Duck	Cooper's Hawk	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-winged Teal	Bald Eagle	Eastern Bluebird
Northern Shoveler	Broad-winged Hawk	Swainson's Thrush
Mallard	Red-tailed Hawk	American Robin
Green-winged Teal	Barred Owl	Gray Catbird
Wild Turkey	Belted Kingfisher	European Starling
Pied-billed Grebe	Red-headed Woodpecker	Cedar Waxwing
Rock Pigeon	Red-bellied Woodpecker	House Sparrow
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Downy Woodpecker	House Finch
Mourning Dove	Hairy Woodpecker	American Goldfinch
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Northern Flicker	Chipping Sparrow
Sora	American Kestrel	Song Sparrow
Common Gallinule	Eastern Kingbird	Eastern Meadowlark
American Coot	Great Crested Flycatcher	Baltimore Oriole
Killdeer	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Red-winged Blackbird
Franklin's Gull	Willow Flycatcher	Common Grackle
Ring-billed Gull	Least Flycatcher	Ovenbird
Forster's Tern	Eastern Phoebe	Black-and-white Warbler
Common Loon	Red-eyed Vireo	Nashville Warbler
Double-crested Cormorant	Blue Jay	Common Yellowthroat
American White Pelican	American Crow	Black-throated Green Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Tree Swallow	Northern Cardinal
Great Egret	Barn Swallow	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Turkey Vulture	Black-capped Chickadee	Indigo Bunting

TOTAL SPECIES 149



Introduction to Birding Course

March 17 – April 21, 2020

Conservation Education Center

F. W. Kent Park, 2048 Hwy. 6 NW, Oxford



The Iowa City Bird Club and the Johnson County Conservation Department are offering a 6-week Introduction to Birding Course at the Conservation Education Center in Kent Park. There will be six Tuesday evening sessions along with six weekend field trips to area birding hot spots.

Tuesday evening sessions are \$5 for adults and free for children accompanied by an adult. Iowa City Bird Club members receive free admission – a one-year membership is \$15 per family or \$10 for students for a print subscription, or \$10 for an email subscription. Participants may attend all sessions or pick one or more to attend. Classes can hold 30, and advanced registration is requested – please call Kristen Morrow at (319) 645-1011 by noon of the Tuesday session. Handouts and refreshments will be provided. Come to class early and bird the loop path near the Conservation Education Center.

Weekend field trips are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring binoculars to all field trips; if you don't have a pair let us know in advance and loaners can be arranged. If you have a spotting scope, you are welcome to bring it. Club members will have several spotting scopes available to share on those field trips requiring one.

For more information, contact Karen Disbrow of the Iowa City Bird Club at (319) 430-0315.

Tuesday, March 17, 7 p.m. BASICS OF BIRDING I by Karen Disbrow. This will include field identification of birds, field guides, and equipment every birder needs, or might someday need.

Saturday, March 21, 8 a.m. Field Trip to CONE MARSH. Located about 25 miles SE of Iowa City, Cone Marsh is an excellent place to view migrating ducks, geese, Sandhill Cranes, and other water birds. Wear boots for walking in wet areas, and bring a spotting scope if you have one. **Meet at the Fin & Feather parking lot.**

Tuesday, March 24, 7 p.m. BASICS OF BIRDING II by Karen Disbrow, including e-Bird, apps, and birdsong identification.

Saturday, March 28, 8 a.m. Field Trip to KENT PARK. We will explore the trails in this park looking for migrating songbirds and resident woodland birds. **Meet at the Kent Park Conservation Education Center.**

Tuesday, March 31, 7 p.m. WHERE TO BIRD IN JOHNSON COUNTY by Karen Disbrow. Well-known, lesser-known, and secret places to watch birds and study nature in and around Johnson County.

Saturday, April 4, 8 a.m. Field Trip to HAWKEYE WILDLIFE AREA near North Liberty. We expect to see ducks, geese, American White Pelicans, and other early spring migrants. Wear boots for walking in wet areas, and bring a spotting scope if you have one. **Meet at the Swan Lake parking lot.**

Tuesday, April 7, 7 p.m. BACKYARD AND FEEDER BIRDS by James Scheib. This session will cover the common birds found in our backyards during the year, and what types of feeders and food to use to attract them.

