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Arkansas Big Year

Mitchell Pruitt

With January 1, 2012, came the end to my Arkansas Big Year, the single undertaking that had consumed so much of my life for exactly a year. It started on the first of 2011 with the Lonoke Christmas Bird Count and ended on December 31st with the White River Christmas Bird Count. Though I was not able to reach the state record of 318 species, set by Dick Baxter in 2008, I was able to go above and beyond the official success mark of 300. I ended the year with 311 species, making my record 4th in the state (the other four records were set by adults). I didn't want the year to end, but being a junior and senior in high school during 2011 meant I really did not have time for it in the first place. Ending on a high note of 311 meant that the madness and exhaustion of 2011 was all worth it.

During the year I was blessed to see some awesome species! Among the favorites were three first state records: Cassin's Sparrow, Brewer's Sparrow, and Eurasian Wigeon; Barrow's Goldeneye and Red-necked Grebe (both of which were missed early on, but redeemed later); Western Grebe (6 present at one point); Tricolored Heron (the hardest worked for); Common Ground-Dove (another toughie); Glaucous Gull and Vermilion Flycatcher (in the same day); and finally, to

end it all, a Golden Eagle on December 30. Whew! What a year! This list doesn't even make a dent in 311 different species, but these were just major highlights.



Mitchell Pruitt

Glaucous Gull at Lake Dardanelle

Thanks again everyone for ALL your help this year. It may be a cliché, but I really couldn't have done it without the Arkansas birding community. (Or my parents' constant chauffeuring across the state. Ha ha)

To read a full memoir of the year check out my writing on the Arkansas Birder Blog:
<http://arkansasbirder.blogspot.com/>

Memories from Mitchell Pruitt's Big Year

Jerry Butler

First bird: Northern Flicker, in his backyard.
Smallest bird: Rufous Hummingbird, in Little Rock.
Tallest bird: Sandhill Crane, near Bono.
Heaviest bird: Trumpeter Swan, near Heber Springs.
Easiest to find: Red-winged Blackbird, nearly everywhere he looked.
Hardest to find: Tricolored Heron, near Texarkana.

Most rare: Eurasian Wigeon, near Turrell.
Most unlikely bird: Barrow's Goldeneye, near Dardanelle.
Prettiest: Painted Bunting, near Turrell.
Ugliest: Wood Stork, near Eudora.
Funniest: Greater Roadrunner, in Salem.
Final bird: Golden Eagle, at Hunter.

President's Column

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In my last article I mentioned how quickly 2011 had passed. Here it is already a new year and there are exciting activities under consideration by the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas (ASCA).

I would like to mention the fun time ASCA members and friends had meeting at the Breckenridge Village Shopping Center to see the movie *The Big Year* on October 16. The movie was fun to watch and to add to the experience, Arkansas had its own Big Year celebrity, Mitchell Pruitt, who made the newspaper several times in 2011. Mitchell, a teenager from Jonesboro, attended several ASCA field trips in his quest for his Big Year bird list. It was a treat to meet Mitchell and be invigorated by his enthusiasm.

Our annual potluck and silent auction was held at the Audubon Arkansas Center on December 8. The money raised at the silent auction goes into the general fund account. As a result, ASCA has been able to budget moneys to support MoSi, a scientific study of birds during their winter stay in Central and South America, and give additional funds to the Halberg Ecology Camp. It was a fun event and again, you should be proud of ASCA members, Doris and Dottie Boyles, who cheerfully give of their time to make the potluck and auction successes. Dottie takes care of the "particulars" of the silent auction. Doris decorates the tables and each year makes the room look festive. She decorates with birds in a Christmas motif and puts all of

us in the mood to celebrate and of course visit! We welcome all members and their families to come join us.

ASCA has partnered with Central Arkansas Water and other agencies to help with trails around Lake Maumelle. A donation to put in a birding platform, where people can set up scopes and have good views of the lake, was voted on by ASCA members.

