

WEST – CENTRAL INDIANA

COMPREHENSIVE

BIRDING TOUR

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Please review ABA's "Principles of Birding Ethics", before starting this tour. Please do not trespass on private property.

If you are not on In-Bird-L (Indiana's wild bird discussion list, and E-mail Alert Hotline), then you may pass along rare bird sightings to me at: spancol@aol.com

Please include your name, E-mail address, home address, and phone number. I will then post your sightings to In-Bird-L.

It will take 6 days to complete this tour, if you visit 5 sites a day. You will be birding 9 counties in the following order:

Montgomery, Parke, Clay, Vigo, Vermillion,
Fountain, Warren, Tippecanoe and Benton.

If you have only the weekend to bird, visit these top 12 sites:

1. – 1. Lye Creek Prairie Burn

2. – 5. Turkey Run State Park

3. – 6. Cecil M. Harden Lake

4. – 7. Brazil Sewage Lagoons

5. – 8. Chinook Mines

6. – 10. Universal Mines***

7. – 14. Grasslands/Warren County

8. – 23. Martel Forest

9. – 24. Purdue Wildlife Area

10. – 26. Celery Bog

11. – 27. Mulvey Pond

12. – 29. Pine Creek

Gamebird Habitat Area

1. LYE CREEK PRAIRIE BURN
FARM FIELD WETLAND – "THE BURN"
Montgomery County: S.R. 231 north to
C.R. 550 N., to C.R. 150 E., to C.R. 650 N.
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 37, C - 12

Habitat: Flooded farm fields with a small woodlot to the west. A lowland 88-acre farm field-discovered by Clint Murray.

When To Visit: This is a spring only site. The farm fields are dry and unproductive in the fall.

Strategy: This is private land so birding will be done from the county road only.

Directions: From the intersection of I – 465 and I – 74 in Indianapolis, take I – 74 west.

Drive 40 miles west on I – 74 to Crawfordsville exit # 34 / S.R.231.

Turn right onto exit # 34, and then turn left (north) on S.R. 231.

Drive 3 miles north on S.R. 231 and turn right (east) on C.R. 550 N. (a Farm Bureau Co-Op Grain elevator is here).

Drive 1.5 miles on C.R. 550 N. and turn left (north) on C.R. 150 E. (a T-section).

Drive 1 mile on C.R. 150 E. and turn right (east) on C.R. 650 N. (a T-section).

Drive 7/10 of a mile east on C.R. 650 N. and park by the broken down windmill, on the left (north) side of the road.

On the right (south) side of the road is the **Burn – Farm field Wetland**. Scan the flooded farm field for shorebirds, pipits, sparrows and longspurs.

If this site is dry, then one could scan the farm fields on C.R. 650 N., between C.R. 150 E. and C.R. 350 E., for Lapland and Smith's Longspurs. The longspurs move through this area in April.

2. SHADES STATE PARK

**Montgomery County: S.R. 234 to C.R. 800 S.
to C.R. 890 W.**

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 37, F – 8 / 9

Habitat: Cliff areas along Sugar Creek, virgin forests, steep ravines, woodland edging bordering the mowed grass recreational areas and a few small grassland areas.

When To Visit: Visit this site during spring and fall migration for woodland species and sparrows: Late March, April, May, September, October and November.

Strategy: This will be a brief visit to sample passerine migration.

Directions: From the Burn Farm Field Wetland on C.R. 650 N., turn around and take C.R. 650 N. back west to the T-section / stop sign. Turn left (south) on C.R. 150 E..

At the next stop sign / T-section, turn right (west) on C.R. 500 N.. Drive 1 mile and turn left (south) on S.R. 231.

Take S.R. 231 through Crawfordsville, where S.R. 231 will also become S.R. 47 / S.R. 32.

At the south end of Crawfordsville, turn right (southwest) on S.R. 47 (also S.R. 32 – a Shell Station and McDonald's Restaurant is visible here).

Stay in the left lane, which is for S.R. 47 South.

Drive 8 miles south on S.R. 47.

Turn right (west) on S.R. 234.

Drive west 5 miles on S.R. 234 and turn left on C.R. 800 S. (a large "Shades State Park" sign is on the left side of the road).

Drive 1 mile and veer right onto C.R. 890 W. (a brown "Entrance Shades State Park" sign is in the northwest corner of this intersection).

Once past the guard gate of Shades State Park, take the next immediate right, following the "Pond" and "Pine and Deli Shelters" signs.

Drive slowly with windows rolled down, as you drive these park roads. We will survey passerine migration here by car-birding. Drive 3/10 of a mile and turn left into the **Pond** parking lot.

Bird the area around the pond.

Then, from the Pond parking lot, follow the brown "Begin Trail 6 To Trail 1" arrow signs. We will hike Trail 1, which leads to **Sugar Creek and Canoe Island**.

Once you get past the treated wood boardwalk at **Devil's Punch Bowl**, the walking is easy. This wide trail will lead you to a treated wood boardwalk, which steeply descends all the way down to Sugar Creek. If you want to bird from the edge of the creek, take this part of Trail 1. Better yet, continue following the wider trail, which is perhaps 100 to 200 feet above Sugar Creek and overlooks the entire valley.

From **Inspiration Point**, you will be able to scan Sugar Creek for shorebirds and waders. 30 yards further down will be **Prospect Point**. This treated wood overlook gives you a stunning view of Sugar Creek, Canoe Island and the valley below, free of tree branches.

Continue following Trail 1, as it loops back to your vehicle at the Pond parking lot.

Take the park road back to the gate house. At the yield sign, turn right. Turn right into the paved **Hickory Shelter** parking lot.

Check here for migrating passerines.

Turn left onto the main park road and follow it back to the gate house.

3. PINE HILLS NATURE PRESERVE

(a part of Shades State Park)

Montgomery County: S.R. 234 West

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 37, F – 9

Habitat: A forested 470 acre tract, with Indian and Clifty Creeks running through it. Common evergreens include: White Pine, Scotch Pine, Jack Pine and Norway Spruce.

Deciduous Trees include: Beech, Maple, Tulip Poplar, Ash and Dogwood Trees.

When To Visit: Spring and fall migration for warblers and other passerines: April, May, September and October.

Strategy: We will hike Trail 1, Trail 2 and Trail 3, as they border Clifty Creek and loop around back to the entrance. We will skip Trails 4 and 5, in the interest of saving time.

Directions: From the entrance of Shades State Park, turn left (east) on C.R. 800 S. (a "to S.R. 234" sign is here).

Turn left on S.R. 234 West.

Drive 8/10 of a mile and turn left into the gravel D.N.R. parking lot. Walk across S.R. 234, to the Pine Hills Nature Preserve.

Climb the fence ladder and sign in at the registration box.

A map inside the box will show all the trails.

Follow this entrance trail (Trail 1) as it becomes Trail 2, and then Trail 3, looping around Clifty Creek and back to the entrance.

4. LAKE WAVELAND

Montgomery County: S.R. 47

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 37, G – 8 / 9

Habitat: A small lake.

