

Forest Action Plan Implementation

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Birds and Forests:

An investigation of importance



Scarlet Tanager

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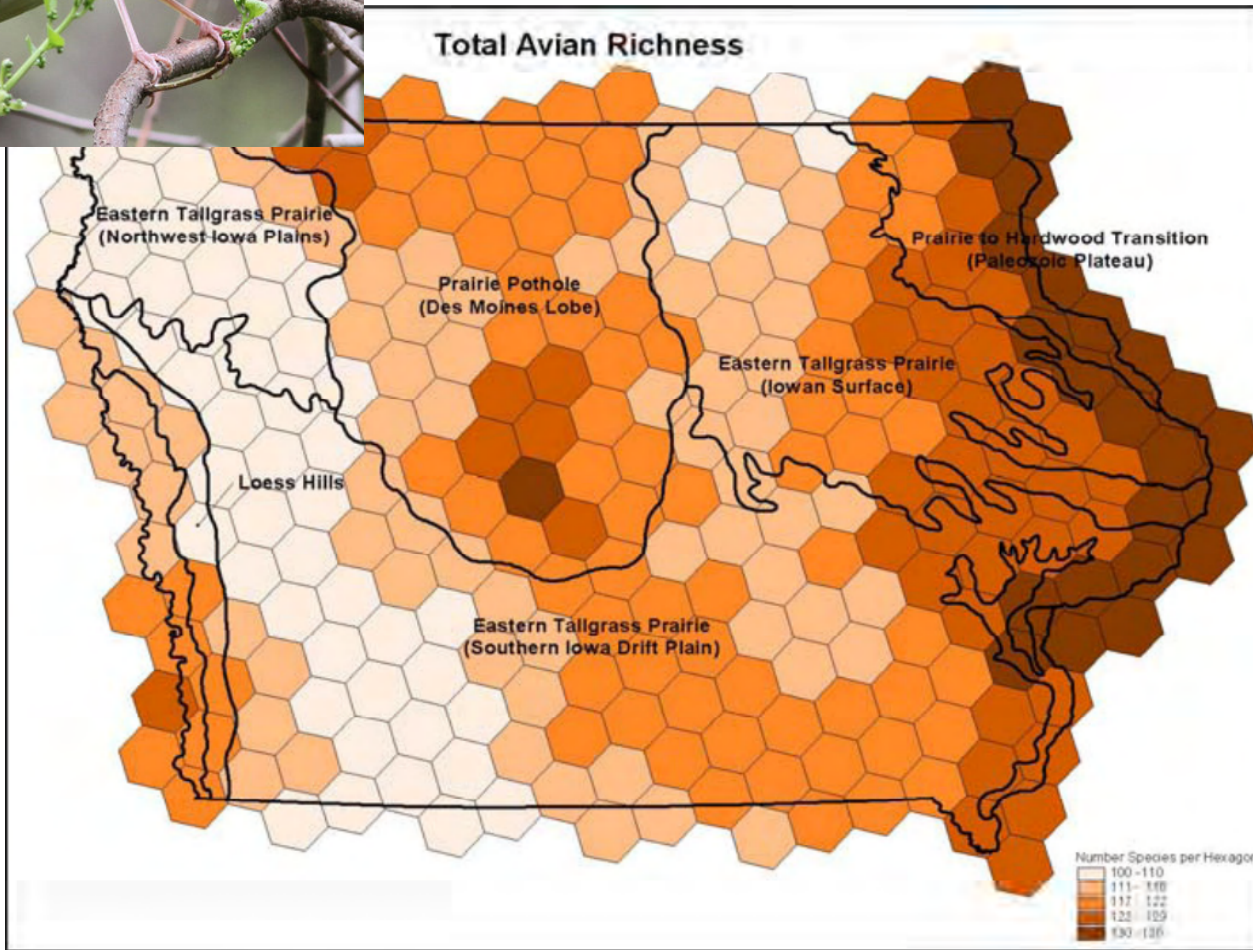
Driftless Area



