

# BIG BLUESTEM FLYER

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## MONTHLY MEETING

### NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT

Erv Klaas, ISU Animal Ecologist

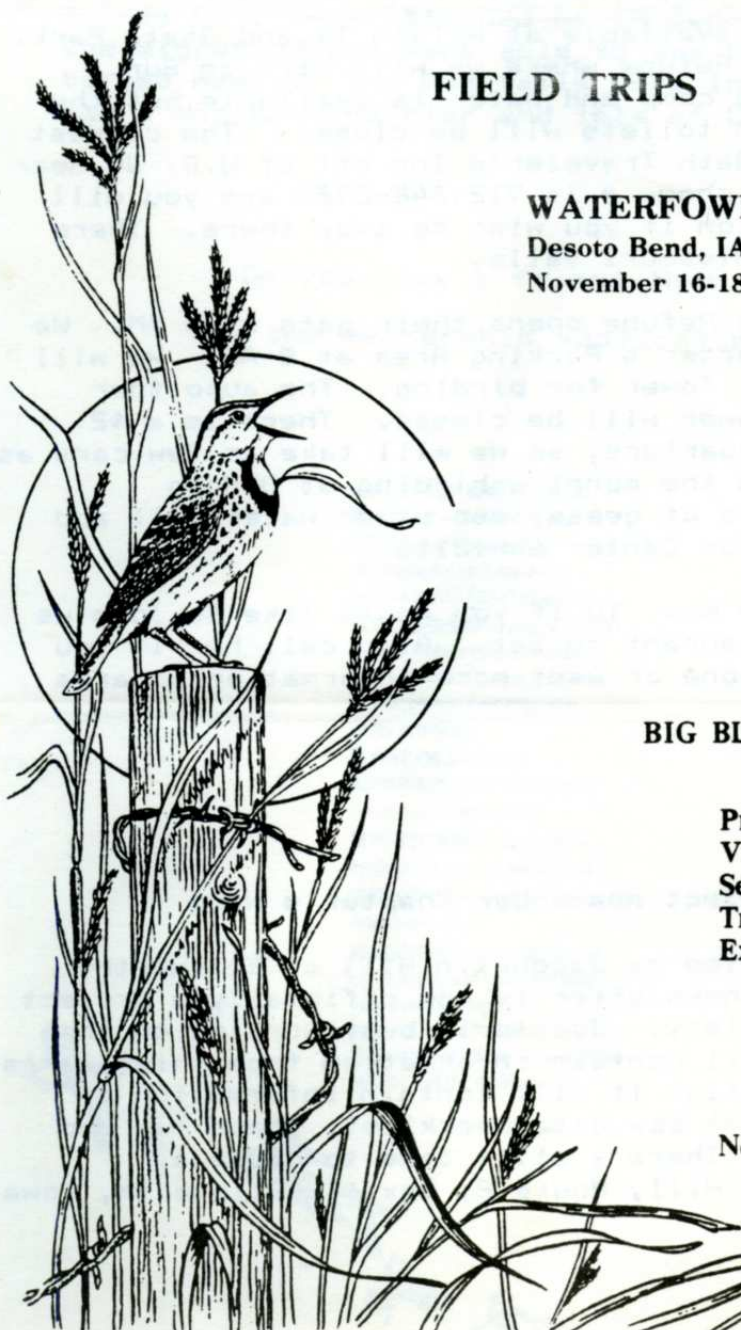
Thursday, November 15, 7:30 p.m., Room 181, Design Center, ISU, Ames

## FIELD TRIPS

### WATERFOWL WATCH

Desoto Bend, IA or Squaw Creek, MO Refuge

November 16-18



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### **DeSoto Bend Area Field Trip - Nov. 17 & 18**

On Sat. Nov. 17 we will meet at Wilson Island State Park at 1:30 PM to begin our birding. The entrance to the park is found by heading West on U.S. 30 from Missouri Valley, IA to County Rd. L-16. Head South on L-16 until you come to a "T". Then head West to the park entrance. Inside the entrance about 1/8 of a mile there is an information board where we will meet.

At 5:30 PM we will meet at Oehler Brothers Restaurant in Blair, Nebraska for dinner. The restaurant is on U.S. 30 near the intersection with Hwy. 133.

Camping for Sat. night is available at Wilson Island State Park. The park is adjacent to DeSoto Refuge where we will bird on Sun. morning. It is \$6 per night to camp and water is available but the building with showers and flush toilets will be closed. The closest motel to DeSoto Refuge is the Rath Traveler's Inn off of U.S. 30 near its junction with I-29. Their phone # is 712-642-2723 and you will need to make your own reservation if you wish to stay there. There are other motels just east of Missouri Valley.

