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**BIRDING FESTIVAL**

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## UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

The Indiana Audubon Field Trips Committee is continuing field trips, while adhering to the most up to date health and safety recommendations. To comply with CDC guidelines all field trips will follow the following restrictions:

- All IAS trip participants must pre-register in advance for upcoming field trips
- All IAS 2021 Field Trips are limited to 15 participants
- All participants must utilize facial covering and/or social distancing during any field trip
- All non-related participants should plan on traveling separately rather than carpool during multiple location trips

**APRIL 10:** Lye Creek Burn Longspur Field Trip- FULL [Crawfordsville]

**APRIL 11:** Bird Song ID Workshop [Virtual Zoom Event]

**APRIL 17:** Wing Haven Spring Birding Trip, #21in21 series [Angola]

**APRIL 24:** Eagle Creek Spring Warblers Trip- FULL, #21in21 series [Indianapolis]

**MAY 7-9:** Goose Pond Weekend Birding Trip- FULL [Goose Pond FWA, Linton]

**MAY 13-16:** Indiana Dunes Birding Festival [Indiana Dunes State & National Parks, Porter area]

**JUNE 12:** Limberlost Swamp Birding Trip, #21in21 series [Geneva]

**JUNE 19:** Lincoln State Park Summer Birding Trip, #21in21 series [Lincoln City]

**JUNE 26:** Whitewater Memorial State Park Trip, #21in21 series [Liberty]

Visit the Indiana Audubon Events Page at [WWW.INDIANAUDUBON.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.INDIANAUDUBON.ORG/EVENTS) to see all the field trips and events now posted for registration. These trips will fill fast!

## THAILAND 2023: IAS HEADS TO THE JUNGLE!

In early 2023, Indiana Audubon will host the next trip in a series of great birding adventures, as IAS takes you off the beaten path to a set of unique landscapes. For sheer diversity of birds in a short trip, it's hard to beat Thailand. Thailand is one of Asia's most appealing destinations; it boasts excellent infrastructure, some of the most popular cuisine in the region, and an ancient and fascinating Buddhist culture, making both birding and cultural excursions easily combined. And that's not to mention the birds! Thailand is a country where massive bird lists can be amassed, if all the varied regions are visited. The mountains of the north, the parks of the central part of the country, and the Thai Peninsula, which connects with Malaysia, are all distinct, with varied bird lists in each. This tour focuses only on Central and Northern Thailand. As the peninsula is largely similar, bird-wise, to Peninsula Malaysia and, to some degree, Borneo, those species are perhaps better covered on a later trip to those areas; this also serves to keep the trip to a shorter length.

DAY 1: Arrival in Bangkok, nearby airport hotel.  
DAY 2: Laem Pak Bia and Phak Thale shorebirds  
DAY 3: Laem Pak Bia to Kaeng Krachen  
DAY 4: Kaeng Krachen National Park  
DAY 5: Kaeng Krachen National Park  
DAY 6: Khao Yai National Park  
DAY 7: Khail Yail National Park

DAY 8: Chiang Mai/Doi Inthanon National Park  
DAY 9: Chiang Mai/Doi Inthanon National Park  
DAY 10: Chiang Mai/Doi Inthanon National Park  
DAY 11: Doi Inthanon National Park, fly to Bangkok  
DAY 12: Departure from Bangkok

Prices based on double occupancy: \$5,829 per person IAS Member | \$5,929 per person non-IAS Member  
Single Supplement: \$485.



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## ADOPT A SHRIKE IN 2021

Help save the shrike! Indiana Audubon, in partnership with the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Loggerhead Shrike Working Group have teamed up to help provide shrubs for shrikes in the Adopt a Shrike Program again in 2021.

The loggerhead shrike is a state endangered species that has experienced precipitous declines in recent years. In the late 1980s, Indiana's Loggerhead Shrike population consisted of nearly one hundred breeding pairs. Ongoing monitoring efforts now identify fewer than ten breeding pairs annually in the entire state. Habitat loss due to changes in land use is likely a contributing factor, as much of the grassland habitat in their historical range has been developed or converted to large scale agriculture.