Another activity involves the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, as well as the Cities of Little Rock and North Little Rock to increase birding awareness on the River Trail. There are many possibilities for cooperation between agencies, getting the word out about what is readily available, and what new options could be provided. Most of the discussion in the works is geared to the beginner and dedicated birder, but not the "hard core" birder. ASCA is an organization that contributes to the quality of life in our community. You can be proud you support the work being done by your Audubon chapter.

I would like everyone to know you are welcome at all ASCA meetings. The programs are informational and interesting. You also have the option of leaving before the business meeting starts, if you would rather not stay that long. Of course you are always welcome and we want your ideas. However, you can come have an entertaining evening, get to know some friendly people, have a cookie, and go home if that suits you.

Jane Gulley
ASCA President

Wishing Rob a Speedy Recovery

The members of ASCA would like to extend Get Well wishes to past President Rob Weiss, who is recovering from a broken leg.

We wish Rob a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him out on the birding trail soon.

Vermillion Flycatcher visits Stuttgart

While performing a routine survey of the Stuttgart Airport on Dec. 9, 2011, Bill Shepherd and Dan Scheiman discovered an immature **Vermillion Flycatcher**. This rare visitor to Arkansas was a life and/or state bird for many of the birders who traveled to see it.

Local Birding Tourism Brainstorming

Jane Gulley and Dan Scheiman

Our Chapter has been invited by Tom Strickland, of the Little Rock Tourism Commission, to help the Commission promote the greater Little Rock area as a birding destination. On February 8, Jane Gulley, Jim Dixon, and Dan Scheiman met with Tom and representatives from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC), including Neil Curry, at the Witt Stephens Nature Center to discuss ideas. Tom wanted to focus on enhancing birding opportunities on the Little Rock and North Little Rock River Trail, though there are many existing birding resources of a broader nature that can be incorporated or copied.

We learned that AGFC was in the process of installing educational panels on both sides of the river and at Two Rivers Park. The panels will give tips on watching wildlife along with photos. We also learned there are plans for more habitat improvements east of the Clinton Presidential Library. Another project we discussed was making relatively inexpensive signs of birds that would probably be seen at certain areas of the trail. Jim Dixon has been keeping notes of his bird sightings that will help us decide which species to highlight. The signs could be changed with the seasons and could include a picture and interesting facts about each species.

There will also be stationary binoculars on the Big Dam Bridge and the Two Rivers Bridge. Neil suggested making binoculars available for rent to those who use the River Trail; perhaps the bike rental shop that will soon open can also rent binoculars. During our discussion we realized several websites that tourists and residents use to get information about the River Trail are in need of updating. It was also suggested that we work on getting a separate section on Little Rock's website that will give birding information. Of course ASCA's website also provides birding locations; it is a matter of

driving more traffic to our site through links on Little Rock's site.

Similarly, it is important to make birding information available at hotels, both through pamphlets and via the hotels' local informational channels guests use to learn about the hotel and city. Tom showed a new pamphlet that is given to visitors to Little Rock, *Top 12 Sights to See*. This and other pamphlets already produced should include birding information. Witt Stephens is another logical location for offering materials that promote birding opportunities along the River Trail and throughout Central Arkansas.

Another suggestion was designating a weekend to promote the birding opportunities in and around Central Arkansas. These activities would be geared especially to beginning visiting birders. Tom suggested a River Trail birding patch that a visitor can earn by seeing so many species along the trail and turning in their list at Witt Stephens; patches are cheap to produce and can be highly coveted by residents and tourists alike. The patch concept is similar to AGFC's Wings Over Arkansas program that awards pins for seeing birds in the state.

Following the meeting Neil said he would talk with Gretchen Hall, of the Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau, about adding birding information to the Little Rock website. Ginny Porter volunteered to put the creative minds at AGFC to work on coming up with a name for our project. Of course any creative name suggestions from any interested people would be considered. The name has to include the concept of Little Rock and North Little Rock and not be city specific. Arlene Green is going to update the River Trail website.

U.S. Postage Stamps to Feature Raptors



The U.S. Postal Service salutes five kings of the sky with the *Birds of Prey* stamps: the Northern Goshawk, Peregrine Falcon, Golden Eagle, Osprey, and Northern Harrier. These powerful birds are depicted in colorful portraits and shown from the neck up.

