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Birding in Belize

Ed Laster

I took a trip in May 2012 to go birding in Belize. It all started with an email posted to ARbird-L by Sandy Berger announcing the Life Long Learning Center, which is a part of the University of Arkansas Fort Smith (UAFS), was hosting a trip to Belize led by Dr. Ragupathy Kannan, a Professor of Biology with UAFS, and Dr. Doug James from U of A Fayetteville.

Previously I had heard the two of them present a program at an Arkansas Audubon Society (AAS) meeting detailing their work with Hornbills in India. Additionally, both had worked together on birding projects in Belize and had led others on the same trip. That alone was enough to make me want to go. But there was more...Mayan Ruins, cave tubing, and snorkeling. How could I pass that up?

So I registered and joined 22 other participants for the trip. Most were from NW Arkansas, and some were joined by friends from as far away as Florida. Only two of us were from Little Rock. The group was very diversified with academic, medical, and business backgrounds.

We met at Dallas/DFW and flew together to Belize. We had been told not to pack our binoculars, and we soon found out why. After loading into two vans, we immediately started birding as we drove out of the airport, stopping to let everyone get good looks at birds while still on airport property.

We headed to Crooked Tree Village, about 35 miles north of Belize City. This is an inland island surrounded
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ASCA's Annual Potluck & Silent Auction Little Rock Audubon Center

Each of our meetings is a time to socialize with friends, but our annual holiday potluck is especially a time to catch up and converse. Add to that lots of food, a fund-raising silent auction, plenty of holiday cheer, and you have an event not to be missed!

So join us on Thursday, December 13th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Little Rock Audubon Center for our annual holiday potluck.

If you are bringing an auction item, which can be purchased or handmade, please be there before 6:00 to get the item in place. We'll begin accepting bids at 6:15 and sit down for dinner at 6:30.

ASCA will provide the drinks, plates, cups, and utensils. Just bring your favorite dish to share!

In addition to all the fun, we will conduct one important point of business – election of officers and board members. Exercise your right to vote!

The spacious and “green” Little Rock Audubon Center is on the southeast side of Little Rock at 4500 Springer Blvd., just minutes from downtown. If you haven't seen the two-year-old center, now is the time. Take I-440 to exit 1, Springer Blvd. Go south (left) on Springer. Cross the railroad tracks, then look for the Center and Audubon Arkansas sign on the right.

President's Column

Jane Gulley

Come Join the Festivities

As the year draws to a close, the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas will say farewell to 2012 with a festive and fun potluck at the Little Rock Audubon Center and you are invited! Even if you have not been able to make it to the meetings or field trips, we would enjoy having you join us. Doris Boyles will be supplying lovely Christmas decorations to help make the room and tables look very "Christmassy." Everyone will bring food, and we will hold our annual silent auction. Last year we had a large number of members attend, and we would like to include you.

The potluck will be held Thursday, December 13th at the Little Rock Audubon Center, 4500 Springer Blvd. The time is 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. For directions and details see page 1. Not only will you have the opportunity to join in the fun at the potluck, but you can see the wonderful facilities at Audubon Arkansas. The Center is easy to find, even in the dark – I promise! Just look for the Arkansas Audubon sign on the right.

This has been a busy year for ASCA. Members approved an increase in spending for conservation and education projects; and worked to keep the group informed of critical environmental challenges. The chapter participated in several community

projects such as the Lake Maumelle shoreline cleanup in November. Although we have accomplished a lot, it still doesn't seem like an entire year is ending.

I certainly do not want to forget to mention our ASCA field trips. Some of you participate in the field trips but do not come to the meetings. While we miss you at the meetings, the field trips are wonderful and we are glad to see and visit with you when you join them.

At the December meeting we will also be voting on new officers who will be serving for the next two years. We are fortunate that in this busy time we have people willing to lead our organization and commit the time it takes to keep ASCA viable and operational.

