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New Nature Trail Opens in West Little Rock

Dottie Boyles

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) recently unveiled a new nature trail behind their Little Rock headquarters. A year in the planning, the trail was made possible with the dedicated efforts of volunteers and others.

Located on Natural Resources Drive, the trail was named Nuthatch Hollow Nature Trail in honor of the Brown-headed Nuthatch that is often seen in the area. Access points are located near the Arkansas Plant Board, the AGFC loading dock, and behind the AGFC complex's back patio. The trail can also be accessed on the southeast side of Natural Resources Dr.



Watchable Wildlife Coordinator Kirsten Bartlow oversaw the development of the project, which was carved from a 4-acre woodlot full of Chinese privet and other overgrowth. With the removal of the privet and overgrowth, other birds have moved into the area.

During a visit in late April, Doris Boyles and I spotted a Blue-headed Vireo, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Northern Parula, Tufted Titmouse and numerous Carolina Chickadees in the newly cleared area.

Several species of warblers and other spring migrants have been reported in the past, as well as a nesting pair of Broad-winged Hawks. Other wildlife include raccoons and box turtles. A search through the eBird.org database revealed at least 71 species have been reported for this area.

According to their website, AGFC communications and wildlife management staff performed most of the work when spare time allowed. Bartlow and Mike Walker, a regional maintenance contract coordinator with AGFC, contracted with a builder to construct two wooden bridges. The company hauled in the crossings, set the footings and maneuvered culverts to redirect water runoff. Inmates from the Arkansas Department of Correction helped with clearing the trail and laying the crushed shale, which came from Bell Slough Wildlife Management Area in Mayflower, and makes for easier walking.



One of two bridges located on the trail | Photo: Dottie Boyles

Trained volunteers from the Arkansas Master Naturalists helped lay out the trail through the overgrowth before the clearing began. The group will continue to help AGFC maintain the trail. The expense of building the trail was kept low due to all of the volunteer work.

The trail loop winds up and down through the woods. The outer loop is 0.3 of a mile and the middle loop is 0.1 miles.

Natural Resources Drive is located off West Markham Street and a few blocks east of Shackelford Drive. For more information visit www.agfc.com.

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President's Column

Creating a Bird Friendly Yard

"Bird Friendly Yards" is a phrase you may have already heard here in Arkansas. What does it mean? Do you have a Bird Friendly Yard? If not, how can you get one?

The Arkansas Audubon Society (AAS) is beginning to promote a voluntary program individuals and families can undertake to modify their yards to make their outdoor space more attractive to native birds. Development of landscapes in and around cities is reducing the amount of available habitat our native bird species depend on. In addition to supporting conservation efforts and preserving remaining native landscapes, the National Audubon Society has identified urban landscapes as an untapped resource to support both native plants and animals.

The program AAS has developed identifies four main action areas for residential landscapes.

1. Native plants. Our towns and cities are full of exotic, non-North American plant species developed by commercial companies to provide color, texture, and foliage. Non-native plant landscapes are a food desert for native bugs and insects. Since birds eat native bugs and insects, these landscapes are a food desert for them as well. The Bird Friendly Yard program encourages homeowners to replace non-native landscapes with suitable native plantings.

2. Hazard Reduction. Residential yards are full of unintended hazards for birds. Homeowners are encouraged to modify their properties to reduce window collisions by birds, discontinue the use of common yard chemicals such as herbicides and pesticides, and decrease nighttime lighting. Homeowners are also encouraged to keep their house cats indoors.

3. Shelter and Supplemental Feeding. Homeowners are encouraged to provide season-specific food supplements, water sources for drinking and bathing, and shelters and roosts of various types where appropriate.

4. Personal actions. Homeowners are encouraged to compost food and yard waste, use rain barrels, and engage in citizen science projects.

AAS has developed a checklist to assist homeowners interested in participating in the Bird Friendly Yard program. Points are awarded for specific actions completed. A homeowner has to achieve a certain number of points to certify their yard as "Bird Friendly." For more information visit, http://arbirds.org/Yard/yard_bird_program.htm.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about this program or if you wish to begin the certification process.

