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Schedule

Field Trips are free and open to the public. 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. **Meetings** are currently being held via Zoom due to the pandemic. For more information or questions email iowacitybc@gmail.com.

September 12, Sunday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Pelican Festival at Hawkeye Wildlife Management Area, near the headquarters at 2564 Amana Road NW, Swisher. A family-friendly event to enjoy and learn about our local migrating American White Pelicans. Get close-up looks at pelicans and other birds through our spotting scopes. Attend outdoor presentations on pelicans, raptors, Monarch butterflies, and Ornate Box Turtles. There will be exhibits by many organizations and face painting for the kids.

September 15, Wednesday, 8 a.m. Kent Park Bird Walk with leader Rick Hollis Meet at the Conservation Education Center parking lot. Walk with Rick along his patch of mulched and mowed trails. We'll spend about two hours observing breeding and migrant birds throughout the seasons. Group size is limited to 10 people who are COVID-vaccinated. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549a8ac2ea1fd0-8am> or contact Rick through Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/830060220397361/>.

September 16, Thursday, 7 p.m. Zoom Meeting. Jon Stravers, birder, photographer, and Audubon researcher, will present *Chasing the Bird Dream*. Jon will include updates on his Cerulean Warbler and Red-shouldered Hawk research. The Zoom link will be emailed to ICBC members one week in advance, or go to the calendar on our website at <https://iowacitybirdclub.org/events/> and click on the meeting date.

September 26, Sunday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Hawk Watch at Stainbrook Preserve, located along Mehaffey Bridge Road just north of Sugar Bottom Recreation Area. Join us on the hill to watch for migrating raptors including Broad-winged Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, and Red-tailed Hawk. Bring a lawn chair and a spotting scope if you have one. Directions: park on the north shoulder pull-off just east of Mehaffey Bridge. Look for the Stainbrook Preserve sign and follow the short path up the hill. For a map, go here and scroll down to Hawk Watch: <https://iowacitybirdclub.org/miscellaneous-maps/>.

September 29, Wednesday, 8 a.m. Kent Park Bird Walk with leader Rick Hollis Meet at the Conservation Education Center parking lot. Group size is limited to 10 people who are COVID-vaccinated. See the September 15 trip description for sign-up instructions.

October 6, Wednesday, 8 a.m. a.m. Kent Park Bird Walk with leader Rick Hollis Meet at the Conservation Education Center parking lot. Group size is limited to 10 people who are COVID-vaccinated. See the September 15 trip description for sign-up instructions.

October 10, Sunday. The Big Sit! at Sugar Bottom Recreation Area Day Use Area, 2192 Mehaffey Bridge Rd. NE, Solon. Drop in anytime between 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. to count birds and enjoy the camaraderie,

free coffee, and donuts. The objective of this worldwide, semi-competitive birding event is to tally as many bird species as can be seen or heard from within a 17-foot circle. Join team hosts Terri Macey and Linda Quinn near the parking lot at the Day Use Area, near the beach and restrooms. Bring a chair and binoculars. For more information, see page 5.

October 20, Wednesday, 8 a.m. a.m. Kent Park Bird Walk with leader Rick Hollis Meet at the Conservation Education Center parking lot. Group size is limited to 10 people who are COVID-vaccinated. See the September 15 trip description for sign-up instructions.

October 21, Thursday, 7 p.m. Zoom Meeting. Meet Ryan and Holly Anthony, the new directors of the Iowa Raptor Project, as they dive deep into the mission of the IRP: *To connect students and the community to the conservation of birds of prey and their natural habitats through research and education opportunities.* The Zoom link will be emailed to ICBC members one week in advance, or go to the calendar on our website at <https://iowacitybirdclub.org/events/> and click on the meeting date.

October 23, Saturday, 8 a.m. Cedar River Crossing, 5473 Sutliff Rd. NE, Solon. Target species include migrating sparrows, raptors, shorebirds, and waterfowl. Mark and Deb Rolfes will lead a birding tour of one of Johnson County Conservation's newest properties. There will be extensive walking on mowed grass paths which may be wet or muddy. For safety, wear orange as this area does have public hunting in season. At 11:30 a.m. Johnson County Naturalist Frances Owen will give a talk covering the area's history, habitat restoration, and interesting features. Bring a chair for the talk and a spotting scope if you have one. Ending time is around noon. For a map and information visit <https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/conservation/public-use-areas>.

November 6, Saturday, 8 a.m. Belgium Grove for waterfowl, finches, and sparrows. Leader Jason Paulios will guide us through this Bur Oak Land Trust property of wetland and prairie habitat. There will be extensive walking on mowed grass paths which may be wet or muddy. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Fin & Feather parking lot, 125 Hwy. 1 W, Iowa City, or at 8:30 a.m. at Belgium Grove, 3261 500th St. SW (F62), Iowa City. Carpooling is optional and only for those vaccinated for COVID. We'll finish by noon. For more information visit <https://www.buroaklandtrust.org/properties/>.

November 18, Thursday, 7 p.m. Zoom Meeting. Everly Eldeen will present "Internship in Ecuador: Banding Tropical Birds." The Zoom link will be emailed to ICBC members one week in advance, or go to the calendar on our website at <https://iowacitybirdclub.org/events/> and click on the meeting date.

December 19, Sunday. Iowa City Christmas Bird Count. More information will be provided in our next issue.

Other Dates of Note

September 17-19, Iowa Ornithologists' Union Fall Meeting at Centerville, near Lake Rathbun. There will be field trips Saturday and Sunday mornings. Saturday will also feature afternoon presentations and an evening banquet and keynote speaker. Masks are requested indoors. Register by September 11 at <https://iowabirds.org/IOU/NextMeeting.aspx>.

