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Holiday Potluck and Silent Auction Little Rock Audubon Center

Join us on Thursday, December 14, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., at the Little Rock Audubon Center for our annual holiday potluck and silent auction.

This fun-filled event is a great opportunity to enjoy wonderful food, spread some holiday cheer, and exchange stories with fellow birders.

If you are bringing an item for the auction please be there by 6:00 p.m. in order to get the item(s) labeled and in place. We'll begin accepting bids at 6:15 and sit down for dinner at 6:30. Items can be purchased or handmade.

ASCA will provide the drinks. Plates, cups, and eating utensils will be furnished by Audubon Arkansas.

In addition to all the fun, we'll conduct one important point of business – election of Board Members for the upcoming year.

The Little Rock Audubon Center is located on the southeast side of Little Rock at 4500 Springer Blvd., just minutes from downtown.



To see the rest of this incredible mural you will have to visit the Little Rock Audubon Center. | Photo: Dottie Boyles

Take I-440 to exit 1, Springer Blvd. Go south (left) on Springer Blvd. Cross the railroad tracks, then look for the center and Audubon Arkansas sign on the right.

Bring your favorite dish and join us on December 14 for a fun-filled evening and a chance to visit with fellow birders from around the state.

Little Rock and Lonoke Christmas Bird Counts

Dan Scheiman

ASCA Christmas Bird Count Compiler

Now in its 118th year, the Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is a citizen science program and the nation's longest running bird survey. Have no doubts that your participation is meaningful – thousands of scientific studies have used CBC data, including National Audubon's latest *Birds & Climate Change Report* (climate.audubon.org).

On count day participants count all 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.

I organize two counts: Little Rock is Saturday, December 16, and Lonoke is Sunday, December 17.

Contact me at birddan@comcast.net or 501-366-0840, and specify the count.

Both counts have a great mix of habitats and have the potential to tally over 100 species, though Lonoke does so more consistently. Rarities found in the recent past include Rufous Hummingbird, Long-tailed Duck, Black Scoter, Glaucous Gull, Say's Phoebe, and the state's first Ash-throated Flycatcher!

There are many other counts across the state. Contact State Compiler Leif Anderson at 479-284-3150 ext. 3151 or email Leanderson@fs.fed.us for more information.

Participation is free. Make your birding count for the birds!

President's Column

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On September 25, 2017 the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) submitted a petition to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) to end the commercial harvest of wild turtles within the state. Other petitioners included the Arkansas Sierra Club, the Arkansas Water Trails Partnership, the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas, the Environmental Resources Center, and other individuals.

Turtles don't have feathers. They don't fly. Some of them eat baby birds that stray too far from the parents. They bask on logs. They wear shells.

So why did ASCA sign on to a petition to save turtles? Perhaps we should ask what do turtles do for us and why should we care what happens to them?

"The wholesale exploitation of aquatic turtle populations in Arkansas threatens the health of our water bodies. Aquatic turtles, from formidable snapping turtles to diminutive map turtles, serve an important purpose as the principal scavengers of our aquatic ecosystems. Without turtles to consume dead fish and debris on the bottoms of our waterways, water quality can decline and become unpleasant for wildlife and people alike." Excerpt from the CBD press release, September 25, 2017

There still are lots of turtles around. Why should we worry about commercial harvesting of a few wild turtles?

"Arkansas allows turtle harvesting from waters across roughly half the state, including

the entirety of the Arkansas and Mississippi rivers. According to AGFC harvest report records, 126,381 freshwater turtles were harvested from 2014 to 2016. This harvest was geographically concentrated, with two-thirds of those turtles taken from only five counties (in eastern Arkansas)." Excerpt from the CBD press release, September 25, 2017

Turtles live slow lives. Like birds most young turtles do not survive to become adults. Once they become adults, they can live up to 100 years if they avoid the hazards of their environments. They also reproduce in the slow lane. The removal of a few mature turtles in any environment can adversely impact population numbers 50 years or more into the future.

