

AMES AUDUBON NEWSLETTER

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DAVE TRAUGER TO PRESENT PROGRAM

Dave Trauger, ISU grad. student and acting coordinator of the newly formed "Iowa Confederation of Environmental Organizations", will present a program "Subarctic Summer" to the Ames Audubon Society Tuesday night, February 9, in Room 124 Kildee Hall on the campus. The program will begin at 8:00 and refreshments will follow. There will be no business meeting. Dave's talk, illustrated with slides, deals with his experiences in the vicinity of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories..ecology, flora, fauna, and geology of the Great Slave Lake region. This is the area where much of his graduate research was conducted. Plan to attend.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of Ames Audubon will meet also Tuesday night, February 9, in Room 124 Kildee. The Board meeting will begin at 7:15, prior to Dave Trauger's program. Several items of business will be discussed including the Audubon Wildlife Film contract for next season and the recently formed Confederation mentioned above. The meeting is open to all interested members of Ames Audubon.

1970 CHRISTMAS COUNT

The Ames Christmas Bird Count conducted on December 27, 1970 was highly successful. Last year 48 species were seen and this year 47. Other counts in Iowa were down considerably from last year. The birds seen were: Mallard 3, Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Bobwhite 7, Pheasant 8, Mourning Dove 26, Screech Owl 24, Horned Owl 26, Barred Owl 5, Saw-whet Owl 1, Kingfisher 2, Yellow-shafted Flicker 5, Red-shafted Flicker 1, Red-bellied Woodpecker 33, Red-headed Woodpecker 4, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2, Hairy Woodpecker 13, Downy Woodpecker 65, Horned Lark 1, Blue Jay 70, Crow 93, Black-capped Chickadee 113, Tufted Titmouse 17, White-breasted Nuthatch 68, Red-breasted Nuthatch 5, Brown Creeper 20, Winter Wren 1, Brown Thrasher 2, Robin 2, Golden-crowned Kinglet 1, Shrike(sp) 1, Starling 426, House Sparrow 1130, Meadowlark (sp) 45, Western Meadowlark 1, Red-winged Blackbird 1, Rusty Blackbird 2, Grackle 1, Cardinal 79, Purple Finch 8, Goldfinch 30, Slate-colored Junco 302, Oregon Junco 1, Tree Sparrow 189, Harris' Sparrow 2, Fox Sparrow 3, Swamp Sparrow 2, Song Sparrow 41, for a total of approx. 2885 individuals. We had 22 observers in several parties plus seven persons who turned in feeder reports. The owl calling technique with the tape recorder was even more successful this year that last with new state records set for both screech and horned owls. Our thanks to all those who participated.

PROJECT ECO

Information will be available at the meeting on the proposed Project ECO being planned by the Ames School District.

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM

Our last film of the year will be March 21. More details later.

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