Saturday, April 11, 8 a.m. Field Trip to LAKE MACBRIDE or other local areas. **Meet at the Kohl's parking lot across from McDonald's in Coralville.**

Tuesday, April 14, 7 p.m. BIRDS OF TERRY TRUEBLOOD AND WATERWORKS PARK IN IOWA CITY by Jim Scheib. Learn the variety of birds that are found throughout the year at these nearby parks.

Saturday, April 18, 8 a.m. Field Trip to WATERWORKS PRAIRIE PARK. Visit this Iowa City park with great trails for woodland, prairie, and wetland species. **Meet at Waterworks Prairie Park, off Dubuque St.**

Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m. WARBLER IDENTIFICATION & REVIEW by Karen Disbrow. Warblers are among our most colorful birds, but identification can be a challenge. Compare and contrast similar species.

Sunday, April 26, 8 a.m. Field Trip to HICKORY HILL PARK. May is prime time for viewing warblers in Iowa, and this park is an eastern Iowa hot spot for viewing migrant warblers and other songbirds. **Meet at Hickory Hill Park, at the parking lot at the end of Conklin Lane, off N Dodge St.**

New Books Available at the Iowa City Public Library

***A Short Philosophy of Birds* by Phillippe J. Dubois and Elise Rousseau.** A French ornithologist and a philosopher encourage their readers to pause, look at the sky, and reconnect with the natural world in twenty-two short lessons inspired by the secret lives of birds. Filled with elegant illustrations of bird species, this volume is a celebration of our friends in the sky, reminding us to embrace the rhythms of the natural world all around us.

***A Season on the Wind: Inside the World of Spring Migration* by Kenn Kaufman.** A close look at one season in one key site that reveals the amazing science and magic of spring bird migration and the perils of human encroachment.

***The Ascent of Birds: How Modern Science is Revealing Their Story* by John Reilly.** When and where did the ancestors of modern birds evolve? What enabled them to survive the meteoric impact that wiped out the dinosaurs? How did these early birds spread across the globe and give rise to the 10,500-plus species we recognize today? Based on the latest scientific discoveries and enriched by personal observations, this book sets out to answer those fundamental questions.

***National Geographic Backyard Guide to the Birds of North America* by Jonathan Alderfer and Noah Strycker.** Geared to the casual and experienced birdwatcher alike, this revised edition to 150 of the most common and interesting birds in North America is a perfect way to learn about the feathered friends outside your window.

***How to Know the Birds: The Art and Adventure of Birding* by Ted Floyd.** A celebrated naturalist (and editor of *Birding* magazine) guides readers through a year of becoming a better birder. Choosing 200 avian species to teach key lessons, he introduces a new, holistic approach to birdwatching and shows how to use the tools of

the 21st century to appreciate the natural world, whether city, country, or suburbs.

***Sky Dance of the Woodcock: The Habits and Habitats of a Strange Little Bird* by Greg Hoch.** The author combines natural history, land management, scientific knowledge, and personal observation to examine this little game bird – one of the oddest birds in North America. Many of us heard Greg speak at the Spring Iowa Ornithologists' Union meeting in Keosauqua.

***Birds and Blooms: Ultimate Guide to Backyard Birding* by Sheryl DeVore and others.** Easy identification tips, behavior secrets, and the best bird feeding advice from the editors of *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Includes many color photographs.

***I Love Birds! 52 Ways to Wonder, Wander & Explore Birds with Kids* by Jennifer Ward.** Designed to get parents and children birding together, this book has 52 activities for kids ages 4 to 8, information, and resources that will engage a child's imagination and sense of wonder as they observe birds in the wild, become citizen scientists, and forge deeper understanding, appreciation, and stewardship towards nature.

***Supernavigators: Exploring the Wonders of How Animals Find Their Way* by David Barrie.** A globetrotting voyage of discovery celebrating the navigational superpowers of animals – by land, sea, and sky. Included are dung beetles that steer by the light of the Milky Way; ants and bees that rely on patterns of light invisible to humans; sea turtles and moths that find their way using earth's magnetic field; humpback whales that swim thousands of miles while holding a rocksteady course; and birds that can locate their nests on a tiny island after crisscrossing an ocean.