Asian markets began importing large numbers of North American turtles for food and traditional medicine after exhausting their own native turtle populations. During the last decade the CBD has successfully petitioned multiple states to restrict wild turtle harvests or ban harvesting outright in an effort to preserve native North American turtle populations.

AGFC staff in consultation with the Commissioners recommended deferring any change to turtle regulations until the spring of 2018 when other fish and aquatic wildlife regulation proposals are scheduled to be considered. This action was acceptable to the CBD.

Cindy Franklin, ASCA President

ASCA Membership Renewal

Just a reminder, ASCA membership renewals are due January 1, 2018 and can be paid on-line via PayPal through the Membership page of www.ascabird.org.

Checks can be mailed to Jim Dixon, Treasurer, 11805 Birchwood Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211.

Membership Level

Regular Membership – \$15.00
Students/Seniors – \$10.00
Family – \$25.00
Supporting – \$35.00
Patron – \$50.00

Welcome New Members

ASCA would like to welcome the following new members:

Carla Anderson
Judy Chadick
Dixie Grammer
Veronica Hernandez
Drew and Sherry Phillips

Great Backyard Bird Count

Mark your calendars now for the Great Backyard Bird Count to be held February 16-19, 2018. For more information visit: www.gbbc.birdcount.org

118th Christmas Bird Count

Leif Anderson
 State Christmas Bird Count Compiler

It's getting close to the coolest birding of the year, figuratively and literally.

The Christmas Bird Counts (CBC) are held around the Americas from December 14 through January 5. Counts have been conducted for 118 years - the oldest citizen science bird database in the hemisphere.

If you've seen Audubon's Climate Change Report, then you know the CBC and Breeding Bird Surveys supplied the data that made the report possible. Here is your chance to help the science, building toward future planned reports!

What's involved: Each 15-mile diameter count circle has a compiler. The circle is broken into sections with a group of volunteers for each. Each group then tries to find

all the birds in their area, within a calendar day. You count the birds you actually see and hear, not the birds that should be there. All counts could use more volunteers. However some are in need of help. Please consider participating in more than one, especially counts that may involve a drive or have less than 10 volunteers.

Skill and time levels: Birders of any skill level are welcome. The amount of time you spend is flexible. Some watch their bird feeder for an hour, while others go for 15+ hours out in the field.

For more information contact: Leif Anderson at 479-284-3150 ext. 3151 or email LeifAnderson@fs.fed.us; or a CBC compiler listed below for details.

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Conway	Sun - Dec 17	Allan Mueller	akcmueller@gmail.com
Lonoke	Sun - Dec 17	Dan Scheiman	birddan@comcast.net
Pine Bluff	Fri - Dec 29	Rob Doster	rdoster@hotmail.com
Lake Dardanelle	Mon - Jan 1	Kenny Nichols	kingbird@ymail.com
Mount Magazine	Fri - Jan 5	Don Simons	don.simons@arkansas.gov

Several counts have yet to be set. Contact Leif Anderson for details or subscribe to ARBIRD-L for regular updates.

In Search of Crossbills

Dottie Boyles

After Red Crossbills were discovered in September in the Ozark National Forest near Shores Lake, University of Arkansas Fayetteville graduate students Anant Deshwal and Pooja Panwar set out to record the birds vocalizations in order to determine their type.

The recordings were sent to Matt Young of Cornell University for review, who confirmed the birds were Appalachian (Type 1) Red Crossbills, a type of crossbill not previously recorded in Arkansas. Anant and Pooja were also able to record the begging call of a fledgling crossbill leading to the speculation that crossbills may have nested in Arkansas. Joan Reynolds and Joe Neal captured a photograph of a fledgling being fed by an adult.



Following the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas's field trip to Frog Bayou Wildlife Management Area on October 7, the group caught up with Joe, Joan, Anant, and Pooja who were making audio recordings of the crossbills.