On Sun. Nov. 18 the DeSoto Refuge opens their gate at 8 AM. We will meet at the Refuge Headquarter's Parking Area at 8 AM. We will then proceed to the Observation Tower for birding. The auto tour route beyond the Observation Tower will be closed. There is a \$2 charge per car beyond the Headquarters, so we will take as few cars as possible inside. We will spend the morning birding at DeSoto (hopefully finding large numbers of geese, and other waterfowl) and will have time to see the Visitor Center exhibits.

Call Sherry at 292-4014 by Nov. 10 if you would like to join us for dinner at Oehler Bros. Restaurant on Sat. Also call her if you would like to carpool with someone or want more information on area motels.

### **Bluebird Recovery Project now under Chapter's Wing**

The Bluebird project directed by Jacquelyn Hill of Ellsworth, Iowa and described in the last newsletter is now officially a project of the Big Bluestem Audubon Society. Jackie is busy working on the Bluebirder's Directory which will contain information from this year's Iowa Nest Box Records. In addition it will contain information on boxes, predators & problems, nest box data checklist, state map and list of bluebirders statewide. There's still time to order a Directory, send \$3 to Jacquelyn Hill, Route 2, Box 61, Ellsworth, Iowa 50075.

## Last Chance to order Big Bluestem T-Shirts & Sweatshirts

November 15 is the deadline for ordering Chapter T-Shirts & Sweatshirts. They are available for a very reasonable price of \$9 for a T-Shirt and \$14 for a Sweatshirt. The shirts feature the beautiful artwork you see on the newsletter front page, our Chapter logo. These shirts make great Holiday gifts. Adult sizes from small to extra large available as are childrens sizes. Most all colors available, we find that the design looks best on the following colors: Yellow, Raspberry, Light Blue, Beige. You can place your order with Tom Rosburg, 504 3rd St., Box 234, Colo, IA 50056, 377-2930 or Sherry Dragula, RR 6, Ames, IA 50010, 292-4014

## October Field Trip

The October 6th Hawk Watch at the Luther Bridge over the Des Moines River was attended by 15 people. We caught the last part of the migration and were able to see Cooper's, Sharp-shinned, and Red-tailed Hawks. The Red-tails were in different color phases. We also saw a Northern Harrier and lots of Cormorants.

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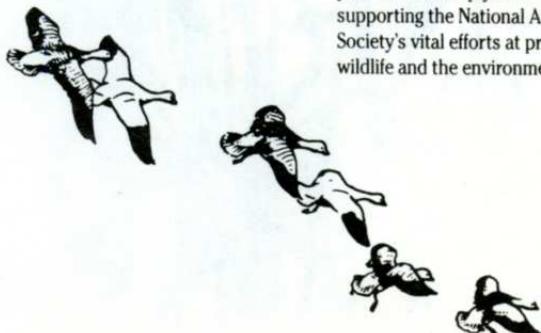
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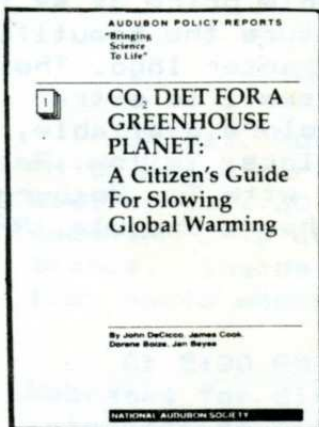
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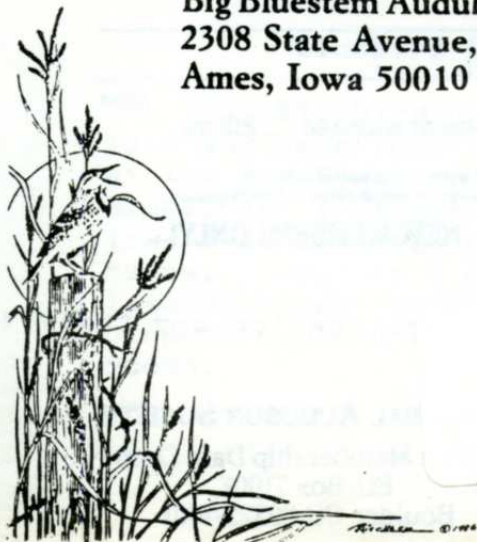
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