

# The Oak

A Quarterly Newsletter of the  
Black Hawk County Conservation Board

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## REAP IS FOR EVERYONE

by Steve Finegan, Executive Director

The Resource Enhancement and Protection Act (REAP) is alive in Iowa, but it needs your support. Considered as model legislation for protection and enhancement of our natural resources, the program has been active for the past three years. Its successes and benefits are many.

Residents of Black Hawk County are enjoying diverse projects funded from REAP monies. Included so far has been \$490,540 to the cities of Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Evansdale; \$293,661 to

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Black Hawk County Conservation Board; \$128,107 for historic resource development; and \$45,983 for soil and water enhancement. This totals \$1,088,221, with the Cedar Valley Lakes Project a big recipient of funds.

Originally, REAP was to be funded at \$30 million for ten years. Unfortunately, it has never been funded at that level. In fiscal year '92, only \$10.6 million was funded. The projected funding range for fiscal year '93 is \$7.5 to \$10.6 million. While money allocated to fund REAP projects has shrunk, and interest in REAP has shrunk as talk of

cuts is discussed, Iowa's environmental deficit has grown.

The Region 7 REAP Assembly held in Waverly on March 5 was well attended. Support was evident, with the primary concern being continued support and funding for projects. Many projects of a regional nature were discussed, including: Connecting and expanding recreational trails (including extending the Cedar Valley Nature Trail north to the Minnesota border); improved boat accesses to rivers; river corridor protection (particularly the Wapsipinicon River); support for environmental education; and support for an increase in the deposit on cans and bottles as a source of funding for the program.

You can make a difference, but your legislators need to hear from you. Call or write them at your earliest convenience. Let them know you support REAP!

# REAP

RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT AND PROTECTION



## TRAIL UPDATES

by Bert Hallewas  
Administrative Assistant

### Self Registration

The new Cedar Valley Nature Trail self-registration system for purchasing trail passes will be put in place this spring. Students in the welding class at **Hawkeye Institute of Technology**, under the instruction of Ken Bienfang, have built special poles that will be placed at all major entrance locations of the trail.

Trail users will be able to purchase both daily and annual passes at the self-registration poles in the following manner. A self-registration envelope needs to be filled out and is deposited into the poles with the correct amount of money. A receipt is torn off the envelope which serves as a daily or temporary annual pass. If an annual pass is ordered through the self-registration, the annual pass will be sent to you by mail from our headquarters.

### Remodeled and Reopened

The Gilbertville Depot has been remodeled this winter. Fred Wahl, the private concessionaire who leases the Depot from the BHCCB, has carpeted the old bike rental shop. A new set of double doors with windows has been added to this room. It has now become a Consignment Shop for children's clothes, toys and various



other items. All of this work has done wonders and the place is worth a visit!

The restaurant in the front of the Depot has expanded its menu with a few popular items. A soft-serve ice cream machine has been purchased by Mr. Wahl. He also will have beer and wine coolers for sale.

Without a private concessionaire the BHCCB would not be able to staff the building and keep the restrooms open for trail users. Therefore, your support of the Gilbertville Depot is appreciated.

### History Brochure

A new brochure about the history of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail and the Gilbertville Depot is now available. Illustrated with black and white photos, it describes how the old railroad right-of-way became this popular trail. Printing for the brochure was provided through a memorial for **Donald E. Krause** of Waterloo. The memorial will also be used for a new observation deck on the trail overlooking "Dinosaur Pond" just east of Spring Creek. Plans for the observation deck still need to be drawn. Construction of the deck could be a good community project for an interested group or club.



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## DEER TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Black Hawk County Deer Task Force was formed in the fall of 1991 to review the status of the urban deer herd within metropolitan Black Hawk County. The task force has undertaken the following actions:

- \*Scheduled two educational workshops
- \*Constructed three deer exclosures
- \*Conducted a winter aerial survey of the urban deer population
- \*Sponsored a phone survey of the attitudes of park neighbors toward urban deer

The first educational workshop focused on the ecology of urban deer. Jay McAninch of the Minnesota DNR conducted this two hour presentation. A tape of his presentation is available at HRNC for \$1/day rental fee. Mr. McAninch will present a second workshop on protecting your yard from deer browse on Saturday, May 9, 1992 from 9:30 to 11:00 am.

