



## IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION - Birding Sites in Johnson County

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### Babcock Access (eBird Hotspot)

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7839530715082,-91.7002201080322

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** State

**Description:** Boat ramp into Hawkeye WMA, but the fields on the way in and the trees can be good.

Access and birding very much effected by water levels of the Coraville Reservoir

**Habitat:** Beyond a small wooded area at the turn off from Swan Lake Rd. The habitat is row crop, sheetwater or mudflat depending on the water levels in the reservoir. Either of those can be good for shorebirds or waterfowl. The old oxbow, Babcock Lake, is a narrow channel that sometimes contains interesting birds. The old parking lot at end of the old road has a good view of the flats, E towards Sand Point.

**Directions:** On the upper Coralville Reservoir, Hawkeye W.A., northwest Johnson Co. A few miles north of I-80, take the North Liberty/F-28 exit off I-380. Go west on F-28 about 3.5 miles to Greencastle Ave. Take Greencastle 1.5 miles north to Swan Lake Rd., just after a pond on your right. Turn right (east) on Swan Lake, a B-level road here, 0.8 mile to the Babcock entrance road on your left. Follow this to its end at a small parking area. Where the road turns left to the parking lot and boat ramp, an old road goes NE from this left turn and may be walked sometimes. This can also be accessed from Swan Lake, going W. The road is often in better shape coming from the E.

**Public Hunting Area**

**Amenities:** Parking |

### Ciha Fen Preserve (eBird Hotspot)

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.8301253,-91.3828306

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:** The 40 acres close to the parking lot is relatively pristine. The North 40 is more modified. From the parking lot, one trail loops North for a bit and then splits. The left branch goes above the fen to the sand prairie. The right branch goes near the fen and another wetland the then turns easterly toward a gate through the E-W fence which bisects the fen. Beyond the gate, the trail bears W across the bottom of the pasture.

**Habitat:** Woods and sand prairie and something which is more or less pasture [tall grass]. Very under birded

**Directions:** Ciha Fen, a recent Johnson County Conservation Board acquisition in the far NE corner of Johnson Co. It is an 80 acre property of botanical and geological interest, containing on of only 2 nutrient poor fens in the state of Iowa. It is underbirded. From Iowa City, take Hgw 1 n, through Solon, continuing ~1.5 mile 145th St. [or come S from Mt Vernon on Hgw 1 for 4.25 mile] Go East for 6.45 mile. The road appears to change names. You will come to and cross the new Sutliff Br. At this point Lisbon Road continue N and White Oak Ave goes S. Take White Oak Ave S, past Sutliff, for a total of 2.37 miles. Go E for a bit less than 1.5 miles. there will be assign, a small parking area and a gate on the N side of the

road. Do not block the gate on weekdays when the JCCB crews may need to get in. This is the SE corner of the property. The Ciha Fen property is divided roughly in half by an E-W fence. There is a gate at the W border to enter the N 40.

**Amenities:** Parking |

### **Coralville Lake (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7842396,-91.5842807

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** Federal - COE

**Description:** The Coralville Lake is a multiuse Flood Control reservoir above the Coralville Dam in North Liberty. Pool size is listed at 5280 acres, but water levels and pool size vary greatly depending on the Corps' plan and the vagaries of Mother Nature. In 1993 and 2008 water was backed up 20+ miles, nearly to the Amanas. About a 1/3 of the way through its length, Lake MacBride flows into the Coralville Lake. Beyond 965 the area of the Coralville Lake becomes Hawkeye WMA and is managed & owned by the DNR.

**Habitat:** Lake and surrounding forest. For much of the its length, the Coralville Lake is narrow,

**Directions:** The dam is located 4 miles N of Iowa City. There are numerous points of access to view the water, or to bird the woods around the reservoir. Directions for most are are below.

**Amenities:**

### **Coralville Lake--Dam (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7245276,-91.5288476

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** Federal - COE

**Description:** This site offers access to several viewing points for looking at the water, as well as access to the tailwater. The beach area provides viewing place for the water, once the summer hordes clear out. Once winter hits, the steep road to the beach is closed. Before this, it offers a roosting point for late gulls. There are roads which leads down to the Tailwater on both the E and E sides of the outflow. The West Tailwater access affords a nice few down stream.

<http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Portals/48/docs/Recreation/ODC/AllTrails2013.pdf> leads to a map of the trails.

