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Schedule

Field Trips are free and open to the public. Trips may be changed or cancelled due to inclement weather or other circumstances. Please check our website calendar for updates: <https://iowacitybirdclub.org/events/>. Updates will also be emailed to club members and posted on our Facebook page. **Meetings** are held on Zoom and/or in-person. A Zoom link will be posted on our website calendar for each meeting. For more information or questions email iowacitybirdclub@gmail.com.

March 31 – April 28, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Introduction to Birding Course at the Iowa City Environmental Education Center with instructor Linda Rudolph. See page 7 for more information.

April 1, Wednesday, 8-10 a.m. Kent Park Bird Walk with leader Chris Edwards. Meet at the Conservation Education Center.

April 11, Saturday, 8 a.m. Redbird Farms Wildlife Management Area, 2290 Black Diamond Rd. SW, southwest of Iowa City. Abner Miller will lead us on a walk through Redbird Farms, which offers ponds, timber, and open areas. We'll look for ducks, turkeys, sparrows, early warblers, woodpeckers, wrens, and raptors. There are no bathrooms on site. Meet at the parking area on Black Diamond Rd. eBird information on Redbird Farms: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1668696>.

April 16, Thursday, 7 p.m. Meeting – In-Person and Zoom. Suzanne Gucciardo will present “Bipolar Birding.” Drawing on twelve years of travel experience, Suzanne will describe the stark contrasts between north and south polar and subpolar regions. Differences in basic environmental conditions produced different wildlife communities and led to different human histories. These differences are best illustrated by a look at the birds and other wildlife found near the ends of the Earth. Iowa City Environmental Education Center, 2401 Scott Boulevard, Iowa City.

April 19, Sunday, 8 a.m. Corriell Nature Preserve in Muscatine County. Jason Paulios will guide us in exploring this 200-acre Bur Oak Land Trust property that includes wetlands, remnant savanna, and sand prairie. Hiking terrain will be a mix of mowed and rough trails. An April 2022 outing by the bird club found 49 species, including Snow Goose, Osprey, Cooper's Hawk, Bald Eagle, Broad-winged Hawk, Brown Thrasher, and Yellow Warbler. Meet Jason at the Fareway parking lot, 2765 Commerce Dr., Iowa City. Destination is about 30 minutes from Iowa City. Directions will be provided for those driving separately. No bathrooms on site. Return time is about 12:30.

April 27 – May 22, Weekdays, 6:30-8:00 a.m. Hickory Hill Park Warbler Walks. Start your mornings watching warblers and other spring migrants with our rotating crew of expert leaders. Meet at the parking lot at the north end of the park, 800 Conklin Lane, off N. Dodge Street.

May 9, Saturday. Johnson County Spring Migration Count. We will bird in small groups to count as many birds as possible throughout Johnson County. Species and individual birds are tallied – last year 161 species were recorded. We'll gather for a mid-day lunch. Afternoon birding is encouraged, but optional. To participate in a group, email leader Chris Caster in advance of count day at cjcaster@myctl.net. For species data, forms, photos and more, visit <https://iowacitybirdclub.org/spring-count/>.

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May 21, Thursday, 7 p.m. Meeting – In-Person and Zoom. Jim Durbin will present a program about ongoing insect surveys at Big Sand Mound Preserve in Muscatine County. Iowa City Environmental Education Center, 2401 Scott Boulevard, Iowa City.

June 3, Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Kent Park Butterfly Walk with leader Chris Edwards. Learn how to spot and identify the park's common butterflies. Meet at the Conservation Education Center. Wear long pants. If it is rainy or overcast the walk will be cancelled – call Chris at 319-430-4732 if questionable.

June 6, Saturday, 6:30 a.m. Indiangrass Hills in Iowa County. Leader Mark Brown will guide us through this 640-acre restored prairie which is a designated Important Bird Area. Expect to see Henslow's Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Sedge Wren, Orchard Oriole, Bobolink, and more. There will be extensive walking on mowed grass paths which may be wet. Don't forget bug spray. Meet at 6:30 at Kohl's parking lot, 2795 Commerce Dr., Coralville, or at 7:15 at Indiangrass Hills parking lot, 4549 I Ave, Williamsburg. No bathrooms on site. Return time is around noon. Area maps: <https://iowacitybirdclub.org/miscellaneous-maps/> or <https://www.indiangrasshills.org/igh.php>.

June 27, Saturday, 8 a.m. Cedar River Crossing Conservation Area, 5473 Sutliff Rd. NE, Solon, in northeast Johnson County. Meet at the lower parking lot near the old Sutliff bridge. Join leaders Mark and Deb Rolfes for a morning hike through this Johnson County Conservation property that includes wetlands, prairie, and forest. Target species include warblers, sparrows, swallows, shorebirds, and waterfowl. Trails are mowed, and some rough paths can be wet or muddy. There are restrooms at this site. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. We will wrap up around noon. For a map and information visit <https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/conservation/public-use-areas>.

July 1, Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Kent Park Butterfly Walk with leader Chris Edwards. Meet at the Conservation Education Center. Wear long pants. If it is rainy or overcast the walk will be cancelled.

July 16, Thursday, 6:30-9 p.m. Chimney Swift Watch in Kalona. To carpool, meet at 6:30 at the north end of Menards parking lot, 2605 Naples Avenue SW, Iowa City. We'll caravan to the Evan Gingerich farm to see two Chimney Swift nesting towers and learn more about swifts. Then we'll drive two miles to Pleasantview Home, 811 3rd St., Kalona, and set up our lawn chairs at 8 p.m. and count the swifts as they fly into their roost. We expect 200-400 swifts.

