A Great Vacation Destination!
Beautiful Estes Park, Colorado.

The NAS biennial National Convention returns to the Colorado Rocky Mountains in 1998. We hope to see you there. Ready, set, mark your calendars!

The Convention will take place July 6 - 12, 1998 at the YMCA of the Rockies in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado. This site has been used for other conventions and they have all been very successful, lots of fun and rewarding to everyone. The “Y” site is 3,000 acres of diverse mountain habitat, adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park. A wide range of room-and-board plans will present affordable options to all, from private room/private bath accommodations to small-group dormitory-style arrangements. The facilities can lodge one thousand people.

Programs will embrace all ages and volunteer levels, and a concurrent youth programs will run. Diverse short and long field trips to a variety of mountain and prairie habitats, all led by expert naturalists and local chapter leaders, are among the recreational offerings in planning. Leadership training development opportunities will be scheduled throughout the Convention. New meeting facilities built in the past few years will make us more welcome and comfortable than ever.

The President’s Message

Call The Convention office: 303/499-3622; FAX: 303/499-0286; email: convention@audubon.org or

Chapter Services 1-800/542-2748

Need More Information?

A victim of Exxon Valdese oil spill
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7. A Scotsman on the beach
8. A happy dog
9. A feathered feline
10. A backpacker
11. Answers in a future Snipe

Next Snipe deadline is September 15th.

Rich Feldman of the Human Resources Department of NAS, based in Audubon House in New York, collects “Bird Puzzlers” (by various Auduboners) and makes them available through email, and also creates some of his own. His original inspiration came from reading his Scandale (N.Y) chapter newsletter, which included a “Bird Quiz” from the Yonkers (N.Y) chapter newsletter. A few sample clues and answers follow, so you can “get the drift.” Then, try your hand at Rich’s latest Puzzler. Clues and answers to a previous Puzzler:

1. A sad voice = Blue Throat
2. What a short cowboy wears—Long spur

Why Do I Get This Newsletter?

When you join The Audubon Society you are automatically assigned to your local chapter of the National Audubon. That is where we come in as The Audubon Society of Central Arkansas, and that is why you are receiving this newsletter. Newsletters to the society are often confused by this. The local connection allows you to participate in bird watching events led by people expert in bird identification, and willing to pass the information onto you. There are volunteer opportunities available within the local chapter if you are interested in becoming more involved. Therefore, by joining Audubon, you join two allied organizations for the price of one, quite a bargain!
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rainforest conservation, prairie preservation, ozone depletion, population growth, old growth forests, wildlife refuges, and global warming.

The responses provided from the two questions above seem to indicate that Audubon members, in addition to having strong interests in birds, are very broad in their concerns for all issues relative to the environment, both here in central Arkansas and abroad.

Question 9: How often do you read The Snipe, the newsletter of ASCA? No surprise here. Nearly everyone (92%) who responded to the Survey, reads The Snipe frequently.

Question 10: Please list any suggestions for improving The Snipe. Many of the members that responded like our newsletter as it is. A few suggestions for improving it that responded Publishing The Snipe monthly, include more environmental articles, summarize the Rare Bird Alert each month, include more color, pictures, and graphics.

Question 11: Have you visited the Snipe at ASCA's home page on the World Wide Web? Yes if you have. Only 16% of respondents indicated having seen our electronic version of the newsletter. Interpretation here could vary. This may just be a reflection of the infancy of computer proliferation among the ASCA membership or rather a sign that our Web site simply needs more advertisement.

Question 12: Please list any comments or suggestions for improving or better utilizing ASCA's home page. No comments were received.

Question 13: In what kind (or kinds) of activity does ASCA's supporter would like to exercise leadership or responsibility? Unfortunately few people expressed a willingness to take on a leadership role in this Audubon chapter's activities.

Four people did indicate a willingness to help ASCA in some way (we'll keep your names handy!).

Question 14: Please list any comments or suggestions you may have about the ASCA and its activities.

The few comments received were mostly complementary and of praise. This type of positive feedback is always appreciated as it will help to strengthen our organization.

This concludes the summary of ASCA's Membership Survey. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill out and return a questionnaire. Your answers and comments will help the ASCA leadership present a more productive, future, to better operate and direct the activities of this Audubon chapter to meet the needs and interests of its membership.

Robert H. Doster.
FIELD TRIPS

Saturday August 16th 6:15 A.M. There will be a field trip to Oakwood National Wildlife Refuge near Dumas. Meet at the commuter parking lot at I-430 and I-630 at 6:15 a.m. to carpool. If conditions are right this could be an excellent trip for shorebirds and waders.

Bring water, snack or lunch, bug spray, and a hat. It may be hot, muggy, and buggy. We don't recommend shorts or sandals. We'll probably be back mid-afternoon. If you take your own car you can return anytime. If you don't want to take lunch, Dumas is only a few minutes away.

For information call Mel White, 664-8786.

“Wild” Gardening!!
Saturday afternoon
September 6th
noon until 5 P.M.
At the U of A's Cooperative Extension Service Office 2301 S. University Ave. Little Rock.
$10 per person if registered before August 25th, $15 thereafter.
Janet Carson and Carl Hunter and others will be speaking about the benefits of using native flowers, grasses, trees, shrubs and vines in landscape projects around the house.

