Eagle killer jailed: For providing information which led to the conviction of a bald-eagle killer, two Ushans have split a $500 reward from the National Wildlife Federation. Gladys Capson, 76, and Howard Brinkerhoff, 25, were rewarded for testifying against Glen Ross, 24, before U.S. District Court Judge Aldon Anderson in Salt Lake City. Ross was fined $750, lost his hunting privileges for two years and was ordered to jail on weekends for two months. It was the eleventh such reward paid by the National Wildlife Federation since 1971. (From Wildlife Digest, p. 24-B, in International Wildlife, Jan.-Feb. 1980.)

The Corps of Engineers proposals for water resource development of Fourche Bayou Basin have been forwarded to the office of the Chief of Engineers in Washington, D.C., for examination and approval of Plan X. Rock Creek is to be channelized through Boyle Park. We should continue to fight for a non-structural plan for the park or it may be finished as a wilderness area.

The House passed the Udall-Anderson Alaska Lands Bill in May, 360-65. The Senate Energy Committee has reported out an unacceptable bill. Urge Senator Bumpers to reconsider, and urge both him and Senator Pryor to vote on the floor for the acceptable Tsongas-Roth substitute bill.

Don’t forget to work for a bottle bill.

AUDUBON CALENDAR
MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

Beginners and the public are especially welcome on our field trips.

We are in our trial year of quarterly meetings and hope that this schedule will increase attendance. We will have meetings in March and June, which will be supplemented by field trips, a week-end crash course, a wildlife film series, and board meetings.

Saturday, February 23, 9:00 a.m.: Field trip to Lake Maumelle to see loons, grebes, eagles, gulls, and ducks. Meet at Pinnacle Mountain State Park visitor center. Leader, Sam Sagle, 374-4978. Bring lunch and wear warm clothes. Take Highway 10 to Highway 300; turn right off 300 on Pinnacle Valley Road to the center. Everybody should form car pools and share gasoline expenses.

Friday, March 14: Wildlife Film, see below.

Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.: Regular meeting, at the University Avenue Near’s Activity Room. Dan Dull, winner of one of the PCAS scholarships, will show slides of the Maine Audubon Camp that he attended.

March 14-16: West-central Regional Audubon Conference in Grand Island, Nebraska. You will see Sandhill Cranes on their spring stopover along the Platte River, other waterfowl on their northward migration, and Prairie chickens on a lek on the Konza Prairie near Manhattan, Kansas.

Workshops will deal with chapter strengthening projects, varied conservation issues, and energy alternatives. Arrangements have been made for a group to go by van, to leave Little Rock on Thursday, March 13 and return on Monday, March 17. The van will cost $500, of which the Society will underwrite $300, the passengers to pay the remainder. The van will hold 10 passengers, we need at least five. Lodging and food are the responsibility of the individual. Members interested call Ed Pemberton 821-3184 or Florence Mallard 663-8803.

Saturday, March 22, 8:30 a.m.: Field trip to Cove Creek Natural Area. A wildflower and birdwatching trip to a deep, steep-sided sandstone gorge. Should be some wonderful Arkansas flowers. We should see Carolina spring beauty, Texas saxifrage, both white and yellow trout lilies, and rue anemone. We could see the first black-and-white warbler and a Louisiana waterthrush. Meet at the Tanglewood Shopping Center at Canton and Mississippi in front of the OTASCIO store. Bring lunch. Everybody is requested to pool cars and share gasoline expenses. Leader, Bill Shepherd.

Thursday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.: Board meeting, at the Halbergs, 5809 North Country Club. Open meeting, everybody is welcome.

Friday, April 18 to Sunday, April 20: Crash course for beginning birdwatchers. If you want to learn more about birds, sign up for the CRASH COURSE on how to know the birds and field identification. The course will include a talk with slides, study skins and mounted birds on Friday, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the bird room of the Museum of Science and History in MacArthur Park; a Saturday morning field trip with guides in Boyle Park from 8:00 a.m. to noon, (bring lunch, drinks furnished); and a talk Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to discuss what you have seen and learned. Charges are minimal and include handouts: family, $5.00; adult, $3.00; children 10 to 18, $1.50. For more information call Ed Pemberton 821-3184 or Florence Mallard 663-8803.