Three Red Crossbills were found in the short-leaf pine trees with great views of both the male and female feeding on pine cones through Karen Holliday's scope. A life bird for most of the group.

With fingers crossed as a sign of success, the happy group of crossbillers are (left to right), Karen Holliday, Anant Deshwal, Joe Neal, Pooja Panwar, David Ray, Randy Robinson, Eleanor Bragg, Joan Reynolds, Stephanie

Sexton, Maria Apalategui, Jesse Apalategui, and Kevin Krajcia. | Photo: Dottie Boyles

Arkansas Saw-whet Owl Project

Mitchell Pruitt

In its third full season, the Arkansas Saw-whet Owl Project continues to see successes in the field. This has been a strange season, in that captures have been very spread out; migration halted-and-started several times due to warm fronts pushing from the south. Things are picking up recently for a total of sixteen captures so far this season: 15 female, 1 male. As field work often goes, it has been an eventful season!



Photo: *Mitchell Pruitt*

One female Northern Saw-whet Owl has been captured three times. Upon first capture, I was temporarily out of radio transmitters; the male she was traveling with received one, but she was released without. Upon second capture, she was particularly feisty and my field assistants were unable

to attach a transmitter. A week later, she was captured again and finally received a unit. Along with her were two other individuals captured in the same net-run, a new record!

Other notables from the season include the capture of two red morph Eastern Screech-Owls, a male and female. Both were hatch-year birds and likely locals. Non-avian captures include several eastern red bats and two white-tailed deer that tore a 9"+ hole in one of the nets! It is always interesting and incredibly fun!



Photo: *Charles Mills*

Darrel R. Meyerdirk November 2, 1937 - October 25, 2017

Darrel Richard Meyerdirk passed away quietly at Lakewood Rehabilitation Center on Thursday, October 25, 2017, following a lengthy illness, just a few days before his 80th birthday. He was born in Minot, North Dakota, to the late Perry Alvin and Hazel Ann Christianson Meyerdirk. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jess Alvin, and two sisters, Amelia Mary Long and Marlene Ardis Riggs.

He grew up in Modesto, California, and graduated from Modesto High School. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and proudly served for 6 years, most of which was spent at Little Rock Air Force Base (LRAFB) in Jacksonville. During his tenure at LRAFB, he met the love of his life, Carol Dodd. The couple married and celebrated 56 years together.

Darrel is survived by his wife, Carol, and two children: Karl Meyerdirk of Little Rock and Karen Meyerdirk

Liggett of Reston, VA; three grandchildren Everett, Carter, and Allison Leggett.

Darrel worked for Western Electric and related subsidiary companies for 29 years as an installer and technician. Travels with the company took him to many parts of the United States installing the first fiber optic cables.

He was an avid fisherman and knew all of the lakes in central Arkansas. He could catch fish when no one else was getting a bite. Darrel loved to share his bounty with his Sunday School Class, Friends-in-Faith, at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Darrel was a current ASCA Board Member and participated in many of ASCA's monthly field trips.

A celebration of Darrel's life was held at Trinity United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 28.

Birding in Ecuador

Lance Runion

In late October I traveled to northwestern Ecuador with Tropical Birding Tours on their Andes Introtour trip and spent eight days birding mainly the Andean foothills region just to the west of Quito with stops at the well-known sites of Yanacocha, Tandayapa Valley, Mindo, Mashpi and Reserva Paz de Aves. Although the weather was usually rainy or foggy, the bird numbers were good.

The eight-person group saw just over 290 species during the trip, of which approximately 80% were lifers.

There were too many stunning tropical birds to settle on a favorite, however, the birds that made the greatest impression included the Sword-billed Hummingbird (just one of 33 hummer species seen), the secretive antpitta including the appropriately named Giant Antpitta, the vibrant Blue-whiskered Tanager, and the occasionally hummingbird-eating Crimson-rumped Toucanet.

