

NORTHEAST INDIANA COMPREHENSIVE BIRDING TOUR

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Introduction

Northeast Indiana presents many wonderful opportunities for birders. The grasslands in this part of the state are extensive, especially in Dekalb County. The attribute this region is most famous for is the many lakes, ponds and wetland areas that exist. On the Indiana Delorme Map, I counted all the bodies of water for this region. The break down is as follows:

Allen County	22
Whitley County	34
Dekalb County	46
Steuben County	109
Lagrange County	56
Noble County	<u>107</u>
	374 Bodies of water

This includes anything that showed up blue on the map. The 374

bodies of water does not include those lakes which do not show up on the Delorme Map. It also does not include many tiny cattail marshes or cattle ponds, which are typically found on farms.

Good Birding!! Steve Pancol

1. FOX ISLAND COUNTY PARK

Allen County: I-69 North, to S.R.24 going west, turn left on Liberty Mills Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 29, D – 7

Habitat: Mature deciduous woodland, marsh, mowed grass recreational areas, a small lake and a grassland area.

When to Visit: Visit this site for passerine migration in spring and fall: April, May, late August, September and October. This is one of the best sites in Northeast Indiana for migrating passerines.

Directions: From I – 465 in Indianapolis, take I – 69 north all the way to Exit # 102 in Fort Wayne.

Veer right onto Exit # 102 / S.R. 24 / West Huntington – Ft. Wayne.

At the stop light, turn left (west) on S.R. 24 West.

Drive 4/10 of a mile and at the 2nd stop sign past the interstate intersection, turn left (south) on Liberty Mills Road (a green "Fox Island County Park" sign on the north side of the road will signal this turn).

Follow Liberty Mills Road as it curves east, and then south, becoming Ellison Road.

You will veer left (east) and pass over I – 69. When you pass the T-section with Brainstrator Road, you will then be travelling east on Yohne Road. From the Brainstrator Road T-section, drive 7/10 of a mile and turn left (north) into **Fox**

Island County Park.

Park hours are: 9 A.M. – 8 P.M., Tuesday thru Sunday. The park is closed on Mondays.

Once you pay the \$2.00 fee at the Entrance Gate (year round), proceed to the 1st intersection and turn right (east) at the stop sign (following the green Nature Center sign).

Drive 1/10 of a mile and park at the Nature Center. A free map is available at the Nature Center. Bird the woodland edges around the Nature Center for migrating passerines.

From the Nature Center Entrance, turn left (west) and hike the paved sidewalk.

Turn right (north) just past the **Bird Observation Building**.

Hike north on the gravel road Nature Preserve Trail.

Just past the wooden "**Fox Island Nature Preserve**" sign, turn left (west) on " A-Lower Dune Trail".

Bird this trail west till you reach a fork in the trail.

Turn right (north) at the brown post which is marked "P".

When you reach the next trail intersection, turn right (northeast) at the brown post marked "X".

Walking east, turn right (south) when you reach the brown post labeled "C-Nature Center".

When you reach the Bird Observation Building, turn left (east), returning to the Nature Center and your vehicle.

Drive 1/10 of a mile west back to the main park road and stop sign. Go across the main park road, continuing west.

Drive 4/10 of a mile and park in the gravel lot on the left (south) side of the road.

Start hiking the trail in the northwest corner of the parking lot (by the "**Bowman Lake**" sign).

When you reach Bowman Lake, scan it for waterfowl, waders and shorebirds. Stay on the north side of Bowman Lake, following the T Loop Trail.

When you reach the west end of Bowman Lake and at the fork in the trail, turn right (north) at the brown " Nature Preserve – no Dogs or Bikes" sign. The trail will run parallel to I – 69,

and then turn right (east). When it turns east, look for a tiny foot path on the left (north) side of the trail.

Follow the tiny foot path north to the edge of the marsh.

Scan the marsh for wetland species. When finished, walk east to the next wide grass trail intersection with a brown post in the middle. Turn left (north).

At the brown "U" post, veer left (northwest).

Follow this trail as it winds north and turn left at the brown "V" post (a brown "Marsh Observation Dock" arrow sign is at the beginning of this trail). Climb the Observation Deck and scan the marsh for waterfowl, waders and rails.

From the Marsh Observation Deck, turn around and head back south. At the grass trail intersection (3-way), turn left (east) at the brown "V" post.

When you reach the next T-section in the trail, turn right (southwest) at the brown "W-Nature Center" post.

Hiking past the brown "Frog Pond" post, turn left (south) at the grass trail intersection. Turn left (east) at Bowman Lake.

Veer left away from the Bowman Lake Beach and onto the dirt trail. Follow this trail back to your vehicle in the parking lot.

From the gravel lot, turn right (east) and follow this road back to the main park road. Turn right (south) and exit the park.

2. ENGLE ROAD WETLANDS

Allen County: I – 69 North, turn right on S.R. 24,

Turn Right On Engle Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 29, D – 7

Habitat: A small wetland area in an Urban / commercial setting. Lots of exposed mud make this attractive to shorebirds and dabbling ducks.

When To Visit: For shorebird migration - Late March, April, May, late July, August, September and October. For Waterfowl

migration – March, April, October, November and December.

Directions: From the entrance of Fox Island County Park, turn right (west) on Yohne Road. Drive 2 miles west and then north, back to S.R. 24.

Turn right (east) on S.R. 24.

Drive east 1.5 miles and turn right (south) on Engle Road.

Drive 1.3 miles and turn right, parking in front of the aluminum gate and the white " No Equipment Beyond This Point – Wetlands Area" sign.

Walk to the wetlands and use your scope to search for dabbling ducks, waders and shorebirds.

3. HAMILTON ROAD CATTLE POND

Allen County: I – 69 North, Turn west on

S.R. 14, turn south on W. Hamilton Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 28, D – 6

Habitat: A cattle pond on a dairy farm.

When To Visit: This is primarily a shorebird site: Late March, April, May, late July, August, September and October.

Directions: From the Engle Road Wetlands, turn around and head back north on Engle Road.

Drive 1.3 miles and turn left (west) on W. Jefferson Boulevard.

Drive 8/10 of a mile and turn right (north) onto I – 69 North.

Drive north 3.2 miles and veer right onto Exit # 105 B / S.R. 14 West / S. Whitley.

Drive 4.2 miles west on S.R. 14 and turn left (south) on

W. Hamilton Road (1200 S.). You will see the pond at ½ mile on the left (east) side of the road.

Drive ½ mile and turn right (west) at the "Bridgewater Housing Addition" sign. Pull over and park to the right.

Walk east across Hamilton Road. From the road, scan the pond

for shorebirds.

4. FRANKE PARK

Allen County: I – 69 north, to S.R. 930, east on Coliseum Blvd., turn right on Sherman Blvd.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 29, C – 8

Habitat: A small lake and mature deciduous woodland in a heavily used city park. Shrubs and other secondary growth at the woodland edge provide excellent cover for migrating passerines.

When To Visit: Visit for songbird migration in April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From the Hamilton Road Cattle Pond, turn around and head back north on W. Hamilton Road.

Turn right (east) on S.R. 14.

Drive east 4.3 miles and turn right onto the I – 69 entrance ramp.

Drive north 3.7 miles and veer right onto Exit # 109 A / Ft. Wayne / Indiana 930.

Turn left (east) on S.R. 930 / Coliseum Boulevard(1st stop light).

Drive east 1.3 miles and turn right (south) on Sherman Boulevard (BP and Speedway gas stations are at this intersection).

Drive 1.1 miles on Sherman Boulevard and turn right (east) into the main entrance of **Franke Park** (just past the flashing red signal at Franke Park Road).

Veer left at the first 4-way intersection. Veer right at the stop sign next to Pavilion 1.

Drive 1/10 of a mile and turn right, parking in front of **Shoaff Lake**. Scan the lake for waterfowl and shorebirds.

Hike the paved trail on the north side of the lake, searching the woodland edge for migrating songbirds.

From Shoaff Lake, turn right (north) and follow the road which

veers left at the fork in the road (the other road is blocked). At the yellow iron gate, turn left and park in the Fort Wayne BMX Parking Lot. Walk east back to the yellow iron gate. Walk around the yellow iron gate, hiking north on the gravel road. Bird the woodland edge as you walk north. Take any trail east into the woods to search for warblers and other migrating songbirds.

You can also walk the road on the west side of the parking lot. Walk west from the parking lot to the T-section and turn right (north). Several trails from this road will lead west into the woods. When finished, return to your vehicle and drive south on the main park road to exit the park.

5. HUNTERTOWN MARSH

Allen County: I – 69 North, to S.R. 3 going north, turn left on Hathaway Road, turn right on Hand Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 29, A – 7

Habitat: A cattail / grass marsh.

When To Visit: Visit this site for wetland species:

Waterfowl – Late March, April, October, November and December. Other wetland species – April, May, late July, August, September and October. For nesting species – May, June and July.

Directions: From the entrance of Franke Park, turn left (north) on Sherman Boulevard.

Turn left (west) on Coliseum Boulevard.

Drive 1.3 miles and turn right (north) on S.R. 930 West.

Stay in the right lane and veer right onto the I – 69 / Lansing, Michigan entrance ramp.

