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Audubon Society of Central Arkansas*



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ASCA's Annual Potluck & Silent Auction Little Rock Audubon Center

Join us on Thursday, December 12, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., at the Little Rock Audubon Center for our annual holiday potluck and silent auction.

This fun-filled event is a great opportunity to enjoy wonderful food, spread some holiday cheer, and exchange stories with fellow birders.

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

ASCA will provide the drinks. Plates, cups, and eating utensils will be furnished by Audubon Arkansas.

In addition to all the fun, we'll conduct one important point of business – elect board members for the upcoming year. So exercise your right to vote!

The spacious and “green” Little Rock Audubon Center is located on the southeast side of Little Rock at 4500 Springer Blvd., just minutes from downtown. If you haven't visited the 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.



photo by Dan Scheiman

Bring your favorite dish and join us on December 12 for a fun-filled evening and a chance to visit with fellow birders from around the state.

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 (CBC) season again. Audubon's CBC is a citizen science program and the nation's longest running bird survey – this is the 114th 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.

I organize two counts: Little Rock is Saturday, December 14, and Lonoke is Saturday, December 21. Contact me at birddan@comcast.net or 501-366-0840, and specify the count. There are many other counts across the state. Contact State Compiler Leif Anderson at Leanderson@fs.fed.us or 479-284-3150 ext. 3151 for more information. Participation is free. Make your birding count for the birds!

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President's Column

Reflections of 2013

When you read this 2013 will almost be over, and I will be thinking about starting my last year as ASCA President. All current ASCA Officers and Board Members will be serving again in 2014. It doesn't seem possible that this year is drawing to a close. As I think about it, I have to say how exciting, entertaining, educational, and fun the year has been. I think every year is exciting when you are a birder because each year holds the possibility of seeing a rare bird to add to your life list, or a frequently seen bird doing some quirky antic. Each day is kind of like holding a lottery ticket but you don't have to spend any money.

As I was thinking about the year and ASCA's activities, I realized we had crisscrossed the state with our varied destinations for field trips. Along the way we also saw some remote and seldom traveled Arkansas back roads. Some of our travels took us to Arkansas Post, Bald Knob NWR, Millwood Lake, Holland Bottoms WMA, and Wapanocca NWR. We also had a VIP trip to the Win Rock grass farm led by Dan Scheiman.

All of our field trips are open to members and visitors alike and all you have to do is show up. We will take excellent care of you. You do not have to know anything about bird watching or need any equipment. We usually carpool, and we decide the riding arrangements while we are in the parking lot so there is no prearranged plan. We would like to include you.

As I said earlier, the year had been exciting, entertaining, educational, and fun. At our monthly meetings we have educational programs

and you are invited to attend. This year we had vicarious trips to Costa Rica, Arizona, Ecuador, and a great program on birding while traveling with people who are not interested in birding! We also learned about Arkansas's State Parks, drip irrigation, and the Woolsey Wet Prairie Preserve. I think our programs are an excellent example of combining education, fun, and camaraderie. Again, all you have to do is be there.

While ASCA is about watching birds, it is also about community involvement and conservation concerns. As an organization ASCA has stayed involved with the issues about the Lake Maumelle watershed and our drinking water, volunteered for the Maumelle Lake Sweep, participated in various bird counts, co-sponsored with Audubon Arkansas and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, a family birding event at the Holland Bottoms Wildlife Management Area, and supported the Halberg Ecology Camp. You can feel good about being a member of ASCA because you are contributing to your community.

While I am reminiscing about the close of 2013, I need to remind you that ASCA is looking for any papers, rosters, flyers, or other memorabilia you might have about the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas or as we were formerly known as, Pulaski County Audubon Society. You are welcome to contact me if you have anything you want preserved for future generations at the Arkansas Studies Institute a division of the Central Arkansas Library System.

Jane Gulley
ASCA President

ASCA Membership Renewal

Just a reminder, ASCA membership renewals are due January 1, 2014 and can be paid on-line via PayPal or Google Wallet through the Membership page of www.ascabird.org. Checks can be mailed to Jim Dixon, Treasurer, 11805 Birchwood Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211.

Regular Membership dues are \$15.00, for Students or Senior's – \$10.00, Family – \$25.00, Supporting – \$35.00, and Patron – \$50.00.

Welcome New Members

ASCA would like to welcome the following new members:

John Redman, Donna Haynes, and Lucien Gillham



“Get Rusty” this spring to save a declining blackbird!

