



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Wildlife Diversity News

Conservation and Recreation

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Photo by Jim Durbin

August 18 | Hawkeye Wildlife Area | 13th Annual Pelican Festival!

For many, late summer signals the start of school and the end to a more relaxed season. This time of year is also a transition period for many of our wildlife including the American White Pelicans that begin their long journey from northern breeding areas to southern wintering areas.

Along the way these colossal white birds make numerous stops to fuel up. In Iowa, this means our reservoirs host legions of pelicans and we get an opportunity to gawk at them! Area bird groups, the Iowa Audubon Society and the Iowa DNR will be hosting an opportunity to learn about and watch these magnificent birds **on Sunday August 18th** as they stopover at **Coralville Reservoir**.

This is a totally free event that will run from 11 am to 4pm on the 18th. Feel free to drop by anytime. Volunteers will be there with binoculars and spotting scopes to help visitors view and learn about American White Pelicans on Coralville Lake. Conservation groups will have displays, and Funny Face Designs by Lori will be doing face painting for kids from 12 Noon - 4 pm at no cost.



Photo by Jenni Dyar

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- **WHEN:** August 18, 2024 from 11am to 4pm
 - **WHERE:** Hawkeye Wildlife Area across from the DNR headquarters office at 2564 Amana Rd. NW, Swisher, IA
 - **WHAT:** Pelican Viewing assisted by binoculars and spotting scopes made available by local birding volunteers + several exhibitors + educational wildlife programming.
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Pelican Festival Map

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Legend

- 2584 Armas Rd NW
- Pelican Festival Location



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