



# Nahant News

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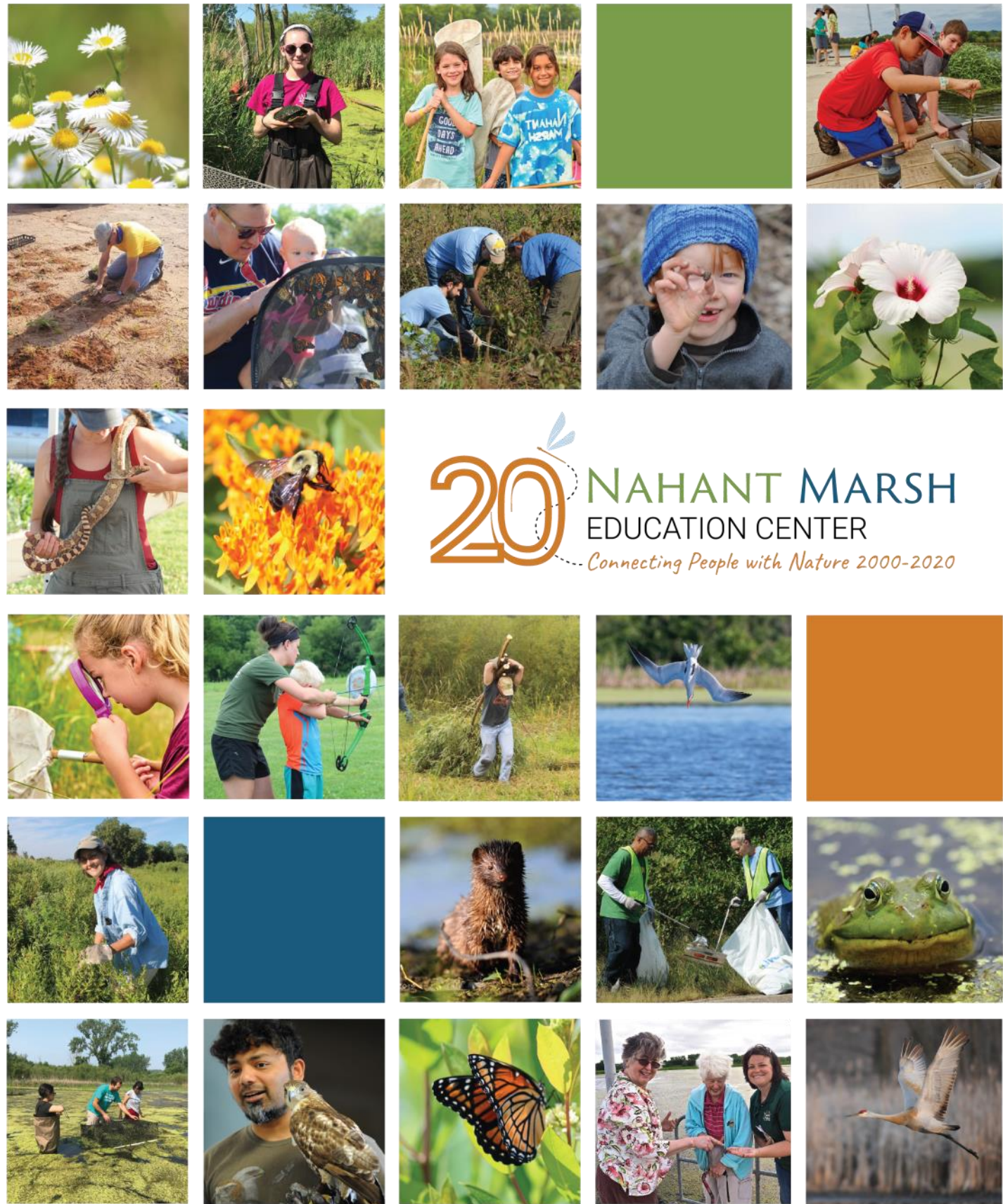
Natural Resources Technician I



Nahant Marsh preserve is one of the largest urban wetlands on the Upper Mississippi River. It is comprised of marshy areas, mesic, wet and sand prairie, and bottomland forest. A spring-fed quarry, known as Carp Lake, and the surrounding grounds are part of the Nahant Marsh preserve as well. The 305-acre preserve is owned by the City of Davenport and the Nahant Marsh Board, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Conservation and restoration efforts on the preserve are directed by the Nahant Board. The educational programming is overseen by Eastern Iowa Community Colleges (EICC). EICC's Advanced Technology Environmental Education Center (ATEEC) is also a critical part of Nahant Marsh.







