

SOUTHWEST INDIANA

COMPREHENSIVE

BIRDING TOUR

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It will take 7 to 10 days to complete this Tour. You will be birding in the following Counties: Putnam, Owen, Clay, Vigo, Greene, Sullivan, Knox, Gibson, Posey, Warrick, Spencer, Pike, Daviess, Dubois, Orange, Lawrence, Monroe and Brown.

If you only have the weekend to spend and are seeking the Southwestern Specialties (May and June), then skip all but the following sites: 3 day weekend – 18 sites – 6 sites per day.

12. New Lebanon Area – Loggerhead Shrike Loop
18. Gibson Power Plant – Least Tern, Bald Eagle
21. Hovey Lake F.W.A. – Yellow-crowned Night Heron
22. John T. Myers Lock And Dam – Fish Crow
23. Twin Swamps Nature Preserve–Yellow-crowned Night H.
24. Big Cypress Slough – Yellow-crowned Night Heron.

- 33. Ayrshire Mines – Blue Grosbeak, Bell's Vireo, Henslow's Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Dickcissel, American Bittern and Barn Owl.**
- 34. Scales Lake County Park – Mississippi Kite.**
- 37. Foertsch Mines – Chuck-will's Widow.**
- 40. Lincoln State Park – Mississippi Kite, Summer Tanager, Worm-eating Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Cerulean Warbler**
- 41. Folsomville Chuck Site – Chuck-will's Widow**
- 44. Somerville Mine (and the farm ponds between I-64 and Winslow, on S.R.61) – Yellow-crowned Night Heron**
- 50. Patoka River and Floodplains – Yellow-crowned Night Heron**
- 51. Patoka River At Winslow – Yellow-crowned Night Heron**
- 52. Ferdinand State Forest / Pike Unit – Mississippi Kite, Worm-eating Warbler, Pine Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Hooded Warbler.**
- 53. Phoenix Mines – Loggerhead Shrike**
- 58. Spring Mill State Park – Black Vulture**
- 59. Rivervale Road – Chuck-will's-Widow.**
- 60. Spice Valley Campground – Chuck-will's Widow.**

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INTRODUCTION

The instructions in this tour are only a basic framework. If I tried to squeeze in every great birding site in southern Indiana, this document would be 1000+ pages long. Use this tour as inspiration, to explore beyond the simple set of instructions written for each site. When you drive the county roads listed in this tour, you will pass hundreds of small farm ponds and tiny cattail marshes along the way.

DO NOT let them escape your scrutiny. A rare bird does not discriminate when it comes to a reasonably seclude site, loaded with nutrients. If you are looking for a document which contains only national wildlife refuges or state parks, then this is not the tour for you. This tour contains tiny lakes and farm ponds, as well as huge fish and wildlife areas, such as Hovey Lake (4400 acres) and Minnehaha FWA (11,400 acres).

Remember, **you are always birding**. Once I was having breakfast at a Denny's somewhere in Southeast Arizona. I looked out the window and there was a Peregrine Falcon atop the Denny's Restaurant sign. Don't let your guard down !!! I tried to build some flexibility into this tour. For those who don't like to follow a detailed set of instructions, simply use the headlines in each site to find the location. And, of course, you can start the tour at the beginning, middle or near the end.

1. LIEBER STATE RECREATION AREA:
Putnam / Owen Counties – S.R. 243
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 43, E – 11

Habitat: Reservoir, beach area, deciduous woods, lots of woodland edging and mowed grass recreation areas.

When to Visit: Migratory periods for passerines. Eagles may visit this site during the winter months.

Strategy: Make this a brief visit to sample the passerine migration. In winter, go directly to the reservoir and scan for eagles.

Directions: From I – 70 and I – 465 in Indianapolis, go west on I – 70 for 37 miles and take exit # 37, the S.R. 243 exit (a brown "Lieber State Recreation Area" sign will signal this turn).

Turn left (south) on S.R. 243.

Follow S.R. 243 for 3 miles.

Turn right (west) when you see the "Lieber State Recreation Area – Cagles Mill Reservoir" sign, on the left (east) side of the road.

Follow this winding park road all the way back to **Cagles Mills Reservoir**. Scan the beaches here for shorebirds.

In winter, scan the shore and tree lines for wintering Bald Eagles. Scan the lake for waterfowl.

To sample passerine migration, simply work the woodland edges in the recreation areas in the park. 100 yards south of the Campground Store is the "Haunted Hollow Nature Trail".

2. CHINOOK MINES

Clay County: C.R. 550 W. / C.R. 600 N.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 42, E – F / 6

Habitat: Grasslands and 18 small ponds / wetlands.

Strategy: There are no trespassing signs here so stay on the county roads. Drive slowly and listen for nesting grassland species.

When To Visit: Spring and early summer are good for nesting grassland and wetland species. In winter, search for wintering Short-eared Owls and raptors. Snow cover may draw in Snow Buntings and Lapland Longspurs.

Directions: From the Lieber State Recreation Area, follow the main road back to the park entrance.

Turn left (north) on S.R. 243.

Follow S.R. 243 for 3 miles and turn left (west) on I – 70.

Drive I – 70 west for 26 miles and take exit 11, S.R. 46.

Turn right (north) on S.R. 46.

Take S.R. 46 2 miles and turn right (east) on S.R. 42.

Continue east on S.R. 42 past the Terre Haute Airport.

After 2 miles you will see S.R. 42 veer right (south).

Don't veer right, but continue straight (east) on Swalls Drive, leaving S.R. 42.

Continue east for 2 miles on Swalls Road.

Pull over just past the intersection of Tabertown and Swalls Drive. Scan the 2 ponds here for waterfowl and shorebirds.

Then, continue east on Swalls Drive into the Chinook Mines.

As you drive, scan the grassland and various wetland areas on the property. Listen for migrating/nesting grassland species.

Turn left (north) on C.R. 550 W..

Search for wintering Short-eared Owls, Northern Harriers and Rough-legged Hawks.

Turn left (west) on C.R. 600 N.(T-section).

Continue west on C.R. 600 N. till you reach Tabertown Street

(a dead end / T – section).

Turn left (south) on Tabertown Street.

Drive 1 mile and turn right (west) on Swalls Drive.

3. PFIZER POND

Vigo County: Dallas Road, off S.R. 41

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 42, G – 4, 5

Habitat: A small pond.

Strategy: This is a shorebird and dabbling duck site. You will need a scope here.

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

Directions: From the Chinook Mines, continue west on Swalls Drive. At the next stop sign, go straight on S.R. 42.

Follow S.R. 42 for 2 or 3 miles and turn left (south) on S.R. 46.

Turn left (east) on the entrance ramp for I – 70 West.

Follow I – 70 West for 4 miles to exit # 7, S.R. 41.

Turn left (south) on S.R. 41.

Continue south on S.R. 41 for 5 miles.

When you see the blue "Pfizer Vigo Plant" sign, turn right (west) on Dallas Drive.

Drive 1 mile to the first stop sign and turn left (south) on Carlisle Street.

Turn right at the next road, which is the Pfizer plant entrance.

Continue west to the Visitor's Center and turn right into the Visitor's Center Parking Lot. You must sign the visitor's log in order to visit this site.

Once you have logged in, turn right (west) from the Visitor's Center Parking Lot.

Go across the R.R. tracks and turn right (north) at the next road.

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

Go 50 yards and turn right (north) into the gravel parking lot.

Climb the dike to your east and use your scope to scan the pond for shorebirds, waterfowl and waders.

4. SHAKAMAK STATE PARK

Sullivan / Clay Counties – 6265 W. S.R. 48

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 49, B – 7

Habitat: 1766 acres of forest with 3 lakes.

Strategy: We will work the woodland edges in the park for passerines and scan the 3 lakes for waterfowl.

When To Visit: For waterfowl on the lakes: November, December, February and March. For passerine migration: April, May, September and October.

Directions: From the Pfizer Pond on Dallas Road, turn left (east) on Dallas Road.

Turn right (south) on S.R. 41.

Drive 5 miles south on S.R. 41 and then turn left (east) on S.R. 246 (flashing yellow signal here).

Drive S.R. 246 east 7 miles to S.R. 159.

Turn right (south) on S.R. 159.

Drive 7 miles south on S.R. 159 till it dead ends.

At the dead end / T-section, turn left (east) on S.R. 48.

Drive east ½ mile on S.R. 48 and turn right (south) into Shakamak State Park.

Once past the gate, turn right to go to Lake Shakamak.

Roll the windows down. Look and listen for warblers and other migrating passerines while driving through the park.

Take the next available left, following the Lake Shakamak arrow signs. Take the next available left again, and continue following the Lake Shakamak arrow signs.

From the boat launch, scan **Lake Shakamak** for waterfowl.

Working your way back toward the park entrance, look for the "West Shelter" arrow on the park signs.

Turn left and follow the "West Shelter" arrow.

Go past West Shelter and turn left at the "Boat Rental" arrow sign.

Turn right into the boat docks parking lot (a fish cleaning station is here).

At the northwest end of the parking lot, follow the asphalt dike west. This dike splits the lake in half. Scan **Lake Kickapoo** on both sides of the dike.

When finished, follow the road back to the T-section and turn right at the West Shelter Area.

Take the next left, following the gate arrows back out to the park entrance.

At the park entrance, follow the main park road to the south side of the park, following the "Lake Kickapoo" arrow sign.

Turn left at the Campground arrow sign.

Go across the dike road and park in the gravel lot on the southeast side of the road. Walk out onto the dike road and scan

Lake Lenape to the east, and **Lake Kickapoo** to the west.

Turn around and head back north to the park gate house.

The best trail for migrating passerines is probably Trail 1. It starts at the Nature Center, following the shoreline of **Lake Shakamak**, completely encircling the lake. This trail takes you through wet wooded areas and small streams. It is 3.25 miles long.

5. BEEHUNTER'S MARSH

Greene County – C.R. 100 S.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 49, E – 8

Habitat: Grassland, wetland and scattered trees.

Strategy: Birding from the road, look and listen for wetland species. In winter, search the grassland areas for hunting Short-eared Owls at dusk.

When To Visit: In April, May, September and October, search for migrating wetland species. In winter, look for Short-eared Owls, Northern Harriers and Rough-legged Hawks.

Directions: From the entrance of Shakamak State Park, turn right (east) on S.R. 48.

Drive 3 miles and turn right (south) on S.R. 59.

Drive 7 miles south on S.R. 59 and turn left (south) at the flashing red traffic light (S.R. 59 and S.R. 54 merge here).

Drive 3 miles into the town of Linton and continue following S.R. 54 East. Do Not turn right on S.R. 59.

Drive 5 miles on S.R. 54 and turn right (south) on C.R. 800 W..

Drive 6 miles on C.R. 800 W. to C.R. 100 S..

Turn right (west) on C.R. 100 S..

Drive 2 miles and you will see the first marsh on the right (north) side of C.R. 100 S..

Listen for rails and other wetland species. Scan the marsh for waterfowl. Drive west another ½ mile. You will see another marsh on the north side of the road, after you cross the 2nd bridge. Scan this marsh.

6. GOOSE POND

Greene County: At C.R. 200 S. / C.R. 1400 W.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 49, E – 7

Habitat: This is a lowland area consisting of wet grasslands and shallow ponds.

Strategy: Birding from the county roads, look for grassland species during migration. In winter, Short-eared Owls can be seen here, hunting at dusk.

When To Visit: The months of March, April, May, September, October and November are best for migratory species. Search for over-wintering species such as Leconte's Sparrow, Rough-legged Hawk, Northern Harrier and Short-eared Owl in December, January, February and March.

Directions: From Beehunter's Marsh on C.R. 100 S., turn left (south) on C.R. 1000 W..

At the dead end / T-section, turn right (west) on C.R. 200 S..

When C.R. 200 S. comes to a T-section with a state road, turn left (west). This is S.R. 59, but it is not labeled here.

Go roughly ½ mile and when S.R. 59 elbows left, turn right on C.R. 200 S.. Listen for grassland species. Scan the area for raptors, shrikes and Short-eared Owls.

Drive 1 mile and turn right (north) on C.R. 1400 W..

Continue birding C.R. 1400 W., going north past the drainage ditch bridge. When you reach the next county road T-section with a gravel parking lot on the left side of the road, turn around and head back south on C.R. 1400 W..

At the dead end / T-section, turn left (east) on C.R. 200 S..

Take C.R. 200 S. east to S.R. 59.

7. HAWTHORNE MINES

Sullivan County: C.R. 900 E. (County Line Road)

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 48, E / F – 6

Habitat: Large grassland area, small ponds and scattered woodland plots.

Strategy: Birding is only allowed from the county roads. Bird by ear for migrating and nesting grassland species. Scan the lakes and cattail marshes for waterfowl and other wetland species.

When To Visit: A well known site for wintering raptors and Short-eared Owls. The months of March, April, May, September, October and November are good for migratory birds.

Directions: From Goose Pond, take C.R. 200 S. back east to S.R. 59. Turn right (south) on S.R. 59.

Drive roughly 2 miles and turn right (west) on C.R. 525 S.

Drive 1 mile to the stop sign / T-section and turn left (south) on C.R. 1375 W.

Drive ½ mile and turn right (west) on C.R. 575 S. (a T-section).

Be sure to scan the 2 ponds on the right side of the road.

Drive 1 mile and turn left (south) on C.R. 1500 W.

Within a mile you will see a lake on the right (west) side of the road. Scan it for waterfowl and waders.

When you come to a R.R. Tracks sign and a fork in the road, turn right and go across the R.R. Tracks.

Turn right (north) on C.R. 900 E. (County Line Road).

Scan the small ponds on the right (east) side of the road.

When you see the "**Peabody Coal Company/Hawthorne Mine**" sign, turn left (west) at the T-section / Mailbox (an unmarked mine road).

Stay on the road which angles left.

Follow this road west till it dead ends in 3 or 4 miles. This is the main mining road which provides the best birding.

At the dead end, turn around and head back east toward the Peabody Mine Office.

8. DUGGER UNIT / GREENE-SULLIVAN STATE FOREST

Sullivan County: S.R. 54 at C.R. 450 E.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 48, D – 5, 6

Habitat: Grasslands, small lakes / ponds and scattered trees.

When To Visit: The months of March, April, May, September, October and November are good for migrating grassland and wetland species. Leconte's Sparrow has been known to over-winter here. Rough-legged Hawk, Northern Harrier and Short-eared Owls are also possible in winter.

Directions: From the Hawthorne Mine, turn left (north) at C.R. 900 E. (the Peabody Coal Company Office is at this T-section). At the dead end / T-section, turn left (west) on S.R. 159 N.

In Dugger, turn left (west) on S.R. 54 (S.R. 159 dead ends here). Drive 4 miles and turn left (south) on C.R. 450 E. (a brown "Greene-Sullivan State Forest-Dugger Unit" sign is on the right side of the road). Start birding from the vehicle as you drive these county roads. Pause at the intersection of C.R. 450 E. and C.R. 100 S., and scan **Goose Lake** to your east. Scan **Bass Lake** on the west side of the road. Continue south on C.R. 450 E. Near the intersection of C.R. 450 E. and C.R. 200 S., scan **Pump Lake** on the east side of the road. Once past this intersection, turn right (west) on the next unmarked road.

When you reach the dead end / T-section, turn right (north) on this unmarked road (C.R. 350 E.).

Be sure and scan **Skunk, Mouse** and **Fox Lake**, while driving north to C.R. 100 S.

Turn right (east) at the very next T-section you come to (unmarked road – C.R. 100 S. / a "Greene-Sullivan State Forest-East Dugger Unit" sign will be at the corner of this intersection).