***The Birds at My Table: Why We Feed Wild Birds and Why It Matters* by Darryl Jones.** The author discusses the history and scale of feeding wild birds, outlining debates about the practice, highlighting key research findings, and pointing out issues that require further examination.

***The Beginner's Guide to Birding: The Easiest Way for Anyone to Explore the Incredible World of Birds* by Nate Swick.** This book is aimed not at birders, but at the huge audience of people who hike, maybe have bird feeders, and generally enjoy nature. They will discover an incredible and rewarding new adventure in the beautiful world of birds. The book is packed with easy and fun activities and information about birds.

A Naturalist at Large: The Best Essays of Bernd Heinrich. From the acclaimed scientist and writer, essays collected for the first time in book form, about ravens and other birds, insects, trees, elephants, and more.

***The Snow Leopard Project and Other Adventures in Warzone Conservation* by Alex Dehgan.** The author looks at how an international group is working to preserve Afghanistan's wildlife in the wake of years of war, describing how they have risked their safety to create a national park, perform wildlife surveys, and fight poaching.

***Saving Jemima: Life and Love with a Hard-Luck Jay* by Julie Zickefoose.** The captivating story of a sick baby bird nursed back to health and into the wild by the acclaimed writer/artist and *Bird Watcher's Digest* columnist Julie Zickefoose.

***Peterson Reference Guide to Sparrows of North America* by Rick Wright.** An essential guide to identifying the 76 species of sparrows, juncos, and towhees found in North America, along with a fascinating history of human interactions with them.

***The Empire of the Eagle: An Illustrated Natural History* by Mike Unwin and David Tipling.** Lavishly illustrated accounts of the world's 68 currently recognized eagle species, from the huge Steller's Sea-eagle that soars above Japan's winter ice floes to the diminutive Little Eagle that hunts over the Australian outback. Organized by habitat, the lifestyle and unique adaptations of each species are explored.

Field Trip and Meeting Reports

August 25, Hawkeye Wildlife Management Area. This outing was rescheduled from August 18, when it was rained out. Today was much better; somewhat overcast with a cool breeze reminiscent of early October. We met at the Swan Lake parking lot at 8 a.m. The first bird heard when I arrived was a nearby Bell's Vireo. Catbirds, pewees, nuthatches and a redstart were also close by. And I was informed by the others of Green Heron, grebes, and kingfishers on Swan Lake.

We decided to carpool over to the end of James Avenue, as Brandon had been there earlier and confirmed shorebirds. We met up with Jim Forde on the drive over. He had with him some aerial photos of the area. They illustrated how the river valley had silted in so much that Sand Point was soon to disappear. Jim's insights certainly brought some clarity to the changes I have noticed at Round Pond, Greencastle, Babcock, and now Sand Point over the last thirty years. Hawkeye has been losing its expansive shorelines and before long could become a patchwork of weed-choked ponds. The habitat is ever changing whether you are talking about the DNR cutting brush and tiling fields, cedars aging beyond their Saw-whet suitability, or siltation turning our beloved wetlands to weedy fields. We all need to be more aware of it, as decisions are being made every season that impact the area, its wildlife, and our ability to enjoy it. What does the future hold?

Our immediate future was soon affected by a male Blue Grosbeak perched cooperatively just before the bend on James Avenue. It gave very nice looks for everyone. There was also a female grosbeak and enough chips from the brush to believe they might have a family. Eastern Kingbirds were gathering noticeably in anticipation of a flight south. But the Indigo Buntings and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks seemed content to stay awhile.

The end of James Avenue held a modest roost of American White Pelicans and Ring-billed Gulls. A few Franklin's Gulls and Caspian Terns were also seen. We added cormorants and a juvenile eagle. Shorebirds were few and distant, but we managed Lesser Yellowlegs and Pectoral Sandpipers. A couple of Great Egrets were a nice bonus. But soon we were out of new things to examine and decided to make the Sand Point walk.

The sun had begun to come out and from the base of Sand Point we walked eastward along the willows to get the light at our backs. Along the way we found at least a dozen or so Bobolinks in golden plumage – very pretty. Once we were in position a few Stilt Sandpipers were readily apparent. There were a number of Least Sandpipers close by which gave good comparative reference to a Baird's Sandpiper and Pectoral Sandpiper nearby. A lone Wilson's Phalarope was hurriedly patrolling the shoreline. Semipalmated Plover and Semipalmated Sandpiper were also seen. There weren't many birds and predictably most were Least or Pectorals. But the looks were certainly satisfying.