July 18, Saturday. Iowa City Butterfly Count. As part of the North American Butterfly Association's Butterfly Count program, we'll visit Kent Park, Hawkeye Wildlife Area, Lake Macbride, and other areas to tally as many butterflies as we can. Last year we found 40 species and 1917 individuals. Register with Chris Edwards by July 15 at 319-430-4732 or credwards@aol.com.

August 5, Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Kent Park Butterfly Walk with leader Chris Edwards. Meet at the Conservation Education Center. Wear long pants. If it is rainy or overcast the walk will be cancelled.

August 23, Sunday, 8 a.m. Hawkeye Wildlife Management Area for shorebirds and other early fall migrants with leader Chris Caster. Meet at the Swan Lake parking lot (GPS coordinates 41.776081, 91.675009). We'll carpool our way around Hawkeye, finishing around noon. Expect moderate hiking at some viewing areas. Dress for the weather and wet or muddy trails. No bathrooms on site. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. Map: <https://iowacitybirdclub.org/miscellaneous-maps/>.

August 30, Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Pelican Festival at Hawkeye Wildlife Management Area. Meet on the north side of Hawkeye near the DNR headquarters, 2564 Amana Road NW, Swisher. A family-friendly event to learn about our local migrant American White Pelicans. Get close-up looks at pelicans and other birds through our spotting scopes. Attend outdoor presentations on pelicans, raptors, and more. There will be exhibits by many conservation organizations and face painting for the kids. A portable toilet will be on-site.

Other Dates of Interest

April 11, Saturday. Iowa Young Birders Field Trip at Iowa River Trail in Coralville. For more information and to register visit www.iowayoungbirders.org.

April 11, Saturday 9 a.m. Wild Birds Unlimited Bird Walk at Clear Creek Trail, Tom Harkin Trailhead, 719 Camp Cardinal Blvd., Coralville. This is a great spot for spring migrants with mixed habitats like woodland, prairie, and some wetland habitat all following Clear Creek. For more information: 319-665-0030 or wbunorthliberty@gmail.com.

April 12, Sunday, 9:30-11 a.m. Birdability Accessible Bird Outing near the lodge at Terry Trueblood Recreation Area. This stationary bird outing is open to all. For more information visit www.birdability.org.

April 18, Saturday. Bird Banding at Indian Creek Nature Center with Neil Bernstein, starting around dawn for several hours. Wind, rain, cold, or heat could lead to cancellation; if weather is questionable, contact Neil at 319-431-2973. **Additional dates:** April 25, May 3, May 16, May 23, May 30.

April 18, Saturday, 1 p.m. Wild Birds Unlimited Birding 4 Beginners at Liberty Centre Pond, 795 W Cherry St., North Liberty. Meet at the pavilion. The focus for this event is to give you the skills and resources necessary to start identifying and enjoying birds in the field. This program is great for kids but all ages are welcome and encouraged. This event is free and open to the public. For more information: 319-665-0030 or wbunorthliberty@gmail.com.

April 24-26, Friday – Sunday. Iowa Ornithologists' Union Spring Meeting in Fayette. For more information and to register, visit www.iowabirds.org. Field trip destinations may include birding hotspots like Volga State Recreation Area, Sweet Marsh Wildlife Management Area, and Echo Valley State Park.

April 28, Tuesday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wickiup Hill Learning Center Bird Walk with leader Wendy VanDeWalle, sponsored by Linn County Conservation. Registration is required here:

<https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Linn/Park/Wickiup-Hill-Learning-Center/Events/28627/Bird-Walk-with-Wendy-Part-1>

April 30, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Migration Madness Program at Wild Birds Unlimited, 650 W Cherry St. Suite #7, North Liberty. The program will cover what migration is, what we can expect for spring bird migration in eastern Iowa, tools to help you follow migration, what birds should be showing up and when, and ways we can help birds during migration and nesting season. Free and open to the public. For more information: 319-665-0030 or wbunorthliberty@gmail.com.

May 5, Tuesday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wickiup Hill Learning Center Bird Walk with leader Wendy VanDeWalle, sponsored by Linn County Conservation. Registration is required here:

<https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Linn/Park/Wickiup-Hill-Learning-Center/Events/28628/Bird-Walk-with-Wendy-Part-2>

May 10, Sunday, 9 a.m. Bur Oak Land Trust Songs of Spring Hike at Big Grove Preserve with leader Mark Madsen. To register visit www.BurOakLandTrust.org.

May 23, Saturday, 9:30-11 a.m. Birdability Accessible Bird Outing near the lodge at Terry Trueblood Recreation Area. This stationary bird outing is open to all.

June 13, Saturday. Big Sand Mound Nature Preserve Field Day. This unique natural area in Muscatine County is open to the public only once every three years. Register at www.LouisaCountyConservation.org.

June 28, Sunday, 9:30-11 a.m. Birdability Accessible Bird Outing near the lodge at Terry Trueblood Recreation Area. This stationary bird outing is open to all.

August 16, Sunday, 9:30-11 a.m. Birdability Accessible Bird Outing near the lodge at Terry Trueblood Recreation Area. This stationary bird outing is open to all.

2025 Iowa City Christmas Bird Count

Chris Edwards

The 75th annual Iowa City Christmas Bird Count was held Sunday, December 21, 2025. It was originally scheduled for December 14, but bitterly cold weather led to a postponement. The count area is a 15-mile diameter circle centered on Hwy. 965 and Penn Street in North Liberty, encompassing North Liberty, Coralville, Solon, Tiffin, and portions of Iowa City, as well as Lake Macbride and most of the Coralville Reservoir. Temperatures on count day ranged from 11-36° F, with mostly sunny skies and light southeast winds of 0-9 mph. Rivers and streams were mostly frozen, and still bodies of water were frozen. There was 1-2" of old snow cover.

