

AUDUBON CALENDAR  
MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

Friday, May 5, to Sunday, May 7: Spring meeting of the Arkansas Audubon Society at Camp Ozark (formerly Ozark Boys Camp) just west of Mt. Ida. For information write Fred Burnside, 2786 U of A, Fayetteville AR 72701. Preregistration is important.

Thursday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.: Regular meeting at the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church at Kavanaugh and North Cedar. Ed Pembleton of the Science Museum will present a slide talk, "One to one Wildflowers". Dr. Jim Westbrook will describe his rehabilitation program for injured birds, especially birds of prey. See the note below.

Saturday, May 27, 8:00 a.m.: Field trip to Sullivan's Island, Pinnacle Mountain State Park and vicinity. Meet at Maumelle Park Corps of Engineers Recreation Area. Morning trip only. Leader Mel White. Take Highway 10 to Pinnacle Valley Road and follow Pinnacle Valley to the Park.

Thursday, June 1, 6 to 9 p.m.: Picnic potluck supper at the E.P. Floyd's. Bring dishes and silverware. The Society will furnish beverages. To get to the Floyd's take the Pine Bluff Highway (U.S. 65) to Woodson Lateral Road. Turn right (west) on Woodson Lateral 1 mile, then turn left (south) into the Lakeside Country Club entrance. Follow the blacktop past the lodge and over the dam to the end of the blacktop, then turn left on the gravel road, Perk's house is in sight, the second house on the right, Floyd sign on the house. Follow the Merganser signs all the way.

Thursday, July 6, 6 to 9 p.m.: Picnic potluck supper at Maumelle Park Corps of Engineers Recreation Area. Bring dishes and silverware. The society will furnish beverages. To get to the park, take Highway 10 to Pinnacle Valley Road and follow Pinnacle Valley to the park.

## CHAPTER NEWS

At the March meeting we saw a film of the Golden-cheeked Warbler of the cedar brakes and limestones of the Edwards Plateau of Texas. A most specialized bird in its needs for food and nesting materials. A very good film, Red Adams is an excellent cameraman. He was also very kind to me when he showed me the warbler at his home in Dripping Springs.

The last Wildlife Film of the 1977-78 series OKAVANGO AND ARRIBADA, presented by Bernard Nathanson, was excellent. Okavango is the story of the ecosystem and wildlife of the delta and marshes of the river of that name in Botswana, Africa. There were some wonderful shots of birds and other animals. Arribada is the story of the Ridley's Turtles laying eggs on a beach in Central America. Out of more than ten million eggs laid only twenty five thousand young turtles made it to the sea. Dr. Abernathy won the drawing for a free family ticket to the 1978-79 wildlife film series.

Eighteen hardy souls braved a cold wind on an overcast March 25 to look for early wildflowers at Cove Creek Natural Area. And they were not disappointed. It took some searching to locate the first blossom; eventually, though, eleven species of wildflowers were found in bloom. Harbinger-of-spring and masses of White Trout-lilies topped the list. After lunch alfresco, everyone picked up cans and bottles for about twenty minutes. The results of this activity were little short of miraculous: Fred Greenwood drove his pickup home loaded with bulging trash bags, and the appearance of the Natural Area was improved enormously. W.M. Shepherd

At the April Meeting Dr. Robert Kirkwood of the University of Central Arkansas at Conway gave an excellent talk on the anatomy, evolution and adaptations of birds. He brought some fine specimens to illustrate the talk. We regret that so few members attended the meeting.

The crash course for beginning birdwatchers was a great success. The course, limited to 50 participants, was oversubscribed long before the weekend of April 5-7. The students enjoyed a talk on systematics on Friday night, Saturday morning in Boyle Park they put what they had learned to work, and saw and identified 40 kinds of birds. Then, on Sunday afternoon they discussed what they had seen, and learned where to go in Arkansas to see birds. We thank Ed Pembleton for all his hard work and for giving up his weekend, we thank all the other people who helped to give the course and we are grateful to the Museum of Science for the use of the building.

Dr. Jim Westbrook, Little Rock veterinarian, will talk at the May 11 meeting about organizing a rehabilitation program for the treatment of injured birds of prey. Plans for a seminar on treatment of injured non raptors will also be discussed. Try to attend the meeting.

The Pulaski Society has awarded two scholarships of \$300 each to Dorothy Rhodes and Christine Granger to attend National Audubon Society two-week Nature Study Workshops this summer. Both young ladies work for the Little Rock Public Schools Environmental Education Project.