Saturday, April 19, 8:00 a.m.: Field trip to Boyle Park. Meet at the YBMA pavilion (pavilion #3). Leader, Ed Pemberton, 821-3184.

Thursday, May 8, 7:00 p.m.: Board meeting, open to all. Place to be announced.

Saturday, June 14, 6:00 p.m.: Picnic potluck supper at the E.P. Floyd’s. Bring dishes and silverware; the society will furnish beverages. To get to the Floyd’s, take the Pine Bluff Highway (U.S. 65) to Woodson Lateral Road (Exit 12). Turn right (west) on Woodson Lateral for one mile, then turn left (south) into the Lakeside Country Club entrance. Be sure to register at the clubhouse (lodge) as you go by. Follow the blacktop past the lodge and over the dam to the end of the blacktop, then turn left on the gravel road. Park’s house is in sight, the second house on the right. Floyd sign is on the house. Follow the Mangoons sign all the way. Come a little early and do some birdwatching.

Friday-Saturday, August 2-3: Backpack trip to Caney Creek. Maximum 10 people. For information contact Fred Greenwood, 455-4828.

Saturday, August 16: Bus trip to Blanchard Springs Caverns. All day trip, bring lunch. The trip will be held if we can fill a bus. See the next Snipe for arrangements and price.

1979-80 AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM SERIES
COSPONSORED BY THE PULASKI COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES

Friday, March 14

Charles Hotchkiss

RETURN TO THE TETONS

Single Ticket at Box Office - $1.50, Children and Students - 50¢, Groups - 25¢ each person
The film will be shown in the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences auditorium, 4301 West Markham Street, at 7:45 p.m. There is plenty of well-lighted parking.

No-host dinner with the speaker at Bennigan’s. Everybody is welcome. Call the editor at 663-1812 so that we may know how many to expect.

The Pulaski County Audubon Society is very grateful to the University for cosponsoring the film series again and for the use of the auditorium.

Senior citizens who need a ride to the Wildlife Film should call Jane Wolfe at 372-0294. Venture in Mission of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral will provide free transportation as part of its Christian service.

OTHER MEETINGS

March 19-23: Third Joint Meeting of the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies, at Corpus Christi State University, Corpus Christi, Texas. There will be excellent papers and field trips. This is migration time on the Texas coast. There may be a trip out into the Gulf. The Whooping Cranes will still be at nearby Aransas.

The weekends of March 22-23, 29-30 and April 19-20, 26-27 have been designated by the Hawk Migration Association of North America as special hawk watch periods in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. Please choose a site that is convenient to you and man it all day if possible at least one of these days. If you need further instructions or report forms, contact Mrs. Gladys Schumacher Donohue, Regional Editor, HMANA, Rt. 6, Box 616D, Mission, Texas 78572. Send your completed report forms to the same address immediately after the watch.

Pinnacle Mountain State Park will have a hawk watch on April 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 2-4: Spring meeting of the Arkansas Audubon Society, at Mather Lodge on Petit Jean Mountain. For information call or write Fred Burnside, 8419 Baseline Rd. #84, Little Rock 72209, 568-7165.

June 25-29: American Birding Association Convention, at Bangor, Maine. Some of the Northeast’s best birding. Possible nesting Razorbills and Common Puffins, northern warblers, other land birds, and some special pelagic species, such as Greater Shearwater and Wilson’s Petrel.

August 11-15: Annual meeting of the American Ornithologists’ Union, at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado.