When To Visit: Waterfowl migration: March, April, late October November and December. For shorebirds: Late March, April, May, late July, August, September and October.

Strategy: We will skip Waveland Park, as they charge \$4.00 per person from April through October. The park is closed and not accessible from November through March.

Directions: From the parking lot of Pine Hills Nature Preserve, turn right (south) on S.R. 234.

Take S.R. 234 as it elbows east back to S.R. 47.

Turn right (southwest) on S.R. 47.

Drive roughly 7 miles and start looking for the "Waveland Lake and Park" sign. We will not bird the park, as it costs \$4.00 to enter. Your D.N.R. annual pass is not good here.

Drive 7/10 of a mile past Waveland Lake Park and turn right (north) onto the dirt / grass, one lane road. This is just before the "Enter Parke County-Leave Montgomery County" sign (the lake will be to your north and the golf course will be on the south side of the road). Park here and walk north. Go through the opening in the fence and down to the dike. Walk east on the grass dike and scan the lake for waterfowl and seabirds. Scan the muddy shoreline for shorebirds.

5. TURKEY RUN STATE PARK

Parke County: S.R. 47 – 2 miles east of S.R. 41

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 37, F / G – 7

Habitat: 2,382 acres of heavily forested, hilly terrain. Steep ravines, sand stone cliffs and canyons make this one of the most beautiful State parks in the system. Sycamore Trees line Sugar Creek and Walnut trees are evident as well.

When To Visit: Visit this site for spring and fall songbird migration: April, May, late August, September and October.

Strategy: Where do you start? This is, perhaps, the most beautiful state park in our system. The trail system is as extensive as the park is beautiful, and certainly the most rugged. Trail 9 will challenge any athlete, and is the most likely place for Worm-eating Warbler. But we want birds first, exercise second. Where you find water, you will find birds. I spend the vast majority of my time birding large wetland areas, reservoirs, spillways and farm ponds. When birding for woodland songbirds, I look for a forested area with a small creek or river running through it. Sometimes a wooded wetland area, or a forested area with ponding water will do. Hatching insects will attract warblers and flycatchers. So when I looked at the Turkey Run trail map, I knew immediately that Trail 1 was where the birds would be.

Directions: From Lake Waveland at S.R. 47, turn right (west) on S.R. 47 South.

Drive 6.6 miles and turn right (north) into the entrance of **Turkey Run State Park**. When you reach the fork in the main park road, veer right, following the "Nature Center" arrow sign. Then veer left, once again following the Nature Center sign.

Park at the Nature Center. The **Nature Center** is open 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. daily, closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

You can pick up a trail map here. From the Nature Center, follow the "**Sugar Creek**" arrow sign, which is right (east) of the Nature Center.

Take this gravel trail all the way to Sugar Creek and the **Suspension Bridge**. Just before the suspension bridge, turn right (east) on **Trail 1**.

Follow Trail 1 as it borders Sugar Creek all the way to **Narrows Covered Bridge** (a mile?). For those who don't want to hike the entire 3 mile loop of Trail 1, simply turn around at **Goose Rock**, and head back west to the suspension bridge. Sycamore trees line the banks of Sugar Creek. On 4/19/03, Yellow-throated and Northern Parula Warblers could be heard the entire length of the trail bordering the creek.

You will encounter islands in the creek which are a mixture of mud and stone. These islands may harbor shorebirds during migration.

If you walk across the suspension bridge, you will then be in "**Rocky Hollow – Falls Canyon Nature Preserve**". If you have time, hike **Trail 8** on the north side of Sugar Creek. The nature center employees informed me that Worm-eating Warblers can be found on the west side of Trail 8.

When trail 8 begins to loop back south, stay on **Trail 4**, which will border the north side of Sugar Creek.

From the suspension bridge, walk south and return to your vehicle at the Nature Center.

Leaving the Nature Center parking lot, make a sharp left turn at the first intersection and drive east, toward the **Saddle Barn / Canyon Picnic Area**.

We will survey the rest of the park by car-birding. Roll the windows down, look and listen.

Drive 1.5 miles to the dead end at **Newby Gulch**. The paved park road will loop around at this dead end and head back south.

Return south from the dead end, to the park entrance and gate house.

6. CECIL M. HARDEN LAKE
RACCOON STATE RECREATION AREA
Parke County: S.R. 36, 2 miles east of S.R. 59
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 43, A – 8 / 9

Habitat: A large lake with a forested recreation area, which has 5 hiking trails. Eight **Resource Management Units**, four of which are located near the dam, provide small grassland areas, tree lines, wet areas and woodland edge.

When To Visit: Waterfowl migration would be the biggest draw here: March, April, late October, November and December. Waterfowl will overwinter if open water exists in January and February. For migrating passerines: April, May, September and October.

Strategy: We will visit key vantage points along the lake for waterfowl and seabirds. Be sure to check the muddy banks for shorebirds. For those seeking passerine pleasures, work a trail in the Raccoon State Recreation Area. I prefer the tail water area behind the dam for warblers and other songbirds.

Resource Management Units 3, 4, and 5 would be good for warblers and grassland species.

Directions: From the entrance of Turkey Run State Park, turn right (west) on S.R. 47.

Drive 1.1 miles to the stop sign / T-section and turn left (south) on S.R. 41 (S.R. 47 ends here).

Drive 1.9 miles and turn left (east) on S.R. 236 East.

Drive 7.4 miles east on S.R. 236 and turn right (south) on S.R. 59. Drive 6 miles south on S.R. 59 to the flashing red traffic signal / 2-way stop.

Turn left (east) on S.R. 36.

Drive 1.6 miles east on S.R. 36 and turn right (south) into the **Raccoon State Recreation Area** (a roofed "Entrance-Raccoon State Recreation Area" sign will signal this turn).

Drive ½ mile on the main park road and turn left into the beach

parking lot.

Scan the lake for waterfowl and seabirds. Scan for shorebirds along the lake's muddy shoreline.

When finished, return to the main park road.

At the yield sign, turn left (south).

Drive 1.2 miles to the main boat launch. Scan the lake from here.

Turn around and take the main park road back north.

Drive 1/10 of a mile and turn right (east) on Berry Drive.

At the dead end, turn around and head back west to the main park road. Turn right (north) at the stop sign and follow the main park road out to the entrance.

Turn right (east) on S.R. 36.

Drive 3/10 of a mile and turn right at the **Hollandsburg Boat Ramp**. Drive ½ mile to the boat ramp.

Scan the lake from here. Turn around and head back north to S.R. 36. Turn right (east) on S.R. 36.

Drive 7/10 of a mile and turn right into the "**U.S. 36 – Cecil M. Harden – Public Fishing Area**" parking lot (just east of the lake bridge and overpass).

Walk west on the foot trail, keeping the aluminum railing between you and the highway.

Scan the south end of the lake from the bridge. Then, walk underneath the bridge to the north side of the lake.