Drive ¼ mile and park at the "**Turtle Lake**" sign on the right (south) side of the road.

Work the fields on both sides of the road for wintering Leconte's Sparrows. Look for Rough-legged Hawks and Northern Harriers. Continue east on C.R. 100 S., scanning **Long Lake** on your left (north), and the grasslands on the right (south) side of the road. When you reach C.R. 450 E., turn around and head back west on C.R. 100 S..

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (south) on C.R. 350 E. (unmarked road). Go south 1 mile and turn right (west) on the gravel road (barbed wire wooden posts are on both sides of this gravel road). You are now in the **west unit of Dugger**.

When you reach the dead end / T-section, turn right (north) on C.R. 275 E. (unmarked road).

At the T-section, turn left (west) on S.R. 54.

9. MINNEHAHA STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

Sullivan County: C.R. 375 E. / C.R. 50 N.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 48, C – 5, 6

Habitat: This is the largest Fish and Wildlife Area in the state at 11,400 acres. It is mostly reclaimed strip mining land. Grasslands, small lakes, scattered wood lots, pine stands and tree lines can be found here.

Strategy: Access is allowed on this property. You will be able to cover much more territory by simply driving the county roads (car birding). Target birds will be migrating or nesting grassland and wetland species. Pay special attention to the lakes and Marshes.

When To Visit: Migratory periods – March, April, May, September, October and November. Visit in May and June for nesting grassland species. In winter, grasslands are usually good for Northern Harrier, Rough-legged Hawk, Short-eared Owls,

Lapland Longspur and possibly Leconte's Sparrow.

Directions: From the Dugger Unit of Greene-Sullivan State Forest, continue north on C.R. 275 E.

Turn left (west) on S.R. 54.

Drive ¼ mile and look for the "Minnehaha Fish and Wildlife Area" arrow sign. Drive 50 yards past this sign and turn right (north) on the gravel road (big brown "Minnehaha State Fish and Wildlife Area" sign is here – road is unmarked).

Drive to the north end of the parking lot and scan the lake.

Return to S.R. 54 and turn left (east) on S.R. 54.

Turn left (north) on C.R. 375 E. You are now in Minnehaha.

Start scanning and listening as you drive these county roads.

Turn left (west) on C.R. 50 N. (dead end / T-section).

Drive west past the power substation and under the R.R. bridge.

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

Elbow right (east) at C.R. 90 N.

Elbow left (north) at C.R. 200 E.

At the dead end / T-section, turn right (east) on C.R. 150 N.

At the dead end / T-section, turn right (east) on C.R. 300 N.

Continue east on C.R. 300 N., birding the wetlands, ponds and grasslands along the way.

Turn left (north) on C.R. 525 E.

At the dead end / T-section, turn right (south) on C.R. 700 E.

Turn right (west) on C.R. 50 S.

At the stop sign and fork in the road, veer right onto S.R. 54, going west. Drive 2 miles and turn right (north) on C.R. 375 E.

Turn right (east) on C.R. 50 N.

Drive several miles and turn left (north) on C.R. 525 E.

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

If you have more time, drive C.R. 100 N. and C.R. 200 N. These roads were muddy and impassable when I toured this refuge.

C.R. 325 N. is also good and can be accessed by going north on C.R. 700 E. and turning left on C.R. 325 N. It is near the town of Baker. Henslow's Sparrow has nested near here in the past.

10. LAKE SULLIVAN

Sullivan County: C.R. 100 E. / C.R. 300 N.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 48, C – 5

Habitat: A medium sized lake in an urban setting.

When To Visit: Waterfowl migration – February, March, early April, late October, November and December.

Directions: From the Minnehaha Fish and Wildlife Area, continue north on C.R. 525 E.

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

Just before you reach Lake Sullivan, you will see 2 sets of wire roped wooden posts with the tops painted yellow. Just before the 2nd set of wire roped posts, pull off to the left (south) and park in the small gravel pull-off. Use your scope to scan the lake on both sides of the road. Continue west on C.R. 300 N.

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

Drive past the lake and park on the right, just past the wire roped posts. Scan the lake on both sides of the road.

Turn around and head back south on C.R. 100 E.

11. TURTLE CREEK RESERVOIR

Sullivan County: S.R. 63 / S.R. 58

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 48, C / D – 3

Habitat: A large reservoir.

When To Visit: Waterfowl migration – February, March, early April, late October, November and December.

Directions: From Lake Sullivan, turn around and head back south on C.R. 100 E.

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

Turn right (south) on C.R. 175 E.

As the road curves left and then right, you will then be on C.R. 200 E.

The road will elbow right (west) and you will then be on C.R. 90 N. Go across the bridge. Drive another 50 yards or so and stop briefly to scan the south end of **Lake Sullivan**. Continue west on C.R. 90 N. When you elbow left (south) you will be on C.R. 150 E.

Turn right (west) on C.R. 75 N. Go past the courthouse in downtown Sullivan (you are now on E. Washington Street).

Turn right (north) on Section Street.

Turn left (west) on W. Wolfe Street (To S.R. 154 / 41 / 150 and Dairy Queen is here).

Turn left (south) on S.R. 41.

Turn right (west) on Washington Street.

Drive past a housing addition and turn right (west) on C.R. 25 N.

Drive 3 miles and when you reach Turtle Creek Reservoir, turn right into the dirt parking lot (underneath the power tower).

Use your scope to scan the lake on both sides of the road.

Continue west past Turtle Creek Reservoir. This road will elbow right (north) and you will be on C.R. 600 W.

Turn left (west) on C.R. 50 N. (the very next county road).

Drive $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and scan the lake on the left (south) side of C.R. 50 N., and the cattail marsh on the north side.

At the dead end / T-section, turn left (south) on S.R. 63 (no S.R. sign is here).

When you come to the town of Merom, turn left (east) on Coleman Street (right before S.R. 63 elbows right at the north edge of town). Take Coleman Street east till it dead ends at the reservoir. From the circle turn around, scan the lake for waterfowl. Follow Coleman Street back west to S.R. 63.

Turn left (south) on S.R. 63.

S.R. 63 will elbow right and then left at the stop sign, becoming S.R. 58.

Turn left (south) on S.R. 58.

From the junction of S.R. 63 / 58, drive south for 2 miles.

At the yield sign and where S.R. 58 elbows sharply right (south),

continue straight on C.R. 300 S.

Drive ¼ mile and turn left (north) into the **Turtle Creek Boat Ramp Recreation Area** (a green "Turtle Creek Boat Ramp" sign and arrow – aluminum guard rails are here).

Drive to the north end of the boat ramp and scan the reservoir for waterfowl, gulls and terns.

12. NEW LEBANON AREA **LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE LOOP**

Sullivan County

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 48, D – 4

Habitat: Farm fields, patches of grassland areas, scattered wood lots and tree lines.

Strategy: While driving these county roads, scan the countryside for Loggerhead Shrike.

Directions: From the Turtle Creek Reservoir Boat Ramp, turn left (east) on C.R. 300 S.

When you reach the intersection of C.R. 550 W. and C.R. 300 S., pause here and scan the countryside for Loggerhead Shrike.

Veer left (north) at this intersection, taking C.R. 550 W.

Drive slowly and search for Loggerhead Shrike as you work these county roads.

Veer right (east) at the power plant.

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

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

Turn left (south) on C.R. 350 W.

Turn right (west) on C.R. 450 S.

Turn right (north) on C.R. 450 W.

At the stop sign, continue north on C.R. 450 W.

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

At the dead end / T-section, turn left (west), staying on C.R. 300 S.

50 yards past the R.V. Campground on the south side of the road, turn left (south) on C.R. 625 W.
Turn right (west) on C.R. 375 S.
C.R. 375 S. will lead you to S.R. 58.

13. WHITE OAK PUBLIC FISHING AREA
Knox County: From Sullivan, south on S.R. 41.
Southeast on S.R. 550. Southwest on S.R. 67.
.4 miles south and turn left on Utt Street /
C.R. 300 (unmarked).
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 55, A - 11

Habitat: A small lake with a deciduous woods to the east. This lake and woods is surrounded by farm fields and brushy areas which harbor wintering sparrows.

Directions: From the Loggerhead Shrike Loop near Merom Station, turn left (south) onto S.R. 58 (from C.R. 375 S.). When you come to the town of Carlisle, Turn right (south) on S.R. 41. Drive south 11.9 miles on S.R. 41 and turn left (east) on S.R. 550. Drive southeast 4.3 miles and turn right (southwest) on S.R. 67. Drive .4 miles and turn left (southeast) on Utt Street / C.R. 300 E. (Utt Street is unmarked here – turn just before Barney's Food Mart, on the right). Drive southeast 1 mile and turn left (east) at the wooden "White Oak – Public Fishing Area – Department of Natural Resources" sign. Roll down the windows and start car-birding. Scan the ponds for waterfowl, shorebirds and waders. Drive 4/10 of a mile to the dead end and park in the paved lot. Search the woods for migrating songbirds. Walk north across the dam and scan the lake for waterfowl and waders. Check the strip of grasslands on the north side of the dam for wintering sparrows.

14. OUABACHE TRAILS PARK

Knox County: S.R. 41 south toward Vincennes. South on Old Highway 41 North. West on Fort Knox Road to the riverside "T". Turn right into Ouabache Trails Park.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 55, A – 9 / 10.

Habitat: Wabash River, deciduous woods, mowed park recreation areas and dense shrubs.

Directions: From the White Oak Public Fishing Area, turn around and follow the main park road back to C.R. 300 / Utt Road. Turn right north on C.R. 300 / Utt Road (unmarked). Drive north 1 mile to S.R. 67. Turn left (southwest) on S.R. 67. Drive roughly 5 miles south till S.R. 67 dead ends in Vincennes. When S.R. 67 dead ends, veer left (south) and follow the S.R. 41 South / S.R. 150 East signs.

Drive south on S.R. 41 1.5 miles and turn right (west) on Old Wheatland Road (a brown rectangular "Ouabache Trails Park" sign signals this turn).

Drive 1/10 of a mile and turn right (north) at the T – section, following the Ouabache Trails Park signs.

Drive 25 yards and turn left (west) on N. St. Rd. 67.

Drive 3/10 of a mile and turn left (south) on Old Terre Haute Road.

Drive 3/10 of a mile south and turn right (west) on Lower Fort Knox Road. Drive 1.8 miles and at the T – section, continue straight into the Ouabache Trails Park (a large brown "Ouabache Trails Park – Knox County Park and Recreation Dept." sign is here). Start car-birding from this point forward.

Drive 4/10 of a mile and veer left at the fork in the road, following the "River Fishing" arrow sign.

Drive 1/10 of a mile and turn left into the playground area. Park

immediately on the right side of the road, in the gravel parking spaces. Follow the "River Fishing Trail" arrow sign on the other side of the road. This fishing trail will lead you over a R.R. Tracks and along a canal, down to the Wabash River. Use this trail to sample songbird migration along the **Wabash River Flyway**. When finished, follow the main park road back to Lower Fort Knox Road.

15. KIMMELL PARK AND COOPER'S WOODS

Knox County: S.R. 41 south to Vincennes. West on S.R. 50. South on Old Terre Haute Road, dead ending at Oliphant Drive.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 55, B – 9.

Habitat: Wabash River, a mowed park recreational area and a deciduous woods.

Directions: From the Ouabache Trails Park entrance, drive 1.8 miles east on Lower Fort Knox Road. Turn right (south) on Old Terre Haute Road. Old Terre Haute Road will become Oliphant Drive at ½ mile.

Drive 1 mile south to the T – section of Oliphant Drive and Portland Avenue.

Turn right (west) into the park entrance (White cement walls are here).

The park is closed during the winter months. In winter, there is still enough road to pull in and scan the Wabash River for eagles and waterfowl.

During migration, scan the trees for warblers and other passerines. Immediately north of Kimmel Park is Cooper's Woods. Check this 64 acre woods for migrants.

16. GEORGE ROGERS CLARK NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Knox County: S.R. 41 south through Vincennes to Willow Street. West on Willow Street to the George Rogers Clark National Memorial.
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 55, B – 9

Habitat: The Wabash River and a mowed recreation area with scattered trees. This habitat is more suitable for warbler migration, as there is no dense brush or shrubs here.

Directions: From the Kimmel Park exit, turn right (south) on Oliphant Drive. Drive 4/10 of a mile south and at the stop sign, turn left (east) on Portland Avenue / Kimmell Park Road. Drive ½ mile east and at the stop sign, turn right (south) on Portland Avenue.

Drive 1/10 of a mile and at the stop light, turn left (east) on St. Clair Street. Drive east 3/10 of a mile and turn right (south) on S.R. 41 (N. 6th Street). Drive south 1.1 miles and turn right (east) on Barnett Street (a large brown rectangular "Geo. Rogers Clark National Park" sign signals this turn).

Follow Barnett Street till it dead ends at the T – section.

The American Revolution Monument will be right in front of you. Turn left (south) on S. 2nd Street. Drive 1/10 of a mile south and turn right (west) on Nicholas Street.

Park in the paved lot and search the trees for migrating warblers. Scan the Wabash River for eagles and waterfowl.

17. SAUNDER'S WOODS – A NATURE CONSERVANCY PRESERVE

Gibson County – C.R. 750 W.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 55, G – 7

Habitat: Mature deciduous forest, wet woodland and prairie/
grassland areas.

Strategy: This property is accessible. It is a Preserve so nothing
can be collected. Bird this Preserve from the county roads. On
the north side of S.R. 64, truck roads are accessible on foot.

Rules of engagement are posted.

When To Visit: Migratory periods for woodland and grassland
species: March, April, May, September and October.

Directions: From the entrance of George Rogers Clark National
Historical Park, drive east on Nicholas Street to the stop sign.

Turn right (south) on S. 2nd Street. At the stop sign / T – section,
turn left (east) on Willow Street. Drive 3/10 of a mile and at the
stop sign, continue straight on S.R. 441 (to S.R. 41 South – you
are still on Willow Street).

Drive east 1.6 miles and veer right (south) onto the S.R. 41 South
Ramp.

Drive south roughly 21.5 miles and in the city of Princeton, veer
right (west) onto the S.R. 64 Ramp. Turn right (west) on S.R. 64.

Drive 6 miles and turn left (south) on C.R. 750 W. (a wooden
"Saunder's Woods" sign on the left (south) side of the road).

Search the woodland edge here for migrating passerines.

Scan the prairie / grassland areas on the east side of the road for
sparrows. Drive 1 mile and turn left (south) at the dead end /
T-section. Drive another mile where the road elbows right (east).

Do not follow the elbow right, instead, follow the road left
(southeast), crossing the bridge over the drainage ditch.

Bird this unmarked road (C.R. 000) for 1.5 miles till you reach
S.R. 65. Turn right (south) on S.R. 65.

Drive roughly ¼ mile and turn left (east) on C.R. 50 S.

Scan the S.R. 65 Pond at this intersection.

Turn around and take C.R. 50 S. west back to S.R. 65.

Turn right (north) on S.R. 65.

At the red flashing signal, turn left (west) on S.R. 64.

Turn right (north) on C.R. 750 W.

Bird this road for 2 miles and then turn around. There are dirt truck roads here if one wants to hike through the wooded areas.

The Nature Conservancy sign at one of the truck roads / fire lane states: "no camping, hunting, fishing or fires, and no motor vehicles".

18. GIBSON LAKE / CINERGY POWER PLANT

Gibson County: S.R. 64 at C.R. 950 W.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 54 – 55, G – 6 / 7

Habitat: A large lake with surrounding retention ponds. A rocky breakwall extends into the middle of the lake. A riparian habitat borders the west side of the power plant. The dike along the southern border of the lake contains a long strip of narrow grassland habitat, where Leconte's sparrow has been known to over-winter.