I also wanted to share something new. Thanks to Jim Dixon, a new and easier way to renew your membership has been added to the ASCA website. By visiting www.ascabird.org, you can pay online by using either PayPal or Google Wallet. It will simplify renewing your membership and make it easier for someone to join as a new member.

Jane Gulley
ASCA President

Little Rock and Lonoke Christmas Bird Counts

Dan Scheiman
ASCA Christmas Bird Count Compiler

The days are getting shorter and the weather is getting colder, but that doesn't mean the birding has to slow down! It is Audubon Christmas Bird Count season again. Audubon's CBC is a citizen science program and the nation's longest running bird survey – this is the 113th year!

On count day participants count all birds they encounter within their assigned section of a 15-mile diameter circle. Birders of any skill level are welcome. It's a great opportunity to learn from experienced birders. You can bird for as long as you like.

ASCA's VP, Dan Scheiman, organizes two counts: Little Rock is Saturday, December 15, and Lonoke is Saturday December 29. Contact Dan at birddan@comcast.net or 501-366-0840 if you would like to join one or both. Make your birding count for the birds!

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by a river and there were hundreds of wading birds including Limpkins, Wood Storks, egrets, ibis and my first Jabiru. Lots of Jabiru. What a big bird...it makes our Great Blue Heron look small. All the photographers got great shots of a cooperative Am. Pigmy Kingfisher and a Grey-necked Wood Rail. And that was before we checked-in to the Village.

The next day was spent watching a juvenile Vermilion Flycatcher being fed by its parents and finding lots of orioles and doves that were new to us. We had been encouraged to get the Birds of Belize bird guide by Lee Jones and it was good advice. It's almost as big as Sibley's Guide to Birds so you need a big pocket or pouch to keep it with you.

Next we traveled to the west side of the country, almost into Guatemala, to another place that caters to birders: Crystal Paradise Resort. It was great. Thatched roof cabins with lots of tropical plants, an adjoining large undisturbed tract, and open air eating where we could watch birds come to the papaya that Doug had stopped to buy at a market on the way in. Toucans, Chachalacas, and Brown Jays were the common visitors. We spent three days there and it was probably the favorite location of everyone.

Our leaders were great. Drs. Kannan and James were a perfect combo; with Kannan (no one called him by his first name because no one could pronounce it) providing all the excitement running around pointing out birds and Doug calmly describing behavior and interesting facts about them.

Doug James received his doctorate in 1957, so he's not a young man anymore, but he did quite well getting about and his input was enjoyed by all. I will also comment that because of his age, it's not certain how many more trips like this Doug can make; and as a result two of his daughters, a son-in-law and a grandson were with him on the trip. It was nice to see the family support and care they gave to someone who has had such a strong role in Arkansas birding through the University and through his publications.

Kannan was very knowledgeable about all the birds (he lived there for four months as part of his graduate program), knew what to expect where and would pursue one he heard until he found it. And after the birding, he's one of the best at telling a story; and he had lots of them.

Yes, we went to the Mayan Ruins. We climbed to the top of one of the pyramids and had explanations of what we were seeing from one of our guides, who was himself a Mayan. One of our optional activities was a zip-line and I thought it was great fun; and we saw a Yellow-throated Euphonia from the top of the canopy. Can't beat that!



photo by Ed Laster

El Castillo (the castle) at the Mayan ruins of Xunantunich on the western border of Belize. Most of the group walked/climbed to the top with views into Guatemala.

We visited an island off the coast of Belize (Caye Caulker) where we birded, snorkeled and enjoyed the coastal area.

The Life Long Learning Center at UAFS put together an excellent trip. This wasn't the first trip they have made to Belize and I doubt it will be the last, since their leaders have such good knowledge of the area. The next trip in May-June 2013 will be to Trinidad/Tobago. You can get more info on the trip from their website uafs.edu/lifelonglearning. I highly recommend them.

