

# Iowa City Bird Club

## WINTER 2011-2012 Schedule

Contact Karen Disbrow at 430-0315 or Chris Edwards 430-4732  
or visit our web site at [www.icbirds.org](http://www.icbirds.org) for more information

**Field trips** depart from the Dodge Street Hy-Vee in Iowa City unless otherwise noted. Meet in the southwest corner of the parking lot. Please contact the leader in advance if you plan to meet the group at the trip destination. Many of our trips are accessible to people with disabilities; for more information please contact the trip leader. **Meetings** are held at the Grant Wood AEA Southern Facility, 200 Holiday Road in Coralville, generally at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month.

**January 8, Sunday, 8-10 a.m. Bird Feeder Watch Social** hosted by Jim and Karole Fuller, 6 Longview Knoll NE, north of Iowa City. Come for coffee and rolls and watch the winter birds visiting the feeders. See our web site for directions.

**January 15, Sunday, 1 p.m. Owl Prowl** We'll spend the afternoon searching for roosting owls, such as Northern Saw-whet, Great Horned, and Barred Owls. Karen Disbrow, 430-0315.

**January 19, Thursday, 7 p.m. Meeting at the Coralville Library.** Karen Disbrow will show a DVD on Florida's Corkscrew Swamp. *Snow Date Thursday, January 26 – in case of bad weather, check our web site.*

**January 22, Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Coralville WinterFest at Iowa River Landing.** Activities include sleigh rides, skiing, ice sculptures, food, music, games, and more. ICBC will have a display and viewing area setup at the Marriott Hotel.

**February 4, Saturday, 7 a.m. Amana Turkey Walk and Feast.** Join us for a morning hike through the woods to search for Wild Turkeys, Saw-whet Owls, and other winter species, followed by breakfast at the Amanas at approximately 9:30 a.m. Parking may be limited at the hiking locations, so please contact Karen Disbrow at 430-0315 if you plan to attend.

**February 17-19, Friday-Sunday. Sax-Zim Bog Winter Bird Festival** in northern Minnesota. We will be driving up Thursday and returning Monday. Registration is \$155 and is limited, so if you are interested in attending, please contact Karen Disbrow at 430-0315 ASAP. For more information visit <http://sax-zimbog.com/>.

**February 23, Thursday, 7 p.m. Meeting.** Nature photographer Ty Smedes will give a presentation on his new book, *The Return of Iowa's Bald Eagles*. Signed copies will be available. **Check our web site for the meeting location.**

**February 26, Sunday, 8 a.m. Quad Cities** for gulls and other water birds on the Mississippi. Chris Caster, 339-8343.

**March 10, Saturday, 6:30 a.m. Burlington Area** for ducks, geese, pelicans, and more with local guides Chuck Fuller and John Rutenbeck. This will be an all-day trip with a stop for lunch. **Meet at the Fin & Feather parking lot on S. Riverside Drive.** Karen Disbrow, 430-0315.

**March 20, Tuesday, 7 p.m. Beginning Birder Course: Basics of Birding I** at the Conservation Education Center at Kent Park. Call Brad Freidhof at 645-1011 to register. Free to club members.

**March 22, Thursday, 7 p.m. Meeting.** Sukie Brown will present "Wildlife of Tanzania" and share photographs from a 12-day trip to East Africa. Iowa Breeding Bird Atlas Coordinator Shane Patterson will also provide a BBA update with interesting trends and finds in local areas. **Check our web site for the meeting location.**

**March 25, Sunday, 8 a.m. Cone Marsh** in Louisa County for Sandhill Cranes, migrating ducks, geese, and other early spring arrivals. **Meet at the Fin & Feather parking lot on S. Riverside Drive. BEGINNING BIRDER TRIP.** Rick Hollis, 665-3141.

**March 27, Tuesday, 7 p.m. Beginning Birder Course: Basics of Birding II** at the Conservation Education Center at Kent Park. Call Brad Freidhof at 645-1011 to register.

**March 31, Saturday, 8 a.m. Kent Park** near Tiffin. We will explore the trails in Kent Park looking for migrating songbirds and resident woodland birds. **Meet at the Conservation Education Center in Kent Park. BEGINNING BIRDER TRIP.** Rick Hollis, 665-3141.