Strategy: We will bird the county roads and visit the 2 public access sites to Gibson Lake, searching for Least Terns and other goodies.

When To Visit: This site is productive year round. The warm water discharge from the power plant keeps Gibson Lake open year round, attracting waterfowl in the winter. The riparian habitat on the west side makes this an attractive area for passerine migration.

Directions: From the Nature Conservancy's "Saunders Woods Nature Preserve", turn right (west) on S.R. 64.

Drive west 2 miles and turn left (south) on C.R. 950 W. (a yellow flashing signal is here and it is right before the green bridge).

You will immediately see a retention pond on your right. Scan it for waterfowl and wading birds.

Drive past the Gibson Lake Wildlife Habitat / Gate 3 Guard Shack. As you drive the county roads surrounding Gibson Lake, you will encounter retention ponds and wetlands on both sides of the road. Scan them thoroughly for waterfowl and wading birds. From this point forward, keep an eye out for Least Tern.

Continue birding this road south past Guard Gate # 1, the Cinergy Plant Entrance.

When you reach a fork in the road, veer left (east) at the C.R. 50 N. / C.R. 975 W. signs.

Drive 1 mile east on this road, till you are parallel to the Bald Eagle's nest and tree line in the farm field, on the left (north side of the road). This field is a declared "Bald Eagle Nesting Area", and is posted "No Trespassing".

Continue driving east on this road as it turns south at Gate # 13A. Bird this road south for another mile. Drive a few yards past the blue and white Cinergy sign and turn right (west) into the Public Access fishing site and boat launch.

At the Guard Shack, sign a release form.

Drive to the southwest corner of the gravel parking lot (by the yellow # 11 Gate). Use your scope to scan the lake for Least Tern, waterfowl and wading birds. You may choose to wait here for Least Tern to fly by. If you look out over the lake to the distant west, you will see a central dike which extends roughly a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile into the lake. Expert birders from this area have special permission to drive this dike with their vehicles. Purple Sandpiper and rare gulls have been found while birding this dike.

From the public access site / boat ramp, turn right (south) and continue birding this county road.

Drive across the drainage ditch bridge and turn right (west) at the very next county road, C.R. 100 S (unmarked).

Scan the wetlands on your right, and play a screech owl tape for passerines at the woods on your left. After the woods, you will

see a large marsh on your left. On the right (north) side of the road, you will see a narrow strip of tall grasses next to the dike. This narrow strip of grass goes on for perhaps a ¼ mile, and is loaded with sparrows during migration. Leconte's Sparrow has over-wintered here in the past.

After driving one mile on C.R. 100 S., turn left (south) on the unmarked county road. Drive ¼ mile to the hill on the left (east) side of the road. Park here and scan the farm fields for open country birds. Turn around and head back north.

At the T-section, turn left (west), and continue birding the county road bordering the south end of Gibson Lake.

When you have driven 4 miles and come to a yield sign / T-section with a green C.R. 100 S. sign, turn right (north) on C.R. 75 N. (unmarked county road).

Continue birding this county road, driving north.

Drive 1 mile and turn right immediately after the R.R. Tracks.

Drive parallel to the R.R. Tracks to the yellow gate # 19.

Park at Gate # 19. This is a Public Access / Fishing site. The release form you signed at the Public Access / Boat Ramp will cover this site as well. Scan the lake here for Least Tern, waterfowl, gulls and wading birds. You may want to wait here for a Least Tern to fly by.

When finished, continue north on C.R. 75 N., which borders the west side of the power plant.

At the dead end / T-section, turn right (northeast) on C.R. 1175 W. (a huge bridge and the Wabash River are visible to your left). You will now be driving parallel to the Wabash River to your left (west), and brushy woodland habitat to your right. Continue birding north to S.R. 64.

19. CANE RIDGE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Gibson County: C.R. 1075 W. / C.R. 250 S.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 54, H – 6

Habitat: Grasslands, diked wetlands and deciduous woodlands.

Strategy: Birding is to be done only from the county roads.

There is no public access here. The National Wildlife Refuge sign reads, "Area beyond this sign CLOSED - All public entry prohibited".

When To Visit: Migratory periods for wetland species. For waterfowl: February, March, April, October, November and December. For rails, wading birds and shorebirds: Late March, April, May, August, September and October.

Waterfowl will remain all winter if there is open water.

Directions: From Gibson Lake at C.R. 970 W. and S.R. 64, turn around and head back south on C.R. 970 W.

Drive 2 miles and turn left (elbow left at the steel bridge), onto C.R. 75 N.

Drive 1.5 miles and turn left (east) on C.R. 100 S.

Drive 1 mile and turn right (south) on the very next county road (C.R. 1075 W. – unmarked – a huge cement block on the south side of the road signals this turn).

The refuge begins immediately after this turn, on both sides of the road. There is a drainage ditch on the left (east) side of the road. Watch it for rails and shorebirds.

Bird this road south for 1 mile and turn right (west) on C.R. 250 S.

When you reach the T-section of C.R. 250 S. and C.R. 1100 W., turn around and head back east on C.R. 250 S.

Continue birding east past C.R. 1075 W.

Turn left (north) at the next county road beyond C.R. 1075 W. (a T-section and a small white and blue "Wetland Reserve" sign is here).

Drive 1 mile to the T-section and turn right (east) [you will be facing the Gibson Lake dike].

After several miles this road will elbow left (north), and take you back over the drainage ditch bridge.

This county road will veer left (west) at yellow Gate # 13.

The road will become paved and curve right at the C.R. 975 W. sign. Follow the paved road north to S.R. 64.

20. HARMONIE STATE PARK

Posey County: From Vincennes, drive south on S.R. 41. Drive west on I – 64. Turn south on S.R. 165. Turn west on S.R. 68. Turn south on S.R. 69.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 60, C / D – 4

Habitat: Mature deciduous forest, Wabash River, excellent ground cover / shrubs for sparrows, grassy open woodland areas, several small creeks and steeply wooded ravines.

Directions: From Cane Ridge and Gibson Lake at C.R. 950, turn right (east) on S.R. 64. Drive east on S.R. 64, back to S.R. 41. Turn right (south) on S.R. 41.

Drive south 13.6 miles to I – 64. Veer right (west) onto the I – 64 / St. Louis Ramp. Drive 13 miles west on I – 64 to S.R. 165.

Veer right onto Exit # 12 / S.R. 165 / Poseyville.

Turn left (south) on S.R. 165. Drive 1 mile and turn right (west), following the S.R. 165 / S.R. 68 signs (S.R. 165 merges with S.R. 68). Drive west 4/10 of a mile to the stop sign. Turn left (south) on Lockwood / S.R. 68 / S.R. 165.

Drive south 3/10 of a mile and turn right (west) on S.R. 68 (a "energy Plus 24" gas station is here).

Drive west 6.4 miles and at the stop sign / T-section, turn left

(south) on S.R. 69.

Drive 4.6 miles south on S.R. 69 and turn right (west) at the brown rectangular "Harmonie State Park" sign.

Drive 1 mile west to the Harmonie State Park entrance building. Roll down your window and start car-birding from this point forward. Feel free to pull into any of the picnic areas to search for migrating songbirds.

Drive the main park road southwest for 1.4 miles and turn right (west) at the brown "Wabash River" arrow sign.

Drive 1.3 miles and turn right at the brown "Wabash River Boat Ramp" arrow sign.

Drive 1/10 of a mile and turn left at the " Wabash River Boat Ramp" arrow sign.

Park in the paved lot and walk down to the boat ramp.

Scan the Wabash River for waterfowl, waders and eagles.

A DNR Service Road runs along side the river. Walk this road in search of migrating songbirds along the Wabash River Flyway. When finished, follow the boat ramp road back to the yield sign.

Turn right (southeast) at the yield sign.

Drive 1/10 of a mile to the stop sign and turn right (south).

Follow the main park road for 5.5 miles, as it will loop you back to the entrance of the park.

21. HOVEY LAKE FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

Posey County: Dead end of S.R. 69 / C.R. 1500 S.
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 60, G / H – 4

Habitat: A 4400 acre Fish and Wildlife Area. It consists of a large wooded lake and wildlife management units, used primarily for hunting. Open brushy grassland with scattered woodlots and tree lines. There are 4 Nature Conservancy Wetland Preserves.

When To Visit: All migratory periods – March, April, May, September, October and November. Waterfowl may stay all winter if open water exists.

Directions: From the entrance of Harmonie State Park, drive 1 mile east on S.R. 269.

Turn right (south) on S.R. 69. Drive 9 miles south and turn left (south) on S.R. 69 / To S.R. 62.

Drive 3.6 miles south to the stop sign / T-section (a Super 8 Motel is here).

Turn right (west) on S.R. 62 West / S.R. 69 South.

Drive west 5.4 miles and turn left (south) on S.R. 69 (a T – section with a flashing yellow signal).

Drive south 8.2 miles to the dead end of S.R. 69 and elbow right (west).

Turn left (south) just after the elbow at the powder blue and green " Hovey Lake Fish and Wildlife Area – Indiana Department of Natural Resources" sign. Park near the Headquarters Building.

Go inside the headquarters and ask for a map. In front of the headquarters, use your scope to scan the lake for waterfowl and eagles. When finished, return to the dead end of S.R. 69 (also C.R. 1500 S.).

Turn left (west) on C.R. 1500 S.

Drive 30 yards and turn left (south) at the brown "boat ramp" arrow sign (a green Graddy Road sign is here also).

Drive 1 mile and then start looking for an observation platform

on the left (east) side of the road. Park here and use your scope to scan the lake. Walk 20 yards left (north) of the platform to get a better view of the Bald Eagle nest. The nest is in the top of a dead tree in the far eastern section of the lake.

When finished, turn left and continue south on this gravel road. Drive roughly 100 yards and park in the gravel parking lot on the right (west) side of the road (a white "3<" sign is here).

Cross the road and start birding the levee, which is just beyond the red and black gate ("No driving" and "Do not block Drive" signs are here). You can walk the levee down to the flood gate and back. Some birders choose to walk completely around the "**Rail Marsh Levee**". It will loop back to your vehicle.

When finished, return to your vehicle and follow the gravel road back north toward the Hovey Lake F.W.A. Headquarters.

At the stop sign, turn left (west) onto C.R. 1500 S. (C.R. 1500 S. begins at the elbow where S.R. 69 ended).

22. JOHN T. MYERS LOCK AND DAM **Posey County: C.R. 300 W. from C.R. 1500 S.** **Indiana Delorme Map: Page 60, H – 4**

Habitat: A dam on the Ohio River.

Strategy: Pull up a lawn chair. Wait in the Lock and Dam parking lot for a Fish Crow to fly by. Listen for the low grunt call to confirm the I.D.

Directions: From the Hovey Lake F.W.A., return north on the gravel road back to the Hovey Lake F.W.A. Headquarters.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (west) on Graddy Road (C.R. 1500 S.). After a mile, Graddy Road / C.R. 1500 S. will veer left at the brown "John T. Myers Lock and Dam" sign, and become C.R. 300 W.

Follow this road to the Dam and pull into the visitor's parking lot. Wait here for a Fish Crow to fly by and grunt at you. You might be here for a while.

23. TWIN SWAMPS NATURE PRESERVE
Posey County: C.R. 300 W. / aka – Raben Road
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 60, H – 3

Habitat: The first swamp is dominated by bald cypress and swamp cottonwood. Overcup oak dominates the second swamp.

Strategy: A long walk is required to bird both swamps. Be sure to bird both swamps in order to see the Yellow-crowned Night Heron. If you don't find it during the day, visit this location at dusk. There are no guarantees with this bird.

When To Visit: This is a spring and early summer site: April and May for migratory passerines. Visit in May, June and early July for nesting Yellow-crowned Night Herons and Prothonotary Warblers.

Directions: From the John T. Myers Lock and Dam, follow C.R. 300 W. back north.

Drive 1.5 miles till C.R. 300 W. starts to veer right and become Graddy Road / C.R. 1500 S.

Instead of veering right, go straight on the gravel road, staying on C.R. 300 W.

C.R. 300 W. is also known as Raben Road. The green street sign actually says Raben Road.

From the intersection of Raben and Graddy Roads, drive 1 mile and turn left (west) into the "Twin Swamps Nature Preserve" parking lot. In the northwest corner of the parking lot is a trail which leads to Twin Swamps. Be sure to bird both swamps.

24. BIG CYPRESS SLOUGH

**Posey County: C.R. 1500 S.(Graddy Road) and
Bonebank Road**

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 60, H – 3

Habitat: A wooded swamp.

Strategy: You are visiting this site for the Yellow-crowned Night Heron. Prothonotary Warbler, Barred Owl and Red-headed Woodpecker are common here. When you drive north on Bonebank, access the swamp in as many places as you can.

When To Visit: This is a spring and early summer site. Hunters will keep you away in the fall. This site was donated to the state by Ducks Unlimited.

Directions: From the Twin Swamps Nature Preserve parking lot, turn right (south) on Raben Road (C.R. 300 W.).

Drive south 1 mile and turn right (west) on Graddy Road (C.R. 1500 S.). Birding is good on both sides of the road, as this is also Nature Preserve property.

The road will elbow right (north) and become Bonebank Road.

At this elbow, you will see a parking lot with a treated wood "Wildlife Mgt. Area – Big Cypress Slough Unit – Dept. of Natural Resources – Div. of Fish and Wildlife" sign.

Turn left into this parking lot and walk the tiny foot trail down to the edge of Big Cypress Slough.

Scan the Slough for Yellow-crowned Night Heron, waterfowl and other wading birds.

Return to your vehicle and turn left (north) on Bonebank Road.

As you are driving, continue scanning the slough on the left side of the road. Pull over at the black and white Oil storage tanks on the right (east) side of the road. Walk down the dirt road on the west side of Bonebank to the slough. Scan for Night Herons here. State Nature Preserves are on both sides of Bonebank Road.

25. HALF MOON POND

Posey County: C.R. 1100 S.(county roads are unmarked here)

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 60, G – 3

Habitat: A wooded pond in the shape of a half moon. This is an area which consists mostly of grasslands and farm fields.

A wooded wetlands is directly south of the pond.

Strategy: A search for Yellow-crowned Night Herons is warranted here as Half Moon Pond has wooded brush and trees in the pond.

When To Visit: Visit during waterfowl migration: February, March, early April, late October, November and December. Visit in May, June and early July to search for the Yellow-crowned Night Heron.

Directions: Follow Bonebank Road north. When the road becomes paved, look for Slim Pond Road.

Turn left on Slim Pond Road.

About a ½ mile down is a Nature Sanctuary owned by the Nature Conservancy (both sides of the road).

At the elbow in the road, turn right (north) onto Todd Road (C.R. 575 W. on the large Hovey Lake map).

Bird the grassland areas on both sides of the road for sparrows.

At the dead end / T-section, turn left (west-no street sign here).

Drive ½ mile to the next T-section and veer left at the yellow and black arrow sign.

Follow this road around **Half Moon Pond**, stopping frequently to scan the pond.

26. NEW MOON WETLAND COMPLEX

Posey County: C.R. 1100 S.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 60, G – 3

Habitat: A shallow wetland area consisting mostly of wet grasses. A large wooded wetland borders the west side of this site.

When To Visit: This is a spring site. Hunting occurs here in the fall. March, April and May are good for dabbling ducks, shorebirds and sparrows. The wooded wetland bordering the west is good for passerines.