Scan the north side of the lake from beneath this bridge for waterfowl, waders and seabirds.

Take the foot trail east, back to your vehicle.

Turn right (east) on S.R. 36.

Drive .7 miles and turn right (south) on C.R. 1010 E. (a brown "**Walker Boat Ramp**" arrow sign is on the left (north) side of the road).

Drive 2.6 miles to the dead end / T-section and turn right (west), following the brown Walker Boat Ramp arrow sign.

Drive 4/10 of a mile to where the road dead ends.

Scan the lake from the Walker Boat Ramp.

Turn around and take the road back to the T-section.

At the stop sign, continue straight, through the T-section.

Turn right at the very next fork in the road.

Drive 1.9 miles and at the stop sign / T-section, turn right on C.R. 325 S..

Drive 8/10 of a mile and turn right (north) at the large brown "**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Cecil M. Harden Lake**" sign.

Drive to "**Mansfield Boat Launching Ramp – Public Access Site**" and park.

Walk down the boat ramp and scan the lake.

Resource Management Unit # 3 is at the west end of the parking lot. Explore it for woodland and grassland species.

The **Tail Water Fishing Site** is just east of the Mansfield Boat Ramp on C.R. 325 S.. The Tail Water creek is on both sides of the county road, with lots of trees and ground cover. Bird this area for migrating passerines.

7. BRAZIL WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Clay County: S.R. 59 to C.R. 800, to Murphy Rd.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 43, E – 9

Habitat: 5 sewage lagoons.

When To Visit: Waterfowl migration – March, April, late October, November and December. Shorebird migration – late March, April, May, late July, August, September and October.

Directions: From the Mansfield Boat Launch at Cecil M. Harden Lake, turn right (west) on C.R. 325 S..

Drive 1.7 miles and at the stop sign / T-section, turn left (south) on S.R. 59.

Take S.R. 59 South through the town of Brazil.

When you get to the flashing yellow traffic light at the south end of town, turn left (east) on C.R. 800 N. (a Citgo gas station and First State Bank are here).

Drive 1 mile to the 4-way stop and turn right (south) on Murphy Road. Drive 1.4 miles south on Murphy Road and turn left (east) into the **Brazil Waste Water Treatment Plant** (a large brown "City of Brazil – Waste Water Treatment Plant – Lab – Operations – Sewer – Maintenance" sign is here).

Turn left (east) at the brown "City of Brazil – Waste Water Treatment Plant" sign.

When you come to a beige or light brown building, drive straight through the black chain-linked fence. Ignore the "Notice – employees only" signs.

The public is allowed to fish and bird watch here.

Drive up onto the dike, with lagoons on both sides.

Follow this gravel dike road as it loops around the sewage lagoons. Good numbers of waterfowl were here when I visited on 4/19/03.

When finished, follow the gravel road west back to Murphy Road. Turn right (north) on Murphy Road.

8. CHINOOK MINES

Clay County: I-70 to S.R. 46, to S.R. 42, to Swalls Indiana Delorme Map: Page 42, E – 6

Habitat: Grasslands and 18 small pond / 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, raptors and sparrows. Snow cover may draw Snow Buntings and Lapland Longspurs to the roadside.

Directions: From the Brazil Waste Water Treatment Plant, follow the gravel road back to Murphy Road.

Turn right (north) on Murphy Road.

Drive ½ mile and turn left (west) on C.R. 700 N..

Follow C.R. 700 N. west back to S.R. 59.

Turn left (south) on S.R. 59.

Turn right (west) onto the I – 70 West entrance ramp.

Drive I – 70 west to exit 11, S.R. 46.

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

Take S.R. 46 two 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 Drive.

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.

9. 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 – March, April, October, November, and December. 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).

Drive 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.

10. UNIVERSAL MINES

Vermillion / Vigo Counties: S.R. 63 to Pennington Road, to S.R. 150, to Hollingsworth Place Road **Indiana Delorme Map: Page 42, B / C – 4**

Habitat: A major grassland area, several woodland areas, many small pond / wetland areas.

Strategy: Car-birding is required here as this is private property. No trespassing signs are posted.

When To Visit: For waterfowl migration – March, April, late October, November and December. For shorebird migration – late March, April, May, late July, August, September and October. For nesting / migrating grassland species April, May, June, early July, September and October. Owls, raptors and sparrows may over-winter here.

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

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

When you get to the north edge of town, stay in the left lane.

When the highway splits in 2, veer left and continue north on S.R. 63 (S.R. 41 veers right here).

Drive 9 miles north on S.R. 63 and start looking for Pennington Road (a yellow and black "Pennington Road" sign will signal this turn).

Once you pass over the Coal Creek bridge, turn left (west) on Pennington Road.

Drive ½ mile west on Pennington Road and turn right (north) on S.R. 150 (a stop sign / T-section–S.R. 150 is unmarked here).

Drive 4.9 miles northwest on S.R. 150, to the town of Shirkieville.

At the yellow flashing traffic signal, turn right (north) on Hollingsworth Place Road (a white building is on the left side of the road).

Drive 100 yards and pause at the aluminum guard rails. Scan

the ponds on both sides of the road.

Then, continue north and begin car-birding. Roll down the windows and listen for grassland species.

Drive 4/10 of a mile and scan the pond on the right (east) side of the road.

Drive 6/10 of a mile. Scan the cattle pond on the right (east) side of the road for shorebirds and waterfowl.

Drive past the **I.U.O.E.-Local 841 Union Building** and stop at the next set of aluminum guard rails. Scan the ponds on both sides of the road (3 Wood Storks were found here in July of 1999).

Continue straight on this gravel road 8/10 of a mile.

At the dead end / T-section, turn right (east) (no road signs here).

Drive 9/10 of a mile. The road will elbow left and take you to the bridge crossing **Brouilletts Creek**.

Stop at the bridge. Listen for Louisiana Waterthrush, Yellow-throated Warbler, Northern Parula Warbler and other migrating passerines. Scan the river bank for shorebirds.

After crossing the bridge, veer right (east) at the fork in the road. Drive 1 or 2 miles to Rangeline Road.

Turn right (south) on Rangeline Road.

Drive 6/10 of a mile south to another bridge crossing Brouilletts Creek. Stop just after crossing the bridge.

Scan the creek for shorebirds and passerines.

Turn right at the very next county road (a 2-way stop—no county road sign here - C.R.1800 S. – Bethlehem United Methodist Church is at the southeast corner).

You reenter the **Peabody Coal Mining Property** at 5/10 of a mile. Drive 2 miles west from the intersection of Rangeline Road and C.R. 1800 S., to the next county road (you will see the I.U.O.E. Local 841 Union building to the northwest).

Continue straight past this intersection, going west on C.R. 1800 S..

Drive 2/10 of a mile. Stop and scan the wetlands on the left (south) side of the road.

Drive another 3/10 of a mile. Scan the wetlands on both sides of the road. Drive another 1/2 mile. Scan the large bodies of water on both sides of C.R. 1800 S..

