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Why Birds are Crazy for Coffee
If the demand for shade-grown, organic coffees continues to increase due to the efforts of Atlanta Audubon and other concerned groups, we will be helping many of the migratory birds survive to breed in our backyards.

Buy Locally. Coffee beans bought locally through markets and health food shops (e.g. Cafe Altura brand) marked "Mexican Organic" and "Peruvian Organic" are probably grown under bird-friendly conditions. Although confirmation is still necessary the same may be true for "Guatemalan Organic" and "Haitian Blu." If your favorite shop has none of these, ask the manager to look into marketing shade-grown, organic coffees. When buying these coffees locally, let the store manager know why you made your choice - it's for the birds!

Order by Mail. An increasing number of mail-order coffee companies are specializing in organic coffees. Many of these coffees are also shade grown and, therefore, come from good migratory bird habitats. When ordering coffee from these companies, send a message or talk with someone in charge about how important the conservation of tropical bird habitat is to your coffee-buying decision. Try the ECO-OK Coffee Project at
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E-Mail Listers need to renew with Carl
We are redoing the e-mail list to be only for messages concerning ASCA and related birding matters. Those wanting to be on the new list need to send Carl an e-mail at crunyon@alltel.net to be included. The old list has been deleted.
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The Audubon Society of Central Arkansas, a chapter of National Audubon.
Rare Bird Alert
Call 501-773-5853

Please report all your hummingbird sightings during the winter. They will be rare visitors from the west coast that have drifted this way. Perk Floyd our local master banding permit holder suspects that there are many such birds going unreported in the state. Call Perk at 888-4252 to report your birds. A Calliope hummingbird was seen at DeQueen on October 19th. Keep your eyes open!

Our Next Meetings are....

The Second Thursday of every month at 7pm. We meet at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission building on Natural Resource Drive, in Little Rock. With certain exceptions.

Thursday December 9, 6pm ASCA Potluck: “The annual ASCA Christmas potluck will be held Thursday December 9 at the University Park Adult Leisure Center just west of University Ave. on 12th St. at the same location as in recent years. What do you need to bring?” A potluck dish (hopefully, some special recipe that has been passed down from generation to generation in your family and brings tasters to tears of pleasure), a hearty appetite and some bird slides if you have taken any. We will be in the south banquet hall (back right corner after entering the front door) and should begin to eat around 6:30. If anyone would like to help us set up tables and decorations, please get there between 5:30 and 6.

After what we assume will be our annual night of renewed camaraderie, tasty eats and some viewing of bird slides, we should be cleaning up after ourselves and on our way home by 8:30. So much fun in so little time! This is a great way to meet other interesting Audubon folks who obviously love birds, but also bring a variety of other interests and talents to our group as well. If you have any questions about the potluck, please call Barry Haas at 821-4097.”

Thursday January 13, 2000 7pm Our annual financial discussion. Come join us and let the board know what projects you would like to see funded this year.

Second Thursday in February 7pm Larry Mallard will speak at our meeting this month. He is Special Projects Director for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. He will talk about the terrible impact that channelizing the White River will have on the White River Refuge.

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Hulsey field trip November 6: “Ten people enjoyed the annual ASCA trip to the Andrew Hulsey Fish Hatchery on the edge of Lake Hamilton. Our youngest birder was 4-year-old Dalton who enjoyed himself immensely. He got to look through one of the spotting scopes at both black and turkey vultures standing next to each other on a pond levee sunning themselves, some with wings spread wide. It was a rare opportunity to compare the two species of vultures in a spotting scope side-by-side.

On what was the warmest day in memory for the annual early-November field trip to the hatchery, the number of species was relatively low. No rare species like oldsquaw or scoters were spotted as had been in past years. But that doesn’t mean the day was any less enjoyable than on sometimes much colder days in past years.

After lunch we drove to the Arkadelphia oxidation ponds to do some more birding. The best sighting was there a Swainson’s thrush which was seen by most of the group. Then a few minutes later we were treated to a Savannah sparrow that sat on a snag above eye level for so long that we had a chance to put the spotting scope on it and everyone got to one or more looks. It was incredible how long that sparrow cooperated for our group before finally flying off. Seeing that Savannah highly magnified in a spotting scope gives lie to the assumption that sparrows are drab little birds. That performance deserves an extra ration of birdseed, don’t you think?

Our species total was 38 which included the following species not already mentioned: pied-billed grebe, double-crested cormorant, great blue heron, American wigeon, mallard, northern shoveler, lesser scaup, bufflehead, hooded merganser, ruddy duck, red-shouldered and red-tailed hawks, American coot, killdeer, common snipe, Forster’s tern, belted kingfisher, red-bellied, downy and pied-billed woodpeckers, northern flicker, blue jay, American crow, Carolina chickadee, Carolina wren, ruby-crowned kinglet, eastern bluebird, northern mockingbird, eastern towhee, song and white-throated sparrows, red-winged blackbird, eastern meadowlark and American goldfinch.

Barry Haas

No trips are scheduled for December.
Saturday, January 15, 2000. Field trip to Bell Slough. John Hollemann will be the trip leader. Meet at the commuter parking lot at 6:30 1430 at 0730am.
Saturday, January 29, 2000. Field trip to Holla Bend NWR. Barry Haas will be the trip leader. Meet at the commuter parking lot at 6:30 1430 at 0730am.
Kim Burnette field trip chairman. kim.burnette@mail.state.ar.us

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