March Madness (in April) Birding Challenge

Chris Edwards

We had all, of course, hoped for a return to “normal” in 2021. But it was not to be, and so the club scheduled a third March Madness-style birding tournament in spring 2021 to take the place of our cancelled field trips. This year’s tournament attracted ten participants and ran from April 15 to May 2. The later time period this year was intended to coincide with the large number of migrant species that typically arrive in late April and early May. That didn’t pan out during the first two weekends of the competition, but it did lead to a fast and furious final weekend. The biggest question was whether Mark Brown, who had steamrolled the competition in our October Madness Birding Challenge last fall and then went on to establish a new Johnson County Big Year record of 275 species, could keep his mojo going in 2021.

The first round was held Thursday to Sunday, April 15-18. The month of April this year had periods of unseasonably cool days with north winds, interspersed with warmer weather. As a result, the passerine migration was behind schedule, and our first-round scores were lower than expected. Mark Brown topped the scoring with 95 species. I followed with 90, Jamie McCoy had 80, and Torin Waters posted 79. Those four participants moved on the semifinals of the championship (“Kingbird”) bracket. Terri Macy, Linda Quinn, Phyllis Black, Deb and Mark Rolfes, and Karen Disbrow lost their first-round matches and moved over to the consolation (“Kinglet”) bracket.

Some of the highlights in this round were a late Rough-legged Hawk, Greater Scaup, American Avocet, Pine Warbler, Black-crowned Night Heron, Lapland Longspur, Peregrine Falcon, and an early Gray Catbird.

The second round was held April 22-25, and the migration still seemed a bit late. In the consolation bracket, Linda Quinn won a three-way battle with Terri Macey and Phyllis Black with 70 species. But even in defeat, Terri was excited to set a new personal Big Day record of 50 species. On the other side of the consolation bracket, Deb and Mark Rolfes posted 57 species to top Karen Disbrow.

In the second round of the championship bracket, Mark Brown again posted the top overall score and bested Torin Waters, 106-88, while I topped Jamie McCoy, 96-77.

Shorebirds featured prominently in this round, and they included American Avocet, Hudsonian and Marbled Godwits, and Black-bellied and American Golden Plovers. Other highlights were Brewer’s Blackbird, Yellow-headed Blackbird at Babcock Access, Horned Grebe, Sora, and the continuing Black-crowned Night Heron at Swan Lake. Mark Brown’s checklist included 17 waterfowl species, 17 shorebird species, and only 2 warbler species – evidence that many passerines were still missing in action.

The highly-anticipated championship round took place April 29 to May 2. Finally, migration was in full swing and new species were arriving daily. The consolation match featured a competitive battle between Linda Quinn and Deb and Mark Rolfes. Linda kicked things off on Thursday, and visited a new birding location for her, Hoosier Bay. It was a long walk there and back, but it helped her finish strong with 69 species. Deb and Mark competed the next day, which may have provided the competitive advantage they needed. They had good luck with waterfowl and shorebirds, and relocated a Yellow-headed Blackbird at Babcock. They finished with 74 species, and were crowned Kinglet Champions.

In the championship bracket, Mark Brown and I competed head-to-head on the final day of competition, May 2. We ran into each other several times during the morning and stayed in touch through much of the day, which added to the fun spirit of competition. The story of that day is told from my perspective.

My first bird of the day was not a surprise – I stepped out the door at 5:30 am. and the resident Eastern Phoebe was calling “fee-bee” over and over in the dark. Cardinals and robins were singing too. After a quick breakfast, I spent 15 minutes in our backyard woods. I heard a Wild Turkey gobble, but I missed the Barred Owls. I saw a glorious male Blackburnian Warbler foraging high in a shagbark hickory. When I left home at 6:15 a.m., I already had 25 species on my list.

Next, I went to Squire Point to look for warblers. Blue-headed Vireo and Indigo Bunting were singing near the parking lot. A short way down the trail, I found one of my best birds of the day, a male Hooded Warbler. I texted Mark in case he wanted to look for it, and by coincidence he was already farther down the trail at Squire Point! But by the time he got back to that spot, the Hooded Warbler was gone. However, he had picked up several other species that I missed. I left Squire Point with 51 species.

A few minutes later, Mark and I both received word that Jim Forde had found an adult California Gull at the end of James Avenue at Hawkeye Wildlife Area. Our carefully-crafted plans for the morning went out the window as we both rushed to see it. Luckily it was still there when we arrived, and it was a new state bird for Mark and a new Johnson County bird for me. While there, we also saw Caspian Terns, Forster’s Terns, Franklin’s Gulls, and several shorebird species. We went our separate ways again, and shortly after, Mark found a Willet at Swan Lake, which I was able to relocate. Then we both were able to see a White-eyed Vireo that Mark Madsen had found near the Gun Club Ponds.

By mid-morning, with 88 species on my list, I went back to my original plan and headed to Hickory Hill Park, while Mark stayed at Hawkeye. Hickory Hill was slow, but I added several targets including Carolina Wren and Cooper’s Hawk, plus a bonus Purple Finch. I left the park at lunchtime with 95 species. Meanwhile, Mark’s extra time at Hawkeye paid off, and he pulled out to a big lead with 110 species. It was beginning to look like a blowout!

When I got to Cone Marsh in the early afternoon, the wind had picked up to 20 mph and it was very warm, making for tough birding conditions. But I continued to pick up new birds. The continuing Mute Swan was in the NE corner, an American Pipit was foraging close to the road on the south side, two Black-crowned Night-Herons flushed out of some willows in the SW quadrant, and my only Great Egret of the day was a distant fly-by. A few Snow Geese and Greater White-fronted Geese were present in the NW corner, briefly joined by a shorebird flock that contained 35 Short-billed Dowitchers. I left Cone Marsh with 117 species, feeling a little bit better about my chances.