Illustrator Robert Giusti worked with art director Howard E. Paine on this issuance. Giusti painted the original designs in

acrylic on canvas board. The *Birds of Prey* stamps are being issued at an 85-cent denomination, which is the price for single-piece retail First-Class Mail weighing more than two ounces and up to and including three ounces.

The *Birds of Prey* were issued January 20, 2012. For more information visit: <http://www.beyondtheperf.com/2012-preview/#stamp-birds-of-prey>.

Arkansas Birders Flock to see Snowy Owls

Dottie Boyles

When you see a Snowy Owl, it's clear how the bird got its name: they are snow-white. This 2-foot tall bird, with a wingspan of 44+ inches, lives at the extreme northern margins of the arctic tundra.

Many Snowy Owls remain on their breeding grounds year-round, while others migrate in winter to southern Canada and the northern half of the contiguous United States. In the northern plains, New York, and New England, Snowy Owls can be seen regularly during the winter months. Elsewhere, the owls are irruptive, appearing only in some winters but not in others.

An irruption is an invasion of birds in unusual places or in high numbers, and the winter of 2011-2012 has been irruptive. Bird blogs and birding sites across the northern tier of the country have been full of accounts and photographs of Snowy Owls.

With reports so close to home, Arkansas birders have also been irruptive traveling northward in search of Snowy Owls. In an unofficial survey I conducted recently, 19 birders traveled to Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri to find snowys. Several visited more than one state. Missouri had the highest number of visitors with 13, Oklahoma with 8, followed by Kansas with 5. After

driving for hours, sometimes chasing plastic bags, jugs, or anything else that appeared white in a field, all but two were rewarded with views of this magnificent bird.



photo by *Gail Miller*

While searching several websites for facts and information on Snowy Owls, I came across this bit of trivia: adult Snowy Owls may eat three to five lemmings per day, or up to 1,600 per year. Multiply that number by the number of owls living on the tundra and it might explain why lemmings sometimes decide to jump off a cliff and take their chances at sea.

Preliminary Arkansas Great Backyard Bird Count Results

Dan Scheiman, GBBC Reviewer

As I write on the final of the four days of the annual Great Backyard Bird Count (Feb 17-20, 2012), I see it is already shaping up to be a great year for the count in Arkansas.

Even with the count not yet over and not all lists submitted (deadline March 5), Arkansans have already seen and submitted more species and individuals this year than last year. If past years are any indication we can expect to see at least another 200 checklists submitted before the end. A take-away message from the chart below is that there is a great deal of year-to-

year variability. It is only through large-scale and long-term citizen science projects such as the GBBC (now in its 15th year) that trends in bird populations emerge above all that annual and local variation.

So keep participating in this and other important programs offered by Audubon and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Final results of the GBBC will be posted in the next issue of *The Snipe*. In the meantime you can explore the data for yourself at: <http://gbbc.birdsource.org/gbbcApps/results>.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number of Species	139	145	132	134	142
Number of Individuals	127,573	121,666	99,753	69,319	126,240
Number of Lists Submitted	903	714	796	704	511
Most Numerous Species Reported	Snow Goose 13,837	Red-winged Blackbird 23,642	Snow Goose 9,789	Common Grackle 7,495	Ring-billed Gull 22,177

Upcoming Programs

The ASCA meets at 7:00 PM, the second Thursday of each month, at the John Gould Fletcher Library (except where noted), located at 823 Buchanan Street, on the corner of Buchanan and H Streets, just off North University Ave. The programs are free and open to the public.

March 8, 2012 – Karen Holliday

Guest Speaker: Karen Holliday

Program: Birding Brazil and Argentina

Karen, Shane Woolbright, and two other birders spent two weeks in Brazil and Argentina chasing birds, jaguars, and llamas. A week in the depths of the Brazilian Pantanal netted Hyacinth Macaws, Southern Screamers, and one jaguar. Next was a two-day stop at Iguassu Falls, the largest falls in the world. The final week was spent in Northwest Argentina, exploring the high Puna area at altitudes 12,000 to 14,000 feet for Andean Condors, Alpomado Falcons, and three species of Caracaras. Karen's life list for the trip ran close to 400 birds.

