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JANUARY 1987

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The black-capped chickadee, favored visitor of winter bird feeders, symbolizes Iowa's nongame wildlife program. Funded primarily by contributions provided through the Chickadee Checkoff on state income tax forms, the program benefits hundreds of amphibians, reptiles, songbirds, and small mammals. It also sponsors special educational events such as Bald Eagle Days, pelican watches, and nongame wildlife workshops. Photo by Ken Formanek

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

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FEBRUARY 1987

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				LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY		VALENTINE'S DAY
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	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY (OBSERVED)					
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Beautiful winter scenes like this one at Big Creek State Recreation Area north of Des Moines, are enjoyed by those who visit state parks and forests during the so-called off season. Footprints along quiet lake shores and snowy wooded trails are rare, while wildlife tracks are everywhere. Photo by Ron Johnson



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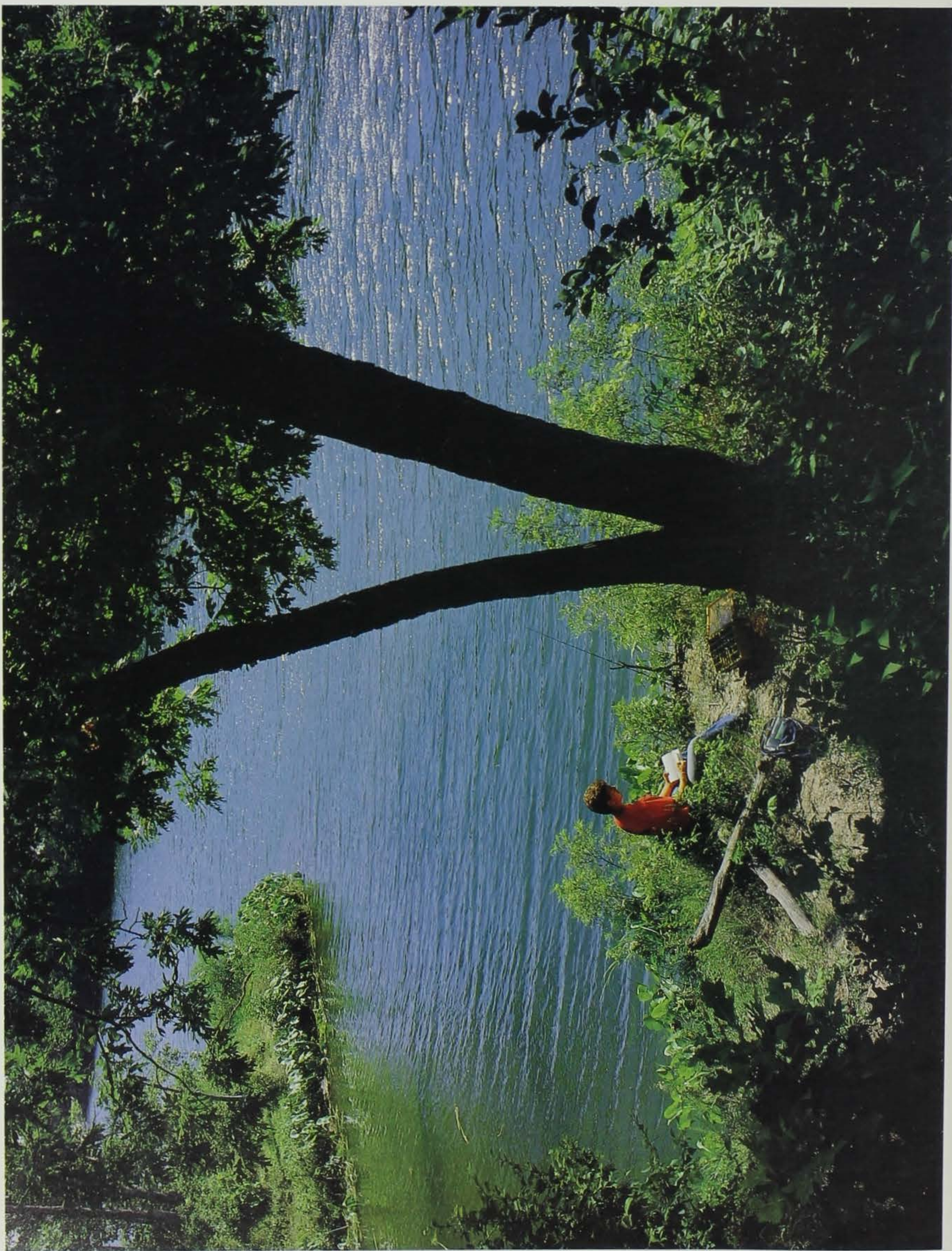
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29	30	31	<p>Wetlands are Iowa's richest acres. Once an integral part of the vast prairie, many potholes dotting much of Iowa were drained. Several large wetland complexes have been preserved in the northern part of the state and more tracts are being acquired whenever possible. Blue-winged teal use the cattail marshes and surrounding uplands for nesting, or just loafing during migration. Photo by Lowell Washburn</p>			