After a detour to Hills for Purple Martins, I went to Terry Trueblood Recreation Area, where a small shorebird flock contained Semipalmated and White-rumped Sandpipers. I also saw my only Rock Pigeon of the day there. In a cattle pasture to the east, I missed the Cattle Egret, a bird that Mark was able to pick up later in the afternoon.

I headed back to Hawkeye, arriving about 5:30 p.m. At this point I had no idea how Mark was doing, but I kept pushing to pick up species here and there that I had missed. From the end of James Avenue, I hiked out to the shoreline to look for more shorebirds, but there was nothing there. I hiked out from the bend of James Avenue and found the Black-bellied Plover others had seen earlier. Birding my way to Swan Lake, I picked up Brown Thrasher, Northern Flicker, Wood Thrush, and Hooded Merganser. But I couldn’t find an American Kestrel, my biggest miss of the day.

I finished the evening at Williams Prairie. As I stood in the darkness at 8:45 p.m., waiting in vain for a Wilson's Snipe or American Woodcock to perform, I finally heard a Barred Owl. My last bird of the day was an unexpected bonus – a Greater Yellowlegs called “tu-tu-tu” as it passed overhead on its journey north. I finished with 132 species, a fantastic day.

Meanwhile, after visiting Cone Marsh and Terry Trueblood in the afternoon, Mark drove over to Iowa County in the early evening to check for grassland birds. It turned out to be a great decision. The usual spot near East Amana was devoid of Northern Mockingbird and Loggerhead Shrike, but he picked up Harris's Sparrow and his only Northern Flicker of the day there. Just north of Homestead, he added Bobolink, American Kestrel, and Solitary Sandpiper. He spent the last portion of daylight at Kent Park, adding two final birds – Henslow's Sparrow and Summer Tanager. Those two species proved to be the winning margin, as he finished with 134 species!

At the risk of hyperbole, it was an epic battle and a truly memorable day of birding. Congratulations to Mark, and thanks to everyone who participated in this year's tournament.

The Big Sit! October 10

Some call it a tailgate party for birders. Others liken it to a Big Day. This year we appreciate the opportunity more than ever to gather safely outdoors with other birders. The object of the Big Sit is to count as many bird species as can be seen or heard within 24 hours from one spot. Bird Watcher's Digest created this annual semi-competitive birding event, which is now sponsored by the New Haven Bird Club, for the second weekend in October. Every year, bird watchers from around the globe unite in participation in this free event.

Here's how it goes for us: on Sunday morning, October 10, the Iowa City Bird Club team will sit inside a 17-foot-diameter circle. We picked a location with multiple habitats plus the ever-essential bathroom. Our circle is at Sugar Bottom Recreation Area Day Use Area (by the beach). Bring a chair and binoculars. We'll provide coffee & donuts! Anyone who shows up is part of our team. Drop in when you want, and stay as long as you like. Our hosts, Terri Macey and Linda Quinn, will keep the official species tally. Host hours are 7 a.m. – 12 p.m., but birders are welcome to stay longer and continue to count species. How many species do you predict? Our first year doing a Big Sit was in 2019 when we

tallied 28 species near Lake Macbride. The total tally for 2020 in the United States was 358 species.

Come join our team for a blend of birding and camaraderie! Note: the event may be delayed or canceled for rain, which will be announced on our website and by ICBC member email. The address for Sugar Bottom Recreation Area is 2192 Mehaffey Bridge Rd. NE, Solon. Follow signs to the Day Use Area and park at the end. Find our circle on the lawn by the beach. For more information visit the Big Sit! website at <https://www.thebigsit.org/>.

– Terri Macey

Iowa Raptor Project Volunteers Needed

Birders who can identify raptors are needed to help determine a new banding site for the Iowa Raptor Project. Surveyors will be assigned in pairs to survey a location for 5-7 days. Survey time is 1/2 hour before sunup to at least noon. Survey dates will likely be the last week of September and first week of October. Director Ryan Anthony would like to find volunteers and make plans for this fall. If interested, please contact Ryan ASAP at (319) 624-7178 or ryan-anthony@uiowa.edu.

2021 Johnson County Spring Migration Count

Chris Caster

The Spring Migration Count was held on Saturday, May 8. Once again due to the ongoing COVID crisis, we did not meet for lunch. But as many of us were vaccinated, we did choose to bird in small groups—another marker in our return to normalcy.

Over the previous days winds had been from the north. On count day we awoke to temperatures hovering just above freezing, almost a repeat of 2020. And like last year it warmed up nicely, to about 55 degrees. It was breezy and a great day to be out until it began to drizzle around 6:30 in the evening. We managed a species total of 166, ten more than last year. We had 11 species of waterfowl, the same as last year. Shorebirds made the most difference as we had 19 this year, seven more than last year. We also had 23 warblers, which was two more than last year. So, there you go.

Our best birds may have been the Red-necked Phalaropes seen from Amana Road at Hawkeye Wildlife Area. Other exciting shorebirds were a Sanderling, a Lesser Golden Plover, Long-billed Dowitchers, and many Dunlins at Hawkeye. American Avocets were seen at Twinview Heights. A Wilson's Snipe was winnowing at Williams Prairie. A Common Loon was on the north arm of Lake Macbride. A Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was south of the Coralville Dam. The best warbler may have been the Louisiana Waterthrush at Ken Lowder's woodland pond. Yellow-throated Warblers, a Prothonotary Warbler, and a White-eyed Vireo were at Macbride Nature Recreation Area. A Cape May Warbler was at Mormon Handcart Park, which seemed to be a hotspot as Grasshopper and Clay-colored Sparrows were also found there. Henslow's Sparrow and Sedge Wren were at Kent Park. Common Nighthawks were at Goose Lake. Summer Tanagers were at both Squire Point and City Park. Blue Grosbeaks were at Terry Trueblood and along James Avenue. A Purple Finch and Pine Siskins were at Hickory Hill Park. Lastly, Daryl Ropp had a lingering Dark-eyed Junco at his feeder.

