

SPECIAL MEETING.

AMES AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Tuesday - May 7 - 8pm
room 124 - Kildee hall - ISU

THIS is an important business meeting so all members are urged to attend and please bring a friend or two. Items to be discussed include the following:

1. Progress on affiliation with the National Audubon Society- we expect to have the necessary forms and instructions by meeting time.
2. Constitution and by-laws- we expect to have several samples from the national office plus a copy of the Des Moines Audubon Society document. We can then proceed with this important task.
3. Resolution on BDE and consulting an ecologist- we have worked up a resolution which can serve as a starting point for our discussions and action. It accompanies this notice. Please read it over carefully and be prepared to state your opinions and suggestions-pro and con- at the meeting.
4. Nature study outing and picnic- we hope to have such an event on either May 19 or 26, possibly at the city's new trail area on the Skunk River.
5. Project to construct and maintain several bird feeding and observation stations in a few of the city parks during the winter months. We have been assured by a member of the Ames park board of full cooperation if we decide to undertake such a project.
6. Miscellaneous items-

Note: It is possible we may have a little surprise in the way of a short program.

So--mark the date, time, and place and make it a point to be there and ask your friends to come over, too. We are sure they will enjoy the fellowship and the good feeling that comes from actively engaging in a most worthwhile cause. For further information call 232-1198, 292-3428, or 233-2092.

Executive Council
Ames Audubon Society
Ames, Iowa

OUR GOAL:

To SAFEGUARD AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN AMES.

SAMPLE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Whereas, the pollution of our natural environment with chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides, primarily DDT, has become a critical national problem, with carefully documented evidence of their widespread damaging effects, and

Whereas, DDT is a highly stable toxic compound with a half-life of 15 years or longer, and may be carried great distances from the site of its original application; with an extremely low water solubility and high lipid solubility, DDT inevitably is channeled into living organisms, including mammals, all of which contain lipids; and

Whereas, in view of the above and other factors, President J. F. Kennedy's Science Advisory Committee, in 1963, in Recommendation 5, on the use of pesticides, urged that "the accretion of residues in the environment [should] be controlled by the orderly reduction in the use of persistent pesticides...Elimination of the use of persistent toxic pesticides should be the goal." Dr. G. W. Woodwell, chief ecologist for the Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York, has depicted the combined use of DDT and similar pesticides as the world's present most dangerous pollution problem; the state of Connecticut has banned the use of DDT; the state of Michigan is expected to do likewise; The National Audubon Society has declared its policy is directed toward the banning of the spraying of DDT; and

Whereas, numerous alternate materials and procedures are now available for the control of pests but at the same time do little or no harm to desirable species; experts agree ~~agree~~ that in the long run, pest control is an ecological problem, with best results involving an environmental change which works against the population of troublesome organisms on a selective basis; and

Whereas, the primary immediate undesirable damage from the use of DDT in Ames is evident in the pre-death symptoms and laboratory examination of individual birds and in the steady lowering of the populations of desirable susceptible species; birds play a vital role in the intricate balance of nature and contribute to the enrichment of human life; birds also have a right to survive in a natural environment; finally, we need to recognize the harmful or potentially harmful effects of DDT on other forms of life, including man; therefore, be it

Resolved that the Ames Audubon Society urges:

1. That the city of Ames pursue a policy directed at the early elimination of the use of DDT and other persistent pesticides in its public spraying programs; that materials and/or methods now available with less damaging side effects be investigated and substituted; and
2. That a competent ecologist be regularly consulted whenever decisions concerning the control of the natural environment in Ames are being made.

Sources of information: National Audubon Society, New York, N. Y., and Environmental Defense Fund, Brookhaven, New York.