

# BIRD SPECIES IDENTIFICATION SURVEY IN AMES AND ADJACENT AREAS

DEAR AMES AUDUBON MEMBER OR FRIEND: As agreed on at our May 13 meeting, this Saturday, May 24, will be the date of our first annual Spring bird species identification survey in the Ames and surrounding areas. The purpose is to actually see and accurately identify as many different species of birds as possible. Plans call for those interested in taking part in this research project to meet at the north end of the Safeway-Arlan parking lot starting at 6:30 a. m. this coming Saturday. As individuals gather, they can go out in small groups to various favorable areas in and around Ames. If you can't make it at 6:30, come over at 7:00 or 7:30 and team up with others to go out. Those who can't make it in the morning should meet at the same location at 1:00 p. m. when new groups will go out. Steve Hanselmann and Mrs. W. J. Miller will be co-ordinating the event. Steve will also serve as ultimate consultant in confirming the species reported. Then, at 5:30 p. m., everyone will gather in the vicinity of the shelter house located a short distance north of 13th street at the River Valley Park east of town for a pot-luck picnic. After the hearty meal, there will be a further hike in the area in search of more species. According to the Krick weather forecasters, Saturday is supposed to be crisp and clear (a sure sign of rain?). But, rain or not, we plan to hold all events. Everyone is invited to the pot-luck whether or not he or she went out birding. Come on over and join the group for an enjoyable evening. Just bring your own main course of food and one other dish, such as a salad or dessert. Coffee and punch will be available. No charge, of course. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Miller at 292-2308 or Mrs. Hanselmann at 232-0539. 232-0539

In order to help most of us brush up on the various species, we have arranged for a visit to the University bird and wildlife museum on Friday evening, May 23, at 7:30 p. m. We will meet at the front door of the Science building, located just across the street from the Home Ec. building (north). This will only take about 1 hour. It is well worth seeing and will help you on Saturday. Please try to attend all of these events. We know you will enjoy getting out and the good fellowship that it creates.

Note to Audubon members: Our first meeting of our new Executive Board will be on Tuesday evening, June 10, at 8:00 p. m. in room 109 of Kildee Hall on the Campus. The Library was not available. Important business will be taken up so please reserve this date. Any other member is also welcome to attend any of our Board meetings.

Also, if your membership has expired, please make a special effort at your earliest convenience to renew. The rates are basically the same as last year. Your expiration date is listed on your membership card. If you have any questions, please call Gerald Robinson, Treasurer, at 233-2092 for instructions. Gerald said he plans to send out reminders on this. It would be appreciated if you could take care of this so that he won't have to. Don't forget, your continued support is absolutely necessary if we are to continue to enjoy our wildlife and birds in their natural state rather than just in rooms like the Iowa State University Museum. And this is no joke either!

SEE YOU FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, WE HOPE. Ben Bereskin  
(And bring a friend along with you, too.)