Continue west and turn left (south), just past the aluminum guard rails, to turn around.

Head back east on C.R. 1800 S..

Drive 1.2 miles to the next county road intersection (C.R.1800 S. at the I.U.O.E. Local 840 Union building).

Turn left (north) on this gravel road.

Drive 2/10 of a mile and veer left (northwest) at the fork in the road.

Drive 3/10 of a mile and stop. Scan the wetlands on both sides of the road.

Drive another 3/10 of a mile and stop. Scan the wetland area on the right side of the road.

Drive another 7/10 of a mile to the gravel road intersection.

A white sign will be in the northwest corner of this intersection which reads: "**Peabody Coal Company-Universal Mine-Indiana Division of Reclamation-Permit No. S-00016-c/o Peabody Coal Company-Midwest Business Unit-P.O. Box 148-Graham, Kentucky 42334- (502)338-5701**".

Turn right (east) at this intersection.

Drive 5/10 of a mile to a bridge. Scan the creek and trees for shorebirds and passerines.

Drive another 2/10 of a mile and turn around at the gravel T-section. Head back west on the same gravel road.

Drive 7/10 of a mile west, back to the 4-way intersection with the white Peabody Coal Co. sign.

Turn right (north) at the 4-way intersection.

Drive 6/10 of a mile. Stop here and scan the wetland areas on both sides of the road.

Drive another 6/10 of a mile to the dead end.

Scan the ponds on both sides of the road.

Turn around and take the gravel road back south.

Drive 1.2 miles south and turn right (west) at the 4-way

intersection.

Drive 1/10 of a mile. Scan the wetlands on the right (north) side of the road.

Drive another 7/10 of a mile and scan the wetlands on both sides of the road.

Drive past the T-section and 7/10 of a mile to the aluminum guard rails. Scan the bodies of water on both sides of the road.

Drive west to another smaller set of guard rails at a bridge over a small creek. Look and listen for migrating passerines. Continue west and turn around in the first gravel drive way to your left.

Head back east toward the gravel road intersection.

At the T-section, turn left (north).

Drive 1/10 of a mile and scan the pond on the right (east) side of the road, if visible.

Drive 1.2 miles north and pull off to the right. Scan the large pond on the right (east) side of the road.

When finished, turn around and head back south.

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

At the next 4-way gravel road intersection, turn right (south).

Drive 1.6 miles back to the 4-way gravel road intersection (the Union Hall is here).

From the Union Hall at C.R. 1800 S., drive south on Hollingsworth Place for 1.5 miles.

At the flashing red traffic signal, turn left (east) on S.R. 150.

Drive 9/10 of a mile and turn left (east) on Trinity Avenue (S.R. 150 elbows right, and a red and white pole barn is on the right (south) side of the road here).

At 1.1 miles, you will reach Rangeline Place Road.

Continue east on Trinity Avenue.

Stop when you reach the ponds on both sides of the road.

Scan them for wetland species.

Continue east to the T-section of Trinity Avenue and Sherburne Place. Continue east on Trinity Avenue.

11. LODI SWAMP

Fountain County: S.R. 63 to S.R. 234

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 36, F – 4 / 5

Habitat: Dead stick marsh.

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

Directions: From the intersection of Sherburne Place and Trinity Avenue at Universal Mines, continue east on Trinity Avenue for 4/10 of a mile.

Turn left (north) on S.R. 63 North.

Drive 26 miles north on S.R. 63 North.

At the flashing yellow traffic signal, turn right (east) on S.R. 234 (a Shell Station and Burger King are on the left (west) side of the road).

Drive 8/10 of a mile and pull over just before the aluminum guard rail. Look to the tallest tree to your southeast. The huge Bald Eagle nest near the top of the tree should be obvious.

Drive 1 mile and after crossing the large cement bridge over the **Wabash River**, turn right on the gravel road which leads under the bridge. This is a public access site and boat launch.

Follow the gravel road and park under the bridge. Scan the Wabash River for waterfowl. Scan the muddy banks for waders and shorebirds.

Drive east on S.R. 234 for ½ mile and park just beyond the aluminum guard rails. If this makes you uncomfortable, back track west to the first road on the north side of S.R. 234, and park at the gravel pull off on Silver Island Road.

Walk to the bridge where there is swamp on both sides of S.R. 234.

When finished, turn around and head back west on S.R. 234, back to S.R. 63.

12. PERRYVILLE MARSH
PECAN BASIN : CATES – CLAWSON RES.
Fountain County: S.R. 63 to S.R. 32, to Silver
Island Road
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 36, D – 4 / 5

Habitat: Marsh, flooded farm fields, grassland areas, wooded wetlands and scattered wood lots.

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

Directions: From the Lodi Swamp on S.R. 234, turn around and drive west on S.R. 234.

At the flashing red traffic signal, turn right (north) on S.R. 63.

Drive 7 miles and turn right (east) on S.R. 32.

Drive 1.8 miles east on S.R. 32 and turn right (south) on Silver Island Road.

Drive 1.6 miles to the T-section and turn right (west), and then elbowing left (south).

At the northwest corner of the T-section was the parking lot for

**"Pecan Basin: Cates-Clawson Reserve-Covington
 Community Foundation-Ducks Unlimited / Cinergy
 Corporation-Wabash River Heritage Corridor Fund-Roy
 Whistler Foundation".**

When you have driven 2 miles, you will be able to see the marsh on the right (west) side of the road.

Drive slowly, scanning the marsh as you go.

Turn right (west), immediately after the orange and white gas pipe. Scan the wet fields to your west.

When finished, turn around and head back north on Silver Island Road. Don't forget to elbow right, and then elbow left, to stay on Silver Island Road.

13. BIG PINE CREEK – KRAMER

Warren County: S.R. 41 north to Twin Bridges Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 30, G – 6

Habitat: Big Pine Creek, mature deciduous forest and steeply sloped, wooded ravines.

When To Visit: Visit this site for woodland species during spring and fall migration: April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From the intersection of Silver Island Road and S.R. 32 at Pecan Basin, turn left (west) on S.R. 32.

Drive 1.9 miles west back to S.R. 63.

Turn right (north) on S.R. 63 North.

Drive 4.6 miles and turn left (west) onto the I – 74 East / Indianapolis entrance Ramp.

Drive 11 miles and turn right onto exit # 15 / S.R. 41 / Attica – Veedersburg.

Turn left (north) onto S.R. 41.

Drive 19 miles north on S.R. 41 and turn right (east) on Twin Bridges Road (a small green and white "State Highway Garage" arrow sign is on the right side of the road).

Turn right (east) on Twin Bridges Road.

Take this winding road till it dead ends at a T-section, next to **Big Pine Creek.**

Turn left (north) on Pot Holes Road.

Pause at the bridge, scanning and listening for migrating songbirds.

Cross the bridge and turn right (east) on Hogback Hill Road. Yellow-throated Warbler, Northern Parula Warbler and Louisiana Waterthrush are usually found here during spring migration.