Remaining shrike breeding pairs now tend to occupy small farms with over grazed pasture, barbed wire fences, and nest bushes. Overgrazed pastures produce bare ground, which provides ideal hunting conditions for shrikes who need to spot and capture prey on the ground, but little nesting trees and shrubs. The DNR's current efforts are working to provide shrike nesting habitat by focusing on nest bushes and shrubs along fencerows. In helping with this initiative, IAS and the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife Non-game program is teaming up for the Adopt a Shrike program. Donors will receive a special adoption certificate highlighting the shrike research and conservation being done, an annual report detailing all the year's shrike banding efforts, and a commemorative "Never met a shrike I didn't like" T-shirt. New in 2021 are new shrike shirts! Each adoption is \$50 for a short-sleeve shirt or \$60 for a long-sleeve shirt and can be purchased through the IAS Online Store.

**Adopt a shrike and get the new long-sleeved shirts at**  
[INDIANAUDUBON.ORG/ADOPT-A-SHRIKE](https://INDIANAUDUBON.ORG/ADOPT-A-SHRIKE)

## INDIANA AUDUBON SHIFTS TOWARDS GLOBAL BIG DAY

After careful thought and discussion, the Indiana Audubon Society (IAS) has decided to end the annual Big May Day Bird Count, held formally on the second Saturday in May. Over the last 27 years, the count has averaged less than 50% participation of the counties submitting data and individual participation has seen a steady decline over the years; averaging over a hundred less counters from the first 14 years to the last 13 years through 2019.

Another key aspect of this decision concerns the data that is collected. With the emergence of eBird, along with its popularity and ease of usage, it became clear that the data collected from our count was serving no long-term purpose. IAS is a strong supporter of citizen science, and the Society has made the decision to put our emphasis on and support the eBird/Cornell Lab Global Big Day. 2019 marked the 5th anniversary of this event, which has occurred on the first Saturday in May the last two years. Over the last five years, Indiana has averaged 23rd in the United States with an average of 224 species seen. We are confident that we can do better and raise our rank and species number seen.

Here is how it will work: IAS will encourage all birders in Indiana to count birds on Global Big Day (May 8, 2021) and submit their checklists via eBird. The Society still hopes that individual counties coordinate their efforts on the count day, and maybe some birders might try to bird in underrepresented counties from year to year. We will no longer compete just within each county, but on a global stage to promote bird conservation and Indiana's place for amazing birds in migration. IAS will still create a summary based upon the data; seeing how we compare to other states and ourselves from year to year.



*We hope that you understand and accept this change, and we look forward to doing our part in terms of citizen science. Thank you for supporting the Indiana Audubon Society!*

## NOMINATIONS REQUESTED FOR THE IAS JAMES MASON AWARD



The James H. Mason Service Awards are given to those who have made significant contributions through service to the Indiana Audubon Society (IAS) and Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary (MGBS). Therefore, this award only goes to dedicated members of IAS. Dr. James H. Mason was professor of English at Indiana State University in Terre Haute. He and his wife Amy worked tirelessly in conservation efforts throughout the state of Indiana. He was the IAS President, Vice President, and served many years as the Conservation Chair on the IAS Board. James was also instrumental in fund-raising efforts at MGBS. In 1989 James was the first to receive the James H. Mason Service Award posthumous due to his death on July 21st, 1989. This award was created due to all his efforts as the IAS Conservation Chair along with his service to IAS and MGBS in so many ways and over several decades. Please consider nominating someone who has shown significant dedication to IAS and/or MGBS.

**Nominations are due by April 10, 2021. More information about the award and links to the nomination form are located at**

**[INDIANAUDUBON.ORG/ABOUT-US](http://INDIANAUDUBON.ORG/ABOUT-US)**

Ruby-throated Hummingbird by Shari McCollough

For questions about the award please contact Karen Henman via email at [henmank@indianaudubon.org](mailto:henmank@indianaudubon.org)



meet a  
**MEMBER**  
ALYSSA NYBERG

**Q TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF. WHERE ARE YOU FROM? FAMILY?**

My husband Gus, and our children Savanna (age 16) and Forest (age 12) live in Newton County Indiana. I work as a Restoration Ecologist with The Nature Conservancy at the Kankakee Sands project in Newton County.

