



#### MEETINGS

Both spring and fall meetings of the I.O.U. are held annually at good birding locations across the state. A typical meeting weekend includes an informal get-together on Friday night, field trips on Saturday and Sunday mornings with sharing of experiences over lunch at noon, a Saturday afternoon program of identification workshops, popular presentations on birds and birding locations, and business meeting, and a Saturday night banquet with featured speaker. These meetings highlight many members' birding calendars.

IOWA BIRDLINE 319 338-9881

#### ACTIVITIES OF THE I.O.U.

*Iowa Birdline* provides a recorded message of Iowa bird sightings. It is updated each Monday and allows callers to report their unusual sightings.

*Iowa Breeding Bird Atlas* is a six-year project, co-sponsored with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, to systematically survey the breeding birds of Iowa. Now in the analysis and writing state, the project provides an excellent opportunity for I.O.U. members to contribute to our knowledge of nesting birds throughout Iowa.

*The Winter Feeder Survey*, also jointly sponsored with the Department of Natural Resources, documents the bird population at feeders in mid-winter across the state. This is a popular project, with hundreds of feeder watchers contributing.

*The Christmas Bird Count* brings out more than 600 birders in more than forty 15-mile-diameter areas to count as many birds as possible for one day during the two-week Christmas period. These counts are lots of fun and provide a good opportunity to meet other bird enthusiasts and to improve birding skills.

*The Spring Big Day Count* is a friendly competition among Iowa's most hearty birders who count as many species as possible in one day. Teams may confine their efforts to one county or cover as much of the state as they wish.

## IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION



The IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION is a non-profit group, organized in 1923 to promote the enjoyment and study of birds. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in birds.



Use this form to become a member of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union.

Membership category

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular \$15.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Child (under 16) 4.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Children (each) 2.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Contributing — \$15.00 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Memberships are on a calendar-year basis and include all publications for that year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to I.O.U. and send to:

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PUBLICATIONS

*Iowa Bird Life*, our quarterly journal, features profiles of Iowa's birders, bird-finding guides, articles on identification, articles of general interest, original research on Iowa birds, notes and articles on rare and unusual sightings, seasonal reports of Iowa bird sightings, Christmas Bird Counts, and reports of I.O.U. meetings.

*I.O.U. News*, our quarterly newsletter, provides notes and short articles of general interest and announcements of meetings, field trips, and bird counts sponsored by the I.O.U. and local bird clubs.

*Field Checklist of Iowa Birds*, a pocket-sized folded card listing Iowa's regular and casual species, provides a convenient list for keeping track of species seen in Iowa. The list is updated periodically.



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union is to encourage interest in the identification, study, and protection of birds in Iowa and to unite those who have these interests in common. Our members, most of whom are from Iowa and surrounding states, vary in their level of interest in birds. Many simply enjoy birds at their backyard feeders, others actively pursue field study as a hobby, and a few are professional ornithologists.

The I.O.U. serves as a forum for exchange of information and ideas about field identification, birding locations, habitat, distribution, and other topics. It provides an organized outlet for birding activities and bird study projects. Additionally, the I.O.U. provides a repository for records of Iowa birds.