Results

This year we found 68 species, just below the ten-year average of 69. The record high for the count is 81 species found in 2012. The species count has been trending up in recent years due to the presence of lingering waterfowl, but this year after the cold weather there were very few waterfowl species left in the area. However, we saw more lingering passerines this year than usual (and many of these species subsequently lingered through the winter). This year we tallied 113,243 individual birds, the third straight year over 100K thanks to an estimated 100,000 Red-winged Blackbirds.

As a fitting celebration for our 75th year, Mark Brown, Tom and Ian Bootsmiller, and Kegan Smith-Nichols found the first Townsend's Solitaire ever recorded on our count. It was in a rural area with an abundance of red cedars along Blain Cemetery Road, and it stayed long enough for many other people to see it that afternoon or on subsequent days. Townsend's Solitaire breeds in coniferous forests of the west as far north as Alaska, and is a rare but regular winter visitor to Iowa. Notably, one spent the winter of 2007 among cedars near the DNR headquarters along Amana Road, not far from this year's bird.

Other statistically rare species found this year were Killdeer, Short-eared Owl, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and Winter Wren. Other nice finds included American White Pelican, Merlin, Northern Shrike, Hermit Thrush, Fox Sparrow, and Yellow-rumped Warbler.

There were many species recorded in significantly above-average numbers this year. They included Ring-necked Pheasant, Northern Harrier (tied ten-year high), Sharp-shinned Hawk (tied ten-year high), Cooper's Hawk (all-time high), Eastern Screech-Owl (ten-year high), Barred Owl (ten-year high), Red-headed Woodpecker (ten-year high), Northern Flicker (all-time high), Blue Jay (ten-year high), Horned Lark, Winter Wren (all-time high), Eastern Bluebird, Hermit Thrush (all-time high), American Robin, House Finch, Purple Finch (ten-year high), White-throated Sparrow (all-time high), Red-winged Blackbird (tied all-time high), and Yellow-rumped Warbler (all-time high).

Species recorded in significantly below-average numbers were Mallard, Mourning Dove (lowest count since 1985), Ring-billed Gull, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Great Horned Owl, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Brown Creeper, Cedar Waxwing, Pine Siskin, American Tree Sparrow, and Common Grackle. Expected species that were missed entirely this year were Cackling Goose, Gadwall, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, and Hooded Merganser.

For the third straight year, an immense gathering of Red-winged Blackbirds was observed coming to roost at dusk in the miscanthus fields near the University of Iowa Hawkeye Commuter Lot, estimated at 100,000 birds. All field parties reported only two other Red-winged Blackbirds throughout the day, making one wonder where the other 99,998 birds spent the day!

Some Trends

The increasing population of Cooper's Hawks in Iowa is an amazing success story. Historically, they were persecuted by early settlers and farmers because they were seen as a threat to poultry. Their populations were further reduced in the mid-twentieth century by DDT, and they were listed on the Iowa Endangered Species List until 1994. On the Iowa City CBC, from 1951 to 1990 they were seen only ten times, always one or two birds. There was a slight increase in the 1990s, and since 2001 they have been recorded every year, and in increasing numbers. This year's 15 birds smashed the previous high count of 9 birds seen in 2022. Much of the species' success is due to its ability to adapt to human-altered landscapes. Traditionally a forest dweller, it is now frequently seen in urban and suburban neighborhoods. It is a bright spot among the many avian population declines.

On the other end of the spectrum, the long-term declines of Long-eared and Short-eared Owls are discouraging. It is thought that changing habitat conditions, especially the conversion of grasslands to row crops, is a primary factor in their decline in the Midwest. On the Iowa City CBC, both species were found nearly annually through the early 1980s, sometimes in double-digit numbers, with high counts of 28 Long-eared Owls in 1958 and 18 Short-eared Owls in 1960. We can only dream about those numbers now. Over the last 40 years, Long-eared Owls have been found on the Iowa City CBC only seven times, the last time in 2009. During the same timeframe, Short-eared Owls have been found eleven times, including one bird this year at Hawkeye Wildlife Area. In Iowa, Long-eared Owl is now listed as Threatened and Short-eared Owl is listed as Endangered. Sadly, given current land-use trends, it doesn't appear this will change in the foreseeable future.

Count Effort

This year there were 32 field participants in 13 parties, including six first-time participants. Combined, they spent 73 total party-hours in the field, below the 10-year average of 78 hours. Several additional people had signed up but were unable to participate due to the postponement. Two parties spent a total of 3.5 hours owl watching, just below the ten-year average of 3.8 hours. Field participants were Kyle Belcher, Becky Benson, Ian Bootsmiller, Tom Bootsmiller, Fawn Bowden, Mary Bowler, Brian Broderick, Mark Brown, Chris Caster, Gerry Denning, Aaditya Deshpande, Chris Edwards, Julie Englander, Laura Harwood, Jim Kettelkamp, Mark Madsen, Jamie McCoy, Ramona McGurk, Jason Paulios, Eli Perencevich, Marko Perencevich, Linda Quinn, JoAnn Riecke, Deb Rolfes, Mark Rolfes, Linda Rudolph, Janet Seiz, Kegan Smith-Nichols, Sharon Somers, Maria Story, Jim Trepka, and Eliza Willis.

There were 16 feeder watchers in 10 locations, which is below the ten-year average of 11 locations. Feeder watchers were Barbara Beaumont, Kaci Carolan and Ed Kuhrt, Anne Edwards, Rick and Jan Hollis, Bill Madden, Kathy Martensen, Jenny Miller, Amy Shuttleworth and Ben Traschsel, Jane Shuttleworth, Sharon Somers, Cindy Spading, and Jim and Terri Stoner.

