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poster - Audubon's Top Ten Tips for Saving the Planet. Informative and entertaining, this poster features drawings by Audubon Artist cartoonist Chip Bob, as well as straightforward how-to on recycling, waste reduction and more. Audubon's Top Ten Tips is a handy and easy-to-look-at reminder that you can make a difference for a better environment. It is perfect for hanging at home or in your office.

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Learn About Household Poisons

Birding the Bosque del Apache

Birding is the perfect way to relax between the holiday seasons before family pressures distract you from the joys of birding! Let the staff of the Randall Davey Audubon Center pander you on an overland birding adventure to the Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico, Saturday December 1 and Sunday December 2. Travelling by 15-passenger van, the trip starts in Santa Fe early Saturday morning. By your return late Sunday afternoon you will have perfected your skills in waterbird identification and made some great new friends. The cost is $125.00 per person and includes van transportation from Santa Fe, hotel accommodations, a gourmet picnic lunch, plus guide and instructional services. For further information contact the Randall Davey Audubon Center, F.D. Box 8014, Santa Fe, NM 87504-8014.

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A chapter of the National Audubon Society

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We've Come A Long Way!
The National Audubon Society has grown from a small group of concerned citizens protecting wading birds to one of the world's largest and most influential environmental organizations, in little more than a hundred years. Audubonists have been active in the century's most critical environmental battles, from achieving a ban on DDT due to its effect on wildlife to today's struggle to save the last ancient forests. And they include unforgettable personalities such as Roger Tory Peterson, Oscar Arias, and others.

Audubon's story has now been published and is available in bookstores across the country. Longtime Audubon magazine field editor Frank Graham, Jr., has written a 350-page book, entitled The Audubon Ark: A History of the National Audubon Society, published by Alfred A. Knopf. Royalties from its sale will benefit NAS programs.

Inspection Tour

ASCRA members participated in the 20th Annual Inspection Tour of the McGehee-Kerry Arkansas River Navigation System. The tour was held August 10-17 and conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District. Corps personnel aboard the inspection barge were cordial hosts to a large number of guests from businesses, chambers of commerce, state agencies and conservation organizations, including Petit Jean Audubon Society and Arkansas Audubon Society. There were lectures on the value of the navigation system, stabilization and maintenance procedures, operation of locks, and the proposed Morgan Point project.

While locking, we birders went downstairs and joined other guests in the air-conditioned meeting rooms. When underway, we were topside, viewing the habitat we passed and searching for birds.

Birding from a moving barge was a new experience for most of us, frustrating since your subject is constantly slipping away and you have no way of moving closer. However, it cannot be com-

pared with pelagic birding, as the deck of the inspection barge is roomy and stable. In fact, we could forget we were afloat until we bumped against the side of a lock chamber.

Most of the species seen were those to be expected along rivers: white; we lucked the opportunity to see 25 small land birds. Species most numerous was the Great Blue Heron. Flocks up to 70 Canada Geese were found in several locations, probably resulting from stock programs by Arkansas Game and Fish. We found endangered Least Terns at half a dozen locations; three or four of these sightings appeared to be nesting colonies. Belted Kingfishers were seen each day in many places. (Some people believe these species to be declining in our area.)

Other highlights included an immatura Bald Eagle, probably from the hailing program at Holla Bend, a very early Peregrine Falcon; a singing Grasshopper Sparrow in a grassy bank near an agricultural area; and Mississippi Kite at several spots below Pine Bluff. During the five-day tour, Max and Helen Parker recorded 60 species. ASCRA members who attended were Edith and Henry Halberg, Barry Haas, Alice Curtis, Florence Mallard, Mall White, Nancy King, Mildred Glover, Lynel York, and Max and Helen Parker.

Helen Parker
New ASCA Vice President

At the September 13th board meeting, Drew Phillips was elected ASCA’s Vice President. His term will expire in December 1991 when he will assume the office of President. Due to illness in her family, Cathy Mitchell had to withdraw as Vice President.

Two board members were also elected: Neil Curry and Al Phillips.

University Mall Country Fair

ASCA will have two booths at University Mall on October 12-13 for the 18th Annual Community Bazaar. Volunteers are needed to help with the booths. Contact Barry Haas at 225-0096.

Special Thanks

A special thanks is in order to Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Elder, Jr., of Little Rock, for their recent donation to ASCA. The funds will be used to help support our Audubon Adventures, a National Audubon Society program for students in grades 3-6. Over 300,000 students are enrolled nationally.

Ask us about Audubon Adventures if you are a businessperson, parent or educator who would like to consider sponsorship of a class. It is not too late to enroll for the remaining fall classes for the 1990-91 school year; the first lesson plan is for September/ October. The cost is $30 per year for up to 32 students and includes course materials and resource material for the teachers. Call any officer, board member or committee chairperson if you would like to help.

Bird Notes and News

On a trip to the Little Red River near Heber Springs, Glen McDaniel saw 71 White Pelicans, 2 Osprey, and 2 Spotted Sandpipers on September 18th.

Drew Harrington of Little Rock was seeing a Rufous Hummingbird at Arkadelphia September 4. Another was reported to the Rare Bird Alert in late August/early September.

