

News Release



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Monarch Conservation Highlights Refuge Week at Union Slough NWR

The Friends of Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge cordially invite the public to celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week on Saturday, October 18th from 9am-noon at the Refuge Office. The morning's activities will be focused on monarch butterfly conservation. Learn all about monarchs – from their fascinating metamorphosis to their spectacular migration to Mexico each winter. Did you know that monarch populations have declined nearly 90% in the past twenty years? Discover the reasons for the decline and what you can do to reverse it. Each attendee will receive a free packet of native wildflower seeds to start their own butterfly garden. In addition, there will be a variety of crafts and children's stories involving butterflies. Visitors are invited to enjoy the Office's wildlife displays, visit with Refuge staff and Friends of Union Slough representatives, as well as enjoy some donuts, coffee and juice.

Also, in celebration of National Wildlife Refuge Week, the Refuge's auto tour route will be open from sunrise to sunset each day from Saturday, October 11th through Sunday, October 19th. The best wildlife viewing occurs during the morning and late afternoon.

Please call the Refuge at 515-928-2523 if you have questions. Union Slough NWR is located 6 miles east of Bancroft, IA on County Road A-42. Visit Union Slough NWR and the Friends of Union Slough NWR on Facebook!

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