It has been a lovely spring, and we hope that you all will have a good summer. But keep up the good fight. Alaska’s fate may be decided by Congress in July, see below. The fight for Boyle Park is not going well, but letters to our congressional delegation are still in order.

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.

**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 Floyds’ take the Pine Bluff Highway (U.S. 65) to Woodson Lateral (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. Perk’s house is in sight, the second house on the right. Floyd sign on the house. Follow the Merganser signs all the way. Come early and do some birdwatching.

**Thursday, July 10, 7:00 p.m.:** Board meeting, open to all. Place to be announced.

**Friday-Saturday, August 1-2:** Backpack trip to Caney Creek. Maximum 10 people. For information contact Fred Greenwood, 455-4828.

**Saturday, August 16:** Bus trip to Blanchard Springs Caverns. Bus fare $10.00; cavern tour, $2.50; golden age, $1.25; children, $1.00. Bus will leave the Museum of Science and History in MacArthur Park at 7:45 a.m. and Park Plaza near First Federal at 8:00 a.m. All day trip, bring lunch, return to Little Rock by 6:00 p.m. Members will receive a card shortly; reservations must be returned by June 30 with $10.00 bus fare. No refunds for no shows. Edith Halberg, 663-1812, is handling reservations. Cavern temperature is 14° C year round. Bring a sweater and wear walking shoes.

**OTHER MEETINGS**

Cache River hearings: Brickley, June 12; Little Rock, June 18; Newport, June 23; Memphis, June 27; see below.

June 25-29: American Birding Association: At Bangor, Maine. Some of the Northeast’s best birding, with the best birders in the country, if not in the world. Possible nesting Razorbills and Common Puffins, northern warblers, other land birds and special pelagics like greater shearwater and Wilson’s petrel.

**August 11-15:** American Ornithologists’ Union annual meeting, at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado.

**CHAPTER NEWS**

President Mallard sends the following message:

“Getting to know you” is one of the privileges of serving as your president. Chris Granger’s enthusiasm for our environment; Ed Pemberton’s expertise in getting folks involved and excited about birding; Henry and Edith Halberg’s knowledge and experience in the Audubon Way; Debbie Haney’s charm and poise at the Audubon Wildlife Films; Lyndal York’s calm hold on our money. Believe me, it takes us all working together to obtain our objective of a better environment for people and the birds.

At its meeting on May 8, the Board of Directors passed the following resolution and sent it to the governor. “Sir—Because of the waste of energy and natural resources involved in one-way containers, the cost of dealing with throwaway containers, we support deposit on containers legislation for the State of Arkansas.” The Board indicated that the Society would support a referendum or any action that would get this problem before the people.

Sixth Annual Beginners’ Bird Watching Course — April 18-20. Forty-two people enrolled in our sixth course for beginning bird-watchers. With 100 percent attendance on Friday night, Marty Floyd started the course with a slide presentation on the anatomy and classification of birds. A short break for refreshments was enhanced by some wonderful “bird” cookies, coffee and lemonade provided by Chris Granger and Florence Mallard. Henry Halberg concluded the evening with instructions concerning the choice, care and use of binoculars and spotting scopes.

Saturday morning in Boyle Park was simply wonderful with clear weather and a great crew of leaders for the bird walks. A Connecticut Warbler highlighted the 56 species we found before lunch. Amelia Metrailler brought the refreshments.

Sunday, back at the Museum of Science and History, Henry and Edith Halberg shared their knowledge of places to bird in Arkansas, followed by Jane Gulley’s enthusiastic presentation on eagles and other birds of prey. Marty Floyd concluded the program with a slide presentation on attracting birds to your home with feeders, nest boxes and plantings.

Comments from the evaluation forms indicated the course was extremely successful and encouraged us to do more for beginners.

As organizer of this course I want to thank all of the wonderful people who volunteered their time and knowledge to make it a success; Fred Burnsise, Marty Floyd, Chris Granger, Jane Gulley, Edith and Henry Halberg, Florence Mallard, Amelia Metrailler, and Greg Rogers.

Ed Pemberton
Wildlife Films, 1980-81: We have the dates for the NAS wildlife film series, all are on Fridays: October 10, November 21, January 9, February 27, March 13. The films will be shown in the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Auditorium as in the past. The University has sent us a check of $100.00 to help support the series. We thank the University for its gift and for the continued use of the auditorium.

On Saturday, May 10, Florence, Ed Pemberton, Sam Slagle and Chris Granger took seven members of the Crash Birdwatching Course on a field trip to Willow Beach Recreation Area. The prize bird was a painted bunting, which is not an easy bird to find. All future field trips will be arranged so that special attention can be paid to beginners.

Lillian Ware has been appointed as chairperson of the Publicity Committee. Congratulations, Lillian, thanks for taking the job.