**Q WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN BIRDS AND BIRDING?**

Working here at Kankakee Sands, my primary job has me working with and thinking about plants. But the longer I worked here and the more prairies we planted, I couldn't help but notice the many birds that utilize the Kankakee Sands property, many of which are state endangered birds! I was also very lucky to meet several volunteers through my work at Kankakee Sands who are very good birders, and they helped me to stop looking down at plants all the time, and instead look up at the birds and witness just how amazing our Indiana birds are.

**Q AS A FELLOW CONSERVATIONIST, ARE THERE LOCAL OR REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES YOU'RE MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT?**

Habitat is so important for our birds, as are clean water and clean air. If we can build a planet with those three things, all living things can thrive! And that is exciting.

**Q BEING SO CLOSE TO THE KANKAKEE SANDS AND HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN THE FIELD SO OFTEN, WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES YOU'VE HAD THERE?**

Being surrounded by Henlow's sparrows singing on a summer day, having a short-eared owl fly silently by me on a winter evening, and standing dumbfounded while watching a small flock of whooping cranes fly overhead as the sun rose.

**Q ANY ADVICE FOR BIRDERS WISHING TO VISIT KANKAKEE SANDS?**

Come visit, and then come again! The more often you come, the more you will surely see. There are many other wonderful natural areas in Newton County, such as Willow Slough Fish and Wildlife Area, LaSalle Fish and Wildlife Area, Beaver Lake Nature Preserve, Conrad Savanna and Holley Savanna. Once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, staff and volunteers at Kankakee Sands will resume leading birding hikes. If you'd like to come visit and want more information. Feel free to contact me at [anyberg@tnc.org](mailto:anyberg@tnc.org).



# Indiana Dunes Birding Festival MAY 13-16, 2021 Porter, Indiana

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with over 370 bird species and the 7th most diverse National Park! The 2021 Indiana Dunes Birding Festival is hybrid, with both in-person trips and virtual



live streams. Carpool field trips and virtual live streaming trips in the field will be available, with the return of popular events

like Birds and Brews, the annual bird calling competition, and more. We will be featuring a livestream keynote address from Scott Weidensaul, whose new book, "A World of Wings," will be provided to EVERY participant!

## 2021 REGISTRATION RATES

Youth Hybrid: \$54

Adult Hybrid: \$64

Virtual Family Pass: \$55

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Photos: Sunset in the Indiana Dunes by Rafi Wilkinson (top) and Connecticut Warbler by Ryan Sanderson





## KEYNOTE

### Scott Weidensaul

*A World of Wings: Migratory Birds on a Changing Planet*

SAT 5:30-9:30 PM | LIVE STREAM

Even as scientists make astounding discoveries about the navigational and physiological feats that enable migratory birds to cross immense oceans or fly above the highest mountains, go weeks without sleep or remain in unbroken flight for months at a stretch, humans have brought many migrants to the brink. Based on his forthcoming book "A World of Wings," author and researcher Scott Weidensaul takes you around the globe -- with researchers in the lab probing the limits of what migrating birds can do, to the shores of the Yellow Sea in China, the remote mountains of northeastern India where tribal villages saved the greatest gathering of falcons on the planet, and the Mediterranean, where activists and police are battle bird poachers -- to learn how people are fighting to understand and save the world's great bird migrations.

## HEADLINERS

### Dr. Ken Brock

*Amazing Birds in the Indiana Dunes*

THURS 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

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### Hannah & Erik Go Birding!

