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Monthly Meeting-

Birding Florida's Gulf Coast by David Edwards

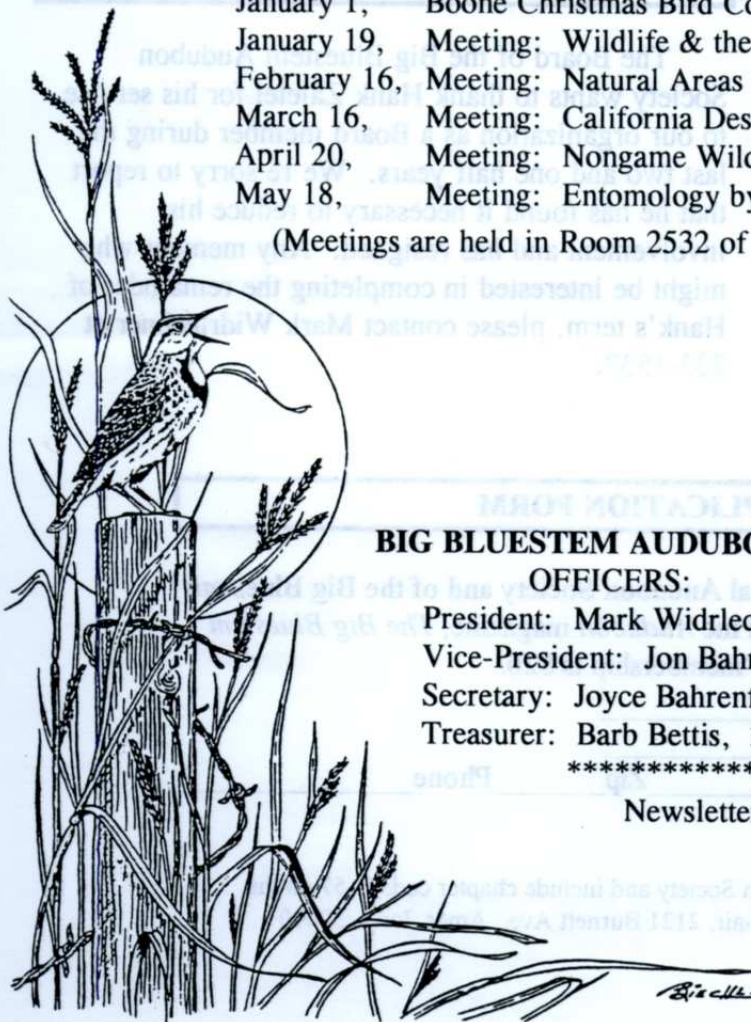
Thursday, October 20, 7:30 PM, Room 2532, Veterinary Medicine Building, I.S.U., Ames.

This program will concentrate on the western side of Florida. Dave will be our guide to some key birding areas he has visited in twenty years of trips to Florida. Dave and his wife Jeanne are longtime active members of the Big Bluestem Audubon Society. He has served as President and Newsletter Editor of our Society. Currently he coordinates our Ames Christmas Bird Count. Come join us Oct. 20 for an informative and fun look at birding in Florida!

Future Events-

- November 17, Meeting: Brazil by Lotus and Wilmer Miller
- December 15, Meeting: Holiday Meeting at the Story County Conservation Center
- December 17, Ames Christmas Bird Count
- December 18, Saylorville Christmas Bird Count
- January 1, Boone Christmas Bird Count
- January 19, Meeting: Wildlife & the Conservation Reserve by Matthew Patterson
- February 16, Meeting: Natural Areas of Ames by Bill Norris
- March 16, Meeting: California Desert by Wolfgang Oesterreich
- April 20, Meeting: Nongame Wildlife Program by Bruce Ehresman
- May 18, Meeting: Entomology by Ken Holscher

(Meetings are held in Room 2532 of the Veterinary Medicine Building, I.S.U.)



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Chichaqua Field Trip Report

Six people attended the September 17th field trip to Chichaqua Wildlife Area in Polk County. The group saw 40 species of birds and the weather was cool, but pleasant. Highlights were nine species of warblers including: Nashville, Blackpoll, Black-throated Green, Connecticut, Black and White, Ovenbird, Yellowthroat, and Yellow-rumped. Five species of woodpecker were seen. Least Flycatcher, E. Kingbird, and E. Phoebe were the flycatchers seen. Wood Ducks, Blue-winged Teal, White-throated Sparrow, and Swainson's Thrush rounded out the list of highlights. Thanks to Wolfgang Oesterreich for leading this trip.

