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Busy Times By Pat Fisher

Dubuque Audubon has been busy supporting local conservation efforts in many ways. Dubuque Audubon secured a Dubuque Racing Association Grant for \$1200 towards the purchase of nature backpacks that can be used by many different people at our two fabulous nature centers: E. B. Lyons Nature Center at the Mines of Spain Park and at the Swiss Valley Nature Center.

Last fall Dubuque Audubon was awarded a Collaborative Funding Grant of \$850 through National Audubon to be used for prairie seeding at the Mines of Spain. This work has been completed.

In April Dubuque Audubon contributed \$1,000 to sustain Audubon's work in Iowa. This money will be used to present educational programs involving birds and the Mississippi River and to conduct bird surveys along the River. The results from the recent bird surveys have had a direct impact on forest management plans in specific locations within the Sny Magill/North Cedar and the Bloody Run Wildlife Management Areas.

At the May meeting, Dubuque Audubon presented \$100 to the Multicultural Center in Dubuque to help fund a program called Future Talk that provides opportunities for summer internships in conservation programs for minority students.

Dubuque Audubon contributed \$250 to Iowa Water and Land Legacy.

Memorial money honoring long-time board member Jane Ward was presented to the Mines of Spain in support of the new bird-viewing area at the almost completed E. B. Lyons Nature Center. This room will most appropriately be named The Jane Ward Bird's Nest.

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Memorial money honoring Delbert Erzen will be used for equipment and/or an exhibit in the new bird viewing room.

None of these worthy projects would be possible without the financial support of our membership. Thank you wholeheartedly!!!



Another huge thank-you goes out to Lois Theisen, editor of Pileated Drummings, and Joe Tolari, board member responsible for the newsletter. These two have faithfully brought Audubon news to your home for the last 15 years. Yes, 15 years!!! This is dedication! Thank you Lois and Joe! Words cannot adequately express our appreciation!

Welcome to James Brown, son of member Mary Kelley, who has accepted the job of newsletter editor. James brings with him a wealth of technological experience! Thank you James! We are very excited to have you on board.

We have opportunities to get together this summer at the June Potluck on the porch at the Arboretum, at the Butterfly Count and picnic in July, at the August picnic, and another potluck in September. Hope to see you at some of these events. Happy Summer Birding!

FUTURE TALK

On May 13, Dana Livingston presented a program on Future Talk. Future Talk is designed to serve youth that are 13-17 years old. The program works with at-risk and/or minority youth that have had little exposure and/or interaction with the environment. The goals are to create a lifelong connection to the environment, provide work experience, and create a sense of civic responsibility among the participants.

Youths must complete an application and attend a week-long orientation to join the Future Talk program. There are not enough slots for all the youth that are interested in the program so only the most dedicated 15-18 youth are selected from those who complete the orientation.

During the summer of 2010m the Future Talk youth will work at the following sites: Jackson Park, Orange Park, Grant Park, 16th Street detention basin, 12th St., Mines of Spain, Pohlman Prairie, Swiss Valley.

In addition to the work sites, the youth will complete 16 hours of volunteer work, career readiness requirements, and three reports on the environment.



DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June, July, August, 2010

June 10 – Thurs.	Summer Potluck	6:00 pm Dubuque Arboretum, Marshall Park. Join us for potluck supper and good conversation. Bring your own beverage, table service, and a dish to share.
June 12 – Sat.	Toddling into Streams	9:00 am. Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Road. Teach your toddlers to investigate creepy crawlers under water. We will encourage children ages 3-5 to dig in and search for insects and invertebrates living within Catfish Creek. Dress children in clothes that can get muddy and wet. We will provide a snack and equipment for activities so preregistration is required.
June 18 – Fri. to June 20 – Sun.	Breeding Bird Atlas Blockbusting Weekend	Training will take place in Clinton, Iowa on the evening of June 18. Call Charlie Winterwood at 563.588.2783 for local instructions and meeting place.
June 27 – Sun.	Prairie Walk	1:00 pm pm at Hurstville Interpretive Center, 18670 63 rd St., Maquoketa. Take a stroll through the Hurstville Prairie. Enjoy blooming wildflowers, and learn about prairie life.
July 7 – Wed.	Park Picnic – Focus on Frogs	11:30 am. Swiss Valley Park. Pack a lunch and the kids. Head to the Swiss Valley Park for a lunch and some hands on fun with frogs! Kids ages 5 and up are welcome to attend the program, we will meet at the Walnut Pavilion in the park and explore from there. Please call to register or if you have questions 563.556.6745.
July 11 – Sun.	Butterfly Count.	1:00 pm at Swiss Valley Nature Center and EB Lyons Interpretive Center. Nets provided. Children welcome to help run down and net the butterflies that we cannot identify with binoculars. 4:30 pm E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. Bring a picnic supper to enjoy while we compile the results.
July 25 – Sun.	Board Retreat	4:30 pm Potluck supper and Board Retreat at the home of Wayne Buchholtz, 11148 Woodview Dr.
Aug. 12 – Thurs.	Picnic	6:00 pm. Eagle Point Park, Dubuque, IA.
Sept. 9 – Thurs.	Fall Potluck	5:30 pm Dubuque Arboretum, Marshall Park. Bring your own table service, beverage, and a dish to share.
Sept. 11 – Sat.	Iowa Audubon Pelican Gala	Ames, IA area. Mark the date on your calendar. Detailed information in the September newsletter.

SPRING SPECIES COUNT

By Joe Tollari

It was a cold, wet Spring Species Count. Who would have thought that we would have to contend with a wind-chill factor in May? Two groups of bird watchers set out to find as many species as possible in a 24-hour period. One group was centered on Dubuque. The other group focused on Goose Lake and Green Island. Both groups were impressed with the large number of swallows swooping over the water. (It was a bad day for insects!) This year orioles seemed to be birds of interest. An Orchard Oriole and a Baltimore Oriole in the same tree caused some confusion until the observers realized that they were looking at different birds. Fighting male orioles caused concern when they fell onto the windshield of the birder's car. Both the birds and the bird watchers recovered. There was a first for the count this year – Smith's Longspurs were seen at Green Island. Following is a list of the 134 species observed.

Pied-billed Grebe	Brown Creeper	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Indigo Bunting
Am. White Pelican	House Wren	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Rufous-sided Towhee
Double-crested Cormorant	Winter Wren	Downy Woodpecker	Chipping Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	Sedge Wren	Hairy Woodpecker	Field Sparrow
Great Egret	Marsh Wren	Northern Flicker	Vesper Sparrow
Green-backed Heron	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Eastern Wood Pewee	Savannah Sparrow
Trumpeter Swan	Eastern Bluebird	Willow Flycatcher	Song Sparrow
Canada Goose	Veery	Least Flycatcher	Swamp Sparrow
Wood Duck	Gray-cheeked Thrush	Eastern Phoebe	White-throated Sparrow
Green-winged Teal	Swainson's Thrush	Great Crested Flycatcher	White-crowned Sparrow
Mallard	Wood Thrush	Eastern Kingbird	Smith's Longspur
Blue-winged Teal	American Robin	Horned Lark	Bobolink
Northern Shoveler	Gray Catbird	Purple Martin	Red-winged Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	Brown Thrasher	Tree Swallow	Eastern Meadowlark
Bald Eagle	European Starling	N. Rough-winged Swallow	Western Meadowlark
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Bell's Vireo	Bank Swallow	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Cooper's Hawk	Yellow-throated Vireo	Cliff Swallow	Common Grackle
Red-tailed Hawk	Warbling Vireo	Barn Swallow	Brown-headed Cowbird
American Kestrel	Philadelphia Vireo	Blue Jay	Orchard Oriole
Ring-necked Pheasant	Red-eyed Vireo	American Crow	Baltimore Oriole
Ruffed Grouse	Blue-winged Warbler	Black-capped Chickadee	House Finch
Wild Turkey	Golden-winged Warbler	Tufted Titmouse	American Goldfinch
Sora	Tennessee Warbler	White-breasted Nuthatch	House Sparrow
American Coot	Orange-crowned Warbler		
Sandhill Crane	Nashville Warbler		
Killdeer	Northern Parula		
Greater Yellowlegs	Yellow Warbler		
Lesser Yellowlegs	Chestnut-sided Warbler		
Solitary Sandpiper	Magnolia Warbler		
Spotted Sandpiper	Cape May Warbler		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Yellow-rumped Warbler		
Least Sandpiper	Blk-thrted Green Warbler		
Ring-billed Gull	Blackburnian Warbler		
Forster's Tern	Yellow-throated Warbler		
Black Tern	Palm Warbler		
Rock Dove	Cerulean Warbler		
Mourning Dove	Black-and-white Warbler		
Eurasian Collared Dove	American Redstart		
Barred Owl	Ovenbird		
Common Nighthawk	Northern Waterthrush		
Chimney Swift	Common Yellowthroat		
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Scarlet Tanager		
Belted Kingfisher	Northern Cardinal		
Red-headed Woodpecker	Rose-breasted Grosbeak		