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## LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR 20 MORE YEARS (AND BEYOND)

by Brian Ritter, *Executive Director*

On October 16, 2020, Nahant Marsh celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organization. During those 20 years, both the education program and the preserve have grown. To make sure that we continue to provide the best possible education and recreation experiences while protecting the marsh ecosystems, we have started to lay the groundwork for the next 20 years and beyond. The steps we take today will ensure that we have a resilient, healthy, and functional Nahant Marsh for us to enjoy now and in the future.

### Master Planning

In 1998, a master plan was developed for Nahant Marsh. Even though we have accomplished a great deal on what was conceived in this original plan, we were far overdue for an update. This past fall, we began work with our partners at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop a new comprehensive master plan. We will use feedback gathered from the community to create an overall plan to help us prioritize future recreational, educational, and natural resources projects. More details can be found at: <https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Rock-Island-District/Nahant-Marsh-Master-Plan/>.



Photo by J. Malake

### Land Restoration

During the past year, Nahant Marsh restored and enhanced wetlands and prairies on our newest 39-acre parcel. The parcel had consisted of 20 acres of farmland and 19 acres of degraded wetlands. We expanded the wetlands by about 8 acres and planted a prairie buffer around the rest. This project will provide more habitat, flood mitigation, and water filtration. Additionally, over 250 trees consisting of 18 different species were planted that will someday provide food, shelter, and shade for wildlife. Additionally, a 2-acre degraded patch of woods to the east of the education center was cleared and planted this fall and will soon be a diverse sandy savanna. If weather allows, we will be planting 1,000 trees on a 35-acre parcel this spring.

### Trails

Nahant Marsh staff has begun work on improving and expanding our trail network and accessibility. Work on the east trail should be completed by June 2021. Additionally, a new 1-mile trail on our 39-acre parcel will be open to the public by the end of 2021. As part of the master planning process, we will be exploring ways to create a trail loop around the marsh to create better connectivity with the river and other public trails.



Photo by J. Wiebler

### Education and Research

Recently, Eastern Iowa Community Colleges received a \$175,000 National Science Foundation grant that will allow Nahant Marsh to purchase scientific equipment. This equipment will allow us to expand our research and education efforts in the near future and will ultimately allow us to better understand and protect the plants and animals that live at the marsh.



*As Yogi Berra once said, "If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up somewhere else."*

## KEEP ON LEARNING

by Amy Loving, *Director of Education*

This unique year presented the education team with challenges, but we have been here before (remember the historic flood of 2019?!). The team is used to adapting and solving problems. This year presented a new problem, and we were determined to find safe and innovative ways to provide environmental education to the public. We learned many things along the way, like...

- How to set up a virtual classroom (and that lighting is important!)
- How to use equipment like microphones and headsets
- Sometimes, the turtles can be camera shy
- When shooting video in the marsh, one needs to wear chest waders
- How to edit videos
- How to work together while being distant
- Laughing uncontrollably for no reason is normal when shooting a video
- And much more...

Our team also took the time to polish up on skills like bird identification and botany. With partners like Spring Forward and the Davenport Library, we have distributed around 1,000 educational kits to students in the Quad Cities. Our team has also produced dozens of videos on natural phenomena that are used for social media and in classrooms. As the year comes to a close, it's nice to reflect on all the good that has come out of such a strange time. Our education team is now equipped with new skills that elevate our programs to the next level. Stay tuned for what 2021 will bring!





## NATURAL RESOURCE PROJECT UPDATE

by Kinsey Nielsen, *Natural Resource Manager*

The year 2020 has been busy for the natural resource crew! If you have hiked past the overlook on the East trail this year, you may have noticed that many trees and stumps were removed from the area next to the trail. We have a large ongoing restoration project that is finally close to being completed. This old, overgrown forest was filled with invasive mulberry trees and other undesirable plants. After years of brush removal, goat grazing, stump grinding, and tilling/harrowing the soil, we are ready to plant prairie seed in this almost 1.5-acre area. Many oak trees are planted in this area as well, with the ultimate goal being to turn this into a restored oak savanna habitat. This area will also include a new trail that will loop around the oak savanna, which will allow visitors to enjoy the restoration progress in the coming years. The trail is expected to be open to visitors in the spring of 2021.



