load of Christmas presents, and thank
Marvin and his wife in person for all
the blessings they bestowed upon our
chapter. Our chapter truly could not
have two better friends. Also, many
to Marvin, Sr. who washed the
lion’s share of the feeders and was
patient enough to keep me in line and
washing feeders for a portion of the
day!

As we move into the holiday season, we should look deep within
our hearts at many of the universal
truths the Christmas season repres-
sents. Although Christmas time is
traditionally viewed as a Christian
holiday, Christ’s message embraces
most of the tenants of all of the ma-
jor religions that I know anything
about. Notions of forgiveness and
love and charity and peace and good-
will encompass any religion worth
being a part of, so no one should feel
left out during the Thanksgiving/
Christmas season.

Please take a few moments
of quiet reflection and consider giv-
ning back to our chapter only a minor
portion of the blessings birds and
wildlife and the environment have
given to you. Someone pretty smart
said “Success in life is measured not
by what we get but by what we give”
— I am asking that you mark your
life as an even greater success by
your gifts to our chapter.

The most important gift you
can give our chapter is your time.
We all must talk-up our chapter in our
workplace and to our friends and
family. Commit to bringing a couple
of visitors to each of our meetings in
1999. Commit to introducing a kid
or a friend or a senior citizen to birds.
Pick out a local school and go visit
yourself? Help Barry with the fi-
nances or me with the administration
or Kelly with the publicity of the
chapter. Volunteers to fill one of our
empty slots or to assist those doing
our chapter’s work.

We can always use dona-
tions, and a check of $5 or $10 or
$20 or $50 or $100 goes a long way
in a small, non-profit organization
like ours. Keep in mind all you give
to us is tax deductible.

I am sincerely looking for-
ward to our Christmas potluck and
to a very successful 1999 for
Audubon!

John Holleman

Next Snipe deadline is January 15th.

Henry Halberg
Henry died November 1st. He was a past president, and editor with
ASCAs, and with his wife Edith they were founder members of the
Arkansas Audubon Society our statewide organization. He was 92.
Henry was born in Massachusetts and graduated from MIT in 1927
to work as a Hydrologist, and luckily for us the government sent him
to Little Rock. I’ve looked through the archives and I include this
segment of The Pulaski Snipe as our newsletter was called then,
written by Henry.

“This is the last issue of the Snipe that I shall write as your president,
but it is not my Swansong I hope to continue as Editor, at least for a
while. I have enjoyed my terms in office, and I think we have accom-
plished a few things.

Remember, we are no longer a bunch of birdwatchers. We are
now part of the conservation movement, along with the Wildlife
Federation, the Ozark Society, and all those who have the same aims.

It has been a good two years and I thank you all for what you have
done. May you work your next president as hard as you have worked
me.

Adios,
Henry Halberg
Editor

November 1998

The Snipe

The President’s Message

I must continue to sound the
same theme of several of my past
messages. I cannot exaggerate how
pleased I am with the progress of our
chapter. Our programs have been
attended by standing-room only
crowds. Our multiple visitors have
been warmly greeted and made to
feel at home. We need to add an addi-
tional row of chairs to the meeting
room or find another place to meet
because we are running out of seats
for our wonderful programs.

Moreover, our recent field trip
to Holla Bend could not have been
a bigger success. We were
blessed with seeing a female Black-
Headed Grossbeak, an extremely rare
bird for Arkansas. I have reported
the sighting to the Arkansas Rare
Birds Records Committee and hope
that our sight record will be accepted.
Several of us also saw a bobcat on the
trip, which is an unbelievable
sighting, as well. In my 30-plus years
of being in the woods, this was only
my second sighting of a bobcat.