On the walk back to our vehicles we had conversations regarding cats vs. harriers and owls vs. eaglets. I learned of a Red-tail that successfully begged eagle parents for food alongside their young, which reminded me of my daughter's boyfriend. I learned paleontology is a tough field. But I digress. As I left for home, I noticed a raptor being harassed by crows at the top of a snag on the James Avenue corner. To my surprise the unlikely victim was an Osprey. What was he doing there? Looking for water? A way out?

That's all I've got. Thanks to those inclined to join me on this lovely day.

Participants: Elizabeth Aubrey, Chris Caster (leader), Brandon Caswell, Sandy Eads, Dean Hester.

Birds (55 species): Canada Goose, Blue-winged Teal, Mallard, Pied-billed Grebe, Mourning Dove, Common Nighthawk, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Stilt Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Lesser Yellowlegs, Wilson's Phalarope, Franklin's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Caspian Tern, Double-crested Cormorant, American White Pelican, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Green Heron, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Belted Kingfisher, Northern Flicker, Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Bell's Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Tree Swallow, Bank Swallow, Barn Swallow, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, American Goldfinch, Field Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Bobolink, Baltimore Oriole, American Redstart, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting.

– Chris Caster

September 8, Pelican Festival at Hawkeye Wildlife Area. It was an overcast but pleasant day. A thousand American White Pelicans, more or less, put on a nice show for the 130 visitors. They (the pelicans, not the visitors) spent the day alternately loafing, flying, and swimming around the pool at Hawkeye Wildlife Area, sometimes in the distance and sometimes fairly close. It's always fun to see the excitement and amazement on someone's face when they see pelicans through a spotting scope for the first time!

The presentations on American White Pelicans, Ospreys, Peregrine Falcons, and beekeeping were well attended. Exhibitors included the Iowa City Bird Club, Iowa Audubon, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cedar County Conservation, Iowa County Conservation, Bur Oak Land Trust, Eastern Iowa Beekeepers Association, Iowa Wildlife Federation, Iowa Ornithologists' Union, Iowa Raptor Project, Raptology, Sierra Club, and Friends of Coralville Lake.

Club members who helped make this year's festival a success included Barry Buschelman,

Karen Disbrow, Sandy Eads, Chris Edwards, Merle Inhe, Linda Quinn, Tom and Carol Rosenberger, and Ben Rowold – thank you all! And please accept my apologies if I forgot anyone.

Birds (22 species): Canada Goose, Ring-billed Gull, Double-crested Cormorant, American White Pelican, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, Northern Flicker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Warbling Vireo, Blue Jay, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Cedar Waxwing, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Chipping Sparrow, Bobolink.

– *Chris Edwards*

September 19, Meeting. The evening began with a well-attended outdoor potluck dinner, celebrating our new meeting location at the Iowa City Environmental Education Center. Our speaker for the evening was Merle Inhe, who provided us with excellent photos of the birds of the Salineño bird preserve along the Rio Grande River in Texas, where he and Lois Hughes serve as docents each winter during the bird feeding season from November to March. This 2.5-acre preserve is a joint project of the Valley Land Fund and the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Many beautiful subtropical birds such as Altamira Oriole, Audubon's Oriole, Golden-fronted Woodpecker, White-tipped Dove, Plain Chachalaca, Green Jay, and occasionally Brown Jay visit the site. Several rare plants are also found there. Unfortunately, the preserve is in danger of being destroyed by construction of the proposed border wall, which would be a huge loss both for the wildlife that use the habitat as well as the many birders who visit the area each year.

Here is the recipe for Lois' "Bird Smear" which she feeds the birds at Salineño: Microwave and melt together equal parts lard and peanut butter. Add 3 parts corn meal (in warm weather, use 4 parts corn meal). Mix and store in the

refrigerator and use as needed. (Fareway sells 1-lb. lard bricks on the butter shelf.) To use, smear the mixture on tree bark or branches or on a hanging pine cone. Lois even has a hanging hubcap feeder! She recommends constructing a brush pile nearby to provide a safe hiding place for the birds.