Zach Strong uses a stump grinder to remove old stumps from the oak savanna restoration area on 7-17-2020. Photo by A. Nodurft.



Oak savanna ready for prairie seed 11-24-2020. Photo by K. Nielsen.



Aerial view of the oak savanna progress 8-18-2020. Photo by Z. Strong.

Other projects that have been worked on this year include removing trees/shrubs from the prairies, performing prescribed burns in select prairie areas, adding more prairie seed and native plant plugs to existing prairies, trail improvements, tree planting, derecho/storm cleanup, trash/tire removal, and of course pulling weeds by hand in many areas. We are thrilled with the progress that has been made, thanks to the hard work of both staff and volunteers, and look forward to what the future brings in the new year.



Top left: Intern Grace McKenzie removes shrubs from a prairie while Cheesecake the goat supervises on 6-23-2020. Photo by K. Nielsen.

Bottom left: Staff managing a prescribed burn at Nahant on 11-23-20. Photo by C. Shirk.

Above: Intern Zach Jacobsen plants a compass plant on 6-22-2020. Photo by K. Nielsen.

## DARK-EYED JUNCO

by Allison Nodurft, *AmeriCorps Educator*



Dark-eyed Juncos are one of the most common birds across North America. They are a medium-sized sparrow with a rounded head and a short and stout pink bill. Junco colors vary across the country; the ones in our region will be slate colored with a white belly and white underside on their long tail. Juncos are typically found hopping around on the forest floor in coniferous forests. They will also be on the ground hopping under your feeders. Juncos are primarily seed eaters, but they will also snack on insects. They are ground nesters and rarely reuse a nest. Some Dark-eyed Juncos live year round in the mountains, moving to higher elevations in the winter. Others will spend their breeding season in Canada and Alaska, migrating down to most of the United States. Dark-eyed Juncos also called “snowbirds” because they tend to show up when the winter sets in.



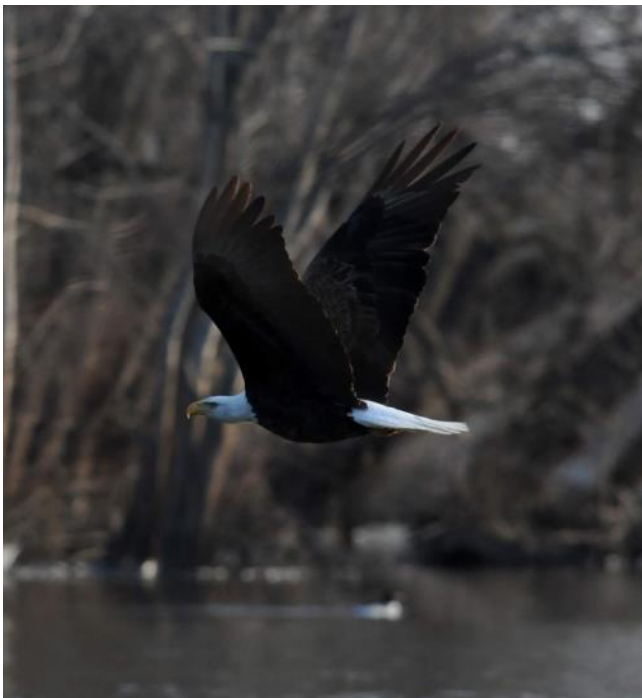
Photo by C. Shirk

## BIRDING WITH JIMMY

by Jimmy Wiebler, *AmeriCorps Educator*



We've completed another round of bird hikes, this year led by me, with AmeriCorps Naturalist EmiLee Novak also assisting in leading two hikes. Despite limitations of the pandemic, we had 36 participants and spent 15 hours hiking and birdwatching. We thank the Quad City Audubon Society for generously providing funds to purchase new binoculars for participants to use during our programs. Bird viewing was much more pleasurable for folks using our new optics! Species highlights include the following: Black Tern, Forster's Tern, Caspian Tern, Northern Harrier, Brown Creeper, Bald Eagle, Canvasback, and lots of Green-winged Teal! Stay tuned for upcoming bird hike dates in 2021.



Left: Bald Eagle. Top Right: Caspian Tern. Bottom Right: Green-winged Teal. Photos by J. Malake.





