Welcome New Members


Crash Bird Course

HOTLINE

Congressional Reference Service: 202-225-1772 Learn status of any Federal bill, have number or title of bill ready. 9am to 7pm.

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Rare Bird Alert
Pinnacle Mountain State Park. A Volunteer reported sighting a pair of Affiliated Woodpeckers along the Arboretum Trail. Randy Johnson, Park Interpreter.

1997 Birdathon
We need two things. Participants who agree to a whole day of birding, and others who pledge money for every species identified. Interested? Call Barry Haas 225-5096 or e-mail babider@aol.com

Next Snipe Deadline is Mar.15th
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The Snipe
The smallest band of birders in some years showed up for ASCA's annual bus trip to Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge on January 11. Braving the very cold temperatures was definitely worth the effort for all involved, and having a heated bus nearby was a definite plus for the trip. Large flocks of snow geese could be seen cruising the refuge throughout the day and a single large tree revealed six perching bald eagles. A total of 20 or so eagles were spotted during the day. A walk along the levee to find long-eared owls turned up empty, but we did see quite a few Northern harriers and red-tailed hawks. A big treat was the large number of American pelicans seen bobbing in the water as well as floating lazily overhead.

N e e d e d : M e m b e r s h i p
Chair and Publicity Chair. ASCA is actively seeking several volunteers who want to help us do what we do. Educate the public about avian mallard, sightings, issues, etc. If you are wood interested, contact Rob Doster (664-7964) or Barry Haas (225-5096) for more information about the available positions.

Myra has sent in her resignation as membership chair and Carl previously resigned as publicity chair, Myra has agreed to continue until replacement found, she can train. Carl's Jacksonville P.O. Box is ASCA's return address until we get someone with a box number.

Membership person needs computer and P.O. box, unless he/she wants to pay a postman every day or so for returned Snipes.

Carl and Myra Runyon will be sorely missed.

The Snipe
20 Eagles seen
The President's message

As we welcome a new year we are faced with a new Congress taking shape in Washington. Some of the faces are new this time, though many are still the same. The 105th congress will be getting down to business as you read this and the big question is — will it have the same anti-environmental agenda that plagued the 104th? You will likely remember the all-out assault on the environment that took place during the last session, resulting in attempts, mostly unsuccessful, to overturn twenty-five years of progress in protecting and preserving the environment. Under the gun were: the Endangered Species Act, National Wildlife Refuges, National Forests, Wetlands, the Clean Water Act, and so on and so on. Here are just a few of the topics we can expect to see addressed in the next two years: A continued

debate over reauthorizing the Endangered Species Act with further attempts to weaken this significant legislation. The 1987 Mining Law, which practically gives away Federal land for commercial mining purposes, is likely to receive more attention since reform of this law was cited as a campaign promise by the President. Alteration and manipulation of the laws that establish and govern our National Wildlife Refuge system may once more come under siege. Wetlands should also reappear as the subject of much debate over whether to relax regulations controlling their protection. The dawning of this new Congress gives cause for a renewed, though cautious, optimism that the wise use and preservation of our natural resources will take precedence over personal and partisan agendas in the legislative process. To ensure that this is the case, let's do more than cross our fingers and hope for a favorable outcome. As I've encouraged before, let's call and write our elected representatives to let them know how we feel about birds, wildlife, their habitat, and the environment in which we live.

— Robert H. Daster