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ASCA's Christmas Potluck & Silent Auction

December 10, 2009

Magnolia Lodge, in Little Rock

Come join us on Thursday, December 10 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at Magnolia Lodge for our Annual Christmas Potluck and Silent Auction.

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Bring your favorite dish and come join us for lots of fun on December 10th at 6 pm.

Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Hummingbirds

Bob and Martha Sargent

Where: The Governor Mike Huckabee Delta Rivers Nature Center, Pine Bluff.

When: December 5, 2009

Times: First program 9:30 AM - Second program 1:30 PM

Prior registration is not required.

Mark your calendar and don't miss this wonderful presentation on hummingbirds. The program will cover everything from hummingbird eggs and nesting, to documenting eight and nine year old hummers.

Bob and Martha Sargent, who live in central Alabama, have captured and banded tens of thousands of hummingbirds over the last 25 years. They average over 800 in their yard each summer and recapture an average of 175 banded in previous years! Their presentation will cover the life of these feathered and pugnacious little beasts.

Come hear what these two bander/researchers have to say regarding the seasonal movement of birds so light in weight you could mail 7 or 8 of them for a 44 cent postage stamp!

Join them at the Delta Rivers Nature Center, 1400 Black Dog Road, Pine Bluff, AR and be sure to bring your curiosity and questions.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

ROB WEISS

Are You a Birdwatcher?

The question often comes when walking through a park with a pair of binoculars around my neck or when I am standing beside my car watching a bird which no one else seems to take notice of. "Are you a birdwatcher?" My answer is always in the affirmative, but what does being a birdwatcher actually mean? Does it require keeping a life-list or having a bird feeder in the yard? Must one spend a certain amount of time watching birds or achieving a particular level of knowledge about them before the title of "birdwatcher" may be bestowed upon him?

The wonderful answer is that the activity of birding brings joy and entertainment through a variety of avenues. No matter how long one has been birding or how much a person knows about birds, there is always more to discover.

As 2009 draws to a close, the variety of presentations given at the monthly ASCA meetings has demonstrated just how many opportunities one has in the field of birding. We have learned about attracting birds to our backyards and heard about the state parks where so many of us find that next life bird. We have seen gorgeous photos of birds from Arkansas and Louisiana and heard from a travel writer about his expedition to New Guinea. The list could continue, but you can see that birdwatching often includes so much more than simply watching. It may include photography and

increasing one's ability in that area while enjoying the bird having its picture taken. You may combine a love of travel with the excitement of seeing a new species. In your effort to attract birds to your home, the knowledge of plants, butterflies, and bird behavior may increase concurrently.

If you normally watch the birds only from inside your home, consider taking a morning or late afternoon drive to see either some new species or to view those familiar to you in a different setting. If you normally bird alone, get together with some friends, whether experienced birdwatchers or someone who has never noticed the birds before, and enjoy the experience together. Consider attending one of the monthly ASCA meetings to learn something new about the behaviors, habitats, and activities of birds which you thought you knew so well.

What does it mean to be a birdwatcher? It means many things to many people, but it finally comes down to enjoying the birds which are in our backyard, in a remote corner of the state, or even in some foreign land. Whether you decide to try a new aspect of birding or remain content to continue in the activities you already have tried, I hope the upcoming year of birding will be as enjoyable as this past year has been for me.

--Rob Weiss

Great Backyard Bird Count

Mark your calendars for the Great Backyard Bird Count, February 12-15, 2010. The GBBC is a joint effort of National Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology. It is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds. Anyone can participate, from beginning birders to experts. It takes as little as 15

minutes. It's free, fun, and easy—and it helps the birds. Participants count birds anywhere for as little or as long as they wish during the four-day period. To report counts, fill out an online checklist at the GBBC web site. For more information visit: www.birdsource.org/gbbc/

Conservation News

Barry Haas

What's happening to protect Lake Maumelle and your drinking water?

A lot of ongoing activity is taking place that affects Lake Maumelle, which provides the bulk of drinking water to the roughly 400,000 customers of Central Arkansas Water (CAW). Because certain efforts are ongoing, the information provided in this issue of *The Snipe* may not be up to date by the time you read this. Given the importance of this issue, this is an attempt to keep you informed of efforts to protect your drinking water and what you can do to help.

What's Central Arkansas Water (CAW) working on?