Deer exclosures have been built at George Wyth State Park, the Black Hawk Greenbelt and Hartman Reserve Nature Center. Deer cannot browse or graze in these protected areas. The exclosures will be used to compare the impact deer browsing may have on vegetation outside of the exclosures.

A helicopter was used to survey deer in our urban parks. Park neighbors were also surveyed to determine their attitudes toward urban deer. All of this information is being used to formulate a long range management plan for the urban deer of Black Hawk County. For more information on the task force contact Chairperson, Larry Miller at 235-7562.

## ADOPT-A-PARK

Would you or your club like to assist us in keeping your parks clean and spruced-up? We need your help. Budget cuts have eliminated some of the people who had been responsible for cleaning and maintaining your parks.

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The Black Hawk County Conservation Board (BHCCB) has initiated the **Adopt-A-Park** Program. You can keep your favorite park a special place for all to enjoy by volunteering to help maintain it. A club, group, organization or individual can help by picking up litter, painting, pruning, checking trail passes or just keeping an eye on a park for example.

Each park is different and has its own challenges. You needn't adopt the whole park, maybe just a certain area or facility such as a campground, shelter, a mile of trail, or a rifle range. Some of the major parks you could adopt include: Black Hawk, the Cedar Valley Nature Trail, Hartman Reserve Nature Center, Hickory Hills, and McFarlane. You can also adopt one of many smaller parks or boat ramps managed by the BHCCB.

We have worked with various organizations to provide programs and facilities in our parks. The Black Hawk Archers have maintained an archery range for many years. One individual came out a couple of times a year to prune and nurture the shrubs at our office. The Northeast Iowa Home Builders have constructed two rest shelters on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail and will build another one each year. These are just a few examples of what can be done.

We have projects that are big and small. The opportunities are many, and it is a rewarding feeling that you have done your part. For more information contact your park ranger or Bert Hallewas, Adopt-A-Park coordinator, at 266-6813.

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# Sproutings — Nature Center News



by Vern Fish, Nature Center Director

## DEER EXCLOSURES

A deer enclosure has been built between the Hartman Interpretive Center and the Maple Bridge. This enclosure was funded by the Prairie Rapids Audubon Society. Other enclosures have been built at George Wyth State Park and the Black Hawk Greenbelt. The enclosure at George Wyth State Park was funded by White Tails Unlimited (see page 3).

A deer enclosure is a small area which has been fenced to keep the deer **OUT**. The trees and plants inside the fenced area cannot be browsed and eaten by the deer. The deer will continue to browse on the plants outside of the enclosure. The protected area will then be compared to the browsed area. This comparison allows us to monitor the impact of deer browsing on the Hartman forest.

## MEMORIALS

The staff of HRNC and the Friends of Hartman Reserve wish to thank the many people who contributed to the **Mark Rathbun** and **Irene Edwards** memorials.

## THANK YOU

Special thanks to: **Tye House** of Quakerdale for helping at the Maple Syrup Festival. **Advanced Recycling** for donating a recycling cart. **Randy Fratzke** for documenting the programs of HRNC with his camera. **Chad Pietig** for helping place boundary stakes as his eagle project. **Bart McAninch** for making maple syrup. **Drs. Smith, Lantz and Weires, Podiatrists** for sponsoring the horse drawn rides at the Maple Syrup Festival.

David Kressin for removing barbed wire from the new addition. **Prairie Rapids Audubon Society** for building and hanging bluebird, bat and screech owl boxes.

## A SACRED CIRCLE

Garland and Greg Angove of the Heritage Art Gallery have donated the art print **A Sacred Circle** by Bev Doolittle to HRNC. This wonderful print will be placed on display in the Hartman Interpretive Center for all to enjoy. Thank you Garland and Greg!

## FISHING POLES

The Iowa DNR has loaned HRNC 50 rods and reels. These poles may be checked out by schools, youth groups or any other organization for aquatic education activities. The poles are free but we do require a \$50 damage deposit.

