

# MEADOWLARK

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## President's Message

If you were unable to attend our annual meeting in April, you missed a fine time. Though the birding was slow considering the cold spring we had, we still enjoyed some excellent presentations and wonderful walks through woods, wetlands, and grasslands. The Upland Sandpipers and Henslow's Sparrows were just returning, and the wildflowers were blooming profusely. We also enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones.

As we enter our sixth year, I look forward to working with our new board and you, our members. I must thank our retiring directors, Richard Blewett, Judy DeNeal, and Jean Lesniak.

These individuals made major contributions to IOS and will be missed.

Elected to replace these hard-working directors are Mary Hennen, Steve Bailey, and Geoffrey Williamson. Mary, as you know, works with Peregrine Falcons and Eastern Bluebirds at the Chicago Academy of Sciences. Steve lives in Champaign and is a researcher with the Illinois Natural History Survey. Geoff is an active field trip leader and co-editor of the Chicago Ornithological Society's newsletter. Also joining the board is Joe Suchecki, who filled a vacancy. Joe is an active member of the DuPage Birding Club.

We are happy to have them on board.

IOS now has more than 700 members. Your board needs your help. Let us hear from you - what you like and what you don't like. Volunteer your time and talent. And mark the weekend of 19-21 June 1998 on your calendar for our next annual meeting at Starved Rock State Park near Utica.

I look forward to seeing you all there or on one of our field trips.

Until next time,

*Bob Montgomery*

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