Karen's family got started watching birds in their backyard in Fayetteville. One of her fondest memories is attending monthly Audubon presentations with her family on the U of A campus. Summer vacations included learning to identify birds. After moving to Little Rock, a friend directed her to the ASCA website. After participating in her first ASCA field trip, she was hooked and has been obsessed with birding ever since!

April 12, 2012 - Sri Lanka Birding

Guest Speaker: Dan Smith

Program: Birds, Tsunami, and Sri Lanka

Dan Smith visited Sri Lanka in January 2005, less than two weeks after a tsunami devastated the island's coastal areas. Just months earlier a new species of owl had been discovered; he was among the first to see it. Sri Lanka, meaning "venerable island," is blessed with a variety of habitats including pristine rainforests, highland grasslands, and mangrove swamps; and a wealth of resident and wintering birds, including over thirty endemics. Come get a taste of it for yourself through Dan's slideshow.

Mr. Smith grew up in northern IL. He was a career U.S. Navy officer, worked for IBM and Lockheed Martin in submarine electronics programs, and taught eighth grade science before retiring to live on Greer's Ferry Lake with his wife Linda. He has been a serious birder since 1978. He is currently president of Little Red River Audubon Society. In the fall of 2005 he was selected by Cornell University to participate in the search for the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker in Arkansas' Big Woods.

May 2012 – No Regular Meeting

There will be no regular meeting or program in May.

ASCA Membership Dues

Last year ASCA amended its Bylaws to set the date for Membership Renewal to the first of each year, January 1. As we went through the 2011 year, renewals were prorated to account for those who were renewing at other times. We hope everyone is now on the January 1 cycle.

This is a reminder for your 2012 Dues.

Please renew your membership using the categories below:

\$15/year Regular Membership
\$10/year Student/Senior Membership
\$25/year Family Membership
\$35/year Supporting membership
\$50/year Patron membership

You may have already sent in your membership check, but if not please make it payable "Audubon Society of Central Arkansas" or "ASCA" and mail to:

Ed Laster, Treasurer
64 Bouresse Dr.
Little Rock, AR 72223

The Colorful Language of Birds

Joan and Pamela Draper

Imagine how different our language would be without birds to liven it up.

We couldn't be early birds, eat like a bird, talk about a bird in the hand, kill two birds with one stone, or get a bird's-eye view.

We wouldn't brag about scoring an eagle on a golf course, nor would we try to hit the birdie in a badminton game.

And we couldn't be the cock of the walk, a sitting duck, or light as a feather on the dance floor.

No one would soar like an eagle, eat crow, chicken out, talk turkey, or be a stool pigeon.

We wouldn't talk about a visit from the stork, build a nest egg, or be an empty nester.

Jokes wouldn't lay an egg, and we wouldn't get goose bumps. What a lark!

Arkansas Audubon Society Spring Meeting

The 2012 Spring Convention of the Arkansas Audubon Society (AAS) will be held April 27-29, at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute on Petit Jean Mountain, Morrilton. All meetings, meals, and evening programs, will be held at the Rockefeller Institute.

Friday evening's program will feature Dan & Samantha Scheiman and Allan & Kathleen Mueller's Birding Safari in Kenya. The keynote speaker for Saturday evening will be Mitchell Pruitt, who will describe his adventures during his Arkansas Big Year.

A variety of field trips are scheduled for both Friday afternoon and Saturday, including the Rim Trail and Cedar Falls Trail at Petit Jean State Park, led by park interpreters; Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA; Holla Bend NWR; plus birding on the grounds of the Rockefeller Institute, which features a short trail highlighting Arkansas's native plants and butterflies.

Saturday afternoon, graduate students from Arkansas Tech University will give presentations on research projects they are conducting. These students have received scholarships from the Arkansas Audubon Society.