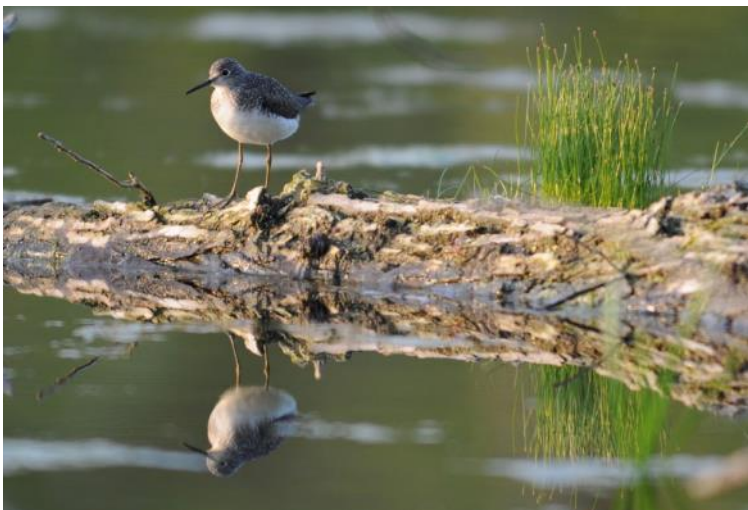
## BUILDING BETTER BIRDERS

by Kelly J. McKay, *Local Bird Expert*, Mark Roberts, *Environmental Education Director-Clinton County Conservation Board*, and Brian Ritter, *Executive Director of Nahant Marsh*

The statewide program “Building Better Birders and Citizen Scientists Workshops” was created based on two pilot programs, which occurred over a four-year period: “Beginning Birding Cruises” conducted at Rock Creek Park with Clinton County Conservation Board (2017-2020) and “Beginning Birding Tours” at Nahant Marsh with the Nahant Marsh Education Center (2018-2019). The objectives of these programs were to engage the public with nature, to get them involved with local conservation organizations and efforts, and to develop an active group of citizen scientists. Both programs were very successful and as a result were awarded the “2019 Ding Darling Environmental Education Award” and the “Outstanding Volunteer Award” by the Iowa Association of Naturalists and the Iowa Conservation Education Coalition.

With these two state awards in hand, we decided to apply for a REAP-CEP (Resource Enhancement And Protection-Conservation Education Program) grant in order to expand our successful experience with the two pilot programs across the state. As a result, we developed the “Building Better Birders and Citizen Scientists Workshops” which would be hosted by various county conservation boards across Iowa. Our workshops offered several types of programming that the counties could choose from, including birding hikes of various durations, bird identification presentations (i.e., digital field guides), and “public-friendly” avian research presentations. Furthermore, counties were encouraged to add their own programming within workshop sessions. Originally, we had contacted 54 county conservation boards to gauge the level of interest in our proposed workshop program. 53 of the counties were interested in hosting the workshops.

Photo by J. Malake.



In June 2019, our grant proposal was approved for funding by the REAP-CEP Committee. The grant will allow us to conduct 100 workshop sessions across Iowa from September 2020 through February 2022. We believed the best chance for achieving our goals was through repetition. Consequently, we gave preference to counties willing to host 4 workshop sessions. We also wanted to provide these workshops across the state. Therefore, we divided the state into five regions, with approximately 5 counties per region receiving the workshops. Due to personnel changes in some counties and Covid-19 restrictions in others, our distribution of counties was slightly altered. The Northeast Region was represented by Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clayton, Dubuque, Jackson, and Jones Counties, while the Southeast Region included Cedar, Clinton, Iowa, Jefferson, Muscatine, and Van Buren Counties. The Central Region involved Boone, Hardin, Marshall, and Warren Counties. The Southwestern Region was represented by Cass, Crawford, Decatur, Pottawattamie, and Ringgold Counties, while the Northwest Region included Buena Vista, Cerro Gordo, Palo Alto, Sioux, and Woodbury Counties. Assuming these workshops are a success, we hope to secure another REAP-CEP grant in the near future to accommodate interested counties which were not included in this grant.

During the 2020 Fall season, amidst the raging pandemic, we still managed to conduct 16 of the 17 workshop sessions that were scheduled. Only the workshop in Allamakee County had to be rescheduled. The 16 workshops which were held this fall, occurred in 14 counties between 5 September and 20 November. Of these workshop sessions, two each were held in Cedar and Jackson Counties, while 12 other counties (Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Clayton,



## BUILDING BETTER BIRDERS

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Clinton, Decatur, Dubuque, Jefferson, Muscatine, Palo Alto, Ringgold, Sioux, and Warren) each hosted their first workshops. During the fall workshop sessions, we conducted a total of 16 diurnal bird hikes, 4 owl prowls, 8 bird identification presentations, 4 research presentations, as well as 4 county-based programs.

