



This photo was taken at the Dredge Ponds in Macon County 19 May 2005 by Travis A. Mahan.

The McHenry County wetland complex is a designated IBA because it provides habitat for breeding Pied-billed Grebe as well as other rare wetland species.

**Table 2a – Nominated sites now being considered for IBA designation**

Busey Woods FP	Outstanding stopover
Carpenter Park	Outstanding stopover
Chicago Lakefront	Outstanding stopover
Chicago River	Outstanding stopover
Des Plaines River	Outstanding stopover
Dirksen-McNaughton Woods	Outstanding stopover
Forest Glen County Preserve	Outstanding stopover
Greene Valley FP	Rare/unique habitat
Springbrook Prairie FP	Rare/unique habitat

**Table 2b – Candidate sites for IBA nomination**

Wading birds	Waterfowl	Shorebirds	Species specific sites	
			Species	Site
Alorton	Clear Lake	Lake Shelbyville	Mississippi Kite	Thebes area
Lake Renwick	Senachwine Lake	Carlyle Lake	Osprey	Bergman Slough
Baker's Lake	Goose Lake	Rend Lake	Osprey	Carlyle Lake
Horseshoe Lake	Newton Lake	Paul Douglas FP	Osprey	Ohio River, at Metropolis
McGinnis Slough	Carlyle Lake		Least Tern	south Jackson Co, near Ohio River
	Rend Lake		Least Tern	south of Cape Girardeau
	Lake Clinton		Least Tern	Horseshoe Lake
	Lake Shelbyville		Chuck-will's-widow	Ferne Clyffe State Park
	Sangchris Lake		Chuck-will's-widow	Lake Murphysboro
	Wabash River, Embron		Red-headed Woodpecker	Pembroke Township
	East Fork Lake		Willow Flycatcher	Green River Conservation Area
	Vandalia lake		Bewick's Wren	Siloam Springs SP
	Keck's Marsh		Bell's Vireo	Lake Shelbyville
	Campbell Pond		Prairie Warbler	Pennant Bar Ranch
	Burning Star Mine		Bobolink	Green River
	Ten-Mile Creek SFWA		Yellow-headed Blackbird	Paul Douglas FP
			Yellow-headed Blackbird	Tony's Pond

Pierotti, President of the DuPage County Forest Preserve District and a committed advocate for green space, was one of the people who asked about the value of IBA designation for Pratt's Wayne, just a few minutes after he had spoken to the audience on that Saturday about the value of quiet solitude to be found at preserves like Pratt's Wayne for him, his children and their children.

My answer: I value quiet, but we also want to make sure future generations will be able to hear the birds sing. He agreed.

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### Resources

Both the National Audubon Society and BirdLife International Web sites contain extensive information on the goals and objectives of IBAs throughout the country and the world. For more information on the Illinois program, or to download application forms and instructions, visit the Habitat Project website at <http://habitatproject.org>.

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