

# Ames Audubon Society

March Newsletter - 1977

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## MARCH PROGRAM

Invite a Friend or Neighbor

WHAT : Prairie Remnants in Midwestern National Parks  
WHO : Dr. Roger Landers  
WHEN : Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.  
WHERE: Room 122, Kildee Hall, ISU

Roger Landers is known to most of us as a member of Ames Audubon, teacher at ISU and a champion in defense of the prairie. His talks have always been most popular and we anticipate an excellent program. Plan to come and bring your children.

March Field Trip: We will try to see water fowl at Little Wall Lake and Anderson Lake on Saturday March 12. We will meet at the boat ramp at the north end of Little Wall at 9 a.m. If you need transportation, rides will be available leaving from the north end of the Lincoln Center parking lot at 8:30 a.m. If no open water is found, we will check the woods at Anderson's Lake for early Spring migrants.

Birding Story County (by B. Cook) The big news this month is the arrival of Cedar Waxwings, Robins and Red Winged-Blackbirds as well as a little rain. Am. Kestrel are also migrating thru. Cedar Waxwings are all over town and flocks of two hundred or more have been seen at Brookside Park. The population of White-breasted Nuthatch seem to be excellent especially at Brookside. The first report of ducks was a single Common Merganser seen March 1 on the Des Moines river. Large flocks of Tree Sparrow have wintered at McFarland Lake and Hendrickson Marsh. A Barred Owl is living at Brookside and Short-eared Owls have been seen at the marsh. The later were flushed from the grass on February 6. A few Redpolls have been seen at feeders, but not in the number noted last year. All of you have certainly heard Cardinals singing in all sections of town - an early harbinger that Spring will arrive.

### Birds seen in February

1. Common Merganser
2. Am. Kestrel
3. Ring-necked Pheasant
4. Rock Dove
5. Screech Owl
6. Great-Horned Owl
7. Barred Owl
8. Short-eared Owl
9. Common Flicker
10. Red-bellied Woodpecker
11. Red-headed Woodpecker
12. Downy Woodpecker
13. Hairy Woodpecker
14. Blue Jay



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| 15. Common Crow          | 16. Black-capped Chickadee  |
| 17. Tufted Titmouse      | 18. White-breasted Nuthatch |
| 19. Am. Robin            | 20. Starling                |
| 21. House Sparrow        | 22. Meadowlark (sp)         |
| 23. Red-winged Blackbird | 24. Common Redpoll          |
| 25. Am. Goldfinch        | 26. Dark-eyed Junco         |
| 27. Tree Sparrow         | 28. Song Sparrow            |

1977 Dues: If not paid already, your dues are overdue. A membership form is enclosed for your convenience.

The objectives of the Ames Audubon Society are two-fold:

1. To engage in and encourage the enjoyment and study of birds, other wildlife, plants, and the many other facets of nature in order to gain a broader understanding and a deeper appreciation of the world we live in.
2. To engage in educational and similar activities directed toward safeguarding and improving the quality of our natural environment.

Dues for 1975 are being received. Membership categories and dues are as follows:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DUES</u>
Adult family	\$4.50
Student family	3.50
Adult (single)	3.00
Student (any age)	2.00
Junior (16 and under)	1.00

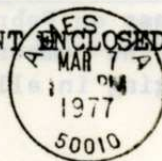
Fill out the form below, make a check payable to Ames Audubon Society, and send both to Mrs. Lois Carr, 619 8th Street, Ames, Iowa 50010

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