Member Sam Slagle made and gave 75 bluebird houses to Pinnacle Mountain State Park, where they were put up by the Explorer Group at the Museum. Sam made another 50 which he gave to the members of the Crash Birdwatching Course. Very nice going, Sam.

Joyce Godfrey, a member of the Explorer Group at the Museum of Science and History and a volunteer at the Museum, has been given the Lola Rea Memorial Award by the Arkansas Audubon Society. She will be the guest of the Society at the spring meeting at Mt. Ida.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Julius C. Acchione, 710 Choctaw Cir., LR  
David and Cally Avery, 1 Oakcliff Cir., LR  
Biff Baldrige, 6105 Fourche Dam Pike, LR  
C.M. Bell, Rte. 1, Box 113A, Roland  
Dr. James P. Bell, 5120 P St., LR  
Andrew J. Brown, 820 Ramble, Hot Springs  
Dr. S.H. Brown, Arkansas State Hospital, LR  
Ms. Alice Cahoon, 4705 Willow Springs Rd., LR  
Jeffrey K. Clements, 8 Revere Ct., LR  
Dr. Alberto G. Cola, 2406 Killarney Way, Tallahassee, FL  
Mrs. M.A. Courtney, 901 Midland, LR  
Ms. Dora M. Duvall, 601 Ridgeway, Apt. 3C, LR  
Herbert O. Evans, 3 Breeds Hill Ct., LR  
Ms. Karen G. Grider, 7 Delmar Dr., LR  
Dr. Richard D. Hardin, 7601 Flintrock, NLR  
Ms. Sandra K. Headley, 1914 Brownwood \* A, LR  
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hoke, 4801 N. Hills Blvd., Lakewood House Apt. 5H, NLR  
Ms. Beverly J. Holcomb, 2 Yaqui, NLR  
Jeff Banks SU, LR

James Jackson, 3706 Lakeview, NLR  
D.W. Johnson, P.O. Box 1579, LR  
Donald Koone, 613 South Elm # 5, LR  
William C. Loilg, 1323 White Rd., LR  
Mrs. Liz Sloss McAuley, Quapaw Tow. # 9A, LR  
Dr. Ervin L. McDonald, 1419 Garland, NLR  
David McCullough, 8706 Stanton Rd., Box 6, LR  
W.C. Meek, 4720 Glenmere, NLR  
G.K. Moye, Rte. 1, Box 640, Hensley  
Ms. Cynthia K. Peters, 7409 Fairways Dr., LR  
Gale Sammartino, 2617 Vancouver Dr., LR  
Tracy Smith, P.O. Box 5008, LR  
Frederic Spies, U of A Med Center, Box 171,  
L.J. Stitzer, 905 Garland, NLR  
J.W. Tenney, 47 Sunnydale Dr., LR  
E.E. Trippensee, 106 Cambridge P1., LR  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Turner, Jr., 8 Palisades Dr.,  
Mrs. Paul Williams, 805 N. Kennedy, Booneville

## BIRD NEWS

Mrs. Kleo Horton of Mountain Home saw and photographed a pine grosbeak at Salesville in early January; this is a brand new bird for the state. New member Herb Evans saw a common redpoll in Little Rock on February 5, a very rare winter visitor.

Two white-tailed kites were found by Herschel Raney, Jr. last Sunday (April 16) in a field near Arkansas Tech at Russelville. This is only the second sighting in Arkansas, the other was during the Christmas count near Texarkana in December, 1976. Herschel saw the kites from his window at 7:55 a.m. He and Mike Luvers followed the birds from field to field for more than one half hour.

On April 6, Mrs. C.E. Braty of North Little Rock found an American bittern with an injured wing caught in a nandina bush. Anna Patterson of the Little Rock Zoo rescued it. Its wing was badly shattered and it had lost a lot of blood. The bird was cared for and placed in the zoo's tropical bird house, where it seemed to be well and eating heartily. However, it died after four days.

On April 7, a pileated woodpecker tried to do some banking at a downtown bank. Your editor received a call from Nancy Trotter of Capital Savings and Loan at Capitol and Louisiana. Miss Trotter said that the bird was trying to break into the bank through a window, presumably fighting its reflection. It finally knocked itself out. A friendly customer took the bird to the zoo where it was also put in the tropical bird house. This story has a happy ending: the woodpecker found a hole in the bird house and flew away.

As of April 18, when this Snipe went to press, your editor still had about a dozen evening grosbeaks eating sunflower seeds at his feeder as though they were going out of style. We would like to know how long they stay this year. Please let us know the last date you have them at your feeder.