*Cindy Franklin
ASCA President*

Buryl Keith Dunlap July 11, 1954 - March 22, 2016

The members of the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas would like to extend our sympathy to DeLynn Hearn in the passing of her husband, Buryl Keith Dunlap, 61, on March 22. He was born July 11, 1954 in DeQueen, AR. Buryl was a member of ASCA and a Master Gardner.

He is survived by his two children Miranda Hagans (Joe) and Aaron Dunlap (Tara), six grandchildren, and two sisters.

A memorial service was held March 26, at Faith Baptist Church in North Little Rock.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to DeLynn and the entire family.

Welcome New Members

ASCA would like to welcome the following new members:

John McDaniel
Cathianne Watkins
Tamalyn Block Wortham

Looking for a Fallout in Louisiana

Don Simons

Mount Magazine State Park, Park Interpreter

We three Birding Amigos, Jay Schneider, Shea Lewis, and myself, dashed down to my home stomping grounds in southwestern Louisiana in late April with hopes of catching a fallout. Our birding started just south of Interstate 10 when Shea spotted a Common Ground-Dove.

At Cameron Prairie NWR we were treated to all three ibises, both whistling-ducks, families of King Rails, Least Bitterns, gallinules, most of the tall waders, and gators.

Oak Grove provided a Willow Flycatcher calling to help us separate it from Alder Flycatchers. Tanagers and orioles added their bright colors.

Willetts, Ruddy Turnstones, gulls, and terns were at a nearby beach. At the jetties a Reddish Egret completed our egret list.

A midafternoon stop at a nature trail in Sabine NWR was almost overwhelming with a dense stand of mulberries loaded with fruit and migrants. Trees were full of warblers, vireos, tanagers, orioles, grosbeaks, waxwings, and flycatchers, mostly at eye level. One flycatcher called to declare himself to be an Alder. Soras and rabbits scurried along the edge of the tree line. A gator groaned to impress his mates. The action was so hot we walked only about fifty feet in two hours.



Roseate Spoonbill | Photo: Shea Lewis

In my hometown of Sulphur we checked on Louisiana's first nesting pair of Great Kiskadees.

The following sunrise found us checking the mulberry trees again. The action thinned overnight but was still interesting.

On to the famous Peveto Woods Sanctuary, which was saved from development by the Baton Rouge Audubon Society. The action was slow there. A tailless Yellow-billed Cuckoo looked odd.



Shea Lewis, Jay Schneider, and Don Simons | Photo: Shea Lewis

Beaches in the area produced Piping, Wilson's, and Black-bellied Plovers, six kinds of terns, both pelicans, and a few other trip birds.

Just after crossing into Texas above Interstate 10, a Swallow-tailed Kite silhouette was unmistakable.

Anahuac NWR produced a few species for our trip list. As did the Houston Audubon Society's High Island sanctuaries. Most interesting to me was the very active heronry at Smith Woods. Roseate Spoonbills, egrets, herons, and cormorants were a treat in their full breeding plumage and behavior. A couple of gators patrolled for any chicks to fall from their nests. They served a benefit in preventing raccoons and other predators from accessing the island.

On our way home we hiked a trail in the Big Thicket to see pitcher plants and sundews, two of the four carnivorous plants found there.

We passed through Red Slough and picked up a few more for the trip list including a White-rumped Sandpiper.

With a total of over 100 this was a great trip for all three. Shea and Jay picked up a few lifers. I added some to three state lists and enjoyed sharing some memories with mis amigos.

Did You Know?

According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's website, allaboutbirds.org, the oldest recorded Roseate Spoonbill was at least 15 years, 10 months old when it was recaptured and rereleased during a scientific study in Florida.

Roseate Spoonbills average 30 inches in length and have a wingspan of 47-51 inches. They nest in colonies, usually 5-15' above ground or water.

ASCA Members Seek High Adventures

Turning Tragedy into Triumph

Dan and **Samantha Scheiman** turned a travel tragedy into a triumph. On March 26 they arrived at the Little Rock Airport, ready to meet a tour group in Honduras. When the airline said Honduras would not let Dan in with a passport that expired in less than six months, they were floored. After pulling themselves together they decided to go to Puerto Rico (PR) instead - no passport required and they were already packed for a tropical vacation.

With tools like TripAdvisor, eBird, and a PR field guide app, they could figure out where to stay, where to bird, and what they were looking at.

