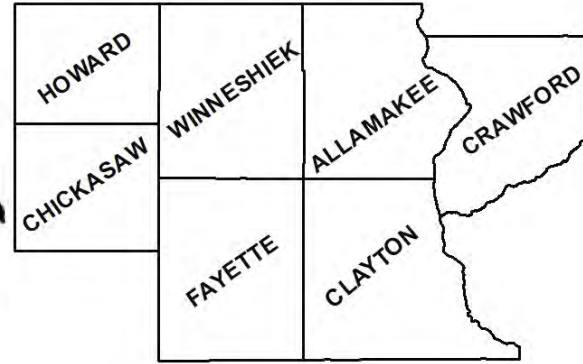


UPPER IOWA AUDUBON

Not just for the birds



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Dennis Carter

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Fall Programs...and
more!

**October 7,
2023
10 - 2 pm**



Hawk Watch

**Driftless Area Wetland Centre
Marquette, IA**

**Live Raptors, Kids, Activities
and more...**

Visit driftlessareawetlandcentre.com for
more information

UPPER IOWA PRESENTS:



Big Blue Sky

Featuring: Jon Stravers, Jake Stephens, Sophia Landis, Folko,
and Jason McCullick

Convergence CiderWorks
302 Washington St, Decorah, Iowa
Friday, October 20 - 7 pm



*Donations welcomed at the door to support the work of
Upper Iowa Audubon*

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photo courtesy of Larry Reis

Perhaps the description of being kind and gentle isn't always enough to make a person famous, but Dennis Carter was indeed famous for being just that: a kind, gentle, and true friend to both people and birds. Dennis passed in May of 2023 at the age of 88 years. The details of his life show his love of nature and his commitment to the land.

I loved the story of him joining the Iowa Ornithologists Union as a junior member at just twelve years of age and remaining a lifelong member. In the same year, his detailed field notes of a nest of a Loggerhead Shrike were published in the September 1947 issue of Iowa Bird Life.

Dennis attended Iowa State University where he earned an M.S. degree in Wildlife Management. His ability and enthusiasm for educating people about birds led to a park naturalist position working for the National Park Service in Zion National Park, Utah, in 1962. He later transferred to Arches National Park, Utah, and still later to Blue Ridge Parkway. In 1975 he was promoted to head naturalist at Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. He finished out his professional career supervising nature interpreters for parks in Pennsylvania and New Jersey at Delaware Water Gap.

Dennis retired and moved to Decorah in 1990 and we were lucky to have him as a reliable board member of Upper Iowa Audubon for over 25 years. He often led bird tours at Effigy Mounds National Monument and at Cardinal Marsh. During these years he recorded a remarkable 258 bird species in Winneshiek County.

Dennis was thorough in his record keeping and his attention to detail. When I submitted reports and proposals to Upper Iowa Audubon, I realized that Dennis read through them carefully and he often had helpful comments. A few years before his death, Paul Skrade and I visited Dennis at the Wellington Place; while his balance was a little shaky, his mind was clear and he had acute interest and valuable comments on projects that Paul and I were working on. We will remember Dennis for his life-long diligence to birds and the way he connected people to the birds he loved.

Submitted by: Jon Stravers, with information collected from Larry Reis's article in the Iowa Bird Life Journal (2010).

Dennis Carter: 1935 - 2023

“ *Birds are a miracle because they prove to us there is a finer, simpler state of being which we may strive to attain.* ”
~Douglas Coupland

Bird Friendly Iowa Joins Bird Friendly Network

American Bird Conservancy and Environment for the Americas have joined forces to help deliver solutions on the ground through the Bird City Network. The Network unites and connects independent Bird City programs throughout the hemisphere who work directly with local communities to envision and complete bird-friendly actions. Bird Friendly Iowa has joined the new Bird City Network with eight other states to connect with other bird friendly programs across the Americas (Mexico and Columbia). Check out the new website at <https://birdcity.org/> for more details about what communities are doing to help birds and tourism information.