Veer right onto Exit # 111 B / S.R. 3 N. / Kendallville.

Drive 5.4 miles north on S.R. 3 and turn left (west) on Hathaway Road (2000 W. – just 8/10 of a mile north of the Byron Health Center Hospital).

Drive 2 miles west and at the stop sign, turn right (north) on Hand Road (13400 N.).

Drive north 1.3 miles and turn right (east) into the gravel parking area just before the aluminum guard rails.

Walk south, back to the marsh on both sides of the road.

Scan the marsh from the road. **Beware of traffic.**

6. BICENTENNIAL WOODS

Allen County: S.R. 3 north, east on Shoaff Road, turn right after 1.5 miles

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 29, A – 8

Habitat: A mature deciduous forest with a creek running through it. This is a dedicated Nature Preserve - **Acres Land Trust.**

When To Visit: This is primarily a passerine migration site – April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From Hometown Marsh, continue north on Hand Road for 4/10 of a mile.

At the stop sign, turn right (northeast) on Shoaff Road (Shoaff Road is unmarked here).

Drive across S.R. 3, staying on Shoaff Road.

Once you cross S.R. 3, drive 1.5 miles and turn right into the gravel parking lot for **Bicentennial Woods.**

Hike the trail leading south from the parking lot.

At the first fork in the trail, turn left (east), following Eagle Trail. Follow Eagle Trail all the way down to the Willow Creek Foot Bridge.

Scan Willow Creek and listen for Louisiana Waterthrush and Yellow-throated Warbler.

Cross the bridge and turn right (west), following the trail bordering the creek. Walk west for 100 yards or more.

When finished, turn around and head back east to the Willow Creek Foot Bridge. Follow Eagle Trail north, back to your vehicle.

This is a small sampling of a large tract of woods. If time is plentiful, bird additional trails here.

7. GRIFFIN ROAD POND

Allen County: S.R. 3 north, turn right on Shoaff Road, turn left on Coldwater Road, turn right on Chapman Road, turn left on Griffin Road
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 29, A – 8

Habitat: Ponds on both sides of Griffin Road, surrounded by farm fields.

When To Visit: This site is visited primarily for dabbling ducks and shorebirds. For waterfowl – March, April, October, November and December. For shorebirds – late March, April, May, late July, August, September and October.

Directions: From Bicentennial Woods on Shoaff Road, turn right (east) on Shoaff Road.

Drive 2/10 of a mile to the stop sign / T-section and turn left (north) on Coldwater Road (18000 N.).

Go across the cement bridge and turn right (east) on Chapman Road (700 E.).

Roll down your windows and listen for migrating passerines, as you drive through this wooded wetland area.

Drive 1.5 miles east and turn left (north) on Griffin Road (17900 N.).

Immediately after you turn onto Griffin Road, pull over to the left side of the road (just before the 1st telephone pole).

Grab your scope and walk north on Griffin Road to the ponds. Scan the pond on both sides of the road for waterfowl, waders and shorebirds.

8. CEDARVILLE RESERVOIR

Allen County: I – 69 north, turn right on S.R.1,
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 29, A / B – 9 / 10

Habitat: A small reservoir in an urban setting.

When To Visit: This site is visited primarily for waterfowl – March, April, late October, November and December.

Directions: From the Griffin Road Pond, turn around and head back south on Griffin Road.

At the stop sign, turn right (west) on Chapman Road (3000 E.).

Drive 1.5 miles west to the stop sign / T-section.

Turn left (south) on Coldwater Road (18000 N.).

Drive 3.5 miles south and at the stop light, turn left (east) on Union Chapel Road (Union Chapel Church and a Sunoco gas station are at this intersection).

There is a slight jog at Tonkel Road. Be sure and stay on Union Chapel Road.

Drive 5.1 miles east to S.R. 1 (Metea Park is on the north side of the road).

Turn left (northeast) on S.R. 1.

Drive 7/10 of a mile and at the curve in the road, continue straight, passing the yellow and black arrow sign.

Continue east beyond the yield sign and Main Street, to Cedarville Reservoir.

Park in the gravel lot behind Cedarville Community Church.

Scan the reservoir for waterfowl, gulls, terns and swallows.

9. HURSHTOWN RESERVOIR

Allen County: I – 69 north, S.R. 1 north, turn right on Grabel Road, turn left on Roth Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 29, A - 10

Habitat: A fenced, medium size reservoir.

When To Visit: This site is visited primarily for waterfowl, waders, gull and tern migration. During the late spring and summer months, this site is heavily recreated and an entrance fee of \$ 3.00 is required. The reservoir is closed during the late fall and winter months. One must bird the reservoir from outside the fence.

Directions: From the Cedarville Reservoir, turn around and drive west back to S.R. 1.

Turn right (north) on S.R. 1.

Drive 1.5 miles north and turn right on Grabill Road (a 4-way stop and Shell gas station is here).

Drive east 2.7 miles and at the 4-way stop, turn left (north) on Roth Road (you will pass through the town of Grabill).

Drive north 1.7 miles and turn left at the Hurshtown Reservoir entrance. Park in front of the locked gate.

Walk to the east side of the road and onto the grassy hill. Scan the reservoir for waterfowl and seabirds.

10. WOODBURN SEWAGE LAGOONS

**Allen County: From Ft. Wayne, S.R. 24 east,
go north on S.R. 101, turn right on Tile Mill Rd.
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 29, C – 11**

Habitat: A sewage treatment plant on the outskirts of Woodburn.

When To Visit: Visit this site for waterfowl and shorebirds. For waterfowl – March, April, October, November and December. For shorebirds – Late March, April, May, late July, August, September and October.

Directions: From the Hurshtown Reservoir on Roth Road, turn around and drive south on Roth Road.

Drive south 3.7 miles to the stop sign / T-section.

Turn left (east) on Notestine Road (14200 E.).

After traveling roughly 5 miles, Notestine Road will merge and become S.R. 101 South.

Stay on S.R. 101 South when it veers right, and away from Notestine Road.

Drive south 3.8 miles and when you cross the R.R. tracks, turn left (east) on Tile Mill Road (22800 E.).

Drive 5/10 of a mile and turn right (south) on the gravel road (just before the bridge with aluminum guard rails – a small brown or light beige building will be on the right (south) side of the road).

Drive to the south end of the Woodburn residential recycling center parking lot.

Walk west up the embankment to the fence.

Scan the sewage lagoons for dabbling ducks and shorebirds.

11. SPENCERVILLE GRASSLANDS

**Dekalb County: I – 69 north, take I – 469 east,
take S.R. 37 north, take S.R. 101 north
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, H – 11**

Habitat: Deciduous woodlots, grasslands and farm fields.

When To Visit: For migrating and nesting grassland species – April, May, June, July, late August, September and October.
For over-wintering grassland species – November, December, January, February, March and early April.

Directions: From the Woodburn Sewage Lagoons, turn around and take the gravel road north back to Tile Mill Road.

Turn left (west) on Tile Mill Road.

Turn right (north) on S.R. 101.

Drive north on S.R. 101 to the Dekalb County Line.

From the Dekalb County Line at C.R. 72, drive 1 mile and turn left (west) on C.R. 68.

Roll down the windows and start car-birding by ear. Scan the grasslands as you drive.

Drive 1 mile west and turn left (south) on C.R. 63.

Drive 1 mile south to N. County Line Road.

Continue south on C.R. 63.

Turn right (west) on Scipio Road.

At the intersection of C.R. 59 and C.R. 61, turn around and head back east on C.R. 59 (Scipio Road).

At the fork in the road, veer left onto N. County Line Road.

Turn left (north) on C.R. 63.

Drive north on C.R. 63 till it dead ends at a T-section.

Turn left (northwest) on C.R. 60 (a cement bridge over the St. Joseph River is here).

12. WEST DEKALB GRASSLANDS

**Dekalb County: I – 69 north, west on S.R. 6,
turn north on C.R. 17**

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, E – 8

Habitat: Grasslands, fence row-tree lines, marsh, farm fields and deciduous woodlots.

When To Visit: For migrating and nesting grassland species – April, May, June, July, late August, September and October. For wintering grassland species – November, December, January, February, March and early April.

Directions: From the Spencerville Grasslands at C.R. 63 and C.R. 60, turn left (northwest) on C.R. 60.

Go across the R.R. tracks and at the stop sign, continue straight (north) on S.R. 1.

Turn left (west) on C.R. 52. Drive 2/10 of a mile and stop. Listen and scan the grasslands here for sparrows, Bobolinks and Meadowlarks.

Drive west to the cell phone tower to turn around. Return to S.R. 1.

Drive east across S.R. 1, continuing east on C.R. 52.

Turn left (north) on S.R. 101.

Drive 1 mile north and at the flashing red traffic signal, turn left (west) on S.R. 8.

Drive west on S.R. 8 through the town of Auburn and to I – 69.

Turn right (north) onto the I – 69 entrance ramp.

Drive north on I – 69 to the next available exit.

Veer right on Exit # 134 / S.R. 6 / Kendallville – Waterloo.

Turn left (west) on S.R. 6.

Drive west 3 miles and turn right (north) on C.R. 17.

