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Eight Trumpeter Swans are wintering at Magnolia Lake near Hobor Springs. They fly in 11,2 and 19 according to Tommy Dann. On an afternoon field trip for Bird Club 20th Anniv., 11/13, Mel White spotted three Bald Eagles at Lake Maumelle. Leif Anderson counted 15 waterfowl species including Red-breasted Merganser on an outing to the Halifish Fish Hatchery at Arkadelphia on 11/11.

At the El Dorado oxidation ponds, "Shing Shupart saw White Ibis on 11/9.

At the Arkadelphia oxidation ponds, Dolores Harrison saw an Oldsow on 11/7.

Don Simmons spent 10.1 birding around Chicot county and saw White Ibis, Osprey, Peregrine Falcon and Great Horned Owl.

A late migrating Sand Martin was seen by Paul Stoddard 9/17 at Cenonner near Rogers.

Rusty Baldwin was the first to report the in-migration of American White Pelicans on 9/27.

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Hotlines

National Audubon Hotline: 202-222-1577 or 1-800-438-5888

Congressional Reference Service: 202-225-1772

Hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

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CABOT: Walter Cleary, DelphineHames, CharlesMyers, DrColM sad Nahlen, JohnZiegler

JACKSONVILLE: Karen Schiemer, W MWhalen, Thomas Wheeler

LITTLE ROCK: Jack Ammer, Barbara Bender, HenryHercules, 4 WillisBrown, Mike Carter, Tris Clark, fikak光荣, Frank Crawford, James Creighton, KayCraford, MabelEulenspen, JuneFainley, laura Glenn, JoyceGower, wallace Hunley; Rose Harrison, R H Hodges, hiHolloran, GabrielJohntson, Mr MichaelJohnson, Celesta Milla, Debra Montgomery, R P Forerunner, Clifton Rogers, Clyde Rogers, James Rogers, Martha Romine, Karsten Stulder, Howard Steen, Frank Vansummer, Asa Venn, edward Wilson

LONoke: Barbara Emerson, moss Whitfield

MAREVALE: Fay J Bowen

NORTH LITTLE ROCK: Leah Hobson, John lansford, James Munro, Mance Park, W Plunkett, Anna Tarkington, Deborah Turner

SHERWOOD: John Honey

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 9, Thursday, 6pm. ASCCA Christmas Potluck Supper. See article.

December 11, Saturday. ASCCA AWF Bird Seed Sale at Tanglewood Shopping Center.

December 18, Saturday. Little Rock Christmas Bird Count. See article.

December 19, Sunday. Lonoke Christmas Bird Count. See article.


January 5, Saturday. ASCCA AWF Bird Seed Sale continues at Tanglewood Shopping Ctr.

January 13, Tuesday. 7pm ASCCA monthly meeting at Game & Fish Commission building.

January 15 & 22, Saturday. Annual Holla Bird Band Field Trips. See article.

January 22 & 23, wknd. PMSP Harge Trips on Lake Maumelle to see eagles, waterfowl. Call 868-2080 for prices, times, reservations.

February 5, Saturday. Bird Seed Sale final day. Come by Tanglewood.

February 10, Thursday, 7pm. ASCCA monthly meeting at the G&FC Bldg.

February 12 & 13, wknd. Jane Gallecy presents her "Eagle Awareness" program at PMSP. Free, but tickets required 868-2080.

February 20, Sunday. Illustrated Workshop at PMSP. Call 868-2080 to reserve a space.

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On 9-24 David Lumeau spotted a Red-breasted Nuthatch at Little Rock. There seems to be an invasion of these birds in the south.

At Lake Millwood on 9-23 Charles Mills observed a Sabine’s Gull that stayed for a few days.

And a Rufus Hummingbird at Barbara Mullins’s NLR home has been feeding there since 8-27. —Robert Crabtree, Rare Bird Alert

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ’94

Nature expeditions abound in 1994. Here are some upcoming trips/adventures:

• Birding in Costa Rica with Shirley Lacy on January 8-20. (1-800-451-7111)

• Birding in Belize with Doris Weyer on January 21-31. (501-456-7174)

• Sight-seeing in Belize with Doug James on February 19-24. (501-375-3855)

• Birding in Falkland Islands with Tom McRae on May 25-June 8 and June 7-21. (901-701-271)

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National Wildlife Federation Legislative Hotline: 202-797-6665. A four-minute message updated Tuesdays. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days.


To learn the current status of any Federal bill, call between 9am and 6pm. Be sure to have the bill number or official title ready.