Regional Importance



Wood Thrush



206 Species of breeding birds in Iowa

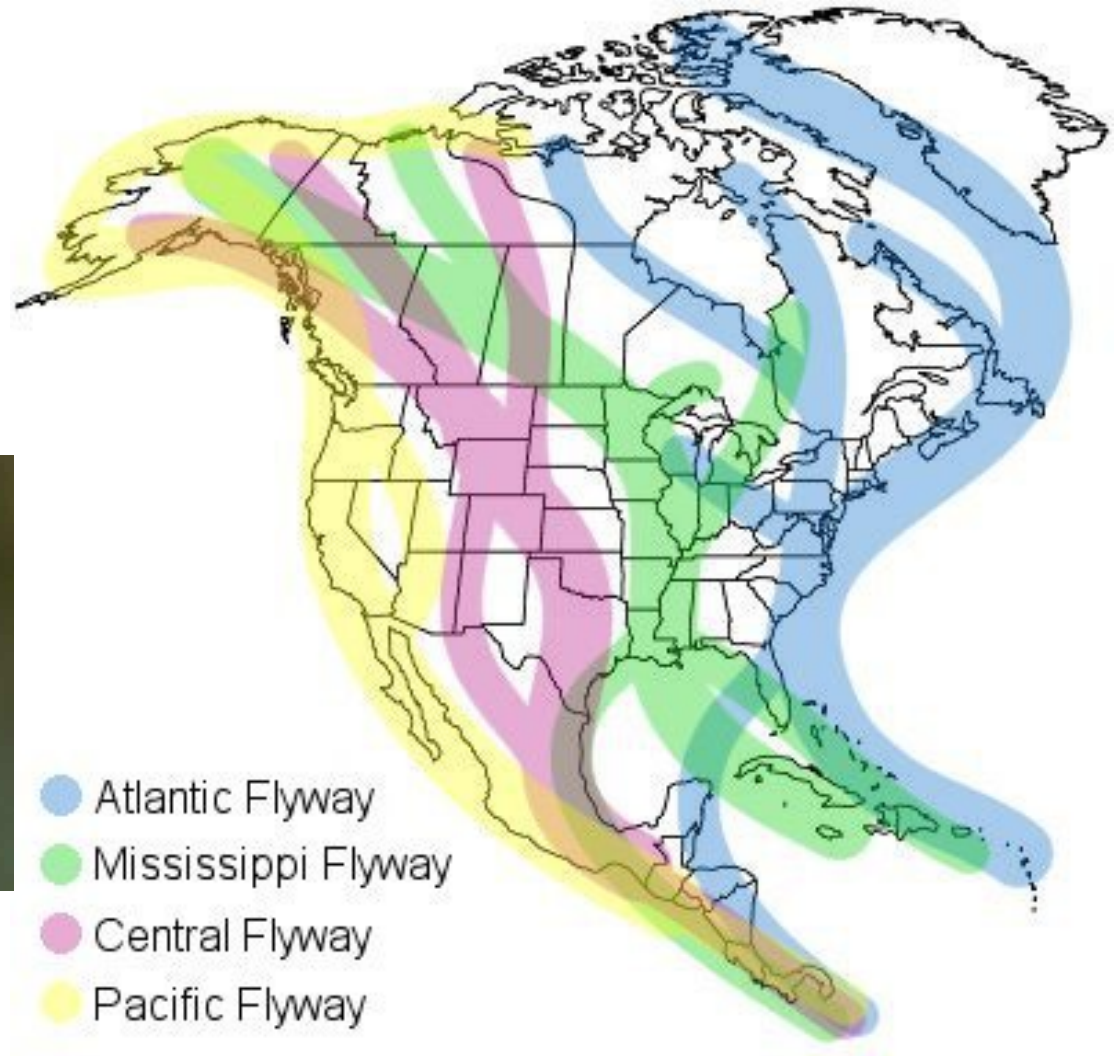
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Indigo Bunting

National and Global Importance

Upper Mississippi River and its tributaries provide vital migration for over half of North America's bird species



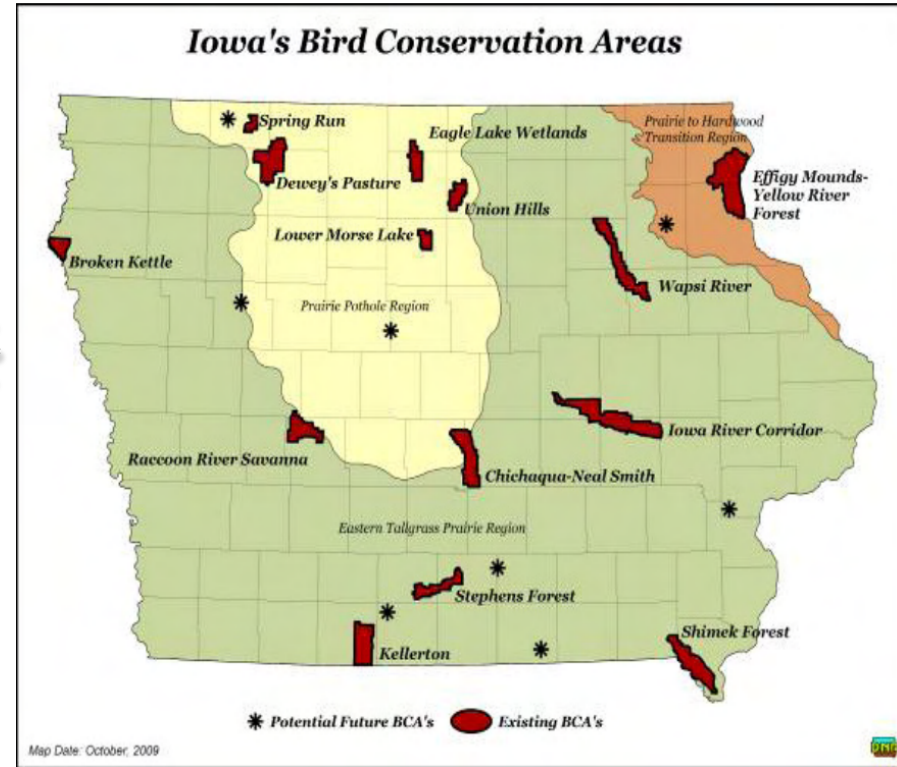
White-throated Sparrow

Iowa's Critical Areas

- Effigy Mounds – Yellow River Forest designated 'Globally Important Bird Area'
- First in the state!!!
- Mix of state and private land



Cerulean Warbler



Forest as Habitat

- Connected Forests provide travel corridors
- Diverse Forest
 - Forest Age
 - Plant Diversity
 - Edge Habitats



Birding as a resource

- 50-70 million participate in birding in the US
- Wildlife viewing brought an additional \$304 million to Iowa in 2006



Wood Duck



To Conclude

- Northeast Iowa is part of a much bigger birding picture that includes other states, regions, and continents
- Thanks to state and private landowners, birds have a future in Northeast Iowa!



Bald Eagle