Roll down your windows and start car-birding by ear after you pass C.R. 20 (1.1 miles).

At 1.3 miles, stop and scan the marsh on the left (west) side of the road.

Drive 2 miles north and turn left (west) on C.R. 16.

Drive west 7/10 of a mile and turn right (north) on C.R. 13.

Drive north 8/10 of a mile and turn right (east) on C.R. 14.

Stop at Mailbox # 1724. Scan the tiny marsh on the north side of the road.

Drive east to the stop sign / T-section and turn right (south) on C.R. 19.

Drive south 7/10 of a mile and turn right (west) on C.R. 16.

Drive 7/10 of a mile and turn left (south) on C.R. 17.

Drive south ½ mile and turn left (east) on C.R. 18.

Drive east to the stop sign / T-section and turn right (south) on C.R. 19. Turn left (east) on S.R. 6.

13. DOUGLASS WOODS – NATURE CONSERVANCY

**Dekalb County: I – 69 north, east on S.R. 6,
turn north on S.R. 1, turn right on C.R. 4 A
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, D – 11**

Habitat: Deciduous forest, farm fields, grasslands, power lines, Fish Creek and wooded wetlands.

When To Visit: Visit during passerine migration – April, May, late August, September and October. For wintering grassland species – November, December, January, February, March and early April. A Northern Shrike has been found here in past winters.

Directions: From the West Dekalb Grasslands at C.R. 19 and S.R. 6, turn left (east) on S.R. 6.

Take S.R. 6 east past I – 69 and to the town of Waterloo.

At the stop light in Waterloo, turn left (northeast) on S.R. 427 (a Shell station is on the corner).

Drive 5.4 miles northeast on S.R. 427 and turn right (east) on

C.R. 12.

Drive 4 miles east and at the stop sign, turn left (north) on S.R. 1.

Drive north 2 miles and when S.R. 1 elbows sharply left, turn right (east) on C.R. 4 A (C.R. 4 A is unmarked here).

Drive 4/10 of a mile and turn left (north) at the treated wood **"Douglass Woods Nature Preserve – Protected through the cooperation and vision of Harold and Pat Douglass – with generous support from Sally Reahard and the Indiana Heritage Trust Fund – Owned and Managed by The Nature Conservancy"**.

Park in the grass lot just beyond the Nature Conservancy sign.

Hike north on the dirt road toward Douglass Woods, birding for grassland species along the way.

A foot path leads north from the dirt road into the woods.

Parts of Douglass Woods are wet for most of spring and summer.

Fish Creek runs through this property.

14. SOUTHEAST STEUBEN GRASSLANDS

Steuben County: I – 69 north, east on S.R. 6,

north on S.R. 427, east on C.R. 700 S.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, D – 11

Habitat: Grasslands, farm fields, many small ponds or wetland areas, deciduous woodlots and pine stands.

When To Visit: Visit for migrating and nesting grassland species in April, May, June, July, late August, September and October.

For wintering grassland species – November, December, January, February and March.

Directions: From the Nature Conservancy's Douglass Woods on C.R. 4 A, turn left (east) on C.R. 4 A.

Drive east ½ mile and turn left (north) on C.R. 71. Bird the grasslands on both sides of the road.

At 8/10 of a mile, scan the marsh on the left (west) side of the road.

At the T-section and just before the R.R. tracks, turn right (east) on C.R. 750 S.

Drive east 7/10 of a mile and turn right (south) on Baven Road. Bird the wetlands as you encounter them on both sides of the road.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (south) on C.R. 71.

Drive south 1 mile and at the stop sign / T-section, turn left (east) on C.R. 4 A.

Drive east 1.6 miles and turn left (north) on C.R. 77.

Drive north and then elbow east 1.7 miles to the stop sign / T-section. Turn left (north) on C.R. 79.

Drive ½ mile and turn left (west) on C.R. 750 S..

Drive 1 mile and turn right (north) on C.R. 800 E.

Drive 1 mile north and turn left (west) on C.R. 650 S..

Drive west 1 mile and at the stop sign / T-section, turn left (south) on C.R. 700 E..

Drive ½ mile south and turn right (west) on C.R. 700 S..

Drive west ½ mile and turn left (south) on C.R. 650 E..

When you reach the T-section of C.R. 575 E. and C.R. 775 S., turn right (north) on C.R. 575 E..

Drive 7/10 of a mile north and at the stop sign / T-section, turn right (east) on C.R. 700 S..

Drive 2/10 of a mile east and turn left (north) on C.R. 600 E..

At 3/10 of a mile, scan the marsh on the left (west) side of the road.

Drive 1 mile north and at the stop sign, turn left (west) on S.R. 427.

Drive west ½ mile and turn left (south) on C.R. 550 E.

Drive 8/10 of a mile south to the stop sign / T-section.

Turn right (west) on C.R. 700 S..

Drive west 9/10 of a mile and at the stop sign / T-section, turn right (northeast) on S.R. 427.

Drive northeast for 2/10 of a mile and pull over to the right side

of S.R. 427 (in front of the green "Edon, OH. 8" sign).

Do not exit the vehicle – traffic is heavy.

In winter, scan the pine stands on the left (west) side of the road.
Long-eared Owls have roosted here in the past.

In Spring, pull forward another 30 yards and scan the wetland area on the right (east) side of the road.

When finished, turn around in a driveway and head back southwest on S.R. 427.

15. HAMILTON LAKE

**Steuben County: I – 69 north, east on S.R. 6,
go north on S.R. 427**

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, D – 10 / 11

Habitat: A small lake. Cottages consume almost all the shoreline property here.

When To Visit: This site is visited primarily for waterfowl migration – March, April, October, November and December.

Directions: From the end of the Steuben County Grassland site on S.R. 427, turn around and drive southwest on S.R. 427.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn right (north) on S.R. 1.

Drive north 3/10 of a mile and turn left (west) on Ham LK 150 (a brown "Public Access " sign on the right will signal this turn).

Drive 2/10 of a mile and pull over to the left side of the road.

Walk the road west till you see marsh on both sides of the road.

Scan the lilly pad marsh from here.

Continue driving west on Ham. LK 150 around the lake.

After 3/10 of a mile, turn right into the **Hamilton Lake Public Access Site** (a large D.N.R. sign will signal this turn).

Go to the boat launch. Use your scope to scan the north part of Hamilton Lake.

When finished, turn left onto Ham. LK 150 and return to S.R. 1.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (north) on S.R. 1.

Drive north 6/10 of a mile and turn left (west) on Ham LK 120

(a "Cold Springs Resort" sign is here).

Drive 9/10 of a mile and turn left into the hotel parking lot.

Walk west down to the lake to search for waterfowl.

When finished, turn around and take Ham LK Ln 120 east back to S.R. 1.

16. HARRIER FIELDS

**Steuben County: I – 69 north, east on S.R. 20,
turn north on C.R. 700 E.**

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, B / C – 10 / 11

Habitat: Farm fields, grasslands, several ponds / wetlands and deciduous woodlots.

When To Visit: Visit this site for migrating and nesting grassland species – April, May, June, July, late August, September and October. For wintering grassland species – November, December, January, February and March.

Directions: From Hamilton Lake at the intersection of Ham LK Ln 120 and S.R. 1, turn left (north) on S.R. 1.

Drive north 5.8 miles to S.R. 20.

Go across S.R. 20, continuing north on the gravel road.

Drive north 2/10 of a mile and turn right (east) on C.R. 50 S.

Search the grasslands and farm fields for Northern Harriers, Short-eared Owls and other wintering grassland species.

Drive east 7/10 of a mile and turn left (north) on C.R. 475 E.

At 1 mile, bird the wooded wetland on both sides of the road.

Drive north 1.5 miles and turn right (east) on C.R. 100 N.

At 1.3 miles and at the T-section with C.R. 600 E., turn left (north) on C.R. 600 E., and then immediately turning right (east), to stay on C.R. 100 N. (a dog-leg).

At ½ mile, scan the cattail marsh on both sides of the road.

After 1 mile and at the 4-way stop, turn right (south) on C.R. 700 E.

Just before you get to Division Road, scan the lake on the left (east) side of the road.

Continue south on C.R. 700 E. and just before you get to S.R.20, turn around in the pole barn driveway.

Drive back north on C.R. 700 E.

Drive north 9/10 of a mile and turn left (west) on Division Road.

Drive 1 mile west and turn left (south) on C.R. 600 E.

Drive south on C.R. 600 E. to S.R. 20.

17. CROOKED LAKE

Steuben County: I – 69 north, east on S.R. 20, north on C.R. 200 W., west on Crkd Lk Ln 101
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, B – 9

Habitat: A small lake. The entire shoreline is consumed by lake cottages.

When To Visit: Visit this site for waterfowl in March, April, October, November and December.

Directions: From the Harrier Fields at C.R. 600 E. and S.R. 20, turn right (west) on S.R. 20.

Drive west through the town of Angola.

Once you pass the Redwood Motel on your right (north), start looking for C.R. 200 W.

At the stop light, turn right (north) on C.R. 200 W. (a green "Fox Lake – Crooked Lake – Lake James" arrow sign will signal this turn).