Custer Hill, of Little Rock, has a solution for flicker trouble. A pair of flickers were determined to make two back to back apartments in his wooden martin house into a flicker home, by enlarging the holes. So he built a flicker house, put it below and on the same pole as the martin house and the flickers moved right in.

## COMMUNICATIONS

If you want a copy of the "Green Sheet", which tells how to make birdhouses, how to make feeders, and what to feed different kinds of birds, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope, preferably a long one, to the editor at 5809 North Country Club Blvd., Little Rock, Arkansas 72207.

The bald eagle is now considered an endangered species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 43 of the 48 conterminous states. The eagle is designated as a threatened species in Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin. Alaska has a thriving eagle population, Hawaii has no eagles. "Endangered" means that a species is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant part of its range. "threatened" means that a species is likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or part of its range. (The Wren, March, 1978)

An eared trogon was seen in Cave Creek Canyon in the Chiracahua Mts. in southeast Arizona in late October, and subsequently was seen by more than 600 birders from all over the U.S. This is the first time this Mexican species has been seen north of Mexico's border. Cave Creek Canyon is the area in the Coronado National Forest that environmentalists and birders are trying to save from mass recreational development. The big influx of visitors helps prove their point that the area just as it is has significant economic as well as wildlife value to Arizona. (The Wren, March, 1978)

The hunter who tried to kill two whooping cranes that he mistook for sandhill cranes (he missed) has been sentenced to serve 30 days of a six-month jail term and may not hunt or carry a firearm for three years. He is on supervised probation for three years.

The case of the shooting of more than 100 golden eagles from a helicopter in Texas has been concluded with a plea bargaining move before a federal judge. (Audubon Leader, 4/7/78)

Mirex, the fire ant insecticide, is back, under a new name, ferriamicide, and in a new form about which serious questions remain unanswered. The EPA has given partial approval for its use, and the FDF has filed suit in federal district in Washington challenging the right of the EPA to permit its use. (Audubon Leader, 3/24 & 4/7/78)

Not all the pieces of the Soviet spy satellite that crashed in northwest Canada have been found; the satellite seems to have disintegrated over a long swath of wilderness stretching north and east from the east end of Great Slave Lake, spraying radioactive material along the way. The swath is uncomfortably close to and apparently missed the nesting grounds of the last wild flock of whooping cranes, which lies just south of the lake. (The Wren, March, 1978)

## CONSERVATION

Do you know about the 208 Water Quality Planning Program? Section 208 of the Federal Water Quality Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 is a program placing responsibility for developing and carrying out solutions to water pollution problems with State and local governments. The Act has two goals: (1) by 1983 the nation's waters should be suitable for contact recreation and support fish and wildlife. (2) by 1985 the discharge of pollutants into the nation's waters should be eliminated. Metroplan is the local agency designated to develop the program in Pulaski and Saline Counties.

Citizens should get involved. You can establish contact with the 208 program and learn what it is. Join the Citizen's Advisory Committee or attend meetings of other committees. Call Mr. Sam Covington, 208 Public Involvement Officer at Metroplan, 372-3300.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has written to the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission regarding the Corps of Engineers current proposals for the Bayou Meto project. The Fish and Wildlife Service suggests that the Commission recommend to the Governor that the State of Arkansas position be to recommend Congressional Deauthorization of the project. The Federal Service feels that the fish and wildlife resources in the basin are of high quality and current project plans would result in unavoidable adverse environmental impacts.

How long will it be before Arkansas passes a Bottle Bill? Five states now have laws that require a deposit on beer and soft drink containers: Connecticut, Maine, Michigan, Oregon, and Vermont. Two more states, Iowa and Massachusetts, may soon be added to the list. (Audubon Leader, 4/7/78)

The vote on Alaska comes up in the House of Representatives in May. The Ozark Chapter of the Sierra Club has sent out an ACTION ALERT urging its members to send a flood of letters to Congress supporting HR 39 and recommending amendments to add the Arctic Wildlife Range and Southeastern Wilderness to the lands already included under the bill.

We hope that you all wrote to President Carter, our senators and congressmen, and officials of the Forest Service, Interior Department, and Fish and Wildlife Service about the endangered Bachman's Warbler in the I'On Swamp in the Francis Marion National Forest in South Carolina. If you have not, do so now. It is most important.

May 3 is Sun-Day. Congress passed a resolution in March proclaiming May 3 as Sun Day, a national day to inform the public about solar energy and celebrate the potential uses of the sun. (Audubon Leader, 4/7/78)

Don't forget your civic duty. Vote in the coming elections.

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