**Habitat:** Open water and forest. Directly opposite the Headquarters, one can find the Veterans Trail -- a fully accessible trail that loops a short distance through the woods. It leads to a bird blind. One the East side a group of trails lead into the forest. Best is the Woodpecker Trail.

**Directions:** South of North Liberty in Johnson Co. ABOVE THE DAM(beach): Two miles north of I-80 along Dubuque St. (an Iowa City exit), or 2.5 miles south of North Liberty along Dubuque St., look for the Army Corps of Engineers sign to the dam on the east. From there follow the signs for the beach area.

**MORE VIEWING:** At one point you have a choice of heading toward the beach/dam area (right) or the campground (left); the campground also affords viewing of the reservoir.

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

**Coralville Lake--Hoosier Creek (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.8215594,-91.5674908

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** from the Swisher/Shueyville exit of I380, take CR F12 east about 5 miles until it ends at CR W6E or Ely Rd. Go south on Ely Rd about a mile, then turn right on 140th St. Go west on 140th St .5 miles to a gravel field driveway on the north side of the road. Just NW of the ATV Park there and walk North Northeast about 250 paces to a large oval shaped semi open area surrounded by large willows with dense green ground cover about 12 to 18 inches high and a half inch of standing water.

**Amenities:**

**Coralville Lake--Sandy Beach Public Use Area (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.8146981,-91.5930176

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** On the lower Coralville Reservoir north of North Liberty in Johnson Co. Take the Shueyville exit east off I-380. After about a mile turn south on Sandy Beach Rd. in Shueyville and follow this winding road, paying attention to the signs, a little more than four miles to viewing of the reservoir.

**Amenities:**

**Coralville Lake--Scales Pointe (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.8039822,-91.5899062

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** access the area from the opposite side of the water (opposite from Sandy Beach) by taking highway 965 north out of North Liberty, turn right at the sign to Scales Point, follow the road toward Scales Point until the road takes a 90-degree turn to the right and there is a small parking lot with a gate. Park there, walk through the woods down to the water's edge and follow the shoreline until you find where the shorebirds are feeding.

**Amenities:**

**Coralville Lake--Squire Point Trail (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7299137,-91.5555096

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** Federal - COE

**Description:** A cluster of trails which connects to the trail system at the dam. Early in the Spring, Ceruleans Warblers can be found near the parking lot.

**Habitat:** Forest and if you walk far enough the lake.

**Directions:** East of Dubuque, 0.9 mile North of the West Overlook Rd and 1.8 m S of North Libery.

**Amenities:** Parking | Trails |

### **Coralville Lake--Twin View Heights (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.8157651,-91.5773279

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**

### **Coralville Reservoir (Highway 965 viewing)**

**GPS Coordinates:** ,

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** the bridge area of W60 (Hwy. 965).

**Amenities:**

### **Cottage Reserve Woods**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7962720299843,-91.5593504905701

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** At Lake Macbride, north of North Liberty in Johnson Co. Follow F-28 off I-380 into and through North Liberty. Turn north at Front St. in North Liberty and continue following F-28 about 4.5 miles to Cottage Reserve Rd., just over the causeway. Turn left on Cottage Reserve, and then take the next left and follow this road to Cottage Reserve Woods at its end, at the boat launch. There is a short lane on your right leading to the woods trail.

**Amenities:**

### **Curtis Bridge Rd. and boat ramp (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.8070851640769,-91.6458249092102

**Ownership:** Multiple

**Description:** This provides access to one of the few late season ice free areas where the reservoir as the reservoir is narrow at this point. Above the entrance road to the marina, there is a steep road, beyond

a gate that leads to an area which was formerly a COE picnic area. There is a small prairie surrounded by oak trees [mostly]. At the top of the hill you are on a high bluff above the reservoir.

**Habitat:** The bulk of the land immediately adjoining the reservoir is managed by the Corps of Engineers. Mid-River Marina is privately managed.

**Directions:** North of North Liberty at the lower Coralville Reservoir in Johnson Co. VIEWING ACROSS FROM MARINA: 0.9 mile S of where Hwy. 965 from where it crosses I-380, take Meadow Rd. to the east. There is a very short distance until Curtis Bridge Rd goes off to your left. [the First Left]. Drive a short distance and park. You walk down to the Lake. In the winter, you can drive almost to the water. This is a working marina so please respect the private property. CURTIS BRIDGE BOAT RAMP: 0.3 south of where Hwy. 965 from crosses I-380, take Curtis Bridge Rd. to the east. Follow the road 3/4 of a mile, including an initial sharp left turn, to its end at the water.