ASCA Membership Renewal

Just a reminder, all ASCA Membership renewals are due by January 1, 2013. You can now renew your membership and pay "on-line" with a credit card by visiting www.ascabird.org. Click on the Membership tab

on the left side of the page and follow the prompts. You can pay by PayPal or Google Wallet. Checks can be mailed to Ed Laster, Treasurer, 64 Bouresse Drive, Little Rock, AR 72223.

113th Christmas Bird Count

Each year, over 2000 Audubon Christmas Bird Counts are conducted throughout North America from December 14 through January 5.

What's involved: Each 15-mile diameter count circle has a compiler. The circle is broken into sections with a group of volunteers for each. Each group then tries to find all the birds in their area, within a calendar day. You count the birds you actually see and hear, not the birds that should be there. All counts could use more volunteers. However some are in need of help. Please consider participating in more than one, especially

counts that may involve a drive or have less than 10 volunteers.

Skill and time levels: Birders of any skill level are welcome. The amount of time you spend is flexible. Some watch their bird feeder for an hour, while others go for 15+ hours out in the field.

For more information contact: Leif Anderson at 479-284-3150 ext. 3151 or email LeifAnderson@fs.fed.us; or a CBC compiler listed below for details.

<u>Count</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Compiler</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Mountain Home	Fri 14	Alice Snyder	alice.m.snyder@gmail.com	
Arkadelphia	Sat 15	Evelyn & Glen Good	theoldcrow@sbcglobal.net	
Buffalo Nat River East	Sat 15	Roy Stovall	roy_stovall@suddenlink.net	870-736-0505
Fort Smith	Sat 15	Bill Beall	billtoka@mynewroads.com	
Little Rock	Sat 15	Dan Scheiman	birddan@comcast.net	501-244-2229
Magnolia/Lake Columbia	Sat 15	Darrell & Debbie Chatelain	darrell1951@suddenlink.net	
Fayetteville	Sun 16	Joe Neal and Mike Mlodinow	joeneal@uark.edu	479-521-1858
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Holla Bend NWR	Tues 18	Leif Anderson	leifanderson@fs.fed.us	
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Crooked Creek	Wed 19	Sally Jo Gibson	sjogibson@cox..net	
Mississippi River State Pk	Thur 20	Tara Gillanders	tara.gillanders@arkansas.gov	
Village Creek State Park	Fri 21	Adam Leslie	adam.leslie@arkansas.gov	
Pine Bluff	Fri 28	Rob Doster	calcarius@comcast.net	
Lonoke	Sat 29	Dan Scheiman	birddan@comcast.net	501-244-2229
Wappanocca NWR	Sat 29	Dick Preston	dickpreston@bigriver.net	
Conway	Wed Jan 2	Allan Mueller	akcmueller@gmail.com	

Several counts have yet to be set. Contact Leif Anderson for details or subscribe to ARBIRD-L for regular updates.

Lake Norrell Residents Honored

At the September 13 business meeting, ASCA officers and board members voted to extend their appreciation, with a gift, to the residents of Lake Norrell who went “above and beyond” to help birders see the Brown Booby discovered by Pat and Vickie Martin.

Once word of the bird began to spread, birders from around Arkansas and other states began arriving to the lake in droves. From August 10 – 21, the Martin’s and Salmela’s gladly opened up their backyards and homes to 345 known visitors, 67 of whom were from out of state, and Chris and Jaimie Peach offered boat tours free of charge.

In October, on behalf of ASCA, Dottie Boyles presented each couple with a *Peterson Field Guide to*



Pat & Vickie Martin



Dottie Boyles, Scott & Tina Salmela, and Chris & Jaimie Peach

Birds, *Sibley's Birding Basics*, and the September – November 2012 issue of *The Snipe*, featuring an article about the Brown Booby on the front cover. She also thanked them for everything they did to help birders see such a rare visitor to Arkansas.

Upcoming Programs

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.

