

Breeding Bird Atlas Fans!

Hello! Great news! The I.O.U. has agreed to purchase copies of the upcoming BBA book for all of the middle and high school libraries in the state, plus the county conservation boards. That means that more Iowans will have access to the book and hopefully learn from the wealth of knowledge that we have sweated over putting in the book. The second good news is that Jim Sandrock has been making excellent progress in trying to tie this book together in some type of unified form! Per the comments I've seen from a variety of authors, Jim has done a good job straightening out tense, reducing repetitive phrases and providing consistency in our various styles. If you have questions--please list them for the December 9th meeting. Meanwhile, also feel free to start revising your accounts even before the meeting.

The meeting will be 10 a.m., December 9 at Story County Conservation Board's nature center at McFarland Park. Take I-35 north to Ames. Exit west on exit 116 which is the first exit after highway 30. Go west to Dayton and turn north. Follow the signs and you'll end up in the park. By popular demand, bring some lunch \$\$ and we'll celebrate Jim's hard work, the I.O.U. donation, reaching the home stretch and my leaving at Hickory Park.

Hopefully prior to the meeting you should also receive the intro chapter so you can also bring your comments on that. If your data needs any changes or corrections, PLEASE send the changes to Jim Kienzler by December 1 with a copy to me here at the Boone office. I do have a folder documenting every data change and why so 20 years from now somebody will know what we did. After this round of corrections, the data set will not change again and will be archived. By the meeting Kevin Kane will have also sent you maps of how the waterways & your species look. Then you can decide if that's how you want it in the book or not.

I'll be looking forward to seeing all of you Dec. 9. Congratulations everybody for coming this far!!!

Take Care!

  
Laura