"Effects of Habitat Structure on Nest Success, Site Fidelity, and Nest Parasitism by Brown-headed Cowbirds on Bell's Vireo in Central Arkansas"
–Adrienne Doyle

"Habitat Characteristics of Natural and Constructed Sandbars for Least Terns on the Arkansas River as Predictors of Success"
–Greg Petrick

For more information visit the AAS website at www.arbirds.org.



ASCA Field Trip Schedule

ASCA sponsors numerous field trips throughout the year. The trips are open to all and carpooling is available for trips outside of Little Rock. This is a great opportunity for novice birders to meet and learn more about birds from experienced birders, or perhaps see a life bird for those who list. For more information visit www.ascabird.org or contact Karen Holliday, ASCA Field Trip Coordinator, at ladyhawke1@att.net or 501-920-3246. Always bring plenty of water with you.

March 10, 2012

Camp Robinson Maneuver Training Center

Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Starlite Diner in North Little Rock to consolidate cars. Next will be a brief stop at the Visitor Center at the entrance to the Maneuver Training Center, for everyone to sign a release of liability form (standard procedure). Once on the military post, we'll explore a variety of habitats from riparian areas, open fields, high oak forest, to swamp/bayou. We hope to see a range of species such as raptors, waterfowl, sparrows, and winter woodland birds. Wear sturdy shoes, bring boots, and water. This will be a morning trip.

Directions to the Starlite Diner—Head west on I-40, then north at Exit 150 Military Drive/Burns Park. Turn left onto Charles Boyer Drive, then right onto West Military Drive. Go 1 mile on Military Drive to the intersection of Military Road and MacArthur Drive. The diner is on the northeast corner of the intersection. Address is 250 E. Military Road, North Little Rock.

April 21, 2012

Lake Sylvia

We will meet at 7:00 a.m. at the west Little Rock Walmart on Hwy 10/Cantrell Rd., in the northwest corner of the parking lot, and carpool from there. Lake Sylvia is a picturesque 18-acre lake surrounded by pines and hardwoods. After the winter doldrums, migration will be gearing up and spring migrants are possible! Bring water and a lunch. This trip could extend into early afternoon. If the park is open, there will be a \$3 per vehicle day use charge. If it is closed, we'll walk in from the gravel parking lot, which is free.

Directions: Lake Sylvia is located off Hwy 9, nine miles south of Perryville and one mile north of the intersection of Hwy 10 and Hwy 9. From Hwy 9, turn west at the brown-colored Lake Sylvia sign onto Hwy 324. Go 4 miles to the park entrance. It is about a 45 minute drive from Little Rock.
GPS coordinates: 34.8822836, -92.8102027

May 12, 2012

Gillam Park and Terry Lock & Dam

We'll meet at 7:00 a.m. in Gillam Park at the last parking lot past the swimming pool. May 12 is International Migratory Bird Day. Our group will take part by serving as citizen scientists, recording and submitting the number of bird species seen during the field trip. Gillam Park has great habitat for migrating spring warblers. We will make a quick stop by the new Audubon Arkansas Center before moving on to Terry Lock & Dam to look for Painted Buntings. Before leaving the area, we'll also check the Industrial Harbor Road for Western Kingbirds. Wear sturdy walking shoes you don't mind getting muddy. This is a morning trip.

Directions: Gillam Park is located in southeast Little Rock near the airport. Take I-30 west, heading south from Little Rock. Then exit onto I-440 going towards the airport. Take Springer Blvd., exit 1. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left onto Springer Blvd. Go approximately 1 mile to just past the Audubon Arkansas Center, turn right onto Gillam Park Road and follow it to the end.



Field Trip Reports

Little Rock and Lonoke Christmas Bird Count Results

For the Little Rock Christmas Bird Count (Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011), 35 participants plus 6 feeder-watchers tallied 13,968 birds of 95 species, during a collective 87 hours and 304 miles. This is one less than the highest participant count set in 1977. Number of individual birds was down by 900 compared to last year, but the number of species was up one. Mute Swan, Redhead, Bewick's Wren, and Western Meadowlark were species not often found during the Count. A Rufous Hummingbird banded in the Meyerdirk's yard in 2010 returned to a different feeder, though not until the 18th, making it a "count week" bird. Bald Eagle, Horned Lark, and Le Conte's Sparrow were notable misses.