Directions: From the west side of Half Moon Pond, turn around in the first farm field tractor road. Head back east toward Half Moon Pond.

Drive ¼ mile and turn right (south) at the very next gravel road (a yellow and black arrow sign is at this T-section, with the west side of Half Moon Pond on your left).

Take this road south to the treated wood "New Moon Wetland Complex – North American Waterfowl Management Plan – Four Rivers Project – in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited Honoring Greenwing Legacy Members" sign.

Drive past this sign till you get a good view of the wetland on the left (east) side of the road.

**27. GOOSE POND CYPRESS SLOUGH
NATURE CONSERVANCY**

**Posey County: Drive east on S.R. 62 from Mount
Vernon. Turn right (south) on Leonard Road.**

Turn left on Lower Mount Vernon Road.

**Turn right (south) on Lamont Road. Turn left
(east) on Bluff Road. Turn right (south) on**

Indian Mounds Road.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 60, F – 5 / 6

Habitat: A 60 acre, 3 mile long bald cypress slough, or swamp.

Directions: From the New Moon Wetland Complex, follow the gravel road back north to the T – section (Half Moon Pond in front of you).

Turn right (east). Follow this road around Half Moon Pond and veer right at the first county road (a yellow and black double arrow sign is here).

Turn right (south – this is C.R. 575 W., but there is no sign here) at the very next T – section.

Veer left (east) onto Slim Pond Road.

Follow Slim Pond Road back to Bonebank Road.

Turn left (northeast) on Bonebank Road (dead end / T – section).

Bonebank Road will elbow right, and then end at a stop sign / T – section, which is S.R. 69.

Turn left (north) on S.R. 69.

Drive north to the dead end / T – section / flashing red signal.

Turn right (east) on S.R. 62 / S.R. 69 North.

Drive east on S.R. 62 for 4.8 miles and turn right (south) on Leonard Road. Drive 1/10 of a mile and turn left on Lower Mount Vernon Road (stop sign / T-section). Drive east ½ mile and turn right (south) on Lamont Road. Drive 1 mile south and at the stop

sign / T – section, turn left (east) on Bluff Road. Drive 1 mile east and turn right (south) on Indian Mounds Road. Drive south 1.1 miles to Goose Pond Cypress Slough. Drive this road south for several miles, or until flooding forces you to turn around. Scan the swamp for Yellow-crowned Night Herons and other wetland species. When finished, turn around and drive north on Indian Mounds Road. At the T – section, turn right (east) on Winiger Road.

28. SEMINARY ROAD – OHIO RIVER FLOODPLAINS

Vanderburgh County: From the Vanderburgh County line, turn right (south) on W. Franklin Road. West Franklin Road becomes Cypress Dale Road. Turn right (south) on Seminary Road.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 61, F / G – 8

Habitat: Flooded farm fields. A spring migration site.

Directions: From Goose Pond Cypress Slough, turn around and drive north on Indian Mounds Road. At the T – section, turn right (east) on Winiger Road. Drive east 1.3 miles and at the stop sign / T – section, turn right (south) on Gun Club Road. Drive 1.7 miles east and at the stop sign, turn right (south) on Caborn Road (you are turning off of Darnell School Road). Bird Caborn Road south until it becomes impassable from flooding. When finished, turn around and drive north on Caborn Road. Turn right (east) on Darnell School Road. Drive east 1.4 miles and turn right (south) on Ford Road.

Drive south 2/10 of a mile and park at the iron gates. Scan the flooded fields for shorebirds and waterfowl. Turn around and drive north, back to the stop sign.

Turn right (east) on Darnell School Road.

Drive 1.8 miles east and at the stop sign, turn right (south) on W. Franklin Road.

Scan the flooded fields on the south side of the road.

You will soon parallel the Ohio River at 8/10 of a mile.

When you reach the T – section at Welborn Road, W. Franklin Road becomes Smith Diamond Road.

From this T – section, drive 2 miles to the stop sign / T – section and turn right (south) on West Franklin Road.

West Franklin Road winds around east and becomes Cypress Dale Road (at 8/10 of a mile – Roth Road is here).

Continue east on Cypress Dale Road (from Roth Road) for 1.1 miles.

At the stop sign, turn right (south) on Seminary Road. Roll down the windows and car-bird south on Seminary Road. When Seminary Road becomes impassable from flooding, turn around and drive north on Seminary Road, back to Cypress Dale Road.

{ If Seminary Road is dry, drive south all the way to the T – section with Old Henderson Road. Turn left (northeast) on Old Henderson Road. Follow Old Henderson Road northeast for 12.8 miles to the stop sign. Turn left (north) at the Vectren – Ohio River Transmission Station (Claremont Avenue) }.

If Seminary Road is impassable at some point, turn around and drive north on Seminary Road. Turn right (east) on Cypress Dale Road.

29. OLD HENDERSON ROAD – OHIO RIVER FLOODPLAINS

Vanderburgh County: From S.R. 62 in Evansville, drive west on S.R. 62 (Ray Becker Parkway) Turn left (south) on Claremont Avenue. Turn left (south) on Old Henderson Road. Indiana Delorme Map: Page 61, 8 – F / G

Habitat: Flooded farm fields. A spring migration site.

Directions: From the intersection of Seminary Road and Cypress Dale Road, turn right (east) on Cypress Dale Road. Drive 1.5 miles east. At the stop sign / T – section, turn right (south) on Old Henderson Road (Doghouse Tavern is on the corner). Roll down the windows and start car-birding from this point forward. Search the flooded fields for shorebirds, waterfowl and waders. Drive 9.4 miles south on Old Henderson Road. Turn around at the T – section with Seminary Road.

30. OLD GREEN RIVER ROAD – OHIO RIVER FLOODPLAINS

Vanderburgh County: From the west side of Evansville, drive east on S.R. 66. Turn right (south) on Green River Road. Turn right (west) on Old Green River Road. Indiana Delorme Map: Page 61, F – 9

Habitat: Flooded farm fields. A spring and early summer site.

Directions: From the T – section of Old Henderson Road and

Seminary Road, turn around and drive north on Old Henderson Road for 12.8 miles.

At the stop sign, turn left (north) at the Vectren – Ohio River Transmission Station (Claremont Avenue).

At the stop light, turn right (east) on Ray Becker Parkway.

Drive 1/2 mile north to the stop light.

Turn right (east) on Lloyd Expressway / S.R. 62 East.

Stay on S.R. 66, when S.R. 62 turns north.

After driving 5.5 miles on S.R. 66, veer right onto the Green River Road exit.

Turn right (south) on Green River Road.

Drive 3.3 miles south to the stop sign / T – section.

Turn right (west) on Old Green River Road.

View the flooded fields on the left (south) side of the road.

Drive west 1/2 mile. Turn around and return east on Old Green River Road, back to the T – section of Green River Road and Old Green River Road.

31. ANGEL MOUNDS HISTORIC SITE

Vanderburgh County: 8215 Pollack Avenue

Drive south on I – 164 in Vanderburgh County.

Take exit # 5 and drive east on S.R. 662 /

Newburgh Road. Turn right (south) on Stacer

Road. Turn right (west) on Pollack Avenue.

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Habitat: 500 acres which runs for 1 mile along the Ohio River. Closed from December 14 to March 11. Hours: Sunday – 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. Tuesday thru Saturday – 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Directions: From the T – section of Green River Road and Old Green River Road, turn left (east) on Old Green River Road / Lynn Road. Drive east 1.3 miles and turn right south at the large

green "Angel Mounds Boat Ramp" sign.

Follow the road right to the Boat Ramp. Scan the Ohio River for eagles and waterfowl. Check the trees along the river for migrating songbirds. When finished, return north to the county road. Turn right (east) on Old Green River Road / Lynn Road. Drive 1 mile east on Lynn Road to the stop sign / T – section. Turn right (southeast) on Pollack Avenue.

Drive 1.1 miles east on Pollack Avenue.

Turn right (south) at the large red "Angel Mounds – State Historic Site – Part of the Indiana State Museum System – Department of Natural Resources" sign. Follow the road south to the park. I cannot provide any more information as this park was closed for the winter when I visited.

32. NEWBURGH LOCK AND DAM

OVERLOOK

Warrick County: From the intersection of I – 164 and I – 662 on the east side of Evansville, turn left (east) on I – 662. Site is at the junction of I – 662 and S.R. 66.

Habitat: A wooded hill which overlooks the Ohio River and Newburgh Lock and Dam.

Directions: From the Angel Mounds Historic Site on Pollack Avenue, turn right (east) on Pollack Avenue. Drive 1/10 of a mile to the stop sign. Turn left (north) on Stacer Road.

Drive ½ mile north to the stop light.

Turn right (east) on S.R. 662. Drive east 2.7 miles and turn right, parking at **U.S. LOCK 47**. Scan the Ohio River for waterfowl.

Check the beach for shorebirds and the shoreline trees for eagles.

When finished, continue driving east on S.R. 662.

Turn right (south) just before you get to the junction of S.R. 66 and S.R. 662. Park by the brown rectangular "Newburgh Lock and Dam Overlook" sign.

Walk up to the Overlook. Search the trees and shrubs for migrating songbirds. Scan the Ohio River and dam for seabirds and waterfowl. This overlook might be good for a hawk watch.

33. AYRSHIRE MINES / BLUEGRASS FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA

Warrick County: I-164 and New Harmony Rd.
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 61, C – 11 / 12

Habitat: A reclaimed coal mine consisting of 6000 acres. 2500 acres is known as the Blue Grass Fish and Wildlife Area. Habitat includes grasslands, scattered trees, lakes and cattail marshes.

Strategy: Drive the county roads, birding by ear. The lakes and cattail marshes can be easily scanned from the road. This is a great site to pick up those nesting grassland species which are more typically found in southern Indiana. Target species here include: Grasshopper Sparrow, Henslow's Sparrow, Bell's Vireo, Blue Grosbeak and Barn Owl. Barn Owl nests in this area, probably in a farmers barn or abandon grain silo. Visit this site at dusk and you may get lucky and see it flying around.

When To Visit: April, May and June are the best months to visit for migrating and nesting grassland species. This site is also visited for over-wintering hawks, owls and sparrows. The normal migration periods for shorebirds and waterfowl are also productive.

Directions: From the Newburgh Lock and Dam Overlook at the junction of S.R. 66 and S.R. 662, turn left (northwest) on S.R. 66 West. Drive roughly 6.1 miles west and veer right onto the

I – 164 North / To I – 64 entrance Ramp.

Drive 5 miles and turn right (east) on Boonville – New Harmony Road (exit # 15). You will be on the property when you pass the "Bluegrass Fish and Wildlife Area" sign.

Roll the windows down and start car-birding. Listen for nesting and migrating grassland species. Use a scope to scan the many small lakes and cattail marshes on the property.

Take New Harmony Road east 1 mile and turn left on St. John's Road (C.R. 1100 W.).

Drive St. John's Road north 2 miles and turn around at the T-section with Baseline Road (C.R. 600 N.).

Driving south on St. John's Road, turn left (east) on Gander Road (a gravel road).

Turn right (south) on Zoar Church Road (C.R. 1050 W.).

At the stop sign, turn left (east) on New Harmony Road.

Turn left (north) on Gander Road.

Turn left (south) on Zoar Church Road (C.R. 1050 W.).

Turn right (west) on New Harmony Road.

Turn left (south) on St. John's Road (C.R. 1100 W. – follow the St. John's Cemetery arrow).

Drive south several miles and turn right (west) on Kansas Road (C.R. 250 N.).

Turn left (south) on Euler Road (a T-section).

When the road elbows left (east), you will then be on Ayrshire Road (C.R. 150 N.).

Turn left (north) on St. John's Road (C.R. 1075 W.).

Turn right (east) on Kansas Road (C.R. 250 N.-white gravel road). Turn right (south) on Zoar Church Road (C.R. 1050 W.).

At the next Kansas Road sign, on your left about 75 yards down, you will notice that Zoar Church Road turns into Stevenson Sta. Road. Keep driving south on Stevenson Sta. Road. Turn left (east) on Ayrshire Road (C.R. 150 N. – a housing addition is on the right).

At the stop sign, turn left (north) on Asbury Cem. Road (C.R. 950 N.).

Drive 100 yards or so and turn left at the open gates.
Follow this gravel road to the hawk tower.
From this mini-hawk tower, scan the grassland valley below.
Return to Asbury Cem. Road (C.R. 950 N.) and turn left.
Drive roughly 1 mile and turn left (west) on Kansas Road
(C.R. 250 N.).
Turn right (north) on Stevenson Station Road.
Drive .6 miles and turn right (east) on Welte Road
(C.R. 300 N. – this road is unmarked at this T-section /
aluminum rail. A gray house with gray shingles will be ahead
of you, on the right side of the road).
Drive 1 mile and turn right (south) on Asbury Cem. Road (C.R.
950 W.).
Drive 100 yards and turn right on the next unmarked gravel road.
Veer right at the fork in the road. At the yield sign, turn left
(west-this is Welte Road, but it is unmarked).
At the stop sign / T-section, turn right (north) on Zoar Church
Road (C.R. 1050 W.).
Drive ¼ mile and turn left (west) on Welte Road (C.R. 325 N.).
At the stop sign / T-section, turn right (north) on St. John's
Road (C.R. 1100 W.).
At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (west) on New Harmony
Road (C.R. 400 N.).
Follow New Harmony west to exit the area.

34. SCALES LAKE COUNTY PARK

**Warrick County: Boonville – Parklane Drive
and Tennyson Road (C.R. 150 N.)**

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 61, D – 12

Habitat: A forested urban park with a small lake.

Strategy: We come here seeking the Mississippi Kite, which nests here. While driving through the park, search the woodland edge for migrating passerines. Scan the lake for waterfowl.

When To Visit: Visit this site in May, June and early July for the nesting Mississippi Kite.

Directions: From the Ayrshire Mines / Bluegrass Fish and Wildlife Area, drive west on New Harmony Road, back to I – 164. Turn left (south) on I – 164 south.

Take exit ramp # 9 / S.R. 62 / Morgan Avenue.

Turn left (east) on S.R. 62.

Take S.R. 62 East, through the town of Boonville.

When S.R. 62 angles right at the Main Street Baptist Church, look for the green "Scales Lake County Park" sign, on the right side of the road.

Turn left on Walnut Street and follow the green Scales lake signs. Turn left on Parklane Drive (C.R. 75 W.).

Follow Parklane Drive .5 mile to the stop sign / T-section of Parklane Drive and Tennyson Road (C.R. 150 N.).

Scales Lake County Park is on the north side of this intersection.

Follow the main park road and turn left at the brown Pavilion arrow sign. Park at the Pavilion and search here for Mississippi Kite. They have nested near here in the past.

Then, turn left onto the main park road and proceed to the lake. Follow the road as it winds around the lake and park by the white gates, at the dike.

Search the sky and tree line for Mississippi Kite. Scan the lake for waterfowl. If you have ample time, bird the woodland edges of the park for migrating passerines.

35. ENTERPRISE BOTTOMS

SPENCER COUNTY: C.R. 600 S. / C.R. 500 W.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 62, G – 1 / 2

Habitat: Wet woodlands, flooded farm fields, state nature preserve and classified forest.

Strategy: If the tracking through the mud is too deep or the road is under water, move on to the next site. Don't take any chances. Four wheel drive comes in handy here.

When To Visit: The best time to visit is during spring migration. Migrating waterfowl, shorebirds and wading birds feed in the flooded forest and farm fields. Late February, March and April for waterfowl migration. Late March, April and May for shorebird migration. Visit in April and May for wading birds and passerines.

