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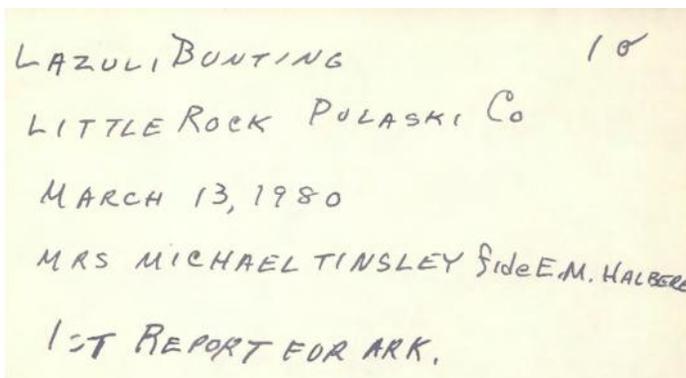
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Volunteer to Explore Our Birding History

Dan Scheiman

The card pictured below documents the first state record of Lazuli Bunting, seen right here in Little Rock!



This is one of 34,000+ cards that comprise the Arkansas Bird Records Database before it went digital in 1986. They consist of rare bird reports, nesting attempts, and other sightings of note dating as far back as the late 1800s. The entire lot was scanned by Arkansas Audubon Society members Carolyn Minson and Ann Gordon. But before these records can join their modern-day brethren online, they need to be transcribed into Excel.

I'm seeking volunteers who are comfortable with Excel (or Numbers) to help in this historical endeavor. I'll provide you with batches of digital card files (PDF format), instructions, and a spreadsheet. You agree to tackle the task in a timely manner. Contact me at birddan@comcast.net.

Who knows what rare birds you might find!

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

Join us on Thursday, December 10, 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 p.m. in order to get the item(s) 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.

Take I-440 to exit 1, Springer Blvd. Go south (left) on Springer Blvd. Cross the railroad tracks, then look for the center and Audubon Arkansas sign on the right.

Bring your favorite dish and join us on December 10 for a fun-filled evening and a chance to visit with fellow birders from around the state.

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President's Column

Having made the acquaintance of an obscure soil bacteria earlier this year and participated in an extended course of treatment for same, it became clear early on that any birding this summer and fall would involve a lawn chair and the back yard. In spite of that restriction, from August until the first week of November, I observed or heard 65 species of birds in the yard or passing overhead. The most delightful moment occurred when three Blue-winged Warblers dropped by for an impromptu bath in a microsprayer less than ten feet from where I was sitting.

In the past few weeks I've had the opportunity to indulge in some historical birding. Many of you know Dr. Doug James in Fayetteville maintained an extensive card catalogue of bird sightings in Arkansas pre-1986. Before this information was transferred to the U of A archives, Carolyn Minson and Ann Gordon photocopied his records. Those records were recently transferred to Dr. Dan Scheiman. Dan asked me to do a test run transcribing selected records to identify potential problems prior to enlisting a work group to transcribe the archives (see article on page 1).

Which brings me to the 80 records of the lovely American Avocet. The earliest

record is from near Memphis in May 1931. The most recent is from Lincoln County, January 1986. In between are places and people unknown to me until I looked at these records. Even though location names change over time, land and water features persist and are fairly easy to locate using online resources.

The early records name people I'd never heard of until now. This was a small hardcore group of professional and amateur naturalists who had a sustained impact on the study of birds and the education of the next generation of birders. Fortunately Doug James and Joe Neal's book, *Arkansas Birds*, pays homage to many of these pioneers. In familial terms, they are our Arkansas birding grandparents.

I have to admire the old timers. In an era of bad roads, lack of telephone service in rural areas, and slow communication in general, their perseverance in documenting the natural world around them was phenomenal. Many of today's state Audubon organizations and programs can be traced directly back to their efforts.

Please consider donating some of your time to help make these invaluable records available to future generations of scientists, planners, and bird aficionados.

Cindy Franklin
ASCA President

ASCA Membership Renewal

Just a reminder, ASCA membership renewals are due January 1, 2016 and can be paid on-line via PayPal through the Membership page of www.ascabird.org.

Checks can be mailed to Jim Dixon, Treasurer, 11805 Birchwood Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211.

Membership Level

Regular Membership – \$15.00
Students/Seniors – \$10.00
Family – \$25.00
Supporting – \$35.00
Patron – \$50.00

Welcome

ASCA would like to welcome the following new members:

Dr. Warigia Bowman Dixie Land
David Kingsbury Cathie Mueller
Oliver Kelzenberg

Did You Know?

Buffleheads nest almost exclusively in holes excavated by Northern Flickers.

