

BIRDING FIELD TRIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1969

Dear Ames Audubon Member,

Several members contacted have favored another trip to Hendrickson Marsh about 7 miles s.e. of Colo this coming weekend to see what we can see of the fall migration. The early teal season ended on September 21 and the next waterfowl season starts on Oct. 4, so this will probably be the last good chance this fall at that site. Jim Rod and Ruth and I were there at different times this past week and the place was largely deserted by waterfowl, probably due mainly to the hunting in the area. But with one week of relative quiet coming up, perhaps the story will be different next weekend. Jim Rod was in the Shenandoah (Iowa) area this past weekend for a meeting of the Iowa Ornithologists Union (IOU) and on their field trip they counted a total of 118 species including many species of waterfowl. Perhaps some of these and other species will be heading for Hendrickson's by next weekend. Let's hope so. The hawks have been coming in, too, of late. Jim also suggested the Chataqua Wildlife Area, located about 10 miles s.w. of Hendrickson's as a possible side trip if there isn't much at Hendrickson's. Those contacted for this and previous outings favored a Sunday morning date because of school or work. By starting at 7 a.m. those who wish to get back in time for other plans for Sunday morning can easily do so. So, can we try to meet at 7 a.m. this Sunday at the Safeway parking lot on Lincolnway? Please try to be on time so we can leave shortly thereafter. All members are urged to attend and to bring along their friends. We sincerely believe you'll enjoy this trip and the good fellowship it fosters. If you need a ride or have other questions, please call 232-1198.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD 8:00 P.M. - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, ROOM 120, HILDEE HALL-ESU

This was agreed on at the previous Board meeting on Sept. 5. A considerable amount of important business needs to be taken care of. This includes the monthly membership and financial report, details of upcoming programs and field trips and related topics. All board members are urged to reserve that date and time and make every effort to be there. Also, all Board meetings are of course open to all members. You are welcome. Thank you.

See you Sunday at 7 a.m. at Safeway's lot.

Ben Bereskin

P.S. Jim reported that evidently someone connected with the Ames Audubon Society was reported to have seen 5 Whooping Cranes in Ames recently. This claim supposedly was made at the recent meeting of the Des Moines Audubon Society. If true, this story would be big news all over the US. Or is someone merely trying to pull our leg?



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