Possibly the biggest miss was Osprey. Other misses included both bitterns, Great Egret, Upland Sandpiper, Black Tern, Loggerhead Shrike, Bell's Vireo, Northern Mockingbird, and Cerulean, Kentucky, and Wilson's Warblers.

Participants: Kyle and Lauren Belcher, Phyllis Black, Jayden Bowen, Mark Brown, Chris Caster, Jerry Denning, Chris Edwards, Julie and Sara Lindower, Ken Lowder, Terri Macey, Mark Madsen, Arthur Mercado, Jason Paulios, Diana Pesek, Linda Quinn, Deb and Mark Rolfes, Daryl Ropp, Linda Rudolph, Janet Seiz, Chris Troyer, and Eliza Willis. If you participated but were not included above, I apologize, but I did not receive reports from every group leader.

SPECIES LIST

Canada Goose	320	Wild Turkey	3	Semipalmated Plover	12
Wood Duck	46	Pied-billed Grebe	5	Killdeer	44
Blue-winged Teal	216	Rock Pigeon	27	Sanderling	1
Northern Shoveler	61	Eurasian Collared-Dove	5	Dunlin	81
Gadwall	14	Mourning Dove	77	Least Sandpiper	83
Mallard	103	Common Nighthawk	4	White-rumped Sandpiper	2
Green-winged Teal	13	Chimney Swift	8	Pectoral Sandpiper	333
Ring-necked Duck	2	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	6	Semipalmated Sandpiper	6
Lesser Scaup	2	Sora	3	Long-billed Dowitcher	3
Hooded Merganser	5	American Coot	19	American Woodcock	3
Ruddy Duck	3	Sandhill Crane	3	Wilson's Snipe	1
Northern Bobwhite	1	American Avocet	4	Spotted Sandpiper	15
Ring-necked Pheasant	11	American Golden Plover	1	Solitary Sandpiper	11

Lesser Yellowlegs	185	Bank Swallow	23	Lincoln's Sparrow	6
Greater Yellowlegs	12	Tree Swallow	189	Swamp Sparrow	2
Wilson's Phalarope	3	N. Rough-winged Swallow	9	Eastern Towhee	10
Red-necked Phalarope	4	Purple Martin	23	Bobolink	13
Franklin's Gull	3	Barn Swallow	153	Eastern Meadowlark	20
Ring-billed Gull	39	Cliff Swallow	169	Western Meadowlark	1
Caspian Tern	4	Black-capped Chickadee	49	Orchard Oriole	18
Forster's Tern	2	Tufted Titmouse	38	Baltimore Oriole	90
Common Loon	1	Red-breasted Nuthatch	5	Red-winged Blackbird	800
Double-crested Cormorant	10	White-breasted Nuthatch	39	Brown-headed Cowbird	251
American White Pelican	1	House Wren	116	Common Grackle	101
Great Blue Heron	7	Sedge Wren	1	Ovenbird	21
Green Heron	2	Marsh Wren	2	Louisiana Waterthrush	1
Turkey Vulture	64	Carolina Wren	2	Northern Waterthrush	16
Cooper's Hawk	6	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	24	Golden-winged Warbler	13
Bald Eagle	16	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	7	Blue-winged Warbler	7
Broad-winged Hawk	1	Eastern Bluebird	11	Black-and-white Warbler	15
Red-tailed Hawk	9	Gray-cheeked Thrush	2	Prothonotary Warbler	1
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	Swainson's Thrush	15	Tennessee Warbler	24
Great Horned Owl	1	Wood Thrush	9	Orange-crowned Warbler	4
Barred Owl	6	American Robin	243	Nashville Warbler	55
Belted Kingfisher	3	Gray Catbird	136	Common Yellowthroat	69
Red-headed Woodpecker	16	Brown Thrasher	5	American Redstart	79
Red-bellied Woodpecker	45	European Starling	169	Cape May Warbler	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	Cedar Waxwing	14	Northern Parula	21
Downy Woodpecker	59	House Sparrow	179	Magnolia Warbler	3
Hairy Woodpecker	18	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	53	Blackburnian Warbler	1
Northern Flicker	15	House Finch	31	Yellow Warbler	28
Pileated Woodpecker	2	Purple Finch	1	Chestnut-sided Warbler	18
American Kestrel	4	Pine Siskin	8	Blackpoll Warbler	3
Peregrine Falcon	2	American Goldfinch	97	Palm Warbler	43
Great Crested Flycatcher	36	Grasshopper Sparrow	2	Yellow-rumped Warbler	166
Eastern Kingbird	27	Lark Sparrow	10	Yellow-throated Warbler	2
Least Flycatcher	13	Chipping Sparrow	34	Black-throated Green Warbler	15
Eastern Phoebe	5	Clay-colored Sparrow	5	Summer Tanager	2
White-eyed Vireo	1	Field Sparrow	15	Scarlet Tanager	11
Yellow-throated Vireo	17	Dark-eyed Junco	1	Northern Cardinal	202
Blue-headed Vireo	8	White-crowned Sparrow	23	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	72
Warbling Vireo	20	White-throated Sparrow	78	Blue Grosbeak	2
Red-eyed Vireo	16	Vesper Sparrow	1	Indigo Bunting	34
Blue Jay	181	Henslow's Sparrow	2	Dickcissel	13
American Crow	78	Savannah Sparrow	1		
Horned Lark	3	Song Sparrow	52		

Bird Friendly Iowa

Have you heard of Bird Friendly Iowa? This community education and action program mobilizes citizens and public officials who already know that birds are more than beautiful—they are an important part of a healthy ecosystem and critical to our quality of life. Nine cities and seven counties in Iowa are now designated Bird Friendly. The Iowa City Bird Club would love to work with a local

municipality to improve the environment and promote the economic benefits that this designation brings. Program goals are to enhance and protect bird habitat, reduce threats to birds, and educate people about bird conservation. Several club members are interested in helping, but we need a leader! Resources are found on the website <https://birdfriendlyiowa.org/>. Interested in leading or helping with this effort? Please contact Linda Quinn at quinnhenry@msn.com.

