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AMES AUDUBON

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MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

The December meeting will be held in Room 124, Kildee Hall, at 7:30 PM. Kildee Hall is located on the northeast corner of the ISU campus just east of the Vet Quadrangle. Parking is available just north of the building. Full information on the Christmas Bird Count will be available and a wildlife film will be shown.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT TO BE HELD DECEMBER 19

The annual Christmas Bird Count, sponsored for over 70 years by the National Audubon Society, will take place in the Ames area on Dec. 19. For those unfamiliar with the Christmas Bird Count, it is an attempt to census as accurately as possible the birdlife inside a 15 mile diameter circle. Procedures are standardized all over the country for over 700 counts that data obtained may be compared later. Our circle is centered on the intersection of I-35 and relocated Highway 30 just southeast of Ames. Parties are assigned different sectors of the circle to avoid overlapping and duplicate counting as much as possible and our results are published in Iowa Bird Life magazine and American Birds, a scientific journal published by the National Audubon Society. One does not need to be a member of Ames Audubon to participate.

Several parties will be out before dawn and after dusk with tape recorded owl calls to census owls in the woodlands and anyone interested in joining one of these groups can sign up at Thursdays meeting. All participants for the daylight portion of the count will meet at 7:00 AM at the Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 1015 N. Hyland. Groups will be assigned areas at that time. Participants will meet again at the Holiday Inn restaurant at 12:30 PM for lunch and comparison of notes. Areas not covered in the morning will be censused in the afternoon and anyone wishing to join the count at that time may do so. We need your help if even for only half a day. BIRD FEEDERS. If you are unable to participate in the count but have a bird feeder or neighbors with a bird feeder, please keep track of both species and numbers of each species that visit your feeder on count day, December 19, and phone these reports late in the afternoon to 232-4869. Often species unusual in this area during the winter will frequent feeders with a steady supply of food and it is important that they be counted. So plan to join us and bring a friend December 19. 47 species were seen on our count last year and we hope to do better this year with your help.

MEMBERSHIP

Dues are payable on January 1, 1972. Remember our treasurer.



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