On the grounds of Hacienda Siesta Alegre the life birds included the widespread Zenaida Dove, Greater Antillean Grackle, Mangrove Cuckoo, and Red-legged Thrush, as well as the endemic PR Woodpecker, PR Screech-Owl, PR Lizard-Cuckoo, and PR Tody (their favorite bird of the trip). In El Yunque, the only tropical rainforest in our National Forest system, they added PR Bullfinch and PR Spindalis. On the other side of the island they hiked the dry coastal forest of Guanica, and easily added three more endemics - PR Flycatcher, PR Nightjar, and Adelaide's Warbler. The introduced Venezuelan Troupial was a brightly colored bonus.

At higher elevation in Maricao State Forest, they heard though never saw PR Vireos, but got great looks at endemic Elfin-woods Warblers, a species discovered in 1968.



Guanica State Forest, Puerto Rico | Photo: Dan Scheiman

Among the mangroves in the coastal community of La Parguera, our pair jumped for joy when flocks of critically endangered Yellow-shouldered Blackbirds flew by.

Their final three days on the island they wished would never end as they enjoyed the luxurious surroundings and food of Casa Flamboyant, nestled within El Yunque. Nine endemics were easy to see, including poolside views of PR Oriole and PR Tanager. Overall, they saw 61 species, 30 life birds, and 15 of the 17 endemics.

One other memorable experience was a nighttime float through a bioluminescent bay, a true wonder of the natural world. Dan and Samantha say they could not have had a better experience if they had planned it in advance. And to top it all off, they still get to go to Honduras next March; Dan's new passport is already in-hand!

In Search of State and Life Birds

February through April found **Michael Linz** traveling far from home in search of state and life birds. During a 4-week road trip he birded his way through Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi.

In February Michael, along with birding buddy Patty McLean, who lives in Georgia, spent several days in Alabama. Stops included Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge near Decatur. Among the 103 species recorded were Little Gull and Whooping Cranes.

Michael made a special stop in Georgia to add a previously reported Varied Thrush to his life list.

April found Michael and Patty in Washington for the Olympic Peninsula Birding Festival. Among the 161 species recorded, 30 were life birds for Michael. A trip to Victoria, Canada yielded, 67 species and three lifers. Highlights there included Skylark and Redwing.

High Island Birding

Lance Runion traveled to High Island and the Bolivar Peninsula, Texas in late April hoping for a fallout. Alas, there was no fallout given the nearly constant winds from the Gulf and most of the birds seen could easily have been found here in Arkansas. However, shorebirds were plentiful including a few lifers like Piping and Snowy Plovers and a white morph Reddish Egret. The group was entertained by a Clapper Rail bathing in a pot hole near Rollover Pass.

Spreading Her Wings

Dottie Boyles

It's hard to believe Samantha Dixon has grown up right before our eyes and is now a graduate of the Little Rock Central High School Class of 2016. She will attend the University of Arkansas at Monticello this fall and plans to study natural resource management.

In 2007, at the age of nine, Samantha joined ASCA and began attending meetings and field trips with her father,

Jim Dixon. She served one year as an ASCA Board Member in 2015.

Also a member of the Arkansas Audubon Society, she spent two summers at the Halberg Ecology Camp, and another at the Advanced Camp. She won the Ruth Thomas Scholarship Award to the AAS Spring Conference in 2014.

Samantha is active in her church and loves KPop.

Upcoming Programs

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.

June 9, 2016 – A Reflection on Recent Environmental Legislation

Speaker: State Representative Warwick Sabin

Representative Sabin will discuss recent legislative activity regarding environmental issues in the Arkansas General Assembly.

Warwick Sabin is the Executive Director of the Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub and he serves in the Arkansas House of Representatives. As the State Representative for District 33, Warwick also holds the position of Assistant Speaker Pro Tempore for the 90th General Assembly. Before assuming his position at the Innovation Hub, Warwick was publisher of the *Oxford American* magazine. He has volunteered and served on the boards of directors for numerous community and nonprofit organizations and projects in Central Arkansas.