We met at the North Liberty Community Center for a mid-day meal and compilation. We collected \$45 in donations for the National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count program.

Nationally, this year marked the 126th consecutive Christmas Bird Count. The results of all counts from 1900 to the present are available at www.audubon.org/community-science/christmas-bird-count. A table showing the results of every Iowa City count from 1951 to the present is available at iowacitybirdclub.org/christmas-counts/.

Thanks to everyone who participated this year!

SPECIES LIST

Canada Goose 1492	Short-eared Owl 1	European Starling 7462
Mallard 212	Belted Kingfisher 3	Eastern Bluebird 56
Common Goldeneye 1	Red-headed Woodpecker 88	Townsend's Solitaire 1
Common Merganser 6	Red-bellied Woodpecker 102	Hermit Thrush 4
Wild Turkey 15	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3	American Robin 209
Ring-necked Pheasant 21	Downy Woodpecker 117	House Sparrow 715
Rock Pigeon 137	Hairy Woodpecker 31	Eurasian Tree Sparrow 62
Eurasian Collared-Dove 4	Northern Flicker 102	House Finch 180
Mourning Dove 17	Pileated Woodpecker 7	Purple Finch 24
Killdeer 2	American Kestrel 16	Pine Siskin 7
Ring-billed Gull 2	Merlin 1	American Goldfinch 99
American Herring Gull 2	Northern Shrike 3	Fox Sparrow 1
American White Pelican 3	Blue Jay 229	American Tree Sparrow 113
Northern Harrier 5	American Crow 162	Dark-eyed Junco 463
Sharp-shinned Hawk 5	Black-capped Chickadee 159	White-crowned Sparrow 24
Cooper's Hawk 15	Tufted Titmouse 41	White-throated Sparrow 181
Bald Eagle 54	Horned Lark 13	Song Sparrow 11
Red-tailed Hawk 38	Cedar Waxwing 99	Swamp Sparrow 2
Rough-legged Hawk 1	Red-breasted Nuthatch 3	Red-winged Blackbird 100,000
<i>Buteo</i> sp. 1	White-breasted Nuthatch 118	Brown-headed Cowbird 33
Eastern Screech-Owl 4	Brown Creeper 2	Common Grackle 2
Great Horned Owl 3	Carolina Wren 3	Yellow-rumped Warbler 14
Barred Owl 10	Winter Wren 5	Northern Cardinal 222

Iowa Breeding Bird Atlas II

The second *Iowa Breeding Bird Atlas (BBA II)* is now available online at www.iowabba2.org. A print edition has also been generously donated to the Iowa City Public Library, where it is housed in the Resource Collection for in-library use.

This volume is an outstanding resource on Iowa's bird populations, offering detailed species accounts, distribution maps, and comparisons with data from the first atlas. The project represents a significant collaborative effort between the Iowa Ornithologists' Union and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, drawing on contributions from numerous volunteer surveyors statewide—including more than a dozen members of the Iowa City Bird Club. Notably, Chris Caster contributed the cover artwork and served on the atlas steering committee.

Based on data collected from 2008 to 2012, *Iowa Breeding Bird Atlas II* provides a comprehensive

snapshot of bird distribution and breeding activity across the state, while documenting changes since the first atlas (1985–1990). Each species account summarizes key findings and includes information on status in Iowa, habitat, breeding timing, nesting behavior, and population changes as measured by the federal Breeding Bird Survey.

– Jason Paulios and Linda Quinn

Nestbox Monitors Needed

The Songbird Project is always looking for volunteer monitors for Purple Martin colonies and Eastern Bluebird trails in the Iowa City/Coralville/Johnson County area. This work usually runs from mid-April to early August and is best done on a weekly schedule. Complete training is provided as is coverage for illness or vacations when you need a replacement. This is a great way to see nature up real close and get some good exercise, too. Contact Jim Walters at 319-466-1134 or jcmwalt@infionline.net.



Introduction to Birding Course

March 31 – May 2, 2026

Environmental Education Center

2401 Scott Blvd. SE, Iowa City

The Iowa City Bird Club is offering an **Introduction to Birding Course** consisting of five evening classes and five Saturday morning field trips to local hotspots. Classes are held at the Environmental Education Center at 2401 Scott Blvd. SE, Iowa City. The cost is free for ICBC members or \$5 per class for non-members, or join our membership on the first night of class for \$10 (digital newsletter subscription) or \$15 (printed newsletter subscription). Participants may attend all sessions or pick one or more to attend. No registration is required.

Field trips are for current and past course participants. Loaner binoculars will be provided. Trips may be cancelled due to inclement weather—please check our website at iowacitybirdclub.org/events/ for updates. Updates will also be emailed to club members and posted on our Facebook page.

For more information, contact iowacitybirdclub@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 31, 7–8 p.m. BASICS OF BIRDING I CLASS. This will include field identification of birds, field guides, and equipment every birder needs.

Saturday, April 4, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. Field Trip to KENT PARK. Beginning birder trip for current or past participants in the course. We will explore the trails in this park for migrating songbirds and resident woodland birds. Meet at the Conservation Education Center in Kent Park, 2048 Hwy. 6 NW, Oxford.

Tuesday, April 7, 7–8 p.m. BASICS OF BIRDING II CLASS, including eBird, apps, and birdsong ID.

Saturday, April 11, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. Field Trip to TERRY TRUEBLOOD RECREATION AREA. Beginning birder trip for current or past participants in the course. Visit this popular Iowa City park and nearby Sycamore Greenway. The lake at Terry Trueblood hosts migrating ducks with a surrounding accessible trail where we'll see a variety of returning breeding birds. A short drive away is Sycamore Greenway trail with shrub and prairie habitat that attracts grassland birds such as sparrows, Sandhill Cranes, and Brown Thrasher. Meet outside the lodge at Terry Trueblood, 579 McCollister Blvd., Iowa City.