Car pools: It is time for PCAS to adopt a ruling requiring carpooling (as far as possible) on field trips, and sharing of fuel costs by passengers. We must conserve energy and help pay skyrocketing fuel prices. In San Francisco the Mt. Diablo AS Board of Directors increased carpool costs to 5$/per mile per person. The Board of the Wabash Valley AS in Terre Haute recommended a fixed fee for passengers on all field trips.

The winners of the scholarships to the National Audubon Summer Workshop Camps were Jim Peterson and Karen Ward, both of Little Rock. Jim teaches environmental education throughout the Little Rock Public Schools; Karen teaches Grade 6 at the Garland Intermediate School in Little Rock.

Ms. Dottie Stratton, of 400 Springwood, Little Rock, has made a contribution to PCAS in honor of Dick and Dorothy Jarsensky.

IN MEMORIAM

We express our sympathy to the family of long-time member William M. Shepherd, Sr., who died on April 20.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

As you read about Pulaski Audubon activities, you will notice that the same people are doing all the work. We need your input and support. Call Florence Mallard at 663-8803 to find out how you can help.

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CONSERVATION

Operation Stormwater Conference on May 17 will be at U.A.L.R. library, 5th floor. Debbie Haynie is our representative.

Solar Energy Weekend is May 17-18, at the Train Station. Perk Floyd is chairman of our committee, assisted by Chris Granger, Sam Slagle, Debbie Haynie and Florence Mallard.

Our exhibit for Earth Day was sponsored by Debbie Haynie, chairperson, Perk Floyd, Chris Granger, and Florence Mallard. We appreciate the hard work of all these people.

Chris Granger gave an Earth Day program at Ridge Road Junior High, assisted by Florence Mallard. We hear that it was highly successful.

Governor Clinton proclaimed the month of April 1980 as Arkansas Audubon Society Month. Many thanks, Governor.

Boyle Park: The proposal for Fourche Bayou and Boyle Park has been forwarded to the Office of the Chief of Engineers, which will make the final decision about proceeding with the project. Congressman Bethune has written that the Corps of Engineers insists that a channel through the park is the only way to prevent future flooding in that area. Senator Bumpers granted us a very favorable interview, but has not expressed himself definitely either for or against work in the park.

Alaska: The house passed a strong ALASKA BILL, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee approved a weak one opening much of the wilds to development and exploitation. The Senate threatens to postpone the matter until the end-of-session rush, with no time for full, reasoned debate, repeating last year’s fiasco. Under Senate agreement, when the legislation reaches floor debate, the substitute Tongas-Roth bill with strong environmental provisions, can be debated. That and five proposed amendments to the Energy Committee bill will provide for developing acceptable legislation on the floor. The Senate bill would go to conference
to resolve differences with the House bill. This can produce a strong, fair bill only if the bill reaches the Senate floor in time for full, open debate. Meet with our Senators if possible, or leave messages in their local and Washington offices. Telephone numbers and addresses of all our Senators and Congressmen are given on the last page of this Snipe. (The Quail, April 1980)

Cache River Basin: a study in habitat preservation: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is initiating a study to evaluate alternatives to preserve fish and wildlife habitat (predominately bottomland and hardwood wetlands) in the ten-year floodplain of the Cache River Basin. The FWS will hold a public meeting at 7:00 P.M., Thursday, June 12, 1980, in the National Guard Armory, Brinkley, Arkansas. In addition to the public meeting, three informal workshops will be held to solicit public involvement and comment for evaluation and inclusion in a forthcoming Environmental Impact Statement, which will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The workshops will be held at the following locations and times:

- June 18, 1980, at 1:00 P.M.
  - Room 517-B, Library Building, U.A.L.R.
  - Little Rock, Arkansas

- June 23, 1980, at 1:00 P.M.
  - Jackson County Courthouse
  - Newport, Arkansas

- June 27, 1980, at 1:00 P.M.
  - Rm. 936, Clifford Davis Federal Bldg.
  - Memphis, Tennessee

The Weyerhaeuser Corporation has agreed to alter its treecutting and other practices to give more emphasis to preserving wildlife and the environment. The company plans to limit the size and shape of clearcuts, preserve buffer zones along streams, reduce erosion by improving road-building practices, and preserve hardwood trees and wildlife habitat. The policy changes were undoubtedly due in part to the urging of the National Wildlife Federation and a task force appointed by Governor Clinton.

**BIRD NEWS AND PLACES TO BIRD**

This spring we have received many telephone calls reporting birds seen or inquiring about the identity of a bird, thanks to the Audubon number in the telephone book and the cooperation of the Museum, which we appreciate very much. This is the way that we found out about the Lazuli Bunting. However, we are distressed by the calls we get telling us that someone is shooting birds in Little Rock, North Little Rock or Jacksonville. We offer what help we can, telling the caller to call the police, who are very concerned by the fact that someone is shooting within the city limits, since this is prohibited. We also advise the caller that all birds except crows, starlings, blackbirds and pigeons are protected by State and Federal law.