Directions: From Scales Lake County Park, take Parklane Drive back south to Walnut Street.

Turn right on Walnut Street.

Turn left (east) on S.R. 62.

When S.R. 62 elbows left and becomes both S.R. 62 and S.R. 161, do not veer left, but proceed straight past the yellow and black arrow sign to the stop sign.

Turn right (south) on S.R. 161.

At the flashing red signal, where S.R. 161 merges with S.R. 66, do not elbow left with S.R. 161, but go straight through this intersection.

You will then be driving south on C.R. 600 W..

You will come to a 2-way stop at C.R. 200 S..

Drive across C.R. 200 S., continuing south on C.R. 600 W..

The bottomlands start when the road turns to gravel.

At the dead end / T-section, turn left (east).

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (north) on C.R. 500 W..

Drive north on C.R. 500 W. for 7/10 of a mile.

Turn around and head back south on this road.

In spring, the fields here should be flooded. Scan them carefully. Drive 6/10 of a mile and turn left (east) on C.R. 300 S.. At 4/10 of a mile, the woods on the right (south) side of the road is a "Dedicated State Nature Preserve"-D.N.R. Follow C.R. 300 S. all the way to S.R. 231.

36. AFRICA BOTTOMS

Spencer County: C.R. 500 S. / C.R. 100 W.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 62, G / H – 2 / 3

Habitat: Farm fields which serve as a flood plain for the Ohio River.

Strategy: If the roads are under water or if the mud is too deep, move on to the next site.

When To Visit: This is primarily a spring site. Visit when the fields have standing water. Waterfowl and shorebirds will feed in the flooded fields during March, April and May.

Directions: From C.R. 300 S. at Enterprise Bottoms, turn right (south) on S.R. 231. Drive 1 or 2 miles and after you cross a cement bridge, turn left (east) on C.R. 500 S..

Drive east on C.R.500 S. all the way to the dead end / T-section and turn left (north-an unmarked road).

Drive 4 miles and turn left (west) on C.R. 300 S..

At the 2-way stop, turn right (north) on C.R. 200 W..

37. FOERTSCH MINES

Spencer County: C.R. 700 E. / C.R. 900 N.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 62, D / E – 4

Habitat: Grasslands, small forested plots and open woodland areas.

Strategy: This is a specialty site targeting Chuck-will's-Widow. Drive the county roads and stop periodically to listen. Multiple Chucks have been heard calling from this site.

When To Visit: Visit this site near dusk and after dark for Chuck-will's-Widow. The months of May, June and early July are recommended. Nesting grassland species can be found in this time period as well. Check the scattered trees for migrating passerines.

Directions: From Africa Bottoms, drive north on C.R. 200 W. to Old S.R. 45. Turn right (east) on Old S.R. 45.

Follow Old S.R. 45 into Rockport, where it becomes Lincoln Street.

At the stop light, turn right (east) on Sycamore Street / S.R. 66/ S.R. 231 (a Huck's and BP Gas Station are here).

At the next stop light /T-section, turn left (north) on "To S.R.231 / S.R. 66".

At the S.R. 231 junction, turn left (north) on S.R. 231 N..

At the yellow flashing traffic signal / T-section, turn right (east) on S.R. 70 (a power sub-station is here).

Drive 6 miles and through the town of Newtonville.

Turn left (north) on C.R. 700 E..

Roll the windows down and listen for the Chuck.

Turn right (east) on C.R. 900 N. Stop periodically and turn the engine off. Listen for distant Chucks.

When you reach the T-section / S.R. 245, turn around and head back west on C.R. 900 N..

Continue west on C.R. 900 N., past the stop sign / C.R. 700 E.

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

Turn right (west) on S.R. 70.

Turn right (north) on C.R. 550 E.

Turn right (east) on C.R. 900 N.

When you reach C.R. 600 E., turn around and head back west on C.R. 900 N..

The tour of this site ends at C.R. 900 N. at C.R. 475 E..

38. CHRISNEY LAKE

Spencer County: C.R. 900 N. / C.R. 175 E

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 62, E – 3

Habitat: A small lake at the end of a county road.

Strategy: This is just a quick stop to check for waterfowl and wading birds on this secluded lake.

When To Visit: Waterfowl migration – Late February, March, early April, late October, November and December.

Directions: From the Foersch Mines at C.R. 900 N. and C.R. 475 E., continue west on C.R. 900 N.

Be sure to check the small ponds and lakes along this road.

Drive past C.R. 200 E. and across the cement drainage ditch bridge. Turn left (south) on C.R. 175 E..

Drive to the dead end and park. Walk south to Chrisney Lake and scan it for waterfowl.

Turn around and follow C.R. 175 E. north back to C.R. 900 N..

39. GENTRYVILLE BOTTOMS

Warrick / Spencer Counties: C.R. 1475 N. /

C.R.800 E.(Wire Road)/Lincoln Trail-C.R.600N.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 62, C – 3

Habitat: Flooded bottomlands, a **D.N.R. Classified Forest**, a **D.N.R. Wetland Conservation Area**, **Little Pigeon Creek** and grassland areas.

Strategy: Use your "birding by ear" skills while driving these bottomland roads.

When To Visit: The diverse habitat here warrants a visit during any migratory period. The flooded bottomlands will be great in February, March, April, November and early December for waterfowl. Visit in April, May, September and October for migrating passerines.

Directions: From C.R. 175 E. and C.R. 900 N. at Chrisney Lake, turn left (west) onto C.R. 900 N..

C.R. 900 N. will elbow left at a yield sign / school playground.

Follow this road left (south) and turn right (west) on Locust Street. Drive 2 blocks and turn right (north) on Main Street / S.R. 231.

When S.R. 231 junctions with S.R. 62 at the yellow flashing traffic signal, turn left (west) on S.R. 62.

Drive 1/3 mile and turn right (north) on Base Road.

Drive beyond the 4-way stop at C.R. 1350 N.

Just before you get to the R.R. tracks, turn left (west) on C.R. 1475 N..

½ mile down and on the left (south) side of the road is a **D.N.R. Classified Forest**. In the southeast corner of C.R. 1475 N. and C.R. 60 W., listen and scan the wetlands for rails and shorebirds. Continue west on C.R. 1475 N.. Go across the R.R. tracks which have a stop sign.

Follow this road as it winds through the bottomlands, leading out to farm fields.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn right (north) on Wire Road (C.R. 800 E.).

At the stop sign / T-section, turn right (east) on Lincoln Trail (C.R. 600 N.).

When Lincoln Trail reaches a T-section and elbows right (south), you will be in a **D.N.R.-Wetland Conservation Area**. A **D.N.R.-Classified Forest** is here as well.

This road will then become a bluff, which overlooks the entire valley of forested and wetland areas.

Turn right (south) into the "Colonel William Jones House" parking lot.

Optional: If you are a warblaholic, Trail 1 is at the south end of the parking lot. It is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long and loops back to the parking lot.

40. LINCOLN STATE PARK

Spencer County: S.R. 162 / near S.R. 231

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 62, C – 3 / 4

Habitat: A small lake, steeply sloped wooded ravines, bottomland forests and pine stands.

Strategy: We are visiting this site in search of Mississippi Kite, Worm-eating Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Summer Tanager and Prairie Warbler.

When To Visit: Spring and early summer is the best time to visit this site – April, May and June. A visit in September and October for fall passerine migration would also be appropriate.

Directions: From the Colonel William Jones House parking lot, turn right (east) on Lincoln Trail / Boone Street.

Turn left (north) at the stop sign onto S.R. 231 / S.R. 62 West. Turn right (east) on S.R. 162 (a brown "Lincoln Park / Holiday World / Santa Clause" sign is here – yellow flashing traffic light).

Drive 1.8 miles and turn right (south) into Lincoln State park

(a brick and wood "Lincoln State Park" sign is here).
Turn right at the next road, picking up a map at the park office.
Drive 4/10 of a mile and veer right at the fork in the road,
following the treated wood "Nature Center" arrow sign.
Drive 2/10 of a mile to the T-section / Dike and turn right,
again following the Nature Center arrow.
Park at the Nature Center. Hike up the dike to **Lincoln Lake**.
The Mississippi Kites can usually be seen flying over the lake
or above the tree line.
Then, walk south along the dike and over the rust iron bridge.
From the Fire Tower sign by the rust iron bridge, walk west
across the road to the Trail 3 sign
Hike Trail 3 as it loops through "Sarah Lincoln's Woods
Nature Preserve" (1.7 miles long – moderate hiking).
When you come to Trail 1, take a left and follow it northwest
as it will border the lake and take you back to your vehicle.
Worm-eating, Kentucky and Cerulean Warbler can be found
here.
Optional: Trail 4 – Starts behind the park office. From the
Nature Center and Lake Lincoln, follow the main park road
back to the gate. Just before the gate, turn left and then right
into the park office parking lot. Trail 4 starts at the northwest
end of the parking lot. Prairie Warbler has nested along
Trail 4.

41. FOLSOMVILLE CHUCK SITE

Warrick County: From the intersection of I – 64 and S.R. 161 in Spencer County (exit # 54), drive south on S.R. 161. Turn right (west) on Hadley Road / C.R. 650 N. Drive west 2.7 miles.
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 62, B / C – 1 / 2

Habitat: Deciduous woodlands, open woodlands, farm fields and wooded hills.

Directions: From the entrance of Lincoln State Park, turn left (west) on S.R. 162.

Drive west 1.8 miles to the stop sign / T – section.

Turn left (south) on S.R. 231 / S.R. 62.

Drive 1/10 of a mile and turn right (west) on Boone Street / C.R. 1575 N.

Follow this road as it snakes around west and becomes Lincoln Trail Road / C.R. 600 N.

Drive 5.3 miles west on Lincoln Trail Road to the stop sign at S.R. 161.

Turn right (north) on S.R. 161.

Drive 7/10 of a mile north and turn left (west) on Hadley Road / C.R. 650 N.

Roll down the window and listen for Chuck-will's-widow and Whip-poor-will.

Hadley Road will turn into Hunt Trail Road in 1 mile.

Drive west on Hadley Road and Hunt Trail Road for 2.7 miles.

At the stop sign / T – section, turn left (west) on Taylorville Road.

42. TECUMSEH MINES

Warrick County: From the junction of S.R. 61 and I – 64 near Lynnville (exit # 39), drive south on S.R. 61. Turn left (east) on C.R. 850 N. Indiana Delorme Map: Page 62, B – 1

Habitat: Grasslands, wooded wetlands, small ponds and cattail marshes.

Directions: From the Folsomville Chuck Site on Hunt Trail Road, turn left (west) on Taylorville Road.
 Drive west 6/10 of a mile to the stop light / T – section.
 Turn left (south) on Folsomville Road / C.R. 400 E.
 Drive south 1/10 of a mile to the 4-way stop.
 Turn right (west) on Folsomville Road / C.R. 650 N.
 Drive 1.1 miles west and at the curve in the road, continue straight to the stop sign.
 Turn right (north) on Ashby Road / C.R. 200 E.
 Drive north 1.6 miles to the stop sign / T – section.
 Turn right (east) on Shilo Road / C.R. 800 N.
 Drive east 20 yards and after crossing the bridge, turn left (north) on Ashby Road / C.R. 200 E.
 Drive north ½ mile and at the T – section, turn left (west) on C.R. 850 N. (county road sign is torn down).
 Drive 1 mile to the orange iron gate and veer left (south).
 Scan the small ponds and wooded wetlands as you wind south along this dirt mining road.
 Drive south 2.3 miles to the stop sign / T – section.
 Turn right (west) on Hunsaker Road / C.R. 650 N.
 Drive 2/10 of a mile and turn left (south) on Crowville Road.
 Drive ½ mile south and at the 2-way stop, continue straight (south) on Ellison Ridge Road.
 The strip mine / grasslands start here.

Drive south 1.3 miles to the 2-way stop.
Turn left (northeast) on Folsomville Road.
Drive northeast 1.1 miles and turn left (west) on Kelly Road /
C.R. 550 N.
At ½ mile, scan the stick marsh on the left (west) side of the road.
Drive 1.3 miles west till you reach Ellison Ridge and Crowville
Road / C.R. 75 E. (you are now on Kelly Road).
Continue straight (west) on Kelly Road.
Scan the ponds and grassland areas on the north side of the road.
Drive 1.1 miles to the T – section of Kelly Road and Crowville
Road. Turn left (south) on Crowville Road.
Drive south 2 miles to the stop sign / T – section / Shelton Road –
C.R. 400 N.
Turn around and return north on Crowville Road.
At the T – section of Crowville and Kelly Road, turn left (west)
on Kelly Road.
Drive 1 mile west and at the 2-way stop (an unmarked road),
turn left (south).
Drive south 2 miles to Shelton Road.
The road you are on has become Eby Road / C.R. 100 W.
Turn around and head back north on Eby Road / C.R. 100 W.
Drive 2 miles north back to the mining intersection (you turned
south from).
At this 2-way stop, continue straight (north).
Drive north 1.5 miles to the dead end at the yellow gate.
Turn around and return south on this same road.
Drive 8/10 of a mile south and at the locked green gate, turn right
(west) at the T – section.
Drive 7/10 of a mile and veer right at the fork in the road.
Drive 8/10 of a mile west to the stop sign.
Turn around and return east on this same road.
Drive 8/10 of a mile back to the fork in the road.
Turn right (south) at the fork in the road.
Drive ½ mile south to the dead end / T – section.
Turn right (west) from this T – section (Kelly Road).

Drive west 6/10 of a mile to S.R. 61.

43. LYNNVILLE MINES

Warrick County: From the intersection of S.R. 231 and I – 64, drive west on I – 64. Turn left (south) on S.R. 61 (exit # 39). Turn right (west) on Holder Hill Road / C.R. 800 N.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 61, B – 11 / 12

Habitat: Many Cattail Marshes, small ponds, open woodland areas and hilly grassland areas.

Directions: From the Tecumseh Mine at the intersection of Kelly Road and S.R. 61, turn right (north) on S.R. 61.

Turn left (west) on Holder Hill Road / C.R. 800 N.

Drive west 1.6 miles and at the curve in the paved road, turn left (south) on Madden Road.

Drive south 8/10 of a mile to the 2-way stop.

A yellow coal mining sign here reads: "Peabody Coal Company – 1951 Barrett Court – Henderson, Ky. 42420 – 502-827-0800 – Squaw Creek Coal Company – P.O. Box 111, Boonville, In. 47601 – Joint Venture Alcoa – Peabody Coal Company – Permit # S-00008 – WARNING! – EXPLOSIVES IN USE"

Turn left (east) on Turpin Hill Road / C.R. 725 N.

Drive 7/10 of a mile east and turn left (north – a broken traffic signal is here – a very sharp turn).

Scan the wetlands on both sides of the road.

Drive 1 mile north to the next stop sign.

Turn around at this intersection and return south on this same road.

Drive south 9/10 of a mile and make a sharp right (west) turn at the next intersection.

Drive west 7/10 of a mile and turn left (south) on Massey Road /

C.R. 400 W. – Madden Road / C.R. 400 W.

Drive south 1.1 miles to the stop sign / T – section.

Turn left (east) on Greenbriar Road / C.R. 600 N.

Drive east 3/10 of a mile and turn right (south) on Bateman Road / C.R. 375 W. Many cattail marshes are on both sides of Bateman Road.

Drive south 2.1 miles to the stop sign / T – section.

Turn right (west) on New Harmony Road.

Drive west 2.4 miles and turn right (north) at the unnamed mining road (first road after the Squaw Creek Coal Company-C.R. 600 W. -Weyerbacher Road – power lines are here).