Winneshiek County is a Bird Friendly Iowa County along with the cities of Fayette and Marquette. Contact birdfriendlyiowa@gmail.com to learn how to get your community Bird Friendly Iowa certified.

October:



Sunday, October 1st, 4 pm Convergence Cider Works

UIA Presents:

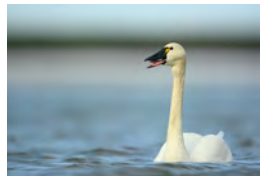
Live Raptor Presentation Meaningful Migration:

Upper Iowa Audubon Society is excited to host Dave Kester, with the Raptor Resource Project. Dave will share his expertise on migrating raptors through storytelling and fascinating facts, and he will surely teach you something new!

He will be bringing a live raptor to illustrate their amazing migration abilities! All ages are welcome - families are encouraged to attend! Kids are going to love this program! 4 pm at Convergence CiderWorks in Decorah!



November:



Saturday, November 18th, Lansing, IA

The Driftless Area Education and Visitors Center Presents the Driftless Area Birding Festival!

At 10:30 a.m. there will be a presentation "Tundra Swans, an Icon of the Upper Mississippi River" by Stephen Winter. Winter is a Wildlife Biologist for the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge.

Immediately following the presentation, Winter will be heading out to the Brownsville Overlook with spotting scopes where he will be available to answer questions.

Self-guided field trips will be available throughout the weekend including the Brownsville MN overlook, Stoddard WI overlook, New Albin's Army Road, Red Oak Road near Harpers Ferry, IA and the Ferryville, WI overlook. Maps will be available at the Center throughout the week prior to the Festival from 8 am - 4:30 PM.

For more information on this program or any program please contact the center at (563)538-0403 or by following the Allamakee County Conservation on Facebook.



OFFICER SLATE

Jeremy Leitz, Treasurer
Lilly Jensen, Secretary
Paul Skrade, President

2023 Ballot

Mark members: up to 11
Board Members At-Large

- Gene Dale
- Connie Hvitved
- Miriam Patton
- Dean Peterson
- Sharon Rossman
- Rachel Sandhorst
- Jon Stravers
- Bruce Ventura

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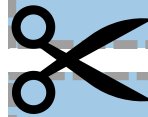
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- President - Paul Skrade
- Vice President - *Write in (open)* _____
- Secretary - Lilly Jensen
- Treasurer - Jeremy Leitz

Thank you to the following retiring Board Members for their many years of service:

Ellen Bell
Kat Busse
Marlene Michel
Emily Neal
Ric Zarwell



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If you are receiving this newsletter and are NOT a member of the National Audubon Society, please consider joining.

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Make your check payable to:
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Upper Iowa Audubon Membership Chair
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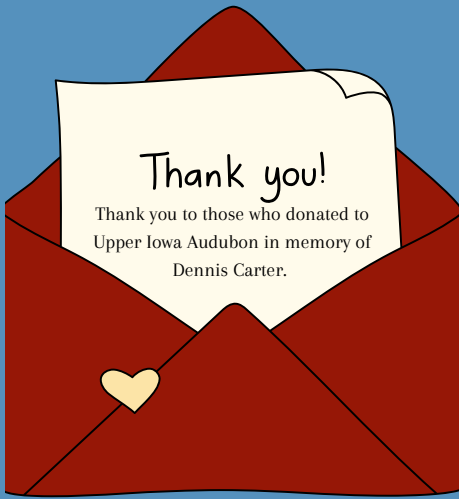
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If you would like to make a donation in memory of someone, you can donate online at UpperIowaAudubon.org and use the "Donate" tab or send a check made out to Upper Iowa Audubon and mail to UIA Treasurer, 208 Rural Ave, Decorah, IA 52101



Thank you to Chris and Natalie at Convergence CiderWorks for hosting Upper Iowa Audubon programs.

October 1: Join us for a live raptor presentation and October 20: Big Blue Sky will be doing a fundraiser concert in support of Upper Iowa Audubon Society.

Please support Convergence CiderWorks and thank them for hosting Upper Iowa Audubon Society.

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