Continue driving east on Hogback Hill Road and stop at Mailbox # 1014 – Hogback Hill.

This section of the road is usually good for Summer Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Carolina Chickadee and Northern Parula Warbler. Continue east on Hogback Hill Road.

At the dead end / T-section, turn right (south) on Hunter Hill Road.

Immediately to your left, you will see a small pull off for one or two cars. Park here and take the trail east for 150 yards or so, searching for migrating passerines.

Continue south on Hunter Hill Road and pull over at the first dirt parking area to your right (west).

Scan and listen for Kentucky, Hooded and Worm-eating Warbler here.

Check all the steeply wooded ravines along Hunter Hill Road for Worm-eating Warbler. Play a Worm-eating Warbler tape, if you have one.

From this first dirt parking area on the right, hike the trail leading west into the forest for 100 yards or so, then return to your vehicle.

Continue southeast on Hunter Hill Road to the intersection of Hunter Hill and Kramer Roads.

At this triangular intersection, a huge Sycamore tree and small creek will almost certainly guarantee Yellow-throated Warbler. Scarlet and Summer Tanager can usually be heard here as well.

14. GRASSLANDS OF WARREN COUNTY

**Warren County: S.R. 55 north to C.R. 600 N.,
to C.R. 200 E.**

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 30, F – 6

Habitat: Farm fields, cattle pastures and grasslands.

When To Visit: Visit this site in April and May for migrating grassland species. For nesting grassland species: visit in May, June and early July.

Directions: From the intersection of Hunter Hill Road and Kramer Road at Big Pine Creek, turn left (east) on Kramer Road. You will pass through the town of Kramer.

Drive 8/10 of a mile on Kramer Road and turn left (north) on C.R. 225 E. (a T-section / no stop sign).

Drive 1 mile north on C.R. 225 E. and turn right (east) on C.R. 250 N. (a T-section just past the golf course).

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (north) on S.R. 55.

Drive 3.4 miles north on S.R. 55 and turn left (west) on C.R. 600 N. (a white and red "Summer's Campground" sign is on the left side of the road).

Drive 1 mile and turn right (north) on C.R. 200 E.

At 4/10 of a mile, start birding the pastures on both sides of C.R. 200 E..

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

Drive 1.8 miles west on C.R. 650 N., till you see the cemetery at the elbow in the road.

Turn left (south) on Rainsville Road.

Drive 9/10 of a mile and pull over.

Bird the pastures on the left (east) side of the road (this is the " Fry Farms - Almost a Ranch" farm).

Continue birding south to the stop sign / T-section of C.R.550 N. and Rainsville Road.

Turn around and head back north on Rainsville Road.

At the stop sign and cemetery, turn right (east) on C.R. 650 N..

Drive 1.6 miles and when the road elbows left (north), you will be on C.R. 200 E..

The road will elbow right at 3/10 of a mile and become C.R. 700 N..

Take C.R. 700 N. east to S.R. 55.

15. MYSTERY MARSH

Warren County: S.R. 26 in Warren County, to C.R. 725 E. going south, to C.R. 550 N. going east, to C.R. 825 E. going south
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, G – 7

Habitat: A pond, cattail marsh, farm fields and grassland areas.

When To Visit: Visit this site for grassland and wetland species during spring and fall migration – April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From the intersection of C.R. 700 N. and S.R. 55 at the Warren County Grasslands, turn right (south) on S.R. 55.

Drive 1 mile and turn left (east) on C.R. 600 / Chatterton Road.

Drive 1.2 miles and turn right (southeast) onto Pine Village Independence Road (a stop sign / T-section is here).

Bird the grasslands on the right side of the road.

Drive .7 miles and turn left (east) on C.R. 550 N. (a fork in the road). Drive 2/10 of a mile. Bird the grassland area on the left (south) side of the road.

Drive another 8/10 of a mile and stop. Bird the pasture on the left (north) side of the road.

Drive another 2/10 of a mile and turn right (south) on C.R. 600 E.. When C.R. 600 E. elbows left (east), you are then on C.R. 450 N. (going east).

Drive 1.5 miles and turn left (north) on Cranberry Marsh Road (a T-section). Drive 3/10 of a mile and stop. Scan the pond on the right (east) side of the road.

Continue driving north to the next county road intersection.
 Turn right (east) on C.R. 550 N.
 Drive 1 mile east and turn right (south) on C.R. 825 E.
 Drive 4/10 of a mile and pull over, just after the yellow and
 black road curve sign. Scan the marsh and grasslands here.

16. WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA
TECUMSEH CHAPTER OF QUAIL
UNLIMITED

Warren County: Go west on C.R. 350 N., from
C.R. 825 E.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, G – 7 / 8

Habitat: A grassland area with tree lines and scattered woodlots.

When To Visit: For grassland species in spring and fall
 migration - late March, April, May, September and October. For
 nesting grassland species – May, June and early July.

Short-eared Owls, sparrows and some species of raptors may
 over-winter here.

Directions: From the Mystery Marsh on C.R. 825 E., continue
 driving south on C.R. 825 E., birding the pastures and grassland
 areas all the way to C.R. 350 N..

After passing the red barn (even the shingles are red), turn right
 (west) on C.R. 350 N.

While driving west on C.R. 350 N., bird the grassland and open
 brush habitat on both sides of the road.

8/10 of a mile west, from the intersection of C.R. 825 E. and
 C.R. 350 N., you will see a yellow and black sign which reads
**"Wildlife Habitat – Tecumseh Chapter of Quail Unlimited –
 A Cooperative Venture Between Area Landowners and Quail
 Unlimited"**.

From this sign, turn around and head back east on C.R. 350 N.

**17. PURDUE UNIVERSITY – SCHOLER
FARM GRASSLANDS**

**Warren County: C.R. 450 N. and C.R. 1100 E.
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, G – 8**

Habitat: Cattle Pastures.

When To Visit: Spring and fall migration for grassland species- April, May, late August, September and October. For nesting grassland species – May, June and early July.

Directions: From the Wildlife Habitat Area on C.R. 350 N., turn around and head back east on C.R. 350 N..

Take C.R. 350 N. all the way to the stop sign / T-section and turn left (north) on C.R.900 E.

Bird the grassland areas along the way.

Drive 1 mile and turn right on C.R. 450 N. (a T-section).

At 6/10 of a mile, bird the grassland area on the south side of the road.

Bird the mini-marsh which is at 8/10 of a mile.

At the intersection of C.R. 450 N. and C.R. 1000 E., bird the pasture here. A nature preserve is on the south side of the road.

While crossing the one-lane bridge, pause and search for migrating warblers and other songbirds.

From C.R. 450 N. at C.R. 1100 E., continue east on C.R. 450 N. When you reach the dead end, turn around and head back west to C.R. 1100 E..

18. BLACK ROCK BARRENS
HEISCHMAN – McADAMS RESERVE
WEILER – LEOPOLD NATURE RESERVE
Warren County: C.R. 1100 E., near Black Rock
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, G – 8

Habitat: A deciduous woods and grassland area.

