

**Benton County Conservation Board ~ 319-472-4942**

**Building Better Birders Workshop**

1) Friday, January 20th, 2023

Location: Benton County Nature Center, 5718 20th Ave. Dr., Vinton, Iowa 52349

Time: 9 AM-3 PM (Come for as many or as few of sessions as you would like!)

Schedule:

9 AM –9:15 AM Welcome and Introductions with Benton County Conservation

Session 1: 9:15 AM-10:45 AM “Introduction to Birds of Iowa: Part 2 Passerines”

Presentation at Benton County Nature Center.

10:45 AM-11 AM Break

Session 2: 11 AM-12:30 PM Bird Hike at Benton County Nature Center

12:30 PM-1:15 PM Lunch Break

Session 3: 1:15 PM-1:45 PM Backyard Bird Count Discussion with Benton County Conservation.

Session 4: 1:45 PM –2:45 PM Build Your Own Bird Feeder with Benton County Conservation.

2:45 PM –3 PM Questions and Wrap Up.

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2) Thursday, September 14th, 2023

Location: Hannen Lake Park, 1949 Benton-Iowa Road, Blairstown, Iowa 52209 Beautiful  
Plaines Prairie Park, located at the intersection of 7th Ave. (HWY 21) and 1st Street,  
Belle Plaine, Iowa 52208 Various Wetland Areas along the Iowa River.

Time: 7 AM-2:45 PM (Come for as many or as few of sessions as you would like!)

Schedule:

Session 1: 7 AM-10 AM Bird Hike at Hannen Lake Park.

10 AM-10:15 AM Break

10:15 AM-10:30 AM Commute to Beautiful Plainses Prairie Park.

Session 2: 10:30 AM-Noon Bird Hike at Beautiful Plainses Prairie Park.

Noon–1 PM Lunch Break

1 PM –1:15 PM Commute from Beautiful Plainses Prairie Park to Iowa River Wetland  
Areas.

Session 3: 1:15 PM –2:45 PM Bird Hike at Iowa River Wetland Areas.

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3) Saturday, April 13th, 2024

Location: Benton County Nature Center, 5718 20th Ave. Dr., Vinton, Iowa 52349 Edna Shain Fen and Wildlife Area, 2053 54th St., Mt. Auburn, Iowa 52313

Time: 7 AM-3 PM (Come for as many or as few of sessions as you would like!)

Schedule:

7 AM –7:15 AM Commute from Benton County Nature Center to Edna Shain Fen and Wildlife Area

Session 1: 7:15 AM-9:15 AM Bird Hike at Edna Shain Fen and Wildlife Area.

9:15 AM-9:45 AM Commute to Benton County Nature Center and Break.

Session 2: 9:45 AM-11:15 AM “Wetland Birds of Iowa” Presentation at Benton County Nature Center

11:15 AM-11:30 AM Break

Session 3: 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Build Your Own Bluebird Box with Benton County Conservation at Benton County Nature Center.

12:30 PM –1:30 PM Lunch Break

Session 4: 1:30 PM –3 PM Bird Hike at Benton County Nature Center

**THANK YOU**