December 13, 2012 – Potluck and Silent Auction

Location: Little Rock Audubon Center

Come join us on Thursday, December 13 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Little Rock Audubon Center for our Annual Potluck and Silent Auction. This fun event is a great opportunity to enjoy some wonderful food, spread some holiday cheer, exchange stories with fellow birders, and visit with friends.

The Little Rock Audubon Center is located at 4500 Springer Blvd. For more information and directions see page 1.

January 10, 2013 – Annual Business Meeting

ASCA can exist only with active participation by its members, so here is your opportunity to provide input into activities for 2013 and help start the New Year off right for our organization!

All members are urged to attend our annual business meeting at 7 p.m. at our regular meeting location. Passing the budget is the biggest item on the agenda; have your say about how your membership dollars are spent.

Due to the number of topics that need to be covered, there will not be a program or guest speaker at this meeting.

February 14, 2013 – For the Love of Birds

Guest Speaker: YOU!

With the coincidence of our meeting and Valentine's Day we're going to try something different for our February program. This month, you, our bird-loving members, will share with us why you love birds. You can say what birds mean to you, how you got into birding, or tell any heart-warming birdy story. Keep it short and sweet – one to five minutes. Prepare a talk or be extemporaneous. No fancy slideshow needed.

If interested contact Dan Scheiman at birddan@comcast.net by February 11 to get on the lineup. Don't be shy; we're a bird-friendly audience.

Election of Officers and Board Members

The election of Officers for 2013-2014 and Board Members for 2013, will take place on Thursday, December 13, at the Little Rock Audubon Center.

The nominating committee consisted of Karen Holliday, Chair, Samantha Scheiman, and Edie Calaway. During the November 8th business meeting, Samantha Scheiman presented the slate of nominees, as follows:

Two-year term as Officers:

President: Jane Gulley
Vice President: Dan Scheiman
Secretary: vacant
Treasurer: Jim Dixon
Editor: Dottie Boyles

One-year term as Board Members:

1. Robert Bays
2. Edie Calaway
3. Samantha Dixon
4. DeLynn Hearn
5. Bill Shepherd
6. Rob Weiss

Other Responsibilities

Christmas Bird Counts: Dan Scheiman
Conservation Chair: Barry Haas
Field Trip Coordinator: Karen Holliday
Hospitality: Doris Boyles
Rare Bird Alert: DeLynn Hearn
Webmaster: Lyndal York

Any ASCA member is welcome to make a nomination from the floor at the December meeting before the election is held.

Platform Built at Lake Maumelle

Stephanie Hymel, with Central Arkansas Water, reports the spotting scope platform along the Bufflehead Bay Trail has been completed. The platform, courtesy of ASCA, is located west of the Hwy 10 entrance to Jolly Roger Park at the Bufflehead Bay parking area and walk north on the paved drive to the start of Bufflehead Trail (the trail is not paved). Follow the trail/shoreline about 1/2 mile to the point. GPS coordinates: 34° 52.196/-92° 34.188



Great Backyard Bird Count

Mark your calendars now for the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) to be held February 15-18, 2013. The GBBC is a joint effort of National Audubon and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. It is an annual four-day event that engages birdwatchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate. It's free, fun, and easy—and helps the birds.

Count birds anywhere for as little or as long as you wish during the four days. Tally the highest number of birds of each species seen together at any one time. Then report your lists online.

This season the GBBC will be integrated with another Audubon/Cornell citizen science project – eBird (eBird.org). There are many advantages to this: year-round global access to the data, precise locations, interactive maps, and the ability to correct mistakes. For more information visit: www.birdsource.org/gbbc.

Kiosks Dedication at Allsopp Park

The Hillcrest Residents Assoc. (HRA) is operated by a board of directors. When a board member's term expires, HRA honors that member by donating up to \$500 to a neighborhood cause/project of their choosing. Don Evans and Stephanie Minyard, whose terms expired contemporaneously, pooled their resources by combining their donations and requested the money be used to purchase two birding kiosks for Allsopp Park. Karen Hart and Dan Scheiman helped oversee the design.

