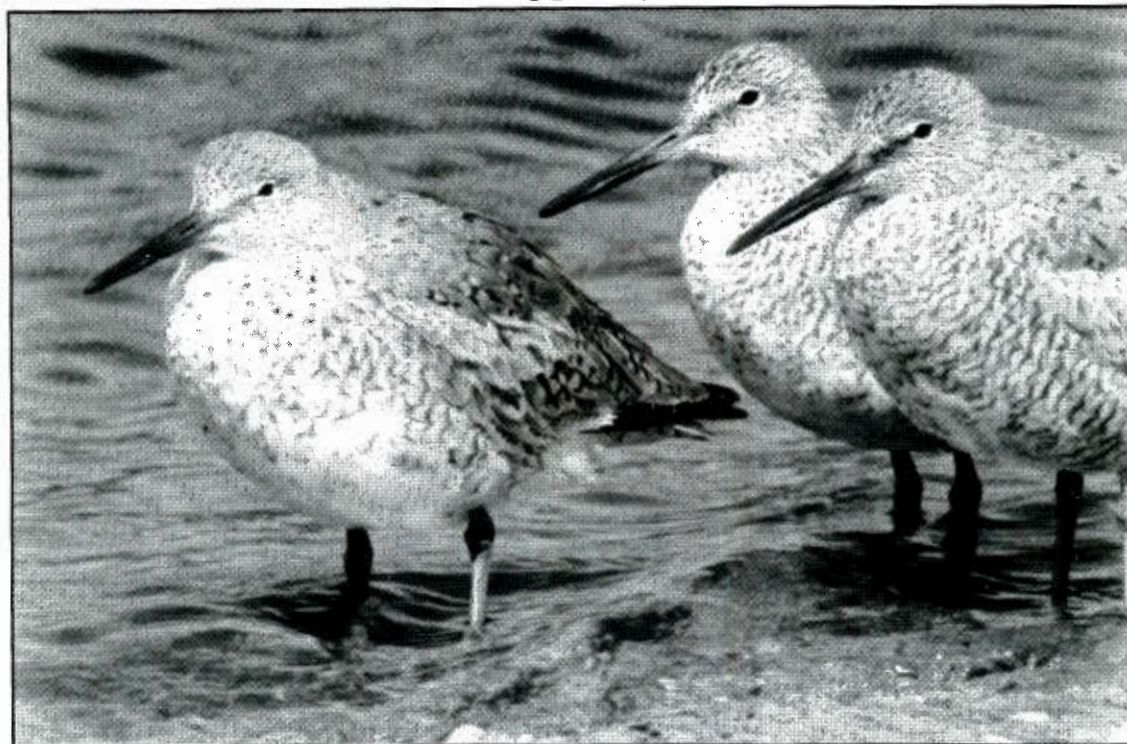


*Birds of a feather flock together;
and Illinois birders celebrate being part of the IOS flock.*



SECOND PLACE TIE: Dennis Oehmke
Willets taken May 1996 in Springfield, IL, Sangamon Co.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IOS!

*Magnolia Warbler
celebrates
spring.*

About The Judges:

A team of award-winning photographers from Pioneer Press selected the winners. They had a difficult time deciding, but thought these photos best captured the spirit of celebration as well as demonstrated the photographers' skills. Thanks to everyone who entered. You're all winners! Start taking pictures for our next anniversary celebration!



THIRD PLACE: Joe B. Milosevich
Magnolia Warbler, Pilcher Park, Will Co. 14 May 1996