

### TREE-PLANTING REPORT

Bluestem members Mary Owings and Mary Cowan drove out Highway 30 in early August to determine how many of the tree saplings that our society has planted along the road have survived. They report that of the 200 trees planted this spring in the area west of the International Harvester dealership, approximately 65% or 130 trees have survived. Another 108 trees planted in previous springs in that area had a higher mortality rate -- only 39% or about 42 of those trees are still alive. East of International Harvester, they counted 43 small surviving shrubs and estimated there are another 100 trees and shrubs of considerable size east of those.

### NEW NAS PRESIDENT

Peter Berle became president of the National Audubon Society (NAS) on August 1, replacing Russell Peterson, who retired after six years as president.

Berle is a partner in the Manhattan law firm of Berle, Kass and Case and has served three terms as a state

assemblyman. He served for three years as commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and has been a visiting professor at the college of environmental science of the State University of New York. An avid outdoorsman, Berle enjoys cross-country skiing and canoeing.

### BRIGHAM RESIGNS

Edward Brigham has resigned as vice-president of the National Audubon Society's north midwest region (which includes Iowa), citing irreconcilable differences between himself and top NAS leaders over the Garrison Diversion project. Brigham took the job in 1982 after the controversial dismissal of Richard Madson, who had urged NAS leaders not to move the regional headquarters from North Dakota, where Madson was waging a strong grass-roots fight against Garrison. The fate of the Garrison project, a massive irrigation plan for portions of North Dakota, is still unknown at the time of this writing.



*The Carolina parakeet succumbed to overhunting and habitat loss in a time when government turned a deaf ear to the plight of wildlife. The Audubon Wildlife Report 1985 examines the federal agencies and wildlife programs that help avert such extinctions today.*

## Wildlife Report Available

The Audubon Wildlife Report 1985, a new publication from the National Audubon Society, traces the history of 20th century wildlife management and discusses its role in protecting our wildlife resources. A thorough reference to the nation's major wildlife management programs, the 671-page book examines the history, legislation, budget, current trends, issues and responsibilities of such agencies as the Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service and the Forest Service.

The first edition in an annual series, the Audubon Wildlife Report 1985 includes authoritative accounts on federal migratory bird management, animal damage control, endangered species management, wetlands preservation, marine mammal protection and many more subjects. Twelve chapters are devoted to individual species such as the grizzly bear, California condor, bald eagle, desert bighorn and green pitcher plant.

Diligently researched and authoritatively written, the report will be welcomed by Auduboners with a serious and active commitment to wildlife conservation.

To order, send \$16.50 (make checks payable to National Audubon Society) to Audubon Wildlife Report, National Audubon Society, 950 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022.



## BIRDER'S NOTES

After a relatively slow and uneventful summer for birders, the fall migration of warblers began this past week, according to a report from Blue-stem member Paul Martsching. Immature

warblers and adult birds in their dull fall plumage are beginning to move through Iowa, providing an identification challenge for even avid bird-watchers. A bird walk to see fall warblers will be conducted Sept. 14 at McFarland Park, and is open to the public (see notice on page 1).

Hank Zaletel reports that a Hooded Warbler was still at Ledges State Park in the middle of August. Hank also says that Hendrickson's Marsh near Colo will be a good place to see migrating shorebirds when they begin coming through about Sept. 1.

### CONSERVATION/THE ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Education Workshop -- The north midwest regional Audubon office and three other Audubon groups are sponsoring an environmental education workshop Sept. 21-22 at the Schlitz Audubon Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The workshop will focus on ideas for activities and projects that chapters can use in expanding their education efforts. All Audubon members are invited. Registration deadline is Sept. 13. Contact Judy van der Linden for more details and a registration form.

Drainage Decision in October -- The state's Water, Air and Waste Management Commission will decide in October whether to give final approval to proposed changes in Iowa's drainage rules. The rule changes, approved tentatively this spring by the commission, could threaten natural streams and wetlands within drainage districts, Iowa conservationists fear. A total of four public hearings on the matter were held this spring and summer. Commissioners will continue to accept written public comments until Aug. 29. For more information on this issue and addresses of commissioners, contact Cindy Hildebrand at 232-3807.

### NEWSLETTER ASSISTANT NEEDED

The newsletter editor will be unable to continue writing and typing the newsletter by herself after Jan. 1, 1986. She is seeking an assistant (or co-editor, if you will) who either will share production duties with the editor from month to month, or who will be responsible for all aspects of publication every other month. Anyone interested is asked to contact Judy van der Linden.





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# Bluestem Flyer

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## Monthly Meeting

- **WHEN:** Tuesday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Room 181-1 (Jury Room), College of Design, ISU campus
- **EVENT:** A surprise! -- to be announced.

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

→ September Field Trip -- Hank Zaletel will lead a bird walk on September 14 at 8 a.m. at McFarland Park to see migrating fall warblers. The walk is open to the public. Meet in the eastern-most parking lot by the information sign post.

→ Executive Board Meeting -- Members of the chapter's executive board will meet Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jim Murdock, 309 11th St., Ames. Board meetings are open to all members.

→ Audubon Workshop ---An environmental education workshop for Audubon members in this region will be held Sept. 21-22. See details on page 3.

→ World of Audubon -- The fourth program in this television series, this one featuring eagles and Roger Tory Peterson, will be broadcast three times in September -- Sept. 7, 10 and 15. Check your cable listings for more details and times.

→ Newsletter Deadline -- The deadline for October's newsletter will be Sept. 23. Send news items or artwork to Judy van der Linden, 610 9th St., Ames.

→ Iowa Audubon Council -- The council will meet Oct. 26 at the Iowa Arboretum near Luther. See the October newsletter for more details.



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COMMITTEE CHAIRS NEEDED

Chapter president Jim Murdock needs two persons willing to serve as heads of the field trip and membership committees. Jim stresses that the field trip committee chairperson is responsible for scheduling field trips only -- he does not have to lead each of the trips. Contact Jim for more information about either position.

BIRD PUZZLES

Try to come up with the name of the bird described by each of the short phrases below. The first one, for example, is ..... you got it, Cardinal. Dave Edwards will be supplying the puzzles each month they appear in the newsletter. He'll also tell you the answers at the next membership meeting. Happy pondering!

1. A church official
2. Regal angler
3. Wise chicken
4. Heavenly humor
5. Chimney elbow



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