Drive north 2.5 miles and turn left (west) on C.R. 200 N. / Crkd Lk. Ln. 101 (a "Steuben County – Campground and Beach" sign signals this turn).

Drive west on Crkd Lk Ln 101 till it elbows left at "76 Park".

Pull straight into "76 Park". Walk west to **Crooked Lake**. Use your scope to scan the east side of the lake for waterfowl.

When finished, turn around and head back east to C.R. 200 W.

Turn left (north) on C.R. 200 W.

Drive ½ mile north and turn left (west) on Orland Road.
 Drive 4/10 of a mile and at the stop sign / fork in the road, veer left onto Sycamore BCH Road. Scan the lake in between cottages as you drive.

At the T-section, turn left (west) on Sycamore BCH Road.
 Continue driving west, as Sycamore BCH Road elbows right at Casey's Cove Marina. At the stop sign / T-section, turn right on C.R. 400 W.

18. LAKE GAGE

Steuben County: I – 69 north, east on S.R. 20, north on C.R. 200 W., west on W. Orland Road, west on C.R. 400 N.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, A / B – 8

Habitat: A small lake. Lake cottages consume all the shoreline around the lake.

When To Visit: Visit this site for waterfowl migration – March, April, October, November and December.

Directions: From Sycamore BCH Road and C.R. 400 W. at Crooked Lake, turn right on C.R. 400 W..

Drive 7/10 of a mile north and at the stop sign / T-section, turn left (north) on Orland Road.

Drive 1.6 miles and at the fork in the road, veer left onto C.R. 400 N.. At 6/10 of a mile you will reach **Lake Gage** and the road will elbow right.

Drive 2/10 of a mile and pull over to the right side of the road.

There is a gravel pull off on the right that is perhaps 30 yards long. Use your scope to scan the lake for waterfowl.

Continue driving this road around the lake, scanning the lake in between cottages.

Turn left on N. Lk. Gage Dr.. At the Lk. Gage Ln. 185 sign, scan the lake through the opening in the trees.

After completely encircling the lake and at the stop sign / T-section, turn left (north) on S. Lake Gage Drive.
At the stop sign / fork in the road, turn right on Orland Road.

19. POKAGON STATE PARK

LAKE JAMES

**Steuben County: I – 69 north to Exit 154,
S.R. 127 north, turn left-following Pokagon
State Park signs
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, A / B – 9**

Habitat: Deciduous forest, several lakes, a marsh, mature pine stands, wooded wetlands and meadows.

When To Visit: This site is visited for waterfowl and passerine migration. For waterfowl – March, April, October, November and December. For passerines – April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From Lake Gage at Orland Road and S. Lake Gage Drive, turn right (east) on Orland Road.

Take Orland Road east back to C.R. 200 W..

Turn right (south) on C.R. 200 W..

Stay in the left lane and turn left (north) onto the I – 69 / Lansing, Mi. entrance ramp.

Drive roughly 4 to 6 miles to the next exit.

Veer right onto Exit # 154 / S.R. 127 / To S.R. 120 / Orland – Freemont (a brown "Pokagon State Park" sign will signal this turn).

At the stop sign turn left, following the Pokagon State Park sign.

Turn left (west) at the 1st stop light.

Roll down the windows and start car-birding from this point forward.

From the stop light, drive 1 mile and turn right on LK JMS LN 100 (right before the State Park entrance).

Drive 2/10 of a mile west and pull over to the right.

Scan the marsh on both sides of the road for rails, waterfowl and wading birds.

When finished, drive west to the park office to turn around.

Drive back east on LK JMS LN 100.

At the stop sign / T-section, right and enter **Pokagon State Park**. Pick up a map at the entrance gate.

Drive south 2/10 of a mile and turn left (east) into the Potawatomi Inn and Restaurant parking lot. Park at the west end of the Inn.

Walk around the west end of the building and down the sloping lawn. When you reach the beach, set up your scope and scan the **Lower Basin of Lake James** for waterfowl, gulls and terns.

On your way back to your vehicle, scan the feeders behind the Potawatomi Inn. From the Potawatomi Inn, turn left (south) on the main park road.

As you drive the park roads, scan the woodland edges of the park and listen for migrating passerines.

Drive 8/10 of a mile and turn left immediately after going under the wooden bridge (a brown "Beach" arrow sign will signal this turn). Park at the west end of the parking lot.

Follow the brown Beach arrow sign through the woods and down to the beach.

From the refreshment stand, use your scope to scan the **Upper Basin of Lake James** for waterfowl.

The refreshment stand has a roof, if precipitation is a problem. From the beach parking lot, turn right (south), heading back toward the Potawatomi Inn.

Drive 8/10 of a mile and turn right (east) into the Potawatomi Inn parking lot (just after the gray boulder).

Park next to the brown "Potawatomi Nature Preserve – Trail 3" arrow sign, in the far northeast corner of the parking lot. Trail 3 starts here. Hike Trail 3 in search of migrating songbirds.

Trail 3 will loop back to the parking lot (2.5 miles).

Optional: C.R. 500 N. – From Pokagon State Park, turn left (north) on S.R. 127.

At the very next county road, turn left (west) on C.R. 500 N. You will immediately encounter marsh on both sides of the road. Scan and listen here for wetland species.

Continue west and after ½ mile, you will be driving the north perimeter of Pokagon State Park. Look and listen for migrating passerines while driving this county road. A few sections of the woods here are wet.

C.R. 500 N. will elbow right (north) and enter a part of the park which is a hilly grassland area with scattered trees. A Northern Shrike was found here one winter. When you reach the wooden "Pokagon Meadows" sign (the Big Otter Lk. Ln. sign is here), turn around and take S.R. 500 N. east, back to S.R. 127.

20. WING HAVEN NATURE PRESERVE

Owned by Acres Land Trust

Steuben County: I – 69 north, take exit 154 /

S.R. 127, south on S.R. 127, east on C.R. 400 N.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, A – 10

Habitat: A mature deciduous woods, steeply wooded ravines, a small creek, Little Gentian Lake and several prairie meadows with marked trails.

When To Visit: Visit this site for passerine migration – April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park, turn right (north) on the main park road and leave the park.

Drive 1.2 miles east to the stop light / T-section.

Turn right (south) on S.R. 127 South.

Drive 4/10 of a mile and turn left (east) on C.R. 400 N.

(a Budgeteer Motel is here).

Drive ½ mile and turn left onto the gravel road where there is a "**Wing Haven Nature Preserve**" sign.

Follow the gravel road west and park in the grass / gravel parking lot. Walk southwest to the trail signs.

You will need a scope for the lake / cattail marsh. A scope pack or other carrying device comes in handy here.

At the trail head, veer right, following the "**Trillium Woods Trail / Little Gentian Lake**" arrow sign.

Start searching for woodland songbirds as you hike the ¼ mile to Little Gentian Lake.

At the next trail sign, turn right (north), following the "Little Gentian Lake " arrow sign.

From the treated wood boat dock, use your scope to scan the lake and cattails.

When finished, take the trail back east to your vehicle in the parking lot.

21. MARSH LAKE WETLAND CONVERSATION AREA

**Steuben County: I – 69 north, take exit 154 /
S.R. 127, south on S.R. 127, east on C.R. 400 N.
north on C.R.100 E., west on Feathervalley Dr.
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, A – 10**

Habitat: A cattail marsh is at the D.N.R. boat ramp. A wide variety of habitat on the north side of Feathervalley Road. Scattered trees, small woodlots and meadows (some wet). Some sections are swampy with a lot of shrubs and grasses that you would typically associate with wetland areas.

When To Visit: Waterfowl migration would be the biggest draw – March, April, October, November and December.

The wide variety of habitat on the north side of Feathervalley

Road would also attract migrating passerines and other wetland species – April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From the Wing Haven Nature Preserve at C.R. 400 N., turn left (east) on C.R. 400 N..

Drive east 1.1 miles and turn left (north) on C.R. 100 E..

Drive 1 mile north and at the 2-way stop, turn left (west) on Feathervalley Road.

From C.R. 100 E. to C.R. 50 E., the north side of Feathervalley Road is a "**Wetland Conservation Area**". You will see the signs. You should roll down the windows and car-bird this entire stretch of road.

Drive 1.1 miles and turn right (north) at the "**Marsh Lake – Public Access Site – Dept. of Natural Resources – Div. of Natural Resources – Div. of Fish and Wildlife – Trapping by Permit Only**" sign.

Follow this gravel road north to the boat launch parking lot. Walk down the boat ramp to the edge of the water. Use your scope to scan the marsh for waterfowl and other wetland species.

When finished, follow the gravel road south back to Feathervalley Road. Turn right (west) on Feathervalley Road. Stop at 3/10 of a mile west of Marsh Lake. Listen and scan for wetland species in the scrubby marsh area, on the right (north) side of the road.

Turn around at the cell phone tower and return east on Feathervalley Road.

22. CRANE MARSH

**Steuben County: I – 69 north, take exit 154 /
S.R. 127, south on S.R. 127, east on C.R. 400 N.
north on C.R. 100 E.**

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, A – 10

Habitat: A large cattail marsh is on both sides of C.R. 100 E.. A dirt truck road in the northeast corner of the D.N.R. parking lot will lead you up to a dike. To the north will be a small marshy pond where people fish. On the south side of the dike will be a cattail marsh with no visible water.

