

TOURISM LUCAS COUNTY BIG DAY OF BIRDING



Saturday, May 21, 2016
Lucas County Bird Conservation Areas

Pin Oak Nature Center
45996 State Hwy 14, Chariton, Iowa

Team up with expert birders and conservationists to count as many species of birds as possible in 24 hours in designated areas of Lucas County.

The area provides critical nesting habitat for declining species such as American woodcock, whip-poor-will, wood thrush, Kentucky warbler and bobolink.

To date 238 species of birds have been identified and we hope to add more to the list with this count during spring migration!

All levels of birders are welcome. To participate on a field count team you must register by May 7, 2016.

To find out more details and register contact Tourism Lucas County at 641.774.4059 or visit lucascountytourism.org



 **Download BCA brochures and field checklists**

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Places-to-Go/State-Forests/Stephens-State-Forest>



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Tentative Schedule
Friday, May 20
Pin Oak Nature Center

7 pm—Sign-in and informational meeting for participants and general public about the Big Day, its purpose and how counts will be conducted

8 pm—Entertaining/educational film— "Opposable Chums: Guts & Glory at the World Series of Birding"

Saturday, May 21

6 am—All Day

- Meet at Nature Center and field count teams start birding (All day participation is not required.)
- Small group field trips offered for non-participants. Take a hike with an expert birder to learn about birds and different types of habitat.
- Checklists turned in at Pin Oak Center

7 pm—Begin compiling checklist results into master checklist

10 pm—End day's activities at Pin Oak.

Sunday, May 22

9 am—Accept final checklists not turned in Saturday, complete compilation of master list.

10 am—Wrap up and share results!