On a trip to California in September, Max and Helen Parker saw a Least Storm-Petrel and a Black-vented Shearwater near San Diego. At Salton Sea they saw Blue-footed Boobies.

Doug James believes a second Green Violetear Hummingbird may be occurring in the Rogers area. He doesn’t think it’s the same bird seen in Lurton last month.

August and September sightings at Lake Chicot State Park include pelicans, egrets, herons (one Tricolored), Glossy Ibis, Wood Storks and Least Terns.

Black-bellied Whistling Ducks were spotted by Charles Mills at Millwood in mid-August.

Lance Peacock and Leslie Newell have been watching the Scott Sod Farm across from the old railroad station and saw Lesser Golden-Plovers, Lesser Yellowlegs and Upland Sandpipers during late August.

A couple of bluebirds raised a family this summer in David Luttrell’s Otter Creek backyard. They bathed in the bird bath, ate at the window feeder and even pecked at their reflections in the glass.

Report your sightings to Nancy King at 506 S. 1st. Street, Little Rock 72209, or call 372-4437.

Mark Your Calendar...

The program scheduled for the ASCA Board Meeting October 11th, “Saving Time for Arkansas,” will be a slide/tape show by Bill Shepherd about the Arkansas Heritage Commission. After his presentation, Bill will show slide strips from ASCA’s collection and there will be an identification quiz.

The annual ASCA Christmas Potluck Supper will be held Thursday, December 13th at Campbell Agristate between 6:00-8:00 pm. The program will feature slides from John Bridgman and Kathy Snyder’s trip to the Maine Audubon Ecology Camp this summer: Bring a plate, cup, utensils and food.

ASCA Education Programs

Florence Mallard conducted programs on birds at Winfield Methodist Church Circle Meeting and at the Stuttgart Agricultural Museum.

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It is important that new members join through ASCA, as a portion of their dues supports local activities.

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For Your Information

Endorsement

The Arkansas Conservation Commission is opposing a position paper opposing the damning of the North Fork of the Saline River. At the September 11th ASCA’s Board Directors voted to endorse this paper.

Recent books of interest

Wings on the Seine. Thalia Daniel’s final book of stunning bird photography is now available at Capitol Books.

Where the Birds Are by John Oliver Jones, is a new reference book that will tell you where to find the bird “hot spots.” It contains maps of all 50 states and marks bird sanctuaries, preserves, etc. complete with directions. Cost is $15.95.

The Birds of Arkansas by Keith Sutton, has just been published by Arkansas Game & Fish Commission. It is a 68-page magazine format with lovely color photographs (some by ASCA’s own Bob Lathrop) and informational text. Cost is $6.50 at GFC and $7.50 by mail.

Arkansas Mussels by John Harris and Mark Gordon is another new Game & Fish Commission publication. It is 32 pages of everything you ever wanted to know about Arkansas mussels plus color photographs. Cost is $3.50.

Want to Save Planet Earth?

For just a dollar, you can own the National Audubon Society’s brand new (continued on page 8)
Hummingbirds Attract Crowd
About two hundred people attended the September meeting of the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas to learn about hummingbirds. Dr. William Baltosser, an assistant biology professor at UALR, used slides and drawings to demonstrate ways of identifying different species of hummingbirds.
After his talk, Dr. Baltosser answered questions from the audience. He let those interested examine hummingbird study skins to get a closer look at the tiny creatures.
If anyone wants to get a good look at hummingbirds in order to test their identification skills, many of the local Ruby-throats can be seen at Pinnacle Mountain State Park Visitor Center through mid-November. The park also has study skins available for closer examination.

Field Trips
Date: Saturday, October 13th
Time: 9:00 am
Meet: Pinnacle Mountain State Park boat launch just east of Kingfisher Trail in the picnic area
Destination: A leisurely canoe trip on the Little Maumelle River
Primary Objective: Wood Ducks
Secondary Objectives: Egrets, herons, Black Vultures, Red-headed Woodpecker
Activity Level: Moderate active but no previous canoeing experience is necessary
Bring: Binoculars and a sack lunch, for sure. Raillong, hat and sunglasses, are necessary
This will be a trip on a scenic, slow-flowing river with lots of beautiful cypress stands, in addition to birds. Seating is limited to 16, so call John Brigham at 322-5086 to reserve a space.

Date: Saturday, October 20
Time: 9:00 am
Meet: Christ the King parking lot on Rockey Barham to car pool
Destination: A special trip to the Lorance Creek wetlands in south Pulaski County
Leader: Bob Steinheimer (Land Steward with the Nature Conservancy)
Primary Objective: Shoveler ducks and Redheads
We will explore this wetlands ecosystem which is being preserved for us and future generations (and some birding fun)
Bring: Sack lunch and binoculars
How about bringing your children or grandkids along on this one? Learn something new about the area. For more information call Barry Haas at 225-5086.

Don't Feed Peanut Butter Straight on bird feeders and they will get unnerved by birds. It is, if it is, may be fatal to small birds. It may clog the windpiles of other birds. The birds will get the seed in the cakes and in their mandibles and prevent them from eating.