Unlike most ducks, Buffleheads often remain with the same mate for several years.

The oldest Bufflehead on record was at least 18 years and 8 months old. It was caught and re-released by a bird bander in New York in 1975.

Tracking the Elusive Northern Saw-whet Owl

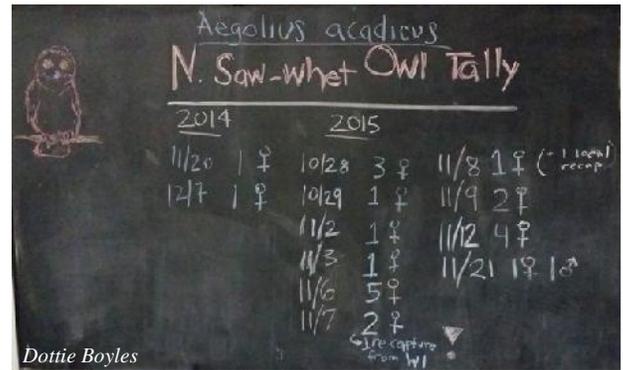
Mitchell Pruitt

In fall of 2014, we started research capturing and banding the pint-sized Northern Saw-whet Owl in Arkansas. This elusive bird of prey from the northern forests has been discovered to be migratory in fall throughout most of North America. Little work has been done in the South, in fact the species was known only from 13 records in Arkansas prior to our research and was thought to be a rare fall/winter visitor to the state.

With a late start, we only captured two birds last season, but for a species that hadn't been detected in Arkansas since 2010, that was pretty exciting. We started earlier this season and have captured 22 individuals to-date with four (4) others detected by vocalization, but not captured. Two birds have been foreign recaptures, one of which was banded at Stevens Point, Wisconsin in October 2013!

To capture this cool owl, we set up four, 12-meter mist nets in a line and have a caller in the center of the arrangement broadcasting different vocalizations of the species. Birds in the area or migrating over will become curious and stop to check it out, hopefully getting caught in the process. Each saw-whet is banded, weighed, measured, aged, sexed, and released. In doing this research, we hope to get an idea of how many migrate through our area and when, as well as simply show that they are, in fact, migrating through. Despite there being multiple research stations working with the species in Canada and the northern United States, its movements

remain largely a mystery, which is why our research in Arkansas is so important.



Keeping tally at the Ozark Natural Science Center.

Being a widespread migrant could make them vulnerable during many parts of the year in many different places. Filling in the blank pages of the Northern Saw-whet Owls' book could help them in the future in regards to their conservation and management.

Our field site is on the grounds of the Ozark Natural Science Center in Madison County, where we have been able to share our work with both the staff and school groups.

This research is very invigorating and is an inspiring way to be involved in ornithology and bird conservation. Plus the saw-whet owl is a bird of prey (which I love) and is clearly the cutest owl in the world.

Birding Without Borders - a World Big Year

Audubon.org

Noah Strycker, 29, describes himself as a full-time bird nerd. At home, in Eugene, Oregon, his bookshelf sags with exploration classics: *The Snow Leopard*, *Desert Solitaire*, *Into the Wild*, and many others. Noah has written his own book, *The Thing With Feathers*. For 2015, he decided to set a new Big Year world record and go "Birding Without Borders."

He has been fortunate to study birds on six continents, mostly by working on various research projects. He states, "Nobody has ever before tried a single, yearlong, round-the-world birding trip."

In 2008 a British couple, Ruth Miller and Alan Davies, managed to see 4,341 species by squeezing a lot of birding tours into one intense year, but I'll take more of a big-picture approach. Instead of going home periodically to do laundry, I'll just keep birding, across one border after another, for 365 straight days. It's hard to say what's possible, but 5,000 is a nice round number!

Beginning January 1, at Off Trinity Island, Antarctica, the first bird recorded was a Cape Petrel. January 10 found species number 100, a Crag Chilia at

Lower El Yeso Valley, Chile. February 14, a Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant at Eulalia Canyon, Peru, made species number 1,000; followed by 2,000, a Shining Honeycreeper at Reserva San Francisco, Panama on April 14; 3,000, a Tawny Pipit at Nemrut Da 1 Milli Parkı, Turkey on June 17; and 4,000, a Mountain Gray Woodpecker at Arusha Coffee Farm, Tanzania seen August 17.

On September 16, Noah set a new world record with species 4,342, a Sri Lanka Frogmouth at the Thattekad Sanctuary, India. While birding in the Philippines at Mt. Kitanglad National Park, the long anticipated 5,000th species was spotted on October 26, a Flame-crowned Flowerpecker. After a short celebration and photos, which included selfies of the group that day, they resumed birding.

