



## **IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Birding Sites in Howard County**

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### **Hayden Prairie State Preserve (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 43.4379631,-92.3819733

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** State

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**

### **Heart Pond WA**

**GPS Coordinates:** 43.2389742176296,-92.4588489549933

**Ownership:** County

**Description:** 249 acres pure natural area with small pond.

**Habitat:** Open prairie leads to a small wooded area with an 8-acre lake.

**Directions:** Southwest of city of Elma. Access is off B17 on the west edge of town.

**Amenities:** Parking |

### **Lake Hendricks (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 43.3694564053372,-92.548280954361

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** County

**Description:** 234 acres including lake, woodland, stream and edge habitat.

**Habitat:** Upland streams drain into L Hendricks from the north, passing through forested woodlands and restored prairie-pothole habitat.

**Directions:** Less than 1 mile north of Riceville, on the Howard County side of Addison Avenue (T68).

**Public Hunting Area**

**Amenities:** Restrooms | Drinking Water | Parking | Trails | Camping |

### **Lylah's Marsh (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 43.2863475059266,-92.4678683280945

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:** 155 acres. Shallow lake with adjacent picnic area.

**Habitat:** Primarily shallow lake with rushes and low edge habitat on north side. Scrubby evergreen habitat exists on the other three sides, shielding the property from surrounding agricultural fields. The start of the Wapsipinicon River is here.

**Directions:** Northwest of city of Elma. Access is off 170th Street, 1 mile west of V18.

**Amenities:** Restrooms | Parking | Trails |

## **Mullen WA**

**GPS Coordinates:** 43.36,-92.21

**Ownership:** County

**Description:** 141 acres of pure wildlife area.

**Habitat:** Diverse. Semi-open brushy habitat adjacent to small lake extends to prairie on northeast side, and also on far southwest side.

**Directions:** SE corner of Hiway 9 and V46.

**Public Hunting Area**

**Amenities:** Parking | Trails |