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MONTHLY MEETING

CAGE BIRDS IN CAPTIVITY: THEIR REGULATION AND CARE

DR. MICHAEL DOOLEN, D.V.M.

Thursday, May 20, 7:30 PM

Room 2532, Veterinary Medicine Building, I. S. U., Ames

Michael Doolen has been breeding cage birds, mainly psittacines, since 1967. He received his D.V.M. in 1991, and is teaching and practicing Clinical Avian Medicine in the teaching hospital of the School of Veterinary Medicine at I.S.U. Dr. Doolen's talk will cover state and federal regulations on cage birds, importation, and general information about the care of cage birds.

FIELD TRIPS

WARBLERS AND WILDFLOWERS

Brookside Park and Ann Munn Woods, Ames

Sunday, May 9

[Incorrectly listed as Saturday in April newsletter.]

Meet at 7:30 AM at the back (north) parking lot at Brookside Park

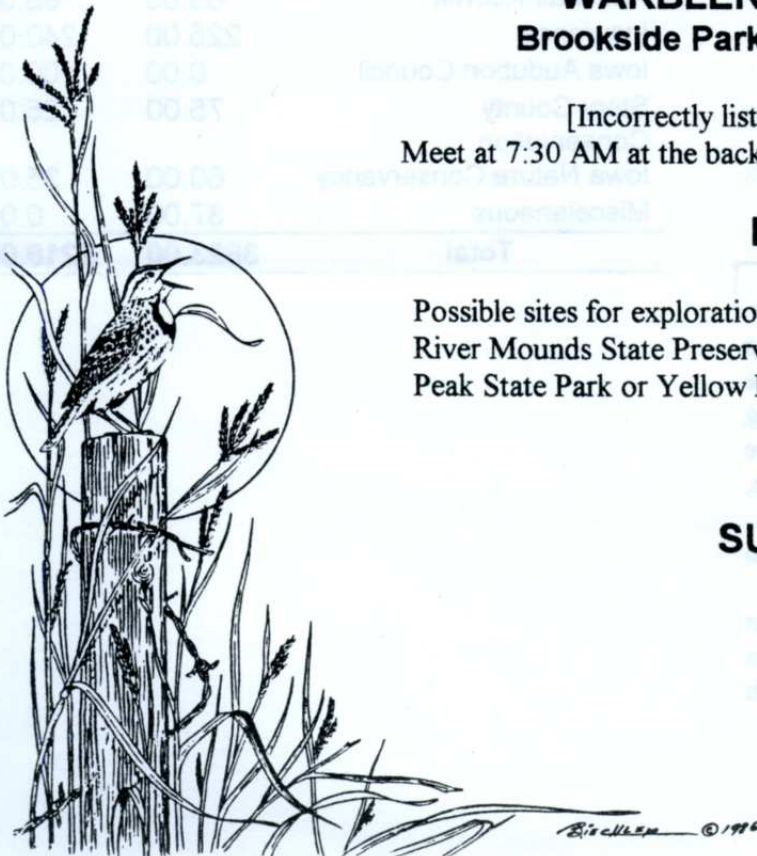
NORTHEAST IOWA

May 22 & 23.

Possible sites for exploration: White Pine Hollow, Backbone State Park, Turkey River Mounds State Preserve, Pike's Peak State Park. Camping available at Pike's Peak State Park or Yellow River State Forest. Contact Paul Ovrom at 292-8862.

SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

See listing inside.



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BBAS Finances for 1992-1993 & Budget Plan for 1993-1994

BIRDER'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 12

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Lower stone shelter at Ledges State Park near Boone. (In case of continued flooding at the Lower shelter we will meet at the Upper Ledges picnic area). Bring your breakfast.

The following trips are tentatively planned.

Bluebird-Box Hike

Saturday, June 26

Purple Martins At Elkhart

Saturday, July 10

Prairie Field Trip

Saturday, August 14

For more information call:

Maridel Jackson at 964-0140 or

Paul Ovrom at 292-8862.

(Please review this budget. We will be voting on it at our May meeting.)

INCOME	92-93	93-94
National Rebate	1650.00	1750.00
Donations & Newsletter	164.00	100.00
Card Sales	307.00	96.00
Audubon Adventures	50.00	120.00
Bluebirders Directory	49.00	50.00
Armchair Activist	60.00	60.00
AOU Meeting.Sales (T-Shirts)	1537.00	100.00
Total	3817.00	2276.00

EXPENSES		
Newsletter	1585.00	1275.00
Audubon Adventures (Education)	360.00	360.00
Programs	87.00	60.00
AOU Meeting.Sales	1096.00	0.00
Bluebirders Directory	49.00	50.00
Card Sales	184.00	0.00
Armchair Activist	65.00	65.00
Insurance	225.00	240.00
Iowa Audubon Council	0.00	100.00
Story County Conservation	75.00	25.00
Iowa Nature Conservancy	60.00	35.00
Miscellaneous	37.00	0.00
Total	3823.00	2210.00

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, made up of members Barb Bettis, Paul Ovrom and Mike Meetz, submitted the following slate of candidates for election at our May 20, 1993 meeting:

President: Maridel Jackson

Vice-President: Mark Widrlechner

Secretary: Joyce Bahrenfus

Treasurer: Barb Bettis

Board members: Kay Niyo, Rebecca Shivers.