The CAW Board recently approved a lease-purchase agreement for 915 acres of land in the western Pulaski County portion of the watershed. The Big Maumelle River flows through this property with about 2 1/2 miles of river frontage, making it a prime acquisition to protect water quality in the lake. This latest purchase means CAW will have met one requirement in the comprehensive Lake Maumelle Watershed Management Plan to purchase a minimum of 1,500 acres in the watershed. This property had been slated for a housing development. A portion is in the floodway/floodplain, meaning a heightened risk of periodic flooding and potential pollution if houses were constructed on the property. CAW is to be applauded for this action.

CAW is also working with the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission (AGFC) on several fronts. First, there is a proposed Wildlife Management Area (WMA) on CAW-owned property surrounding the lake. The WMA would allow limited hunting in the central and western portions of CAW-owned lands. Hunting would be prohibited on CAW-owned lands around the eastern portion of the lake which contains the water intake pipes and is the most sensitive and protected portion of the lake. A WMA would also allow AGFC law enforcement personnel to contain any illegal hunting activity on this land. In addition, there would be some new access for kayaks and small motor boats in the area west of the Highway 10 bridge near the very western edge of Lake Maumelle. On balance this would offer more outdoor recreational opportunities while also protecting the lake.

CAW is also working with AGFC and the Arkansas Nature Conservancy to possibly begin actively managing its land surrounding Lake Maumelle. Since the lake was constructed in the late 1950s, utility owned land has been pretty much left alone and today is fairly densely

forested. This has resulted in an increase of combustible material posing a heightened risk if a fire should burn a large area before it could be put out. Over a number of years modern forest management would allow the existing forests to be thinned resulting in fewer trees per acre. Doing so would reduce leaf litter. Opening up the current dense forest canopy would allow more sunlight to reach the ground and allow native grasses and other plants to regenerate. These native grasses and plants actually do a better job of containing and filtering the water flowing downhill into the lake during and after rain events. The change in habitat would also be beneficial to certain birds and other wildlife in the area. Hopefully this proposal will be adopted and implemented.

What's Pulaski County doing to protect your drinking water?

Pulaski County has hired several companies that specialize in protecting water supplies like Lake Maumelle. The county and CAW reached an agreement that CAW funds would be used to pay the expenses incurred by the county to protect Lake Maumelle.

TetraTech, the firm that helped develop the Lake Maumelle Watershed Management Plan, was hired to develop a Stormwater and Drainage Manual as well as a Site Evaluation Tool. Both will help control pollution runoff during and after the construction of houses that will occur on privately held land in the watershed.

Pulaski Co. also hired Wallace Roberts & Todd, a design and planning firm, to help develop a land use plan. That process should take about 12 months, and once completed the Pulaski Co. Quorum Court can take up measures that will more adequately protect the lake.

And, finally, what is happening on the state level?

Nearly a year ago CAW went before the Arkansas Pollution Control & Ecology Commission (PC&EC) and asked them to change Regulation 6 to prohibit the direct discharge of wastewater (sewage) into Lake Maumelle. The PC&EC was concerned what impact this change might have on over 30 other municipally owned water supplies across Arkansas. Prohibiting the discharge of wastewater into Lake Maumelle is vital to protect our

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drinking water quality. This item has been before several legislative committees and may be back on the PC&EC at its meeting in early December. There is currently no discharge of wastewater directly into Lake Maumelle, and this needs to be a requirement when new housing is constructed in the watershed. All the other protections combined in the Watershed Management Plan would be pointless if wastewater is allowed to be discharged into the lake in the future. So this is the cornerstone of water quality protection.

What can and should you do to help protect your drinking water?

If you are concerned about your drinking water quality (and, yes, this affects how much you pay for your water too) and want to help your elected and appointed representatives make good decisions, you should contact

them and request they take the actions necessary to protect your drinking water. Here are a few helpful links to get you started:

<http://www.adeg.state.ar.us/commission/>

(Ark. Pollution Control & Ecology Commission- go to the site and find the Commissioners e-mail addresses and send each of them an e-mail requesting they support the proposed Central Arkansas Water change to Regulation 6 that would ban the surface discharge of wastewater in the Lake Maumelle basin)

<http://www.co.pulaski.ar.us/quorumcourt2.shtml>

(Pulaski Co. Quorum Court- send an e-mail to your Justice of the Peace and to County Judge Buddy Villines requesting they vote and work to ensure the highest possible level of protection for Lake Maumelle)

*Barry Haas
Conservation Chair*

110th Christmas Bird Count

This is the 110th year for the Christmas Bird Count making it the longest running bird science project in North America. Over 2000 counts are conducted each year from December 14 through January 5.