When To Visit: Spring and fall migration for woodland and grassland species – late March, April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From the Purdue Scholer Farm at C.R. 450 N. and C.R. 1100 E., turn left (south) on C.R. 1100 E..

At 1.6 miles, bird the grassland area on the right side of the road (at the elbow in the road).

On the left (south) side of the road is a Wildlife Habitat Area.

The white sign reads "**Property of Niches Land Trust – P.O. Box 2790, West Lafayette, In. 47996 – Preserving scenic beauty, wildlife habitat, open areas, and natural places for current and future generations**".

Drive another 2/10 of a mile and turn left (south) into the gravel parking lot. At the south end of this lot, 2 trails lead into this nature reserve.

The southeast trail leads you into the woods and the **Black Rock Barrens Reserve**. The trail leading southwest takes you into the grassland area and the **Weiler – Leopold Nature Reserve**.

Both are Niches Land Trust. The Black Rock Barrens Reserve is sponsored by the Indiana Heritage Trust and the Nature Conservancy.

The Weiler – Leopold Nature Reserve is supported by the Weiler, Leopold and Sanna families, Indiana Heritage Trust, Roy Whistler Foundation and the Sycamore Audubon Society.

Hike one of these trails if you have time.

19. CICOTT TRADING POST PARK
(a part of the "Wabash Heritage Trail")
Warren County: C.R. 1100 E. to Independence
Road
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, G – 8

Habitat: Grassland, deciduous woods, woodland edge and a creek.

When To Visit: Spring and fall migration for woodland and grassland species – April, May, September and October.

Directions: From the Black Rock Barrens and Weiler-Leopold Nature Reserves on C.R. 1100 E., turn left (southwest) on C.R. 1100 E..The **Niches Land Trust** will extend another mile on C.R. 1100 E..

Drive 1.3 miles to the T-section of Independence Road and Buffalo Hill Road. Scan the creek from the bridge.

You are now traveling southwest on Independence Road. From Buffalo Hill Road, drive 2 miles southwest on Independence Road and turn left (south) into the **Cicott Trading Post Park** gravel parking lot.

Scan the grassland area on the north side of the road for sparrows and other grassland species.

If you would like to take a trail, walk northeast toward the 2 red buildings (one is a modern restroom).

A gravel foot trail leading east to the upper trail is ½ mile long. Simply turn right when you reach the intersection of the upper and lower trail. The lower trail will loop you back to the parking lot.

20. SCHROEDER WETLANDS

Tippecanoe County: S.R. 231 north to

C.R. 800 S., east to C.R. 200 E.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, H – 11

Habitat: Farm fields and a cattail marsh.

When To Visit: Spring and fall migration for wetland species – late March, April, May, late July, August, September and October.

Directions: From the Cicott Trading Post Park on Independence Road, turn left (southwest) on Independence Road. Drive 2/10 of a mile and at the 4-way stop, turn left (south) on Cicott Road.

Pause briefly on the bridge over the **Wabash River**. Scan the river for waterfowl, waders and shorebirds.

At the 4-way stop, continue straight (south).

The road then becomes Riverside Road.

Drive 7/10 of a mile and turn left (east) on C.R. 1300 N..

Drive east 4/10 of a mile. Bird the pasture on the right (south) side of the road.

Drive 4.8 miles east and turn right (south) on S.R. 25 (we cross the county line and C.R. 1300 N. became C.R. 700 S.).

Drive 1.1 miles and turn left (east) on C.R. 800 S.

(a paved road).

Drive 11 miles to C.R.200 E.(you will cross S.R. 231 at 9 miles).

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

Drive 1.8 miles and turn sharply left (west) on the gravel road leading in front of the marsh (a white farm house is at this turn – a white barn here has "Moore Farm 1829" on it – the road in front of the marsh is roughly 1/8 mile long, with cement blocks at it's dead end).

Scan the Schroeder Wetlands from this no-name county road, on the west side of C.R. 200 E..

21. PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK

Tippecanoe County: I – 65 north to S.R. 43

S.R. 43 north, to S.R. 225 east, turn right on

Swisher Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, D / E – 11 / 12

Habitat: Open woodland, marsh and grassland areas. The park does not exist yet. It is still under construction.

When To Visit: Migratory periods for wetland and grassland species - late March, April, May, late August, September and October.

Directions: From the Schroeder Wetlands on C.R. 200 E., turn around and head back south on C.R. 200 E..

At the 2-way stop, turn left (east) on C.R. 800 S..

Take C.R. 800 S. east, all the way to S.R. 52 (S.R. 52 is unmarked here – look for a blue and white "Adopt-A-Highway/ Stockwell Volunteer Fire Department" sign to your right).

Turn left (north) on S.R. 52 West.

Drive roughly 14.5 miles and turn right onto the "To S.R. 43 / S.R. 443" entrance ramp.

At the stop sign, turn right (south).

At the next stop sign, turn left, following the "To S.R. 43" arrow signs.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (north) on S.R. 43.

Drive roughly 100 yards and turn right (east) into **Mascouten Park**.

From the boat launch, scan the **Wabash River**, and islands south, for waterfowl and shorebirds.

Drive 2.6 miles north on S.R. 43 and turn right (east) into **Tecumseh Trail Park**.

Park next to the roofed picnic shelter. Walk east down the cement steps and to the Wabash River.

Scan the river for waterfowl, waders and shorebirds.

From Tecumseh Trail Park, drive 1.5 miles north on S.R. 43 and turn right (east) on Burnett Road (just before I – 65).

Drive 4/10 of a mile to the stop sign / T-section and turn left (north) on N. 9th Street Road (following the green "To Battleground" sign).

Drive 1.6 miles and turn left (west) on Battleground Avenue. Park here and walk east across 9th Street Road and onto the R.R. tracks. Use your scope to scan the marsh from the R.R. tracks. Return to your vehicle. If time is plentiful, search the trees in **Tippecanoe Battleground Park** for warblers.

From Tippecanoe Battleground Park, turn left (north) on N. 9th Street Road.

Drive 3/10 of a mile to the stop sign and turn right on North Street. Go across the R.R. Tracks and make a sharp right (south) turn on S.R. 225.

You will quickly elbow left.

Drive roughly ½ mile and turn right on Swisher Road.

Start birding the prairie as you drive this road. Henslow's Sparrow has nested here in past years.

Drive ½ mile and turn left into "**The Museum At Prophetstown**". From the entrance, listen for grassland species and scan the grassland areas.

Continue south on Swisher Road till it loops back to N. 9th Street Road. Turn right on N. 9th Street Road.

Drive 4/10 of a mile and turn left (west) on Burnett Road.

22. KALBERER ROAD POND

Tippecanoe County: S.R. 43 south to Soldiers

Home Road, to Kalberer Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, E – 10

Habitat: A small pond in an urban setting.

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

Directions: From Burnett Road and S.R. 43 near Prophetstown State Park, turn left (south) on S.R. 43.