When To Visit: The marshy pond on the north side of the dike can harbor waterfowl – March, April, October, November and December. For other wetland species – April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From Marsh Lake on Feathervalley Road, continue east on Feathervalley Road to C.R. 100 E..

Turn left (north) on C.R. 100 E..

Drive 3/10 of a mile and turn right (east) at the "**Crane Marsh – Wetland Conservation Area – Providing for Wildlife – Floodwater Storage – a Cooperative Project of: Ducks Unlimited, Inc. – IDNR – Div. of Fish and Wildlife**" sign.

Park in the gravel lot. Hike the dirt truck road northeast up to the dike of the marsh. Use your scope to scan the marsh on both sides of the dike. This would be a good place to play tapes for rails, bitterns and other wetland species.

23. CEDAR SWAMP WETLAND CONSERVATION AREA

**Steuben County: I – 69 north, take exit 154 /
S.R. 127, north on S.R. 127, east on S.R. 120,
east on S.R. 120 for 3.5 miles**

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, A – 11

Habitat: There appears to be 3 marshes here. The main marsh is a huge combination dead tree / cattail marsh. Many muddy islands close to shore hold promise for migrating shorebirds. The grass / dirt truck road in the southeast corner of the parking lot leads east, and borders the southern perimeter of the main marsh. After roughly $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, the road will elbow left (north), splitting the main marsh from the east marsh, which is also a large dead tree / cattail marsh. This is labeled Zone 4 – 5. The largest concentration of waterfowl during migration are usually found in the east marsh.

Shrubs and trees along the road leading to the east marsh will harbor migrating passerines. After walking $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, a large woodlot will be on the right (south) side of the road. Many forest dwelling species can be heard from this large woodlot such as Wood Thrush, Great Crested Flycatcher and Scarlet Tanager.

I consider Cedar Swamp to be one of the most significant sites in Northeast Indiana.

When To Visit: For waterfowl – March, April, October, November and December. For passerine migration – April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From Crane Marsh on C.R. 100 E., turn right (north) on C.R. 100 E..

Drive north $\frac{7}{10}$ of a mile and at the stop sign / T-section, turn right (east) on S.R. 120.

Drive east 3.5 miles and turn left (north) at the brown "**Cedar Swamp Wetland Conservation Area – Div. of Fish and Wildlife – Dept. of Natural Resources**" sign (start looking for this sign after you pass the large cattle pond on the left (north) side of the road).

Grab your scope and start walking the dirt truck road at the east end of the parking lot (a scope pack or any scope shouldering device really comes in handy here).

Take this truck road east for roughly $\frac{3}{4}$ miles.

Stop at regular intervals to scan sections of the marsh.

The road will elbow left (north) and divide the marsh in two.

(you will see Zone 4 / Zone 5 signs here)

Walk north, 20 yards past the elbow. Use your scope to scan the east marsh.

If you continue north on the road which splits the main marsh from the east marsh, you will come to a fork in the grass roads. If you continue straight (north), you will walk through tall blonde prairie grasses and dead end at another marsh. You will probably not be able to see this marsh, as it is concealed by shrubs and trees. Simply turn left (west) and walk till you see a deer trail. This will allow you access to this secluded marsh. This marsh may actually be connected to the main marsh. Open water here is quite limited, as the surface is monopolized by cattails and other grasses. A great place to play tapes for rails, bitterns and other wetland species.

If you take the grass road which leads east from the fork, you will end up at another section of the east marsh. This section of the east marsh is not visible from the Zone 4 / 5 signs (the main road splitting the two marshes). I found nesting Marsh Wrens from this location in June of 2003.

Visit this location for migrating and nesting wetland species in April, May, June, July, late August, September and October.

Visiting this location during waterfowl migration is not recommended, as it will flush all the ducks (you will be too close).

When finished, follow the grass truck road west, back to your vehicle.

24. CLEAR LAKE

Steuben County: I – 69 north, take exit 154, north on S.R. 127, east on S.R. 120, north on C.R. 700 E., east on Lake Drive

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, A – 11 / 12

Habitat: A small lake. The only access is at the D.N.R. Public Access Site / Boat Launch. Cottages line the entire shoreline of this lake.

When To Visit: Visit this site for waterfowl migration – March, April, October, November and December.

Directions: From the Cedar Swamp Wetland Conservation Area on S.R. 120, turn left (east) on S.R. 120.

Drive east 2.3 miles and turn left (north) on C.R. 700 E. (a large yellow and black C.R. 700 sign will be on the right side of the road).

Drive north 2/10 of a mile and turn right (east) on Lake Drive. At the very next T-section, continue straight (east), following the road around the lake.

As you drive around the lake, pause frequently to scan the lake in between cottages for waterfowl.

When you reach the east side of Clear Lake, turn left (north) on Terrace Drive (a T-section).

Immediately after the turn, park to the right of the brown "**Clear Lake – Public Access Site – Dept. of Natural Resources – Div. of Fish and Wildlife**" sign. Walk to the boat ramp. Use your scope to scan the lake for waterfowl.

When finished, turn left (south) and continue following Lake Drive around the lake.

From the D.N.R. Boat Ramp, drive 2/10 of a mile and turn left (north) on Lake Drive.

At 6/10 of a mile, fork left, staying on Lake Drive.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (west) on C.R. 700 N..

Pause briefly at the green chain-linked fence to scan the lake.

From the green chain-linked fence, drive ½ mile and turn left (south) on Penner Drive.

Drive ½ mile south to the stop sign / intersection of Penner and Lake Drive. Park to the right, just beyond this intersection. Grab your scope and walk east, past the road closed barricades.

Walk down to the aluminum guard rails and scan the lake for waterfowl.

Continue driving south on Lake Drive (Penner Drive ends at this intersection and becomes Lake Drive).

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (south) on C.R. 700 E..

25. LAKE GEORGE

Steuben County: I – 69 north, take exit 154, north on S.R. 127, west on Lk Geo Ln 201

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, A – 9

Habitat: Lake cottages consume all of the shoreline here.

The only access is at the D.N.R. Boat Launch.

When To Visit: Visit this site for migrating waterfowl – March, April, October, November and December.

Directions: From Clear Lake at Lake Drive and C.R. 700 E., turn left (south) on C.R. 700 E..

At the stop sign / T-section, turn right (west) on S.R. 120.

Take S.R. 120 west all the way back to I – 69.

Pass over I – 69 and at the stop light, turn right (north) on S.R. 127.

Drive north on S.R. 127, past the McDonalds Restaurant and several truck stops.

At the 4-way stop, turn left (west) on Lk Geo Ln 201.

Drive 2/10 of a mile and turn right on Ln 201 A.

If there is no traffic behind you, stop frequently and scan Lake George in between houses.

Turn right on Lk Geo Ln 201.

Turn right on Lk Geo Ln 201 B.

At the stop sign, turn right on Lk Geo Ln. (the road is unmarked here).

Turn right on Lk Geo Ln 301 B.

Be sure to keep veering or turning right, to stay next to the lake.

At the T-section, turn right (north) on W. Shore Drive.

Turn right on Whaley Road.

Park near the boat launch of the **D.N.R. Public Access Site for Lake George.**

Use your scope to scan the lake for waterfowl. Remember, the northern half of Lake George is in Michigan.

26. FARM POND ON C.R. 800 W.

Steuben County: I – 69 north, take exit 154, north on S.R. 127, west on S.R. 120, south on C.R. 800 W.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, A – 8

Habitat: A farm with a small pond, scattered trees and open brush-grassland areas.

When To Visit: Visit this site for migrating waterfowl – March, April, October, November and December.

Directions: From the D.N.R. Public Access Site on Lake George, drive past W. Shore Drive to Flint Road.

Turn left (south) on Flint Road.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn right (west) on C.R. 700 N..

Drive 6/10 of a mile and at the stop sign / T-section, turn right (west) on S.R. 120.

Drive west for 6 or 7 miles to C.R. 800 W..

Turn left (south) on C.R. 800 W..

Drive 1.2 miles south. You will see the pond on the left (east) side of the road. Pull over to the right and park.

Shrub and other vegetative growth may block your view during the summer months. Your view should be unobstructed during waterfowl migration. This pond is quite a ways from the road, making identification of small birds difficult.

After scanning the pond with your scope, continue south on C.R. 800 W..

Driving slowly, bird the marsh on the left (east) side of the road. I found 2 Sandhill Cranes with one chick here, on May 31, 2003. When you reach the T-section of C.R. 800 W. and Orland Road, turn around and head back north on C.R. 800 W..

27. FAWN RIVER FISH HATCHERY

ORLAND TOWN PARK

Steuben County: I – 69 north, west on S.R. 20, north on S.R. 327, turn right at Orland Park

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, A – 7 / 8

Habitat: An urban park with a small marsh, 14 fish hatchery ponds and scattered trees.