Nan Hawkins, who had the first gray-headed junco in Arkansas, wrote from Memphis on March 19 that she had been feeding 50 to 60 cardinals from January to March. That is quite a bunch; and Rebecca Ross of Little Rock called up to inquire about her flock of cedar waxwings. Ruth Mallory says she had vegetarian waxwings; they were eating the petals on her hibiscus. Jackie French of North Little Rock had a flock of 50 goldfinches, and Mrs. Bruce Menees reported on April 15 that two female hummingbirds had been coming to her feeder for four days. Mrs. G. Larry Kelley brought us a male Kentucky warbler that killed himself on her window on May 1. We saw an ovenbird walking sedately along under our hedge on May 13. Sam Slagle reports that 12 pairs of bluebirds nested in his boxes at Pinnacle Mountain State Park; 10 were successful; black snakes got the others.

Good birding spots in central Arkansas: In May the north end of Boyle Park should be good warbler and vireo territory. The migrating thrushes will probably be gone but the wood thrushes are in residence. In 1979, Mississippi kites nested in the park. The woods at Murray Park are good, as are the sandy, willow-covered islands. The long, elm-shaded road and the water's edge at Rebsamen Golf Course should produce orioles, vireos, and warblers; perhaps a late Rose-breasted Grosbeak will click and make himself known. The old Riverdale Golf Course may supply Scissor-tailed Flycatchers and perhaps a Dickcissel. The levee here can be rewarding. Park your car near the radio station and walk up on the levee. Or the bicycle path along the road to Murray Dam can be good. By all means go to Pinnacle Mountain State Park, walk along the Little Maumelle. Be sure to talk to Randy Johnson and Marty Floyd at the Visitor's Center.

In June the migrants will be long gone, but the same spots will still be good. Stay in the woods most of the time and use your ears.

In July drive on the Arkansas River levee below the State penitentiary to Pendleton. Take U.S. 65 to Gould and State 114 north from Gould to the levee. Cross the river at Pendleton and drive back on the other levee to Reydel. Should see Mississippi kites, some early shorebirds, herons and egrets, especially cattle egrets.

**EDUCATION**

Eagle Awareness Program: Member Jane Gulley is performing a most worthy and needed work with her Eagle Awareness Program. Through the course she has developed, working with Andy Pursley of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and making many, many talks, she has reached more than 100,000 school children, 23,000 hunters, and many organizations. If anything will prevent shooting of eagles and other birds of prey, this program should do it.

The State Audubon Society’s Ecology Camp at Mt. Ida June 15-21 is coming along very well according to Freeman Thomas. The camp will be able to handle 55 11 and 12-year old students, and applications are coming in fast. If you know a girl or boy who would like to attend or you think would make a good ecologist, talk to Freeman Thomas at 982-2532. It may not be too late even when you receive this Snipe.

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COMMUNICATIONS

We hope you saw the editorial “For the birds” in the Democrat for May 12 about the fire that got out of hand in the Kirtland’s Warbler’s nesting area in Michigan. It is unfortunate that there was so much destruction of valuable forests. The fire was set, as part of a program of controlled burning, to propagate the jack pines, which need fire to release the seeds from the cones. The warbler nests only in jack pines of a certain size, about 12 to 18 feet high and controlled burning, year after year, provides a continuous source of trees of the proper size. The Kirtland’s Warbler is not only an ornithological rarity, it has become a first-class tourist attraction for the state of Michigan. We only hope that the extensive fire has not completely destroyed its unique habitat.

Fred Burnside is gathering data on breeding records for the king rail, purple gallinule, least bittern, and pied-billed grebe. Send the information to Fred Burnside, 8419 Baseline Road, Apt. 84, Little Rock 72209. Include number seen, date seen, exact location, how to reach an area, and describe the habitat. Descriptions of likely habitat for these four species would be helpful. All four are considered endangered in Arkansas. The Nature Conservancy will use this information for preservation of habitats for the birds.

The Arkansas Heritage Program wants information concerning breeding locations and dates for the following birds of special concern. Contact The Nature Conservancy, 514 Continental Bldg., LR 72201, (501) 376-3247, for a report form.

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Mulberry River: The Arkansas Supreme Court has ruled the Mulberry River to be “a navigable stream with all incident rights of that determination.” With this the traditional definition of navigability is expanded to include a consideration of recreational use. There does not need to be the traditional commercial use of the stream.

Chemical fertilizer pellets, which birds may mistake for grit, pose potential danger to birds as in the death of 10,000 songbirds in New York. According to Dr. Ward B. Stone, EnCont Wildife Pathologist, ingestion of 1 or 2 pellets high in nitrate can be fatal. If spread on lawns or gardens they should immediately be well watered into the soil or applied just before a rain and never used near bird feeders or other areas where birds feed regularly. (Albany County Audubon, NY newsletter via The Quail, April 1980)

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