*The Birds Don't Know They're Special!*

FRI 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

INDIANA DUNES VISITOR CENTER + LIVE STREAM



### Marc Kramer & Eliana Ardila Ardila

*Birding by Bus: Where Van Life Meets Birding*

SAT 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

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### Adriaan Michiel Dokter

*3 Billion Birds Lost: A Biodiversity Crisis*

SUN 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

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## VIRTUAL LIVE STREAMS

- Bird Banding 101
- Dunes Big Morning
- Rainforest Birds Live from Costa Rica
- Survival by Degrees: 389 Bird Species on the Brink
- How Monty & Rose Took Chicago By Storm
- The Challenges of Kākāpō Conservation
- Catching the Mythical Unspotted Saw-whet Owl
- Birds & Blooms of the Heron Rookery Live Birding
- Costa Rica's Rancho Naturalista Live Birding
- Duneland Herpetology
- Bats of Indiana and the Great Lakes
- A Rare Peek at Rails of the Midwest
- The Birds (& Animals) From Down Under
- Ecuador's Magical Cloudforest Live Birding
- Hawkwatching ID Workshop
- The Blue in Birds
- Behind the Scenes with Lifer Nature Tours
- Young Birder Visits Sax-Zim Bog in the Winter
- Arenal Volcano Live Birding
- Learning to Bird by Ear
- Hummingbirds of the Desert Southwest
- The Dunes Longshore Flight Project
- Exploring eBird to the Fullest

# INDIANA AUDUBON RESEARCH BIRD COMMUNITIES AT RICHARDSON PRESERVE

BY: LIBBY KEYES



The Flora Richardson Preserve is one of the newest additions to the Indiana Birding Trail. The property is a diverse 104 acres in La Porte County, situated snugly between Michigan city and LaPorte. Secluded within a small neighborhood off of Highway 35, this new addition is a hidden gem in an area abundant with vibrant ecological spaces. Its relatively undisturbed, mature woods attract birds all-year round, and the region's long geological history informs the unique plant and animal life found here.

While a variety of other species have been recorded here, little was known about current bird communities on site, outside of a few scattered eBird reports. In 2019, the Flora Richardson Foundation reached out to Indiana Audubon with the hopes of completing a year-long formal bird survey on the property to continue building a complete picture of the diverse biotic communities using the property. One of the reasons that having information on bird communities is so valuable is that some species have status as ecological indicators, which means that they can act as a tool for measuring environmental changes over time. As a whole, birds make fantastic indicators, and not just because we know so much about their biology and life histories, which is how they survive and reproduce, or their almost universal presence, but because of their ease of observation and identification by everyone. Scientific research and community science alike benefit from these useful traits, and use the appeal of birds and their relative ease of detection to gather important data about environmental trends.

We had a few goals in mind for these surveys: to provide a baseline of bird observations for one year, to develop a comprehensive species list, and to establish a public bird hotspot using Cornell Lab's eBird.org. Baseline data is primarily useful because it allows for comparisons. From localized activities like basic property management or restoration to big picture events like climate change, having a current snapshot of ecologically important communities helps researchers determine their impact. Creating a comprehensive species list is one of the most basic ways to describe a community, and the presence or absence of species on that list can help inform property management practices. Our final goal was to create and contribute to a public eBird hotspot at Flora Richardson, with the intent to encourage community submission of future sightings and encourage visitation, especially as a part of the 21 in 21 Indiana Birding Trail event. Recently we decided to complete a second year of surveys to continue working toward these goals, and create a more accurate picture of the Richardson Preserve bird community.



To achieve these goals we decided to gather this data using the point count method, which is a very common survey method used for these types of studies. This involves monitoring at a series of points for an established amount of time. For us, seven points located about 200 meters apart covered the property reasonably well while following existing trails, an important consideration on a property with diverse and rare plant life. Three times a month, starting at sunrise, I visit every point for seven minutes, and record all of the birds I see or hear in that time.

Quietly recording observations across a year of changing seasons has lent itself to fascinating experiences with common and uncommon species. In spring the property comes alive at dawn with the calls of migrants, and if you can tear yourself away from the hopping tree tops, spring flowers bloom in abundance in shaded corners of the forest floor. A particularly vocal Louisiana Waterthrush was a common sight along the creek bed, while the resident Barred Owl pair were an unpredictable treat on a few early spring mornings. In summer, our local breeders dominated the surveys, especially those that prefer mature woods. Vireos and flycatchers were in abundance this past year, and the nesting Wood Thrush and Ovenbirds were at times so enthusiastic defending their territories that it was difficult to record other birds over their loud singing.