July 14, 2016 – The Natural State of The Natural State: A Brief Tour of Arkansas's Natural Heritage

Speaker: Theo Witsell, Botanist, AR Natural Heritage Commission

From the High Ozarks to the swamps of the Mississippi Valley, Arkansas was once a rich and patchy mosaic of grassland, forest, glade, and wetland. Theo's talk will explore the state's natural communities past and present, visit remnants of rare landscapes, and meet rare, endemic, and otherwise unique flora and fauna. Emphasis will be on how ecosystem processes, including anthropogenic management, shaped the native biota and how modern conservationists are working to secure the future of our natural heritage.

As the senior botanist and ecologist with the Arkansas Natural Heritage Program, Theo explores and inventories some of the best remaining natural areas in the central United States. His research helps identify conservation targets and prioritize sites for protection, restoration, and management within the state's System of Natural Areas and beyond. He serves as a regional reviewer for the Flora of North America Project and was co-editor of the recently published *Atlas of the Vascular Plants of Arkansas*. In 2014 he was named a Research Associate at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas.

August 11, 2016 – The Impact of Mutual Interest in Direct Advocacy

Speaker: Sarah Scanlon

As people we relate to the world based on our issues, interests, and values. When we are advocating for or against a particular issue we often miss the mark because we don't make the connection for the listener between how what we are asking for matches their issues, interests or values. All too often we feel as though we are yelling into the wind and we can't understand why people don't just listen to what we say. Together we can work on what that looks like when we are talking about the environment and specifically Audubon's priorities.

Sarah Scanlon most recently served as the National Director of Outreach for the LGBT Community and the Arkansas State Director for Bernie 2016 Campaign. She has served as the State Director for the Arkansas Voter Registration Project and State Director for Give Arkansas A Raise. She has also worked with Wellstone Action, a nonprofit based in St. Paul Minnesota with a mission to ignite leadership in people, and power in communities. When not on the road she lives in North Little Rock with her wife and young daughter.

Swainson's Warbler found at Bell Slough WMA



Photo: Danny Townsend

A Swainson's Warbler was discovered on Saturday, May 7, by several birders who visited Bell Slough WMA in Mayflower. After a post was sent out on the ARBIRD-L listserv, others birders arrived early the next morning in hopes of getting a glimpse of this hard to find species. They were not disappointed.

It was a life bird for several in the group including Danny and Rhonda Townsend. Rhonda said it was a wonderful Mother's Day gift.

Global Big Day Results

Dottie Boyles

On Saturday, May 14, the second Global Big Day was held. Birders from around the world took to the fields and forests recording a record 6,263 species in a single day. Globally 15,953 participants submitted 43,848 checklists to eBird.org.

In the United States, which included the District of Columbia, Texas took the number one spot for the most species (364) and New York submitted the most checklists (2,378).

While Arkansas dropped among the ranks from 40 in 2015 (181 species) to 45 in 2016 (173 species), the number of checklists submitted increased significantly (219) compared to 2015 (132).

Out of Arkansas's 75 counties, 35 reported activity, an increase of 12 counties, compared to 2015 (23). There was also an increase in the number of participants (71) compared to (57) last year.

The top county for the most species was once again Benton (123), followed by Pulaski (93). The most species reported by an individual was Karen Garrett (87).

The top county for the most checklists submitted was Pulaski (61), followed by Benton (34). Cindy Franklin took top honors with the most checklists (20).

Rare Bird Discovered on Friday the 13th at Bald Knob

Dottie Boyles

Friday, May 13th, turned out to be a lucky day for a few Arkansas birders, when Terry Butler and David Finch decided to visit Bald Knob NWR in search of shorebirds and other migrants. Much to their surprise they discovered a Long-billed Curlew feeding in a small wetland area less than 50 feet from Coal Chute Road. Terry made several phone calls and birders began arriving.

Several birders watched as the curlew probed the mud in search of prey items, often burying its very long bill up to its entirety in pursuit of unseen goodies. On occasion it would sit down and completely blend in with its surroundings.

A search of the Arkansas Audubon Society's database, at www.arbirds.org, by Kenny Nichols revealed a total of six previous records.

1. Two birds at Lonoke, *Lonoke*
31 Oct 1933 (Merritt G. Vaiden)
2. One bird east of Texarkana, *Miller*
9 Dec 1961 (Charles Gardner)
3. One bird southeast of Stuttgart,
Arkansas 18 Nov 1967 (Edith &
Henry Halberg, Ted & Marian
Johnston)
4. One bird at Arkadelphia, *Clark*
21 Apr 1980 (Thomas Duncan)
5. One bird along the Mississippi River,
Crittenden 7 Nov 1987 (Jeff Wilson)
6. One bird near Chesney Prairie, *Benton*
10 Apr 2008 (Joe Neal, Brandon
Schmidt, Joe Woolbright)

Once accepted by the Bird Records Committee, this will become the seventh record for this species.