Drive 9/10 of a mile and turn right (west) on Soldier's Home Road. At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (south), staying on Soldier's Home Road.

9/10 of a mile past this T-section, turn right (west) on Kalberer Road.

Drive 4/10 of a mile and park at the pond and green chain linked fence, on the right (north) side of the road.

Scan **Kalberer Road Pond** for waterfowl.

23. MARTEL FOREST

Tippecanoe County: S.R. 26 to C.R. 750 W.,

to C.R. 125 N.

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, F – 9

Habitat: Deciduous forest, numerous stands of white pines, a small pond and several small creeks. Selective clear cutting has allowed dense ground cover in many places. Good protective cover for sparrows and other passerines.

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

Directions: From the Kalberer Road Pond on Kalberer Road, continue west on Kalberer Road (C.R. 350 N.).

Drive 1.7 miles and turn left (south) on Morehouse Road.

Drive 1/10 of a mile and turn right (west) on S.R. 52.

Drive 2.2 miles and turn left (south) on C.R. 400 W..

Drive 1.4 miles and turn right (west) on C.R. 200 N..

Drive roughly 30 yards to the stop sign.

At the stop sign, continue straight (west), following the "S.R. 26 West" arrow sign.

Drive 3.4 miles and turn left (south) on C.R. 750 W..

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

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

Drive 3/10 of a mile and turn left (east) at the "**Purdue University – Martel Forest**" sign.

Park just outside the aluminum gate and Martel Forest sign.

While public access is allowed, it is foot traffic only. Vehicles are not allowed beyond the front gate.

Walk east on foot past the front gate.

Veer left at the fork in the gravel road (the office is here).

Veer left when you reach the first tiny bridge.

When you get to the next fork in the road, turn right.

Taking the fork left would lead you up a hill to a stand of pines.

There is excellent ground cover here for sparrows and other migrating passerines.

Walk north to a cement bridge over a tiny creek.

When you reach the pond, turn around and head back south on the gravel forest road. Return to your vehicle.

24. PURDUE WILDLIFE AREA

Tippecanoe County: S.R. 26, just past C.R.750 W

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, E / F – 9

Habitat: A deciduous woods, marsh, many pine stands, and dense shrub cover.

When To Visit: Migratory periods for passerines and wetland species—Late March, April, May, August, September and October.

Directions: From the entrance of Purdue University's Martel Forest, turn right (north) on C.R. 125 N..

Drive 3/10 of a mile and turn right (north) on C.R. 750 W. (a white "Black Blanket Farms" sign is at this T-section).

Drive 8/10 of a mile and turn left (west) on S.R. 26.

Drive 2/10 of a mile and turn right (north) on the white gravel road, just after the blue and white "Adopt a Highway" sign.

Follow this gravel road as it parallels S.R. 26 West (also following the yellow and black parking signs).

The road will dead end at a gravel parking lot, designated by a gold and black parking sign (2 red barns are also here).

Park here and walk west, past the 2 red barns and turn right (north) at the white aluminum pole barn.

Start birding for migrating passerines as you walk north through the forest.

When you reach the 1st T-section at the north edge of the woods, turn right (east) on the grass road.

When you reach the next grass road T-section, turn left (north).

You will encounter a stand of white pines on your left (west) side of the grass road.

Walk roughly 148 feet past this stand of white pines and turn right (east) on the tiny foot trail (a red and a blue ribbon are tied to trees just ahead of this trail).

This tiny trail will lead you down to the marsh.

Use your scope to scan the marsh. A Purple Gallinule was found here on May 10, 1999.

Return to the grass road and continue north.

Walk another 100 yards north and turn right (northeast) on the foot trail, which leads down to another section of the marsh.

Use your scope to scan this section of the marsh.

When finished, continue hiking the grass road as it angles northwest. At the fork in the grass roads, veer right (north).

You will come to an open grassy area, with the marsh visible to your right (northeast). Scan the marsh again, if you so desire.

Continue hiking north on the grass road.

Walk all the way to the dead end / T-section.

At this dirt road T-section, turn right (north).

Walk roughly 20 feet and veer right (northeast), onto the grass road (a stand of evergreens is at this fork in the road).

When you reach the cattail marsh, scan and listen for rails and other wetland species.

Playing tapes here would be useful, as the cattails leave no visible water.

When finished, walk back to the fork in the road.

At the evergreen stand and fork in the road, veer right (north) on the dirt / grass road (keep right and directly north – there is a road which leads west).

When this grass road begins to veer left (northwest), continue straight on the path leading down to the marsh.

Scan this cattail / lilly marsh, and listen for rails and other wetland species.

When finished, return to the grass road and turn right (west).

You will reach a T-section with marsh to your right (east), and you can see a gravel road to your left (west) {about 50 yards west}.

Turn left (west) and walk to the next T-section.

When you reach the white gravel patch in the road over a drainage pipe, turn left (south).

Veer left (east) at the gold and black "Purdue Wildlife Area" sign.

Follow this road south back to the parking lot and your vehicle.

25. CRANBERRY MARSH

**Warren County: S.R. 26, to C.R. 1150 E., to
C.R. 975 N.**

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, E – 8

Habitat: A small lake.

When To Visit: Migratory periods for waterfowl – March, April, late October, November and December.

Directions: From the parking lot at the Purdue Wildlife Area, follow the gravel road east back out to S.R. 26.

Turn right (west) on S.R. 26.

Drive roughly 2.7 miles and turn right (north) on C.R. 1150 E..

Drive 8/10 of a mile to the T-section and turn left (west) on C.R. 975 N..

Drive 4/10 of a mile and stop.

Scan the grassland area on the right (north) side of the road.

To the northeast and in front of the aluminum pole barn, scan the small pond.

Continue driving west on C.R. 975 N.. At 1.1 miles from C.R. 1150 E., scan **Cranberry Marsh**, on the right (north) side of the road (more like a lake – no cattails).

When finished, continue driving west on C.R. 975 N..

At 1.4 miles, stop and scan the lake on the right (north) side of the road (a white wooden fence is here).

At 1.5 miles, follow the road as it elbows right (north) { C.R. 1000 E. – the road is unmarked here }.

Drive 1.2 miles north and to the stop sign / T-section, which is C.R. 1100 N. / C.R. 900 S. (Benton – Warren County line).

26. CELERY BOG

Tippecanoe County: S.R. 231 to Lindberg Road

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, F – 10

Habitat: Deciduous woods and a marsh. There are paved trails. Dirt foot trails lead out into the bog.

When To Visit: Migratory periods for passerine and wetland species – April, May, late July, August, September and October. Wetland species may nest here in May, June and July.

Directions: From Cranberry Marsh on C.R. 975 N., drive west and follow the road as it elbows right (north) {this is C.R.1000 E. -but it is unmarked here}.

Drive 1.2 miles north on C.R. 1000 E..

At the stop sign / T-section, turn right (east) on C.R. 1100 N. / C.R. 900 S. (Benton – Warren County line).

Drive 4/10 of a mile and turn left (north) on C.R. 1050 E..