Migrants including the Swainson's Thrush and a few well-known warblers like the Nashville, Bay-breasted, and American Redstart were common sights in the fall, easier to see as leaves changed and fell. This past fall was also an irruption year, contributing a few species to the list that I won't expect again soon: Evening Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, and Red-breasted Nuthatch. This winter has been a celebration of our year-round residents. The Tufted Titmouse at Flora Richardson are abundant, vocal, and curious, and the local pair of Pileated Woodpeckers have been hectic and noisy. If bark hits you from above, look up!

Data collected over these two years will not only benefit current and future stewardship work on the preserve, but will help to provide a public database for state and regional bird researchers, and create a public record for visitors as well. If you're thinking about visiting, be sure to check out the profile for the Richardson Preserve on the Indiana Birding Trail website for the site location, a link to the Richardson eBird Hotspot, and tips on how and when to visit!

Visit [INDIANABIRDINGTRAIL.COM](http://INDIANABIRDINGTRAIL.COM) to learn more about the Richardson Preserve and other great birding locations!



## BIRDING AT RICHARDSON PRESERVE

### TIMING

**Typical Time to Bird Site:** 1-3 hours

**Best Time to Bird:** Mid to late spring is best, while summer through early fall are also very good

**Hours:** Sunrise to sunset

### GETTING THERE

**Address:** 5265 Pawnee Trail, LaPorte, IN 46350

**Parking:** The parking lot is hidden inside a housing sub-division, so don't be deterred when seeking out the preserve. Signs pointing to the preserve can be found on the surrounding roads.

### SITE LOGISTICS

**Admission:** Free.

**Ownership:** Flora Richardson Foundation

**Accessibility:** Not ADA accessible but the path is hard packed gravel, with accessible foot bridges.

**Nearby Amenities:** There are no restrooms or other facilities associated with the preserve. The nearest towns, Michigan City and LaPorte, both offer plenty of food, lodging, and other birding hostposts.

### CONTACT INFO

**Website:** [florarichardson.com/nature-preserve](http://florarichardson.com/nature-preserve)

**eBird Hotspot Link:** [ebird.org/hotspot/L10489262](http://ebird.org/hotspot/L10489262)



# WINTER SEARCH, ONE DREAM FOUND

BY: FRED WOOLEY



I just got in from a mid-morning walk. This weekend's snowfall was begging again to be explored in full daylight. There is nothing like it. Even familiar territory is freshly new with a recently spread blanket of pure white. The only tracks were deer and rabbits... and my single path tracks from last night. I could hardly wait for yesterday's stiff northeast winds to subside so I could venture out more comfortably and hear and feel the stillness. At dusk, the wind settled and out I went into the white-muffled landscape.

Dusk is a favorite time of day for me, year-round, but likely more so in winter. The dull gray light, the quiet, the mood, it all suits me. The pines and spruces we planted along the trails in a few locations 20 years ago now provide a tunnel effect in some places and it becomes darker and quieter when boughs are snow laden. I naturally slow up when I enter and pass through.

I walked the upper trail down to the wetland fen below. As I skirted along its edge, I heard a commotion coming from back up at the ridgetop. A commotion of calling birds, their alarm calls. Chickadees and titmice mostly, with their very distinctive chatters and buzzes. That is normally a sign of disturbance. Something has them bothered. It could be a passing cat, always a concern for small birds. It could be a bird of prey that swoops in and causes a stir. Or maybe a perched hawk or owl that smaller birds suddenly discover and make it their job to pester until it flies away. They at least raise enough ruckus, so all nearby birds realize there is danger in the neighborhood.

I circled back, keeping an eye on the area from which the hubbub seemed to come. It tended to be from a 30-foot-tall red cedar. A likely haunt for a perched owl, I thought. One by one the small birds dispersed with my approach, some overhead, some in other directions. I was soon again surrounded in silence and began searching the evergreen from a distance of maybe 40 feet.

