

Ames Audubon Society

September Newsletter - 1977

Barney Cook, Editor

517 Hayward Ave., Ames, IA

292-8833

September Program

WHAT: The Ames Water Situation 1977
WHO: Dr. Al Austin
WHEN: Tuesday, September 13
WHERE: Room 122, Killdee Hall, ISU

*Utah State?
Texas Tech
Civil Eng.*

Dr. Austin has been working closely with the Ames water recharge plan whereby water from a gravel pit has been pumped into the Skunk River. He is involved with well monitoring and in a water re-use plan. He will discuss the causes for the problems this summer and will suggest long range remedies. We urge all of you to come and bring friends, too.

Field Trip. Our September field trip will be a bird walk at Brookside Park at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 17. Warblers and other migrating birds have been seen regularly since late August. Here is a chance to see many birds for the last time this year. Barney Cook will lead the group.

B&W warb Canada w. catbird
Meet your Members Griffith J. Buck Griff, as he prefers to be called, became interested in what is now termed ecological areas while teaching rural schools in Appanoose County, Iowa. However, his active interest was stimulated by his wife's interest in wild flowers. This interest led to their putting together a series of photographs of wild flowers which has been used to supplement the teaching of biology in the local High School and has formed the nucleus of programs on wild flowers for local organizations. It was only a short step to membership in the Ames Audubon Society.

He supports his Audubon-Wild flower interest by teaching Horticultural Plant Materials courses at ISU. His research activities are concerned with developing chimerically adapted rose and geranium cultivars.

Birding Story County by B. Cook The heat of June and July was too discouraging to most of us, so almost everyone I talked reported they had not gotten out into the field. Personally I just got out of the habit until late August by which time the fall migration had begun. I report only a few birds I have seen since then.

The Am. Kestrel is still in its usual haunts on campus. Red-headed Woodpeckers have been abundant and I see both young and adults. More are seen than Common Flickers at this time. Many fly catchers are here: Great Crested, Phoebe, E. Wood Pewee, Least, and (Alder or Willow). Of course most of the smaller flycatchers must be left unidentified.

*Burns
Coe, Blue grosbeak July Grey partridge
Lavin Coy Orange sc. tanager*



Wilmer Miller & family
 218 Parkridge Circle
 Ames, Iowa

House Wrens, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, and Catbirds are still here. My impression is the House Wren was present in fewer numbers this year compared to last summer. Common Nighthawks fly over Ames each evening while Chimney Swifts can still be seen. Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Black-and-White Warblers, Chestnut-sided Warblers, Blackpoll, Ovenbird, No. Waterthrush, Wilson Warbler, Canada Warbler and Am. Redstart have been seen. Black-and-white, Ovenbirds, Wilson W. and Redstart have been seen in good numbers. A Philadelphia Vireo was seen on August 29 while Solitary and Red-eyed Vireos are also present. One small flock of White-throated Sparrows was flushed from the weeds along the creek at Brookside. Plan to get out for the birds are out there.

Acacia