Brandon Caswell was our Spotlight Speaker. Brandon provided us with information about raptor identification, focusing on Merlins, Golden Eagles and Northern Goshawks. It was a detailed and educational presentation!

After the talks and a break we completed the business portion of our meeting. Larry Mahoney gave the Treasurer's report. We currently have 124 members who are fully paid. We remain financially solvent, if not wealthy, with approximately \$1,000 in the bank.

Linda Quinn described upcoming field trips including the biweekly Kent Park Bird Walks led by Rick Hollis, and the upcoming Big Sit. Linda also reminded us about the new website, which is up and running and can be found at iowacitybirdclub.org. Karen Disbrow gave an update about the Cy-Hawk Big Day Challenge.

Attendees: Phyllis Black, Brandon Caswell, Drew Dillman, Karen Disbrow, Mark and Sandy Eads, Chris Edwards, Vic and Nola Edwards, Peter and Katy Hansen, Merle Inhe, Elsa Janie, Kristen Lawton, Terri Macey, Larry Mahoney, Ramona McGurk, Linda Quinn, Harry R. Potter, Linda Rudolph, Jim Walters, Donna Warner.

– *Terri Macey, Secretary*

September 29, Hawk Watch at Stainbrook Preserve. This event was cancelled due to rain.

October 2, Kent Park Bird Walk. It was a remarkably warm morning for early October. Warm, but dark and drippy – it misted the whole time we walked. The mist level was enough that I left my camera in the car, but not enough that we did not go. After all the rain we have had recently, it was a very nice walk. Birds were hard to see, and harder to count. The leaves were

thinning on some trees, but were still pretty dense in many places. I think it is going to be a strange fall – many trees have spots of color, and often only single leaves have turned.

The flowers at the park were mostly gone. Around the Conservation Education Center there were scattered yellow composites. Along the park's north boundary, I found I plant I did not know before – *Leonurus cardiac*, motherwort. Pioneers planted this European mint for its medicinal properties.

We drove around the west side of the lake on the way out and found two more species. As I got out of the car at the lake, the mist moved in heavier and our trip was over.

Participants: Drew Dillman, Nola Edwards, Rick Hollis (leader).

Birds (17 species): Canada Goose, *Accipiter* sp., Red-bellied Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, Gray Catbird, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, American Goldfinch, White-throated Sparrow, meadowlark sp., Northern Cardinal.

– Rick Hollis

October 13, The Big Sit. The Iowa City Bird Club participated in *Bird Watcher's Digest's* annual Big Sit event for the first time. Five of us set up our chairs and scopes near the north shore of Lake Macbride, off Opie Road west of Solon, and watched for birds from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m., when the wind and the cold drove us off. In addition to the five sitters, Nancy Wehrheim, a club member who lives nearby, stopped by to say hello. During the event we identified 28 species, including Bonaparte's Gull, Common Loon, American White Pelican, Horned Lark, and Rusty Blackbird.

We were the only registered group in Iowa, which makes us the group with the highest count in the state! A group in Guatemala had the highest overall count, with 102 species, followed

by a group from Los Osos, California with a count of 101 species. Although we were few in number, we had a good time and enjoyed good food. We encourage you to join us next October for this “tailgate party for birders!”

Birds (28 species): Canada Goose, Pied-billed Grebe, Bonaparte's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Common Loon, American White Pelican, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, American Goldfinch, Red-winged Blackbird, Rusty Blackbird, Common Grackle, Yellow-rumped Warbler.

Participants: Karen Disbrow, Chris Edwards, Terri Macey, Linda Quinn, Linda Rudolph.

– Terri Macey

October 16, Kent Park Bird Walk. Today was another not particularly pleasant day to be birding. It was on the dark side – most birds appeared to have no color. About the only color we saw were some cardinals, a few sugar maples, and a few small Black-eyed Susan-type composite flowers. One fallen leaf was especially beautiful against the brown litter.

In addition to the trip list, on my way home I saw Turkey Vulture, Red-tailed Hawk, and American Kestrel.

Participants: Jerry Denning, Drew Dillman, Rick Hollis (leader), Eric Miller, Linda Quinn, Maria Story.

