

Looking Out the Back Door...

A publication of the Sac County Conservation Board

"To initiate awareness and foster stewardship of nature's rewards."

Fall 2016



Migration Madness

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Conservation Center Hours

May-October
7:00 AM -3:30 PM

November-April
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Saturday Hours
September 3rd
9:00-11:00 AM

What is migration?

Animal migration is the relatively long-distance movement of individuals, usually on a seasonal basis. It is found in all major animal groups, including birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians, insects, and crustaceans.

Why migrate?

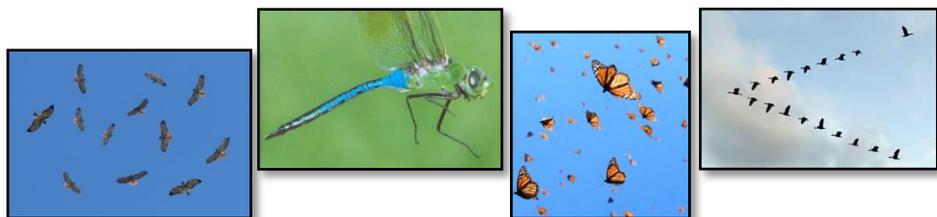
Many animals travel in search of the basic things required to survive; food, water, shelter, and space. Food may start becoming limited, shelter may be scarce, more space needed for nesting territories or water may freeze and no longer be available. These are a few reasons that animals travel.

What Iowa animals migrate?

The most common migrants to, from, or through Iowa are birds. We are a part of the Mississippi River Flyway; this is a large migration area utilized by thousands of birds each year during spring and fall seasons.

Iowa is also host to migrating insects like the Monarch Butterfly and the Green Darner Dragonfly. Other insects living in Iowa lay eggs then die or go dormant.

Most of the mammals, fish, reptile, amphibians, and crustaceans that call Iowa home either stay active in the winter or hibernate through it.



Want to learn more about Fall animal migration?

Attend the Migration Madness program at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 12th!

Sauk Rail Trail

Exciting projects have been happening on the Sac County side of the Sauk Rail Trail!

During the month of August, the resurfacing of a bridge and a shelter were both constructed and completed.



Improvements like these would not be possible without donations and the funds collected from trail pass fees.

Passes are required for use of persons 18 years and older. You may pay at the Hagge Park Office, Swan Lake Office in Carroll, or at payment tubes [Lake View & Carnarvon in Sac County] along the trail. Yearly passes run the calendar year.

Day Pass	\$2.00
Year Pass	\$15.00
Lifetime Pass	\$250.00/Single \$350.00/Couple



Fall is a great time to get out and enjoy the trail!

Fact Files!

American Carrion Beetle

(Necrophila Americana)



- This insect is less than an inch in size.
- The preferred foods are fungi and raw flesh of dead animals.
- Active during the day they will feed on a carcass and lay eggs in the meat.
- The adults will eat larvae (baby insects) of other species to give their offspring the best chance at survival.
- The larvae will fall to the ground and bury themselves to pupate before becoming an adult.

Have an idea for a future file? Email me at sccbnat@frontiernet.net and it could be next!

Thank You!

Summer Staff:

Grant Park Attendant-Roger Huster

Grant Park Camp Hosts-Terry & Melissa Rath

Hagge Park Camp Host-Diane Page

Summer Technicians- Norm Lewman & Justin Geery

Nick & Carrie Gorden, Stephanie Erpelding, and Dallas Pullen for helping with summer camps.

Buena Vista County Conservation for use of equipment.

Sac County Iowa State Extension for help with the Summer Fishing Clinic.

SCCB Upcoming Events

*Find us on Facebook for the most up to date information.

* To register for a program, email sccbnat@frontiernet.net or call 712-662-4530.

*Events may be cancelled if there are extreme weather conditions or if the minimum number of registered participants is not met.



September 2016

Saturday the 10th SCCB at the Clay County Fair- 9:00 AM- 1:30 PM

Sac County Conservation will be stationed in the Sudholm Environmental Education Center (Log Cabin) to greet visitors at the fair and Megan will be teaching a Nature's Superheroes program at 10:00 AM. Stop by and say hi!

Monday the 12th Migration Madness Program- 6:00-7:00 PM

Many animals are gearing up for a long journey to escape Iowa in the winter. Come learn what animals are leaving, why they leave, how far they travel, and even participate in some migration activities! Program is free of charge, open to all ages, and registration is appreciated.

Wednesday the 21st Knee High Naturalists: Bug Galore! - 10:00-10:45 AM OR 5:45-6:30 PM

Knee High Naturalists are children ages 2-4 and have an accompanying adult attend the program. This month we will be reading the book "Bugs Galore" and participating in insect related crafts, activities, and snack! Some activities may be outside, dress accordingly. **Program is free of charge but registration is REQUIRED.**



October 2016



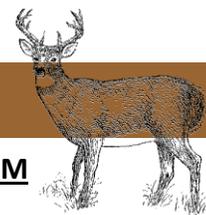
Wednesday the 19th Knee High Naturalists: Adventures of Leaf Man- 10:00-10:45 AM OR 5:45-6:30 PM

Knee High Naturalists are children ages 2-4 and have an accompanying adult attend the program. This month we will be reading the book "Leaf Man" and participating in leaf related crafts, activities, and snack! Some activities may be outside, dress accordingly. **Program is free of charge but registration is REQUIRED.**

Tuesday the 25th - Creepy Crawlies Program-7:00-8:00 PM

Halloween is fast approaching and it is the perfect time to learn about all those creepy crawly creatures we can find outside during the day and at night! Join Megan to learn all about them, participate in activities, make a craft, take a short night hike, and enjoy some hot chocolate. Dress accordingly for the weather. Program is free of charge, open to all ages and registration is appreciated.

November 2016



Wednesday the 16th Knee High Naturalists: Deer- 10:00-10:45AM OR 5:45-6:30 PM

Knee High Naturalists are children ages 2-4 and have an accompanying adult attend the program. This month we will be focusing on Deer. In this program children and adults alike will participate in crafts, activities (may be outside), a story and a snack. **Program is free of charge but registration is REQUIRED.**

Tuesday the 22nd Owl Prowl- 6:00-7:00 PM



Come out to Hagge Park to learn all about owls! We will learn how to identify the different owls in Iowa, go for a hike to listen for owls, make a craft and enjoy a snack. **Program is free of charge, open to all ages, and registration is REQUIRED.**

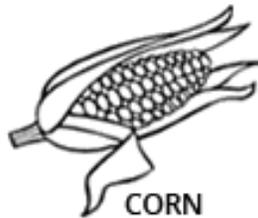
FIND THE HIDDEN FALL OBJECTS



ACORN



RAKE



CORN



WHEAT



TURKEY



PUMPKIN



FOOTBALL



APPLES

Nature News

Summer Program Photos

Summer Library Programs



Wild Wednesdays



Knee High Naturalist Camps



5-7 Year Old Camps





Events At A Glance

Sac County Conservation Board

Date	Time	Event
September 2016		
Saturday the 10 th	10:00 AM	SCCB @ Clay County Fair Migration Madness KHN: Bugs Galore!
Monday the 12 th	6:00-7:00 PM	
Wednesday the 21 st	10:00-10:45 AM or 5:45-6:30 PM	
October 2016		
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Tuesday the 25 th	7:00-8:00 PM	
November 2016		
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Tuesday the 22 nd	6:00-7:00 PM	

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Meetings

Regular board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Sac County Conservation Center. These meetings are open to the public.

Contact Information

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8-10 Year Old Camps



11-14 Year Old Survivor Camp



Enjoy the outdoors!