Don't ever forget Boyle Park. That fight is not over yet.


National Audubon has proposed a Renewal of Membership contest which we could win. Please renew your membership promptly. More below under Renewals.

AUDUBON CALENDAR
MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

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

Saturday, January 24: Field trip to Hollis Bend National Wildlife Refuge; meet at the refuge headquarters at noon. Bring lunch and warm clothes. We should see eagles, snow and Canada geese and possibly white-fronts, ducks, hawks and longspurs.

Thursday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.: Board of Directors' meeting, at St. Vincent Infirmary, Room S-1169. To park enter St. Vincent's grounds from Markham Street, take first right, immediately, drive to the garagehouse and tell the officer that you are in Doctor Arazo's party. Those who would like to eat together before the meeting can go through the Hospital Cafeteria line and eat in the Terrace Room.

Saturday, February 21: Field trip to Pinnacle Mountain and Lake Maumelle. Meet at the Visitor Center at Pinnacle Mountain State Park at 9:00 a.m. Morning trip only.

Thursday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.: Regular meeting, at Sears Activity Room, University Avenue. Edith and Henry Halberg will give a slide talk on their January trip to Mexico. From McAllen, Texas to Palenque, Mexico by VW bus with Ben Feltner, the king of bird guides. Over 405 species of birds in 16 days; that's hard to beat.

Friday, March 20 to Sunday, March 22: 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, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Museum of Science in MacArthur Park; a Saturday morning field trip with guides in Boyle Park from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (bring lunch, drinks furnished); and a talk Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Museum 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 Fae Burkhardt 224-8070. Prices subject to change.

Saturday, April 4, 8:00 a.m.: Bus trip to Village Creek State Park, near Wynne, for wildflower walk and bird trip with Larry Lowman, naturalist at the park. Bus trip, fare $7.00. Meet at Park Plaza near First Federal at 8:00 a.m. Bring sack lunch. For reservation draw check to Pulaski County Audubon Society for $7.00 and send to Lynne Nadin, 5510 A Street, Apt. 6, Little Rock, 72205, 663-2912. Deadline for reservations is March 15. No refunds for no-shows.

1980-81 AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM SERIES
COSPONSORED BY THE PULASKI COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES

Friday, February 27
Allen King
SONG OF THE NORTHERN PRAIRIE

Friday, March 13
Norm Wakeman
INSIDE PASSAGE TO ALASKA

Admission - adult, $2.00; student, $1.00; Groups-scout troops and school classes, 50¢ each person; children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult.

The films will be shown in the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Auditorium, 4301 West Markham Street, at 7:45 p.m. Park cars in the State Mental Hospital parking lot directly across Hooper Drive from the Student Union. From Markham Street, take first right off the road up the hill, turn left (south), and follow lanes to the lot. We thank the Commissioner of Mental Health Services for making the lot available. We anticipate no difficulties with parking from now on.

No-host dinner with the speakers, at the Villa, 1510 S. University. Everybody is welcome. Call the editor at 663-1812 or Florence Mallard at 663-8803 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 and for the use of the auditorium. The University has given the Society $100 to help pay for the films; the gift is very much appreciated.

OTHER MEETINGS

March 15-21: 44th annual WILDLIFE WEEK of the National Wildlife Federation. The theme is "We Care About Oceans." The Museum of Science and History will have special programs for school classes by appointment; and a Workshop on Tuesday, March 17 for Teachers, Media specialists and other interested persons. An all new NWF slide show, "We Care About Oceans," focuses on sea history, natural history, marine life and marine issues. The price, $9.95, includes more than 40 color transparencies, a cassette color recording and a 20-page teachers guide. Send check for Item 79441 (Wildlife Week Slide Program) to: NWF,
1412 16th Street N.W., Washington, DC 20036. For Wildlife Week Poster, theme "We Care About Oceans," free from NWF, send postcard to: NWF, NWP81, 1412 16th St., Washington, D.C. 20036. Teachers can receive a Wildlife Week kit by writing to "Wildlife Week NWE81," at the same address. Call the museum for information.

Saturdays in April: Museum of Science flower bus trips as follows: April 4: Ouachita Mountains. April 11: Village Creek State Park. April 18: Grand Prairie. April 25: the Ozarks.

April 24-26: Arkansas Herpetological Society Field Meet at the Crystal Springs Recreation Area (Corps of Engineers) located just off US 270 between Hot Springs and Mt. Ida. For details contact Perk Floyd (888-4252) or Dick Baldauf (376-4321).