What's involved: Each 15-mile diameter count circle has a compiler. The circle is broken into sections with a team of volunteers assigned to each. The team counts all the birds in their section within a calendar day.

Skill and time levels: Birders of any skill level are welcome. The amount of time you spend is flexible.

Fees: There is a \$5 fee, unless the count is sponsored (*). There is no charge for feeder watchers or anyone under 18.

For more information contact Leif Anderson (479) 284-3150 ext. 3151 or Leanderson@fs.fed.us.

<u>Count</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Compiler</u>	<u>Closest town</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Hot Springs Village*	Mon 14	Lynn Sackett	Hot Springs Vlg.	tlsackett@sbcglobal.net	501-922-9060
N. Fork Illinois Bayou*	Mon 14	Dwayne Rambo	Hector	drambo@fs.fed.us	479-284-3150
Crooked Creek	Wed 16	Sally Jo Gibson	Harrison	sjogibson@alltel.net	870-741-5805
Bayou DeView	Thur 17	Steve Osborne	Brinkley	jsteveosborne@gmail.com	479-970-8429
Mountain Home	Fri 18	Phillip Hyatt	Mountain Home	sedgehead@gmail.com	
Arkadelphia	Sat 19	Dolores Harrington or Charles Mills	Arkadelphia	doloresh@suddenlink.net swamp_fox@mac.com	
Conway	Sat 19	Martha Johnson	Conway	amjohnson@conwaycorp.net	501-329-5214
Fayetteville*	Sun 20	Joe Neal	Fayetteville	joeneal@uark.edu	479-521-1858
Lonoke*	Sun 20	Dan Scheiman	Little Rock	birddan@comcast.net	501-244-2229
Little Rock*	Sun 27	Dan Scheiman	Little Rock	birddan@comcast.net	501-244-2229
Wapanocca NWR*	Sun 27	Dick Preston	Turrell	dickpreston@bigriver.net	
Pine Bluff*	Mon 28	Rob Doster	Pine Bluff	calcarius@comcast.net	505-323-3660
Fort Smith	Sat Jan 2	Bill Beall	Fort Smith	billtoka@mynewroads.com	
Lake Georgia Pacific/ Felsenthal NWR	Sat Jan 2	Leif Anderson	Crossett	Leanderson@fs.fed.us	479-284-3402
White River NWR	Sat Jan 2	Keith Sutton	St. Charles	catfishdude@sbcglobal.net	501-847-9643
Holla Bend NWR	Tues Jan 5	Leif Anderson	Dardanelle	Leanderson@fs.fed.us	479-284-3402

*sponsored counts

Upcoming Programs

The ASCA meets at 7:00 PM the second Thursday of each month at the John Gould Fletcher Library (except where noted), located at 823 Buchanan Street, on the corner of Buchanan and H Streets, just off North University Ave. The programs are free and open to the public.

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January 14, 2010 – Annual Business Meeting

The Audubon Society of Central Arkansas will hold its annual Business Meeting on Jan. 14 at 7:00 pm. All ASCA members are encouraged to attend. This meeting will be held at the John Gould Fletcher Library located at 823 Buchanan Street.

ASCA can only exist with active members and this is your opportunity to provide input into our activities for 2010.

There will not be a program or guest speaker at this meeting.

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### February 11, 2010 – Bird Flight

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Wilbur Owen

**Program:** A Potpourri of Bird Adaptations for Flight

Dr. Owen is a retired biology professor from the University of Central Arkansas. He currently resides on Petit Jean Mountain.

## **ASCA Election of Board Members - 2010**

We will be electing new Board Members for the coming year on December 10<sup>th</sup>

The Nominating Committee consisted of Jim Dixon (Chair), Karen Holliday, and Dan Scheiman. The nominees for one-year terms are:

1. Doris Boyles (continuing)
2. D. DeLynn Hearn (continuing)
3. Bill Hailey (continuing)
4. Jane Gulley (continuing)
5. Bill Shepherd (continuing)
6. Jim Dixon (replacing Bill Saunders)

Any member may make nominations from the floor at the December meeting, before the election is held. Please note that a **recording secretary is essential** to the chapter and no one has been identified to assume that responsibility.

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## **Thank you**

The family of Tom Boyles would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their support and love during this difficult time in our lives. It is never easy to give up the one you love, but having friends around eases the pain. Tom suffered a massive stroke on October 24 and passed away on November 1.