## WISH LIST

Check your garage or attic for the following items:

A push sand spreader

Hand tools  
(hammers, saws, loppers, shovels, rakes)

Wheelbarrows

Power tools  
(saws, drills)

Small horse tank, 100 gals

Coffee carafes



## FOX TOWNSHIP WILDLIFE AREA

by Steve Finegan, Executive Director

As wildlife areas go, the Fox Township area located alongside the new four-lane Highway 20 just south of Jesup is not one of the biggest. Rather, the significance of this 58-acre public wildlife area is how it came into existence. The key was the cooperation of many agencies and individuals working together for a common conservation goal.

A branch of Spring Creek runs through the property from north to south. The creek is fed by a good-sized spring located about one-half mile north. There were once several seeps on the property and old-time residents remember picking watercress from the stream.

Nicholas Ehr owned the land in the

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1960's. It seems he and several of his sportsmen friends decided to dig out the seeps to build a pond. Their equipment was crude, mostly farm tractors, an old-fashioned carry-all, and tumblebugs. They were able to dig three small ponds to hold the clear, cold water.

At that time, there was a trout farm located just west of LaPorte City. Trout were stocked, and they did quite well in the cold water. Next came the planting of trees and shrubs for wildlife habitat and, later, a small cabin was built. It was a sportsman's paradise. But after Ehr moved, cattle were allowed to graze the area and, as wildlife habitat, the land soon deteriorated.

In the 1970's, the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) purchased the property as right-of-way along the new highway. The DOT removed fill material from the area for an overpass, enlarging the ponds considerably.

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board (BHCCB) heard about the project in 1980 from Jim Gallagher, who was a state senator at the time. He suggested that the property would make an excellent public area, and volunteered his services to coordinate the efforts of the conservation board and the DOT. The DOT wanted to retain ownership in case addi-

tional fill was needed for completion of the highway project.

A five-year lease was worked out in 1981 allowing the BHCCB to begin reclamation. Money from the habitat stamp fund provided 75 percent of the cost of replanting the area.

Native grasses and forbs, because of their ability to thrive in unfertile soil, were chosen to replant the drier areas. Planting was accomplished by using a hydroseeder owned jointly by the Black Hawk County highway department and two other counties. Seedling evergreens and shrubs were planted along the borders to provide cover for wildlife, and a special duck and goose mixture of wetland plants was seeded in the low, wet area surrounding the pond.

The area hosts several year round residents such as pheasants, rabbits, and small mammals. To enhance waterfowl habitat, a water control structure was built. Migrating waterfowl and raptors visit the site in the fall and spring. During the summer ground nesting birds and waterfowl rear their young in native grasses. Raptors such as kestrels are attracted to the area to feed on the insects and small mammals found in these grasses (see the article on page 9).

Fox Township Wildlife Area is a perfect example of developing a highway with wildlife considerations. What was once a barren landscape is now a haven for many wild creatures. It took the collective efforts of many, including the Iowa DOT and the BHCCB, to develop such an area.



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## ON THE TRAIL

**FREE WEEKEND** - May 9 & 10. On this weekend trail passes are not required to use this 52 mile recreation trail. Daily and annual trail passes can be purchased at HRNC, the Gilbertville Depot, and self-registration booths along the trail.

**CONCERT SERIES** - The 1992 Cedar Valley Nature Trail Concert Series will be on the second Saturdays of June, July, August and September. To receive this year's brochure on the Concert Series, send a self-addressed, stamped business size envelope to the BHCCB.

**CHANNEL 2 CEDAR VALLEY TOUR** - June 13 & 14. This year's bike ride will start at the Evansdale trailhead, spend the night in Cedar Rapids and return the next day. Channel 2 is the official sponsor of the tour which is expected to become a miniature weekend RAGBRAI. For more information call Dave Stein at (319) 395-9060.

## FOR KIDS

**EASTER BUNNY PHOTO** - Sun., April 19, 1-5 pm. Have your family photo taken with the Hartman Easter Bunny. To reserve a time call Fratzke Photography at 232-5576. A portion of your sitting fee will be donated to HRNC.

## ADOPT-A-PARK

Volunteer your club, group, organization, family or yourself and adopt a park or segment of a park.

Adopt-a-Park projects include:

- painting
- litter pick-up
- general maintenance
- pruning
- checking for trail passes
- construction projects
- and other needs

For more information on the Adopt-a-Park program see page 3.

