

BIG BLUESTEM FLYER

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MONTHLY MEETING

RECYCLING: STATE AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

Tom Blewitt, IOWA DNR

Bob Kindred, City of Ames

Barry Stowie, Ames Recycling Center

Thursday, September 20, 7:30 p.m., Room 181, Design Center, ISU, Ames

FIELD TRIPS

MARIETTA SAND PRAIRIE WALK

Marshall County

Saturday, September 22

Meet at the Design Center Parking Lot, ISU at 7:30 a.m.

HAWK WATCH

Luther Bridge and Ledges State Park

Saturday, October 6

Meet at the Design Center Parking Lot, ISU at 7:30 a.m.

or about 8 a.m. at the Des Moines River bridge west of Luther

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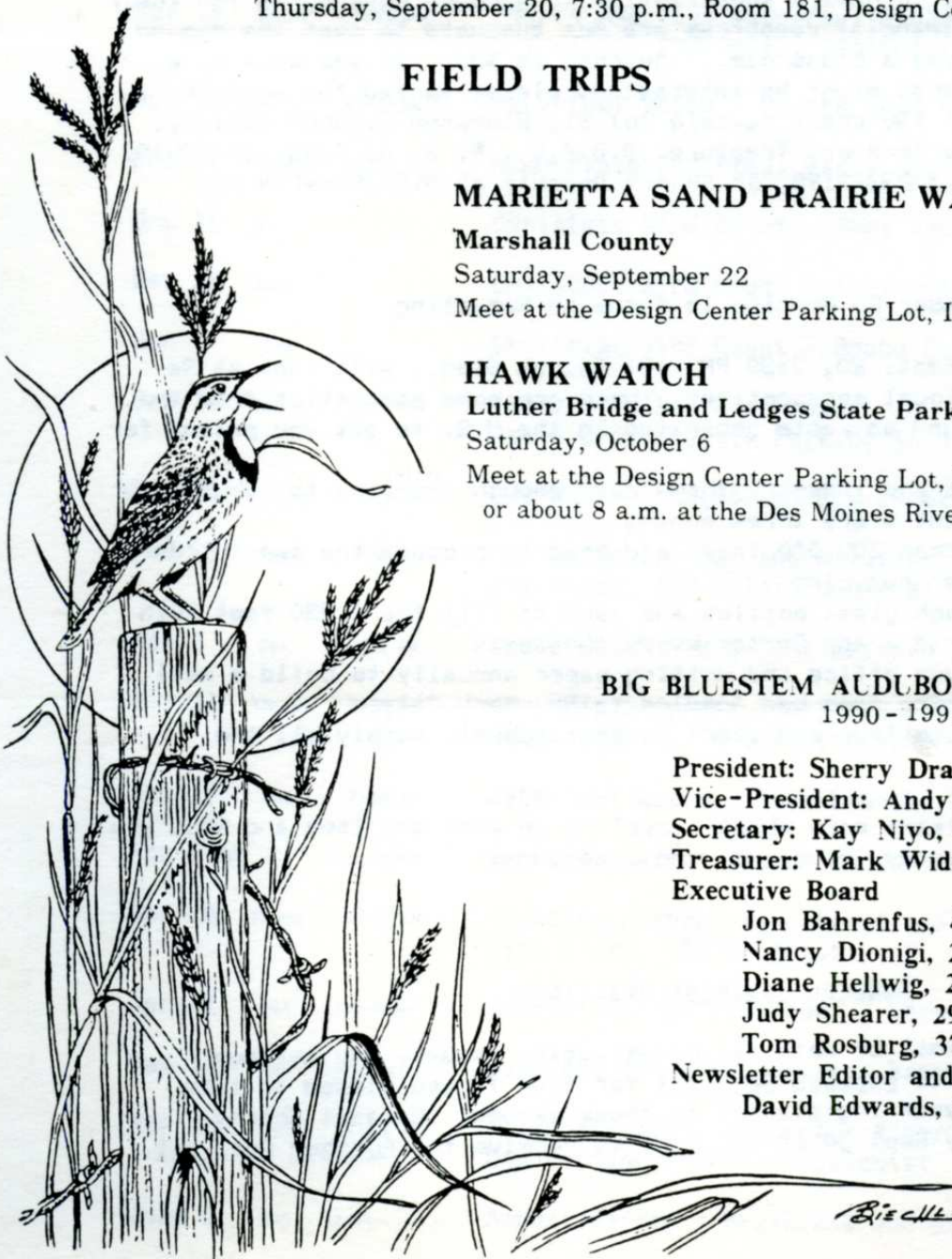
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Audubon Adventures needs sponsors

