

1978

May Annual Meeting

What: Bees Don't Even Read and Write
Who: Richard Trump
When: Tuesday, May 9 7:30 pm
Where: Room 182, Kildee Hall, ISU

Dick Trump, and old friend to most of us, presents a program on bees. A preview? I can't comply; Dick chooses to stand on his title alone.

This meeting is also our Annual Meeting for election of officers and any further business needing action by the membership. A nomination committee consisting of Mary Cowans and Jean Hempstead assisted by Lois Carr recommends the following slate:

President	Sven Gafvert
Vice-president	Richard Trump
Treas.	Lois Carr
Secretary	Nancy Brown
Directors	Gene Burns Joan Jefferson

Marlys Ladd, John Love and Janice Coy will remain on the board. Nominations from the floor are welcome.

May Outing: We will meet Saturday May 13 at 9:00am at Ledge's State Park in the parking lot in the Lower Ledges. The lot is at the refreshment stand and just before the bridge across Pease Creek which forms the main canyon. Saturday will be at the height of the spring migration. Expect excellent birding.

April Outing

Fifteen persons walked the Green Belt trail at Soper's Mill. Sixteen species of birds were seen. They are indicated by an asterisk in this month's list of birds.

Birding Story County (by BCook) No major warbler migration has been noted to date. Since birds frequently come through rapidly try to get out often to see many birds. Brookside Park is one of the best areas but any woodland may have birds in every tree on the correct day. I missed the waterfowl migration confining my walks primarily to Brookside. I am sure a few of you could supply a more complete list of species.

Jim Dinsmore and his class found a Sawwhit Owl at the Ledges in early April. John Hill tried to find it the next day but no luck-too bad John! Chimney Swifts and Purple Martin are flying over in good numbers already. The Common Flicker is again the most common woodpecker-only one Red-headed Woodpecker was seen. Several years ago the latter species was more abundant but present ratios are more usual. All three species of migrating thrushes, Hermit, Swainson and Gray-cheeked, were seen in Brookside on April 30. Brown Thrashers are calling-see them now for soon they fall silent and become quite secretive. Ruby-crowned Kinglets and Yellow-rumped Warblers are present but only in small numbers. This is also true of the White-Throated Sparrow. I have heard its call only once, found one flock and seen an occasional bird. At our last meeting Joan Jefferson reported a Cattle Egret in her pasture.

A total of 43 species were seen.



May Bird List

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| 1. Cattle Egret | 2. Mallard* |
| 3. Red-tailed Hawk* | 4. Am. Kestrel |
| 5. Ring-necked Pheasant | 6. Killdeer |
| 7. Mourning Dove | 8. Rock/Dove |
| 9. Great Horned Owl* | 10. Barred Owl |
| 11. Sawwhet Owl | 12. Chimney Swift |
| 13. Belted Kingfisher | 14. Common Flicker* |
| 15. Red-bellied Woodpecker | 16. Red-headed Woodpecker |
| 17. Hairy Woodpecker | 17. Downy Woodpecker* |
| 19. Eastern Phoebe | 20. Purple Martin |
| 21. Blue Jay | 22. Common Crow* |
| 23. Black-capped Chickadee* | 23. Tufted Titmouse |
| 25. White-breasted Nuthatch | 26. House Wren* |
| 27. Brown Thrasher | 28. Am. Robin* |
| 29. Hermit Thrush* | 30. Swainson's Thrush |
| 31. Gray-Cheeked Thrush | 32. Ruby-crowned Kinglet* |
| 33. Cedar Waxwing | 34. Starling |
| 35. Yellow-rumped Warbler | 36. House Sparrow |
| 37. Western Meadowlark | 38. Common Grackle |
| 39. Brown-headed Cowbird* | 40. No. Cardinal |
| 41. Slate-colored Junco | 42. White-throated Sparrow |
| 43. Song Sparrow | |

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Buck 6-10 Broad. tailed hawks
Pine siskins

Oriole April 26 AM Brookside
Barred owl Myrtle (Y throated warbler) Kinglet Chestnut sided w
Brew

100 Sioux City 100 spp.
Fall Ames Carl Kurtz 3rd wk end Sept.

Gene Burns
83 Kestrels banded 5 strikes

Jeff. Lincoln Sparrow Rose br grosbk

Ames

William Miller & family
218 Parkridge
Curtis