During our bird hikes, we identified an amazing 145 cumulative species. Among these, some of the most noteworthy birds included:

- Trumpeter Swan
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Common Nighthawk
- Sandhill Crane
- Wilson's Snipe
- Franklin's Gull
- Common and Forster's Terns
- Osprey
- Northern Harrier
- Bald Eagle
- Red-shouldered and Broad-winged Hawks
- Long-eared and Northern Saw-whet Owls
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Merlin
- Peregrine Falcon
- Alder and Willow Flycatchers
- Blue-headed and Philadelphia Vireos
- Purple Martin
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Brown Creeper
- Winter Wren
- Veery
- Gray-cheeked and Wood Thrushes
- American Pipit
- Pine Siskin
- Fox and Lincoln's Sparrows
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Rusty Blackbird
- 22 species of warblers
- Summer and Scarlet Tanagers
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting

Overall, the first 16 workshops were attended by 384 total individuals, which resulted in 521 cumulative participants throughout all the individual workshop sessions. All data collected during the bird hikes were included in a fall seasonal report to the Iowa Ornithologists' Union. Therefore, all bird hike and owl prowl participants contributed to this citizen science effort. Consequently, these 16 workshops produced 194 citizen scientists! We are off to a good start, and looking forward to the remaining 84 workshop sessions.



## ANIMAL UPDATE

by Madeline Kull, *Natural Resource Technician I and Animal Caretaker*

The reptile room at Nahant Marsh has had an unusual quietness about it for almost a year now. Well, it's never *truly* quiet— from the hum and splash of the many filters, and the occasional loud crash of Rizzo the black rat snake toppling his hide from his shelf, there is always some noise filling the space of the animal room. However, the room has lacked one thing: the voices of the wonderful visitors that come to see the animal ambassadors throughout the year.



Top left: Pancake the Softshell turtle. Top right: Captain the Blanding's Turtle. Bottom left: Cucumber the Green Tree Frog. Bottom right: Rizzo the Black Rat Snake. Photos by M. Kull.

Due to the pandemic, the animals ambassadors have not had the opportunity to go out on outreach programs or be part of field trips and programs here at the Education Center. Some of the animals are enjoying their extended vacation, while others like Bob the three-toed box turtle are looking for any attention they can get!

Either way, the animals have been staying healthy and happy over the course of the pandemic with intimate care and as much attention as can be provided to them. Animal ambassador adoptions are still available on our website, and donations are extremely appreciated during this hard time. We all look forward to seeing our community as soon as it is safe to do so, including our animal ambassadors.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SATURDAY GUIDED HIKES

Join a naturalist for a guided hike along the trails at the marsh. Hikes are offered on the first Saturday of the month and give visitors an opportunity to experience the environmental changes as the plants and wildlife adapt to the seasons. Whether you are a regular visitor or first-timer, there is always something to learn and experience at the marsh.

February 6, March 6, April 3 from 9-10 a.m.

Cost: \$5 suggested donation

### BIRDING WITH JIMMY

Experienced and beginner birders will enjoy this series of exploring bird populations at Nahant Marsh lead by Jimmy Wiebler, AmeriCorps Environmental Educator. Each season brings in new visitors to the Marsh, and the hikes will allow you to learn more about bird identification and behavior. Hikes will take place on the fourth Saturday of each month beginning in May and ending in November.

March 27 from 8-10 a.m.

Cost: \$5 Members / \$10 Guests



### SPRING CLEANUP

Celebrate warmer weather by helping to spruce up Nahant Marsh during our annual cleanup. Projects will be both light and heavy duty. Gloves and bags will be provided. Volunteers will receive a T-shirt.

May 1 from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

To learn more and to register, visit [www.xstreamcleanup.org](http://www.xstreamcleanup.org).