Friday to Sunday, May 1-3: Spring meeting of the Arkansas Audubon Society, at Camp Ozark, near Mt. Ida.

IN MEMORIAM

Thelma Parker: Mrs. Thelma Parker, widow of Claud Parker, died November 16 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Thelma was a former resident of North Little Rock; she had been a member of National Audubon, Pulaski County Audubon and the Arkansas Audubon Society. She had served as secretary and membership chairperson of Pulaski Audubon for many years. We will miss Thelma and her help for a long, long time.

CHAPTER NEWS

Pulaski County Audubon is part of National Audubon - an organization concerned with wildlife, pollution, toxics, land and water resources, global problems and population. We are fortunate in having Fae Andrews Burkhart and Joel Ward as co-chairmen of our Conservation and Education Committee. In their "spare time" they have communicated our concerns to those who wield the power; put together a Duck I.D. Course; prepared applications for our Audubon Camp Scholarships, and are preparing our Crash Bird Course. I appreciate their ability to make their time talk!

In the January, 81 Audubon Magazine, Dr. Russell Peterson, President of National Audubon, stated that as our government leaders change, "a healthy environment persists as a priority goal of the people. It means that our elected officials must be immediately and repeatedly reminded of this." Pulaski County Audubon is doing this - many thanks to Fae and Joel. If you would like to help us communicate, please call. We have a place for you.

The Christmas meeting and potluck supper-party was held at Aldersgate Camp. It was highly successful. We had a good crowd, the food was tops, and the members' slide show was enjoyed by all.

The society voted to give $1,000 to the Arkansas Audubon Society Ecology Camp. Elected to the Board of Directors were Jim Peterson, Barbara Shults, Virginia Stockwell, Anita Thurmond, and Scott Trotter. Randy Johnson was appointed by president Mallard to fill the sixth position, and will be elected at the next meeting. Nominee Gary Sinacore has moved away.

Sam Slagle has made the big time for his work with bluebird houses. He and his work were given honorable mention in Audubon Leader for January 16, 1981.

We had a full house at the January 9 Wildlife Film, showing Walter Berlet's film Tetons to Alaska. We should probably attribute the crowd to the superb newspaper articles that our new publicity chairperson Tony Young inspired the Gazette and the Democrat to publish.

RENEWALS

You can help Pulaski Audubon earn a prize of about $500 by renewing your membership before March 31. We plan to send a delegate to the NAS Biennial Convention in Estes Park, Colorado next July. If we can win the renewal prize for our region, National will pay his or her expenses and travel. The contest is described below:

National Audubon Chapter Incentive Campaign-October 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981. NAS is offering prizes in each region to the chapter or chapters which, during the period October 1, 1980 to March 31, 1980:
1. Has the highest number of new memberships, (chapter-generated)
2. Has the highest percentage of new memberships (chapter-generated)
3. Has the highest renewal percentage rate for renewals due during the period.

Pulaski Audubon has very little chance of winning in class 1 and 2, but we have a good chance of winning in class 3. So please everybody do not let your renewals slide. Please renew promptly. Renewals must be postmarked by March 31, 1981, so if your renewal date is at all close to that date, get the renewal in on time.

The prize is an all-expense trip to the NAS Biennial Convention in Estes Park, Colorado next July. The chapter will select the person to go. An Honorable Mention or second prize to be awarded is a free Audubon lecture at which we may charge admission if we wish.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Pulaski County Audubon Society is offering two scholarships for two-week courses at National Audubon Society Nature Study Camps to youth education workers or teachers. For information or an application call or write Fae Burkhart or Florence Mallard (see last page of this newsletter). Applications must be returned to Fae by February 13. The Society will pay full fee, which includes tuition and living expenses. Travel expenses are the responsibility of the applicant.

ARKANSAS AUDUBON SOCIETY ECOLOGY CAMP

This Ecology Camp, run by the Arkansas Audubon Society, is a major effort to teach young people about the natural world. Last June 37 youngsters, aged 11 and 12, participated; next June it is planned to enroll 30.