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.

December 14, 2017 – Annual Holiday Party & Silent Auction Little Rock Audubon Center

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Bring your favorite dish and join us for a fun-filled evening at the Little Rock Audubon Center, 4500 Springer Blvd., Little Rock. For more information and directions to the Center see page 1 of this issue.

January 11, 2018 – Annual Business Meeting

ASCA can exist only with active participation by its members. Our annual business meeting is your opportunity to provide input into activities for 2018 and help start the New Year off right for our organization!

All members are urged to attend. We will begin at 7:00 p.m., located at John Gould Fletcher Library, 823 Buchanan Street.

Due to the number of topics covered, there will be no program or guest speaker for this meeting.

February 8, 2018 – Private Land Conservation Programs and Projects Amanda Mathis, Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships, NRCS

Because so much of Arkansas's land is privately owned, private landowners have a large role to play in environmental conservation. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps private landowners with taking measures to conserve their soil, water, and wildlife. Amanda Mathis will provide an overview of these conservation programs and the environmental benefits achieved through voluntary conservation efforts across Arkansas.

Amanda Mathis began her career with NRCS in 2004, and has served in various positions including District Conservationist in Carroll and White Counties. She currently serves as the Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships, where she works with conservation partners (such as Audubon Arkansas) to provide information on conservation programs and issues, and enhance collaborative efforts to achieve common conservation goals. Amanda leads the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) and the Mississippi River Basin Initiative (MRBI) for the state. She holds a B.S. in Conservation and Wildlife Management from College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, MO, and a M.S. in Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences from the University of Arkansas. She and her husband reside on a small cow-calf operation in White County.

Election of Officers and Board Members

The election of ASCA Board Members for 2018, will take place on Thursday, December 14, at the Little Rock Audubon Center.

The nominating committee consisted of Karen Holliday, Robert Bays, and Joan Ellison. Karen announced the slate of nominees for 2018 at the October 12 business meeting. The slate was presented as follows:

One-year term as Board Members:

1. Robert Bays
2. Joan Ellison
3. Jane Gulley
4. DeLynn Hearn
5. Bill Shepherd
6. John Webb

Any ASCA member is welcome to make a nomination from the floor at the December meeting before the election is held.

Trumpeter Swans return to Magness Lake

Terry Butler

Kenny Nations of Heber Springs called on November 10, and reported seeing eight Trumpeter Swans on Magness Lake. I drove to the Verlon Abram ponds on Hiram Road and found 12 more.

The gates are open for viewing, but please be good stewards to his property and the swans. Do not feed bread to the birds. It is harmful not only to the swans, but other waterfowl as well.



Photo: Dottie Boyles

**DeGray Lake Resort
State Park
November 18, 2017**

*Karen Holliday
ASCA Field Trip Coordinator*

The Audubon Society of Central Arkansas's November field trip was held in conjunction with Arkansas Audubon Society's fall conference, held at the Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. Fourteen birders caravanned to DeGray Lake Resort State Park near Bismark. They spent the day coping with high winds with gusts up to 30 miles per hour, not favorable when scanning the lake. Mercifully, the temperature was mild. Sighting through jiggling scopes, we were able to pick out a few species bobbing on the surface of the lake. Best birds were Red-breasted Merganser, Common Loon, Bufflehead, Horned Grebe, Gadwall, and scaup. Birds in the air battling the wind were Ring-billed Gulls, Bald Eagles, Red-tailed Hawks, Turkey Vultures, and American and Fish Crows.

We drove to below the dam to the Caddo River hoping to get out of the wind and find Red-breasted and Brown-headed Nuthatches in the pine trees along the river. We briefly heard Brown-headed Nuthatches and Pine Warblers.

A small flock of Greater White-fronted Geese, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, Pileated Woodpecker, and Belted Kingfisher all flew overhead.