*Due to COVID-19, the Education Center is CLOSED to the public until further notice. Select programming will be offered in-person on a scheduled basis. Other programming will be offered online. Please check our calendar and Facebook page for upcoming programs. Pre-registration is strongly recommended, either online at [www.nahantmarsh.org](http://www.nahantmarsh.org) or by phone at 563.336.3370.*

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

by Cassie Druhl, Volunteer Coordinator

Despite the Education Center being closed for much of the year, in addition to programs being canceled, our volunteers have continued to shine and provide much needed assistance to the Nahant staff with several projects! We would like to give special shout-outs to the following volunteers:

- \* Hank and Becky Hartman have spent over 100 hours removing willows from the prairie in front of the Education Center, weed pulling at the Clarke property, seed harvesting, and planting native plants.
- \* Julie Malake, Britt Vickstrom, and Kathy Lenaghan have sacrificed sleeping in on Saturday mornings to arrive at Nahant at the break of dawn to count various bird species and other wildlife seen at the marsh for our ongoing survey lists.
- \* Mark and Cindy Slater have helped nearly every week at volunteer projects including tree planting, seed harvesting, seeding cover crops, willow removal, mulching around trees, trail improvements, and seeding native prairie.
- \* Julie Malake, Jolinda Burr, Mona Druhl, Randy Hervey, Bob Bryant, Kathy Bowman, Curtis Lundy, and Britt Vickstrom participated in a special stakeholder meeting to provide volunteer feedback on Nahant's new master plan.

Thank you to these volunteers, as well as our other Friends members and volunteers, who have continued to support us and our mission to protect, enhance, and restore the Marsh through education, research, and conservation.

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## 2020 DONATIONS

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### 2020 DONATIONS (continued)

Modern Woodmen	Bird Shop	Russell Foundation Fund	Joe Stewart	Walcott Trust and Savings Bank
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Nina Pagluica	Sylvia Roba	Kevin Smith	US Adventure RV	Jonathan and Sarah Wilmshurst
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### 2020 HONORS & MEMORIALS

Patti Holmlund in memory of Ben  
 Mark Ackelson in memory of George W. Ackelson  
 Roland Caldwell in memory of Anne Corbi  
 Jane Cox in memory of SSG Nathan M. Cox  
 Paul Crosser in memory of Janet Crosser Jupin  
 Honey Bedell in memory of Melonee Docherty  
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 Steven Fenton in memory of Melonee Docherty  
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 Julie Plummer in memory of Melonee Docherty  
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 Mary Jane Krahl in memory of Tony Redpath  
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 Kelly Drumm-Janoski in memory of Donald W. Drumm  
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 Steve Kull in honor of Madeline Kull  
 John Pepke in memory of Frank G. Dexter III  
 Mary Figel in honor of Curtis Lundy  
 Susan Tate in honor of Curtis Lundy  
 Jason Moritz in honor of Mike and Pat Moritz  
 Nichollette Rider in honor of Kimberly Crest Veterinary Hospital Staff  
 Susan Thoreson in honor of Cal Werner

### 2020 ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

Nicolina's Turtle Co. adopted Picasso, Captain, Micheline, Ethel, Bob, Pancake, Squirtle, and Buddy  
 Cathy White adopted Captain and Squirtle  
 Marsha Loving adopted Sunny in honor of Bill Loving  
 Elizabeth VanCamp adopted Squirtle  
 Elizabeth Schramm adopted Rocky in memory of Shirley Horstmann  
 Cassie Druhl adopted Buddy  
 Mark and Lisa Cleve adopted Captain  
 Grammy Camp adopted Buddy in honor of Vinny, Alivia, Jayden, Michael, and Aliya  
 Patti Holmlund adopted Pancake  
 Terry Collins adopted Pancake  
 Rescued adopted Squirtle  
 Patty Gillette adopted Rizzo in honor of Guthrie, Laithe, Juniper, and Cort Hul

Mark and Cindy Slater adopted Ethel  
 Jane Cox adopted Sunny in honor of Aryanne Encarnacion-Cox  
 Joe and Sally Stewart adopted Pancake  
 Vince and Melissa Lamb adopted Bob in honor of Ambrose Kerr  
 Kody Craddick adopted Bob  
 Jo Nicholson adopted Captain  
 Lee Ann Wille adopted Picasso in honor of the Rakus and Wille Families  
 Susan Schwartz adopted Squirtle in honor of the Schwartz kids  
 Jonathan Jeschke adopted Picasso in honor of Connie Jeschke  
 Robert Thompson adopted Bob in honor of Judith Lee  
 Betsy Huston adopted Pancake in honor of Aletheia Hadjis  
 Betsy Huston adopted Micheline in honor of Adaira Hadjis