When To Visit: Visit this site for waterfowl, shorebirds and waders during migration: For waterfowl – March, April, October, November and December. For shorebirds – late March, April, May, late July, August and September. For waders and passerines – April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From the pond on C.R. 800 W., turn around and head back north on C.R. 800 W.

At the stop sign, turn left (west) on S.R. 120 W.

Drive west 1.7 miles and at the 4-way stop in downtown Orland, turn right (north) on S.R. 327.

Drive ½ mile and turn right (east) at the "**Orland Town Park**"

sign.

Drive underneath the stone gate to the **Fawn River State Fish Hatchery**.

As you are driving east, scan the fish hatchery ponds on the left (north) side of the road. There are 8 ponds near the entrance here.

Drive 3/10 of a mile and pull over to the right (a small gravel pull off is here).

Use your scope to scan the marsh on the east side of the road. When finished, follow this gravel road around the ponds and back to S.R. 327.

Turn right (north) on S.R. 327.

Turn left (west) immediately onto the road next to the yellow and black "**Fawn River – State Fish Hatchery – District 2 – Fish Management Headquarters – Department of Natural Resources – Division of Fish and Wildlife**" sign.

Park at the D.N.R. Headquarters.

Scan the 6 fish hatchery ponds south of the headquarters for waterfowl, waders and shorebirds.

28. WALL LAKE

Lagrange County: I – 69 north, west on S.R. 20, north on S.R. 327, west on S.R. 120, north on C.R. 575 N., west on C.R. 565 N.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, A – 7

Habitat: A small lake in an urban setting. Cottages consume all the property along the lakefront.

When To Visit: Visit this site for waterfowl migration – March, April, October, November and December.

Directions: From the Fawn River Fish Hatchery on S.R. 327 N., turn right (south) on S.R. 327 N..

At the 4-way stop in downtown Orland, turn right (west) on

S.R. 120.

Drive west 7/10 of a mile and turn right (north) on C.R. 575 N. (a green "Wall Lake " arrow sign will signal this turn).

Drive ½ mile and turn left on C.R. 565 N. (a brown "Public Access Site" arrow sign is here).

Drive 3/10 of a mile and turn right at the brown "**Wall Lake – Public Access Site – Div. of Fish and Wildlife – Dept. of Natural Resources**" sign.

Park in the gravel lot. Use your scope to scan Wall Lake for waterfowl.

29. ORLAND DUCK CLUB

Steuben County: I – 69 north, west on S.R. 20, north on S.R. 327, west on C.R. 500 N.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, A - 7

Habitat: 3 separate wetland areas, farm land, grasslands, scattered woodlots and tree lines.

When To Visit: This site is visited primarily for waterfowl migration – March, April, October, November and December. For passerines and other wetland species – April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From the Public Access / Boat Launch at Wall Lake, turn left on C.R. 565 N.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn right (south) on C.R. 1200 E.. Follow this road as it winds south, back to S.R. 120.

Turn left (east) on S.R. 120.

Turn right (south) on S.R. 327.

Drive south on S.R. 327 for 1.8 miles and turn right (west) on Orland Road (this intersection is Orland Road on the east side of S.R. 327. It is C.R. 500 N. on the west side of S.R. 327 – there is no C.R. 500 N. sign here –a green "Lime Lake and Lake Gage" sign will signal this turn).

Drive west 7/10 of a mile. Use your scope to scan the marsh on the right (north) side of the road.

Continue west and at 9/10 of a mile, scan the marsh on the left (south) side of the road.

Turn around at the dead end / "Authorized Vehicles only" sign.

Drive east on C.R. 500 N., back to S.R. 327.

30. ORLAND MARSH ON S.R. 327

Steuben County: I – 69 north, west on S.R. 20, north on S.R. 327

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 23, A – 7

Habitat: A cattail marsh next to S.R. 327, surrounded by farm fields.

When To Visit: Visit this site for migrating waterfowl – March, April, October, November and December. For other migrating and nesting wetland species – April, May, June, early July, late August, September and October.

Directions: From the intersection of S.R. 327 and C.R. 500 N./Orland Road (Orland Duck Club), turn right (south) on S.R. 327. Drive south ½ mile and pull over on the right side of the road. Make sure you are completely off the highway and in the gravel. If traffic is heavy, stay in your vehicle. Use a car window mounted scope to scan the marsh. Exit the vehicle if traffic is light, but put lots of distance between you and the highway. Scan the cattail / lilly pad marsh for waterfowl and other wetland species.

When finished, continue driving south on S.R. 327.

Turn left (east) on C.R. 350 N. (a "Miller's Amish Country Poultry" sign signals this turn).

Drive east ½ mile and at the 4-way stop, turn left (north) on C.R. 900 W..

Drive 3/10 of a mile north and pull over to the right. Scan this small marsh for wetland species.

From this small marsh, drive another ½ mile and stop.

Scan the marsh on the left (west) side of the road.

Drive 20 yards and scan the lilly pad marsh on the east side of the road.

When finished, continue north to the T-section of Orland Road and C.R. 900 W..

Continue straight / north on Orland Road.

Drive north 1/10 of a mile and elbow left (west), staying on Orland Road.

Drive ½ mile west to S.R. 327.

31. PIGEON RIVER FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

Lagrange / Steuben Counties: I – 69 north, west on S.R. 20, north on S.R. 327, west on C.R. 300 N. Indiana Delorme Map: Page 22 / 23-A / B-5,6,7

Habitat: 11,605 acres of cultivated farm fields, meadows / grasslands, Pigeon River, a waterfowl resting area marsh, lakes, wooded wetlands, ponds and many tracts of pine plantations.

When To Visit: Visit this site for all migratory periods: For waterfowl – March, April, October, November and December. For passerines and other wetland species – April, May, late August, September and October. For nesting birds – April, May, June and July.

Directions: From the intersection of Orland Road (C.R. 500 N.) and S.R. 327, turn left (south) on S.R. 327..

Turn right (west) on C.R. 300 N. (a cemetery is on the northwest corner). D.N.R. property will begin at 4/10 of a mile.

Drive 1.2 miles west on C.R. 300 N..

Turn left into the gravel lot and park.

A large brown D.N.R. sign here reads: "**Pigeon River Fish and**

Wildlife – Waterfowl Management Unit – Office and Check Station – Mongo – This property Funded By Hunters, Fishermen, and Trappers".

Scan the marsh on both sides of C.R. 300 N. for wetland species. When finished, continue driving west on C.R. 300 N.

Turn left (south) on C.R. 1100 W. / C.R. 1200 E..

From this point forward, we will be car-birding through this fish and wildlife area. Drive slowly and keep the windows rolled down.

Drive south 1.2 miles and turn left (east) on C.R. 175 N..

Drive 8/10 of a mile east and turn left (north) into Parking Lot L9, to turn around.

In winter, one could walk through the pine plantations on the south side of the road for owls.

From Parking Lot L9, turn right (west) on C.R. 175 N..

Turn right (north) on C.R. 1200 E. / 1100 W..

At the 2-way stop, turn left (west) on C.R. 300 N.

Drive 1 mile west and turn left (south) on C.R. 1100 E..

Drive 1 mile south and turn around at the T-section with C.R. 200 N..

Return north on C.R. 1100 E..

Turn left (west) on C.R. 300 N..

Drive 2 miles west and turn left (south) on C.R. 900 E..

Drive south 1 mile and at the T-section, turn left (east) on C.R. 200 N. (there is no county road sign here – look for the orange stake with a black letter "J" on it).

Drive 1.1 miles and stop. Scan the lilly pad marsh on the left (north) side of the road for wetland species.

At roughly 1.8 miles from C.R. 900 E., turn around in Parking Lot I 3.

Return west on C.R. 200 N..

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (south) on C.R. 900 E. (the county roads are unmarked here).

Drive ½ mile and at the stop sign / T-section, turn right (west)

on C.R. 150 N..

Drive 1 mile and pause at the stick marsh on the left (south) side of the road. Scan the marsh for wetland species.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn right (north) on S.R. 3.

Drive 1.5 miles and in downtown Mongo, turn right (east) on C.R. 300 N..

Drive east ½ mile and turn right (south) at the brown and yellow "**Pigeon River Fish And Wildlife Area – Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources**" sign.

Take the 1st immediate left (east), and park in the gravel lot next to the **Pigeon River Check Station Barn**.

Go into the barn and pick up a map of Pigeon River.

Turn left (south) from the check station barn.

Proceed to the 1st T-section.

Turn right (west) at the T-section, following the brown campground arrow sign.

When you reach the Pigeon River Campground sign and outhouses, turn right (west) at the fork in the road.

Follow this road till it dead ends at the west end of the campground.

Scan **Mongo Reservoir** to your west for waterfowl and other wetland species.

When finished, turn around and return east on the campground road.

Turn right (south) at the next campground road (at Camp Site 20).

At the T-section (an outhouse is here), turn right (south) and park in **Parking Lot G 1**.

Walk down the boat ramp with your scope. Scan the marsh for wetland species.

When finished, turn around and follow the main park road north.

At the Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area entrance, turn left (west) on C.R. 300 N..

Drive 1.9 miles west on C.R. 300 N. and turn right (north) into **Parking Lot E 5** (E-5 is not well marked and is somewhat concealed – it is roughly a ¼ mile before (east) of C.R. 600 E.).