Rusty Blackbird Spring Migration Blitz- Calling All Birders!

Why? Over the past half-century, the historically abundant Rusty Blackbird has endured one of the steepest population declines ever documented among North American landbirds. Within the last 15 years, scientists have learned more about this bird’s breeding and wintering ecology. However, as with many migratory species, we know very little about Rusty Blackbird ecology, distribution, and habitat use during migration. Are there hotspots where many individuals congregate? Are there stopover areas that are used predictably each year, and are these locations protected? The Rusty Blackbird Spring Migration Blitz will address these and other questions to

help focus future research and conservation of one of North America’s most vulnerable blackbirds. We’re recruiting an army of birders to participate in this effort to help conserve this fascinating songbird. Will you accept our birding challenge?

Who? The International Rusty Blackbird Working Group, eBird, and the Vermont Center for Ecostudies are partnering with local organizations like Audubon Society of Central Arkansas to recruit volunteers.

What? Each participating state will have a 3-8 week target window during which birders will search for Rusty Blackbirds. Within this window, birders may explore favored birding haunts or newly identified areas that they suspect may harbor Rusties.

When? Spring 2014 is the first year of this three-year Spring Migration Blitz; the Blitz window for Arkansas is all of March.

Where? Get ready for a continent-wide event! The Spring Blitz will span the Rusty Blackbird’s entire spring migration range, from the wintering grounds in the southeastern United States, up the East Coast and through the Midwest to Canada and Alaska.

How do I get involved? Easy! Bird as you normally do, focusing on potential Rusty Blackbird habitat during March 2014. Seek the best-known places for Rusty sightings or explore uncharted territory. Make sure to report ALL of your observations to eBird (eBird.org) – we want to know both where you saw these birds and where you didn’t.

Where can I learn more? Visit the International Rusty Blackbird Working Group website (rustyblackbird.org/outreach/migration-blitz) for information on identification, vocalizations, habitat preferences, and data to collect. Follow on Facebook (www.facebook.com/rustyblackbirdspringblitz), or contact Arkansas’s volunteer coordinator Dan Scheiman (birddan@comcast.net)

The International Rusty Blackbird Working Group

Lake Maumelle Lake Sweep

*Stephanie Liechty, Stewardship Coordinator
Central Arkansas Water*

On October 5, 2013, Central Arkansas Water (CAW), in partnership with Audubon Arkansas and Audubon Society of Central Arkansas, hosted its 5th Annual Lake Sweep at Lake Maumelle. The event was expanded this year to include educational activities for children.

Even with rainy weather, more than 55 volunteers spread out across the south shore of Lake Maumelle and over to Lundsford Corner at the old marina site to pick up trash and spruce up parks and trails.

CAW staff noted there seemed to be less trash in the parks and along trails this year, but more along Highway 10 and bank fishing areas.

With expanded education and outreach efforts provided by Audubon Arkansas, CAW looks forward to reaching more school-age children with their message of protecting and enhancing water quality. S – f

Wild Birds Unlimited

Dottie Boyles

Wild Birds Unlimited opened its Little Rock store in September 1993 catering to the needs and desires of backyard birders. Walk through the door and you’re greeted by the soothing sounds of gurgling water in bird baths, wind-chimes, and bird songs.

Located at 1818 North Taylor Street, store owner Jim Allen and his staff seek to provide customers with information about birds and bird feeding. The store stocks a wide variety of bird food such as seed, suet, nuts, and mealworms. Gift items include jewelry, note cards, binoculars, flags, windsocks, and other bird motif merchandise. Books range from field guides to Jan White’s Birder Murder Mysteries series. Many items, such as *The Warbler Guide*, can be special ordered.

Wild Birds Unlimited has been a supporter of the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas (ASCA) for many years. Current issues of ASCA’s newsletter, *The Snipe*, are on display for customers to take and read. Beginning in 2014, Wild Birds Unlimited has offered to help offset the cost of printing *The Snipe* by becoming a sponsor.

As a special offer to ASCA just mention you are a member and receive a 10 percent discount on your purchase.