Drive north roughly 4.9 miles to the 2-way stop at Stanley Road / C.R. 900 N.

Proceed straight (north) on Weyerbacher Road / C.R. 600 W.

Drive north 1 mile and turn left (west) on Meinert Road / C.R. 975 N.

Drive west 7/10 of a mile and turn left (south) on Barnett Chapel Road / C.R. 650 W.

Drive 1 mile south to the stop sign / T – section.

Turn left (east) on Stanley Road / C.R. 900 N.

Drive roughly 3.2 miles east, and then south, to the T – section of Madden Road and Holder Hill Road / C.R. 800 N.

Veer left, staying on the paved Holder Hill Road.

From this T – section, drive east 1.6 miles on Holder Hill Road to S.R. 61.

44. SOMERVILLE MINES – BLACK BEAUTY COAL COMPANY

Pike County: From the intersection of I – 64 and S.R. 61 at Lynnville, drive north on S.R. 61. In Spurgeon, turn left (west) on 5th Street / C.R.1150 S.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 61, A – 12

Habitat: Extensive grassland and mining property. The property includes 14 small lakes, a few being cattail marshes. There may be more bodies of water on the mine roads which run north/south. The main mining road and 2 other roads which run north/south are newly developed gravel roads. They are passable at any time of the year.

Strategy: Birding this property is restricted to the county roads. No trespassing signs are everywhere.

When To Visit: Visit this site in spring and summer for nesting grassland species. Visit November thru March for over-wintering sparrows, raptors and possibly Short-eared Owl.

Directions: From the Lynnville Mine at the junction of Holder Hill Road / C.R. 800 N. and S.R. 61, turn left (north) on S.R. 61. Drive north roughly 9.7 miles and in the city of Spurgeon, turn left (west) on 5th Street (immediately after the post office – turn at the round white "Spurgeon G.B. Church" sign).

Drive west 2.7 miles and turn left (south) at the unnamed white gravel road intersection.

Drive south ½ mile to C.R. 1200 S.

Turn around at this intersection and return north.

Drive ½ mile north and turn left (west) on the main mining road.

Drive west till you reach the end of the mining property at C.R. 700 S. and C.R. 1200 E.

A sign at this intersection reads: "Emergency Intercept # 2 – Somerville Mine – Black Beauty Coal Co. – P.O. Box 312 –

Evansville, Ind. 47702 – 812-424-9000 – MSHA # 12-02258 – IDNR # S-322".

Turn around at this intersection and return east on the main mine road (C.R. 1150 S. / 5th Street).

Drive east 2 miles and turn left (north) at the unnamed intersection. Drive north 2.6 miles to the next gravel road intersection (telephone poles will be on the other side of the road).

45. NEW LAKE

Pike and Gibson Counties: From the junction of S.R. 64 and S.R. 57, drive east on C.R. 200 S. Indiana Delorme Map: Page 55, H – 12

Habitat: A small lake with a deciduous woods bordering the south and west side of the lake. R.V. and primitive camp sites are available.

Directions: From the Somerville Mine at the unmarked county road {C.R. 450 S.(Gibson Co.) / C.R. 900 S.(Pike Co.)}, turn right (east) on C.R. 900 S.

Drive 1.7 miles east and turn left (north) on Haul Road.

At 3/10 of a mile you will see a large green sign on the left which reads: "Wheeler Creek Project – Patoka South Fork Watershed Steering Committee – A Volunteer Citizens Organization – Water Quality Project – In Cooperation with Private Land Owners, Federal, State, and local Agencies, and Private Groups – 1998".

Lots of wetland habitat exists through here.

Continue north on Haul Road. 1 mile north of C.R. 775 S. will be the **Lick Creek Project**. Bird this wetland area and then continue north on Haul Road.

After driving 2.1 miles north, and then west, you will reach a T – section / Stop sign { this is the county line. You are on C.R. 650 S. in Pike County. If you drive straight (west) from this

T – section, you will be on C.R. 200 S. in Gibson County}.

Turn left (south) on C.R. 1350 E. (the county line road).

Drive south 2/10 of a mile and turn right (west) at the small brown "Oakland City New Lake" sign.

Drive west 2/10 of a mile and turn left (south).

Park at the paved loop. Scan New Lake for waterfowl, shorebirds and wading birds.

When finished, return north to the main park road.

Turn left (west) and follow this road till it dead ends in the primitive campground. Good sparrow habitat exists here.

Search the trees for migrant songbirds. Turn around and return east to C.R. 1350 E.

Turn right (south) on C.R. 1350 E.

Drive 7/10 of a mile and after the curve in the road, turn right (north) at the T – section.

Drive north 2/10 of a mile to the dead end loop.

Scan the bays to the east and west. When finished, return south to C.R. 1350 E. At the T – section, turn right (west) on C.R. 1350 E. / C.R. 275 S.

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

Turn right (north) on C.R. 1200 E.

**46. SNAKEY POINT MARSH – SOUTH
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE – U.S. FISH
AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

**Gibson and Pike Counties: From the junction of
S.R. 57 and S.R. 64 in Oakland City, drive east on
S.R. 64. Turn left (north) on C.R. 1275 E. Veer
left at the "Y" in the road.**

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 55, G – 12

Habitat: A huge marsh surrounded by deciduous woods, mining areas / grasslands and farm fields.

Directions: From the south overlook at New Lake, turn right (west) on C.R. 275 S.

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

Turn right (north) on C.R. 1200 E.

Drive north 7/10 of a mile to the 4-way stop.

Turn left (west) on C.R. 200 S.

Drive 1.3 miles west to the stop sign.

Turn right (northeast) on S.R. 64.

Drive east 2.4 miles and turn left (north) on C.R. 1275 E.

Drive north roughly ½ mile and veer left onto C.R. 1300 E.

Drive north 3/10 of a mile to **Snakey Point Marsh**.

A small blue and white sign here reads: "National Wildlife Refuge - unauthorized Entry Prohibited – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Public Hunting Area – Limited public hunting under Federal and State Laws – Consult Manager for current regulations".

Scan the marsh for waterfowl, shorebirds and waders.

47. BOTTOMLAND HARDWOOD FOREST RESTORATION PROJECT – U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Pike County: From Oakland City, drive east on S.R. 64. Turn left (north) on C.R. 1275 E. Veer left at the "Y"(C.R. 1300 E.). Driving through Snakey Point, drive northeast on C.R. 475 S. Turn left (north) on Meridian Road. Indiana Delorme Map: Page 55, F / G – 12

Habitat: Flooded hardwood forests. Swamp, pond, slough and marsh prairie habitats exist here.

Directions: From Snakey Point Marsh, continue driving northeast through the National Wildlife Refuge on C.R. 475 S. (this road is unmarked).

The gravel road will elbow left (north) after 9/10 of a mile (a C.R. 475 S. and C.R. 175 W. sign is here).

You will soon see the Black Beauty Coal Company's Columbia Mine on both sides of the road.

Drive east 3 miles to the 4-way stop.

Turn left (north) on Meridian Road {we were traveling on C.R. 475 S. – I was unable to find Line Road, which is on the Delorme Map}.

At 1.3 miles, you will see a brown sign which reads: "Bottomland Hardwood Forest Restoration Project – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Foot Traffic Only" {on the left (west) side of the road}.

Drive 3.3 miles north through these flooded Bottomlands, birding both sides of the road.

Turn left (west) on C.R. 150 S.

Follow this road as it snakes around northwest and becomes C.R. 125 S.

Drive northwest on C.R. 150 S. and C.R. 125 S. for 1.7 miles to S.R. 57.

Turn right (north) on S.R. 57.

**48. LAKE BOLLIER – WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT AREA (FORMERLY
KINDILL MINING, INC.)**

**Pike County: From Oakland City, drive north
on S.R. 57. Turn left (west) on Division Road.
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 55, F – 11 / 12**

Habitat: A reclaimed mine and grassland area. Several lakes are also on the property.

Directions: From the Bottomland Hardwood Forest at S.R. 57 and C.R. 125 S., turn right (north) on S.R. 57.

Drive north 1.3 miles and turn left (west) on Division Road (right at the blue and white "Pike County Bird Hunters" sign on the left side of the road).

At 1.2 miles, you will see a sign which reads: "Kindill Mining, Inc. R.R. # 2, Box 140 – P.O. Box 338 – Oakland City, Indiana 47660 - Permit No. S-00035 – Warning – Explosives in use".

Drive 1.7 miles west to the mining road T – section.

Turn right (north). Drive north 2/10 of a mile to the stop sign / T – section. Turn left (west).

Drive west 3/10 of a mile to the next T – section and turn right (north).

Drive north 2 miles to the stop sign / T – section at C.R. 200 N. Turn around and return south on C.R. 325 W., back into the mining area.

Drive south 1.1 miles and turn left (east) at the next intersection. Follow this road as it winds east, and then south, for 1.5 miles.

At this 3-way intersection, you will see a treated wood sign which

reads: "Lake Bollier – Wildlife Mgt Area – No hunting or swimming – Electric motors only".

Turn right (southwest) at the Lake Bollier sign.

Drive southwest, and then west, for 1 mile.

At the T – section, turn left (south).

Drive 1.6 miles south to the stop sign / T – section.

Turn left (east) on C.R. 125 S.

49. SNAKEY POINT – NORTH

Gibson County: From Oakland City, drive north on S.R. 57. Turn right (east) on C.R. 75 N.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 55, G – 12

Habitat: A large stick marsh, farm fields and deciduous woods.

Directions: From the Lake Bollier Wildlife Management Area at C.R. 125 S. and C.R. 325 W., turn left (east) on C.R. 125 S.

Drive east 1.7 miles to S.R. 57.

Turn right (south) on S.R. 57.

Drive south 3.3 miles and turn left (east) on C.R. 75 N.(Gibson County).

As you drive, bird the marsh on both sides of the road.

This road will end at 8/10 of a mile.

At the rusty iron gate at the dead end, scan the large marsh to your right (south).

When finished, turn around and return west to S.R. 57.

50. PATOKA RIVER AND FLOODPLAINS
PATOKA RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE
REFUGE AND MANAGEMENT AREA
(WEST OF S.R. 57)

Gibson and Pike Counties: From Oakland City,
drive north on S.R. 57. Turn left (west) on
C.R. 50 N.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 55, G – 11

Habitat: The Patoka River, farm fields, deciduous woodlots, open woodland areas and mining property / grasslands.

Directions: From Snakey Point North at C.R. 75 N. and S.R. 57, turn left (south) on S.R. 57.

Drive south 2/10 of a mile and turn right (west) on C.R. 50 N. Drive 2.5 miles west to the elbow in the road. Park along C.R. 50 N. at this elbow. There is a green gate on the north side of C.R. 50 N. at this elbow in the road. This green gate blocks a dirt road which leads north to the Patoka River. Yellow-crowned Night Herons are usually seen while walking north on this dirt road to the river. Unfortunately, a No Trespassing sign has been posted since I last visited this site. The sign reads: "Hocking Oil Co., Inc. – Crude Oil Production – CAS # 8002-05-9 Emergency Phone # 618-263-3258 – Lease Pflug-Ross – Section 2 Township 2S – Range 9W – County: Gibson, IN. – NO TRESPASSING – Permit # 35376".

Do not trespass here. Instead, scan the wooded wetlands at this elbow in the road, which is in the northeast corner of this elbow. Since land acquisition is still in progress for the Patoka National Wildlife Refuge, maybe this land will be purchased in the near future. If that happens, access would be allowed. On the Delorme

Map this area is in green, indicating it is already a part of the Patoka National Wildlife Refuge. If the Delorme Map is correct and this land is already a part of the National Wildlife Refuge, then the No Trespassing sign is null and void. I will research this and make the necessary changes to the tour. For now, obey the No Trespassing sign.

Turn around and drive east on C.R. 50 N.

Drive east 8/10 of a mile and turn left (north) on C.R. 1050 E.

Drive north till the flooding prevents you from going any farther. Scan the flooded fields on both sides of the road for shorebirds, waterfowl and waders.

Keep a sharp eye out for fly-by Yellow-crowned Night Herons.

If this road is dry, continue north to the Patoka River.

When finished, turn around and return south on C.R. 1050 E.

At the stop sign, turn left (east) on C.R. 50 N.

Drive 1 mile east to the 4-way stop.

Turn left (north) on C.R. 1150 E.

Drive north 7/10 of a mile.

Search here for Yellow-crowned Night Herons.

{If this road is flooded and impassable at the Patoka River, then turn around and return south to C.R. 50 N. Turn left (east) on C.R. 50 N. Turn left (north) on S.R. 57. Turn left (west) on C.R. 200 S. While driving west on C.R. 200 S., keep turning left (south) at every county road you encounter. This will take you south to the Patoka River and it's floodplains, from the north side of the river}.

If C.R. 1150 E. is not flooded at the Patoka River, continue north on C.R. 1150 E.

From the Patoka River, drive north 4/10 of a mile to the T – section.

Turn right (east) at the T – section.

Drive east 7/10 of a mile to the stop sign (a red brick house is on the southeast corner).

Turn left (north) on C.R. 1200 E.
You will cross 2 bridges on this road.
Drive 1.1 miles north to the 4-way stop / C.R. 200 S.
Turn left (west) on C.R. 200 S.
Drive west 8/10 of a mile and park at the elbow in the road.
Scan the flooded fields on the left (south) side of the road.
From the elbow, drive north 7/10 of a mile to the stop sign and church (you are now on C.R. 375 W.).
Turn left (west) on C.R. 125 S.
Drive 1.3 miles west and turn left (south) on C.R. 500 W.
A sign reads: "**Patoka River Mine** – Triad Mining – P.O. Box 928 – Owensboro, Ky 42302 – 502-683-4186 – Local: 812-328-2117".
Drive south 9/10 of a mile to the 4-way intersection.
From this flooded intersection, scan the flooded fields of the mining area for shorebirds, waterfowl and Yellow-crowned Night Herons.

{If C.R. 500 W. is not flooded out at the Patoka River, you may continue south across the river. On the south side of the river, C.R. 500 W. becomes C.R. 1050 E., in Gibson County}.

When finished, turn around at this mine intersection and drive north on C.R. 500 W., leaving the Patoka River Mine.

51. PATOKA RIVER AT WINSLOW

Pike County: S.R. 61 in Winslow

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 56, G – 1

Habitat: A D.N.R recreation area and boat ramp on the Patoka River. On the west side of S.R. 61 and directly across from this site, is a wooded wetland and flooded farm field.

Strategy: This is a Yellow-crowned Night Heron Site. Scan the Patoka River. The Herons are most often found on the west side of S.R. 61. Scan the edge of the wooded wetland and the flooded farm field.

When To Visit: Search this site for the Yellow-crowned Night Heron in May, June and early July.

Directions: From the Patoka River Mine at C.R. 500 W., drive north on C.R. 500 W.

At the yield sign, turn right (east) on C.R. 125 S.

Drive 1.3 miles east and veer right (south) on C.R. 375 W. (a white church is here).

Drive south, and then east at the elbow for 2.2 miles.

At the stop sign / T – section, turn right (south) on S.R. 57.

Drive 5.5 miles south to the stop light.

Turn left (east) on S.R. 64.

Drive east 7 miles to the flashing red signal / 4-way stop.

Turn left (north) on S.R. 61. On the way to Winslow, check all the farm ponds along the way for Yellow-crowned Night Heron.

Drive 3.4 miles north and after crossing the R.R. Tracks, turn right (east) at the "Winslow Public Access Site – Dept. of Natural Resources – Div. of Fish and Wildlife" sign.