2021 Hickory Hill Park Warbler Walks

Chris Edwards and Mark Madsen

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, there were no official Warbler Walks in 2021, but as in 2020, several of the regular Warbler Walk leaders and many other birders visited the park individually. Mark Madsen compiled these daily sightings so we have data to compare to other years. Non-warbler highlights included Black-billed Cuckoo May 10, 19-20, 24; Olive-sided Flycatcher May 20, 25; Acadian Flycatcher most days from May 18-25; Bell's Vireo May 7; Red-breasted Nuthatch most days from April 26-May 19; Eurasian Tree Sparrow May 18; Pine Siskin May 4, 6; Clay-colored Sparrow May 13, 18; Yellow-breasted Chat May 18; and Summer Tanager April 29-30, May 13, 20. Visit our website for a complete checklist.

SPECIES	04/26/21	04/27/21	04/28/21	04/29/21	04/30/21	05/03/21	05/04/21	05/05/21	05/06/21	05/07/21	05/10/21	05/11/21	05/12/21	05/13/21	05/14/21	05/17/21	05/18/21	05/19/21	05/20/21	05/21/21	05/24/21	05/25/21	05/26/21	DAYS
Ovenbird			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			18
Worm-eating Warbler																								0
Louisiana Waterthrush																								0
Northern Waterthrush		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X						12
Golden-winged Warbler			X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X						13
Blue-winged Warbler				X	X				X	X		X		X										6
Black-and-white Warbler		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X						15
Prothonotary Warbler																								0
Tennessee Warbler						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			16
Orange-crowned Warbler			X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X							X						9
Nashville Warbler					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			17
Connecticut Warbler																		X	X					2
Mourning Warbler																X		X	X		X	X		5
Kentucky Warbler															X									1
Common Yellowthroat							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	17
Hooded Warbler					X																			1
American Redstart					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	18
Cape May Warbler												X		X	X	X								4
Cerulean Warbler																								0
Northern Parula			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X						14
Magnolia Warbler									X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X						9
Bay-breasted Warbler														X	X	X	X	X						5
Blackburnian Warbler						X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					13
Yellow Warbler							X	X	X					X	X	X					X			7
Chestnut-sided Warbler						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				14
Blackpoll Warbler								X	X		X		X	X	X		X	X			X	X		10
Palm Warbler					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X							11
Pine Warbler																								0
Yellow-rumped Warbler	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									15
Yellow-throated Warbler																								0
Black-throated Green Warbler						X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X				10
Canada Warbler														X		X	X							3
Wilson's Warbler								X								X		X	X					4
TOTAL WARBLER SPECIES	1	3	7	5	10	11	15	14	20	19	15	18	12	17	19	17	15	19	11	8	7	4	2	27

2021 Cy-Hawk Big Day Challenge

Chris Edwards

The eighth annual Cy-Hawk Big Day Challenge was held on Saturday, August 28. This 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. 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. In the previous seven years, the Iowa City Bird Club has won five times and Big Bluestem Audubon once, with one tie.

Prior to 2020, participants were required to bird in teams following traditional Big Day rules. In 2020, due to the pandemic, participants were allowed to bird individually or in teams, and as a result more than 75 birders from across the state participated. This year we again allowed individuals and teams to participate, and have decided to make it a permanent change. But in an effort to return the focus to a club competition, this year we limited the geographic area to five counties for each side: Johnson, Linn, Cedar, Muscatine, and Louisa on ours; and Story, Polk, Boone, Greene, and Hamilton on theirs. We have the option to change our outlying counties each year, adding some variety to the competition. So in different years we could choose to stretch our area all the way to Lee or Allamakee counties.

August 28 was a very hot, sunny day in eastern Iowa with the temperature topping out at 89°F. Nevertheless, we had good participation with 21 birders in 11 parties. This year our club recorded 127 species, which is our highest total to date excluding last year's statewide competition! James Huntington and Jerry Denning put in a 12-hour day in Johnson County and tallied the highest total with 93 species. Close behind were Mark Brown with 89 species in Johnson and Louisa counties, and Chris Caster and Chris Edwards, also with 89 species in Johnson and Louisa counties.

We covered Johnson County well, with visits to Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Swan Lake, Coralville Reservoir, Lake Macbride State Park, Macbride Nature Recreation Area, Sugar Bottom Recreation Area, Cedar River Crossing, Hickory Hill Park, Waterworks Prairie Park, and Terry Trueblood Recreation Area. In Louisa County we visited Cairo Woods and Cone Marsh. The latter was disappointing because of low water and high vegetation. Several birders ventured into Muscatine County to Swamp White Oak Preserve, Gedney Lake, and Pike Run Wildlife Area. One group visited Rochester Cemetery in Cedar County. And it seems we almost completely ignored Linn County.

Participants: Lily Arp, Mary Bowler, Brian Broderick, Mark Brown, Chris Caster, Brandon Caswell, Adam Ciha, Jerry Denning, Karen Disbrow, Chris Edwards, Linda Fisher, James Huntington, Mark Madsen, Ramona McGurk, Cheryl Miller, Mary Noble, Linda Quinn, Deb and Mark Rolfes, Janet Seiz, Eliza Willis.

Despite our record-setting performance, Big Bluestem Audubon Society had an even more spectacular day, with 142 species! They had 13 participants in 9 parties. They birded Story, Polk, and Boone counties heavily, Hamilton County lightly, and Greene County not at all. By bird family, they had eight waterfowl to our six; eleven shorebirds to our fourteen; seven sparrows to our four; and most notably, twenty warblers to our thirteen. Congratulations to the Cyclones. We'll get 'em next year!