**Amenities:** Parking |

### **F.W. Kent County Park (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7309318,-91.7271904

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**

### **Frytown Conservation**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.5839278156627,-91.7124778032303

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In southwest Johnson Co. Take Hwy. 1 about eight miles west from U.S. 218 near Iowa City. The parking lot is on the north side right where Hwy. 1 bends due south. The basic walk is a wide trail that simply goes straight north into the park, ultimately to a tract of woods. In the woods you eventually come to a bridge at a stream; along the woods walk there are side spurs on the right worth walking. There are another couple of trails across the bridge and to the right which are less neatly defined.

**Amenities:**

### **Goose Lake (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7585921,-91.6336654

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:** Goose L is in underbirded but sometimes has mixed waterfowl. It is a 10 acre pond [in a 30 acre Open Space]

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** It is located in the north W half of the rectangle bounded by 240th St [north], Kansas Ave

and the Heartland Express facility [west], Alexander Way [east] and Nick Dr on the S. Coming into N Liberty from the I 380 on F 28/Penn St, turn N on Kansas, drive a short distance to Nick Dr [**Amenities:**

#### **Hawkeye WMA (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.80105,-91.68908

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**

#### **Hawkeye WMA--Amana Rd (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.8025364,-91.7040194

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**

#### **Hawkeye WMA--Babcock (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.78878,-91.69598

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**

#### **Hawkeye WMA--Big Bend Area (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7787367991648,-91.8117570877075

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** This access road runs north from Grabin Road, between Cemetery Rd. and Alpine Rd. Grabin runs along the south side of the Hawkeye WA and also goes by Williams Prairie.

**Amenities:**

#### **Hawkeye WMA--Greencastle Causeway (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7856491,-91.7148972

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** At Coralville Reservoir, Hawkeye W.A., in northwest Johnson Co. A few miles north of I-80, take the North Liberty/F-28 exit off I-380. Go west on F-28 about 3.5 miles to Greencastle Ave. Take Greencastle two miles north, crossing Swan Lake Rd. just after a pond on your right, until you're on the dike. **SHOREBIRDS:** In season there is usually a population or two that can be scoped from the road, to the east. Depending on conditions, you can often leave the road and walk east for a stretch to see more pockets of shorebirds--start just north of the inlet that reaches to the road. Also, with correct water levels on the west side, shorebirds often congregate along the far shore of the bay to your right. You can walk closer to them along the north shoreline, and a little farther west through the grass here is a second inlet with shorebird habitat. In all cases, boots are recommended.

**Amenities:**

#### **Hawkeye WMA--Gunclub Ponds (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7723999,-91.7151117

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In Hawkeye W.A. in northwest Johnson Co. Two fairly small wetlands straddle Greencastle Ave. directly south of Swan Lake Rd. The east side is always an open pond, and the west side is a grassy marsh with little or no open water. A few miles north of I-80, take the North Liberty/F-28 exit off I-380. Go west on F-28 about 3.5 miles to Greencastle Ave. Take Greencastle 1.5 miles north to the ponds.

**Amenities:**

#### **Hawkeye WMA--Hanging Rock Woods (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.8038862,-91.7854071

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**

#### **Hawkeye WMA--James Avenue NW (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7891049,-91.6544724

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:****Habitat:**

**Directions:** At the upper Coralville Reservoir in Hawkeye W.A., northwest Johnson Co. A few miles north of I-80, take the North Liberty/F-28 exit off I-380. Go west on F-28 to the first road, James Ave., and take this north 2.5 miles, including a very slight jog to the right at Swan Lake Rd., until it makes a sharp right turn. Park along here and walk the dirt lane, starting at the "Refuge Now Open" sign, west toward the reservoir. The shoreline can also be approached at the end of James, by continuing another mile.

**Amenities:****Hawkeye WMA--Matson Pond (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7837814,-91.7773889

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** State

**Description:****Habitat:****Directions:****Amenities:****Hawkeye WMA--Round Pond (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7724639,-91.7391872

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:****Habitat:**

**Directions:** From I-380, turn west on F-28 until you get to Greencastle Ave. Go north on Greencastle and turn west at the first 4-way intersection. This intersection is near the Gun Club Ponds. Go west and Round Pond will be on the north side just past the power lines.