The Camp deserves your support. The goal is $10,000. So far close to half has been raised. Your contribution in any amount is welcome. Draw check to Arkansas Audubon Society and send to Edith M. Halberg, Treasurer, 5809 North Country Club, Little Rock, Arkansas 72207.
CONSERVATION

Arkansas Scenic and Natural Rivers Commission: This commission is in danger of not being funded by the new legislature. We could lose some lovely reaches of streams and their banks if they are not protected. Members are urged to write their state representatives and senators and urge them to vote to fund this agency and its valuable work. Also urge Senator Knox Nelson and Rep. John Miller to support funding of the agency. Rep. Doc Bryant is against funding it. Letters to him from our Russellville members might help him to change his mind. The governor's views are not known. Ask him to support funding.

Coal Slurry Pipeline: The Society believes that several points were not adequately evaluated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement which has been presented by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management regarding the pipeline to be built from Wyoming through Arkansas to Louisiana. The statement does not mention the wetlands which the pipeline would cross in Pope and Conway Counties and south of Little Rock and any possible danger to them. The Society wonders if it would not be wise to go around the areas. Also, the impacts of dewatering plants may not have been properly addressed with regard to water quality.

Environmentalists Advise Reagan on Energy Policy: In a message drafted at the request of the Reagan Energy Transition Team, the nation's environmental leaders have charged that the current priorities of the Department of Energy are completely upside down. The letter to the President, summarizing views the environmentalist had presented at a meeting December 1st with members of the transition team, was drafted by the president of the National Audubon Society, Russell W. Peterson, and Jonathon Lash, attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Conservation means "cost-effective measures to improve energy efficiency," the letter declared: "Stop pooh-poohing conservation. Stop calling it 'sacrifice.' It provides more results for less energy." Conservation is the fastest way to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil and vulnerability to a "sudden turnoff of the mid-East oil valve," the environmentalists said, and polls show that about two thirds of the U.S. people believe there should be most effort on solar energy and conservation, least on nuclear and synfuels.

DOE's present priorities are "nuclear, synfuels, coal, oil and gas, solar, and conservation, in that order," the letter said. The exact reverse would make better sense from the points of view of economics, national security, and political popularity, the environmentalists contended.

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Thanks to Greens Ferry Audubon Society
BIRD NEWS

Lonoke Christmas Count, December 21: Ten observers counted 94 species of birds. Most ponds were frozen or partly frozen. Of special interest were a Wilson’s Phalarope, seen by the Parkers and 30 Tree Swallows seen by the Halbergers scooping something off ice. New high counts were recorded for the Hooded Merganser (59), Lesser Yellowlegs (89), and Dunlin (22).

Little Rock Christmas Census, December 27: Twelve observers in five parties counted 21,430 individual birds and 72 species, an average number of species. The blackbird totals were down due to the fact that the roost has moved out of the count circle (thank the Lord ed.). Buffleheads were recorded for the first time. New highs were reported for Lesser Scaup (209), Ruddy Duck (15) and Evening Grosbeak (30). A Belted Kingfisher was observed fishing on the guard rail of a bridge.

Evening Grosbeaks: The first were seen at Batesville on December 2 by Edna Mae Nash and December 4 by Mrs. A.G. Henderson at Pangburn. Five more were seen at Lost Valley on December 13 and 12 on the 16th, by Richard McCamant. Patsy Grifey had a bunch at Ferndale the last week of December. They may still be there.

Melvin Clifford saw a Barred Owl near the Jo Jo Restaurant in Little Rock November 27. The first Purple Finch was seen at North Little Rock on November 5 by Ely Corbett; a Spotted Towhee was seen at Batesville on December 9 and a Glaucous Gull was seen at Lake Millwood by Charles Mills on December 6.

At a recent Board of Directors’ meeting it was requested that a good birding spot be listed each month in the Snake. This is done almost automatically when the next field trip is listed. Other than that the SNAKE will try to comply. For example, the best spot for February is probably anywhere around Lake Maumelle. If the fish ponds at Lonoke are open, there should be ducks on them. For eagles, Holla Bend Refuge or almost anywhere along the rivers or other large bodies of water. Holla Bend is excellent for geese and ducks as are all fish ponds.

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Address changes: Members will please send address changes directly to National Audubon Society, 950 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022. The Pulaski County Society has no facilities for notifying NAS. However, your editor needs address changes for the Snake. New members send dues to our treasurer, Dr. J. Lyndal York, 42 Pine Manor Dr., Little Rock, AR 72207, using the form in this Snake.

Henry N. Halberg, Editor

Deadline for the next Snake is March 15.

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