The Long-billed Curlew was State Bird #380 for LaDonna and Kenny who exclaimed, "Now, I'm looking forward to the next Friday the 13th."



Long-billed Curlew | Photo: Dottie Boyles



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 more about birds from experienced birders, or perhaps a chance to see a life bird for those who list. For more information visit www.ascabird.org or contact Karen Holliday, ASCA Field Trip Coordinator, at ladyhawke1@att.net or 501-920-3246. Always bring plenty of water with you.

June 4, 2016

Kingfisher and Arboretum Trails, Pinnacle Mountain State Park

Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the park's West Summit parking lot near the picnic area restrooms at the base of Pinnacle Mountain. See directions below. The Kingfisher Trail is a 1/2 mile paved level loop trail. It runs along the Little Maumelle River through a bottomland forest. We'll look for birds, wildflowers, and butterflies. Next, we'll caravan to the Arkansas Arboretum Trail. This trail is a 3/4 mile paved loop trail with a slight incline. Louisiana Waterthrush, and other summer residents will be our target birds. Bring water and light snacks. This is a half day trip.

Directions to Kingfisher Trail: Take Exit 9 off I-430. Go 7 miles west on Hwy. 10, then 2 miles north on Hwy. 300. Turn right into the picnic area parking lot. GPS: 34.839211, -92.493480.

Arkansas Arboretum Trail: from the Kingfisher Trail, go one mile north on Hwy. 300, turn right onto Pinnacle Valley Road. Go 1.5 miles until you see the Arkansas Arboretum sign and parking lot on your right.

July 9, 2016

Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois D'Arc WMA

Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the south end of the commuter parking lot at the I-630/I-430 intersection at Shackleford Road in Little Rock. We'll stop at the McDonalds in Hope (Exit 30 off I-30) around 8:45 a.m. for those in south Arkansas who would like to join us. Look for Great-tailed Grackles at McDonalds. We should arrive at the Bois D'Arc WMA at 9:15 a.m. Our target birds will be Purple and Common Gallinules, Least Bitterns, Anhingas, Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, and possibly an alligator or two! Very little walking will be involved. Bring scopes, plenty of water, snacks, and lunch. There are several restaurants in Hope if you prefer to eat in town.

Bois D'Arc WMA is located 10 miles south of Hope. Take Exit 30 off I-30 and go east. Continue past McDonald's, then under the railroad overpass. At the light at the big intersection, turn right onto Hwy. 67. Go 1/3 of a mile. At the brown sign, turn left onto Hwy. 174. Take Hwy. 174 south 6 miles to the stop sign at Spring Hill. Turn right onto Hwy. 355. Go west for 4 miles. Turn right at the white wooden WMA sign just before the highway ends in the lake. Follow the paved road, then turn left onto the first gravel road and go down to the lake. GPS: 33.558062, -93.694239

August 27, 2016

Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge

Meet at 7:00 a.m. in North Little Rock in the Other Center parking lot, the east side behind McDonald's. Take Exit 1 West off US-67/167. The Other Center is on McCain Blvd. across from McCain Mall. We'll arrive at Bald Knob NWR at around 8:30 a.m. Look for the line of cars parked on Coal Chute Road. We expect to see shorebirds, herons, night-herons, and possibly Wood Storks and Roseate Spoonbills. It will be very hot so bring plenty of water, snacks, sunscreen, and a hat. If you have a scope, bring it. Very little walking will be involved. There are no bathrooms on-site.

Go to www.fws.gov/baldknob/ for driving directions. GPS: 35.260233, -91.571903



Field Trip Reports

Karen Holliday, Field Trip Coordinator

March 26, 2016

Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge

Great weather made it an absolutely perfect day to be out chasing birds. Sun, warm temperatures, and very little wind fired up the 30 enthusiastic birders with spring fever. At our first stop we found at least 400 Rusty Blackbirds flipping leaves and splashing everywhere in the flooded, recently burned hardwood tract. Walking down the road we saw Field, Swamp, Lincoln's, and Savannah Sparrows.