# SPRING



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Breeches*

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## WORKSHOPS

**PROJECT WILD** - Sat., April 4, HRNC. In-service training for elementary teachers in the Project Wild/Aquatic Wild materials. Jointly sponsored by HRNC and Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

**COMPOSTING** - Sun., April 12, 2-3 pm, HRNC. Larry Loenser, Extension Agriculturalist/Director, will show you how to convert your yard waste to fertilizer. Fee \$1.

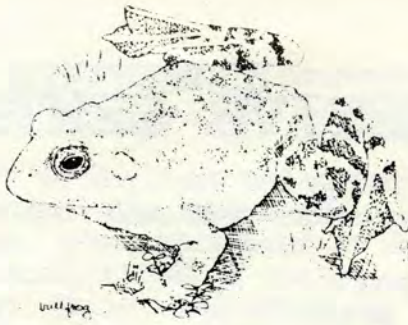
**LIVING WITH DEER** - Sat., May 9, 9:30-11:00 am, HRNC. Jay McAninch of the Minnesota DNR will show how to protect your lawn and garden from browsing deer. Part of the time will be spent outside constructing fences and applying repellants. Call 277-2187 to register, \$5 fee.

**RIVER CITY V WORKSHOP** - Wed., May 27, Iowa City, Iowa. This \$25 workshop features sessions on river wetlands, urban river trails, wildflower embankment development, grant writing strategies, and funding options. Call Melody Rockwell at 319-356-5251 for more information.



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## PHOTO EXHIBITS



**OWAA Traveling Photo Exhibit** - These photos range from a lightning storm over a Kansas prairie to the serenity of an Alaskan mountain, and are sponsored by the Outdoor Writers Association of America. Photos on display starting in April.

**Spring Flowers of Hartman** - This collection of photographs by local artists captures the parade of spring ephemerals found at the nature center.

# SCHEDULE

## ARTIST-IN-THE-PARK

**MICK SCOTT** - Sun., April 19, 2-3 pm, HRNC. Mick will entertain you with his brand of bluegrass music.

**UNI GOSPEL CHOIR** - Sun., May 3, 2-3 pm, HRNC. Help ring in spring with the choir.

**CON BRIO CONCERT** - Sun., May 10, 2-3 pm, HRNC. Enjoy an afternoon of classical music with this woodwind quintet.

**SHARON ANWAY** - Sun., May 17, 2-3 pm, HRNC. An afternoon of classical and folk guitar.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**WOODCOCK DANCE** - Tues., April 7, 6:30-8:00 pm, HRNC. Witness a rite of spring as the male woodcock performs his unique aerial courtship dance. Call to register, \$1 fee.

**FROG SURVEY** - Tues., April 14 & May 12, 6:30-8:00 pm, HRNC. Participate in Iowa DNR's frog and toad survey. Spend an hour in the dark identifying amphibians by their calls! Call to register, \$1 fee.

**ARBOR DAY** - Sat., April 25, 8:30-noon, HRNC. Grab a shovel and help plant a tree in the new addition to HRNC. Call 277-2187 to register.

## EARTH FAIR 1992

Celebrate **Earth Day 1992**, Sun., April 26, 1-5 pm, at Hartman Reserve Nature Center. Activities for everyone include: canoeing, wildflower walks, bubble making, recycle art, paper making, fishing, pond exploring, orienteering, bird hikes, cherokee leaf printing, mask making and information booths. Bring a t-shirt or bandana to silkscreen. Artist **Brian Segers** will be signing art prints and "Spring!" t-shirts. Nationally known educator and musician, **Ron Cisar**, will perform **Earth Music** from 2-3 pm. Outstanding Earth Works projects will be on display. Please walk, bike or take the bus to save fuel and space in our parking lot!

## WANTED

### TRAIL PASS CHECKERS

Volunteers are needed to help check trail passes on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. You may volunteer for as little or as much time as you want. An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, at 7 pm at the Gilbertville Depot. For more information call Bert Hallewas at 266-6813.

