Forest Action Plan Implementation

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Birds and Forests:

An investigation of importance



Scarlet Tanager

Driftless Area Landscape Conservation Initiative Boundary St. Crotx Ramsey **Driftless Area** Dunn Marathon Pierce Dakota Eau Claire Pepin Portage Wood Goodhue Buffalo Trempealeau Wabasha Waushara Dodge Olmsted Whona. Adams Juneau Marquette La Crosse Monroe MINNESOTA Green Lak Fillmore Houston WISCONSIN Columbia Sauk Mitchell Howard Richland Winneshiek Allamakee Crawford **IOWA** Floyd Dane lowa Chickasaw Fayette Grant Clayton Bremer Buller Rock Green Lafayette **Initiative Area** Buchanan Dubuque Jo Daviess ILLINOIS Jones Jackson Ogle Carroll Clinton Cedar Whiteside

Wood Thrush **Total Avian Richness** Eastern Tallgrass Prairie (Northwest Iowa Plains) airie to Hardwood Transition (Paleoxolc Plateau) Prairie Pothole (Des Moines Lobe) Eastern Tallgrass Prairie (lowan Surface) Loess Hills Eastern Tallgrass Prairie Southern Iowa Drift Plain) Number Species per Hexagor

Regional Importance

206 Species of breeding birds in lowa

199 Species of migrant birds through lowa



Indigo Bunting

National and Global Importance

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



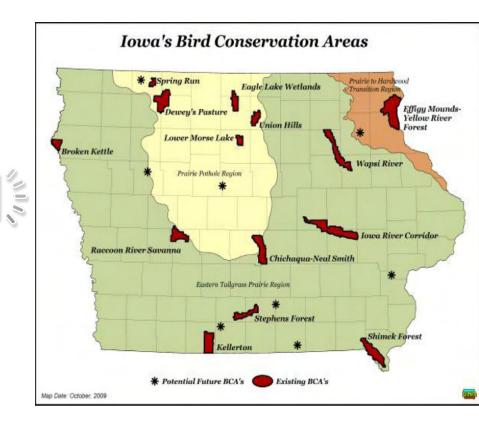
White-throated Sparrow



Iowa's Critical Areas

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

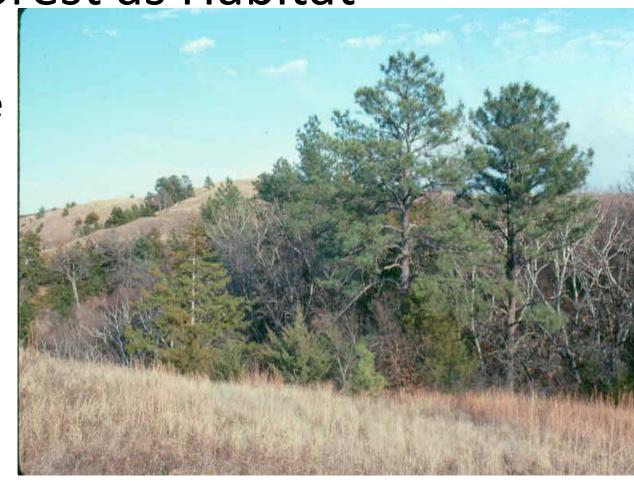




Cerulean Warbler

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 lowa 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!