Birds (22 species): Canada Goose, Pied-billed Grebe, *Accipiter* sp., Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Blue Jay, American Crow, swallow sp., Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, European Starling, American Goldfinch,

Eastern Towhee, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Northern Cardinal.

– *Rick Hollis*

October 17, Meeting. Birder, photographer, and researcher Jon Stravers provided the following summary of his excellent presentation, “Chasing the Bird Dream.”

The beauty of birds can inspire us, delight us, and ignite our dreams. After 40 years of working in the bird conservation world on a variety of monitoring, inventorying and research projects, Jon Stravers brings a unique perspective on how birds can unite us, teach us, and bring out the spiritual aspects of our own existence.

The program incorporated information that involved tracking Red-shouldered Hawks year after year through the swampy forests in the Driftless Region, and monitoring autumn raptor migration at various points along the Upper Mississippi River and along prominent raptor migration flyways in the inter-mountain regions of the Western United States. Recently Jon discovered what he calls “a rouge of Red-shouldered Hawks” – a social gathering of the birds in mid-March in NE Iowa. It appears to provide an opportunity for single birds to find mates before the nesting season starts.

During the last twelve years, the singing trill of the Cerulean Warbler has been at the forefront of Jon’s work. Jon has located some surprising concentrations of Ceruleans in the Sny Magill Complex along the Mississippi River and in the Paint Creek Unit of Yellow River State Forest in Northeast Iowa. Ceruleans are considered to be rare and declining, but in this region Jon has also documented a high rate of re-occupation of the known territories. This local concentration was an important element when the National Audubon Society and Birdlife International designated the Bird Conservation Area in Northeast Iowa as being “globally significant.”

During this work, Jon has attempted to decipher some of the secrets of the Cerulean trill by measuring the length of the trill, the pitch and

intensity of the trill, and especially the space between the trills. He is testing theories that the Cerulean song has subtle clues that reveal specific and changing messages during the courtship period, the incubation period, post incubation and hatching period, and again through the fledging period.

More specifically, Jon feels that chasing these bird dreams is a sacred journey and that the search for the birds we love can bring us in touch with an inner spirit that connects us over and over again to the source of life.

Our Spotlight Speaker was Linda Rudolph, who discussed eBird.

During the business portion, Karen Disbrow announced that the Friends of Coralville Lake have asked us to organize a committee to fill the feeders at the bird blind along the recently reopened Veterans Trail near the Coralville Reservoir Dam. So far Ben Rowold and Linda Rudolph have volunteered, but we could use up to five additional volunteers including a coordinator. The Friends of Coralville Lake will provide the bird seed. Please contact Karen if you would like to assist with this project.

Karen also said the Coralville Public Library has asked us to do a bird-related craft activity for kids. We are going to make suet balls on a weekday afternoon or Saturday in the first week of January. This will be a two-hour event, and we could use two or three club members to help – please contact Karen if you are interested.

Attendees: Jerry Denning, Drew Dillman, Karen Disbrow, Linda Fisher, Ramona McGurk, Mary Noble, Linda Quinn, Tom and Carol Rosenberger, Ben Rowold, Linda Rudolph, Joan Schnabel, Donna Warner.

– *Karen Disbrow*

November 6, Kent Park Bird Walk. The Kent Park Bird Walks were scheduled to end in October, but due to several requests I decided to continue them into November. Although today was a lovely day, birds were just plain hard to

see. Plants at the park, having gone through snow and freezing already, are now looking pretty much like winter – browns and tans. My photographic subjects for the trip were little things as I was unable to capture any birds.

After the walk we went to the lake, stopping at the boat ramp and the dam. Canada Geese, Ring-necked Ducks, and Pied-billed Grebes were seen there. On my way home I stopped at Goose Lake in North Liberty. A dozen or so ducks were on the pond, but most were not identifiable with the view I had, other than two Common Goldeneyes.

Participants: Jerry Denning, Rick Hollis (leader), Eric Miller.

Birds (18 species): Canada Goose, Ring-necked Duck, Common Goldeneye, Pied-billed Grebe, Mourning Dove, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, Dark-eyed Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Northern Cardinal.