We finished the trip with a late lunch at the park's lodge. Being inside was very welcoming as we were all quite windblown by then. We tallied 32 species for the trip.



Photo: Dottie Boyles



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.

December 16-17, 2017

Little Rock and Lonoke Christmas Bird Counts

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January 27, 2018

Lake Dardanelle-Delaware Park and Holla Bend NWR

Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Mayflower commuter lot off I-40 West at Exit 135. We will carpool to Delaware Park, located on the southwest side of Lake Dardanelle. We should arrive at the boat ramp around 8:45 a.m. for anyone who wants to meet us there. We'll scan the lake for gulls, waterfowl, and eagles. A rare gull or duck is always a possibility. The lake can be very cold and windy so dress in layers, including hats and gloves.

Next, we'll caravan to the Holla Bend NWR headquarters' parking lot. There is a \$4.00 entrance fee per vehicle. A duck stamp or National Parks pass will get a vehicle in for free. Our target birds will be raptors, including nesting Bald Eagles, swans, ducks, geese, and sparrows. At Holla Bend, there will be some walking in tall grass, boots are recommended. We'll return to Little Rock late afternoon. Bring snacks, lunch, and plenty of water.

Directions from the town of Dardanelle to Delaware Park: At the junction of Hwy. 7 and Hwy. 22, go west on Hwy 22 approximately 10 miles. Turn right onto Hwy. 393, which is the first road on your right after you cross the long causeway at the west end of the lake. Hwy. 393 dead ends at Delaware Park.

GPS coordinates: 35.295749, -93.271458.

For more information about the refuge go to www.fws.gov/hollabend. The headquarters is at 10448 Holla Bend Road, Dardanelle, AR 72834.

GPS coordinates: 35.163222, -93.093477.

February 17, 2018

Two Rivers Park Bridge and Two Rivers Park

Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the Two Rivers Park Bridge located at 4468 River Mountain Road on the southeast end of the Two Rivers Park peninsula. We'll scope the river from the parking lot and bridge, then walk the paved trail. You can turn around at any point and head back. After returning to our cars, we'll drive to the west entrance of Two Rivers Park and walk the big field and horse trail. Both areas have a diverse population of sparrows. Knee-high rubber boots are recommend for the big field because of copious sand burrs. If any rare loons have been reported, birders can continue on to Lake Maumelle. Bring water, snacks, and a scope if you have one. We should finish around noon.

Take Exit 9 west off I-430 onto Cantrell Rd. At the first stop light, turn right (north) onto River Mountain Road. Go to the bottom of the hill then bear right to the main parking lot. GPS coordinates: 34.797931, -92.384704.



Field Trip Reports

Karen Holliday, Field Trip Coordinator

Bona Dea Trails and Sanctuary September 23, 2017

Fourteen birders gathered to explore the Bon Dea Trails and Sanctuary in Russellville. The day heated up quickly and very few birds were active during the morning. In the tall pine trees at the trailhead parking lot, we heard the squeaky call of Brown-headed Nuthatches. Within a couple of minutes a very noisy mixed feeding flock flew into the trees. Chattering Brown-headed and White-breasted Nuthatches were calling continually. Pine Warblers, Summer Tanagers, Northern Cardinals, and an American Redstart joined the crowd. After the flock moved on, we walked along the trail and stopped when we spotted a tree with two very large holes being jealously guarded by a Pileated Woodpecker who scolded us quite severely for being so close. We continued on and found adult and juvenile Wood Ducks in various ponds, along with Green Herons. Other good birds seen were Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Gray Catbird, White-eyed Vireo, and a noisy pair of Red-shouldered Hawks. By the end of the morning, we had seen 24 species.