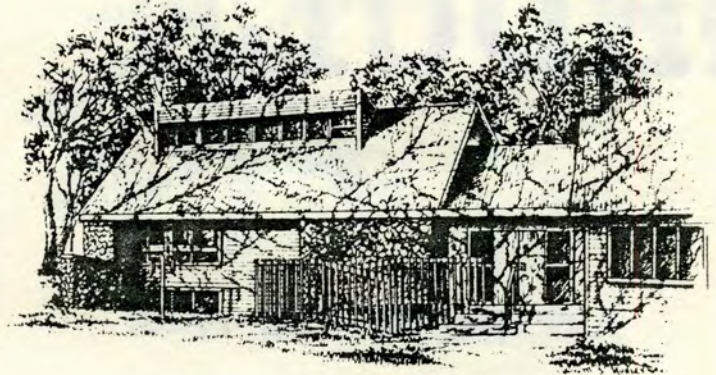


# RENT THE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

The Hartman Interpretive Center has the following unique features:

- \* **Large assembly room** able to seat 120 people
- \* **Small conference room** able to seat 12 people
- \* **Outside amphitheater** which seats 100 people
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- \* **Distinctive atmosphere:**
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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

by Leslie Smith, McElroy Grad. Student

Longer hours of daylight and warmer temperatures signal the return of spring. In years past, this meant it was time for the annual ritual of spring house cleaning. While these words may not produce a mental picture of a man on a ladder along a major highway, that's the picture that comes to Dean Rigdon's mind.

The return of spring means that it's time for this Jesup native to clean the wooden boxes he has hung on the back of highway signs; boxes that provide nesting sites for kestrels, North America's smallest falcon.

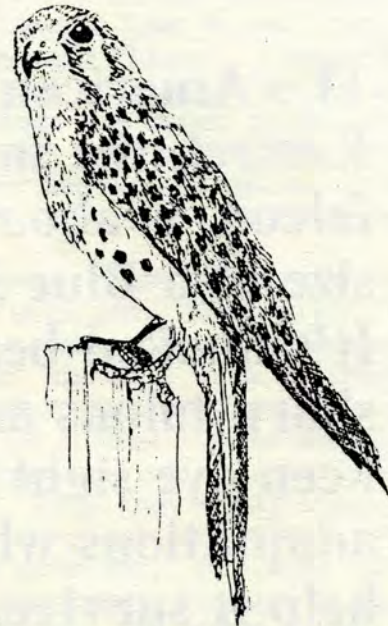
### Providing nesting habitat for kestrels has become a family activity in the Rigdon household.

Dean got the idea to place nesting boxes along highways five years ago from the Iowa Conservationist magazine. Together with Dave Conrads, who runs the McBride Raptor Center in Iowa City, they put out ten boxes.

Kestrels nest in the boxes for many reasons. They like open country, but need a place to land. The steel I-beams on the signs make a good place for them to perch. Near an overpass, updrafts are plentiful for them to ride as they fly out to hunt. Food is plentiful. Grassy ditches and farm fields yield an abundance of large insects and small mammals that make up the birds' diet. Although food is abundant, these same fields and ditches do not have the natural cavities where the birds prefer to build a nest. Wooden boxes make a great substitute.

Providing nesting habitat for kestrels has become a family activity in the Rigdon household. Four year old daughter Alesha "helps" Dean, while his wife, Ann, a science teacher at Waterloo's Columbus High School, recruits students to round out the crew.

Once a box is cleaned, wood chips are placed in it. The work doesn't end there, however. Each box is checked once or twice for starlings before nesting begins. If they have taken over, they are removed.



In 1991 seven of the ten boxes between Evansdale and Independence were used and 29 young Kestrels were banded. Yes, all of us can enjoy the sighting of a Kestrel along Highway 20 thanks to Dean Rigdon. He is truly making a difference.