For the Lonoke CBC (Monday Jan 2, 2012), 24 birders tallied 52,898 birds of 94 species, during a collective 58 hours and 371 miles. Number of individuals was down by almost 40,500 compared to last year, and the number of species was down by 13. Indeed, many participants reported how slow the day was; blame it on the wind and mild winter. A Peregrine Falcon and a Bewick's Wren were good birds. The House Sparrow tally was at an all-time low, half as much as the previous low count.

Thanks to all volunteers for your help in this season's counts! Join us again next season.

--Dan Scheiman, CBC Compiler

Lake Dardanelle and Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge

January 21, 2012

The weather Saturday morning was quite cold but at least it was not raining. The original starting point for the field trip was Holla Bend NWR, however with recent reports of good gull sightings, the group of 22 birders willingly diverted to Lake Dardanelle. There we hit the gull jackpot! The Glaucous and Lesser Black-backed Gulls were viewed at close range at the boat ramp at Delaware Recreation Area by the first group to arrive. Unfortunately, the Glaucous Gull had flown before the last group arrived, but was relocated later. After a careful scan through the many Ring-billed Gulls at the boat ramp, Kenny Nichols located an ADULT Thayer's Gull, the first adult for Arkansas. The resident Eastern Screech-Owl was a no-show, as was the Black-headed Gull and Western Grebe.

The group migrated to Holla Bend NWR. It was still very cold and cloudy, with light winds compounding the chill. We found a Bald Eagle sitting on the nest at the

dam/boat ramp. The open fields contained several Northern Harriers, as well as Red-tailed Hawks in a range of plumages. At the observation deck, a Merlin was sighted perched in a low bare tree. It stayed long enough to give everyone a chance to see its field marks. Several species of sparrows were seen, with nice looks at a Lincoln's Sparrow. No Trumpeter Swans were spotted.

The final goal of the day was an attempt to find the Harris's Sparrows and Bewick's Wren on County Loop Road. There were 3-4 Harris's Sparrows seen mixed in with White-crowned Sparrows. Unfortunately, the Bewick's was a no-show. We had a total of 66 species for the day. Several were life birds for many in the group. The three, barely-fledged, Ornithology students from UCA won the admiration of everyone for their perseverance in spite of the harsh cold, and their willingness to see and learn about the birds.

--Karen Holliday

Two Rivers Park and Lake Maumelle

February 18, 2012

In spite of the threat of rain, 24 birders arrived at Two Rivers Park to help find as many species as possible for the Great Backyard Bird Count. Our best finds were Brown Thrashers, Hermit Thrushes, a Gray Catbird, and lots of sparrows with Fox and Field being the most numerous. Being so close to the Arkansas River enabled us to find a large group of 75 American White Pelicans resting on a sandbar, plus numerous groups of Double-crested Cormorants and Ring-billed Gulls flying over, an Adult Bald Eagle, Snow Geese, Lesser Scaup, and Common Goldeneyes.

At Lake Maumelle, we found only five Commons Loons, a few Buffleheads and Pied-billed Grebes. At the marina, we added Pine Warblers, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Brown-headed Nuthatches, and Black Vultures. Our total species count for the day was 56.

--Karen Holliday

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This **Brewer's Sparrow** was found by Mike Mlodinow at Woolsey Wet Prairie on Dec. 1, 2011. This is the first record of this species in Arkansas.
Photo by Charles Mills

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Arkansas Rare Bird Alert (RBA)

The RBA lists rare and unusual birds found throughout the state and if possible directions to these birds. **To report or hear the latest sightings**, call 501-753-5853. The number is listed as J.J. Audubon in the phone book. It is the only white page listing with the last name Audubon

Find an Injured Bird?

For a listing of an AR Game and Fish Commission authorized Migratory Bird Rehabilitator in your area, you can visit their website at:
http://www.agfc.com/species/Documents/migratory_bird_rehablist.pdf