The Board accepted the Nominating Committee's report at its April meeting.

Upcoming Events (non- BBAS)

May 22, 10 AM, 3 PM: Sow Your Wild Oats Extravaganza, Walnut Creek Wildlife Refuge & Prairie Learning Center, Prairie City, IA. Prairie seeding demonstrations, slide talks, information booths on prairie topics, prairie arts & crafts, live music. Call Dave Aplin, 994-2415.

June 4-6, Loess Hills Seminar: Contact the Western Hills Area Education Agency, 712-274-6083

June 26, 10 AM, 4 PM: Raccoon River Waterfront Workshop (Canoe Ride), Walnut Woods to Waterworks Park (Des Moines). Pre-registration required; call Keith Jayne at 243-1997.

Audubon Adventures Program

This year our society has provided twelve 4th through 6th grade classrooms in Story County with the Audubon Adventures learning series. Students in each selected classroom receive a monthly subscription to the series on our environment. Teachers of these classrooms receive a special teacher's packet each month to guide students and to provide supplemental material. Our Society pays \$30 per classroom subscription, and we are seeking donations of any amount to help pay for this learning tool. If you would like to contribute to our local environmental education program, please make your check out to: Big Bluestem Audubon Society and send it to our Treasurer, Barb Bettis, 115 Peach Ln., Ames, IA 50010.

Field Trip Reports

On March 27, seven students of the introductory birder's class taught by Mike Meetz and other BBAS members joined seven Audubon members for a birding expedition to Hendrickson Marsh. Other stops included Ketelsen Marsh and a Nevada cemetery. Heavy fog impeded visibility but the group managed to see 42 species, including all three species of mergansers, ringneck duck, bufflehead, canvasback, northern pintail, northern shoveler, scaup sp., common snipe, brown creeper, white-throated sparrow, tree sparrow, and song sparrow.

The April 17 field trip began at Hallett's Quarry. It continued with a walk through Tieg's Marsh in far north Story County (the place the group got lost last year), and then finished at Little Wall Lake.

Story County Pheasants Forever

Pheasants Forever has in place a number of cost share programs for landowners. They are available for woody vegetation, for native grasses, and for corn food plots. Cost shares of up to 90 % are available for windbreaks. On Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres, 40 % of the cost of native grass seed established will be paid by Pheasants Forever (50 % from ASCS). On other acres, 50 % of the cost of native grass seed will be paid by Pheasants Forever. They have free seed corn for anyone interested in putting in a food plot. The food plots can be put on annual set-aside within regulations of ASCS. Also, they will pay cooperators \$20/acre for food plots placed on CRP land, up to 5 acres per farm unit. For more information call Dave Van Waus 377-2390 (H) or Al Carver 232-1778 (H).

Audubon Regional Conference

Manhattan, Kansas will be the site of the West Central Region's biennial conference. The dates are June 10-13. Field trips are planned for Thursday and Sunday to: Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, to the University of Kansas' Museum of Natural History, to Chase County and Flint Hills sites. Friday and Saturday will include a variety of workshops and seminars. On Friday evening a picnic is planned on an 8600 acre, tall grass prairie preserve maintained as a research site by Kansas State University.

For a registration form and more information on field trips call Sherry Dragula, 233-1532

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I'd like to join as a new member of the National Audubon Society and of the Big Bluestem Audubon Society, Chapter H-57. Please send me Audubon magazine, the Big Bluestem Flyer and my membership card. Introductory membership is \$23

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Please make your check payable to: **National Audubon Society** and include chapter code **H-57** on the check.

Send to: Big Bluestem Audubon Society
c/o Mark Widrlechner, Membership Chair
2121 Burnett
Ames, IA 50010.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15 and 16	Saturday and Sunday, IOU Spring Meeting, Keosauqua, IA
*June 4-6	Loess Hills Seminar
June 12, Saturday	BBAS Field Trip, Annual Birders' Breakfast at Ledges State Park
June 26, Saturday	BBAS Field Trip, Bluebird-Box Hike with local experts
July 10, Saturday	BBAS Field Trip to Elkhart, IA to watch purple martins
August 14, Saturday	BBAS Prairie Field Trip



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