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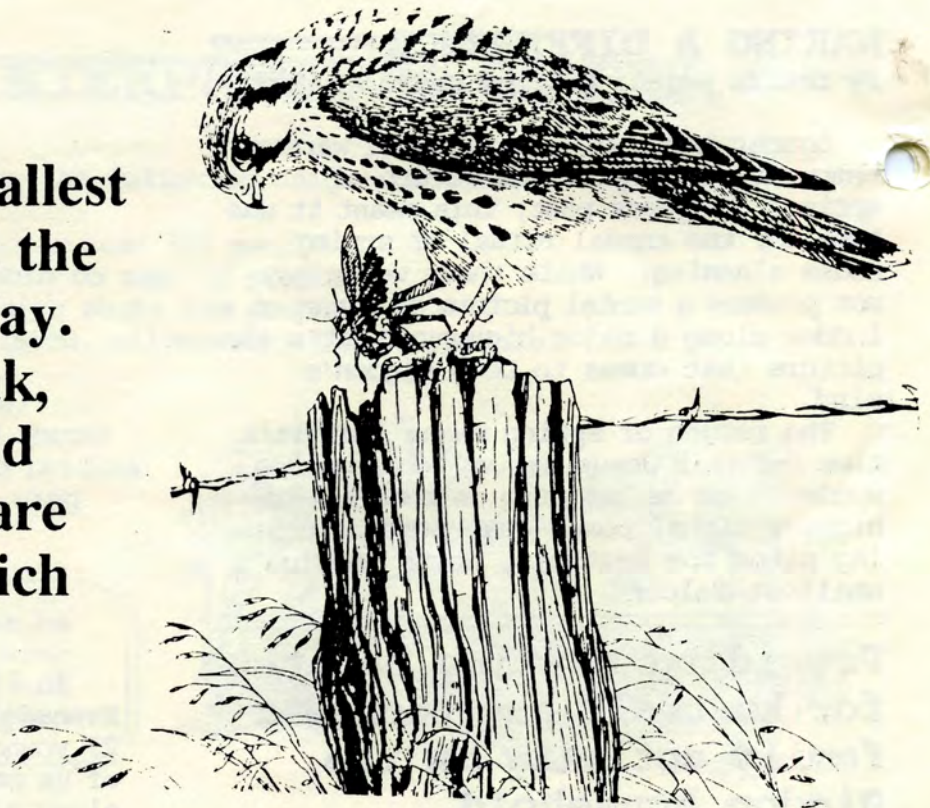
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The American Kestrel, the smallest falcon, is about the size of a Blue Jay. It's hooked beak, sharp talons and keen eye sight are adaptations which help it survive.

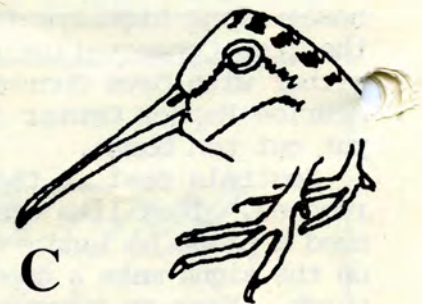


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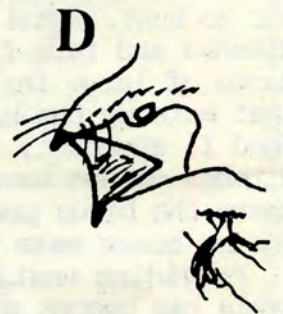
These Iowa birds are adapted to eat different things. You can tell what they eat by the kind of beak and feet they have. Match the letter of the bird beak and feet with the number for the type of food eaten.



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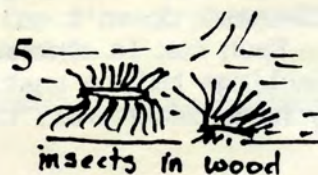
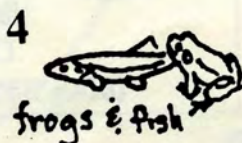
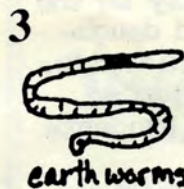
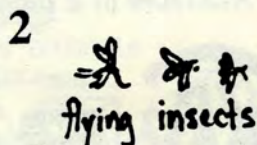
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## URBAN WILDLIFE

by Carol Haverkamp, Naturalist

Encounters between city dwellers and wildlife are not restricted to excursions into the forest or wilderness. With only a small amount of wild land left in the country, any tree, patch of grass, or yard may be the home of countless wild creatures. Many of the creatures that survive in an urban setting are able to do so because they are adapted to take advantage of the city habitat. It is relatively common to see raccoons, deer, ducks, woodchucks, skunk and other wildlife in a city.