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### 2020 MEMBERSHIPS

Alexander Family	Candace Egger	Johnson Family	Paige Owings	Sharon Smith Family
Lynne Allison	Mark Fenner	Pam Kaufman	Barbara Palen	Amanda Smysor
Michael Angelos	Ferguson Family	Kay Family	Pepping Family	Stewart Family
Arter Family	Veronique Fernandez	Karen Kelly	Perry Family	Strickler Family
Bartels Family	Nancy Flaherty	Klecker Family	Pribyl Family	Austin Swanson
Basken Family	Fritz Family	Steve Kull	Ragheb Family	Swanson Family
Kristen Bergren	Gaydosh Family	Landaverde Family	Rita Rawson	Thode Family
Barbara Biggs	Goff Family	Lardner Family	Gail Rinkenberger	Thompson Family
Blott Family	Lynne Groskurth	Lee Family	Robbins Family	Thoreson Family
Bowden Family	Judith Guenther	Lenaghan Family	Rene Robinson	Van Fossen Family
Bernadene Bowles	Pat Halverson	Robert Loch	Russell Family	Britt Vickstrom
Bowman Family	Beth Harris	Lundy Family	Sadd Family	Walljasper Family
Heather Brady	Harrouff Family	Marmorine Family	Schermer Family	Patrick Wendt
Brown Family	Judy Hartley	Mayes Family	Schiltz Family	Ann Werner
Bulat Family	Hartman Family	Mac McDonald	David Schramm	Cal Werner Family
Carla Chapman	Heninger Family	Susan McPeters	Schubert Family	Cathy White
Colville Family	Faith Henricks	Cathy Meehan	Schumann Family	JoAnn Whitmore
Blake Connolly	Hervey Family	Kendra Mercer	Schwartz Family	Rich Wilker
Cook Family	Vered Holl	Leo Moench	Sisco Family	Wille Family
Cox Family	Hustedde Family	Morgan Family	Skalak Family	Wilmshurst Family
Rich Craddick	Betsy Huston	Timothy Murphy	Slater Family	Betty Wood
Paul Crosser	Iglehart Family	Lorrie Newman	Eileen Smith	Wooldridge Family
Marilyn Davis	Jackson Family	Nikulski Family	Logan Smith	
Pete Devlin	Johannsen Family	Pam Ohnemus	Lawrence Smith Family	

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## FALL NATURE NOOK

by Kelsi DeNoyer, Graduate Assistant

Welcome to the Nature Nook! This is a place where you can find tips to be more sustainable, interesting nature facts, new places to check out to get out in nature, and more; the only rule here is to be all about nature!

### Winter Tracks

*Winter snow is the perfect canvas for examining animal tracks. Use this guide to see what's been trekking through the snow!*