Scan the Patoka River from the boat ramp for herons.

Then walk across S.R. 61 and scan the wooded wetlands and flooded farm fields to your west.

52. FERDINAND STATE FOREST / PIKE UNIT

Pike County: S.R. 364

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 56, G – 1 / 2

Habitat: 2939 acres of mature deciduous and coniferous forests, a small stream and river. Steeply wooded ravines and hilly terrain make Worm-eating a possibility.

Strategy: We will walk the best trail for migrating passerines, and then survey the rest of this forest by car-birding.

Target birds – Mississippi Kite, Worm-eating Warbler, Pine Warbler, Kentucky Warbler and Hooded Warbler.

When To Visit: Spring and fall for passerine migration – April, May, September and October. May, June and July are best for the nesting Mississippi Kites.

Directions: From the Patoka River at Winslow, turn left (south) on S.R. 61. Drive 2 miles and turn left (east) on S.R.364 (a brown Sugar Ridge F.W.A. and Pike State Forest sign is here).

After 4 miles you will see a brown and black "Pike State Forest – Dept. of Natural Resources" sign, on the right (south) side of the road. Drive 1/10 of a mile past this sign and turn left (north) into the gravel parking lot. This is Firelane # 2.

Hike Firelane # 2 north and cross a small stream. When the trail comes to a fork at a stand of pines, turn left (west).

Follow this trail to the top of the hill, and then to a river.

You may continue on, or turn around and return to your vehicle.

From Firelane # 2, turn left (east) on S.R. 364.

Drive 4/10 of a mile and turn left (northeast) at the fork in the road, following the campground arrow on the brown sign.

Turn left (north) at the next road (a "Horsemans Campground" sign on the north (left) side of the road).

Park by the outhouse and search for Mississippi Kites.

From the campground, turn left (northeast) on C.R. 650 E..

Look and listen for migrating passerines as you drive this

road. Drive 1 mile and turn around.

Follow C.R. 650 E. back to the campground and main park road to exit Ferdinand State Forest-Pike Unit.

If time is plentiful, work some of the other county roads inside the forest.

53. PHOENIX MINES

Dubois County: C.R. 400 W. / C.R. 400 S.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 56, G – 3 / 4, H – 4

Habitat: Grasslands, scattered deciduous woods, wooded wetland, small ponds, stream and farm fields.

Strategy: We will be searching for Loggerhead Shrike and grassland species.

When To Visit: This is primarily a spring and early summer site - April, May, June and early July.

Directions: From the Ferdinand State Forest-Pike Unit at Firelane # 2 on S.R 364, drive west on S.R. 364 3.8 miles to S.R. 61.

Turn left (south) on S.R. 61.

Turn left (east) on S.R. 64.

Drive 15.2 miles east on S.R. 64 and turn left (north) on C.R. 400 W. (just before Huntingburg).

At the 4-way stop, continue north on C.R. 400 W.

When you cross a cement drainage bridge, scan the wetlands to your left (south), on Voelkel Road.

Stay on Voelkel Road, going past C.R. 300 S.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (south) on C.R. 550 W.

At the stop sign / fork in the road, turn right (west) on C.R. 400 S.. Search for Loggerhead Shrike in this area.

Turn right (north) on C.R. 600 W..

Turn left (west) on C.R. 350 S..

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (south) on C.R. 650 W..

When the road forks, turn left (east) on C.R. 450 S./ Duff Road.

At the T-section, turn left (north) on C.R. 600 W..

Turn right (east) on C.R. 400 S..
Turn right (south) on C.R. 400 W..
Take C.R. 400 W. all the way to S.R. 64.
Do not turn, but drive directly south across the highway,
taking the public access road.

54. HUNTINGBURG LAKE

Dubois County: S.R. 64 at C.R. 400 S.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 56, H – 4

Habitat: A medium sized lake in an urban park setting.
Scattered stands of pines and deciduous woods.

Strategy: Since this lake is just across the street from Phoenix Mines, a quick stop will be made here for waterfowl, gulls, terns and wading birds.

When To Visit: Waterfowl migration is the best time to visit this site – late February, March, early April, late October, November and December.

Directions: From the Phoenix Mines, take C.R. 400 W. south to S.R. 64.

Do not turn, but drive directly south across S.R. 64 to the public access road. Huntingburg Lake is to your west.
Drive roughly 100 yards and park in the lot to your left.
From this parking lot, scan the lake for waterfowl.

55.. FERDINAND STATE FOREST

Dubois County: S.R. 264

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 62, A – 6 / 7

Habitat: A mature deciduous forest, conifer stands, a small creek and a 43 acre lake.

Strategy: Car-birding is a very effective way to bird this site, since the main park road runs the entire length of the forest. Use your "birding by ear" skills to detect avian activity. Scan the woodland edges for migrating passerines.

When To Visit: Visit this site during passerine migration: April, May, September, and October. Visit in May, June and early July for nesting: Cerulean, Worm-eating, Hooded and Pine Warblers.

Directions: From Huntingburg Lake, turn right (east) on S.R.64. Drive 6 miles and turn right (south) on S.R. 162. Drive 5 miles and at the edge of the town of Ferdinand, turn left (east) on S.R. 264 (a brown "Ferdinand State Forest" sign is here).

Drive 5 miles and follow the arrow on the brown "Ferdinand State Forest" sign, turning right (south – S.R. 264 ends here). Drive 3/10 of a mile and turn right (west) into Parking Area 2 – 6. Search this area for warblers and other migrating passerines. Fire Lane # 9 and the beginning of Southridge Trail is here. A small stream is right next to the parking lot, which will attract migrants.

Continue south on the main park road. Drive 6/10 of a mile to a fork in the road. Veer right, following the "boat ramp / rental" arrow sign.

Drive another 4/10 of a mile and pull over. Walk up to the dike and scan the lake. Work the brushy areas south of the dike for sparrows. After scanning the lake, turn around and go north on the main park road.

Drive 4/10 of a mile and turn right at the grass triangle in the

road (swing sets here). Follow this road up the steep hill as it will angle left.

At the top of the hill, listen for Cerulean and Worm-eating Warbler.

Drive 6/10 of a mile. Continue straight onto the gravel road going south.

At 1.5 miles you will see Firelane # 6 / Kyana Trail. Want some exercise ??? I didn't think so.

Continue south on this gravel road. When you reach the stop sign / T-section / C.R. 700 S. at Kyana Road, turn around and head back north through the forest. At the self-registration campground, primitive sites were \$ 5.30 per night. At the time of this writing (3/15/03), 4 Black Vultures were in a field near the entrance of Ferdinand State Forest.

56. PATOKA LAKE

Orange County: S.R. 545 / S.R. 164 / S.R. 145

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 57, F / G – 7 / 8 / 9

Habitat: Many forested areas, some with steeply sloped ravines. Wildlife management units with brushy grassland areas, pine stands, some creeks / small rivers and scattered woodland areas.

Strategy: The site directions will lead you to strategic points along Patoka Lake. If you have extra time, bird the wildlife management units and forested areas that will be encountered, when following these directions.

When To Visit: All migratory periods: March, April, May, August, September, October and November.

Directions: From the entrance of Ferdinand State Forest, turn left (west) on S.R. 264.

At the stop sign / S.R. 264 end, turn right (north) on S.R. 162. Drive past S.R. 64 and on to S.R. 164 in Jasper (7 miles).

At the junction of S.R. 162 and S.R. 164, turn right (east) on S.R. 164 (a green "Patoka Lake" arrow sign is here).

A Hampton Inn and Days Inn are at this junction.

Drive 11 miles and turn left (north) on S.R. 545.

Drive 3 miles and turn right (east) into the **Patoka Lake / Lick Fork Area**.

At the boat launch, scan the lake for waterfowl. Turn around and head back west to S.R. 545. Turn right (north) on S.R. 545. At the stop sign / T-section, continue straight (north) on Cuczo Road (do not turn left on S.R. 545).

Drive 2 miles and turn right on Purdue Farm Road (at the brown "Jackson S.R.A. Ramp – 4 miles" sign).

Drive 3.4 miles and turn right on C.R. 725 S. (stop sign / T-section). Follow this road to the **Jackson State Recreation Area** (4.8 miles from S.R. 545 to Jackson SRA). Scan Patoka Lake for waterfowl, eagles and seabirds.

Turn around and follow C.R. 725 S. back out of the Jackson SRA. Drive past C.R. 1075 W., staying on C.R. 725 S..

At the fork in the road, turn right on C.R. 1075 W..

This road will wind around and then become C.R. 1025 W..

Turn right on C.R. 600 S. (a green "Baseline Jackson Ramp" sign is here).

Turn right (south) on S.R. 145.

Turn left onto C.R. 1025 S. / Lake Village Drive / **Osborne Boat Ramp**. Drive to the boat ramp and scan the lake.

Turn around and follow C.R. 1025 S. back to S.R. 145.

Turn left (south) on S.R. 145. Go 50 yards and turn right (just before the aluminum guard rails).

A red sign designates this parking lot as a "**Wildlife Viewing Area**". Scan the lake from the **Patoka Lake Overlook**.

When finished, turn right (south) on S.R. 145.

Just before the junction of S.R. 145 South / S.R. 164 West, turn left (east) on Pedora School Road.

Park on the right, just past the aluminum guard rail. Scan the mud to your south for shorebirds. Then, scan the lake on the west side of S.R. 145.

When finished, turn left (south) onto S.R. 145 South.

Turn right (west) on S.R. 164.

Drive a mile or so and turn right (north) at the "**Patoka Lake Newton Stewart – State Recreation Area**" sign.

Follow this main park road all the way to the beach arrow sign, and turn left (west).

Park in the **Beach** parking lot and scan the lake.

Leaving the beach area, turn left (north) and take the next road right (east). Park near the "Small Craft Launching" sign, and scan the water inlet.

Return to the main park road and turn left (south).

Turn left (east) on S.R. 164.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn right (south) on S.R. 145.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (east) on S.R. 64.

In the town of Taswell, when you see the brown "Little Patoka Boat Ramp 7" sign, turn left (north) on Highfill Chapel Road.

Drive 1.9 miles and make a sharp left turn, immediately after the aluminum guard rails (this county road is unmarked).

On the south side of the road you will see a sign, "Patoka Reservoir Resource Mgt. Unit 7 – Waterfowl and Upland Wildlife Mgt. Area". Keep driving west past this sign.

Drive 5/10 of a mile and park in the lot on your left (south).

There is a red wire rope blocking the road here. A red "Waterfowl Resting Area – Closed to Waterfowl Hunting", sign is here. This area is known as **Sycamore Creek Marsh**. Walk around the red rope and continue west. The marsh will be on the left (south) side of the road.

The road ends at Patoka Lake. On 3-15-03, 2 Bald eagles were here. Mud flats were extensive.

57. ORLEANS SPRINGS LAKE

Orange County: C.R. 810 N., from S.R. 37

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 57, B – 10

Habitat: A small half-filled lake. A tree line exists on the north and east side of the lake. Shrubs line the south shore, and a diked road borders the west.

Strategy: This is strictly a shorebird and waterfowl site.

When To Visit: For shorebirds – late March, April, May, late July, August, September and October.

Waterfowl – late February, March, early April, late October, November and December.

Directions: From Sycamore Creek Marsh at Patoka Lake, follow the road back east to Highfill Chapel Road.

Turn right (south) on Highfill Chapel Road.

Turn left (east) on S.R. 64.

Drive 5.5 miles and veer right on the S.R. 37 / Paoli Exit.

Turn left (north) on S.R. 37.

Drive 17 miles to the town of Paoli and turn right (east), staying on S.R. 37 (a Shell Station / S.R. 56 / S.R. 150 is here).

Follow the S.R. 37 arrows around the circle and turn right (north) on S.R. 37. Drive through the city of Orleans.

At the north edge of town, turn right (east) on C.R. 810 N.

[it is the county road directly before (south) of the blue water tower].

Follow C.R. 810 N. east for 3/10 of a mile.

Turn left (north) and park at the locked yellow gate. At the time of this writing (3-15-03), this lake was only half full and had extensive mud flats. Use your scope to scan the lake.

58. SPRING MILL STATE PARK

Lawrence County: S.R. 60 - near S.R. 37

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 57, A – 10 / 11

Habitat: Forested hills, steeply sloped ravines, pine stands, a small lake with mud flats and a stream.

Strategy: We will concentrate on Trail 4, where most of the site specialties can be found. We will drive the northern most section of the park road to pick up those birds we miss on Trail 4.

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

For nesting species – April, May, June and early July.

For Black Vulture – October thru April.

Directions: From Orleans Springs Lake, turn around and take C.R. 810 N. back west to S.R. 37.

Turn right (north) on S.R. 37.

In the town of Mitchell, look for the large green "Spring Mill Park and Inn" arrow sign, and Wendy's Restaurant.

At the flashing yellow traffic signal, turn right (east) on S.R. 60. Drive 3.5 miles and turn left at the roofed "Spring Mill State Park" sign.

Go past the entrance guard gate and immediately turn left at the fork in the road, following the "Donaldson Cave" arrow sign.

Drive 3/10 of a mile and turn right at the "Donaldson Cave / Donaldson Shelter House" arrow sign. Park in front of the treated wood boardwalk. This is the beginning of Trail 4, which is 2 miles long and quite rigorous. Start hiking Trail 4 from here. The trail will loop around and bring you right back to this parking lot.

For those who are unable or willing to engage in rigorous exercise (includes most of us), we will cheat by birding the lower section of Trail 4.

From the Donaldson Cave Parking Lot, turn left and head back

to the main park road. At the fork in the road, turn left, following the "Pioneer Village" arrow.

Turn left again at the yield sign.

Drive 7/10 of a mile and turn left at the fork in the road (a stone bridge is here).

Drive 2/10 of a mile. Scan the muddy island in the stream to your left for shorebirds.

Turn left into the large parking lot west of Sycamore Shelter, following the "Picnic Area / Grist Mill / Pioneer Village" arrow signs.

Park near the "Butternut Shelter and Picnic Area" arrow sign.

Use the bridge to cross the creek. From here you have 2 options: 1. Start birding the bottom of Trail 4, which starts east of Sycamore Shelter, at the edge of the lake. Follow it west all the way to Pioneer Village.

2. If you are handicapped, or have difficulty walking, simply follow the paved walk-way which borders the stream.

When finished, leave the parking lot turning left (west).

Drive 3/10 of a mile up the hill. Start listening for Worm-eating Warbler from the steep ravines.

Follow this road around the park for 1.7 miles. Turn right (south) at the fork, to exit the park.

59. RIVERVALE ROAD – CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW SITE

Lawrence County: Rivervale Road, from S.R. 60
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 57, A – 11

Habitat: Hilly terrain consisting of grassland, forest and open woodland areas.

When To Visit: Visit in May, June and early July for Chuck-will's-Widow. Start birding at dusk or after dark.

Directions: From the entrance of Spring Mill State Park, turn left (east) on S.R. 60. Turn left (north) on Rivervale Road. Roll down your windows and drive slowly, listening for the chuck. At 7/10 of a mile, pause here and listen.

60. SPICE VALLEY CAMPGROUND **CHUCK – WILL'S – WIDOW SITE**

Lawrence County: Possum Robbin Road at
Spice Valley Campground
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 57, A – 9

Habitat: Hilly forested terrain and farm fields.

When To Visit: Visit in May, June and early July for Chuck-will's-Widow. Visit at dusk or after dark.

Directions: From the Rivervale Road / Chuck-will's-Widow site, turn around and take Rivervale Road back south to S.R. 60. Turn right (west) on S.R. 60. Turn right (north) on S.R. 60 / S.R. 37 (at the flashing red signal and McDonald's Restaurant).