Although our booth was
raised-out for the Pinnacle Mountain
Rendezvous, we had a smashing suc-
cess at the first ever Wild Birds Un-
limited/ASCAs Feed Wash. The
chapter collected over $400 in dona-
tions, $200 of which was gener-
ously donated by Marvin and Karen
Winston, owners of Wild Birds Un-
limited. I wanted to take this oppor-
tunity to thank one of our mem-
bers to stop by the store, by a sack

Newsletter of The Audubon Society of Central Arkansas, a chapter of the National Audubon Society
Welcome New Members

Little Rock: Ms Lucy L. Abraham, Pat-Mary Bell, Helen Harrison, Miss Donna L. Hays, Tim Lamarge, Lance Peacock, Scattered Seeds Garden Club, E. Schneider, Ann Filiaiteau, Mr Wm P Hamilton, Dean Kampuris, Brenda Scheffler, Averell Tate, Barbara Wilkins, Mrs Shirley R Wye, Ms Dana Downes-Hall

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Benton: Shannon VanZeluca, Elizabeth Smith, Glynda Hunter, Virgina Prothro, Ms Joan Mills

Alexandria: Lynn Sims

Jacksonville: Mr Walter Everitt, Mary Edith Staples, Dorothy Wright, Mrs Rebekah Hale, Mary Waddell

Maumelle: Ruby E Hatcher

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Cabot: Janice Gray, Pat Yarberry, Biscove: Livia M Patton

Scott: Phillip Nelson

Ward: Stacy J Robinton

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The Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 19th to 22nd more info at http://www.birdsource.cornell.edu

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We hope your names will become new faces on our field trips and at our evening meetings. This is YOUR chapter now. Please feel free to call any of our board members/directors to get involved in our activities.

Let’s hear from you!

Rare Bird Alert

My wife and I found a pair of late nesting killdeer on October 5 in the VA parking lot in Little Rock. They had 4 eggs in their nest, which was on stones located in one of the parking lot barriers. On October 26 we observed 2 killdeer chicks; two days later I observed a third chick. October 27 the nest was abandoned with one unhatched egg being left behind. Apparently the adults moved the young to a safer area.

This has been officially documented as the latest successful nesting of killdeer in Arkansas

Tom Kienzel

Meetings & Field Trips

We meet at the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission Building, #2 Natural Resource Drive, 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&FC signs. Our regular meetings consist of a speaker followed by a business type meeting where the financial and other matters of the society are discussed. Everyone is welcome to attend both parts. We’ll be looking forward to meeting you, and bring a friend. You don’t have to be Audubon members to attend.

Thursday December 10th, at 6pm. The ASCA Christmas potluck will be at the South Hall of the University Park Adult Leisure Center on 12th Street. (666-3585) just over one block west of 12th and University. Members need to bring their potluck dish and bird slides. ASCA will provide plates, utensils, drinks and everything else. This is a popular event and a great chance to meet fellow birders.

This year’s Christmas Bird Counts are as follows, Dec 19th, Arkadelphia call Max Parker 501-337-4364
Conway call Martha Johnson 501-329-5214
Fayetteville call Kim Smith 501-575-3251
Jonestown call Jim Bednarz 870-972-3082
Fort Smith call Bill Beall 501-783-1802
Little Rock call Lyndal York 501-663-2192
Dec 20th, Lonoke call Lyndal York 501-663-2192
Dec 22nd, Lake Village call Don Simons 870-265-5480
Dec 23rd, Holla Bend call Leff Anderson 501-767-6545
Dec 26th, Pine Bluff call Rob Dobster 501-664-7964
Jan 2nd, 1999 White River call Keith Sutton 501-847-9643

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The number of skyhawks and song thrushes will be used to help measure the nation’s well-being under plans for a “quality of life” barometer published by John Prescott yesterday. In an attempt to focus government thinking on the importance of all the factors that contribute to people’s welfare, the Deputy Prime Minister published detailed of 13 measures that could be used to determine whether Britain is becoming a better place to live. His so-called “headline indicators” will cover health, education, housing and the environment, as well as economic factors such as growth and employment. Mr Prescott said these figures would prove that the Government was committed to “a new way of thinking which puts environmental, social and economic concerns alongside each other at the heart of decision-making”.

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Check make to NATIONAL AUDUBON, and mail to Barry Ham. ASCA Treasurer, 3900 Dorall Drive, Little Rock AR 72212-2826. It is important for new members to join through ASCA as a larger portion of your dues support local activities. Send address changes (not new memberships) to both NAS, PO Box 71001, Boulder CO 80322-1001 and to ASCA, 300 S. RODNEY PARHAM, SUITE #10, LITTLE ROCK AR 72205 so you will not miss AUDUBON magazine or The Skipper which are both included in your subscription.

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