– Rick Hollis

November 20, Kent Park Bird Walk. We saw three Great Horned Owls, which was a real treat. We know they are in Kent Park, but we do not always see them. Today we saw one fly, and as we got closer, another one dipped down and disturbed a third owl. A bit later one flew past us with a prey item in its talons.

Participants: Rick Hollis (leader), Pat Kieffer, Eric Miller.

Birds (15 species): Canada Goose, Great Horned Owl, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, European Starling, American Goldfinch, Dark-eyed Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Northern Cardinal.

– Rick Hollis

November 21, Meeting. Dick Sayles of Quad Cities Audubon gave a presentation that highlighted his early summer visit to Israel this year. Dick has travelled extensively in search of birds, with a total of 65,000 air miles in the last year alone! This was a Victor Emmanuel 10-day tour. The group circled Israel, travelling along the Mediterranean, visiting areas along the borders with Jordan and Syria, and up to the Sea of Galilee. Dick is an excellent photographer and showed photos of many beautiful birds including some rarities. He included other wildlife including an ibex, along with cultural and topographical highlights. Like our American Southwest, there were normally dry desert washes that they could not visit because of recent heavy rains.

Linda Quinn was our Spotlight Speaker. Linda described her January trip to find “Birds of the North Woods” on the Minnesota Avian Adventure organized by the Carroll and Sac County Conservation Boards. Photos included Great Gray Owl, Snowy Owl, Pine Siskins, Boreal Chickadees, and a very photogenic Pine Marten! Linda encourages people to look into this well organized and fruitful trip, organized by Carroll County Naturalist Matt Wetrich.

During the business portion, Karen Disbrow gave the Treasurer’s report on behalf of Larry Mahoney. We have 19 new members and \$1,120 in the bank. Be sure to renew your membership, which runs from January through December. You can do this on the website.

Karen also provided information about upcoming events including the Freeze Fest in Coralville, the eagle watch to be held at the Iowa River Power Restaurant and Dam, and the Coralville Winter Fest. Karen will also teach the Beginning Birder Course beginning on March 17, 2020.

Linda Quinn told us about upcoming field trips and events: the Christmas Bird Count, our annual January Feeder Watch and Social at the home of Barbara Beaumont, and a February trip with Chris Caster to view gulls and waterfowl in the Quad Cities.

Linda also showed us the new website and how to navigate some of the tabs. Be sure to check it out at www.iowacitybirdclub.org!

Attendees: Phyllis Black, Barry Buschelman, Karen Disbrow, Linda Fisher, Peter Hansen, Terri Macey, Linda Quinn, James Rensberger, Lisa Schleisman, Donna Warner.

– Terri Macey, Secretary

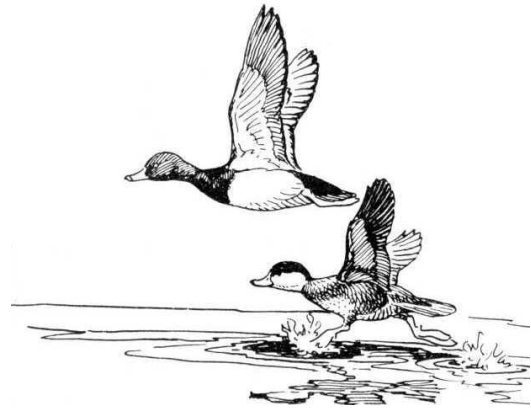
Project Passenger Pigeon at Old Capitol Museum

2014 marked the centenary of the extinction of the Passenger Pigeon. Numbering in the billions in 1800, the Passenger Pigeon was driven to extinction by human activity; the last bird died on September 1, 1914.

The Project Passenger Pigeon exhibit, currently on display at the UI’s Old Capitol Museum, is an international effort to commemorate this anniversary and use it not only as an opportunity to familiarize people with this remarkable species, but also to raise awareness of current

issues related to human-caused extinction, explore connections between humans and the natural world, and inspire people to become more involved in building a sustainable relationship with other species.

This exhibit has gotten a very special display addition from the UI Office of Sustainability and the Environment. Plastic waste and the impact it has on bird species will be highlighted in vitrines accompanying an actual Passenger Pigeon from the Museum of Natural History and the installed story panels. Project Passenger Pigeon will be on display through the end of 2019 – check it out!



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