

AMES AUDUBON

Ames Audubon Society

NEWSLETTER

May, 1973

BIRD WALK AND ANNUAL MEETING

BIRD WALK - Ames Audubon Society members and guests will meet in the north parking lot at Brookside Park (near the fire engine) at 8:30, Sunday morning, May 20 for a bird walk along the Audubon Nature Trail. This has been a rather late migration season so there still should be plenty of warblers and other migrants moving through. Along with the bird walk will be a banding demonstration. There are many wildflowers blooming now and these will add to the enjoyment of our hike. Plan to join us for a good time. We'll be through in plenty of time for church. The public is invited, of course.

ANNUAL MEETING - Our annual meeting is also scheduled for Sunday, May 20 in Brookside Park and we will meet in the same location, the north parking lot. As in past years this will be a potluck supper and we plan to begin at 5:30. The business meeting will follow at 7:00 PM for those who cannot make it for the supper. Our evening suppers have always been enjoyable occasions in the past and our nominating committee has already selected officers and directors for the coming year so no one need worry about being railroaded into office. Outside of voting in our slate of officers, we have very little business to discuss so we hope to see all our members, friends, neighbors and guests Sunday evening.

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILMS

At our last regular meeting we voted to discontinue the Audubon Wildlife Film series for the coming season. For a variety of reasons we have been unable to meet our expenses this past year. Total expenses for the series include \$700.00 for three films, \$150.00 for auditorium rental and advertising and printing costs which bring our expenses to nearly \$1000.00. All bills are paid at this time with the exception of \$300.00 still owed to the National Audubon Society. We have sent them a check for \$400.00 which has left our treasury virtually empty. To erase this debt as quickly as possible we are asking our members for contributions. Please send whatever you can to our treasurer, Mrs. Lois Carr, 619 - 8th St., Ames, Iowa 50010 so that we may get our treasury back on firm footing. Thank you.

I have accepted a position with the National Audubon Society as Assistant to the President and will begin my duties in New York on June 1. I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with the Ames Audubon Society over the years and it is with some regret that I leave Story County and Ames. Special thanks are due all our members and faithful officers for making this organization viable and I hope to see it grow steadily in the future. I know our incoming president will do an excellent job of providing leadership and direction in the year ahead. Your wholehearted support will do much to make that persons job easier. The National Audubon convention is being held in Denver this year, June 7 - 11, and I hope to see many of you there. Best of luck in the future.

MIGRATION 1973

This has been a rather retarded season compared to the average because of the inclement weather through much of April and early May, however, nearly everything seems to be back now. Arrivals within the past week have been scarlet tanagers, baltimore Orioles, many warblers, numbers of catbirds and many shorebirds. A large flock of golden plover was seen north of Ames recently and last Sundays field trip of the Iowa Ornithologist's Union turned up willet, ~~godwit~~ and hudsonian godwit and dowitcher in the list of 152 species. A very rare worm-eating warbler has been reported from Brookside Park and a hooded warbler was seen in town recently. Don't miss the migrants this year for it looks like an excellent season.

See you Sunday for the bird walk at 6:30 AM and supper at 5:30 PM in Brookside Park. Bring your binoculars to supper.