Audubon's Wildlife Observation Trail

Dan Scheiman
 Conservation Director, Audubon Arkansas

There is a new hiking trail in town – the Wildlife Observation Trail at the Little Rock Audubon Center. Though as of this writing Audubon Arkansas is still working on an entry gate and signs, the one-mile, handicap-accessible trail is ready for birding. The trail loops through an oak savannah behind the Center. A portion is paved and the rest is gravel. Along the trail you'll find an observation platform, benches, picnic tables, and two Chimney Swift towers (a third is planned). In winter look for sparrows, Sedge Wren, and Eastern Meadowlarks. In summer



Indigo Buntings and Orchard Orioles are regulars. A family of Eastern Bluebirds lives there year-round.



Chimney Swift tower rising

The trail was made possible by a grant from the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission. Our own Samantha Scheiman helped Audubon write the winning proposal! Additional support has come from Fennell Purifoy Architects, John Riggs Tractor Co., McGeorge Construction Co., Hot Springs Village Audubon, Arkansas Audubon Society, local Boy Scout troops, Arkansas Master Naturalists, and other

individuals. ASCA has agreed to help with trail maintenance each March in conjunction with a field trip.

114th Christmas Bird Count

Each year, over 2,000 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>
Arkadelphia	Sat 14	Evelyn & Glen Good	theoldcrow@sbcglobal.net	
Buffalo Nat River East	Sat 14	Roy Stovall and Jack Stewart	roy.stovall@suddenlink.net	870-736-0505
Fort Smith	Sat 14	Bill Beall	billtoka@mynewroads.com	
Little Rock	Sat 14	Dan Scheiman	birddan@comcast.net	501-244-2229
Conway	Sun 15	Allan Mueller	akcmueller@gmail.com	
Fayetteville	Sun 15	Joe Neal and Mike Mlodinow	joeneal@uark.edu	479-521-1858
Mountain Home	Mon 16	Alice Snyder	alice.m.snyder@gmail.com	
North Fork of the Ill. Bayou	Tues 17	Sarah Davis	sadavis@fs.fed.us	
Mississippi River State Pk	Thur 19	Tara Gillanders	tara.gillanders@arkansas.gov	
Pine Bluff	Fri 20	Rob Doster	calcarius@comcast.net	
Crooked Creek Valley	Sat 21	Sally Jo Gibson	sjogibson@cox.net	
Lonoke	Sat 21	Dan Scheiman	birddan@comcast.net	501-244-2229
Wapanocca NWR	Sat 29	Dick Preston	dickpreston@bigriver.net	
Mount Magazine	Sat Jan 4	Don Simons	don.simons@arkansas.gov	

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

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 12, 2013 – Potluck and Silent Auction

Location: Little Rock Audubon Center

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Bring your favorite dish and join us for a fun-filled evening at the Little Rock Audubon Center, 4500 Springer Blvd., Little Rock. For more information and directions to the Center see page 1 of this issue.

January 9, 2014 – Annual Business Meeting

ASCA can exist only with active participation by its members, so here is your opportunity to provide input into activities for 2014 and help start the New Year off right for our organization!

All members are urged to attend our annual business meeting at 7:00 p.m. at our regular meeting location.

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

February 13, 2014 – Heading West (Sierra Vista Birding)

Speaker: Larry Jernigan

Larry was inspired by a presentation he saw at an ASCA meeting to visit Sierra Vista, Arizona. For three weeks he and his wife Jean saw and photographed 65 new birds, 11 of which were hummingbirds. He will share photos of birds and plants, as well as their wonderful experience.

Larry Jernigan started out as a biology student doing research in Alaska. When drafted into the army he did medical research, partly in Asaka, Japan. Upon returning to civilian life he owned a photography studio for ten years before returning to school at age 41 to become a Doctor of Chiropractic. He practiced for 20 years before retiring to Heber Springs in 2005, where he worked for 4-H. He fully retired in 2012, and now spends his days doing wildlife photography and trying to finish a "honey-do" list.

ASCA Election of 2014 Board Members

The election of Board Members for 2014, will take place on Thursday, December 12 at the Little Rock Audubon Center.

The nominating committee consisted of Karen Holliday, Chair, Samantha Scheiman, and Doris Boyles. During the November 14 business meeting, Jane Gulley presented the slate of nominees, as follows:

One-year term as Board Members:

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

The nominating committee is working to fill the position of Secretary. This important role has been vacant for the past two years and is presently being filled by volunteers. If you are willing to serve please contact a member of the nominating committee.

