



## IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Birding Sites in Black Hawk County

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### Alice Wyth Lake, George Wyth S.P.

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.531365847571,-92.4226999282837

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In Waterloo, Black Hawk Co. The park is along U.S. 218 just east of its meeting with Hwy. 58, on the north edge of the Cedar Falls-Waterloo area. U.S. 218 is well-marked for finding the park. Once in the park, turn left and follow the road as it skirts the first lake (George Wyth) and continue as far west as possible including eventually a sharp curve leftward, taking you back east. During this curve, look for the sign to Alice Wyth lake on your right. Follow that road to its end.

**Amenities:**

### Beaver Valley Wetlands (eBird Hotspot)

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.5771652,-92.4951839

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** just northwest of Cedar Falls in Blackhawk Co. The wetland is at the intersection of T-75 and C-67, both seen on the state highway map.

**Amenities:**

### Black Hawk Park (eBird Hotspot)

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.5631958,-92.4823952

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**

### Cedar Hills Sand Prairie (Nature Conservancy) (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.5969446,-92.5515747

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**

### Fisher Lake, George Wyth S.P.

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.5348523661547,-92.4182367324829

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In Waterloo, Black Hawk Co. The park is along U.S. 218 just east of its meeting with Hwy. 58, on the north edge of the Cedar Falls-Waterloo area. U.S. 218 is well-marked for finding the park. Once in the park, turn left and follow the road as it skirts the first lake and continue west until you are paralleling the long, narrow Fisher Lake on your left. There are several parking areas here. Continue west, eventually following a sharp curve leftward, taking you back east. This affords more viewing of Fisher Lake.

**Amenities:**

### **George Wyth S.P., Northern Saw-whet Owl**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.5331522270058,-92.4176493287086

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In Waterloo, Black Hawk Co. The park is along U.S. 218 just east of its meeting with Hwy. 58, on the north edge of the Cedar Falls-Waterloo area. U.S. 218 is well-marked for finding the park. Once in the park, turn left and follow the road as it skirts the first lake and continue as far west as possible including eventually a sharp curve leftward, taking you back east. Follow this road to its end at the shelter. Next walk the trail through the birdfeeder area, which is just beyond the shelter from its left side. Take a short left at the crosspath you come to and then a right at the next crosspath, and begin to look for cedars on the left side, some closer, some farther in. The owls have traditionally been in one of these groups along the trail.

**Amenities:**

### **George Wyth SP (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.5339827,-92.4022293

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In Waterloo, Black Hawk Co. The park is along U.S. 218 just east of its meeting with Hwy. 58, on the north edge of the Cedar Falls-Waterloo area. U.S. 218 is well-marked for finding the park. See separate entries for Alice Wyth Lake, Fisher Lake, George Wyth Lake, and "George Wyth S.P., Northern Saw-whet Owl."

**Amenities:**

### **George Wyth SP (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.5339827,-92.4022293

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In Waterloo, Black Hawk Co. The park is along U.S. 218 just east of its meeting with Hwy. 58, on the north edge of the Cedar Falls-Waterloo area. U.S. 218 is well-marked for finding the park. Upon entering, George Wyth is the first lake in front of you. The road left, which skirts the lake, leads to more viewing spots.

**Amenities:**

#### **Hartman Reserve--Nature Center (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.5231983,-92.4138272

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In the city of Cedar Falls: Take Rainbow Dr. to Edwards Ave. and turn north. At the intersection with Greenwood Ave, turn east. At the intersection with Reserve Dr, turn north again, and you are at the park.

**Amenities:**

#### **Hartman Reserve--Prairie Overlook (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.5264675,-92.4135522

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**

#### **Prairie Lakes Park, Cedar Falls (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.479,-92.46

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**

#### **University of Northern Iowa campus (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 42.5153854574561,-92.4633407592773

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In Cedar Falls, off University Ave.

**Amenities:**