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BALD EAGLES SOAR AT HOLLAND BEND

On a typical January day at Hollon Bend National Wildlife Refuge, folks can see Bald Eagles, Northern Harriers, follicles of snow and Canada Geese, and many species of ducks. Last year, those who made the trip even had the great fortune to see a Merlin. You never know what we might find.

Join us for ASCCA’s trek to Hollon Bend on January 15th and January 22nd. Dress warmly to ward off the chilly winds and bring a sack lunch and drinks or a midnight snack. Don’t forget binoculars and we’ll supply spotting scopes.

This trip makes a great Christmas gift for kids and grandkids...and at $11/person, it’s quite a bargain.

HELP US SELL BIRDSEED

Got a free Saturday? ASCCA needs volunteers to help staff our Annual Bird Seed Sale. If you can spare a few hours between 9am and 5pm on December 11, January 8 or February 5, we can put your work to good use. Actually, it’s easy and fun. Please call Barry Hesse (225-996).

"WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED"

A new store in Little Rock is catering to the needs and desires of backyard birders. ASCCA’s "Wild Birds Unlimited" and you’re greeted by the soothing sounds of purging water, wind chimes and soft music. The dark green and natural pine walls offer a backdrop for a wide variety of products from feeders to greeting cards to great sweatshirts.

Unusual jewelry, books, videos and G & S’s bird motif linens, notecards, welcome mats and sweatshirts, colorful banners, wallpaper and cushions, sunscreen, wreaths and custom made gift baskets. There’s a Kid’s Corner.

ASCRA hopes "Wild Birds Unlimited" is a resounding success.

—Nancy King

NEW STORE WITH A MISSION

"We want you to know what you’re buying," said Janice Fisch Vogt. "And we want you to know how it’s used with the money we get." Customers appreciate this attitude. WBU stocks many standard items as well as specialty items hereon available only in catalogues. The Fischvogts carry a dozen types of tube feeders alone. Gift items include unusual jewelry, books, videos and G & S’s bird motif linens, notecards, welcome mats and sweatshirts, colorful banners, wallpaper and cushions, sunscreen, wreaths and custom made gift baskets. There’s a Kid’s Corner.

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For your diet...but remember your slides, it’s once again time for ASCCA’s Christmas Potluck Supper. We’ll have a fire burning in the big stone fireplace, lots of holiday music and the table full of delicious food. Plus, we’ll enjoy each other’s company.

The Christmas Potluck is set for Thursday December 9th, 6-8:00 pm at Camp Aldergate. We’ll have dinner, hold our annual election and view members’ bird slides. Bring a favorite dish—the one that always gets rave reviews—and we’ll provide plates, stemware and drinks. If you have bird slides from an exotic trip or from a feeder or backyard, please bring them to share.

Everyone’s welcome so invite a friend, include the kids, bring along your parents. See you December 9th!Directions: Camp Aldergate is on Aldergate Road, just off Kanis Road on the east side of 1-40. Turn south on Aldergate and watch for the exit to Camp Aldergate on the right. The Martin Building is one of those closest to the entrance.

Christmas Potluck

"Wild Birds Unlimited" at 1818 North Taylor Street
THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
A little over four years ago I attended my first ASCA meeting. The reason I went was to learn more about birds and how to identify them. After a short slide program, the Board met. That was when I discovered ASCA was more than just birds.

The next month Harry Ilaas asked me to be the Conservation Chairman of ASCA for the following year. I reluctantly accepted the job and it was one of the best decisions I ever made. The time spent as ASCA’s representative to the Conservation Coalition taught me the importance of environmental protection.

In 1992 I became president of ASCA. Since then, we have added new fund raisers like the Birdathon and this fall’s Raffle Stamp. We have continued our educational program at our monthly meetings and in the local schools with Audubon Adventures. We have helped college students with financial support in their graduate studies. We have introduced birder and ASCA to many people through our Crisp Bird Circuses at Pineapple Mountain State Park.

Although money is tight we have been able to accomplish a lot and stay close to our budget.

The past two years have taught me that ASCA is many things—birds, environmental protection, education and research. But most of all, ASCA is people. The greatest gift I have received from ASCA is the opportunity to meet and make friends with the finest people I have ever had the pleasure to know.

I want to thank you all for this opportunity and I trust easy knowing I leave ASCA in the capable leadership of Bill Shepherd.