On September 17th a damp but dedicated crew of HRA and ASCA members braved the weather for the dedication of the signs.

The kiosks are located below the Allsopp Promenade on Kavanaugh Blvd., and at the head of the trail near the park's parking lot. Allsopp Park bird checklists are also available at the kiosks.



photo by Karen Hart

L to R: Seth Ward, President of HRA, Karen Hart, Dottie Boyles, Dan Scheiman, Neill Hart, and Samantha Scheiman

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 a chance to 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.

December 2012

Little Rock and Lonoke Christmas Bird Counts

The Little Rock Count will be held on Saturday, December 15 and the Lonoke Count will be held on Saturday, December 29. To participate in one or both counts, contact Dan Scheiman at birddan@comcast.net or 501-244-2229.

January 26, 2013

Delaware Park-Lake Dardanelle and Holla Bend NWR

Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Mayflower commuter lot off I-40 West at Exit 135. We'll carpool to Delaware Park, located on the southwest side of Lake Dardanelle. We should arrive at the park around 8:45 a.m. We'll scan the lake for waterfowl and eagles. There's always a chance for something rare.

Directions to Delaware Park from the town of Dardanelle: Go west on Hwy 22 approximately 10 miles. Turn right onto Hwy 393, which is the first road on your right after you cross the long causeway near the west end of the lake. Hwy 393 dead ends at the park. GPS coordinates: 35.297401, -93.274696.

From there we will caravan to the Holla Bend NWR headquarters, located at 10448 Holla Bend Road, Dardanelle, AR 72834. There is a \$4.00 entrance fee per vehicle. A duck stamp or National Parks pass will get a vehicle in for free. Our target birds will be raptors, including Bald Eagles, plus swans, waterfowl, and sparrows. For more information visit: <http://www.fws.gov/hollabend/>.

The entire field trip will take most of the day. Bring snacks, lunch and plenty of water. The lake can be very cold and windy. Dress in layers, including gloves and hats. At Holla Bend, there will be some walking in tall grass, so boots are recommended.

February 23, 2013

Halowell Reservoir and the Wrape Plantation, Bayou Meto WMA

Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Prothro Junction commuter lot off I-40 East, at Exit 157, on the southeast side of the interstate. We should arrive at the Hampton Wildlife Research Center by 8:30 a.m. for anyone who would like to meet us there. Our target birds will be ducks, ducks, more ducks, and geese. Bayou Meto is one of the largest state-owned wildlife management areas in the nation, encompassing 33,832 acres in Arkansas and Jefferson counties. The natural woodlands/wetlands complex provides diverse habitats for resident wildlife and resting areas for migrating waterfowl. Bring water, snacks, and lunch.

Directions from Little Rock: Take I-40 east to I-440, then south to Exit 7, then east on Hwy. 165 (England Rd.) to Humnoke. Turn south on Hwy 13 to Hwy 79 at Humphrey. Take a right on Hwy. 79, go about 1 mile and turn right onto Hwy 152. Take Hwy 152 to the paved road (Vallier Rd.) which leads to Bayou Meto. Follow Vallier Road to the Hampton Wildlife Research Center located at the Halowell Reservoir. The Center is located at 31 Holowell Lane, Humphrey, AR 72073.



Field Trip Reports

Pinnacle Mountain State Park

September 15, 2012

The group met in the parking lot of the Arboretum Trail at Pinnacle Mountain State Park, located just west of Little Rock. Braving the rain were eleven stalwart birders, including two first-time participants from Conway and one from Little Rock. The rain was heavy enough throughout the walk that very few birds were moving. We couldn't even coax titmice and chickadees to come down. We did manage to get an excellent look at a Barred Owl perched in the top of a dead tree as well

as a bedraggled Yellow-billed Cuckoo. A brief appearance was made by a Hooded Warbler. After an hour and a half, we gave up and called it a morning.