Walk south across C.R. 300 N..

Then walk east for around 70 yards.

Turn right (south) when you reach the long stand of pines.

Walk south for 200 yards. Search this area for migrating songbirds. Another field road leading directly south from the Parking Lot E 5 sign also provides good birding.

When finished, return to your vehicle.

Turn right (west) on C.R. 300 N..

At the very next county road, turn right (north) on C.R. 600 E..

Drive 4/10 of a mile north and turn left (west), into **Parking Lot E 4.**

Woodland birds are very active here. Walk south back to the Pigeon River bridge, birding by ear along the way.

When finished, return to your vehicle.

From Parking Lot E 4, turn right (south) on C.R. 600 E..

At the 2-way stop, turn right (west) on C.R. 300 N..

Drive 7/10 of a mile west and turn right (north) at the "**Nasby Dam**" sign. Pull into **Parking Lot E 3.**

Walk north onto the dam. Scan the lake for waterfowl and other wetland species. Search the surrounding trees for migrating passerines. When finished, return south on the gravel road to C.R. 300 N..

Turn right (west) on C.R. 300 N..

Drive 1.4 miles west on C.R. 300 N..

At the T-section, turn left (south) on C.R. 400 E. (at this intersection, C.R. 300 N. has become C.R. 400 N.).

Drive south 1/10 of a mile and pull over.

Scan the **Area D Marsh** on both sides of the road for wetland species.

When finished, drive south and turn left into Parking Lot D 11 to turn around.

Return north on C.R. 400 E..

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (west) on C.R. 400 N. (formerly C.R. 300 N.).

Drive west 2/10 of a mile and turn right (north) on the unmarked

gravel county road (following the "Area A – Curtis Creek Trout Rearing Station" arrow sign).

Drive north 4/10 of a mile.

After crossing the **C.R. 375 E. Bridge**, turn left (west) into **Parking Lot B 4**.

Scan the marsh for waterfowl and other wetland species.

When finished, turn left (north) on C.R. 375 E..

C.R. 375 E. quickly becomes C.R. 395 E..

Drive 1.7 miles and at the stop sign, turn left (west) on C.R. 500 N. (the road you are turning from is now C.R. 475 E.).

Drive west on C.R. 500 N. for 1 mile. Pull over to the right side of the road.

Scan **Troxel Lake** on both sides of the road for waterfowl and other wetland species.

When finished, turn around and return east on C.R. 500 N..

32. SOUTHWEST LAGRANGE GRASSLANDS

Lagrange County: I – 69 north, north on S.R. 33, north on S.R. 5, west on C.R. 200 S.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 22, C / D – 2

Habitat: Grasslands, cattle and horse pastures, farm fields and scattered woodlots.

When To Visit: Visit this site for migrating and nesting grassland species – April, May, June and July.

Target birds: Loggerhead Shrike, Upland Sandpiper, Western Meadowlarks, Bobolinks, Northern Mockingbirds, the Cliff Swallow colony, Savannah Sparrows, Grasshopper Sparrows and Dickcissels.

Directions: From Troxel Lake at the Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area, turn around and return east on C.R. 500 N..

Drive 1 mile east on C.R. 500 N..

Turn left (north) on C.R. 475 E..

Drive ½ mile north and turn left (west) on S.R. 120.

Follow S.R. 120 West to the town of Howe.

Turn left (south) on S.R. 9 (3 gas stations on the corners here).

In the town of Lagrange, turn right (west) on S.R. 20.

Drive west 6.4 miles. When S.R. 20 begins to elbow right (north), turn left (or go straight) and go west to C.R. 600 W. (a flashing yellow sharp turn sign will signal this turn).

Turn left (south) on C.R. 600 W..

Drive 2 miles south and in the town of Emma, turn right (west) on C.R. 200 S..

Drive 3 miles west and turn right (north) on C.R. 900 W..

The **Lagrange Grasslands** start here. Roll down your windows and start car-birding from here. Look and listen for grassland species.

Drive 6/10 of a mile north and turn around.

Return south on C.R. 900 W..

At the stop sign / T-section, take the jog left on C.R. 200 S., and then right (south), staying on C.R. 900 W..

Drive 1 mile south and turn right (west) on C.R. 300 S..

Drive 3/10 of a mile west and pull over to the right.

There is a red barn on the right (north) side of the road, just ahead of you.

Use your binoculars to scan just below the gutter on the red barn. The mud nests on the barn belong to hundreds of Cliff Swallows.

Continue west on C.R. 300 S..

At the stop sign, turn right (north) on C.R. 1000 W..

Drive north 8/10 of a mile and turn around at the Mennonite Church.

Return south on C.R. 1000 W..

Turn right (west) on C.R. 300 S..

Drive west 1 mile and turn right (north) on C.R. 1100 W..

Turn around at C.R. 200 S. and return south on C.R. 1100 W..

Turn right (west) on C.R. 300 S..

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (south) on C.R. 1200 W..

Drive 1 mile south and turn left (east) on C.R. 400 S..

Turn right (south) on C.R. 1000 W..
 Drive south 1.3 miles and turn right (west) on C.R. 500 S..
 Drive ½ mile and turn left (south) on C.R. 1050 W..
 Drive 1 mile south and at the stop sign / T-section, turn right
 (west) on C.R. 600 S..
 Drive 7/10 of a mile west and turn right (north) on C.R. 1125 W.
 Drive north 2 miles to C.R. 400 S..
 Turn right (east) on C.R. 400 S..
 Drive roughly 1.8 miles east and turn right (south) on C.R. 950 W.
 (Honeyville General Store is on the corner-a light brown building).
 Drive 1.1 miles south and at the stop sign / T-section, turn left
 (east) on C.R. 500 S..
 Drive ½ mile east and turn right (south) on C.R. 900 W..
 Drive 1 mile south and at the stop sign, turn right (west) on
 C.R. 600 S..
 Drive 1 mile west and turn left (south) on C.R. 1000 W..
 Drive south ½ mile and at the T-section, turn left (east) on
 C.R. 650 S..
 Drive 1 mile east and turn right (south) on C.R. 900 W..
 Drive 1 mile and turn left (east) on C.R. 750 S..
 Drive east 1 mile to S.R. 5.

33. CHAIN O' LAKES STATE PARK

Noble County:

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 22, G / H – 4 / 5

Habitat: 2718 acres large, this park is one mile wide and four miles long. A wide variety of habitat includes: 11 lakes, mature deciduous woodlands, small grassland areas, mowed recreational areas, densely brushed grassland areas, pine stands and wooded wetlands.

When To Visit: Visit this site for all migratory periods:
 For passerines – April, May, late August, September and October. For waterfowl – March, April, October, November and

December. For nesting species – May, June and July.

Directions: From the southwest Lagrange County grasslands at C.R. 750 S. and S.R. 5, turn right (south) on S.R. 5.

Drive 6 miles south and in the town of Ligonier, turn left (east) on S.R. 6.

Drive 8.7 miles east and at the flashing yellow traffic signal, turn right (south) on S.R. 9.

Drive 7.8 miles south and turn left (east) on C.R. 75 S. (a brown rectangular "Chain O' Lakes State Park" sign is on the right side of the road).

Roll down your windows and start car-birding from this point forward.

Drive 1.1 miles and at the 1st road after the entrance gatehouse to Chain O' Lakes State Park, turn right (south).

Drive 6/10 of a mile and when you reach the fork in the road, veer right, following the brown "Youth Tent Camping" arrow sign.

This road will dead end at the campground outhouses and loop you back going north.

From the loop by the campground outhouses, drive 5/10 of a mile. At the 3-way intersection (fork in the road), turn right (south), following the "Boat Ramps" arrow sign.

Drive 6/10 of a mile and park in the gravel lot where this road dead ends. If the treated wood gate blocks access to this road, you may have to park in the lot on your left and walk 2/10 of a mile to the lakes.

From the parking lot at the dead end, grab your scope and walk north to **Norman Lake**.

Scan the lake for waterfowl and wading birds.

When finished, walk to the boat ramp on the south side of this parking lot. Scan **Miller Lake** for waterfowl and wading birds.

When finished, return north on this gravel road, back to the main park road by the entrance gate.

At the yield sign / T-section, turn right (east).

Drive 1.2 miles and turn right on the paved road just before the

bridge (bridge has rust red guard rails).

Walk east from this parking lot, crossing the treated wood bridge.

This is **Trail 5**. Follow Trail 5 as it loops around **Sand Lake**.

You will walk by the boat ramp, boat rental shack and the beach.

Just south of the beach, turn right (west), following the "Trail 5"

arrow sign. The part of Trail 5 bordering the south edge of Sand

Lake is quite muddy. Gore-texed hiking or rubber boots are

recommended. The best time to walk around this lake is the

month of May. In June and July, recreational traffic is very heavy here especially since the park beach is on Sand Lake.

When I walked around this lake on June 14, 2003, rented paddle

boats peppered the shoreline, preventing the Prothonotary

Warblers from singing. If visiting in June or July, Dock Lake

would be a better place to find this uncommon warbler.

When finished, drive north back to the main park road and turn right (east).