This year our Chapter has made a commitment to provide a subscription to Audubon Adventures for 10 classrooms in Ames and greater Story county. Audubon Adventures, the youth education program of the National Audubon Society, is for grades 3-6. Developed and written by professional educators with a special interest in environmental education, the series is issued on a bimonthly basis and the subscription period coincides with the school year. An enrolled class receives the Audubon Adventures newspaper for children (up to 32 copies per subscription), the Leader's Guide of background information and activity ideas for teachers, and student membership cards. Examples of subjects covered include: Wetlands, Animals that use Cavities, The Nesting Season, Nature's Harvest, and Tropical Rainforests.

We are looking for individual and organizational sponsors to help fund this worthwhile project of the Audubon Society. We have many teachers in the Ames area who would like to have a subscription to Audubon Adventures for their class but our current financial resources are not adequate to meet the demand. Please consider sponsoring a classroom. The cost is \$30. If you know of a community organization that might be interested, please spread the word to them. You can make your \$30 check payable to: Big Bluestem Audubon Society, and send it to: Mark Widrlechner, Treasurer, B.B.A.S., R. R. 6, Ames, IA 50010. Call Nancy Dionigi at 515-233-3195, or Sherry Dragula at 515-292-4014 for further information.

September 20 Meeting to focus on Recycling

Our Chapter meeting on Sept. 20, 7:30 PM, 181 Design Bldg., will look at Recycling with state and local perspectives. Here are some statistics from the Environmental Defense Fund on waste generated in the U.S. to get you primed for the meeting:

*American consumers and industry throw away enough aluminum to rebuild our entire commercial airfleet every three months

*Every week, more than 500,000 trees are used to produce the two-thirds of newspapers that are never recycled

*We throw away enough glass bottles and jars to fill the 1,350 foot twin towers of New York's World Trade Center every two weeks

*We throw away enough office and writing paper annually to build a wall twelve feet high stretching from Los Angeles to New York City

*We throw away enough iron and steel to continuously supply all the nation's automakers

Come to the meeting to learn more about recycling in Ames and Iowa and what you can do. Bring your comments, concerns, and questions.

Audubon Activist Available

If you wish to keep abreast of national conservation issues, you may now receive a subscription to Audubon Activist for free if you pledge to take action (write or phone your legislator) on those issues. Contact Sherry Dragula, 515-292-4014 by Sep. 30 if you want to receive the Audubon Activist.

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All Events are Free and Open to the Public

Thursday meetings are held in 181 Design Center at 7:30 PM
Field Trips begin in west parking lot of ISU Design Center

