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International Migratory Bird Day Results

by Wayne Buchholtz

May 17th was International Migratory Bird Day. To celebrate, the Mines of Spain Recreation Area had their annual bird banding. This year it was held at the Horseshoe Bluff Interpretive Area Wetland. David Shealer and Dan Weeny both from Loras College in Dubuque were on site to set up nets and record the data. Dave and Dan recorded the species, age, weight, wing measurements and placed a band on a leg. The data will aid in research of song birds on a national and international level. Many of the birds captured in the mist nets migrate from northern areas in Canada and local areas to the south as far as southern South America. Approximately 30 people stopped in during the morning's event and were surprised at some of the birds caught. There were 63 birds banded. There were also a total of 58 species that were observed or heard throughout the morning's event. The banded species with total count are:

American Redstart	13
Baltimore Oriole	5
American Goldfinch	4
American Robin	4
Black and White Warbler	3
Common Yellowthroat	3
Wilson's Warbler	3
Yellow Warbler	3
Eastern Phoebe	2
Eastern Wood-Pewee	2
Gray Catbird	2
Least Flycatcher	2
Northern Waterthrush	2
Red-winged Blackbird	2
Cape May Warbler	1
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1
House Wren	1
Lincoln's Sparrow	1
Mourning Warbler	1
Nashville Warbler	1
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1
Ovenbird	1
Red-eyed Vireo	1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1
Song Sparrow	1
Tennessee Warbler	1

Birds observed or heard included:

Mallard, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Sora, Mourning Dove, Barred Owl, Chimney Swift, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker,





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Pileated Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Tennessee Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, American

SPRING SPECIES COUNT

By Joe Tollari

The 2014 Spring Species Count was held on May 10, 2014. After the cold start to Spring, we had very comfortable weather. Two groups covered the area. One group started at Eagle Point Park, did the John Deere Marsh, and the city of Dubuque. The other group worked the Green Island and Bellevue areas. Together they covered most of the habitats available in this area. A total of 152 species was observed. We are still investigating, but this might be a record total for the count. Perhaps the cold spring held up the migration. When the weather finally turned, there was a massive migration of species. Here is the list of species observed.

Pied-billed Grebe	Virginia Rail
Eared Grebe	Sora
American White Pelican	Common Moorhen
Double-crested Cormorant	American Coot
American Bittern	Sandhill Crane
Least Bittern	Semipalmated Plover
Great Blue Herron	Killdeer
Great Egret	Greater Yellowlegs
Green Heron	Lesser Yellowlegs
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Solitary Sandpiper
Turkey Vulture	Spotted Sandpiper
Canada Goose	Semipalmated Sandpiper
Trumpeter Swan	Least Sandpiper
Wood Duck	Pectoral Sandpiper
Gadwall	Dunlin
Mallard	Wilson's Phalarope
Blue-winged Teal	Franklin's Gull
Northern Shoveler	Ring-billed Gull
Green-winged Teal	Herring Gull
Ring-necked Duck	Rock Pigeon
Lesser Scaup	Mourning Dove
Hooded Merganser	Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Ruddy Duck	Great Horned Owl
Bald Eagle	Barred Owl
Northern Harrier	Chimney Swift
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Cooper's Hawk	Belted Kingfisher
Red-tailed Hawk	Red-headed Woodpecker
Peregrine Falcon	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Ring-necked Pheasant	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Wild Turkey	Downy Woodpecker

- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- Least Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Eastern Kingbird
- White-eyed Vireo
- Yellow-throated Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Philadelphia Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Blue Jay
- American Crow
- Horned Lark
- Purple Martin
- Tree Swallow
- N. Rough-winged Swallow
- Bank Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Brown Creeper
- House Wren
- Marsh Wren
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Eastern Bluebird
- Swainson's Thrush
- Wood Thrush
- American Robin
- Gray Catbird
- Brown Thrasher
- European Starling
- Cedar Waxwing
- Blue-winged Warbler
- Golden-winged Warbler
- Tennessee Warbler
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- Northern Parula
- Yellow Warbler
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Magnolia Warbler
- Cape May Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Yellow-throated Warbler
- **Pine Warbler
- Palm Warbler
- Bay-breasted Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Cerulean Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- American Redstart
- Prothonotary Warbler
- Ovenbird
- Northern Waterthrush
- Louisiana Waterthrush
- Mourning Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Wilson's Warbler
- Scarlet Tanager
- Eastern Towhee
- Chipping Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow
- LeConte's Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting
- Bobolink
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Yellow-headed Blackbird
- Common Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Orchard Oriole
- Baltimore Oriole
- House Finch
- American Goldfinch
- House Sparrow

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June 12th Thursday	DUBUQUE AUDUBON POTLUCK	5:30 pm at EB Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Heights, Dubuque, IA. <u>Bring your own beverage, table service, and a dish to share.</u> Come early to walk the near by trails, sit in the bird observation room, or share birding experiences with others.
June 28th Saturday	George Archibald Potluck & Program	5:30 pm - GTA Social Hall, 2000 Territory Dr, Galena George Archibald, Ph.D, and co-founder of the International Crane Foundation will speak about his lifelong mission to protect this charismatic species, even helping to bring the Whooping Crane back from the brink of extinction. This is a potluck program so please bring a dish to pass as well as your own table service and beverage. For more information, please contact Kay Weibel at 815.777.1010.
July 13th Sunday	FOURTH OF JULY BUTTERFLY COUNT	1:00 pm at E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center, 8991 Bellevue Hts, or Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Rd. This is great family fun. Nets will be provided. Bring water, hat, and sun screen. 4:00 pm Tally results over your own picnic supper at E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center. Meet in the picnic area adjacent to the parking lot.
August 14th Thursday	DAS BOARD RETREAT	5:30 pm at the home of Wayne and Pam Buchholtz. Board members bring ideas for the upcoming membership year and a dish to share.
September 11th Thursday	DUBUQUE AUDUBON FALL POTLUCK AND MEETING	5:30 pm at the Dubuque Arboretum in Marshall Park, Dubuque, IA. Meet in the porch area of the visitor center. <u>Bring your own beverage, table service, and a dish to share.</u> Come early to walk the grounds and enjoy the late summer color. There will be a short business meeting after the potluck.

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