At the very next stop light, turn left (west) on S.R. 60 (CVS Drug Store is here).

Drive 2.9 miles and turn right (north) on the paved unnamed county road (a "Pat's Square Dance Boutique" and a black and

white "Spice Valley Baptist Church" signs are here).
 Drive 2.5 miles and park just past Possum Robbin Road.
 The Spice Valley Campground entrance will be on the left
 (west) side of the road. Listen here for Chuck-will's-Widow.
 If you can't hear the Chuck from here, drive slowly north for
 a ½ mile or so. Drive ½ mile east on Possum Robbin Road.

61. YELLOWWOOD LAKE

Brown County: Yellowwood Road, from S.R. 46 **Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, B – 5**

Habitat: A small cattail lake, mixed coniferous and deciduous woodland on a hilly terrain, and dense shrubs which border the woodland edge around the recreation area.

When To Visit: This is an excellent site for passerines during spring and fall migration. Scan the lake for dabbling ducks during waterfowl migration. In winter, search for winter finches and owls among the pine stands.

Directions: From the entrance of Spice Valley Campground and Possum Robbin Road, turn around and head back south on the unnamed county road.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (east) on S.R. 60.

Turn left (north) on S.R. 37.

Drive 7 miles and veer right onto the S.R. 37 / Bloomington Entrance Ramp. After 25 miles, turn (right) east on S.R. 45 / S.R. 46.

Follow S.R. 45 / S.R. 46, as it bypasses Bloomington, and turn left (east) on S.R. 46.

Follow S.R. 46 east to Brown County.

Turn left (north) on Yellowwood Road.

Turn left at the T-section (Greenvalley / Yellowwood), following the "Yellowwood State Forest" signs.

Turn right at the Yellowwood / Jackson Creek Road sign (State Forest sign leading to the boat ramp / family

Campground). Continue east on this road, passing the State Forest Office.

Turn into the parking lot on the left, which is the Jackson Creek Trail / Tecumseh / Yellowwood Trailhead.

Bird the lake, playground and woodland edges of the forest.

62. MIDDLEFORK WATERFOWL

RESTING AREA - MONROE LAKE

Brown County: T.C. Steele Road, from S.R. 46

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, C – 5

Habitat: A marshy area of Monroe Lake.

When To Visit: Bald Eagles can usually be found here during the winter months. Look for waterfowl in late February, March, early April, late October, November and December. Bald eagles may be found here in winter.

Directions: From Yellowwood Lake, follow the main park road back to the T-section ("Jackson Creek Road" sign), and turn left. Turn right at the steel bridge (a Greenvalley sign is here). Turn right (west) on S.R. 46.

Continue west on S.R. 46 to T.C. Steele Road.

Turn left (south) on T.C. Steele Road.

Drive past the T.C. Steele Nature Preserve.

Turn right at Gilmore Ridge Road.

Turn left at the first Deckard Ridge Road.

Follow Deckard Ridge Road and turn left on Axom Branch Road. Park at the dead end. Scan the lake from the overlook.

Another place to view Middlefork is from the first Deckard Ridge Road. To reach this site, turn around and take Axom Branch Road back north to Deckard Ridge Road.

Turn right (east) on Deckard Ridge Road.

Follow Deckard Ridge Road northeast to Mailbox # 7748.

You will see a "No Vehicles Beyond This Point" sign here,

on the right (east) side of the road.

Park here and follow the trail leading east from the "No Vehicles" sign down to the marsh. Scan the marsh for waterfowl, shorebirds and eagles.

63. STILLWATER MARSH

Monroe County: Kent Road to McGowan Road **Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, C – 5**

Habitat: A marsh and open woodland.

When To Visit: Waterfowl – March, April, late October, November and December.

Shorebirds – late March, April, May, late July, August, September and October.

Directions: From the Middlefork Waterfowl Resting Area, follow Deckard Ridge Road back north to T.C. Steele Road. Turn right (northeast) on T.C. Steele Road.

Take T.C. Steele Road back to S.R. 46.

Turn left (west) on S.R. 46.

Turn left (south) on Kent Road.

Take Kent Road south to the first gravel road on the right (west) side of the road (this is McGowan road, but there is no street sign here). Follow this road west till you see the observation deck, on the right (north) side of the road. Scan the marsh for waterfowl, waders and shorebirds.

64. NORTHFORK WATERFOWL RESTING AREA

Monroe County: Kent Road to McGowan Road
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, C – 5

Habitat: Marsh, forested hills and wet farm fields.

When To Visit: Migratory periods for all species – March, April, May, August, September, October and early December.

Directions: From the Stillwater Marsh Observation Deck, continue west on McGowan Road.

Follow McGowan Road as it veers right at a private drive.

While driving toward North Fork, scan the wet fields and creek on the right (north) side of the road.

Park in the lot next to the "North Fork Service Area" sign.

Scan the marsh and walk the trails which extend out into the marsh.

65. FRIENDSHIP ROAD

Monroe County: Friendship Road, From S.R.46
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, C – 5

Habitat: Wet farm fields (in spring), grasslands, open woodlands and a small river.

When To Visit: The best time to visit is in spring, when most of the farm fields are flooded. Great for shorebirds. Late March, April, and May are the best months.

Directions: From the North Fork Waterfowl Resting Area, follow McGowan Road east back to Kent Road.

Turn left (north) on Kent Road.

Turn left (west) on S.R. 46.

Turn left (south) on Friendship Road (1/2 mile from Kent Road). Bird the wet fields, grasslands and creek along Friendship Road as you drive.

When the gravel road splits into 2 roads, veer left. The road is rough, but passable.

Park where the road is roped off with a "Waterfowl Resting Area" sign. Walk the road which forks left, down to the marsh.

Scan this marsh for waterfowl, waders and shorebirds.

The road which forks right, leads to another marshy area which contains a small creek. Bird this area as well.

66. GROSS ROAD

Monroe County: S.R. 446, to East Knightridge Road, to Gross Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, C – 4

Habitat: Forested hills. The steeply sloped, wooded ravines provide excellent habitat for Worm-eating Warbler.

When To Visit: Visit this site in spring for passerine migration. Visit in May, June and early July for nesting Worm-eating Warblers.

Directions: From the end of Friendship Road, follow Friendship Road north back to S.R. 46.

Turn left (west) on S.R. 46.

Turn left (south) on S.R. 446.

Turn left (east) on Knightridge Road (Ignore the Knightridge Road on the right (west) side of the road).

Turn left (east) on Gross Road.

Take Gross Road approximately 2 miles until it turns into a gravel road. Once you are on the gravel road, proceed another ¼ mile until you see 3 metal fence posts sticking up out of the ground, on the right (south) side of the road.

Listen here for Worm-eating Warbler. If you don't hear one, play a Worm-eating Warbler tape. If there is still no response, try further east on Gross Road.

67. PAYNETOWN STATE RECREATION AREA – MONROE LAKE

Monroe County: S.R. 446

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, C / D – 4

Habitat: Monroe Lake, deciduous forest, open woodland areas, beach and campgrounds.

When To Visit: For waterfowl and seabird migration – late February, March, early April, September, October, November and December. For passerine migration – April, May, September and October. Bald Eagles may winter here.

Directions: From Gross Road, follow Gross Road west back to Knightridge Road.

Turn left (south) on Knightridge Road.

Turn left (south) on S.R. 446. Turn right (west) at the Paynetown S.R.A. / Visitors Center.

Follow this main park road to the first major park sign.

Turn left at the park sign, following the "Campground / Beach / Interpretive Center / Marina" arrow sign.

Veer right at the next road, following the Campground arrow sign. Follow the campground road right, to the southwest corner of the campground.

Park between Camp Sites # 162 and # 163 (shower and rest rooms building # 3, will be here).

Walk southwest past the "No Camping" sign and on to the grassy bluff, overlooking **Monroe Lake**.

Local birders call this **Jaeger Point**.

Turn right (east) on the first road after exiting the campground, driving by the General Store.

Follow this road till it dead ends at the **Marina**. Scan the lake from here.

68. CUTRIGHT STATE RECREATION AREA – MONROE LAKE

**Monroe County: S.R. 446, south of Causeway
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, D – 5**

Habitat: Monroe Lake.

When To Visit: Waterfowl migration – late February, March, early April, late October, November and December (add May and September for seabirds). Bald Eagles may be seen here in winter.

Directions: From the Paynetown S.R.A., follow the main park road back to S.R. 446.

Turn right (south) on S.R. 446.

Drive across the Monroe Lake Causeway.

Turn left (east) on the first road after the causeway, into the Cutright S.R.A..

Follow this road to the boat ramp. Scan the lake from the boat ramp for waterfowl and seabirds.

69. FAIRFAX STATE RECREATION AREA MONROE LAKE

**Monroe County: Maffett Lane, to Fairfax Road
From S.R. 37 – Smithville Road to Fairfax Road
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, D / E – 3 / 4**

Habitat: Monroe Lake, deciduous forest, woodland edge and beach.

When To Visit: Waterfowl and seabirds – September, October, November, December, late February, March, April and May. Passerine migration – bird the woodland edges in April, May, September and October.

Directions: From the Cutright S.R.A., turn right (north) on

S.R. 446. Follow S.R. 446 north to Swartz Ridge Road.
 Turn left (west) on Swartz Ridge Road.
 At the T-section, turn left on Moore's Creek Road.
 Turn left (south) on S. Fairfax Road. Follow Fairfax Road south for 3 miles, into the Fairfax S.R.A..
 Turn left (east) into the Fairfax Beach Parking Lot.
 Scan the beach for shorebirds, and the lake for waterfowl.
 In winter, scan the tree line and sky for Bald eagles.
 Leaving the beach parking lot, turn left (south) on the main park road. Keep to your left, and follow the road south to the boat ramp.
 Park at the most southern end of the parking lot.
 Scan the lake for waterfowl, seabirds and Bald eagles.

70. BLOOMINGTON SEWAGE LAGOONS
Monroe County: S.R. 37, To Bottom Road, To
Maple Grove Road
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, A – 3

Habitat: Sewage Lagoon, creek, and scattered trees.
When To Visit: For shorebird migration – April, May, late July, August, September and October. For waterfowl – March, early April, late September(teal), October, November and early December.
Directions: From the Fairfax S.R.A., take Fairfax Road north to Smithville Road.
 Turn left (west) on Smithville Road.
 Turn right (north) on S.R. 37.
 Turn left on Bottom Road (immediately after Griffy Creek and watch for the yellow T-section / Bottom Road sign).
 Bottom Road will now parallel S.R. 37 and Bean Blossom Creek.
 Follow Bottom Road till you see the sewage plant on the left (west) side of the road.

Turn left (west) on Maple Grove Road.

The sewage lagoon is on the right (north) side of the road.

The lagoon is fenced, but you can squeeze through the gate, located in the southwest corner. Scan the sewage lagoon for shorebirds and waterfowl.

71. UPPER WOODALL ROAD

Monroe County: Delap Road to Woodall Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, A – 2

Habitat: Grasslands, farm fields and scattered trees.

When To Visit: Visit during passerine migration – late March, April, May, September and October. Grassland nesting species – April, May, June and early July.

Directions: From the Bloomington Sewage Lagoons, continue west on Maple Grove Road.

At the intersection of Maple Grove Road and Maple Grove Road, turn right (north) on the new Maple Grove Road.

Follow the 2nd Maple Grove Road north until it veers left at a large old unpainted barn, which will be on the right side of the road.

Once you veer left here, the road then becomes Delap Road.

Follow Delap Road west to Woodall Road.

Turn right (north) on Woodall Road.

Drive north on Woodall Road, birding the grasslands on both sides of the road.

72. MUSCATATUCK'S RESTLE UNIT

Monroe County: Bottom Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, A – 3

Habitat: Marsh, open woodlands and surrounding farm fields.

When To Visit: For shorebirds and wading birds – April, May, late July, August, September and October.

For waterfowl – March, early April, late September, October and November.

Directions: From Upper Woodall Road, follow Woodall Road south back to Delap Road.

Turn left (east) on Delap Road.

Follow Delap Road to the old barn and veer right (south).

At the intersection of Maple Grove Road and Maple Grove Road, turn left (east) on Maple Grove Road.

Drive past the Bloomington Sewage Lagoon, and turn left at the T-section (Bottom Road / Kinser Pike).

Follow Bottom Road and veer left when the road forks.

Continue following Bottom Road and veer left again, when it forks a second time.

The **Restle Unit** will be on your left (south) side of the road.

You will see a marsh and observation platform with a large "Restle Unit" sign.

Scan the marsh for waterfowl, waders and shorebirds.

73. LOWER WOODALL ROAD

Monroe County: Bottom Road to Woodall Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, A – 3

Habitat: Forested wetlands, a tall grass marsh and farm fields.

When To Visit: Migratory periods: For waders, rails and shorebirds – April, May, September and October.

For passerines – late March, April, May, September and October.

Directions: From Muscatatuck's Restle Unit, follow Bottom Road west to Woodall Road.

Turn left (south) on Woodall Road.

Continue south on Woodall Road, scanning and listening for wetland and grassland species, on both sides of the road.

When you reach the "Road Closed, Bridge Out" sign, turn around and head back north to Bottom Road.

74. LITTLE AFRICA WILDLIFE VIEWING AREA – LAKE LEMON

Brown County: Shuffle Creek Road to South Shore Drive

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, A – 4 / 5

Habitat: A brushy grassland area with multi-flora rose, scattered trees, a stand of pines and Lake Lemon. The lake has exposed mud most of the time.

When To Visit: For waterfowl – late February, March, October, November, and December. For shorebirds – late March, April, May, late July, August, September and October. For passerines – April, May, September and October.

Directions: From Lower Woodall Road, turn right (east) on Bottom Road. Follow Bottom Road back to S.R. 37.

Turn right (south) on S.R. 37.

Stay in the left lane and turn left (east) on S.R. 45 / S.R. 46. Follow this road as it bypasses the campus and downtown Bloomington.

Turn left (northeast) on S.R. 45 (10th street).

Drive 7 miles to the town of Unionville and turn left on Shuffle Creek Road (just after Unionville Church of Christ, and the U.S. Post Office).

Drive 1.8 miles to the stop sign / fork in the road, turning right on South Shore Drive.

Drive 1.9 miles and turn left at the white and green "**Little Africa Wildlife Viewing Area**" sign (a large wooden post is visible from the road).

Park here and walk around the high chain-linked fence to the trail. Follow the trail as it loops around to the observation platform. Use your scope to scan the lake and shoreline.

When finished, continue walking the loop as it will return you to your vehicle.

75. RIDDLE POINT PARK – LAKE LEMON

Brown County: South Shore Drive to Tunnel Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 50, A – 4 / 5

Habitat: Lake Lemon.

When To Visit: Waterfowl migration – late February, March, late October, November and December. For seabirds – March, April, May, September, October, November and December.

Directions: From the Little Africa Wildlife Viewing Area, turn right onto South Shore Drive.

Drive 3 miles to the dead end / T-section, and turn right (north) on N. Tunnel Road (a brown "Riddle Point Park" arrow sign is here). Tunnel Road leads directly into **Riddle Point Park**.

Follow the road as it loops around the point.

Scan the lake from the point.

To exit Riddle Point Park: Turn around and follow Tunnel Road south, back to S.R. 45.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn right (south) on S.R. 45.

Drive 6.4 miles and turn right on S.R. 46 West / S.R.45 South.

Follow S.R. 45 South / S.R. 46 West, all the way to S.R. 37.

Veer right at the first entrance ramp, to return to Indianapolis.

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