Tuesday, April 14, 7–8 p.m. BIRDING IN JOHNSON COUNTY CLASS. Covering eBird alerts, hotspots, recent photos and sightings, and Iowa City Bird Club field trips.

Saturday, April 18, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. Field Trip to LAKE MACBRIDE. Beginning birder trip for current or past participants in the course. Targets are water birds and other early spring migrants. We'll stop at various points around the lake. Meet at the North Liberty Community Center, 520 W Cherry St., on the north side of the building, and carpool from there; or meet us at Sailboat Shelter 1 parking lot in Lake Macbride State Park around 8:20 a.m.

Tuesday, April 21, 7–8 p.m. BACKYARD AND FEEDER BIRDS CLASS. 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 25, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. Field Trip to HAWKEYE WILDLIFE AREA. Beginning birder trip for current or past participants in the course. 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. We'll carpool from the North Liberty Community Center, 520 W Cherry St., on the north side of the building.

Tuesday, April 28, 7–8 p.m. BIRDS OF IOWA CLASS. Summer residents that nest here and birds that migrate through Iowa in spring and fall.

Saturday, May 2, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. Field Trip to WATERWORKS PRAIRIE PARK. Beginning birder trip for current or past participants in the course. Visit this Iowa City park with accessible paved trails for woodland, prairie, and wetland species. Meet in the parking lot of Waterworks Prairie Park, 2875 Dubuque St. NE, Iowa City.

Checklist of the Birds of Iowa City

Linda Quinn

As part of our application for Iowa City’s Bird Friendly Iowa designation, we created an official community bird checklist to strengthen local conservation efforts and highlight the richness of bird life in Iowa City. Built from sightings reported over the past ten years—primarily through eBird and contributions from dedicated local birders—the checklist reflects strong community science and the diversity of habitats in and around the city. Because eBird’s smallest searchable regions are counties, creating a checklist specifically for Iowa City provides a unique city-scale view of bird diversity that standard eBird searches cannot easily capture.

The data include observations within city limits and the contiguous five-mile area, recognizing that many species move between habitats inside and outside of town.

Together, our community has recorded 282 species, ranking second among the 13 cities designated as Bird Friendly Iowa communities. Of these, 103 are confirmed breeding birds, and 85 are designated Greatest Conservation Concern (GCC) by the Iowa DNR—species identified as priorities for proactive conservation under the Iowa Wildlife Action Plan.

The GCC designation may surprise even regular birdwatchers. Take Wood Thrush, a breeding bird at Hickory Hill Park treasured for its liquid, flute-like song. Data from Warbler Walks show a sharp decline: from 2011–2021, Wood Thrush were observed an average of 14 days during the month-long survey; more recent surveys record an average of just four days. Statewide declines are also noted by Anna Buckhart, Iowa DNR Avian Ecologist: “Wood Thrushes are fairly common, but populations have dropped by as much as 60 percent since 1970, mainly due to habitat loss. We need to learn more about what happens during migration.”

To help answer that question, Wood Thrush are tracked through MOTUS, an international network of radio antennas that detect tagged birds during migration. Our closest MOTUS tower is at Hawkeye Wildlife Management Area headquarters. Cutting-edge tracking technology such as MOTUS is helping scientists better understand bird migration and population declines.

Birding also supports the local economy. Nationally, birdwatchers spend more than \$100 billion annually, and Iowans spend millions each year on birdseed alone. Recognizing this interest, the state tourism guide has added a bird watching feature through Travel Iowa – see [Travel Iowa Birding](#).

Our community checklist is a living document that grows with every sighting. Two recent additions are Snowy Owl near Sycamore Bottoms (November 18, 2025) and Great Black-backed Gull at IRP Dam (February 9, 2026). By documenting what lives here—and sharing that information—we help residents and visitors appreciate and protect Iowa City’s birdlife.



Scan this QR code for a link to the Checklist of the Birds of Iowa City. Or visit www.iowacitybirdclub.org and navigate to Birds of Iowa and Checklist: Birds of Iowa City.

Field Trip and Meeting Reports

January 7, Kent Park Wednesday Walk.

Having recently retired, I decided to restart the Kent Park Wednesday Walks that Rick Hollis led for many years. And our first-ever wintertime Wednesday Walk was a success! When I scheduled a walk in January, I didn't know what the weather would be like or if anyone would show up, so I was pleased when five others joined me in the parking lot. The temperature was fairly warm for early January, just below freezing, and it was very foggy. This resulted in a coating of rime ice on all the vegetation, and combined with the limited visibility, it gave everything a magical appearance.

We spent the first twenty minutes in the bird blind. Aside from the regular visitors, the highlight was a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker seen briefly high up on a tree trunk. This species has been more common in our area than usual this winter.

We then walked the short loop trail north of the Conservation Education Center, and then three of us walked a long loop that took us east and south along the eastern park boundary, then back north through a stream valley past several ponds. The most numerous birds were House Finches (most within a hundred yards of the CEC), Blue Jays, and Red-bellied and Red-headed Woodpeckers. Bird activity seemed to be a bit dampened by the fog. But it was a fun, enjoyable winter walk.

Participants: Corbin Bailey, Karen Disbrow, Sandy Eads, Chris Edwards (leader), Peter Hansen, Laura Harwood.

Birds (19 species): Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Eastern Bluebird, House Finch, American Goldfinch, American Tree Sparrow, Dark-eyed

Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Northern Cardinal.

– Chris Edwards

January 18, Bird Feeder Watch and Social.

