

Breeding Bird Atlas Committee Report

The atlas committee met on September 15 at the Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery. Members present were Jim Dinsmore, Jim Hansen, Carol Thompson, and Barb Wilson.

It was decided to proceed with a sixth year of atlas work. Good progress appears to have been made this year and it is hoped that the addition of another year will allow us to finish a significant number of blocks.

As a check on the quality of the data collected to date, it was decided that the committee members would review all the records in the computer data base. The state was broken into regions and the following assignments made:

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Jim Dinsmore - Boone, Buena Vista, Calhoun, Carroll, Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Lyon, Osceola, Dickinson, Emmet, Greene, Hamilton, Hardin, Ida, Lyon, Marshall, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, Story, Webster, Woodbury

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Barb Wilson - Adair, Adams, Audubon, Cass, Crawford, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, Ringold, Shelby, Taylor, Union

DNR Des Moines
John Fleckenstein - Clarke, Dallas, Decatur, Guthrie, Jasper, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Polk, Warren

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Bob Cecil - Appanoose, Davis, Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Lee, Lucas, Monroe, Van Buren, Wapello, Wayne

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Carol Thompson - Benton, Cedar, Clinton, Iowa, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Linn, Louisa, Muscatine, Poweshiek, Scott, Tama, Washington

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Darwin Koenig - Allamakee, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Chicksaw, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Howard, Winneshiek

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Jim Hansen - Butler, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Grundy, Hancock, Humboldt, Kossuth, Mitchell, Winnebago, Worth, Wright

If possible, we would like to get the data out in late November - early December. This will give everyone a chance to look it over, make comments, decide if documentation is necessary and whether the block is complete. We need to be able to print out the data for each block in decipherable fashion.

We spent some time discussing possible forms of publication. One aspect that everyone agreed on is that some form of art work is desirable. To that end, we agreed to find out if there is any art available, or in lieu of that, how much might such a project cost. Jim is going to look into getting some idea of cost from the ISU art department. I am going to write to some of the other states with atlases completed and find out how they did it. We also discussed possible ways to pay for the artwork and the

publication. The possibility of getting some REAP funds was discussed and will be looked into.

Bob Cecil has expressed a desire to work on the atlas committee and will be joining us in the future.

We would like to have our next atlas meeting in late January - early February at which time we will update maps and decide on next years efforts. The earlier we meet the better, but we need to have reviewed the data before we meet. Try to keep a Saturday or Sunday free in that time period for the meeting.

CC: Bob Cecil

Jim Dinsmore

- John Fleckenstein

- Jim Hansen

- Laura Jackson

- Dean Roosa

- Pat Schlarbaum

Barb Wilson