

Big Bluestem Audubon Society Events Calendar—Spring 1998

All events are free and open to the public.

- General meetings are held Thursday evenings in Room 2532, Veterinary Medicine Building, Iowa State University, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- Field trip participants meet in the west parking lot of the ISU Design Center unless specified otherwise. Check the newsletter or with trip leaders to confirm time.

January

15—General Meeting: Ann Johnson, "Arizona's Sky Islands: Land of the Trogon," 7:30 p.m.

17—State Forest Nursery. A Harlan's Hawk (dark race of the Red-tailed Hawk) has been seen south of Ames. Join us as we look for this uncommon specimen. Meet at the State Forest Nursery parking lot at 0800. Trip leader: Jon Bahrenfus (432-3396).

February

19—General Meeting: Dr. James Dinsmore, "Changes in Iowa Bird Populations Since 1980," 7:30 p.m.

21—Red Rock Dam. Celebrate President's weekend with a trip to look for bald eagles. A number of interesting gulls have been sighted at Red Rock this winter, so review your field guides and keep your eyes peeled. Meet at the ISU Design Center parking lot at 0730. Trip leader: Kevin Healy (233-5914).

March

7—Des Moines River Bottom. Look for early migrating waterfowl, songbirds, and raptors. Meet at ISU Design Center parking lot at 0800. Trip leader: Karl Jungbluth (432-5057).

19—General Meeting: Lisa Hemesath, "Teaming with Wildlife: A Revolutionary Approach to Wildlife Conservation," 7:30 p.m.

27-29—Road trip to Prairie Chickens and Sandhill Cranes. Sign up early for this one. Leave Ames by 1300 Friday, arrive in SE Nebraska in time to see Prairie Chicken courting activities on the lek. Up early Saturday morning, observe migrating waterfowl and raptors as we make our way to Grand Island, Nebraska to see the sandhill cranes. Stay overnight in Grand Island and return Sunday afternoon. Trip leader: Kay Niyo (233-8803) to make your reservations.

April

4—Waterfowl and shorebird trip. Meet at ISU Design Center parking lot at 0800. Call Kevin Healy (233-5914) for details.

16—General Meeting: Dr. John Pleasants, "Plants and Pollinators: A Complex Interaction," 7:30 p.m.

25—Waterfowl and shorebird trip. Meet at ISU Design Center parking lot at 0800. Call Kevin Healy (233-5914) for details.

May

10—Mother's Day warbler walk. Meet at north parking lot at Brookside Park at 0800. Trip leader: Stan Cyran (292-4876).

21—General Meeting: Lisa Hein, "Protecting the Mississippi Blufflands," 7:30 p.m.

15-17 IOU meeting and field trips, BBAS 30th Anniversary Celebration.

June

6—Birder's Breakfast at Ledges Park. Call Kevin Healy (233-5914) for details.