-Pete Morris

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Tallgrass Prairie: Past, Present, and Future

Americans and millions of people around the world will sit down to a meal sometime today courtesy of the prairies that once covered much of Iowa. Jackson County Conservation invites you to experience the story of our prairie heritage through the exhibit "**Tallgrass Prairie – Past, Present and Future**"; on display at the **Hurstville Interpretive Center from May 29 – July 21, 2010**. Hands-on displays and interactive components will engage visitors in learning about the prairie landscape and native plant species. Area residents are also invited to become personally involved in the preservation and restoration of the prairie ecosystem. A prairie rescue is planned for Saturday June 12th at 9:00 AM at Buzzard Ridge Wildlife Area. Help remove trees and brush as well as invasive species from a native goat prairie. Or join a naturalist for a prairie hike on Sunday June 27th at 1:00 PM and learn about what makes prairies so great!

The "Tallgrass Prairie" exhibit was produced by the Iowa Association of Naturalists with funds from the Resource Enhancement and Protection – Conservation Education Program (REAP – CEP), Living Roadway Trust Fund, Pheasants Forever, Iowa Trust for Local Conservation, the Tallgrass Prairie Center – UNI, and Truax Company. Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP): Invest in Iowa, our outdoors, our heritage, our people. REAP is supported by the state of Iowa, providing funding to public and private partners for natural and cultural resource projects, including water quality, wildlife habitat, soil conservation, parks, trails, historic preservation and more." The Iowa Association of Naturalists promotes education about the natural and cultural environments.

For more information about the Prairie exhibit contact Jackson County Conservation at (563) 652-3783. The Hurstville Interpretive Center is located 1 mile north of Maquoketa on Highway 61.

DRA GRANT

Dubuque Audubon Society was awarded a grant of \$1,200 from the Dubuque Racing Association. The grant will be used to provide activity trunks at Swiss Valley Nature Center and E. B. Lyons Interpretive Center. The trunks will be available to the public (families, scout groups, school groups) to use at the centers. **We wish to thank the Dubuque Racing Association for their continued commitment to environmental education.**

AUDUBON COFFEE

By Dave Fisher

Stock up for the summer. Audubon coffee will be available at our next Audubon meeting on June 10, or you can order by calling Dave on his cell phone: 563-542-0864. Regular is \$8 and Decaf is \$8.50. What a bargain! Audubon coffee is shade-grown, bird-friendly, and fairly traded. So enjoy a steamy mug, notice the difference. Or if anyone wants to try iced coffee this summer, let us know how it is!

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**DUBUQUE AUDUBON SOCIETY
NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Do NOT use this form to renew a membership in National Audubon Society. Use the form mailed to you by the National Audubon. There are two categories of memberships in the Dubuque Audubon Society

CATEGORY A: This category includes membership in National Audubon Society and the local chapter. You will receive 6 issues of Audubon Magazine and 9 issues of the local chapter newsletter, Pileated Drummings.

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