As of November 23 (day 327), a Black-faced Munia, seen at Palu, Sulawesi makes species 5,360.

To follow Noah's blog, click on the eBird.org home page and scroll down to the "eBirding the World Big Year - October Update."

Little Rock and Lonoke Christmas Bird Counts

Dan Scheiman

ASCA Christmas Bird Count Compiler

Now in its 116th year, the Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is a citizen science program and the nation's longest running bird survey. Have no doubts that your participation is meaningful – thousands of scientific studies have used CBC data, including National Audubon's latest Birds & Climate Change Report (Audubon.org/climate).

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 19, and Lonoke is Saturday, January 2. 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 for more information. Participation is free.

Make your birding count for the birds!

116th Christmas Bird Count

Leif Anderson

State Christmas Bird Count Compiler

It's getting close to the coolest birding of the year, figuratively and literally.

The Christmas Bird Counts (CBC) are held around the Americas from December 14 through January 5. Counts have been conducted for 116 years - the oldest citizen science bird database in the hemisphere.

If you've seen Audubon's Climate Change Report, then you know the CBC and Breeding Bird Surveys supplied the data that made the report possible. Here is your chance to help the science, building toward future planned reports!

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>
Hot Springs Village	Mon 14	Chris Cash	c52cash@sbcglobal.net
Jonesboro	Tues 15	Virginie Rolland	vrolland@astate.edu
Hot Springs National Park	Tues 15	Shelley Todd	shelley_todd@nps.gov
Mississippi River State Park	Thur 17	Tara Gillanders	tara.gillanders@arkansas.gov
Arkadelphia	Sat 19	Evelyn & Glen Good	theoldcrow@sbcglobal.net
Crooked Creek Valley	Sat 19	Alan Gregory	quattro@windstream.net
Fort Smith	Sat 19	Bill Beall*	billtoka@mynewroads.com
Little Rock	Sat 19	Dan Scheiman	birddan@comcast.net
Conway	Sun 20	Allan Mueller and Michael Linz	akcmueller@gmail.com mplinz@gmail.com
Mountain Home	Mon 21	Tom Krohn	dreamer@yellville.net
Wapanocca NWR	Sun 27	Dick Preston Van Harris (Tennessee side)	dickpreston@rittermail.com shelbyforester1223@bigriver.net
Pine Bluff	Mon 28	Rob Doster	rdoster@hotmail.com
Lake Dardanelle	Fri-Jan 1	Kenny Nichols	kingbird@ymail.com
Lonoke	Sat-Jan 2	Dan Scheiman	birddan@comcast.net
Mount Magazine	Sat-Jan 2	Don Simons	don.simons@arkansas.gov
White River NWR	Sat-Jan 2	Keith Sutton*	catfishdude@sbcglobal.net

*Bill Beal has been compiling for 65 years!

*Keith "Catfish" Sutton has been compiling for 40 years and plans to retire this year.

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 10, 2015 – 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 14, 2016 – Annual Business Meeting

ASCA can exist only with active participation by its members, so here is your opportunity to provide input into activities for 2016 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 11, 2016 – How the Anti-Litter Campaign Has Been Wildly Successful

Speaker: Heather Huckeba, Arkansas Canoe Club

The anti-litter campaign that started as early as 1953 and went into high gear in the 1970's can only be seen as a failure if you think the goal of that public education campaign has been to reduce litter. Instead, the primary goal has been to ensure that we all believe that litter is entirely an individual's responsibility and up to individuals to try to fix the problem. As long as we don't believe that corporations or manufacturers or even governments have any role to play in addressing our ever growing litter problem, this campaign has hands down been an overwhelming success.

When we "follow the money" we find that the same big money backers of anti-litter campaigns spend MILLIONS opposing proven, effective solutions. Are there actual solutions to litter? YES. But we will need to change how we define the problem and then we need to be smart about advocating for these real solutions. We'll look at how changes in consumable products and consumer habits have accelerated exponentially the problem of litter, and what solutions we need to start demanding if we want to see a change in our waterways and natural places.

Heather Huckeba has been an avid whitewater kayaker and blackwater canoeist for the past 12 years. She serves on the Arkansas Canoe Club's Board of Directors as Membership Chair, and is an American Canoe Association Level IV Kayak and Level IV Canoe Instructor. When not chasing whitewater in the Ozarks or Ouachitas, or exploring Eastern Arkansas's blackwaters, she usually can be found exploring and cleaning up Little Rock's Fourche Bottoms.