Twenty-four participants spotted 23 bird species during this event hosted by the neighboring households of Jane Shuttleworth and Amy Shuttleworth and husband Ben Trachsel. Even though it was a frigid day with a high of 14° F the group recorded six species more than the previous year's January social at the same location, when the temps were subzero. Not included in the list were the neighbor's chickens, also spotted from Jane's home.

The side-by-side homes face the Bur Oak Land Trust's Shimek Ravine property. Twenty-one species were observed from indoors between 9:00-11:30 a.m., and two more species – a Northern Flicker and three Bald Eagles – were spotted during a hike in Shimek Ravine held afterwards. The hike was led by Ben and Amy, who showcased the progress the neighborhood "Bittersweet Brigade" is making to improve bird habitat and biodiversity by removing bittersweet and other invasive species.

Missing in action from the bird list was the Cooper's Hawk seen snagging a House Sparrow from Amy and Ben's feeder the day before, and the Barred Owl and Mourning Dove seen on last year's social. The American Robin, not seen the previous year, was spotted street-side in the neighbor's crab apple tree.

In addition to bird watching, participants played bird-related board games and enjoyed educational displays – one about Iowa City's recent designation as a Bird Friendly Iowa Community, and another about BirdsBeSafe cat collars, which are designed to alert birds to the presence of outdoor cats. Studies have shown the collars to be effective at reducing up to 87% of bird deaths.

To learn more about Iowa City's "High Flyer" Bird Friendly status visit www.icgov.org/Home/Components/News/News

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Birds (23 species): Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, European Starling, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, House Sparrow, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Dark-eyed Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Brown-headed Cowbird, Northern Cardinal.

– Jane Shuttleworth

February 4, Kent Park Wednesday Walk. The morning started out very cold, less than ten degrees, but it was sunny with no wind, and the temperature gradually warmed up during our walk. We were joined by a college student from Turkey on a visit to his parents in Iowa City. Considering he had been in the United States less than two weeks, he was already familiar with many of our common winter birds! It was fun hearing about his visit and his birding experiences back in Turkey.

We spent the first 20 minutes in the bird blind, where we saw all the regulars. The highlight was one immature and three adult Red-headed Woodpeckers, a species which has become significantly more numerous in our area in recent years.

We then followed the same route as last month, walking the short loop trail north of the Conservation Education Center, then a long loop that took us near the eastern park boundary, then south, then back north in the creek valley past several frozen ponds. Both American Robins and Eastern Bluebirds were common – we saw over 160 robins, mostly in two large flocks, and about 20 bluebirds scattered along our walk. Red-headed and Red-bellied Woodpeckers were common, and we saw White-throated Sparrows in several locations. Near the end of the walk, we enjoyed an adult Red-tailed Hawk soaring. A non-avian highlight was hearing the ice on one of the ponds “talk” to us as it contracted in the sunlight.

Participants: Chris Edwards (leader), Laura Harwood, Eren Berk Karabulut, Jane Shuttleworth.

Birds (18 species): Red-tailed Hawk, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, European Starling, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, House Finch, American Goldfinch, American Tree Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Northern Cardinal.

– Chris Edwards

February 8, Quad Cities and Mississippi River. Our first stop was Lock and Dam 14 on the Illinois side. For the second straight year a Barrow’s Goldeneye had been reported here in the preceding week. But for the second straight year, although many Common Goldeneye were present, we did not find the Barrow’s. In addition to goldeneyes we found Common Mergansers, a couple of Canvasbacks, and a Greater Scaup. There were about a dozen Herring Gulls roosting on the ice, giving us good examples of first-year, second-year, and adult birds. But the wind was very brisk there and not all of us anticipated it to be so cold, so we didn’t linger.

Still on the Illinois side, in Rapids City we found more variety and a respite from the wind. Many

Canvasbacks were closely viewed from the Shuler's Shady Grove Park boat access. And we added Lesser Scaup, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, and Hooded Merganser to our list. A Greater Scaup was found here also.

At Lock and Dam 14 on the Iowa side we were greeted by a young Red-tailed Hawk perched along the access road. There were a good number of pelicans present, a few Common Mergansers, the usual Bald Eagles, and a few Herring Gulls. There were no gulls roosting on the frozen ponds. The viewing platform didn't provide us anything new except for a Belted Kingfisher perched on one of the railings. I'm not sure what was more exciting for our party, the warm hand dryers in the bathrooms or the flock of Eurasian Tree Sparrows in the adjacent tall grass field. This is also where we added Song Sparrow and American Tree Sparrow to our list.

After a break at the Hardee's in Bettendorf, we headed to Lock and Dam 15 in downtown Davenport. Visible from Lock and Dam 15 atop the Mid-American Energy building was a Peregrine Falcon. It remained perched the whole time on the southwest corner, with its head and shoulders clearly visible. There were a few gulls below the lock and dam, all Herring Gulls except for one Iceland Gull resting on the third pillar. This first-winter gull had the lightly patterned primary and tertial feathers of the Kumlien's subspecies.

Credit Island Park was nearly a bust. There was no open water on the west side and motorcyclists were riding the ice along Concord Street, so no birds were to be found. The trees are now thickening along this side of the island, limiting views of whatever might be there. Caravaning around to the east side we found four Ring-billed Gulls roosting just offshore. These were the only ones we managed all day. The north-side boat access had its usual Mallard flock awaiting handouts, but no American Black Ducks were seen.

Our next stop was the intersection of Concord St. and Wapello Ave. There is a short path to take

where one can view the open river at the southern tip of Credit Island, although the spot is now overgrown to the point where our leader couldn't decide where the path was anymore. Since our crashing through the brush was likely to scare off the most docile of pelicans, we realized it was not going to be a worthwhile stop for our large group. No stop was made at Nahant Marsh as this appeared frozen over and was not productive of anything on past outings.