On the drive out, I spotted a rafter (or gang) of 22 Wild Turkeys making their way slowly through a field just past the entrance to the park. I was able to pull over and watch them for a few minutes.

--Karen Holliday

Arkansas River Trail

October 6, 2012

Sixteen birders gathered at the North Little Rock Riverview Skateboard Park and Arkansas River Trail for our Birds and Butterflies field trip. Expectations weren't high for butterflies due to a significant drop in temperature overnight and a heavy overcast, but we did see a nice mix of birds. Raptors were the best birds of the day starting with an Osprey soaring overhead, a life bird for several of the newer birders! Other raptors spotted were, Red-tailed and Cooper's Hawks, and American Kestrel. Later, we watched the Osprey feeding on a fish it snagged out of the river. A Gray Catbird cooperatively perched in plain sight, giving everyone good looks through the scope, another life bird for some.

A Belted Kingfisher did a fly-by. As a Great Egret swooped in, Dan Scheiman reminded us the Great Egret is the symbol for the National Audubon Society. First-of-season birds were Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and White-throated Sparrow. Brown Thrashers, Northern Flickers, Northern Mockingbirds, and Blue Jays were numerous. Several flocks of ducks flew over, some were tentatively identified as Northern Shovelers, and three Forster's Terns were spotted. With the temperature never climbing above 50 degrees, the butterflies weren't moving. Dainty Sulphur's were seen clinging to grasses low to the ground. We ended the morning by getting back to our cars just as the rain started. We saw a total of 29 species. --Karen Holliday

DeGray Lake and Resort State Park

November 17, 2012

The day started out chilly as twenty-five birders converged at DeGray Lake Resort State Park. Our first stop netted a juvenile Bald Eagle seen dive-bombing a raft of American Coots. We also saw Lesser Yellowlegs, Horned and Pied-billed Grebes, and Common Loons.

65- Pied-billed Grebes, a Red-breasted Merganser, American Crows, a juvenile Bald Eagle, Horned Grebes, and a Belted Kingfisher.

We stopped at Caddo Point where the new birders were enthralled with the rafts of coots, scaups, and Gadwalls, plus a fly-by of a Red-breasted Merganser. At the boat ramp we were treated to the sight and sounds of

By the lodge we found Brown-headed Nuthatches, Pine Warblers, plus Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglets. We also saw several Common Loons and one Pacific Loon, which was a life bird for several of the birders. It was a nice ending to a fun day of birding.

--Karen Holliday

Editor's Note: Donna Haynes expressed her gratitude to everyone who attended the field trip and helped her son Lincoln "get his life birds!" When they started going over his list, they discovered he had added nine species to his list for a total of 107 life birds. After spotting an Osprey, Donna announced it was Lincoln's 100th bird! She stated, "He is only six and has attended a few field trips before, but this was the first one we didn't have to leave early because he got fidgety. His interest is growing and he is pretty proud of his Pacific Loon sighting."

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A small band of Ferruginous Hawks have been spotted along Hwy 67 near mile markers 92 and 102.

The hawks were discovered on November 8
by Kenny and LaDonna Nichols.

photo by Dick Baxter

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Chapter Only Membership Application

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

ASCA Dues Proration for New Members

	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec*
Membership Level	100%	75%	50%	100%
__Student/Senior	\$10	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$10
__Regular	\$15	\$11.25	\$7.50	\$15
__Family	\$25	\$18.75	\$12.5	\$25
__Supporting	\$35			
__Patron	\$50			

*New Memberships paid in the last quarter (Oct-Dec), will include full membership for the following calendar year.

All Membership renewals are due January 1 of each calendar year.

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Ed Laster, Treasurer, 64 Bouresse Drive, Little Rock, AR 72223. Please note that "Chapter Only Members" will not receive *Audubon* magazine. To receive *Audubon* magazine, you need to join the National Audubon Society (NAS).

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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