—Judy M. Phillips

Birder’s Journal

LAKE MAAMELLE OFFERS GREAT WINTER BIRDS

Lake Maamelle, a favorite site for central Arkansas birders in winter, often hosts a good variety of waterfowl and other species. From the intersection of I-430 and Hwy 10 in Little Rock, drive 4.6 miles west on Hwy 10 to Hwy 301. Turn right and drive 2.7 miles to a turnoff on the left marked Little Rock Water Works.

On the left just after the turnoff is a corral where you may find Pileated Woodpecker, Great Blue Heron, Bullhead (common), Hooded Merganser (uncommon) and Belted Kingfisher. A little farther to the dam, at the parking lot, scan the main body of the lake for Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Lesser Scaup, Common Goldeneye and Red-breasted Merganser. Scan the tall pines around the shoreline for Bald Eagles, which have become regular visitors at this location in the past few years. Ravens seem to have invaded the area and are often seen perched on pines. Western and Least Grebes, Oldsquaw and White-winged Black Tranwanters should be seen. A few loops on the lake will quickly see the diversity of waterfowl and gulls. An abundance of the usual ones such as American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Ring-billed and Little Gulls are often observed. The lake is also good for Black-crowned Night-Heron and great blue herons. Also watch for the park rangers, who often observe the lake from the parking lot and can provide an interesting walking path around the lake. A few loops on the lake will quickly see the diversity of waterfowl and gulls. An abundance of the usual ones such as American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Ring-billed and Little Gulls are often observed. The lake is also good for Black-crowned Night-Heron and great blue herons. Also watch for the park rangers, who often observe the lake from the parking lot and can provide an interesting walking path around the lake.

The lake is surrounded by a walking path that provides a good view of the lake and the surrounding area. The lake is located in a scenic area, with a mix of forest and open areas, providing a great habitat for various bird species. The lake is well known for its diverse bird population, with species such as the Canada Goose, American Black Duck, and Mallard being common.

In addition to the birds, the lake is also a popular spot for fishing and boating. The lake is a great place for bird enthusiasts to spend a day out and enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

—Bill Shepherd

WARREN PRAIRIE ATRAITS

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ELEGANT HENSLOW’S SPARROW

Ten canvasback ducks drove down to Warren Prairie Natural Area on Wednesday to see how the Henslow’s Sparrow, a species under federal review for possible listing as threatened or endangered. This day’s objective was to learn how the same habitat attracts Henslow’s in summer, as it seems to in spring, and whether birds might ever be likely enough to expect to have a chance of finding a Henslow’s on Warren Prairie.

It appears the answer is YES. After two hours of traipsing through grass while their boats gradually filled with plant debris, the ten spotters were rewarded with a long look at a Henslow’s sitting in a pine sapling. A few minutes later they got a long look at a second Henslow’s perched on a tree. It was a life bird for six of the crew.

Other species of interest observed during the visit included Red-headed Shark, Brown-headed Nuthatch, and two different Sedge Warblers at arm’s length.

Several plots have been made for another such effort in late March 1994 and a mid-winter probe may be conducted until season and the Christmas Bird Counts. Watch the Scope for announcements.

—Bill Shepherd

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CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR ASCA OFFICERS AND BOARD

Your vote counts. The Nominating Committee meeting December 9th, all members will have the opportunity to cast a vote for chapter officers and board of directors. An appointed nominating committee submitted a slate of interested candidates in October.

The ASCA officers (two year term) include: Holly Felix, president, Rob Doster vice president, Alice Curtis/secretary, Barry Hamilton, and Nancy Kingdon.

Nominates for the Board (one year term) include: Neil Cary, Mildred Glover, Florence Mallard, Drew Phillips, Bill Shepherd, Mary Ellen Stockdale.

The membership will also be asked to ratify the president’s selection of chairperson. The list includes: Birdahn Drew Phillips, Christmas Count J. Lyndal York, Conservation: John Holloman, Susan Murray, Field Trips: Gary Smith, Hospitality Sherri, Phillips, Membership: Carl & Myrna Rynum, Publicity: Leslie Parrock, Rambird Alert Roberta Cubbage, Telephone: Mildred Glover, Education & Youth Activities: Del yarn Holleman, Lia Bent, Barbara Wie.

ASCA will also accept nominations from the floor at the December meeting.

Christmas Bird Count weekend will be Saturday December 18th in Little Rock and Sunday December 19th in Little Falls.

The National Audubon Society uses Bird Count data to track avian population trends. Call Lyndal York (421-3922) to volunteer. If you want to sit inside and count birds in your backyard, call Edith Hubbard (463-9812).

And if you plan to be in another part of the state, call Barry Harris (225-5006) for other Count areas contacts.

—Bill Shepherd

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—Bill Shepherd

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