Election of Board Members

The election of Board Members for 2016, will take place on Thursday, December 10, at the Little Rock Audubon Center. Board Members serve a one-year term.

The nominating committee consisted of Dottie Boyles, Chair, Karen Holliday, and DeLynn Hearn. During the November 12 business meeting, the slate of nominees was presented as follows:

Board Members:

1. Robert Bays
2. Joan Ellison
3. Jane Gulley
4. DeLynn Hearn
5. Darrel Meyerdirk
6. John Webb

The nominating committee is working to fill the position of Secretary. This important role has been vacant for the past several 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.

Rare Arkansas Visitor Surprises Conference Attendees

The Arkansas Audubon Society held its fall conference at DeGray Lake Resort State Park, November 13-15. Several field trips were held on Saturday to various locations in and around the park. Dan Scheiman was leading a trip to the Arkadelphia Oxidation Ponds, Clark Co.

Not long after their arrival a Cinnamon Teal was spotted and calls rang out to other field trip leaders. Within minutes several birders chose to abandon their field trips and began arriving at the oxidation ponds in time to see this very rare visitor to Arkansas. The teal was a life and/or state bird for most of the group.



Cinnamon Teal
Photo by Michael Linz
Arkansas National Wildlife Refuge, Texas

Great Backyard Bird Count

Mark your calendars now for the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) to be held February 12-15, 2016.

Launched in 1998 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, the GBBC was the first online citizen-science project to collect data on wild birds and to display results in near real-time. For more information visit: gbbc.birdcount.org/

In 2015, 147,265 checklists were submitted, 5,090 species observed, and 18,726,079 total individual birds counted.

Costa Rica Yields More Life Birds

Karen Holliday

Ray and I traveled to Costa Rica, November 6-12, to attend a friend's wedding. We spent four and half days in Manuel Antonio National Park located on the Pacific coast. Highlights included Black-billed Toucans, White-crowned Parrots, Fiery-billed Aracaris, Scarlet Macaws (4), Crimson-fronted Parakeets, Chestnut-backed Antbirds, and Bare-throated Tiger-heron.

We also spent one and a half days in the Poas Volcano Area. Highlights there included Brown Jays, Squirrel Cuckoo, Violet Sabrewing, and Golden-browed Chlorophonia.

Life birds were Shining Honeycreeper and Short-tailed Hawk. Mammals seen were, Howler, White-fronted, and Squirrel Monkeys, and Two-toed and Three-toed Sloths.

The Stare Down



Mitchell Pruitt

Mitchell Pruitt gets a fierce look from a male Northern Saw-whet Owl after being weighed, measured, and banded on Nov. 21, 2015, in Madison County.



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 2015 – January 2016

Little Rock and Lonoke Christmas Bird Counts

The Little Rock Count will be Saturday, December 19, 2015, and the Lonoke Count will be Saturday, January 2, 2016. To participate in one or both counts, contact Dan Scheiman at birddan@comcast.net or 501-366-0840.

January 23, 2016

Lake Dardanelle-Delaware Park and Holla Bend NWR

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Mayflower commuter lot off I-40 West at Exit 135. We will carpool to Delaware Park, located on the southwest side of Lake Dardanelle. We should arrive at the boat ramp around 9:15 a.m. for anyone who wants to meet us there. We'll scan the lake for gulls, waterfowl, and eagles. A rare gull or duck is always a possibility.

Next, we'll caravan to the Holla Bend NWR headquarters' parking lot. 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 raptors, including nesting Bald Eagles, swans, ducks, geese, and sparrows.

We'll return to Little Rock late afternoon. 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. Bring snacks, lunch, and plenty of water.

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 your right after you cross the long causeway at the west end of the lake. Hwy. 393 dead ends at Delaware Park.

GPS coordinates: 35.295749, -93.271458.

For more information about the refuge go to www.fws.gov/hollabend. The headquarters is at 10448 Holla Bend Road, Dardanelle, AR 72834.

GPS coordinates: 35.163222, -93.093477.

February 13, 2016

Two Rivers Park Bridge and Two Rivers Park

Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the Two Rivers Park Bridge located at 95 River Mountain Road at the east end of the Two Rivers Park peninsula. Exit west off I-430 onto Cantrell Rd. At the first stop light, turn right (north) onto River Mountain Road. Go to the bottom of the hill then bear right to the main parking lot.

GPS coordinates: 34.797931, -92.384704.

We'll scope the river from the parking lot and bridge, then walk the paved trail as far as people wish to go. You can turn around at any point and head back. After returning to our cars, we'll drive to the west entrance into Two Rivers Park and walk the big field and horse trail. Both areas have a diverse population of sparrows. Knee-high rubber boots are recommend for the big field because of copious sand burrs.