Tom really wasn't a birdwatcher but the tally rallies held at our home after the Little Rock Christmas Bird Counts, sparked his interest in watching birds in our backyard. He was quick to remind us when the feeders were running low and on occasion went to buy sunflower seed. He often asked about certain species he'd seen. He looked forward to the annual Christmas party and for the past few years, helped provide the meeting location at Magnolia Masonic Lodge.

As a husband, father and friend, he will be missed.

Doris and Dottie Boyles

## White-throated Sparrow A Harbinger of Cheer amid Winter

Samantha Holschbach

The White-throated Sparrow is a common winter visitor in Arkansas and a cause for holiday cheer. This sparrow's drawn-out, piping whistle, which sounds like "Oh sweet Canada, Canada, Canada" chases the winter blues away. Its field marks are reminiscent of Santa: a plump body with white throat patch akin to a beard.

"If they can, White-throated Sparrows often come back to the same yard and feeders they used the year before," said Jerry Davis, retired wildlife program manager of the Ouachita National Forest. "Many do not realize that water is important to birds every day of the year. I once had White-throated Sparrows bathing in my bird bath on Christmas day, and it was 36 degrees outside with a cold wind."

Even amid a biting wind, the sparrow may still sing jubilantly when other birds have hushed their songs, which perhaps explains why this species goes by more than a dozen nicknames that describe the bird's song as opposed to its plumage. Whether heard or seen, this friendly sparrow with the sweet song will surely melt the Grinch in any observant winter-cynic.

## Barred Owl



Charles Mills



# ASCA Field Trip Schedule

ASCA sponsors numerous field trips throughout the year. The trips are open to all and carpooling is available for trips outside of Little Rock. This is a great opportunity for novice birders to meet and learn about birds from more experienced birders. Perhaps a chance to get a life bird for those dedicated birders. Check out the web site at [www.ascabird.org](http://www.ascabird.org) for more information about upcoming field trips or contact Karen Holliday at [karenh@arkleg.state.ar.us](mailto:karenh@arkleg.state.ar.us). Or (501) 920-3246

December 2009

### Little Rock and Lonoke Christmas Bird Count

The CBC is an Audubon citizen science program and the nation's longest running bird survey – this is the 110<sup>th</sup> year. On count day participants count all the birds they encounter within their assigned section of a 15-mile diameter circle. Birders of any skill level are welcome. It's a great opportunity to learn from experienced birders! You can bird for as long as you like.

ASCA is once again sponsoring the Lonoke and Little Rock Christmas Bird Counts. The Lonoke Count will be held on Sunday, December 20 and the Little Rock Count will be held on Sunday, December 27.

To participate in one or both counts, contact Dan Scheiman, ASCA Christmas Bird Count Compiler at [birddan@comcast.net](mailto:birddan@comcast.net) or 501-244-2229.

January 9, 2010

### Magness Lake and Heber Springs Waste Water Treatment Plant

Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Mayflower commuter lot off I-40 west at Exit 135 to caravan to Heber Springs. We will stop at the Sugarloaf 66 Convenience Store around 12:00 noon for those who would like to meet us there. Sugarloaf 66 is located on the Hwy. 25 by-pass at the intersection of Hwy. 25 and Hwy. 110 (1500 By-Pass Rd.). We will visit the Heber Springs Waste Water Treatment Plant first, check Greer's Ferry Lake, then drive to Magness Lake for the late afternoon arrival of the Trumpeter Swans.

We will return to Conway for a group dinner at the Marketplace Grill located just north of I-40 west at the U.S.. 65 exit.

February 14, 2009

### Two Rivers Park and Lake Maumelle

In conjunction with the Great Backyard Bird Count, Feb. 12-15. We will meet at Two Rivers Park at 8:00 a.m. The Park has a diverse population of sparrows which provides a great opportunity to work on identifying those "little brown birds". Due to sandburs, knee-high rubber boots are highly recommended for walking in the fields. We will continue on to Lake Maumelle after finishing at the park. Loons, mergansers, ducks, and grebes are easily found on the lake this time of the year. Bring your scope.

Directions to Two Rivers Park: Take Hwy. 10 west to the stoplight at Pinnacle Valley Road, just past the Kroger Store. Look for the brown sign for Maumelle Park. Turn right at the light. Follow the road approximately 4 miles. Do not turn at Maumelle Park, stay on County Farm Road. Bear right through the gates into Two Rivers Park. Go approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile to the first parking lot on your right that has a Porta-Potty.



