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# Conservation Quarterly Cass County Conservation Board Spring 2019

## People Making a Difference...

Thank you to everyone that took part in our **Soiree with the Swans!**

Thank you to the **ISU Extension Cass County and 4-H Leadership Council** for helping our winter camps a success!

Thank you to **Dean Downer** for all of his hard work over the past year at the Outdoor Educational Classroom. Thank you to **Sue Rodgers** for all of her hard work over the past year at our Hitchcock Recreational Area.

## Cass County Conservation on Facebook!

Search [Cass County Conservation](#) and "like" us on Facebook! Easy way to keep up on events and wildlife sightings around Cass County!

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## Park Highlights

This spring be careful in Cold Springs Park, our campground playground equipment was upgraded and we put in a new water line. These areas might still have growing grass near them. With our new Standup Paddleboards, our programs mostly will be on last Saturday of every month (with June being an exception), ending Labor Day Weekend with that Saturday September 7th. We only have 5 currently, so you must pre-register for your spot! Anyone under 16 must have a parent with them at all times. Look for an additional Movie in the Park Program Friday July 5th! A frequent camper card program, stay 6 nights get the 7th FREE- ask our staff! Camping coupon books are now available! \$150 for 11 nights of camping at Cold Springs Park good until Oct 31, 2020. Making Shelter Reservations- To reserve the shelter at Cold Springs Park contact Ryan Lockwood at 769-2372. Don't forget we take reservations for our Outdoor Educational Classroom Lodge for meetings and events. Please contact the office if you are interested in reserving.



## Results of 2019 Great Backyard Bird Count

Overall it was a great year for Iowa in the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). The Cass County Birders were tied for 2nd in the State! Iowa overall was lower in species and in checklists happening, but our fantastic showing of 62 checklists was not enough to beat 1st place Johnson County with 71 and we tied with Story County 62 checklists. We were 9th in the species count, we had many usual species missing this year. With the new eBird system the record keeping is by county so I cannot really tell you anymore the species reported for each town unless we record them, but Cass County as a whole. Iowa as a whole had 95 species reported and 753 checklists! United States reported 674 species and 121,459 checklists. The GBBC is a global bird count sponsored by the National Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology, globally 6,699 species and 204,921 checklists. Since 2002 the Cass County Conservation Board has advertised this bird count throughout the county encouraging citizens to participate. Typically participants submit their checklists on the internet, however, for those that are not comfortable using computers, the Conservation Board collects the data and enters the checklists for them. You can explore the results at <https://ebird.org/gbbc/places>.

## Cass County Results

Town	# of Checklists Submitted
Anita	10
Atlantic	34
Cumberland	0
Griswold	5
Lewis	10
Marne	0
Massena	1
Wiota	2

37 Species Reported total

More results: American Robins, Ring necked pheasants, and a sharpshinned hawk in Cass County! NO Trumpeter Swans or Duck species due to ice conditions. 3 Bald Eagle individuals were counted at one time in Cass County, near Atlantic.

## Summer Camps

The Cass County Conservation Board has joined with the Cass County ISU Extension Office to sponsor summer camps for the youth of Cass County. These camps were developed to give children a chance to have fun exploring and learning about nature. Registration fee is \$10 includes a t-shirt. If you have questions, please call Lora at 769-2372 or Shelby at 243-1132.

### Registration Information:

The Atlantic school system can register on Registration Night in May at the Washington School Gym.

All other county school systems will have forms passed out to school children in May that will explain the registration process. Forms can also be found here: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass>

If your children are home schooled, please call 243-1132 for registration information.

**K-2nd Grade\*: Rockin' Reptiles**~ Youth will learn and play as we explore reptiles. Make crafts, friends and play games!

May 30 & 31 — 9 AM-12 PM or 1 PM-4 PM @ Sunnyside Park (Camblin Shelter), Atlantic Registration Deadline

May 22—Fee \$10

June 3 & 4 — 9 AM-12 PM @ Lake Anita (Shelter #5), Anita - Registration Deadline May 22—

Fee \$10

June 6 & 7 — 9 AM-12 PM @ Cold Springs Park, Lewis - Registration Deadline May 29—Fee

\$10

**3rd-5th Grade\*: To Earth & Beyond**~ Explore the solar system through crafts, games and fun! Please bring a sack lunch.

June 10 — 9 AM-4 PM @ Anita Comm. Bldg., Anita - Registration Deadline May 29—Fee \$10

June 13 — 9 AM-4 PM @ Cold Springs Park, Lewis - Registration Deadline June 5—Fee \$10

June 14 — 9 AM-4 PM @ Atlantic Comm. Bldg., Atlantic - Registration Deadline June 5—Fee \$10

**6th-8th Grade\*: Outdoor Adventure Camp** ~ Learn outdoor skills related to fishing, go hiking and make a delicious meal over a campfire! Busing is available from Cass Co. Community Center, depart at 8 AM, and return at 5 PM. Tuesday, July 2, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Cold Springs Park, Lewis. Registration Deadline June 26—Fee \$10

To Register: Print the form and return with \$10 per camp to the Cass County Extension Office by the deadline listed above. Questions: Call 243-1132! \*Please Note— grade listed above refer to grade just completed.

## E-Newsletter!

Save a tree, email Lora at [lkanning@casscoia.us](mailto:lkanning@casscoia.us) and let her know to add your email to get the email/PDF version of the Conservation Quarterly!



## Upcoming Events



Denotes an Oak Stroller approved event! All Cass County Programs are FREE unless otherwise stated! Donations for programs are accepted.



### Wildflower Walk

Saturday, April 27th- 9AM

Pellett Memorial Woods



### Hitchcock Pioneer Skills Festival-

The 27th annual Pioneer Skills Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th. Come visit the famous Hitchcock House (a National Landmark and former stop on the Underground Railroad) just west of Lewis and see tin punching, rope-making, butter making and many other skills that were vital to pioneer survival. This event will be open to the public from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be a \$5 fee for a tour of the Hitchcock House. B.Y.O.M. for some apple cider!

### Bike to School Day is May 8th

### National Bike Week is May 13th -19th.

### Bike to Work Day is May 17th

Save some gas and bike around that day or all week!



### Movie in the Park

### May 24th 9PM- Cold Springs Park Campground Shelter- The Nut Job 2

Come out for a movie under the stars! Bring a blanket or chair, Dress for the weather and if it RAINS it will be CANCELLED.



### Lake Anita Kids' Fishing Day

Kids, come to Lake Anita on **Saturday, June 1st** for a fun morning of fishing (bring your poles) and information! Learn about the fish in Lake Anita, followed by hands on fishing! Prizes will be awarded to participants, no child will leave empty handed! Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. near at the beach parking lot, fishing starts at 10AM.

### National Trails Day- the T-Bone Trail!!



### June 1st 1PM

### Meet at the I80/71 Trailhead Parking Lot for the T-Bone trail.

Bike, walk, strollers, everyone is welcome! Come out and celebrate National Trails Day! We will be Hiking on the trail.

### Cass County Fishing Derby



### June 8th AM

### Cold Springs Park

Please pre-register, derby is limited to 50 participants, 15 years old and younger. Pre-register by calling 769-2372.

### Standup Paddleboard Demonstration- see information on front page.

### Cold Springs Park- Beach

May 25th 1pm- 5 Spots available

2:30PM- 5 Spots available

June 8th 1pm- 5 Spots available

2:30pm- 5 Spots available



Stay tuned for more on the July programs and more in the Summer Newsletter.