**Amenities:****Hawkeye WMA--Sand Point (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7893,-91.67542

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:****Habitat:**

**Directions:** In Hawkeye W.A., northwest Johnson Co., on the upper Coralville Reservoir. A few miles north of I-80, take the North Liberty/F-28 exit off I-380. Go west on F-28 to the first road, James Ave., and take this 1.5 miles north to Swan Lake Rd. Go west on Swan Lake one mile to the Sand Point parking area lane, across from Swan Lake itself. It's a 15- or 20-minute walk out to Sand Point.

**Amenities:**



**Hawkeye WMA--Swan Lake (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.776111,-91.676892

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In Swan Lake S.P., at the southeast edge of Carroll in central Carroll Co.

**Amenities:**

**Hickory Hill Park (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.6704755,-91.5086889

**Ownership:** City

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In Iowa City. The park is entered on Conklin Ave., to the left of St. Joseph's Cemetery along N. Dodge. St., across from the Hy-Vee, northeast part of town, and about one mile off the Dodge St./Hwy. 1 exit from I-80. A detailed map of Hickory Hill Park's trails is found at:

<http://www.jccniowa.org/~icbc/hhp/hhp2x10in100k.jpg>

**Amenities:** Trails |

**Iowa City City Park (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.6739639,-91.5391887

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** in Iowa City. The park is off Park Rd., which is the first light coming in from the Dubuque St. exit off I-80. The park is visible across the river from Dubuque St

**Amenities:**

**Lake Macbride SP (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7997828,-91.5556423

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**

**Lake Macbride SP -- Cottage Reserve area**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7964000067375,-91.5596401691437

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** North of North Liberty in Johnson Co. Follow F-28 off I-380 into and through North Liberty. Turn north at Front St. in North Liberty and continue following F-28 about 4.5 miles to Cottage Reserve Rd., just over the causeway. Turn left on Cottage Reserve, proceed and then take the first right. Follow this road all the way around to the boat launch on the lake. See also Lake Macbride, north arm, Opie Rd.

**Amenities:**

### **Lake Macbride--North Arm (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.8051018,-91.5487289

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** On the north shore of the north arm of Lake Macbride, northern Johnson Co. Out of Solon, from Hwy. 1, take Hwy. 382 a little more than three miles west to Opie Rd. on your left. This is just over a half mile west from Ely Rd./W6E if coming from the north. Follow Opie Rd. south one half mile to a parking lot at the water; there is also a boat ramp with parking a couple of hundred yards west from here.

**Amenities:**

### **Lake McBride (Twin View Heights)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.8161253668877,-91.5754732489586

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** From Solon, on US 1 turn west in center of town on Main Street which becomes Ely Road outside of town. At the fork stay left and continue past the golf course on the right to Twin View Heights housing development. Enter at the gate, stay right on Meadow, pass the pond staying right to the intersection of Lakeside and Wildwood. Here a road goes north (right) between two houses. Pavement ends shortly. Dirt road leads to a fork. Either way leads to a parking area.

**Amenities:**

### **Macbride Nature Recreation Area (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7850731,-91.5714741

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**

**Matson Pond**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7849770751453,-91.7802357673645

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:** L1650227

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** from exit #4 off I-380. Proceed west on F-28 about 7 3/4 mi. Go right on gravel Cemetery Rd. Follow Cemetery Rd. about one mile. Turn right on Swan Lake Rd. This is not marked as such, but there is a small sign that says " Wildlife Restoration." Proceed about one mile to a 'T' intersection. Go right about 1/4 mile to a parking lot on the right. Walk west ( right ) down into a vegetated swale and follow to the pond.

**Amenities:**

**Oakland Cemetery (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.6706498,-91.5197252

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**

**Redbird Farms WA (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.6148693,-91.7162126

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In southwest Johnson Co. From U.S. 218 near Iowa City take Hwy. 1 west less than four miles to F-52/Black Diamond Rd., on your right. Take F-52 about 3.5 miles west to the Redbird parking area on your right, just past Hazelwood Ave. Across the road is a field tract, which is also part of Redbird. Shortly south of the parking area there, along the trail, is a marshy pond which can be productive when wet.