CHAPTER NEWS

From the President

Audubon is a place to meet new friends. One of my first Audubon friends was The Long Journey, by Wendell Berry. Our introduction came the first evening of Maine Audubon Camp when Mike Shannon, Director, read the following:

"Always in big woods where you leave familiar ground and step off alone into a new place there will be, along with the feeling of curiosity and excitement, a little nagging of dread. It is the ancient fear of the unknown, and it is your first bond with the wilderness you are going into. What you are doing is exploring. You are undertaking the first experience, not of the place, but of yourself in that place. It is an experience of our essential loneliness, for nobody can discover the world for anybody else. It is only after we have discovered it for ourselves that it becomes a common ground and a common bond, and we cease to be alone.

"And the world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey, a journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful, by which we arrive at the ground at our feet and learn to be at home. It is a journey we can make only by acceptance of mystery and mystification - by yielding to the condition that what we have expected is not there."

Consider this an invitation to explore the world of Audubon.

Florence Mallard

Florence Mallard, Perk Floyd, and Henry Halberg attended the meeting on February 4 of the Governor’s Task Force on Timber Management Practices as related to wildlife. Florence read a statement prepared by Mel White for the Society pointing out the problems introduced by clear-cutting and monoculture. Fred Burnside, president of the Arkansas Audubon Society also read a statement. The maximum size and placement of clear cuts and the use of buffer zones were discussed by representatives of the timber companies and the U.S. Forest Service.

President Mallard also attended the meeting of the Governor’s Sub-cabinet on Natural Resources on February 12.

At the Executive Board meeting at Debbie Haynie’s on February 14, the board took the following action:

Voted to send a representative to the Solar Energy Conference on February 16 and to pay the registration fee of $12.

Voted to increase the price of tickets to the Wildlife Film Series as follows:

Season ticket-adult, $8.00; student, $4.00; single admission-adult, $2.00; student, $1.00; Groups-scout troops and school classes, 50¢ each; children under 12 free when accompanied by adult. There will be no family season ticket. We regret the necessity of raising the price of the tickets, but National Audubon has raised the price of the lecturers by $400.00.

Voted to pay $300 of the cost of the van to be used for transportation of delegates to the NAS regional conference at Grand Island, Nebraska. See under Meetings and Field Trips.

Voted to express our appreciation to Jane Gulley for her work on the Eagle Awareness Program and for eagle and hawk presentations at the wildlife films.

The January and February Wildlife films were outstanding. Jeffery Boswall’s “Wildlife Safari to Ethiopia” and Grant Foster’s “Wilderness Trek Through New Zealand” made us feel as though we were right there. Superb mountain and sea shots plus wildlife like the kiwi and the Tattara lizard were exactly what an Audubon film should be.

Orville Smirl, Jeanne Jackson, Chris Granger, and Becky Finkbeiner won the drawings for seasonal tickets for the 1980-81 wildlife films. They will each receive two adult tickets to next year's series. Our thanks to Ms. Finkbeiner, who wants her tickets given to some child.

We welcome a new member to our Board of Directors. Eileen White, who joined PCAS recently, has been appointed chairperson of the Newcomers committee.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION

Arkansas Audubon Environmental Education Youth Camp will be held at Camp Ozark, in the Ouachita Mountains near Mt. Ida, the third week in June. Fifty-five 11 and 12 year olds will have a week of activities designed to immerse them and their instructors in the study of local ecosystems. The director, Hal Brown, is already preparing the curriculum and other activities. He has requested that we supply him the names of scientists and educators to become staff members. Write Hal Brown, Arkansas Audubon Environmental Education Camp, 511 Lakeview, Springdale, AR 72764. PCAS has given the project $1000.

Bird Week: The State of Arkansas has an official “Bird Week,” enacted by the 1947 Legislature. Acts 1947, No. 83 designates the third week of April as “Bird Week” and reads further:

80-1612. Celebration of Bird Week. - Suitable exercises and lessons - The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, the State Board of Education, and all local boards of Education are hereby directed to provide for the celebration by all Public Schools of “Bird Week.” During “Bird Week” suitable exercises are to be engaged in, and lessons on the economic and esthetic values of the resident and migrating birds of the state are to be taught by the teachers to their pupils. (Acts 1947, No. 83 §2, p. 177.)

