

Iowa Ivaluktaktok: A Video

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“**I**valuktaktok” is an Inuit word meaning the sound that pieces of ice floating in water make when they knock into each other. I made this short video one day in March at Rock Creek Lake in Jasper County, Iowa, when conditions were just right: winter ice breaking up on the lake, a strong wind, and late afternoon sunshine.



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