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



APRIL 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Harbingers of warmer days ahead, the Spring Beauty and other wildflowers burst with delicate color in Iowa's woodlands. These spring flowers are indicative of well-managed forest lands and a quality environment. Photo by Ron Johnson</p>			1	2	3	4
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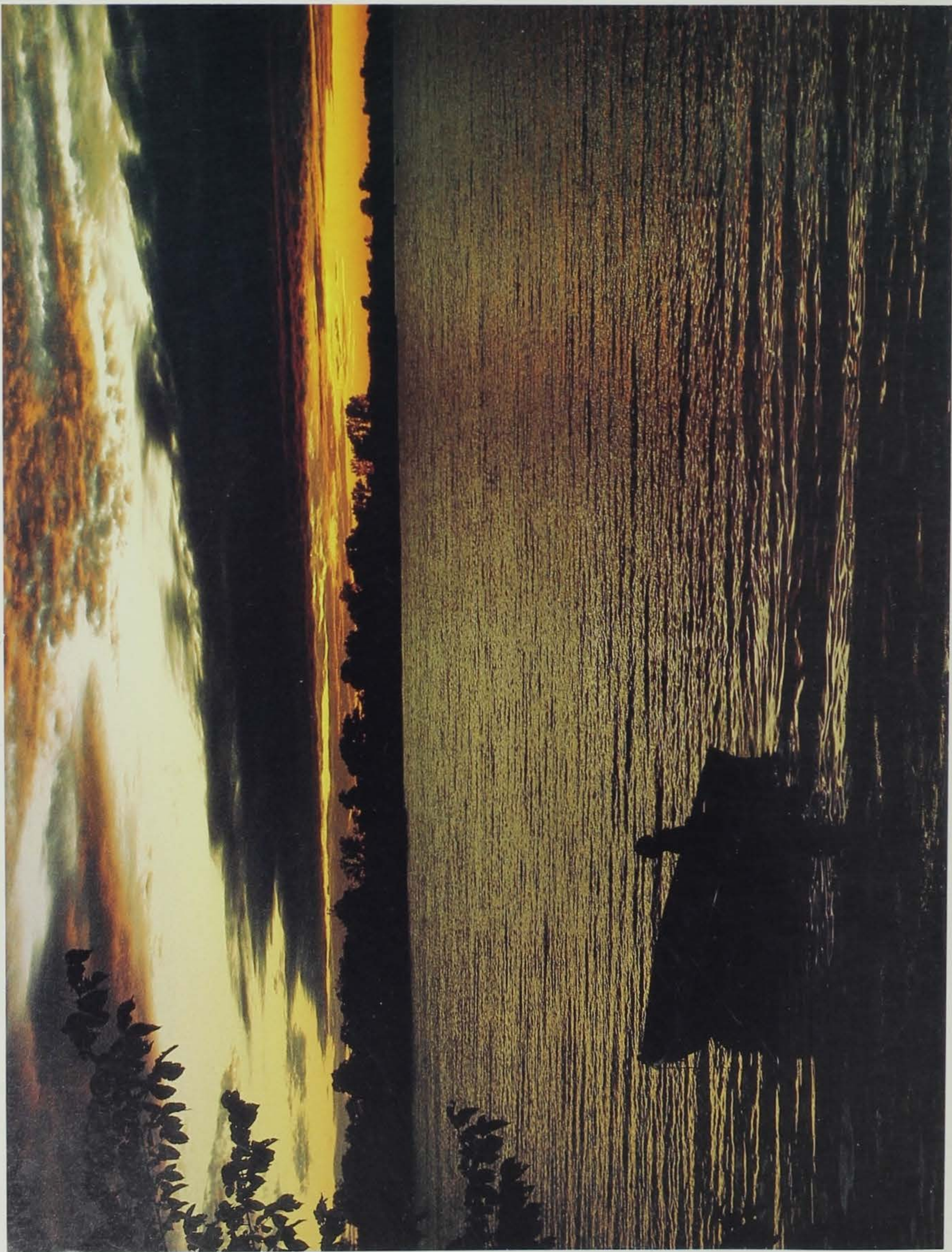
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>When Iowa's springtime finally breaks, the days are awash in bright blues and deep greens. It's a great time to enjoy the quiet bank of a state or county lake, and catch a stringer of crapples or maybe a hungry catfish. Iowa's well-managed lakes offer good, close-to-home fishing. Photo by Ron Johnson</p>					1	2
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MOTHER'S DAY						
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FATHER'S DAY						
28	29	30	Unusual butterflies, the smokey eyed browns, inhabit prairie marshes. Iowa's natural areas inventory catalogs locations of unique plants and plant communities, and keeps track of rare and endangered species. Photo by Jim Messina			