We drove to the first muddy field, which had areas of deeper water full of dabbling ducks. Throughout the refuge, we found the same mix of ducks in each flooded area. Northern Shovelers were the most abundant followed by, Gadwall, and Blue-winged and Green-winged Teal. Ruddy Ducks, Pied-billed Grebes, and Northern Pintails were also seen. American Coots were everywhere; in the water, sleeping on the levees, and sitting in the road.

Among the shorebirds scattered around the refuge were American Golden-Plovers, Pectoral Sandpipers, Wilson's Snipe, Long-billed Dowitchers, a plethora of Killdeer, and Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs.

A total of three Bald Eagles were seen throughout the day. We watched a juvenile eagle methodically hunt one of the flooded fields, flushing both waterfowl and shorebirds.

Other species seen included a pair of Barred Owls, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, Great Blue Heron, Tree Swallows, and a Purple Martin. A nice treat was a flyover of 45 American White Pelicans. --Karen Holliday

April 23, 2016

Lake Sylvia Recreation Area and Harris Break WMA

The weather was perfect as 33 birders met to look for early spring migrants. The best birding was around the parking lot, bathhouse, and along the edge of the lake where we found a Palm Warbler, Chipping Sparrows, Pine Warblers, Baltimore Oriole, Wood Duck, Spotted Sandpiper, Green Heron, Osprey, Eastern Kingbird, and various swallows swooping around the lake. A fun treat was watching a pair of Blue-gray Gnatcatchers come and go from their tiny, lichen-covered nest, and Eastern Phoebes visiting their nest.

We spent quite a bit of time walking The Trees of the Forest interpretive trail, an easy, gently sloped trail. Signs along the trail feature information on the variety of tree species found in the area. Our best birds were Yellow-throated, Red-eyed, and White-eyed Vireos; Black-throated Green, Black-and-white, Tennessee, and Yellow-rumped Warblers; Northern Parula; Scarlet and Summer Tanagers; Baltimore and Orchard Orioles; Pileated Woodpecker, and

a Ruby-throated Hummingbird. As the morning warmed up butterflies began to appear.

After a stop in Perryville to eat lunch, we headed to Harris Break WMA. The drive through the WMA netted us several warblers including Chestnut-sided, Black-throated Green, Yellow-throated, Kentucky, Black-and-white, Pine, Northern Parula, Common Yellowthroat, and Yellow-breasted Chat. Also found was a male Eastern Towhee.

We finished the day with 70 species. --Karen Holliday

May 14, 2016

Gillam Park and David D. Terry Lock & Dam

On a sunny, cool, beautiful International Migratory Bird Day, 31 birders convened at Gillam Park for a bird walk. At first it seemed as though we would do more walking than birding, but as we stood still to look for a vireo we detected more species and increased the bird:walk ratio. Both Red-eyed and Yellow-throated Vireos, as well as a Magnolia Warbler, two Summer Tanagers, and an immature male Blue Grosbeak gave everyone good looks. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Common Yellowthroat and Kentucky Warbler proved much harder to glimpse.



Birders gathered at Gillam Park | Photo: Dottie Boyles

A quick stop at the Little Rock Audubon Center netted us Orchard Orioles, Mississippi Kites, and Chimney Swifts.

We caravanned back-and-forth along Fourche Dam Pike looking for Western Kingbirds, and after a few flybys we all got close looks at a cooperative kingbird. An adult Cooper's Hawk was a bonus.

Then on to find our final target—Painted Bunting at Terry Lock & Dam. A multicolored male made an appearance immediately after playback. He perched high for fantastic, photogenic views. A Least Tern and a male Baltimore Oriole rounded out the list.

Together we tallied at least 54 species, including life birds for my fellow citizen scientists. --Dan Scheiman

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__Supporting	\$35			
__Patron	\$50			

*New Memberships paid in the last quarter (Oct-Dec), will include full membership for the following calendar year.

All Membership renewals are due January 1 of each calendar year and can be paid online via credit card at www.asca.org or mail a check to the address below.

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Reporting a Banded Bird

To report a bird with a Federal Band or Color Marker you can visit the U.S. Geological Survey website at: www.reportband.gov/.

Find an Injured Bird?

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