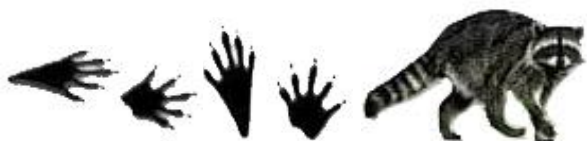
Cottontail Rabbit



White-tailed Deer



Raccoon



Opossum



Coyote



Muskrat



Red Fox



Mink



Bobcat

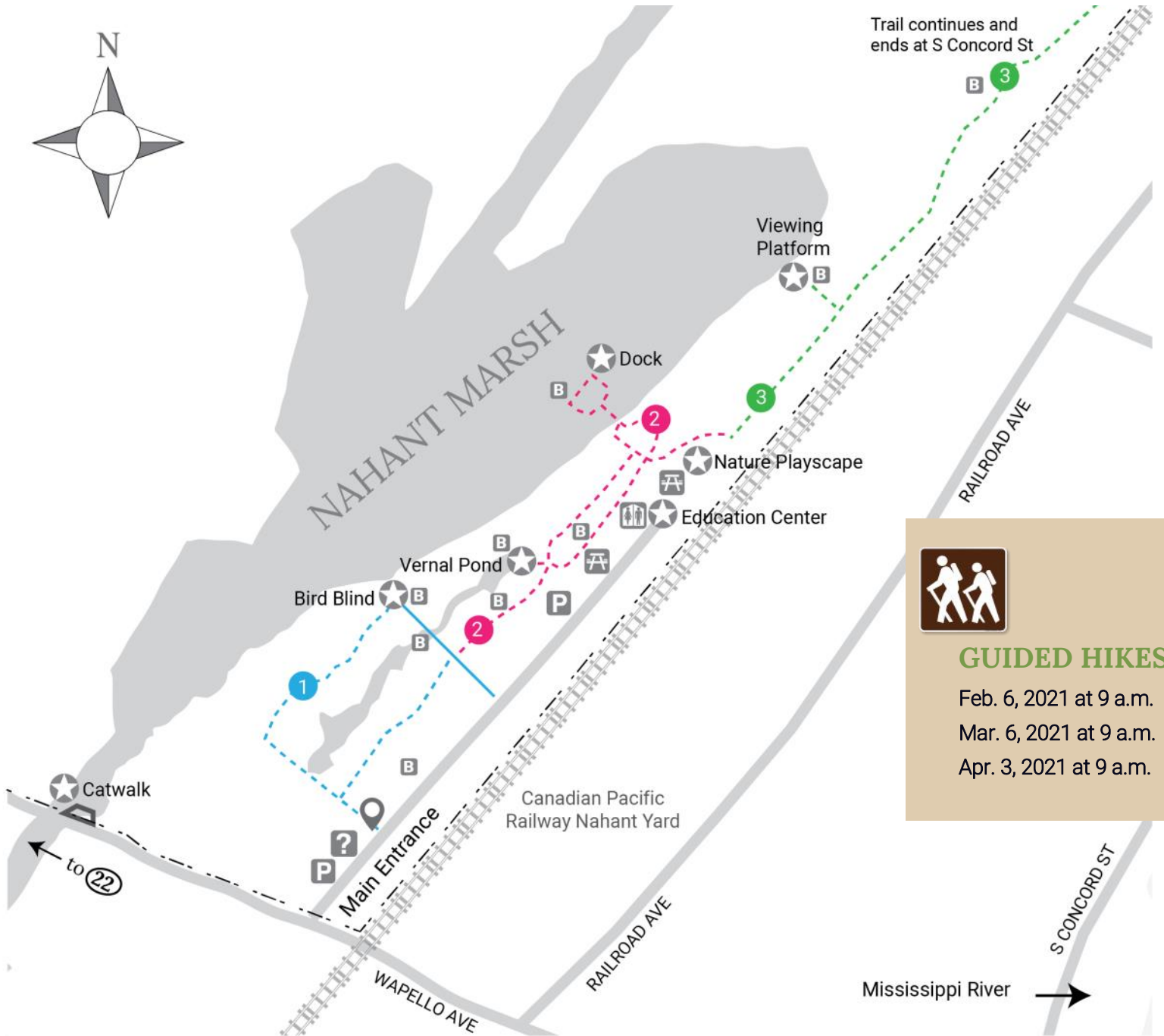


Squirrel





## MAP YOUR ADVENTURE



### MAP KEY

----- Trail	★ Point of Interest	📍 Trail Access Point	? Info Kiosk	🍷 Picnic Area	- - - Preserve Boundary
— Paved Trail	— Road	B Bench	🚻 Restrooms	P Parking	🚂 Railroad

TRAIL NAME	LENGTH	TRAIL ACTIVITY	TRAIL FEATURES
1 Woodland Loop	0.4 mile	Hiking	Bottomland Forest, Tallgrass Prairie
2 Marsh Trail	0.4 mile	Hiking	Tallgrass Prairie, Marsh
3 East Trail	0.9 mile	Hiking	Sand Prairie, Bottomland Forest

# EDUCATION CENTER HOURS

Monday–Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon (extended to 3 p.m. April–October)  
*There is no fee to visit the Education Center, but donations are always appreciated.*

# PRESERVE HOURS

Open Daily from Sunrise to Sunset

If the main gate is locked, trails are accessible from the front parking lot. Look for the opening in the fence near the kiosk.



# GETTING TO NAHANT MARSH

**Nahant Marsh**  
**4220 Wapello Ave.**  
**Davenport, IA 52802**

*From Davenport, Iowa—Take Highway 22 south (Rockingham Road), turning left on Wapello Avenue (the last turn before the I-280 overpass).*

*From Rock Island, Illinois—Take I-280 into Iowa to the Highway 22/Rockingham Road exit. Turn right onto Highway 22, and then right onto Wapello Avenue.*

Follow Wapello Avenue toward the river.  
Nahant Marsh will be on the left just before the railroad crossing.