Our last stop as always was Fairmount Cemetery. The hemlock grove was silent, but James brought along his "Screech-Owl being mobbed" recording which livened the party substantially. Immediately, Red-breasted Nuthatches and chickadees materialized from the boughs. A few of us managed to spot a Yellow-rumped Warbler. Three Pine Siskins came to a tree top giving good looks. And robins were seen nearby lower to the ground. Once we had taped one of nuthatches into a frenzy we elected to move to the feeders at the top of the hill. There we added goldfinch and White-throated Sparrow to our list. Eurasian Tree Sparrows were abundant. Walt Zuurdeeg happened to be at home and came out with his lab retriever to visit. His feeders gave us looks at a Carolina Wren, House Finches and a Hairy Woodpecker. Another Super Bird Sunday! And once again the birds, Seahawks that is, won the day.

Participants: Brian Broderick, Mary Bowler, Chris Caster (leader), Gerry Denning, Karen Disbrow, Chris Edwards, James Huntington, David Kramer, Dean Logan, Mark Madsen, Andy McCollum, Ed O'Brien, Dee Ann Rexroat, Deb and Mark Rolfes, Janet Seiz, Eliza Willis.

Birds (46 species): Canada Goose, Trumpeter Swan, Mallard, Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Ring-billed Gull, American Herring Gull, Iceland Gull, American White Pelican, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Belted Kingfisher, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, American

Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, European Starling, American Robin, House Sparrow, Eurasian Tree Sparrow, House Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, American Tree Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Northern Cardinal

– *Chris Caster*

February 19, Meeting. We were pleased to have as our presenter, James Pease, Ph.D. His vast experience and work have included leading international wildlife trips to Central and South America and Africa, among many other things. He spoke about Costa Rica's great tropical biodiversity and shared many photos and information about its birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. Costa Rica is one-third the size of Iowa, yet has about 900 bird species compared to our 400. If you missed the presentation, be sure to check out the video on the Iowa City Bird Club website. There were 11 Zoom viewers.

– *Sandy Eads*

February 28, Cone Marsh. Under overcast skies, the temperature hovered around freezing with a brisk wind as we embarked on our field trip to Cone Marsh. We made a quick stop in the town of Lone Tree to observe the Great Horned Owl pair that appears to be nesting there again this year. Two adult owls were spotted and the group then moved on to the marsh.

Highlights at the marsh were the hundreds of Trumpeter Swans along with a few smaller Tundra Swans on the water and thousands of Snow Geese, mostly in the air. There were also a couple hundred Northern Pintails, an unusually high number. Most of the other species were in much smaller numbers, except Greater White-fronted Geese and Canada Geese, as expected for this early in the season. Many birders brought scopes, so it was nice to see and study the birds using those!

Participants: Elizabeth Aubrey, Neil and Renate Bernstein, Sarah Bissell, Leonard Bontrager, Michael Bontrager, Fawn Bowden (leader), Paul Brenneman, Brian Broderick, Theresa Carbrey, Sandy Eads, Mark Gromko, Therese Guedon, Peter Hansen, Laura Harwood, Bruce Hochstetler, Carson Kebhart, Kathy Krug, Linda McHard, Abner Miller, Justin Miller, Karl Miller, Kendall Miller, Kevin Miller, Lyle Miller, Eli Perencevich, Omer Sanan, Audrey Tawdry, Nick Timmer.

Birds (26 species): Snow Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose, Canada Goose, Trumpeter Swan, Tundra Swan, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Hooded Merganser, Mourning Dove, Killdeer, Ring-billed Gull, American White Pelican, Northern Harrier, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Blue Jay, European Starling, American Robin, American Tree Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird.

– *Fawn Bowden*

March 4, Kent Park Wednesday Walk. It was a pleasant morning for a walk – the temperature was in the upper 30s, there was little wind, and the sun peaked through the clouds for the first time in several days. It was nice to have several newcomers join us along with a few bird club regulars. As usual we started at the bird blind, but despite five minutes of patient anticipation, only a single bird appeared, an American Goldfinch! But we heard birds singing, so we headed out to find them, determined to top the 18 species recorded on February's walk.

We didn't have too much trouble meeting that goal. We started with two Brown-headed Cowbirds and a Red-winged Blackbird perched high in the cottonwood behind the Conservation Education Center – normally they would not generate much excitement, but this early in the season they were of interest. We then followed our normal loop route, finding all the expected resident birds. We had a few interesting flyovers along the way, including Killdeer, Ring-billed Gulls, and many more Red-winged Blackbirds.

At one point on our way back, we came across a brushy tree-line upslope that was active with many small songbirds. We picked out a Song Sparrow and two female Purple Finches. I thought I heard a snippet of Fox Sparrow song, and after a couple minutes Merlin also picked it up. A little farther on, we heard a Purple Finch singing. By the time we returned to the parking lot, we tallied 27 species, which will surely be topped next month.

Participants: Chelsea Bauerly and son, Alan Brink, Brian Broderick, Chris Edwards (leader), Drew Dillman, Peter Hansen, Linda Rudolph.

Birds (27 species): Canada Goose, Ring-necked Pheasant, Mourning Dove, Killdeer, Ring-billed Gull, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, European Starling, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, House Finch, Purple Finch, American Goldfinch, Fox Sparrow, American Tree Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Song Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Northern Cardinal.

– *Chris Edwards*

March 7, Burlington Area and Mississippi River. The day started out overcast with a blustery wind of 15-20 mph and a temperature of 38° F. We met Chuck Fuller at the Port of Burlington, where we observed a Peregrine Falcon on the Mississippi River bridge. Our caravan of eight cars then headed to Dankwardt Park. We walked the concrete storm sewer and found Winter Wren, Brown Creeper, and Hermit Thrush there. We also noted the first Turkey Vultures of the year flying overhead.