In an article in the September issue of Birders' World titled "Peanut Butter" by Elizabeth Fears, the key to the survival of birds is dependent on what is used for bird feeders. The article includes data showing that peanut butter is eaten by many species of birds. However, it is not the same substance that is used to feed the birds. Instead, it is the natural form of peanut butter that is mixed with the bird seed and other bird feeders. The article also suggests that it is better to use a mixture of bird seed and peanut butter to feed the birds.

Reading Makes a Difference
The Audubon Society of Central Arkansas gave away books to a very select group of people. On Bill Shepherd's strong recommendation, the ASCA Board voted to buy 15 copies of a new book and give them away around Arkansas where make decisions about forest management. The book is called "Forest: An Earthly History" by Charles Fergus. The book is a collection of essays on the Biology and Conservation of Birds that Migrate to the Little Rock area. Included in the group receiving this book are Governor Clinton, Senators, Congressmen, and other state officials with the state parks, and others.
The book lacks the systematic inventory of threatened species and various forest management policies. Accompanying the book was a letter encouraging officials to read it and copy of Bill's review of the book.

Arkansas Audubon Council Update
In their annual report, the officers of the Natural Audubon Society as well as the Arkansas Audubon Society met on September 29 at Little Rock State Park to discuss the formation of an Arkansas Audubon Council. The meeting was attended by representatives from the following areas: the Central Arkansas Chapters, the Southeastern Arkansas Chapters, the Northwest Arkansas Chapters, the Southwest Arkansas Chapters, and the Arkansas Audubon Council. The meeting was held in the Central Arkansas Chapter meeting room, and the discussion centered around the formation of the Arkansas Audubon Council. The meeting was attended by representatives from the following areas: the Central Arkansas Chapters, the Southeastern Arkansas Chapters, the Northwest Arkansas Chapters, the Southwest Arkansas Chapters, and the Arkansas Audubon Council.

Recycling Efforts Get a Boost
The city of Little Rock is stepping up its recycling centers for glass, aluminum cans, and newspapers. The city is looking to expand its recycling program in the future to collect paper for a new plant in Morrilton that will make cardboard products.

As we previously reported, Kroger is already recycling glass, steel, and plastic. However, the company is now also encouraging customers to sort their recyclables into separate bins, which makes it easier for the company to process the materials.

Thus, the "yellow pages" program (page 590 in the Little Rock phone book) for nearby companies that recycle.

Recycled Paper
Paul Reskin paper from recycled fibers can reduce air and water pollutants by 50 percent! And every ton of paper we recycle saves 700,000 gallons of water and 4100 kWh of electricity, in addition to 17 trees. Recycling also helps us meet our landfill goals for items that can't be burned or recycled.

Keeping just one ton of paper out of a landfill can save 2200 barrels of raw material and 2200 gallons of water. Recycling is good for the environment, and it's a great way to reduce your carbon footprint.

-Southern Generation, Earth Day 1990
Bill Shepherd saw a Ruby-throated Hummingbird when he was six years old and he's been hooked on birds ever since. Bill currently serves on ASCA's Board of Directors but his association with the group goes back to his high school days, including a stint as president in 1975.

Although Bill was born and raised in Arkansas, he has traveled extensively to see birds, including trips to Europe, Belize, Guatemala and Mexico. He describes his trip to Venezuela last year as "great fun because "what's just ordinary there was simply fantastic to me, such as the Long-tailed Silly and the Hoatzin."

Bill frequently adds a thoughtful, resonant voice to monthly ASCA meetings and he's characteristically modest about his own achievements. "I guess the outstanding experience of my life was when I discovered a Rufous-crowned Sparrow on Mt. Magazine in late December 1989 just before the summer of 72. No one had seen one before in the state and we later discovered them nesting here," he said. Bill is very particular about his special sparrows, as well as monitoring Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and Red Crossbills in the state. When he leads field trips dressed in his trademark battered hat and snake protector, Bill is in his element. It's hard to imagine Bill has an advanced degree in classical studies and taught Latin and Greek for 13 years. It's also a lifelong interest and he confesses "musical training helps improve your ear for recognizing bird calls."

As a staff member of the Natural Heritage Commission, Bill gets both aesthetic satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment from his work with the agency. "I feel we are not at this time trying to make our common environment as rich and varied as possible," he explained. "It makes my job fun, and it makes me feel I am doing something worthwhile."

-Nancy King

Member News

Grassland and Conservation Issues

Joe Lovewick Fish Hatchery in the northern part of Lake Yellowstone. I also saw an immature Ferruginous Hawk on Timp Creek in Idaho with a full crop of African Woodpeckers, and I spent a lot of warm days I couldn't identify, plus many species of cacti. Two nights were spent in the National Audubon Society's Southerly Patagonia Preserve and to Kinlo Springs. Early morning bus tours to the late Tom Mull, then head of the Arkansas Audubon Society and his wife, Pat, have added to the late Tom Mull, then head of the Arkansas Audubon Society and his wife, Pat, have added to the Arkansas Audubon Society. They were with us in February, and then the chinook in her came out!

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