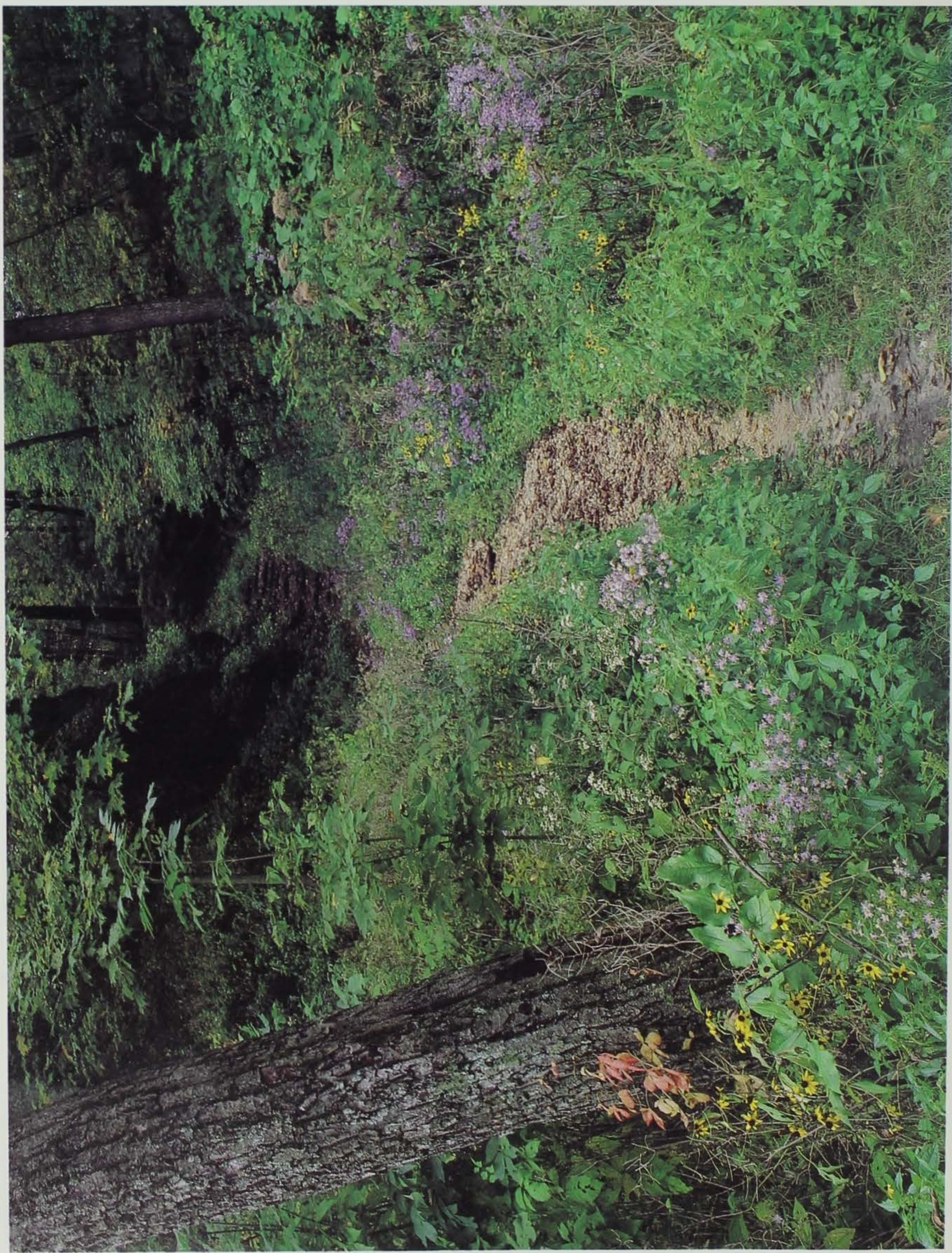
JULY 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>A pretty sunset makes it easy to reflect on the timeless beauty of Iowa. We can appreciate having some of the earth's most productive land, an abundance of unpolluted water and clean air. As stewards, we must protect and preserve these resources so that future generations can inherit our rich environment. Photo by Ron Johnson</p>			1	2	3	4
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AUGUST 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>The vast upper Mississippi River is one of the Midwest's major resources. Recreation and fish and wildlife resources sometimes compete with navigation, commercial development and other interests. State and federal agencies seek to cooperate in solving the many problems that arise on the great river. Photo by Ron Johnson</p>						1
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SEPTEMBER 1987

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27	28	29	30	Iowa's state parks and state forests are simply wonderful places. Wooded trails lined with wildflowers offer a pleasant change from urban and agricultural vistas as well as an opportunity for that perfect photograph. Photo by Ron Johnson		



