

Newsletter

MARCH MEETING - BRUSH-UP FOR MIGRATION

The Ames Audubon Society will meet Thursday, March 16, 7:30 PM in Room 122 Kildee on the ISU Campus. Kildee Hall is located just east of the Veterinary Quadrangle on the northeast corner of campus.

The program will be a brush-up on bird identification techniques including what to look for, when to look, and where to look, and a discussion of books, binoculars, and tips on how to sharpen your identification skills after the winter layoff. There will be a short quiz after the program so you can see what you've learned. This is our third annual birding brush-up and is always a lot of fun. Whether you're out in the field during migration or watching a backyard feeder, maybe this year you can spend more time looking at the bird instead of the book. Bring one or two friends and your field guide Thursday night.

Information will also be available on Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge near Mound City, Missouri which attracts tens of thousands of geese and ducks each March and the spectacular sandhill crane migration through central Nebraska. Both areas are within easy reach of Iowa birders. Presented by Jim Rod and Richard Crawford.

SPRING MIGRATION

Ducks and geese have arrived in central Iowa the past few days with Canada and White-fronted geese and over 1,000 ducks of eight species at Hendrickson Marsh on 12 March. Also present were Herring Gulls and a bald eagle, with two more eagles on the Skunk River. Robins and bluebirds have arrived and winter visitors from the north will begin thinning out as more migrants arrive. Keep your eyes open.

FIELD TRIP

Sunday, March 19, a field trip will leave Ames for Little Wall Lake and Anderson Lake to view the early waterfowl arrivals. We will meet at the Safeway (formerly Arians) parking lot at 7:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

DUES ARE DUE

The Ames Audubon fiscal year runs from January 1 through December 31 each year and 1972 dues are payable now. A schedule follows:

Adult Family.....	\$4.50
Student Family.....	3.50
Adult (single).....	3.00
Student (any age).....	2.00
Junior (16 and under).....	1.00

Make checks payable to the Ames Audubon Society and send to Mrs. Don L. Carr, Treasurer, 619 - 8th St., Ames, Iowa 50010. Get another friend or family to join this year.

Don't Forget the Meeting Thursday Evening.