Make check payable to:
U of A Ag Foundation “Wild”
and mail to:
2301 S University Ave
Little Rock AR 72204

John Holcombe as Vice President of ASCA is responsible for arranging the speakers we enjoy each month. If you have a speaker in mind give John a call, (501) 847-6955

Thursday, August 14th 7pm
Ragan Sutterfield will be our speaker this month talking about his adventures while participating in the Big Texas Birding Classic. Our regular board meeting will follow his talk. We meet the second Thursday of the month (except June and December) at the Game & Fish Commission building at #2 Natural Resource Drive In Little Rock. Take West Markham Street west until just before it crosses I-430 and turn right onto Natural Resource Drive and follow the AG&F signs. We'll be looking forward to meeting you, and bring a friend. You don't have to be Audubon members to attend our meetings.

Thursday, September 11th 7pm
Time once more for our monthly meeting at the Game & Fish Commission building at #2 Natural Resource Drive In Little Rock. John Gray and Jim Goldin will speak this time about those dreaded Chip Mills and there effects on our woodlands.

Thursday, October 9th 7pm
Our regular monthly meeting rolls around again. We meet at the Game & Fish Commission building at #2 Natural Resource Drive In Little Rock.
AMERICAN BIRDING ASSOCIATION
PRINCIPLES OF BIRDING ETHICS

Everyone who enjoys birds and birding must always respect wildlife, its environment, and the rights of others. In any conflict of interest between birds and birders, the welfare of the birds and their environment comes first.

CODE OF BIRDING ETHICS

1. Promote the welfare of birds and their environment.

1(a) Support the protection of important bird habitats.

1(b) To avoid stressing birds or exposing them to danger, exercise restraint and caution during observation, photography, sound recording, or filming.

Limit the use of recordings and other methods of approaching birds, and never use such methods in heavily birded areas or for attracting any species that is threatened, endangered, or of special concern, or is rare in your local area.

Keep well back from nests and breeding colonies, roosts, display areas, and important feeding sites. In such sensitive areas, if there is a need for extended observation, photography, filming, or recording, try to use a blind or hide, and take advantage of natural cover.

Use artificial light sparingly for filming or photography, especially for close-ups.

1(c) Before advertising the presence of a rare bird, evaluate the potential for disturbance to the bird, its surroundings, and other people in the area, and proceed only if access can be controlled, disturbance can be minimized, and permission has been obtained from private landowners. The sites of rare nesting birds should be divulged only to the proper conservation authorities.

1(d) Stay on roads, trails, and paths where they exist; otherwise keep habitat disturbance to a minimum.

2. Respect the law and the rights of others.

2(a) Do not enter private property without the owner’s explicit permission.

2(b) Follow all laws, rules, and regulations governing use of roads and public areas, both at home and abroad.

2(c) Practice common courtesy in contacts with other people. Your exemplary behavior will generate goodwill with birders and non-birders alike.

3. Ensure that feeders, nest structures, and other artificial bird environments are safe.

3(a) Keep dispensers, water, and food clean and free of decay or disease. It is important to food birds continually during harsh weather.

3(b) Maintain and clean nest structures regularly.

3(c) If you are attracting birds to an area, ensure the birds are not exposed to predation from cats and other domestic animals, or devasted by artificial hazards.

4. Group birding, whether organized or impromptu, requires special care.

Each individual in the group, in addition to the obligations spelled out in Items 1 and 2, has responsibilities as a Group Member.

4(a) Respect the interests, rights, and skills of fellow birders, as well as those of people participating in other legitimate outdoor activities. Freely share your knowledge and experience, except where code 1(c) applies. Be especially helpful to beginning birders.

4(b) If you witness unethical birding behavior, assess the situation and intervene if you think it prudent. When interceding, inform the person(s) of the inappropriate action and attempt, within reason, to have it stopped. If the behavior continues, document it and notify appropriate individuals or organizations.

Group Leader Responsibilities [amateur and professional guides and tours].

4(c) Be an exemplary ethical role model for the group. Teach through word and example.

4(d) Keep groups to a size that limits impact on the environment and does not interfere with others using the same area.

4(e) Ensure everyone in the group knows of and practices this code.

4(f) Learn and inform the group of any special circumstances applicable to the areas being visited (e.g., no tape recorders allowed).

4(g) Acknowledge that professional tour companies bear special responsibility to place the welfare of birds and the benefits of public knowledge ahead of the company’s commercial interests. Ideally, leaders should keep track of tour sightings, document unusual occurrences, and submit reports to appropriate organizations.

PLEASE FOLLOW THIS CODE - DISTRIBUTE IT AND TEACH IT TO OTHERS.

Additional copies of the Code of Birding Ethics can be obtained from: ABA, P.O. Box 6599, Colorado Springs, CO 80934-6599, (800) 850-2473 or (719) 578-1614; fax: (800) 247-3329 or (719) 578-1489; e-mail: member@aba.org

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