

BBA History

1983

The project was first announced at the Fall 1983 IOU meeting. I recorded this in the Eastern Iowa Birdlife. I don't think the Atlas Project Booklet was available at that time.

Steering committee: Mike Newlon, Dean Roosa, Dave Newhouse, Jim Dinsmore, Darwin Koenig. Was Bob Howe on this?

1984

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Some field data collected, I think

No

1985

My next note on the subject was in the EIB in summer of 1985. I had asked at the IOU meeting about the atlas and was told that it was going and that over 2/3 of the counties were active??

I again voiced concern over lack of communication at the Fall 1985 IOU meeting.

In late fall 1985, the first IOU News was released and mentioned a meeting scheduled for February 8, 1996. Did this happen?

1986

Doug Reeves gave a talk at the Spring 1986 IOU meeting. 120 blocks covered, 41 counties, 13 done. Meeting: November 16, 1986.

Only about 125 blocks worked in, still needed coordinators for 40 counties.

1987

New steering committee formed: Doug Reeves, Darwin Koenig, Jim Dinsmore, Carol Thompson, Barb Wilson, John Fleckenstein.

Iowa BBA News, Vol. 1, No. 1 issued in June 1987.

190 blocks worked in, 24 done. List of regional coordinators. How many of these actively checked cards etc. Anybody know.

Other newsletters were done by Barb and Carol for their respective areas. Anybody know of other newsletters issued? We should make sure we have copies of them all.

Letters were sent to all listed coordinators (32). There were 17 responses including 2 resignations. I have a copy of the original letter, but not the responses. Anybody have these?

Meeting: May 30, 1987

Items discussed: Added M as a code, discussed blockbusting.

1988

By the end of 1988, we had worked in a total of 421 blocks; 82 were done.

Four blockbusting trips scheduled around the state

Contest for various categories started

Darwin resigned from committee

1989

Paid for block work, also hired Steve Dinsmore for blockbusting.

Meetings: March 19, 1989; September 15, 1989

Items discussed: How to increase coverage, whether documentation is being done (to be checked), Bruce to write to regional coordinators; add 6th year of fieldwork, all the counties were divided among committee members for review

Jim Hansen replaced Doug Reeves

Laura, Bruce, and Pat added to committee

1990

Meetings: March 3, 1990

Bob Cecil added to committee

Bruce made valiant efforts to assign blocks and keep current on what was being done.

35? blocks were suggested to be changed from S to P. Was this done?

By beginning of 1990 field season, 571 blocks worked in, 275 done.

Federal report deadline extended to 1991

1991

Meetings: January 25, 1991

Block Progress

	Worked	Done
1984		
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1986	120	13
1987	190	24
1988	421	82
1989	571	275
1990	717	611