Drive 1.3 miles and after crossing the R.R. tracks, turn right (east) on S.R. 52.

Drive roughly 10 miles east on S.R. 52 / S.R. 231.

Veer right onto the S.R. 231 South / Northwestern Avenue Exit.

Drive roughly ½ mile and turn right (west) on Lindberg Road.

Follow Lindberg Road west, till you encounter Celery Bog on both sides of the road. A golf course will also be on the south side of the road.

Turn right (north) into **Celery Bog Park**.

On May 3, 2003, Lindberg Road was under construction and was closed. If you encounter a detour, follow these directions:

Celery Bog Detour:

Continue past the closed Lindberg Road and south on Northwestern Avenue / S.R. 231 South.

Drive ½ mile and turn right (west) on S.R. 126 West.

Drive 1 mile to the stop sign / T-section and turn right (north) on McCormick Road.

Drive 6/10 of a mile to the stop sign and turn right (east), on Lindberg Road.

Drive 3/10 of a mile east and veer slightly left, going past the orange and white baracades and "Road Closed" sign.

Drive 1/10 of a mile to the next set of baracades and "Road Closed" sign.

Turn left (north) at the road closed sign, into Celery Bog Park.

Follow this road north to the **Lilly Nature Center**.

Park at the Lilly Nature Center and walk east to the green bicycle racks.

Start hiking the trail northeast into the woods.

At the fork in the trail, turn left.

When you reach another fork in the trail, veer left at the boulder.

Walk past the Celery Bog sign. The foot trail here leads out into the bog. Scan the bog on both sides of the foot trail. Listen and play tapes for wetland species.

Take this tiny foot trail till it dead ends.

Turn around and head back west to the Celery Bog sign at the edge of the marsh.

Walk west back to the next fork in the trail. Turn left (southeast) at the boulder.

At the next Celery Bog information sign, turn left (east), following another trail which leads out into the bog.

Take this trail east till it dead ends.

Scan the bog. Listen and play tapes for wetland species.

Turn around and follow the foot trail back to the Lilly Nature Center Parking Lot.

Lilly Nature Center Hours: Closed on Monday and Tuesday
Wednesday thru Saturday – 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Sunday – 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

From the Lilly Nature Center parking lot, follow the gravel road south to the entrance gates.

Pull to the right side of the road and park next to the entrance gates.

Walk east, down the wide gravel trail to Celery Bog.
 When you reach the asphalt circle, scan the bog for rails,
 waders and other wetland species.
 Turn around and walk back west to the entrance gates and
 your vehicle.

27. MULVEY POND

Tippecanoe County: S.R. 231 north to
C.R. 500 N.
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, E – 9

Habitat: A muddy farm pond. Cattails border the west edge of the pond.

When To Visit: For waterfowl migration – late March, April, October, November and December. If open water exists, some ducks and geese may over-winter.

For shorebird migration – late March, April, May, late July, August, September and October.

Directions: From the entrance gates at Celery Bog, turn right (west) on Lindberg Road.

At the first stop sign, turn right (north) on McCormick Road (there is no McCormick Street sign here – follow the "I – 65 / 52 West" signs).

Drive 1.6 miles to the stop sign and turn left (west) on S.R. 52 West.

Drive 4.1 miles and at the flashing yellow traffic signal, turn right (north) on S.R. 231 North.

Drive 1 mile and turn left (west) on C.R. 500 N..

Drive 2/10 of a mile and park on the right side of the road.

Scan **Mulvey Pond** on the left (south) side of the road for waterfowl, rails, waders and shorebirds.

28. PURDUE ANIMAL SCIENCE FARM
Tippecanoe County: S.R. 231 to C.R. 600 N.
Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, D / E - 9

Habitat: Cattle pastures / grasslands.

When To Visit: Spring and fall migration for grassland species – April, May, September and October. For nesting grassland species – Late April, May, June and July.

Directions: From Mulvey Pond on C.R. 500 N., turn around and head back east on C.R. 500 N..

Turn left (north) on S.R. 231.

Drive 1 mile and turn right (east) on C.R. 600 N. (a gray and white "**Purdue University – Animal Sciences Research Center**" arrow sign is here.).

Drive 4/10 of a mile. Scan and listen for migrating and nesting grassland species.

Drive another 1/10 of a mile and turn left (north) at the white building and black "**Purdue Dairy Farm**" mailbox.

Stop frequently on this road to look and listen for grassland species. Follow this road as it winds through the dairy farm.

At the stop sign / T-section, turn left (west) on C.R. 750 N. (no county road sign here).

29. PINE CREEK GAMEBIRD HABITAT AREA / ROBERT FELDT MARSH

**Benton County: I – 65 north to S.R. 18 going
west, to C.R. 1000 E. (not C.R. 1000 W.), to
C.R. 200 N., go west**

Indiana Delorme Map: Page 31, C – 8

Habitat: Marsh on both sides of C.R. 200 N., extensive grassland areas and scattered trees.

Strategy: This area is heavily hunted in the fall. If you detect hunters in the area, restrict your activity to the county road, or leave the area.

When To Visit: For waterfowl migration – March, April, October, November and December. For shorebird migration – Late March, April, May, late July, August, September and October. For migrating and nesting grassland species – April, May, June, July, late August, September and October.

Directions: From the Purdue Animal Science Farm at C.R. 750 N. and S.R. 231, turn right (north) on S.R. 231. Drive 5.5 miles and at the flashing yellow traffic signal, turn left (west) on S.R. 18 (also known as Division Road). Drive 3.5 miles and turn right (north) on C.R. 1200 E. (this is C.R. 1100 E. in Benton County, but the green county road sign here says "C.R. 1200 E.").

Normally we would drive further west on S.R. 18 and turn right (north) on C.R. 1000 E.. Because of a detour on May 5, 2003, I was forced to use C.R. 1200 E. / C.R. 1100 E..

Drive 2 miles and at the T-section, turn left (west) on C.R. 200 N..

After you pass C.R. 1000 E., monitor the gamebird habitat on

the right (north) side of the road, as you drive toward Pine Creek.

Drive past the gray farm house on the left (south) side of the road.

Turn left (south) into "Parking Lot # 3 (a "**Robert Feldt Marsh – A Partnership Between D.U. and Indiana Department of Natural Resources**" sign is on the north side of the road).

From Parking lot # 3, walk south to the roped off grass road. Scan the south marsh from here.

For closer viewing, walk south past the rope and down the grass road, to the edge of the marsh.

This grass road will then turn left (east), and take you to another marsh directly behind the gray farm house (southeast of parking lot # 3).

Scan this marsh for waterfowl and shorebirds.

Turn around and walk northwest, back to Parking Lot # 3.

Walk north across C.R. 200 N. and past the Robert Feldt Marsh sign.

Scan the wetland area from the north marsh overlook.

You can walk down the hill to get closer to the marsh.

If you drive 2/10 of a mile west of Parking Lot # 3, you can bird the marsh on both sides of C.R. 200 N..

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