Thanks to Eric Ollie of Big Bluestem Audubon Society and Karen Disbrow for their organizational efforts, and to everyone who participated.

BIRDS FOUND ONLY BY IOWA CITY BIRD CLUB (15 SPECIES)

Ruddy Duck	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Blue-headed Vireo
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Short-billed Dowitcher	Gray-cheeked Thrush
Upland Sandpiper	Black Tern	Wood Thrush
Stilt Sandpiper	Cooper's Hawk	Eurasian Tree Sparrow
Baird's Sandpiper	White-eyed Vireo	Blue-winged Warbler

BIRDS FOUND ONLY BY BIG BLUESTEM AUDUBON SOCIETY (30 SPECIES)

Greater White-fronted Goose	Alder Flycatcher	Orchard Oriole
Trumpeter Swan	Philadelphia Vireo	Northern Waterthrush
Gadwall	Fish Crow	Tennessee Warbler
Sora	Sedge Wren	Mourning Warbler
Wilson's Snipe	Marsh Wren	Northern Parula
Wilson's Phalarope	Veery	Bay-breasted Warbler
Forster's Tern	Vesper Sparrow	Yellow Warbler
Mississippi Kite	Savannah Sparrow	Blackpoll Warbler
Red-shouldered Hawk	Swamp Sparrow	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Eastern Screech-Owl	Bobolink	Summer Tanager

BIRDS FOUND BY BOTH CLUBS (112 SPECIES, BUT ONLY UNCOMMON SPECIES LISTED)

Sandhill Crane	Bell's Vireo	Wilson's Warbler
Northern Harrier	Golden-winged Warbler	Scarlet Tanager
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Blackburnian Warbler	Blue Grosbeak
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Black-throated Green Warbler	
Acadian Flycatcher	Canada Warbler	

Club Announcements

Meetings: Due to the ongoing pandemic, all our meetings will be held virtually on Zoom until at least spring 2022. At that time, we will reassess if and when to resume in-person meetings.

Meeting Recordings: Our Zoom meetings are now being recorded for on-demand viewing. If you miss a meeting, you can stream it on our website by going to the meeting calendar, finding the date, and clicking on the meeting link, which will take you to a meeting page containing the Zoom link and passcode.

Spotting Scope Checkout: The club now has two spotting scopes available for one-week checkout by members. Birders new to scope use can practice a new level of birding—scopes are especially helpful for viewing waterfowl and shorebirds. Contact-free pickup is available from Linda Quinn's home on the east side of Iowa City. Arrange your checkout by contacting

Linda at quinnhenry@msn.com or (319) 330-3328.

New Publication: The long-awaited *Iowa Breeding Bird Atlas II* is now available! Based on field work conducted from 2008 to 2012, the 454-page volume is packed with information about Iowa's breeding birds. It features a gorgeous wrap-around cover painting by Chris Caster and is available in softcover, hardcover, and as a downloadable PDF. Visit www.iowabirds.org to order yours.

Iowa City Bird Club Merchandise is available online from Corporate Casuals. You can purchase shirts, hats, bags, and much more with our club's name and logo. Check the Club Info menu on our website.

Karen Disbrow has Iowa Ornithologists' Union **Field Checklists** available for \$0.25 each, and copies of *The Iowa Yellowbook* showing seasonal abundance of Iowa birds for \$3.00. To purchase, call or text her at 319-430-0315.

Merlin Sound ID: The Most Spectacular App Addition Ever?

Linda Rudolph

I have had The Cornell Lab's Merlin smartphone app for a long time, but had never once used it. Recently I was reading eBird News, and read about an application called Sound ID that was just added to Merlin. I downloaded the addition to the Merlin app and tried it out. Oh my – it is amazing! I couldn't believe how easy it was to use. I could hear an American Robin, and there was a distant Winter Wren calling. I held my phone up, and the app identified both birds. All you need to do is hear a bird singing, bring the Merlin app up on your phone, press the Sound ID bar, and then press the microphone button. A spectrogram is displayed as the bird sings, and below that the Merlin app displays the name of the bird singing. It's that easy.

You can read about the Merlin app at <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>. Consider reading about how Sound ID works and giving it a try. It can identify over 450 North American bird species and they are working on expanding the capabilities of this app. Here are some nuances that I have learned as I have continued to use the app. I am not a techie so many of these might be obvious to users savvier than I am.

You can easily share any spectrogram that you record with Sound ID. I have an Android Phone, so these directions apply to it, but I am sure an Apple phone would have similar functionality.

- Bring up Merlin and pick Sound ID.
- Pick My Sound Recordings.
- Pick the recording you wish to share.
- Press the Android Share Icon – this looks like a “less than” sign with balls on the end and is located on the left-hand side under the spectrogram.
- All the normal choices for sharing things pop up; proceed as you normally would.

I used the Sound ID app for a couple of days and then I found an option to add a Bird Pack. I wasn't sure what this was. I downloaded the US and Canada: Continental Bird Pack and I like having the addition. What it adds is that when Sound ID identifies a bird, a small photo of the bird is displayed under the spectrogram. There is a symbol on the right. Press that and then scroll down. Once you get past all the songs, you can press Details and additional information is provided. Here's a link to information from the Cornell Lab: [Bird Packs – Merlin Bird ID – Free, instant bird identification help and guide for thousands of birds \(allaboutbirds.org\)](https://allaboutbirds.org/bird-packs-merlin-bird-id-free-instant-bird-identification-help-and-guide-for-thousands-of-birds).