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| Sept 20 | Thurs | 7:30 PM | <i>"Recycling: State and Local Perspectives"</i>
Tom Blewett, Iowa DNR; Bob Kindred, City of Ames;
Barry Stowie, Ames Recycling Center |
| Sept 22 | Sat | 7:30 AM | Marietta Sand Prairie Walk - Marshall County |
| Oct 6 | Sat | 7:30 AM | Hawk Watch - Luther Bridge and Ledges State Park |
| Oct 18 | Thurs | 7:30 PM | <i>"A Trip Along the Upper Des Moines River"</i>
Lance Kinseth, Iowa Author |
| Nov 15 | Thurs | 7:30 PM | <i>"North American Waterfowl Management"</i>
Erv Klaas, ISU Animal Ecologist |
| Nov 16-18 | Arranged | | Waterfowl Watch - Desoto Bend or Squaw Creek Refuges |
| Dec 13 | Thurs | 7:30 PM | Membership Christmas Party and Slide Show |
| Dec 15 | Sat | | Christmas Bird Count - Ames and Story County |
| Dec 16 | Sun | | Christmas Bird Count - Saylorville Lake |
| Jan 1 | Tue | | Christmas Bird Count - Boone County |
| Jan 17 | Thurs | 7:30 PM | <i>"Nature Folklore of Iowa"</i>
David Brose, State Folklorist of Iowa |
| Feb 16 | Sat | 7:30 AM | Owl Walk - Ledges and Big Creek State Parks |
| Feb 21 | Thurs | 7:30 PM | <i>"Urban Pesticides and Wildlife: A Balancing Act"</i>
Jim Pease, ISU Wildlife Extension |
| Mar 2 | Sat | 7:30 AM | Eagle Watch - Red Rock Reservoir |
| Mar 21 | Thurs | 7:30 PM | <i>"Prairie Chickens and Sharp-tailed Grouse in Nebraska"</i>
Roger Hill, Nature Photographer |
| Mar 30 | Sat | 7:30 AM | Waterfowl Watch - Bays Branch, Greene County |
| Apr 6 or 7 | Arranged | | Woodcock Watch - Izaak Walton League Park |
| Apr 18 | Thurs | 7:30 PM | <i>"Hunting Bamboos in Central and South America"</i>
Lynn Clark, ISU Botanist |
| Apr 27 | Sat | Arranged | Shorebirds and Waterfowl - Local Marshes |
| May 11 | Sat | Arranged | Warblers and Wildflowers - Brookside Park, Ames |
| May 16 | Thurs | 7:30 PM | <i>"Wildlife Along an Arctic River"</i>
Dan Varland, ISU Ornithologist |
| June 1 | Sat | Arranged | Annual Birder's Breakfast and Birdwalk - Ledges Park |

For further information call Sherry Dragula, 292-4014

Volunteers needed for Chapter Activities

There are many ways to get more involved in the Big Bluestem Audubon Society. Coming to Chapter meetings and field trips is one way. Some others are:

*Helping with conservation service projects (weeding and burning local prairies, planting trees, maintaining trails)

*Helping with conservation issues (researching a local issue, bringing it to the Board's attention, helping formulate Chapter policy on an issue, writing letters, attending & presenting statements at public hearings)

*Helping with our newsletter mailing

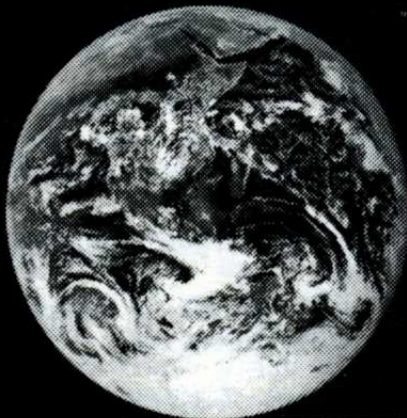
*Helping with fundraising for Audubon Adventures

These are just a few ways to help our Chapter grow. Please contact Sherry Dragula, RR 6, Ames, IA 50010, 515-292-4014 if you want to help.

THANKS! to David Brenner, Judy Shearer and Mark Widrlechner for an evening spent removing ragweed from the Mortensen Rd. Prairie landscape.

CORRECTION- The May 1990 newsletter mentioned the East River Valley Park Bridge dedication. The bridge is the Lloyd Kurtz, not Karl Kurtz Bridge.

**IF YOU'RE NOT RECYCLING
YOU'RE THROWING IT ALL AWAY.**



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