From Russellville, a small group drove to Shores Lake, north of Mulberry, where Joe Neal had been reporting Red Crossbills. The first check of the area yielded zero crossbills, so we headed down to the lake. We returned later and heard the crossbills doing their flip-flip call. One female was seen briefly through a scope before the birds flew across the road. Recorded vocalizations of these crossbills were submitted in early September to Matt Young at Cornell Lab. He determined they were Appalachian (Type I) Red Crossbills, which had not previously been recorded in Arkansas.--Karen Holliday

Frog Bayou Wildlife Management Area October 7, 2017

Fourteen birders from around the state met at a truck stop south of Dyer before heading to Frog Bayou WMA. All weather reports had promised a less than 20% chance of rain, which turned out to be wrong. By the time we arrived at the boat ramp on the Arkansas River, it was raining steadily with misty fog. Barely visible on the river were several Great Egrets and a couple of Double-crested Cormorants. At the moist soil units the rain was still coming down. Knowing that Frog's clay mud is notoriously slippery when wet, I recommended we skip walking the units and go to the Alma Sewer Ponds. Several cars fish-tailed in the mud as we drove out of the refuge.

At the sewer plant a few Tree, Barn, and Rough-winged Swallows were spotted. Across the road in a small pond were two each of Snowy and Great Egrets, along with one

Great Blue Heron. Seeing the heron turned our luck for the day. The rain stopped and at the King Ranch property we found sixteen Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks, life bird for several! Some of the ducks flushed and as they circled the pond we could hear them whistling. A rare sound to hear!

We stopped at a U.S. Army Corp of Engineers campground and boat launch in Mulberry to eat lunch at a covered pavilion and plan our afternoon strategy. A call to Joe Neal confirmed there were Red Crossbills at Shores Lake. A 25-minute drive from Mulberry took us straight there. The first group out of the cars saw the crossbills perched in the top of a dead snag just briefly before they flew. They were later relocated in short-leaf pine trees feeding on pine cones. A female and male were both seen through the scope. Another life bird for most of the group! A big thank you to Joe, Pooja Panwar, Anant Deshwa, and Joan Reynolds who were at the site making additional recordings of the crossbills and helped us locate them.

Next stop was Lake Dardanelle and it was now almost 4:00 p.m. We pulled into one of the picnic sites below the dam on the Russellville side of the river, parked, grabbed our scopes and walked to the edge of the bluff. A brief scan revealed the juvenile Great Black-backed Gull reported earlier, sitting on the sandbar with American White Pelicans and Ring-billed Gulls. The ring-bills gave a great perspective as to how large the Great Black-backed Gull is. It flew a couple times giving us nice looks at its huge wingspan. Yet another life bird for several! We headed back to Little Rock pleased with the days adventures.

--Karen Holliday

DeGray Lake Resort State Park November 18, 2017



Field trip report on page 6. | Photo: Michael Linz

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Yellow-headed Blackbird | Photo: *Bob Harden*
Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge, New Mexico.

Audubon Society of Central Arkansas

Chapter Only Membership Application

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ASCA Dues Proration for New Members

	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec*
Membership Level	100%	75%	50%	100%
__Student/Senior	\$10	\$ 7.50	\$ 5.00	\$10
__Regular	\$15	\$11.25	\$ 7.50	\$15
__Family	\$25	\$18.75	\$12.50	\$25
__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.

Make check payable to ASCA and mail to: Jim Dixon, Treasurer, 11805 Birchwood Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211. Please note that "Chapter Only Members" will not receive *Audubon* magazine. To receive *Audubon* magazine, you will need to join the National Audubon Society (NAS).

Address changes should be sent to the following: If Chapter Only Member, notify both Leon Brockinton, c/o Brockinton Company, LLC at P.O. Box 6213, Sherwood, AR 72124, and Jim Dixon, Treasurer, 11805 Birchwood Dr., Little Rock, AR 72211. If NAS member, notify both Brockinton Company and NAS at P.O. Box 51001, Boulder, CO 80322-1001.

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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?

For a listing of an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission authorized Migratory Bird Rehabilitator in your area, visit their website: http://www.agfc.com/species/Documents/migratorybird_rehablist.pdf.

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