Drive 3/10 of a mile and turn left (north), following the "**Dock Lake**" arrow sign.

Drive 1/10 of a mile and turn right at the "Dock Lake" arrow sign.

Drive 1/10 of a mile and park in the Dock Lake parking lot.

From the Dock Lake Parking Lot, hike south on the gravel road (where you just drove from), until you see the **Trail 1** sign on the right (west) side of the road.

Follow Trail 1 as it loops around the lake.

When you reach the fork in the trail, turn right at the Trail 2 post and cross the bridge.

Ignore the Trail 2 left turn and continue straight, on Trail 1.

Nesting Prothonotary Warblers can easily be heard here.

Turn right (south) immediately after crossing the 2nd bridge (at the brown Trail 1 post – Trail 1 continues straight – we want to turn right and continue bordering the lake on **Trail 6**).

Trail 6 will lead you back to your vehicle.

From the Dock Lake Parking Lot, drive south 1/10 of a mile.

Turn left at the T-section.

At the next T-section, turn left (east) on the main park road.

At the fork in the road, veer left, following the "Campground" arrow sign.

Drive past the campground.

Drive 8/10 of a mile and at the yield sign / T-section, turn left (north), following the "**Nature Center**" arrow sign.

Pause at 3/10 of a mile. Scan the marsh on the left (west) side of the road.

Drive 4/10 of a mile and turn right (east), into the Nature Center Parking Lot.

From the northeast corner of the parking lot, hike the mowed grass trail leading east.

Look and listen for Henslow's Sparrow and other grassland species.

Another mowed grass trail will turn left (north), leading you through the middle of the grasslands.

When finished, turn left (south) from the parking lot.

Drive 1/10 of a mile. Turn left (east) at the "**Long Lake**" arrow sign.

Drive 2/10 of a mile and veer right at the "Long Lake" arrow sign (a fork in the road).

Drive 1/10 of a mile and park near the boat ramp.

Scan Long Lake for waterfowl and waders.

When finished, return west, back to the Nature Center road.

At the yield sign / T-section, turn left (south), following the "Campground / Family Cabins" arrow sign.

Drive 2/10 of a mile and at the T-section, continue straight (south).

Drive 3/10 of a mile and turn right, into the Payground Parking Lot.

Hike the unmarked trail leading south from the parking lot.

You will see the "**Trail 6**" arrow post.

Follow Trail 6 as it first leads you through a grassland area with dense shrubs and short trees (Yellow-breasted Chat territory).

As you continue walking southeast, Trail 6 will gradually phase you into a mature deciduous woodland. A tiny creek is at the bottom of a steep ravine.

When you reach the treated wood boardwalk, you may elect to turn around and return to your vehicle. For those who want to continue, Trail 6 is 2.5 miles long.

When the woods becomes swampy on the right (east) side of the trail (this is Long Lake), begin looking for the 1st cabin on the left (west) side of the trail (on top of the hill).

When you see the 1st cabin, turn left (west) on the tiny foot path. Climb the hill to Hickory 3 Cabin.

From the paved loop turn-around, follow this paved road 30 yards to the T-section. Turn left at the T-section.

Walk 50 yards to your vehicle at the Cabin Playground Parking Lot.

From this gravel lot, turn left (west).

Drive 3/10 of a mile and elbow right (north).

At the yield sign / T-section, turn left (west).

Drive 3.6 miles straight (west) on this main park road to exit the park.

34. CROOKED LAKE NATURE PRESERVE

Whitley County: S.R. 9 north, west on

C.R. 700 N.,

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 28, A – 4

Habitat: Dense shrub areas with small trees, mature deciduous forest and Crooked Lake.

When To Visit: Visit this site for passerine and waterfowl migration: For waterfowl – March, April, October, November and December. For passerines – April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From Chain O' Lakes State Park at S.R. 9, turn left (south) on S.R. 9.

Drive 6.1 miles and turn right (west) on C.R. 700 N..

Drive ½ mile and turn left (south), when the road elbows right (north). Park by the "**Crooked Lake Nature Preserve – Purchased by the State of Indiana with the assistance of the Nature Conservancy, Acres Inc. and Crooked Lake Property Owners Association**" sign.

Follow the trail south from this parking lot.

At the 1st T-section in the trail, a right (west) turn will take you through an area with dense shrubs and small trees. It will eventually lead into a mature deciduous forest where Wood Thrush, Acadian Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo and other woodland birds can be heard.

The trail which leads straight (south) will take you through a woodland area and down to **Crooked Lake**. When you reach the brown "Register Here" box, turn right.

Follow this trail until you see the # 10 post. At the opening just beyond the # 10 post, scan Crooked Lake for waterfowl. When finished, turn around and follow the trail back to your vehicle.

35. CRANE LAKE

Whitley County: S.R. 9 north, west on C.R. 700 N., north on C.R. 250 W., west on C.R. 500 S.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 28, A – 3

Habitat: A small lake with dense vegetation and trees lining it's banks. Wetland grasses are here, but no cattails. The only access is from the boat ramp.

When To Visit: Visit this site for waterfowl – March, April, October, November and December.

Directions: From the Crooked Lake Nature Preserve at the elbow in the road, drive north on C.R. 250 W..

At 1 mile, C.R. 250 W. will elbow left (west) and become C.R. 500 S..

Drive ½ mile and turn left at the "**Crane Lake – Public Access Site – Dept. of Natural Resources – Division of Fish and Wildlife**" sign.

From the boat ramp, use your scope to scan **Crane Lake** for waterfowl. Viewing will be better during waterfowl migration, when the trees and shrubs have no leaves.

36. WHITLEY COUNTY GRASSLANDS

Whitley County: S.R. 9 north, west on S.R. 30, north on S.R. 109, west on C.R. 200 N.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 28, B – 3 / 4

Habitat: Grasslands, Farm fields and scattered trees.

When To Visit: Visit this site for migrating and nesting grassland species: For migration – March, April, May, late August, September and October. For nesting – May, June and July.

Directions: From Crane Lake, at the intersection of C.R. 500 S. and C.R. 300 W., continue driving west on C.R. 500 S..

Drive 8/10 of a mile west to the stop sign / T-section.

Turn left (south) on S.R. 109.

Drive 6.2 miles south and turn right (west) on C.R. 200 N..

After driving west 1 mile on C.R. 200 N., roll down your windows and start birding for grassland species.

Turn right (north) on C.R. 150 W..

Drive north 7/10 of a mile. Turn around when you reach Sheckler Road. Return south on C.R. 150 W..

In winter, look for Short-eared Owls here.

Drive south 1.2 miles and at the T-section, turn left (east) on C.R. 150 N..

Drive east to the dead end / T-section. At the stop sign, turn left (north) on S.R. 109.

Drive ½ mile north and turn left (northwest) on Etna Road.
 Drive 1 mile northwest and turn left (west) on Sheckler Road.

37. DENISTON NATURE PRESERVE

**Whitley County: north on S.R. 9, west on
 S.R. 30, west on Lincolnway Road**

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 28, A – 2

Habitat: Robinson Lake, mature deciduous forest, pine plantings and brushy areas.

When To Visit: Visit this site for waterfowl and passerine migration: For waterfowl – March, April, October, November and December. For passerines – April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From the Whitley County Grasslands at the intersection of C.R. 150 W. and Sheckler Road, continue driving west on Sheckler Road.

Drive 1 mile west and at the stop sign, drive across C.R. 250 W. and onto the gravel road.

Sheckler Road will elbow left and come to a stop sign.

Turn right (west) on Lincolnway Road.

Drive 5.5 miles west on Lincolnway Road.

Turn left (south) at the brown "**Deniston Resource Area – Dept. of Natural Resources**" sign.

Roll down the windows. Start car-birding as you drive this gravel road through the preserve.

Drive 3/10 of a mile and turn right, into the gravel parking lot.

Walk down the paved road to the boat launch.

Scan **Robinson Lake** for waterfowl. When finished, return to your vehicle.

Return north on the main nature preserve road.

At the entrance to Deniston Nature Preserve, turn left (west) on Lincolnway Road.

Pull over to the right, just before the green "Enter Kosciusko Co. /

Leave Whitley Co." county line sign. Park right at the yellow and black elbow left sign.

Search the pines on the left (south) side of the road for roosting owls in winter. When finished, continue driving west on Lincolnway Road.

38. COUNTY LINE GRASSLANDS

Whitley and Kosciusko County: north on S.R. 9, west on S.R. 30, west on Lincolnway Road, south on Robinson Lake Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 28, A – 2

Habitat: Grasslands, farm fields, wetland areas, small woodlots and scattered trees.

When To Visit: Visit this site for migrating and nesting grassland species – April, May, June, July, late August, September and October.

Directions: From the owl site at Deniston Nature Preserve, continue driving west on Lincolnway Road.

Drive 7/10 of a mile and turn left (south) on Robinson Lake Road.

Start car-birding the grasslands from this point forward.

Drive 1.7 miles south.

Turn left (east) on C.R. 325 N..

Drive east 1.5 miles to the dead end / T-section.

At the stop sign, turn right (south) on S.R. 5.

Drive south on S.R. 5, to S.R. 30.

END OF TOUR

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