As I used the app more, there were occasions when it had trouble figuring out what bird it was recording. It would list the possible species as it was recording. Once it identifies a species for sure, that box with the bird species is highlighted in yellow. If two species are singing then the app will highlight the bird name that it most prominently is recording and can alternate the highlighting between the species as it records them. Sometimes I can hear a bird singing, but the app doesn't pick it up. Merlin recommends holding the phone as still as possible, not moving, and being as close to the singing bird without disturbing it as you can to have the best chance at a clear enough spectrogram for the Sound ID to work.

There is a Merlin Sound ID Help Center. This has links to answers for common questions. The link is [Sound ID : Help Center \(ebird.org\)](https://ebird.org/sound-id-help-center).

I truly think Sound ID will be immensely helpful to many birders that struggle to ID birds from their songs. It is intuitive to use and I hope you find it as useful as I have.

Field Trip and Meeting Reports

March 18, Meeting. Our speaker was Steven Woodruff, an Iowa DNR Wildlife Biologist for the Iowa River Wildlife Unit. He spoke about the different land management techniques used at Hawkeye Wildlife Management Area, including water level management, controlled burns, and invasive species management. It's a balancing act to provide a variety of habitats for many different species.

Here is a link to the recorded meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/koZKZSAwIxmh3Q-JOJZZWTtBP3gMThWFEbUOCFIVsgPsJATkmm1b150TaqYu4jy.KvZhz2amwYZJiMK>, passcode N0Q@TCt9.

Seventeen participants attended the Zoom meeting. We ended the meeting with an interesting exchange about our early birding experiences this year!

– *Sandy Eads*

April 15, Meeting. Terri Macey and Karen Disbrow introduced Marci Trana, our April speaker. Marci is an Education Specialist with Johnson County Conservation. She spoke about "Birds and Renewable Energy." We learned that only 11 percent of our energy needs are currently supplied by renewable energy sources; house cats and habitat loss are likely two of the largest threats to bird populations; and about ways individuals and groups utilizing renewable energy sources are working to reduce the risk to birds, among other things.

If you missed it, the link to the April meeting is: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/kSJZiHBjzXHjNj5fXUYp_gflpNt3WWraU6ARmUNJeuFqNIG4yWKmYmyVq_g_uQ1d.w_2yIzXu1Gyx1bJp, passcode Rm#NMf*6.

Linda Quinn gave us a wonderful tour of the Iowa City Bird Club website, pointing out where to find a variety of information. New web pages

continue to be completed for our many special events, including new pages for the Spring Migration Count and Cy-Hawk Challenge. The website redesign has been a work in progress since summer 2019. It's taken much effort by many people, but the long haul is thanks to ongoing efforts from webmaster Mark Graber, Chris Edwards, and Linda Quinn. Many years of data, reports, and history are organized so that local bird information is easy to find and is in keeping with the ICBC mission: *To promote the enjoyment, study and conservation of birds in their natural habitats.* If you have a suggestion, please contact ICBC at <https://iowacitybirdclub.org/contact-us/>, where member feedback is always welcome.

Rick Hollis talked about the new Prothonotary Warbler nest boxes in Kent Park. Mark Graber donated a number of items to the club last year, including three nest boxes suitable for Prothonotary Warblers. We passed these on to Johnson County Conservation for use at Kent Park. The boxes are now mounted on the backside of poles holding Wood Duck nest boxes, all within an easy walk from the Conservation Education Center. Two are on one of our normal Wednesday Walk routes. You are invited to help keep watch on these during the nesting season. Not too closely, as we would not want to disturb nesting, so watch from a distance. Prothonotaries are bright, large and mostly yellow warblers. Spend 10-15 minutes at each box and report your sightings to Rick Hollis at xiboia@earthlink.net. Results will be shared at the end of the season.

Larry Mahoney provided a Treasurer's report. Our current balance is \$1,883.12. Expenses for the past month were \$103.52 for the April newsletter. Current membership is 62 active members, including five new members in 2021. Thirty-three members were moved to inactive status for not paying dues for 2020. Members who paid their 2020 dues automatically had their membership extended through 2021. Due to the reduction in events and publications in 2020, the ICBC Board decided to carry over dues from 2020 for an additional year and not charge

anyone for 2021. We're passing this savings onto our members.

Twenty-two people attended on Zoom.

– *Sandy Eads*

May 20, Meeting. Anna Buckardt, Iowa DNR Avian Ecologist, presented “Trumpeter Swans in Iowa: The Restoration and Research of an Iconic Species.” This has been an amazing project which has brought the Trumpeter Swan in Iowa back from local extinction to 119 nesting pairs in 2020. If you go to the Iowa City Bird Club site and listen to Anna's presentation, you can find how to report swans you see with a green collar to the Iowa DNR.

We were encouraged to check out the Iowa City Bird Club Facebook page. There are some great photos and information about local birding that's going on.

Twenty-four people attended the meeting on Zoom.

– *Sandy Eads*

June 13, Hawkeye Wildlife Management Area. Our first group field trip since the start of the pandemic was a success in so many ways. Best of all was the fun generated by a group of birders, enjoying each other's company again! The trip was intended to be an introduction to Hawkeye for our less experienced members. And the best hotspot in Johnson County showed nicely with 57 species of (mostly) breeding birds. And cooler temperatures brought the best weather in a long hot spell.

Fourteen of us toured hotspots on the south side of Hawkeye. Bird highlights were two Green Herons in flight, which then perched in close view at Swan Lake. Also at Swan Lake we marveled at a Belted Kingfisher demonstrating its hover-dive method of hunting. A rare bird for June was scoped by Torin – a female Canvasback, still hanging around after being spotted a week earlier.

We hiked the trail to Mallard Pond and drove to Half Moon Lake, where newer-birder Julie spotted what we all agreed was the best bird of the trip – a Yellow-billed Cuckoo. Soon another Yellow-bellied Cuckoo appeared, and yet another softly called during extended looks. You can't beat that! And I have to mention another marvel, the littlest birder, nine-month-old Lenora, who already knows how to pish!