**Amenities:**

**Solon-Lake Macbride Bike Trail**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.8064773735818,-91.5042364597321

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** Just west of Solon in northeast Johnson Co. IF COMING FROM HWY.1 - turn west on Hwy. 382, Main St. in Solon, and follow it west to the west edge of town, where there is a fork. At this point follow Main St. slightly to the left, rather than 382 slightly to the right. Quickly come to a T-intersection, Chabal St., and turn left (south). Come soon to another T-intersection, Sovers St., and turn right (west). The trailhead is at the first bend left (south), where there is a church in front of you, and a high school field to the right. IF COMING FROM NORTH OF LAKE MACBRIDE and west of Solon along Hwy. 382, look for Chabal St. on your right just at the west edge of Solon; then as above. IF COMING FROM THE LAKE MACBRIDE AREA - take Mahaffey Bridge Rd. north to 180th St., and then take 180th east (right), along the south shore of the lake's north arm, 1.7 miles to Racine Rd. Turn left (north) on Racine, and the trailhead is at the first bend to the right, where the church is.

**Amenities:**

### **Sugar Bottom WA (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7560747,-91.5574837

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In the lower Coralville Reservoir area, northeast of North Liberty in Johnson Co. Follow F-28 off I-380 into and almost through North Liberty. Turn north at Front St. and continue following F-28 about three miles to the Sugar Bottom entrance, immediately past the first causeway and on your right. There is often gull viewing on the reservoir at the campground's beach area, when it is open.

**Amenities:**

### **Swan Lake Woods (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.77720063809,-91.6742563247681

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In Hawkeye W.A., northwest Johnson Co. A few miles north of I-80, take the North Liberty/F-28 exit off I-380. Go west on F-28 to the first road, James Ave., and take this 1.5 miles north to Swan Lake Rd. Go west on Swan Lake one mile to the Sand Point parking area lane, across from Swan Lake itself, on the north side. The woods along this lane and the general area around the parking lot are locally referred to as "Swan Lake Woods."

**Amenities:**

**Swan Lake, Hawkeye W.A. (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.7748643225884,-91.6774320602417

**Has Site Guide**

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In Hawkeye W.A. in northwest Johnson Co. A few miles north of I-80, take the North Liberty/F-28 exit off I-380. Go west on F-28 to the first road, James Ave., and take this 1.5 miles north to Swan Lake Rd. Go west on Swan Lake one mile to the lake.

**Amenities:**

**Sycamore Bottoms (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.618009,-91.4974022

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** At the south edge of Iowa City is the major intersection of Gilbert and U.S. 6, just east of the Iowa River. Turn south on Gilbert, away from downtown, and go about 1.5 miles to Sycamore St. on your left (east), at the south edge of the large body of water on your right. Go a little more than one half mile east on Sycamore until it bends sharply left. At this point, continue straight ahead on the paved drive, heading for the isolated apartment complex ahead. Park in the farthest east spaces of the apartments' lot. Sycamore Bottoms is to the southeast over the hill. Look for the grass path just off the parking lot.

**Amenities:**

**Terry Trueblood RA (eBird Hotspot) (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.6266067,-91.5283871

**Ownership:** City

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** Trueblood is a 150+ acre park in S Iowa City, between Gilbert St / Sand Rd and the Iowa River. It is just S of McCollister Blvd. It contains Sand Lake , a 95 acre former sand and gravel quarry. In season it is good for waterfowl, and the area between the river and lake is good for Eur. Tree Sparrows. Formerly it was known as Sand Lake, Sand Lake Park, the S&G Quarry.

**Amenities:**

**Tiffin Rest Area (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.6944176,-91.6810584

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** See "Sycamore Bottoms."

**Amenities:**

### **Tom's Pond**

**GPS Coordinates:** ,

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** See "Sycamore Bottoms."

**Amenities:**

### **Univ. of Iowa campus**

**GPS Coordinates:** ,

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** See "Sycamore Bottoms."

**Amenities:**

### **Upper Coralville Reservoir (Important Bird Area)**

**GPS Coordinates:** ,

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** See "Sycamore Bottoms."

**Amenities:**

### **Waterworks Prairie Park (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.6891824,-91.5495942

**Ownership:** None listed

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:** In Iowa City in Johnson County. Take the Dubuque ST exit off of I-80, about a mile west of the Iowa River. Go north a little over a half-mile on Dubuque ST towards the bridge over the river. Turn left (west) into the parking lot just before the bridge.

**Amenities:**

### **Williams Prairie State Preserve (eBird Hotspot)**

**GPS Coordinates:** 41.768367,-91.8005562

**Ownership:** County

**Description:**

**Habitat:**

**Directions:**

**Amenities:**