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

Wild Birds Unlimited – Little Rock Offers discount for ASCA members

Mention you're an ASCA member and receive a **10% discount** on all purchases at the Wild Birds Unlimited store located in The Heights at 1818 N. Taylor Street, Little Rock, AR 72207. Call 501-666-4210 or visit their website at: wbulittlerock@live.com.

If you are not a member of ASCA, now is the perfect time to join.

Bird's View of the Sky

The Central Arkansas Astronomical Society, that ASCA member Jim Dixon is also a member of, recently installed an all sky camera at their facility in order to view the entire sky at once. However, on October 14, another view was discovered on the lens.



Great Backyard Bird Count

Mark your calendars now for the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) to be held February 14-17, 2014. 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 birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate. It's free, fun, and easy—and helps the birds.

What's involved? 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.

Again 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.

White River as a National Blueway Rescinded

The March-May 2013 issue of *The Snipe*, reported that on January 9, 2013, the White River was named the nation's second National Blueway. The National Blueways System was created in 2012 as part of the America's Great Outdoors Initiative. The designation is given to nationally significant rivers and their watersheds that are highly valued for the recreational, cultural, and ecological assets.

A public outcry followed, stating the designation could lead to new regulations or land seizures for the 700-plus-mile river that flows through southern Missouri and parts of Arkansas. Although not true, on July 3, 2013, the U.S. Department of Interior rescinded the designation.

Cave Swallow



Charles Mills snapped this photo of a Cave Swallow in southwest Arkansas.



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 2013

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The Little Rock Count will be Saturday, December 14 and the Lonoke Count will be Saturday, December 21. To participate in one or both counts, contact Dan Scheiman at birddan@comcast.net or 501-366-0840.

January 18, 2014

Delaware Park-Lake Dardanelle and Holla Bend NWR

Meet at 7:00 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 boat ramp around 8:15 a.m. if you prefer to meet us there. We'll scan the lake for gulls, waterfowl and eagles. A rare gull or duck is always a possibility.

From there, we'll caravan to Holla Bend NWR. There is a \$4.00 entrance fee per vehicle; a duck stamp or a National Parks pass will get a vehicle in for free. Our target birds will be eagles, other raptors, swans, other waterfowl, and sparrows.

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

Directions from the town of Dardanelle to Delaware Park: At the junction of Hwy. 7 and Hwy. 22, go west on Hwy. 22 approximately 10 miles. Turn right onto Hwy. 393, which is the first road on the right after you cross the long causeway near the west end of the lake. Hwy. 393 dead ends at Delaware Park. Coordinates: 35.295749, -93.271458.

For more information about the NWR, go to www.fws.gov/hollabend. The headquarters is at 10448 Holla Bend Road, Dardanelle, AR 72834. Coordinates: 35.163222, -93.093477.

February 15, 2014

Stuttgart Airport

Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Prothro Junction commuter lot on the southeast side of Exit 157 off I-40 East (heading towards Memphis). We'll reach the airport around 8:30 if you prefer to meet us there. Lapland and Smith's Longspurs, Short-eared Owls, pipits, and sparrows will be our targets. Dress in layers; bring gloves, be prepared for wind and cold. Knee-high boots are essential for walking through the sharp *Aristida* grass. On the way back to Little Rock, we'll check the open fields for flocks of geese and ducks.

Directions: From I-40 take Exit 193 at Hazen. Go south on US-63, turn left (east) on US-70. Then follow 63 as it splits to the right. Drive south on US-63 for 12.5 miles to the airport on the right (west). From Stuttgart, the airport is on the left (west) 4 miles north of the intersection of US-63 and US-165. In the airport take the entrance road west, keeping right at the fork. Park by the office to the left.



Field Trip Reports

Karen Holliday, Field Trip Coordinator

Bell Slough Wildlife Management Area

September 14, 2013

Twenty-four birders spent the morning exploring Bell Slough WMA hoping to find migrating fall warblers. The morning started out quite cool, but sunny.

We first skirted the edge of the large field that serves as a waterfowl resting area. The trees along the edge were in full sunlight and that is where we found a mixed flock foraging. Warblers seen were Blue-winged, Nashville, Pine, Black-and-white, three American Redstarts, two Northern Parulas, two Common Yellowthroats, plus two Summer Tanagers and a small flock of Cedar Waxwings.

