**JULY PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON THE GREAT PIED HORNBILL OF INDIA**

Rob Dobson has arranged an international program for ASCA on July 13. Dr. R. K. Mani, a biology professor at Westark College and Graduate College, and Dr. Doug James, a biology professor at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, will be the featured speakers. The program will be centered around Dr. Mani's doctoral thesis on the endangered Great Pied Hornbill of India. The professors will discuss the bird's life history, diet, habitat requirements, and its influence on the local ecology. An article based on this research was published in the June 1995 issue of Wildlife Conservation Magazine.

Please join us for this meeting at the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission Board Room, 2 Natural Resources Drive, LR. ASCA meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Members and guests are welcome.

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**COMING IN FOR A LANDING AT THE ANNUAL ASCA JUNE POTLUCK**

The annual ASCA potluck will take place on June 24 at Maumelle Park. ASCA has reserved Pavilion 4 at the Corps of Engineers next from 4 pm until 9 pm. Everyone needs to bring a favorite dish, either an entrée, vegetable or dessert. ASCA will supply the table, utensils, and drinks. Meal time will start around 6 pm.

We are working on some fun and games to go with the potluck meal, and we'll have some in your hand for this beautiful day. As a good occasion to bring your kids along (and bikes and fishing poles are optional). There is plenty for both young and old to do. Maumelle Park is located along the Maumelle and Arkansas Rivers. The fishing is usually pretty good for June, so come and enjoy the camaraderie and good food.

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**OVERNIGHT SHOREBIRD FIELD TRIP TO MEMPHIS IN SEPTEMBER**

Mark your calendars now for an excellent field trip coming up September 8-9. We will travel to Memphis, Tennessee, on Friday night. At our motel, expert birder Jeff Wilson will present a slide program on shorebird identification. The conservation is worth it to a local hot spot for shorebirds in Memphis where we'll have a chance to study a variety of species up close with detailed commentary from Jeff about how to tell these often-confusing birds apart.

This is a rare opportunity to learn ID tips from a group of birds we don't often get to study. More details will be printed in the next Snipe. In the meantime, make note of the dates, September 8-9, and plan to go with us to Memphis.

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**BIRDING AROUND THE HOUSE CAN SEEM LIKE GRAND SPORTS**

The variety of species you can see and hear around the house is amazing. It started for me with a brightly colored male Hooded Warbler that showed up one Friday afternoon in early April. I didn't spot it first, though. I heard it there, nonetheless. It showed up again two days later and came within 15 m when I made a quiet sound. A black-and-white Warbler also popped up out of the foliage behind the house as the second avian treat. The Hooded Warbler was the first I remember in over 11 years living in the same house.

Just like clockwork, a Red-headed Woodpecker showed up a few days later at the back feeder as if to say, "Spring is now officially started. I'm here!"

Then one overcast Monday morning, I heard two familiar songs from Blue-winged and Tennessee Warblers. I surprised even myself by remembering the blue-winged's long song as I seldom either see or hear the bird. But a little investigation gave me a good look at both warblers, the blue-winged being hands-down the better of the two.

One morning a few days later, I looked up from my computer screen to spy a female Ruby-throated Hummingbird hovering just outside my office window. Like others in years past, she seemed strangely attracted to the stained glass bird attached to the window. The stained glass has a small touch of unigee or reddish color, and during hummingbird season, they never fail to hover just outside the window while deciding whether or not this object is a potential food source.

It was after mid April and migrating warblers and others were coming through the state in great numbers. Nearly every day would reveal a different species, new ones that I hadn't encountered before. That's okay, as I was happy to welcome my familiar avian friends back for another year. Each spring

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**JUNE BIRDING ENDEAVORS**

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**WALK AT THE WILDFLOOD**

Meet at Wildflood Park, Saturday, June 10, 7:15 am. ASCA members will be leading a bird walk in conjunction with the annual Wildflower arts festival. This is a very pretty woodland area west of Little Rock and should have a good selection of breeding birds.