Bring water, snacks, and your scope if you have one. We should finish around noon.

If any rare loons have been reported, birders can continue on to Lake Maumelle.



Field Trip Reports

Karen Holliday, Field Trip Coordinator

Bona Dea Trails and Sanctuary

September 12, 2015

Thirteen birders had a great day birding the Bona Dea and Illinois Bayou Park Wildlife Trails, in Russellville. We spent the entire morning slowly walking the Bona Dea Trail and checking the interesting mix of birds we found there.

Water-birds included a large mix of juvenile and female Wood Ducks, Gadwall (25), Pied-billed Grebe (2), Belted Kingfisher (2), numerous Great Egrets, and Great Blue Herons. The best species were Kentucky Warblers, Gray Catbirds, and vociferous White-eyed Vireos.

Birds of the mid- and upper-canopy that caused the dreaded "warbler-neck" were Olive-sided Flycatcher, Blue-winged Warbler, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Northern Parula, Summer Tanager, Red-eyed and Yellow-throated Vireos, Baltimore Oriole, and a Yellow-billed Cuckoo. Sky birds netted us Fish and American Crows, and Red-tailed, Red-shouldered, Broad-winged, and Cooper's Hawks.

At 12:45 p.m., ten intrepid birders continued to the new Illinois Bayou Wildlife Trail. As we crossed the Lake Dardanelle inlet, a significant number of Double-crested Cormorants were gathering on the big power-line towers. The Illinois Bayou Trail is an easy walk through a varied wooded habitat, with off-shoot trails down to several lake observation areas. The views of the lake were interesting and we picked up a couple of new birds. Adding to the day's count were Pine Warblers, Northern Flicker, and one lonely Mourning Dove. --Karen Holliday

Joe Hogan Fish Hatchery and Bob Long Road

October 24, 2015

The field trip to the fish hatchery was almost a washout with heavy rains predicted for the entire weekend. Despite this, John Webb, Randy Robinson, and Greg Wolfe showed up and won the Rubber Ducky Award for non-stop birding until noon! As we left Prothro Junction toward Lonoke, we ran into a deluge of rain. However, by the time we arrived at the hatchery the rain had slowed to a drizzle. Sheltering under the roof overhang of the main building, we watched a flock of 60 Yellow-rumped Warblers flitting in and out of the tall shrubs.

Working our way around the ponds we found, Wilson's Snipe (12), Least Sandpiper (10), Killdeer (30), Gadwall, Northern Shoveler, Pied-billed Grebe, American Coot, Double-crested Cormorant, and a flock of Greater White-fronted Geese flying overhead. Eurasian Collared-Doves were hanging out on the wires, and two Northern Flickers were facing off on top of the fish hatchery sign.

At Bob Long Road, we stopped in the wooded section and found Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, and a flock of Blue Jays. Checking all the ponds along the road we found Ruddy Ducks, Gadwalls, Northern Shovelers, American Coots, Double-crested Cormorants, Pied-billed Grebes, Great Egrets and Great Blue Herons. Three Franklin's Gulls did a flyover. Grass birds included Sedge Wren, Eastern Phoebe (3), and Song, Swamp, Savannah, and White-throated Sparrows.

We made it back to Prothro Junction, damp around the edges and muddy, just before heavy rain settled back in. We tallied 46 species. --Karen Holliday

Lake Maumelle

November 21, 2015

The joint field trip of Audubon Arkansas and the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas (ASCA) started with a cold drizzling rain at the Jolly Rogers Marina on Lake Maumelle west of Little Rock. Hot coffee donated by Starbucks Coffee on Sam Peck Rd. was greatly appreciated.

Thirty-three birders, garbed in full rain gear, peered through scopes and binoculars at different points along the lake finding Common Loons, Hooded Mergansers, Canada Geese, Gadwalls, Horned and Pied-billed Grebes, rafts of Buffleheads, one lone Lesser Scaup, and two Belted Kingfishers. Each stop also produced Great Blue Herons and Bald Eagles.



Dottie Boyles

Some very wet birders at Jolly Rogers Marina

Intermittent rain, colder temperatures, and wind limited the activity of the land birds. We did find, Dark-eyed Juncos, Cedar Waxwings, American Goldfinches, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and Chipping, White-throated, Fox and Song Sparrows.

Towards the end of the morning, wind gusts up to 19 mph white-capped the lake and chilled the damp birders, so we turned on the car heaters and headed home.

--Karen Holliday

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Upland Sandpiper
photo by Michael Linz

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Membership Level	100%	75%	50%	100%
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__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.

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