Next, we drove to Sullivan Slough, where a Pileated Woodpecker was heard but not seen. A Bald Eagle nest was observed, but the occupants weren't home. Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers were seen. The Mississippi River had no birds on it there, so we traveled on to Henry's Lake, where we saw Snow Geese and Greater White-fronted Geese with Ross's Geese in the air, as

well as Trumpeter Swans and many duck species. At Green Bay Bottoms we found meadowlarks and a Rough-legged Hawk. We then headed to the marina in Fort Madison, where the highlight was five Red-breasted Mergansers.

We stopped for lunch and then drove to the dairy for Eurasian Collared Doves. We continued to Trumpeter Marsh and Heron Bend, where many duck species were seen. We finished at Montrose where nothing new was seen. The trip ended at 4 p.m. and everyone headed home or back to Burlington for cars. We finished with a record 80 species. A huge "thank you" to Chuck Fuller for leading this trip!

Participants: Neil Berstein, Sarah Bissell, Mary Bowler, Brian Broderick, Kevin Crozier, Gerry Denning, Karen Disbrow (co-leader), Sandy Eads, Chuck Fuller (leader), Laura Harwood, Alissa Kandel, Mark Madsen, Jamie McCoy, Abner Miller, Diana Pesek, Mark Reagan, Daryl Ropp, Jean and Jim Wiess.

Birds (80 species): Snow Goose, Ross's Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose, Canada Goose, Trumpeter Swan, Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Mallard, American Black Duck, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Ruddy Duck, Ring-necked Pheasant, Pied-billed Grebe, Rock Pigeon, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Mourning Dove, American Coot, Killdeer, Ring-billed Gull, American Herring Gull, Double-crested Cormorant, American White Pelican, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Pileated Woodpecker, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Eastern Phoebe, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Carolina Wren, Winter Wren,

European Starling, Eastern Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, House Sparrow, House Finch, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Lapland Longspur, Clay-colored Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, American Tree Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Common Grackle, Northern Cardinal.

– *Karen Disbrow*

March 19, Meeting. This meeting was intended to be both a Zoom and in-person meeting, however due to technical issues, we were unable to connect in Zoom. Therefore, there was no recording and only an in-person meeting was held. Our speaker, Elizabeth Miller presented “Counting Bats in Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, and Cost Rica.” Twenty-five in-person members were present and eight others attempted to join by Zoom.

– *Sandy Eads*

March 22, Wiese Slough Wildlife Area in Muscatine County. Wiese Slough is the second most-birded spot in Muscatine County on eBird, and for nine of our dozen birders, it was their first visit. The weather was windy—never ideal for birding—and at 60 degrees, a bit warmer than average. This WMA spans 2,000 acres but only the North Unit is easily accessible. The two access roads here run close to the water's edge, often spooking ducks, so we began by parking at the dike. From this vantage point, we could scan a larger body of water at a comfortable distance without disturbing the birds.

Our “parking lot bird,” a Purple Finch, slipped away before everyone could get a good look, but we still enjoyed its melodic song—similar to House Finch but richer. From the dike, we spent unhurried time observing fourteen species of waterfowl. First-of-the-year Tree Swallows skimmed gracefully over the water, while a chorus of Red-winged Blackbirds proclaimed their marsh territories.

Exploring more spots from this access, we stopped for a hike along a trail bordering a

quarry. The public side transitions from prairie edge to woodland, where a Barred Owl was spotted near a large, old oak tree in the middle of the path. How far the trail continues into the woods remains a mystery—known perhaps only to the owl, but the trail continues as far as we could see with our binoculars. We were also treated to excellent views of an Eastern Bluebird perched in the woods. Overhead, two large flocks of Greater White-fronted Geese—numbering close to 400—passed by overhead, grouping and re-grouping into V formations.

We then explored the only other access road, which offers closer views of the marshy edge—though perhaps a bit too close for the comfort of the ducks. A pair of Ring-necked Ducks flushed as our cars approached. One parking area along this road provided opportunity to scope a larger water body with a few additional duck species. Farther along the road, we took a short walk into the woods, an area the DNR notes as the best morel hunting spot in the county. Mark remarked that it was still too early in the season for morels, noting that blooming lilacs are the best indicator. Our non-bird species was spotted by Jess, when a frog popped out of the water for a hot second.

Despite windy conditions, the group enjoyed a productive and varied outing at Wiese Slough, highlighted by diverse waterfowl, early spring songbirds, and the wonderful sound of singing Chorus Frogs.

Participants: Jess Alexander, Sally Bowen, Barry Buschelman, Theresa Carbrey, Sandy Eads, Laura Harwood, Ron from Hills, Linda Quinn (leader), Mark Reagan, Glen Schmitz, Jim Wiese.

Birds: (38 species): Greater White-fronted Goose, Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, Mallard, Green-winged Teal, Canvasback, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Pied-billed Grebe, Mourning Dove, American Coot, Sandhill Crane, Killdeer, Ring-billed Gull, Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Barred Owl, Red-headed

Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Blue Jay, Tree Swallow, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, House Sparrow, Purple Finch, Dark-eyed Junco, Song Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Northern Cardinal.

– Linda Quinn



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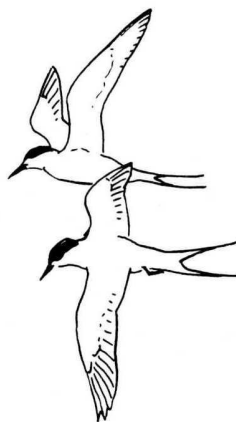
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