Other good birds were five White-eyed Vireos, two Yellow-throated Vireos, a House Wren, and a Least Flycatcher. Out in the field were Indigo Buntings and Blue Grosbeaks, along with two Great Blue Herons, plus a Turkey Vulture and a Red-shouldered Hawk circling the area.

As we walked the trail to the photo blind, we heard and saw five Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, five Yellow-billed Cuckoos, two Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, a FOS Ruby-crowned Kinglet, six Carolina Wrens, and a Pileated Woodpecker. On the trail to the quarry, we spotted more cuckoos and Black-and-white Warblers, plus two female Rose-breasted Grosbeaks. We ended the lovely morning with a total of 35 species.

--Karen Holliday

Millwood Lake

October 5, 2013

Federal shutdowns and a chance of rain didn't stop a few diehard birders from making the trip to Millwood Lake. The group met at Beard's Bluff. The trees around the observation deck yielded two Yellow-throated Warblers, an Eastern Phoebe, a rather chatty Blue Jay and an equally chatty Red-bellied Woodpecker. On the lake numerous Great Egrets were scattered among a few Great Blue Herons and Double-crested Cormorants. No gulls or ducks were present.

With most of the access areas to Millwood Lake closed and news that Charles Mills and Michael Linz had found Cave Swallows the day before at another location, the group was eager to head out. After a 45-minute drive south to First Old River Lake, an oxbow of

the Red River, Charles spotted the first of seven Cave Swallows just a few minutes after we arrived; a life bird for several in the group. A few seconds later seven Roseate Spoonbills were seen feeding across the lake, along with White Ibis and several dark ibis's too far way to identify.

With the exception of Purple Martins, all of the species of swallows found in Arkansas were seen there – Tree, Bank, Cliff, Cave, Barn, and Northern Rough-winged. A dead tree proved to be a great resting area for Anhingas, the spoonbills, White Ibis, and Great Egrets, giving the appearance of ornaments on a Christmas tree. However, with the arrival of two Bald Eagles all the birds left for a safer location. By 12:30 the group decided to disband and either head for home or lunch just before the rain hit. We ended the day with eight birders and 34 species. *--Dottie Boyles*

DeGray Lake Resort State Park

November 16, 2013

Sixteen birders braved the fog, wind, and chilly temperatures at DeGray Lake Resort State Park. We started the day with a mixed flock at the parking lot: Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Pine Warbler, Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglets, Downy Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and a Brown Creeper. The first of several Bald Eagles was seen just as we were leaving.

Driving over the dam, we stopped to admire a Common Loon at close range. On the other side of the dam we spotted three more Common Loons, several Pied-billed Grebes, and a Horned Grebe. A Great Blue Heron surveyed the lake from atop a party barge, while an immature Bald Eagle soared high overhead.

At Caddo Point the wind made finding waterfowl among the waves a little difficult. Bufflehead, Gadwall, and more Pied-billed Grebes were seen riding the waves. The highlight was a Red-breasted Merganser very close to shore. Unfortunately it did not stick around long enough for everyone to get a good look. The only gull we saw was too far off to identify.

We also stopped by the boat ramp, which gave us a nice break from the wind. There we had a great look at two Horned Grebes and a few more Pied-billed Grebes.

We ended the day with 25 species. *--Dottie Boyles*

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Kenny and LaDonna Nichols spotted this Ferruginous Hawk on November 11, at the end of US-67 perched on a sign above the overpass.
photo by LaDonna Nichols

Audubon Society of Central Arkansas

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	\$12.50	\$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 and can be paid online via credit card at www.asca.org or mail a check to the address below.

Make check payable to ASCA and mail to: Jim Dixon, Treasurer, 11805 Birchwood Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211. Please note that "Chapter Only Members" will not receive *Audubon* magazine. To receive *Audubon* magazine, you will need to join the National Audubon Society (NAS).

Address changes should be sent to the following: If Chapter Only Member, notify Leon Brockinton, c/o Brockinton Company, LLC at P.O. Box 6213, Sherwood, AR 72124. If NAS member, notify both Brockinton Company and NAS at P.O. Box 51001, Boulder, CO 80322-1001.

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Reporting a Banded Bird

To report a bird with a Federal Band or Color Marker you can visit the U.S. Geological Survey website at: www.reportband.gov/.

Find an Injured Bird?

For a listing of an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission authorized Migratory Bird Rehabilitator in your area, you can visit their website at:

www.agfc.com/species/Documents/migratory_rehablist.pdf

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