

## Dayton Bluffs

Dayton Bluffs Preserve, located just north of Ottawa, Illinois in LaSalle County, is a 250-acre preserve managed by the Conservation Foundation, one of the region's largest and oldest (founded in 1972) not-for-profit land and watershed conservation organizations. Volunteers have assisted with native prairie and woodland restoration during scheduled workdays by collecting native plants seeds and removing invasive species, including trees. Additionally, they take part in Nest Watch, which involves taking inventory of bluebird nests to note number of eggs, hatchlings, and other data.



**Above:** A Master Naturalist volunteer collects native seeds for re-seeding projects at Dayton Bluffs.



**Above:** Volunteers have assisted in the removal of Black Locust stands to restore the original oak-hickory savanna conditions to the preserve.



**Above:** A view of one of the bluebird nests that are part of the Nest Watch project at the preserve.