Go out Cheval Parkway to Kanns, then take Kanns to Denny Road. Wildflood is at 2019 Denny Road. Coffee, juice and sweet rolls will be on sale. For information, call Barry Hays, 225-806.

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**... THEN TREK TO THE OZARKS**

Let's head for the Ozarks Mountain early on Saturday, June 17, 7:00 am, to look for such breeding species as Cerulean, Worm-eating, Hooded, Black-throated Giroin, and Cerulean Warblers, Ovenbird, Scarlet Tanager and many others. These beautiful Ozark valleys have turned up a lot of surprises for birders in the past.

Meet at Christ the King Church, 7:00 am. Carpool and the folks at the Ozarks will bring lunch and drinks. Leader to be announced. For information, call Mel White, 664-8976.
THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GONE BIRDING!!!

Holly Felix

This has been a Rose-breded Grossbeak spring. Everyone that has a feeder must have been visited by one or more. Now to recall what has been seen.

February 3: Don Simons reported Western Meadowlarks at Lake Chickasaw Park.

February 3: Twenty Smith's Longspurs were seen at the Sturgunt Airport, Bill Shephard and Lydell York.

February 6: Kenny Nichols reported 12 Short-nailed Owls east of Scanty and by February 17 the numbers had grown to 201 or more.

March 27: Al Phillips reported the first spring migrants—Black and White Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, and a Louisiana Waterthrush at Pinchake Mountain State Park.

March 28: Perk Floyd saw his first Indy-bred thornbill hummingbird for the season at his feeder. Won't be long until he will be busy buzzing hoppers again.

March 6: A Rose-breasted Grosbeak was seen at the Delta Vista Lake by Mike Milodowin.

March 18: Dolores Harrington reported an Iona Dove at Arkadelphia.

April 5: Bill Shepard reported a Peregrine Falcon at the Wooten Bank building in Little Rock.

April 22: Don Simons identified and photographed 3 Fan-tailed Whistling-Ducks in Chicco County.

April 27: Christy Weed had 3 Painted Buntings at her feeder in Little Rock for 5-days. April 30: Georgia Shedwell saw Black Turn, Piping Plover, and she saw a Peregrine Falcon off the parking lot and a sunbird at the Centerfield Finch House.

May 1: Mike Parker had Indigo Buntings and a Rose-breded Grosbeak at his feeder in Little Rock.

May 1: Ed Davis saw a Redstart at Warhol.

May 2: A Swainson's Warbler, Swainson's Thrush, and a Hooded Merganser in a duck pond were seen at Pinnacle Mountain State Park by Ed Davis.

May 2: Dolores Harrington saw 30+ Wilson's Phalaropes at the oasis ponds in Arkadelphia.

May 3: Dodic Thompson had 6 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks at her feeder in Rose City, Little Rock.

May 3: Neal Curby of Pinnacle Mountain State Park had a Painted Bunting, White-crowned Sparrow, and 5 Indigo Buntings at his home feeder.

May 10: Perk Floyd had 25 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks.

from the Ozarks to the Mississippi... discover Arkansas's great birding spots!

In early May, at the 40th anniversary celebration of the Arkansas Audubon Society, Mel White's brand new ABA Birding Guide came under the scrutiny of the state's most active and dedicated birders. Some of these birders worked with Mel to transform this book into the most up-to-date bird records into the book's seasonal occurrence and abundance bar graphs. Others suggested productive birding routes throughout the state and helped to field-check the maps and text. But, in truth, all Arkansas birders—past and present—have contributed to the creation of this new guide through their dedication to Arkansas's birdlife and the preservation of its habitats.

To you birders, who haven't yet discovered Arkansas's potential—in every season, why not plan a trip this year around these local birders' favorite spots?

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Mel describes 59 top birding sites—most have detailed maps—and gives further information about where to look for Arkansas's specialties. A Bird's Guide to Arkansas is the 8th guide in ABA's new format with wire-O binding.

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