

Dear Iowa Ornithologist:

Enclosed are your instructional materials and reporting forms for the Iowa Breeding Bird Atlas.

Please familiarize yourself with them; if you have questions call or write a member of the Steering Committee or a Regional Coordinator.

Included are:

1. The instruction manual, containing information on how to survey an Atlas Block, and how to report the data you gather.
2. Data reporting forms of several kinds: the Atlas Checklist, nest cards, documentation forms, and special sighting reports. Use of these is described in the manual.
3. A list of Atlas Blocks to be surveyed.
4. A list of Atlas Participants.

How to procede:

1. Choose an Atlas Block. These are 3x3 miles in size and are located in the southeast corner of every other township. Townships chosen have either an even township number and an even range number, or an odd township and an odd range number. Blocks chosen in this way are called standard blocks.

A number of 'priority' blocks have also been chosen because they contain significant natural areas or habitats. When a township contains both a standard block and a 'priority' block the standard block has been deleted from the list of blocks to be surveyed.

Report your choice of blocks to Mike Newlon, 408 Wales St., Iowa City IA 52240.

2. Survey your block for its breeding birds according to the instructions.
3. Send your observations to your regional coordinator (if one exists) or to David Newhouse, Wildlife Research Station, RR 1, Boone, IA, 50036, by September 15.

Thank your for your help with the Atlas,

Atlas Steering Committee

- * = Special sighting report requested to increase knowledge of this species.
- ** = Documentation form required to support this important record.

* Presence of COWBIRD eggs or young is confirmation for BOTH cowbird AND host species.

BRIEF COMMENTS ON HABITAT IN THIS BLOCK

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SPECIES	AQU#	OB	PO	PR	CO	DATE, NOTES
*PIED-BILLED GREBE	006.					
*EARED GREBE	004.					
*WESTERN GREBE	001.					
*DOUBLE CRESTED CORMORANT	120.					
*AMERICAN BITTERN	190.					
LEAST BITTERN	191.					
GREAT BLUE HERON	194.					
*GREAT EGRET	196.					
GREEN-BACKED HERON	201.					
*BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON	202.					
*YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON	203.					
CANADA GOOSE	172.					
WOOD DUCK	144.					
GREEN-WINGED TEAL	139.					
*AMERICAN BLACK DUCK	133.					
MALLARD	132.					
*NORTHERN PINTAIL	143.					
BLUE-WINGED TEAL	140.					
NORTHERN SHOVELER	142.					
*GADWALL	135.					
*AMERICAN WIGEON	137.					
*CANVASBACK	147.					
REDHEAD	146.					
*RING-NECKED DUCK	150.					
*LESSER SCAUP	149.					
*BUFFLEHEAD	153.					
*HOODED MERGANSER	131.					
RUDDY DUCK	167.					
TURKEY VULTURE	325.					
*BALD EAGLE	352.					
*NORTHERN HARRIER	331.					
*SHARP-SHINNED HAWK	332.					
*COOPER'S HAWK	333.					
*RED-SHOULDERED HAWK	339.					
*BROAD-WINGED HAWK	343.					
*SWAINSON'S HAWK	342.					
RED-TAILED HAWK	337.					
AMERICAN KESTREL	360.					
GRAY PARTRIDGE	288.1					
*CHUKAR	288.2					
RING-NECKED PHEASANT	309.1					
RUFFED GROUSE	300.					
WILD TURKEY	310.					
NORTHERN BOBWHITE	289.					
*KING RAIL	208.					
VIRGINIA RAIL	212.					
SORA	214.					
*COMMON MOORHEN	219.					
AMERICAN COOT	221.					

SPECIES	AQU#	OB	PO	PR	CO	DATE, NOTES
*PIPING PLOVER	277.					
KILLDEER	273.					
*AMERICAN AVOCET	225.					
SPOTTED SANDPIPER	263.					
*UPLAND SANDPIPER	261.					
*COMMON SNIPES	230.					
AMERICAN WOODCOCK	228.					
*WILSON'S PHALAROPE	224.					
*FRANKLIN'S GULL	059.					
*FORSTER'S TERN	069.					
*LEAST TERN	074.					
*BLACK TERN	077.					
ROCK DOVE	313.1					
*RINGED TURTLE-DOVE	315.2					
MOORING DOVE	316.					
BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO	388.					
YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO	387.					
*COMMON BARN-OWL	365.					
EASTERN SCREECH-OWL	373.					
GREAT HORNED OWL	375.					
*BURROWING OWL	378.					
BARRED OWL	368.					
*LONG-EARED OWL	366.					
*SHORT-EARED OWL	367.					
COMMON NIGHTHAWK	420.					
*CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW	416.					
WHIP-POOR-WILL	417.					
CHIMNEY SWIFT	423.					
RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD	428.					
BELTED KINGFISHER	390.					
RED-HEADED WOODPECKER	406.					
RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER	409.					
YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER	402.					
DOWNY WOODPECKER	394.					
HAIRY WOODPECKER	393.					
NORTHERN FLICKER	412.					
PILEATED WOODPECKER	405.					
EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE	461.					
ACADIAN FLYCATCHER	465.					
*ALDER FLYCATCHER	466.1					
WILLOW FLYCATCHER	466.					
*LEAST FLYCATCHER	467.					
EASTERN PHOEBE	456.					
*SAY'S PHOEBE	457.					
GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER	452.					
WESTERN KINGBIRD	447.					
EASTERN KINGBIRD	444.					
*SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER	443.					
HORNED LARK	474.					

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PURPLE MARTIN	611.					
TREE SWALLOW	614.					
N. ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW	617.					
BANK SWALLOW	616.					
CLIFF SWALLOW	612.					
BARN SWALLOW	613.					
BLUE JAY	477.					
AMERICAN CROW	488.					
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE	735.					
TUFTED TITMOUSE	731.					
*RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	728.					
WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH	727.					
*BROWN CREEPER	726.					
*ROCK WREN	715.					
*CAROLINA WREN	718.					
*BEWICK'S WREN	719.					
HOUSE WREN	721.					
*WINTER WREN	722.					
SEDGE WREN	724.					
MARSH WREN	725.					
BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER	751.					
EASTERN BLUEBIRD	766.					
*VEERY	756.					
WOOD THRUSH	755.					
AMERICAN ROBIN	761.					
GRAY CATBIRD	704.					
NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD	703.					
BROWN THRASHER	705.					
CEDAR WAXWING	619.					
*LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE	622.					
EUROPEAN STARLING	493.					
*WHITE-EYED VIREO	631.					
*BELL'S VIREO	633.					
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO	628.					
WARBLING VIREO	627.					
RED-EYED VIREO	624.					
*BLUE-WINGED WARBLER	641.					
*GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER	642.					
*NORTHERN PARULA	648.					
YELLOW WARBLER	652.					
*CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER	659.					
*YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER	663.					
*CERULEAN WARBLER	658.					
*BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER	636.					
AMERICAN REDSTART	687.					
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER	637.					
*WORM-EATING WARBLER	639.					
OVENBIRD	674.					
*LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH	676.					