OCTOBER 1987

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The Iowa Department of Natural Resources manages more than 25,000 acres of state-owned forests. These areas display ideal timber management practices and serve as experimental plots for new methods for increasing production of a valuable, renewable resource. State forests are also the best places to view fall foliage. Photo by Ron Johnson

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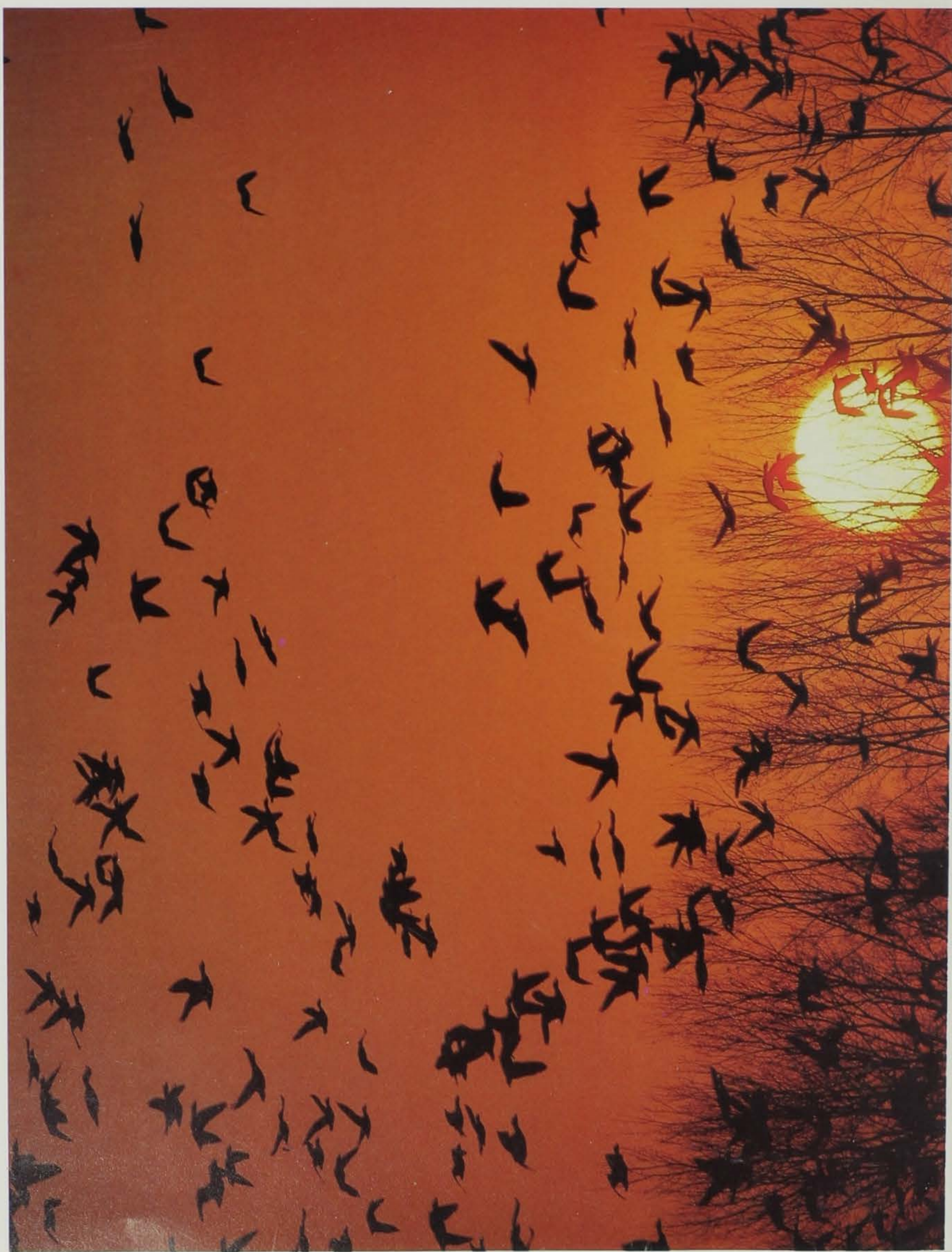
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HALLOWEEN



NOVEMBER 1987

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22	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING DAY	27	28
29	30	<p>Geese and other waterfowl congregate each fall on Iowa's lakes, marshes and streams, perpetuating the mystery of migration. In a changing world, fish and wildlife research provides answers to unknowns that threaten the future of our natural heritage. Photo by David Menke</p>				



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27	28	29	30	31	CHRISTMAS DAY As the season draws to a nostalgic close, one last pheasant hunt produces one more bird for the table at year's end. The staff of the CONSERVATIONIST wishes all the happiest of holidays and the brightest of tomorrows. Photo by Ron Johnson	



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