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A Chapter of the National Audubon Society

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Merry Christmas and a Happy 1977 to you all. The holiday season is fast approaching. We hope that you all have your bird feeders well stocked and are planning to help out on the Christmas Bird Counts.

AUDUBON CALENDAR
MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

Tuesday, December 14, 7:45 p.m.: Regular meeting, at the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church at Kavanaugh and North Cedar. Allen Peek and Ken Ropp, Bryant High School science teachers, will talk on outdoor classrooms. These two teachers have created a natural study area where their students learn ecological and scientific subjects. It should be an excellent program. Participants in the Little Rock Christmas Bird Count will be assigned their areas to cover.

Christmas Bird Counts:

- Lonoke: Sunday, December 19. Call Marty Floyd if you want to participate, at 376-4321.
Little Rock: Sunday, January 2. Call Marty Floyd for this count too. Final assignment of areas at the December 14 meeting.
Arkadelphia, Lake Millwood, and Pine Bluff: all three are on Saturday, December 18.
Slovak and White River Refuge: dates to be announced.

Sunday, January 9, 2:30 p.m.: Regular meeting, at the Museum of Science and History in MacArthur Park. Program to be announced.

Saturday, January 15, 12:00 noon: Field trip to Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge to see eagles, hawks, ducks, geese, and longspurs. Might even see swans; last year there was a Sandhill Crane. Meet at the headquarters on the refuge at noon. Bring lunch and warm clothes.

Sunday, February 13, 2:30 p.m.: Regular meeting, at the Museum of Science and History in MacArthur Park. Program to be announced.

1976 - 1977 AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM SERIES

Table with 3 columns: Date, Lecturer, and Title. Includes entries for Thursday, December 16 (Richard Kern, Florida's Cypress Sanctuary), Thursday, February 10, 1977 (Alvah Sanborn, Allagash Country), Tuesday, March 1 (Harry Pederson, Four Fathom World), and Wednesday, April 6 (Stefan Kling, Vanishing Eden).

Family season ticket - \$9.60, Individual - \$4.80, Student - \$1.50

Send your check to Dr. J. Lyndal York, 42 Pine Manor Drive, Little Rock 72207. Where else can you and your family see 4 films and hear 4 leading wildlife lecturers for \$9.60?

The film on December 16 will be shown in the auditorium of the State Hospital on West Markham Street, which is next door to the Medical Center. The other films will be shown in the same place as last year, in the auditorium of the University Medical Center, on West Markham Street. All films will be shown at 7:45 p.m. There is plenty of well-lighted parking.

Even if you cannot come to the films, buy one or more tickets anyway; they make excellent Christmas presents.

CHAPTER NEWS

Roy Stout, director of the Museum planetarium, gave the talk at the September meeting, "Fly by night." The talk, in the planetarium, discussed bird migration and nocturnal navigation.

The Society voted to give \$100 to the State Natural Heritage Commission to help pay for a second printing of the commission's publication "Arkansas Natural Area Plan." The Society also voted to give the Commission \$200 to help pay for mailing the publication.

The Society voted to send one person to an Audubon Nature Study Camp this summer and appropriated \$300 to pay for the scholarship.

Several members of our Society attended an open meeting of falconers at the Game and Fish Building in September, held for the purpose of setting up regulations governing falconry in Arkansas. Also attending were several State and Federal officers. We note in the proposed regulations under section -08 SPECIAL PROVISIONS, paragraph E. "Permittees may trade or transfer raptors with other permittees within the state when no money or other consideration is involved. Interstate transactions require prior written approval by the Commission, and must not involve money or other consideration. It shall be unlawful to buy, sell, or to offer to buy or sell a raptor."

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Please bring some bird food to the December meeting to hang on the birds' Christmas tree at the Museum of Science and History in MacArthur Park. Most anything can be used, strings of popcorn, strings of peanuts in the shell, "magic mix" in a can, pieces of suet, or fruit.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission is attempting to inventory natural areas in the state. Bird, plant and animal lists for a variety of areas in the state are being compiled to assist the Commission in its work of preserving the state's natural heritage. If you would like to volunteer or receive more information about the Commissions' inventories, please contact the Commission at the Continental Building, Main and Markham Streets, Suite 500, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, telephone 371-1706. About 30 areas are presently in need of coverage. Someone willing to make a series of bird trips or botanizing trips would be very helpful.

Rare and unusual bird records for inclusion in AMERICAN BIRDS for the fall (through November 30) should be sent to Mrs. H.N. Halberg, Curator AAS, 5809 N. Country Club, Little Rock, AR 72207, as soon after November 30 as possible.

The State Audubon Society meeting at DeGray Lake on October 22-24 was attended by more than 150 members and guests. Dr. Charles Wilson, director of the Little Rock Zoo, gave a fine talk on "The role of zoos today." The best birds seen were five or six Common Loons, a Red-throated Loon, and a Western Grebe.

## BIRD NEWS

At Lonoke on September 14, David Hunter saw 20 kinds of shorebirds on one fishpond, including Bairds Sandpipers, 2 Knots, 1 Marbled Godwit, and 1 Whimbrel.

Perk Floyd called to say that all but about 25 of the several hundred herons in the heronry near Sweet Home left on October 6, the rest left on October 7. Most of the birds were Little Blues, plus a sprinkling of Cattle Egrets.

Charles Mills reported a Western Grebe and a Red Phalarope at Lake Millwood on October 31.

The Halbergs, on their trip to New England, hit the foliage just right in northern Pennsylvania and southern New England but they were disconcerted by the snow in New Hampshire in October. They enjoyed the scoters at Plymouth, Mass., but missed the Wheatear and Eurasian Curlew on Cape Cod. They made up for it with the Brant at Chincoteague on the Delmarva Peninsular, and the immature Gannets from Canada and the Brown Pelicans both diving for fish off the Outer Banks. The best of all were the Snow Geese and Whistling Swans coming in at sundown at Hatteras.

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