Long-eared Owl by Jim Keller

Then I saw it. A form against the darkening sky between the cedar branches, about the size of a thin loaf of bread. It was getting a little dark to see color, but through binoculars I picked up a mottling of brown and tan and two tall tufts from the top.

## **A long-eared owl! Bingo! Mystery solved.**

Last year I had a similar discovery on a return trip home one late winter night. A long-eared owl greeted me along the lane and once having enough of the vehicle headlights, spun, and flapped off towards nearby conifers.

Indiana birders know this to be a northern species that will come south from its northern Michigan and Canada summer range to spend its winter quietly roosting during the day and hunting at night. They tend to be somewhat communal, so it is not uncommon to find a small group hunkered together among a small cluster of conifers, if not just in one tree.

Last year I searched that group of trees towards which it flew but found no owls. At winter's end, I did find several owl pellets below one white pine, so I could assume that my one long-eared owl hung out long enough to polish off some small rodents and produce these pellets of non-digestible parts.

I have thought of that owl this winter when out and about, but honestly last night, was just enjoying the quiet of fresh snow and even a light snow falling, adding to the magical backdrop of this year's discovery.

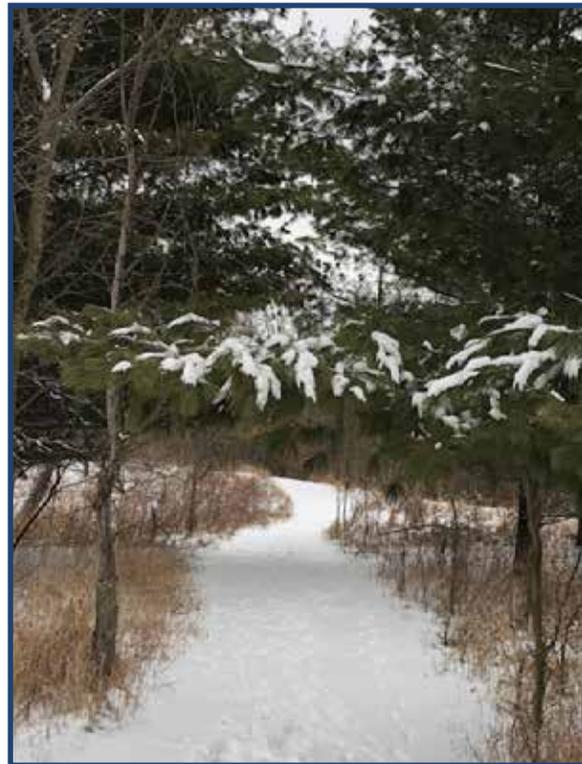
When these owls perch, they are calm by nature and rarely spook and fly off. I stayed for some time, shifting around to get better views through branches. It just stared motionless. So enamored with the moment, I sent texts to some friends I knew would appreciate the discovery. Friend Jan in Angola, said of the owl, "Fred, don't take this personally, but I think the owl will win the staring contest. It's just hard to beat out a predator."

Jan was right. I eventually walked away, it stayed. I hope it appreciated our visit as much as I did. It had to. I mean my presence shooed off those little pesky and annoying birds. Silence returned to its world and maybe it caught a few more winks of those big yellow eyes before a night of hunting.

This morning the search was on. I was hoping to see that it returned to that cedar, maybe in the company of others. No owls this morning. I walked from conifer cluster to cluster. Twenty years ago, we strategically planted small copses of evergreens for wind and visual breaks. My choice were conifers native to North America if not Indiana, red and white cedar, white pine, and white spruce.

Jackie and I both loved the Northwoods and hoped to create a touch of that around the property. I hoped we could also attract in winter, the northern pine siskins, redpolls, crossbills, red-breasted nuthatches, and just maybe a roosting saw-whet or long-eared owl. Score one owl for hopes and dreams come true...

*The article originally appeared in the KPC News Outdoor Page. Fred Wooley is a naturalist, Indiana Audubon member, writer, and land preservation/restoration enthusiast. He cares and restores nature back on an old farm overlooking an extensive fen in northern Steuben County. He can be reached at [fwooley@frontier.com](mailto:fwooley@frontier.com).*



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