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A Chapter of the National Audubon Society

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We hope that you have enjoyed the spring migration. It has been cool, but the warblers have been drifting through for the past few weeks. When you start seeing small flycatchers, this spring's migration will be about over.

We see that the struggle to save the Cache River from channelization has just begun. So write your congressmen, Senator Bumpers, and President Carter again to show them that they have our support. The time to do it is now! It will be a long fight.

The Third Annual "Enjoying Arkansas Birds" Course was held May 6, 7 and 8 with 18 people in attendance. There was good news and bad news. The bad news first - Bill Shepherd could not make his presentation Saturday morning, because of a broken arm. Although we missed him and hope that he has a quick recovery, we managed to get by Saturday morning. The first good news was the appearance of Mr. Sam Slagle, Jr., who donated bluebird boxes for all participants. We put up three in Boyle Park. Our most gracious thanks to Mr. Slagle for this generous donation. The second good news was the birding in Boyle Park. Red-headed, Pileated and Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Common Flicker and Mississippi Kite all in one tree! The kites sat on the branches at the top of the tree, and the Pileated and Red-head looked out of their holes and marveled at our queer appearance. Add to this, Bay-breasted Warbler, Philadelphia Vireo, and Swainson's, Gray-cheeked, and Wood Thrushes and you have quite a day for an initiation. All together the course was fun, the new people just great. We hope they liked us well enough to join the cause.

Ed Pembleton

AUDUBON CALENDAR
MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, June 11, 6:00 P.M.: Potluck supper at the pavilion near the swimming pool in War Memorial Park, opposite the front entrance to the Little Rock Zoo. The society will furnish beverages. Tour of the zoo following supper.

Saturday, June 18, 8:00 A.M.: Field trip to the Winona Research Natural Area in the Ouachita National Forest. Field trip and breeding count. Meet at the parking area at the east end of the dam on Lake Winona at 8:00 a.m. From Little Rock go out 12th Street (Kanis Road) to Paron, then go north 2.7 miles on Highway 9 to first Forest Service road west (left). Drive 4.1 miles to the dam. Coming from Highway 10, take Highway 9 south at Williams Junction for 5.9 miles to same Forest Service road. Morning trip. Leader Bill Shepherd, 371-1706.

Saturday, July 16, 6:00 P.M.: Potluck supper and field trip at Corps of Engineer Maumelle River Park Pavilion. Take Highway 10 to Pinnacle Valley Road; follow Maumelle Park signs to the park. The society will furnish beverages. Leader Mel White, 224-1111. Field trip to Sullivan's Island after supper.

Saturday, August 20, 3:00 P.M.: Supper field trip to Lonoke fish ponds to see shorebirds and waterbirds. Meet at the Joe Hogan State Fish Hatchery on U.S. 70 just west of Lonoke. Bring supper. Leaders Edith and Henry Halberg, 663-1812.

Sunday, September 11, 2:30 P.M.: Regular meeting, at the Museum of Science and History in MacArthur Park, Little Rock. David Allen Saugey, Ranger, Sylamore Forest District of the Ozark National Forest, will talk on "Caves". He should have some good slides of the new cavern at Blanchard Springs.

Saturday, September 17, 8:30 A.M.: Field trip to see migrating hawks as they fly across Arkansas on their way to the tropics. The ridges along the Arkansas River west of Little Rock are excellent places to view them. Meet at the east end of Rivercrest Drive on Walton Heights. Leader Marty Floyd, 376-4321 or 888-1859. If the weather on the 17th is foggy or rainy the trip will be postponed until the 24th. Call Marty Floyd to check.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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BIRD NEWS

They're back. The Sweet Home rockery had 100 Little Blue Herons and 50 Cattle Egrets on May 9, in the middle of the day. Probably many more are roosting there. The heronry is on the property of Tom Fiser, near the junction of Shamburger and Fiser (Fisher) Lanes. To get there exit from U.S. 65 at Highway 338 (Dixon Road), go east under U.S. 65 on Dixon Road and the named roads to the heronry.

Scissor-tailed Flycatchers are nesting, for the third year in a row, on poles in the center of Asher Avenue just east of the junction of Asher and University. The street lights are perfect traps for large insects, and with the 24-hour illumination the birds can catch insects just as late or as early as they wish.

Charles Mills reports, in the Ouachita-Caddo News for April 13, that 2 Yellow-headed Blackbirds, 3 Great-tailed Grackles, and 43 Upland Sandpipers were seen in the vicinity of Lake Millwood. The grackles are also nesting near Ashdown.

COMMUNICATIONS

Do you want three hours of graduate credit in Environmental Education at the University of Central Arkansas at Conway? Two courses, 3 hours each, **Environmental Studies** June 6-17 (filled) and **Natural Divisions** (field work in geography) June 20-July 8 will be given by the State Department of Education in cooperation with the Arkansas Ecology Center and the University. Call or write William L. Fulton, Specialist, Environmental Education, Arkansas Department of Education, Arch Ford Building - 104W, Little Rock, AR 72201, 371-2791. The course in Environmental Studies is now full. A combination of the above two courses will be given at Kemmons Junior High, Fort Smith, July 11-22. Three hours graduate credit will be given, credited to Oklahoma State University. Contact Mr. Fulton about this course also.

The Willow (Traill's) Flycatcher should be arriving at the Konecny Grove near Slovak in Prairie County by now. Jane Stern has written to tell us that there will be (was) a quiet rejoicing at the grove on May 14 to greet the Traill's. There is reason to rejoice because last December the Natural Heritage Commission purchased a perpetual easement on the grove and 28.67 acres of the Konecny family prairie from Mr. Sam Konecny. These relicts of the Grand Prairie will now be preserved for future generations.

The Arkansas Audubon Society held its spring weekend meeting at Mena April 22-24. More than 200 people saw 142 species of birds. If you want a good time with a very friendly group of people plan to attend the fall meeting in October. Mena is certainly in a beautiful part of Arkansas. The Mena people are beautiful too.

The National Audubon Society has sent us a list of the criteria that are required each year to maintain full chapter status. They are:

1. Conduct a membership campaign.
2. Initiate or participate in at least one natural resource conservation oriented community project.
3. Engage in four other activities recommended by NAS or two recommended activities and two of our own selection.
4. Hold at least six open membership meetings.
5. Issue at least six newsletters.
6. Hold at least five Board of Directors' meetings.

Keep this Snipe. There will not be another until September. Have a good summer

Henry N. Halberg
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