# *Field Trip Reports*

## **Bona Dea Trails and Sanctuary**

*September 19, 2009*

Ten birders met at Bona Dea Trails and Sanctuary in Russellville. Luckily, the rain held off for the entire trip. We were please to welcome several newcomers. Many of the 36 species we saw sat still just long enough for photos. We flushed a Barred Owl who flew a short distance before landing. We watched him for several minutes, while he watched us. The foraging flocks of warblers had everyone scrambling to identify them before they moved out of range. Highlights included: Wood Duck, Red-shouldered Hawk, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Pileated Woodpecker, Yellow-throated Vireo, Gray Catbird, Summer Tanager, Prothonotary Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, and Wilson's Warbler.

*--Karen Holliday*

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## **Millwood Lake**

*October 24, 2009*

Nine birders gathered at the Beard's Bluff observation deck. It was a gorgeous, cloud-free day with temperatures in the high 60's, a wonderful change from our endless days of rain. Multiple rafts of mixed ducks and coots were scattered around the lake, along with a couple of Horned Grebes. Small pockets of American White Pelicans were mixed in. Around a couple of dozen American Avocets were briefly spotted. A juvenile, then an adult Bald Eagle flew in front of the deck, almost close enough to touch. A raft with over 100 Forster's Terns were sitting on the water, with even more circling in the air. This caught our attention as it's uncommon for terns to sit on the water. We then moved to the State Park to the area below the dam to hunt for the Rock Wren. After we walked and searched all the way to the spillway, the wren finally popped up and

started high-tailing it back the way we had just come, giving us a merry chase. He finally settled in one spot giving everyone great looks.

While eating lunch at the lakeside picnic tables at the marina, we watched several Snowy Egrets continuously skimming close to the surface of the lagoon while dragging their bright yellow feet through the water. They were trying to attract and spear fish for their own lunch. We headed back to the observation deck for another search of the lake. More ducks were visible in the afternoon light. American Wigeon, Ruddy Duck, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Gadwall, Redhead, and Lesser Scaup were all spotted, giving us a total of 59 species for the trip. -- *Karen Holliday*

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## **Lake Dardanelle and Holla Bend NWR**

*November 21, 2009*

It was a beautiful day as fourteen birders participated in the field trip to Lake Dardanelle. First stop was Delaware Bay Recreational Area where we were treated to fly-overs by juvenile and adult Bald Eagles. The lake was dotted with American White Pelicans. Several Canvasbacks were diving among a large raft of American Coots. Next stop was Riverview Park, located below the dam at Dardanelle. A large venue of Black Vultures huddled around a shallow pool feasting on several large dead carp. Included in the venue were two juveniles with heads still fully featured. A Greater Roadrunner was spotted on the road above the park. After lunch, we headed to the Lake Point Conference Center, located on the north side of the lake, near London, AR. The management has given permission for birders to access the property provided they check in at the reservation desk before entering the grounds. Gulls congregate in the evenings on this part of the lake.

The group headed to Holla Bend NWR with the hope of finding a Golden Eagle reported earlier in the week. However, the only eagle spotted was a juvenile Bald Eagle. A Palm Warbler was found mixed in with a flock of Yellow-rumped Warblers and several Northern Harriers were seen investigating the fields. We ended the day with a total of 49 species.

*-- Karen Holliday*

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A Black Skimmer blown in with Hurricane Gustav was photographed by Charles Mills at Millwood Lake

**Audubon Society of Central Arkansas**  
Chapter Only Membership Application

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| Membership Level: | Student/Senior | \$10 per year |
| (Check One)       | Regular        | \$15 per year |
|                   | Family         | \$25 per year |
|                   | Supporting     | \$35 per year |
|                   | Patron         | \$50 per year |

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**Whom to Contact  
if you Find an Injured Bird**

For a listing of an AR Game & Fish Commission authorized Migratory Bird Rehabilitator in your area, you can visit their website at:

<http://www.agfc.com/wildlife-conservation/rehabilitators.aspx>  
or  
[http://www.agfc.com/pdfs/rehab/migratorybird\\_rehablist.pdf](http://www.agfc.com/pdfs/rehab/migratorybird_rehablist.pdf)

**\*\*\*Arkansas Rare Bird Alert (RBA)\*\*\***

The RBA lists rare and unusual birds found throughout the state and if possible directions to these birds. **To report or hear the latest sightings**, call (501) 753-5853. The number is listed as J.J. Audubon in the phone book. It is the only white page listing with the last name Audubon.