



# BIRDATHON

## MAY 9, 1998

Big Bluestem  
Audubon Society

Boone, Story, Hamilton counties  
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First ever BBAS Birdathon to be held on May 9, 1998. Join Us!

**We Need You!--** Big Bluestem Audubon is gearing up for a new type of fun, and fundraising, in celebration of International Migratory Bird Day, May 9th. Birdathon is Audubon's birding "marathon" in which participants form teams, count bird species for up to 24 hours, and raise money for Audubon's efforts nationwide. Sponsors pledge support based upon the number of bird species seen in Boone, Story and Hamilton counties. Prizes are already being lined up for Birdathoners and their sponsors.

**Who Participates?--** Anyone! Audubon Society members, expert birders, beginners, friends and family join in. Everyone is invited to help birds, other wildlife and their habitats.

**Birdathon '98 Goal--** The Big Bluestem Audubon 1998 Birdathon goal is:

*Highlight the birds we see locally*

*Raise \$1000 for local Audubon efforts!*

*Fund Audubon Adventures in 4th & 5th grade classrooms*



**About Audubon Adventures--** These educational materials help young people learn about birds, habitat and environmental issues in schools. Nancy Kurrle uses Audubon Adventures in Ames and she says "Audubon Adventures is a very topical resource which I use to enhance my curriculum. The packet on migrations was excellent." The Big Bluestem Audubon Society goal is to fund Audubon Adventures for 16 classrooms in Boone, Story and Hamilton counties.

**Here's what to do--** Form a Birdathon team and collect pledges for each species you see on May 9th. A pledge form and more information are on the insert in this newsletter. If you don't have a team, or need more pledge materials, contact the Birdathon Coordinators and we'll set you up. If you can't go birding on May 9th, pledge 10 cents, 25 cents, or more to your favorite team. Or, you can pledge a fixed amount. *Every penny raised in the BBAS Birdathon will stay in Iowa, and it is tax deductible.*

**"Conservation Coffee", June 4--** Come to the party for participants and their sponsors! We'll review the Birdathon and award prizes. More details later.

**Birdathon Coordinators--** If you need more information or motivation, contact Karl and Carmen Jungbluth, 515-432-5057. Join us on May 9th!

# NATIONAL AUDUBON BIRDATHON



## OFFICIAL SPONSOR SHEET



100% of all donations go directly to protect birds, other wildlife and their habitat!  
Your Gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Name: _____	Likely Species Count: _____
Street Address: _____	_____
City, State, Zip: _____	
Phone, Day: _____ Night: _____	My Goal: \$ _____
Chapter: <u>Big Bluestem Audubon Society</u>	

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY— MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO Big Bluestem Audubon Society

Sponsor's Name	Address	Phone Number	Pledge Per Species	Gift	Corp. Match?	Date Paid
Total Pledged						
Total Paid						

Top Copy - Birder  
Bottom - Coordinator