Wild animals have no concept of property ownership. They move around to find food, water and shelter. Property damage may occur because of the adaptations of the animal involved. Woodchucks are burrowing animals who eat plants. Squirrels teeth are strong enough to chew through walnut shells. Woodpeckers search for insects in wood. Understanding and prevention are the key words when dealing with wildlife.

Whether wildlife is a problem or a

pleasure is all in our perception of things. "People have to be thinking when they do certain things," comments Tom Colvin of the Black Hawk Humane Society. "Big problems are brush piles, woodpiles and garbage." Woodpiles and brush piles are shelter for many animals. Bags of garage and loose trash are easy sources of food.

Most people find value in a relationship with wildlife. They enjoy "the antics of a squirrel, the drumming of a woodpecker, the call of a chickadee, the playfulness of a raccoon, or the gurgling cry of a crow. These vestiges of our wild heritage are things we need to treasure. Yet, inevitably wherever wildlife and people get close together, there are problems," explains the Pocket Guide to the Humane Control of Wildlife. "Unfortunately, the human world is closing in on the wildlife we hold so dear." People, insects, birds, mammals and all living things are part of a large web we call the Earth. When you understand that some birds eat lots of insects you can choose to make your yard attractive to birds instead of having a bug zapper in your yard.

### ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE LAWN CARE AVAILABLE THIS SPRING

As more citizens voice their legitimate concerns over the tremendous amounts of toxic chemicals used every year by homeowners in an attempt to obtain and maintain lush landscapes, one company has come to the forefront with a legitimate alternative.

AgRestore, Inc., the parent company of Harmony Lawn Service has spent many years developing and marketing agriculture products that meet the needs of organic growers all over the United States.

Further, their staff was the first to offer viable "step-down" programs for the chemical farmer as an alternative to quitting chemicals "cold-turkey".

AgRestore, Inc. has become a recognized expert in the area of biological soil fertility and has more recently brought their expertise to the horticulture arena under the Harmony Label.

Harmony products are available for the "do-it-yourself" homeowner; or for local residents, Harmony also offers a lawn care service where the products are applied by their own technicians. Either way, Harmony will come to your home, give you a free estimate and complete recommendations for self application or detailed information on the services they provide.

Harmony differs from other so called natural or organic lawn services/products in two important ways. First, they have a strong agricultural background where mistakes are not tolerated. Recommendations and products absolutely have to work. Livelihoods depend on it! Second, they have a long history of working with organic standards all over the United States and have developed an enviable reputation for supplying products that absolutely support biological soil activity. Many products available to homeowners that are labeled natural or organic do not meet that basic requirement. For example, there are a number of products labeled natural or organic that contain Muriate of Potash. "For a lot of reasons, muriate is not considered an acceptable potash source in organic certification. However, because it is cheap, many companies use it anyway. We simply will not compromise our principles in that way. There are many other examples of this type of mentality", says Harmony president, Paul Homan.

For further information about Harmony products or services call their office at 319 233-6607 or write to P.O. Box 846, Waterloo, Iowa 50704.

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#### HISTORY AND PURPOSE

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board (BHCCB) was authorized by the people of the county at the general election in 1956, for the purpose of purchasing and developing land for parks, hunting and fishing access and other recreational use within the county. Currently the BHCCB manages over 6,000 acres of land in Black Hawk, Buchanan and Tama counties.

#### BOARD MEETINGS

The Black Hawk County Conservation Board meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome. The Board is scheduled to meet at 7:00 pm on Apr. 2, May 7 and June 4. Please note, these dates are subject to change.

#### SPECIAL THANKS

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#### INFORMATION

**Black Hawk Park**  
2410 W. Lone Tree Rd.  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-6813  
Hours: M-F, 8 am to 4:30 pm

**Hartman Reserve  
Nature Center**  
657 Reserve Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 277-2187

Hours: M-F, 8 am to 4:30 pm  
Sundays, 1 to 5 pm  
(when programs scheduled)  
Closed: Saturdays &  
major holidays  
Trails: open everyday  
sunrise to sunset.

Located at the intersection  
of Greenwood Ave. and  
Timber Dr. in Cedar Falls.

#### NEWSLETTER FUND

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Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

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