

130 species of birds, including 21 species of shorebirds. We hope to make the Shorebird Extravaganza an annual event.

Bob Montgomery with Jeff Walk's assistance ran another well-received Annual Meeting, this year in Effingham to allow the attendees the memorable experience of watching Illinois' remaining Prairie-chickens strut, dance and drum in their mating ritual. Bob is retiring as Annual Meeting Chair after five years of leadership for which he was recognized with our Meadowlark Award. Jeff Walk has agreed to succeed Bob as Annual Meeting Chair.

Finally, our Webmaster Bob Hughes has maintained the IOS Web site steadily refreshing the content and challenging us with his Photo Quizzes.

When you see any of these fine people, please take the time to tell them how much we appreciate their efforts. They are hard-working volunteers and IOS could not work without them.

Re-organization

This year we adopted the corporate form of organization with the result that electing directors falls within the Board's responsibilities. The change was not intended to prevent any member from nominating any other member as a candidate for the board. All you have to do is send your nomination to the IOS Secretary, presently Denis Bohm. Our Nominating Committee is looking for candidates to fill the three board positions that will be open at our spring meeting.

We invite your nominations. E-mail me or Denis Bohm (Denis MB@aol.com)

Good birding,

Michael Hogg

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New Breeding Season Compiler

Many thanks to Vern Kleen for his years of compiling the breeding season notes. He is retiring from this position, and Steve Bailey has agreed to take on the task.

Next summer, send your Breeding Season reports from 2007 to Steven D. Bailey at sdbailey@mail.inhs.uiuc.edu or Illinois Natural History Survey, Room 2002 I-Building, 1816 S. Oak Street, Champaign, IL 61820.

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