Participants: Jan Allen, Phyllis Black, Drew Dillman, Julie and Sara Lindower, Linda Quinn (leader), Janet Seiz, Sharon Somers, Donna Warner, Danielle and Torin Waters with their baby Lenora, Eliza Willis, and Diane Zumbach.

Birds (57 species): Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Mallard, Canvasback, Hooded Merganser, Northern Bobwhite, Ring-necked Pheasant, Mourning Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Killdeer, American White Pelican, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Belted Kingfisher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Great-crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Willow Flycatcher, Bell's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Eastern Bluebird, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Field Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Common Grackle, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Yellow Warbler, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Dickcissel.

– *Linda Quinn*

June 19, Indiangrass Hills. Perhaps it was due to near-perfect weather, with light winds and morning temperatures around 70 degrees. Or maybe it was because the Iowa City Bird Club outings had halted for over a year and folks were itching to get out. But whatever the reason, a record 22 birders were present for the annual outing to Indiangrass Hills in Iowa County!

Like in previous years, the group started out birding in the area on the east side of I Ave., opposite the parking area. Most of the target birds were picked up between this area and the stream crossing. Multiple Henslow's Sparrows, Grasshopper Sparrows, and Orchard Orioles allowed nice extensive looks for the entire group. Bobolink numbers seemed to be up this year, with at least eight birds seen, so that was quite encouraging. Two pairs of Sedge Wrens were less obliging, but one pair did fly up a couple of times to at least give us a peek. A single Bell's Vireo was vocal but never did show for anyone, so this ended up being one of the few heard-only birds of the morning.

Several years ago, when I began to lead these outings, it would be customary to cover a portion of the west side of I Ave. after returning to the parking area to fill any gaps in our trip list. But in the last few years this has shifted to covering an area along I Ave. south of Indiangrass Hills, where Northern Mockingbird and Loggerhead Shrike have become regular. This year the mockingbird was fairly easy to find. It sat along a wire right along the road for the first few cars in the group before flying off. The shrike took a bit of patience. We staked out along the road near a large oak that the birds are known to frequent, and after about fifteen minutes, one bird made an initial appearance on a fence post right near the oak tree. It then disappeared for a while before reappearing in the tree, and eventually everyone got decent scope views. On the way out, those who missed the mockingbird got a second chance as it returned to the telephone wire along the road and persisted for a much longer duration. These birds, along with those at Indiangrass Hills, brought the total number of species to 57, the highest number I've ever recorded for this field trip. This was undoubtedly due to the large number of eyes and ears that helped make this a very memorable morning!

Participants: Phyllis Black, Mary Bowler, Brian Broderick, Mark Brown (leader), Barry Buschelman, Sandy Eads, Gerry Denning, Therese Guedon, Mark Madsen, Satsuki Matsumoto, Jamie McCoy, Yumi Nishi, Linda

Quinn, Mariko Sato, Janet Seize, Sharon Somers, Maria Story, Danelle Waters, Jeff Waters, Lenora Waters, Torin Waters, Eliza Willis.

Birds (57 species): Ring-necked Pheasant, Mourning Dove, Killdeer, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Willow Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Bell's Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Cliff Swallow, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, Sedge Wren, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, House Sparrow, Eurasian Tree Sparrow, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Grasshopper Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Henslow's Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Common Grackle, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Dickcissel.

Butterflies (19 species): Black Swallowtail, Cabbage White, Clouded Sulphur, Orange Sulphur, Gray Copper, Eastern Tailed-Blue, Summer Azure, Great Spangled Fritillary, Meadow Fritillary, Pearl Crescent, Red Admiral, Red-spotted Purple, Viceroy, Common Wood-Nymph, Monarch, Silver-spotted Skipper, European Skipper, Delaware Skipper, Dun Skipper.

– *Mark Brown*

July 7, Kent Park Wednesday Walk. We walked from the Conservation Education Center down to the first two ponds, and then back. We paused a bit at the bridge next to the first pond. I sat on a bench and observed a Prothonotary Warbler nest box, but didn't see any activity. We also paused so someone could bravely crawl down to the water's edge to retrieve a fallen

walking stick. We did not check the other two boxes.

Many species were only singing now and again. My year away from birding has really hurt my ability to identify by song. One person stopped about two-thirds of the way along and turned back. I should probably have turned around then as well, as my back bothered me more and more, so there were frequent pauses for me to rest. At one point the nine-member group split, and three people went up the hill to look for the Bobolinks.

Participants: Jan Allen, John Erikson, Rick Hollis (leader), Julie and Sara Lindower, Eric and Jenny Miller, Janet Seiz, Eliza Willis.

Birds (25 species): Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, House Wren, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Cedar Waxwing, American Goldfinch, Field Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Common

Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Scarlet Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting.

– Rick Hollis

Iowa Audubon Corner

In 2020 Iowa Audubon gave monies to the Bloody Run Addition and the Ten Mile Creek Addition land acquisition projects; to Iowa Young Birders for field guides; and to an Eagle Scout project for bird and bat houses.

We also approved supporting the Mississippi River Restoration and Resilience Initiative.

Iowa Audubon is losing its office space in Boone at the end of 2021, so the Board discussed what to items to distribute and what to store.

The annual Pelican Festival was approved for Sunday, September 12, with Karen Disbrow organizing the details.

– Karen Disbrow

IOWA CITY BIRD CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please send this form with your annual membership dues to Larry Mahoney, 2223 Cae Drive, Iowa City, IA 52246. Annual membership dues per household are \$15 for a print subscription, \$10 for an email subscription, or \$10 for students for a print subscription. Make checks payable to “Eastern Iowa Birdwatch”. Members receive a 10% discount on birdseed and suet at Ace Hardware at 600 N. Dodge Street, Iowa City, and Forever Green Garden Center at 125 Forevergreen Rd., Coralville.

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