News from National Audubon

On August 7, 1995, Peter Berle will resign as President of the National Audubon Society after ten years as President. In the meantime he will lead, along with the Board, a strategic planning process for Audubon. The process will define Audubon's goals and priorities for the next decade. Both Berle and the Board are committed to an open, democratic planning process, and appreciate communications received. If you have any comments or concerns please share them with Mark Widrlechner, Big Bluestem President or Sherry Dragula, Iowa Audubon Council President, at 233-1532.

Order your Wildlife Shrubs and Trees Now

Rebecca Shivvers has again agreed to make wildlife shrubs and trees available to the Big Bluestem Audubon Society. Eleven types of shrubs and trees are available. Rebecca would like to know how many of what types are desired by members. You can come to our meetings and fill out an order form or call Rebecca at 292-0691. The following trees are available: Green Ash (4-5 feet), Red Oak (3-4 feet), Red Splendor Crabapple (3-4 feet), Hackberry (3-4 feet). They cost \$5 each. The following shrubs are available: Nanking Cherry & Red Osier Dogwood (3-4 feet), Silky Dogwood and American Plum (2-3 feet), American Cranberry Bush, Serviceberry and Aromatic Sumac (18-24 Inches). The shrubs cost \$3 each. Orders will be taken through November. Some varieties will only be ordered if enough orders are placed for them. The trees and shrubs are bare root and will arrive in the spring. All proceeds will go to our Big Bluestem Chapter.

Board Member Needed

The Board of the Big Bluestem Audubon Society wants to thank Hank Zaletel for his service to our organization as a Board member during the last two and one half years. We're sorry to report that he has found it necessary to reduce his involvement and has resigned. Any member who might be interested in completing the remainder of Hank's term, please contact Mark Widrlechner at 233-1532.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I'd like to join as a new member of the National Audubon Society and of the Big Bluestem Audubon Society, Chapter H-57. Please send me *Audubon* magazine, *The Big Bluestem Flyer* and my membership card. Introductory membership is \$20.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Please make your check payable to: National Audubon Society and include chapter code H-57 on the check. Send To: Mark Widrlechner, Membership Chair, 2121 Burnett Ave., Ames, Iowa 50010

Big Bluestem Audubon Society Membership Survey, Fall 1994

1. How often do you attend the monthly meetings of our chapter? ____ / year
2. What would help you attend more often?
 - ____ a. Hold meetings a different evening of the week. If checked, what evening works best for you?
 - ____ b. Hold meetings at a different location. If checked, where would be better for you?
 - ____ c. Different topics/speakers at meetings. If checked, what topics/speakers interest you most?
 - ____ d. Other, please specify:
3. How often do you attend chapter-sponsored field trips? ____ / year
4. What would encourage you to attend more often?
 - ____ a. Hold trips at other times. When would be more convenient for you?
 - ____ b. Hold trips to other places. What places would you like to go to?
 - ____ c. Change the format of field trips. What kind of format would you like?
5. Should we increase our level of activity during the summer? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, what sorts of summer activities would you most like to see?
6. Do you usually read the Big Bluestem Flyer (monthly September to May)? ___ Yes ___ No
Should it be published more frequently? _____ less frequently? _____
7. Is there something you would like to read in the newsletter that isn't included now?

8. If you do **not** wish to receive the Big Bluestem Flyer, please list your name and address here:

Name:

Address:

9. In past years, we have sold various items to raise funds for our Chapter. Would you be interested in buying any of the following items to raise funds for the Big Bluestem Audubon Society?

Birdseed _____ Buttons _____ T-shirts/ Sweatshirts _____ Other Clothing (specify) _____
Holiday Cards _____ Calendars _____ Posters _____ Trees/Shrubs _____ Other (specify) _____

10. If you would like more information about the following BBAS programs, please check the appropriate box and include your name and address.

___ Audubon Adventures (Educational Programs for Elementary School Classrooms)

___ Armchair Activist (Grass-roots Environmental Issues Campaign)

___ Christmas Bird Counts (held at Ames, Boone and Saylorville Lake)

Name:

Address:

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Place
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Return Survey To:

**Mark Widrlechner
2121 Burnett Ave.
Ames, Iowa 50010**

This survey is a self-mailer. After completing the survey, please cut out this page, fold in thirds with the address above showing, seal with a piece of tape, stamp and mail to the address above. Or you may bring the survey to the October 20th meeting. Thank you for taking the time to answer the survey.

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