Chemical Companies are protesting EPA suspension of 2,4,5-T use and new USFS policy away from chemical brush control. To counter this aggressive campaign, you are encouraged to write Jane Smith, US Forest Service, 630 Sansome St., San Francisco, CA 94111, in support of non-chemical brush control policies. (from The Quail, February 1980)

PUBLICATIONS

Birds of Northeast Arkansas, by Dr. Earl L. Harebrink, a very good paper listing the birds one can expect to find in that part of the state and their seasonal occurrences. It also gives the results of breeding bird and Christmas censuses, and a good discussion of bird life in the area. Write Dr. E.L. Harebrink, Box 67 State University, AR 72467, price $2.50 postpaid.

The Birds of Faulkner County, Arkansas, by David M. Johnson, another very good paper containing a check list of the birds to be seen, with dates of occurrence and a discussion of where and when to see what. Available from Arkansas Valley Audubon Society, c/o Mrs. Martha Johnson, 53 Meadowbrook Drive, Conway, AR 72032, price $1.25 postpaid. No serious birder should be without both.

BIRD NEWS

The Little Rock Christmas count, on December 29, totaled 14.2 million birds, of which all but 4600 were redwings, grackles, and starlings. Seventy-one species were seen, about average for the count. Twenty-three red-tailed hawks, 8 in one tree and an almost adult bald eagle were interesting. Also seen were 1 house wren and 2 tree sparrows. No sinkins were seen and purple finches were low in numbers. We thank Marty Floyd for organizing, leading, and compiling the count. Marty has been appointed chairman of the Christmas Count committee.

The Holla Bend field trip in January was, as usual, a huge success. The busload of members and friends saw about seven adult and immature bald eagles. The snow geese swirl in the air and in a compact mass on the ground put on a good show. Many of them were blue phase immatures, but as usual, the white phase stole the show as they pivoted in the air. The Canada geese, back in the slough, were fun to watch and sounded off very well. Red-tailed, cooper's, sharp-shinned and marsh hawks and kestrels put on a good show. Ducks were scarce, two buffleheads and a few mallards comprised the duck population. Surprisingly, there were no longspurs. Altogether, we saw about 55 species of birds.

Mrs. Velma Henderson, of Pangburn, writes that last year, when they stopped counting they had hatched more than 100 bluebirds in their boxes. They have since sold the farm, but have retained blue bird privileges. Nice going, Miss Velma, keep up the good work.

There are more than 120 bluebird houses at Pinnacle Mountain State Park. Member Sam Slagle made and put up most of them.

No unusual hummingbirds have been reported this winter. Has anybody seen a hummingbird in the State since fall?

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COMMUNICATIONS

We welcome another recruit, Thomas Stuart Goater, born January 16, 1980, weight 7 lbs. 7 ozs., at Caerlaverock, Dumfries, Scotland. Congratulations to members Rick and Beverly, the proud parents.

A note from Jack and Judy Trotter in Zew Zealand: They have seen 160 life birds in Australia, and “We have now seen about 60 new species in NZ. We have been within a few yards of kiwis at night but unable to see any so far. Their voice is quite startling and very distinctive. Still haven’t made it to the South Island but will in March. Thanks again for remembering us - we enjoy marking dates when we know the group at home is meeting or going in the field (like the bus trip to Holla Bend - we’ll probably be on a beach swimming then).” Jack & Judy

We thank former PCAS member Daphine Doster for sending us a copy of the Fall 1979 issue of The Chat, the quarterly bulletin of the Carolina Bird Club.

The Leawood Heights Garden Club has declared the Leawood area a Bird Sanctuary and plans to erect signs to advertise the fact.

Did you see the article in the Gazette on February 14 reporting the adoption by the State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission of a policy to clear underbrush between developed park areas and lakeshores “so people can see the water.” We wonder if the fishermen approve.

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