The Clean Air Act is probably safe for another year, but the present authorization of the Clean Water Act runs out September 30.

The Endangered Species Act has passed the Congress and is extended until 1985.

Meanwhile our public lands and the seas are under attack as never before, as James Watt and his associates try to open up for development large areas of wilderness and the continental shelf.

Write the Corps of Engineers before September 3, urging "No action" in the Faulkner Lake Drainage District problem.

AUDUBON CALENDAR
MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

Thursday, September 9: Field trip, picnic, and regular meeting, at Pinnacle Mountain State Park.
4:30 p.m.: Field trip, meet at the Pavilion, on Highway 300.
6:00 p.m.: Picnic supper, at the Pavilion. Note that this is a picnic, not a potluck, so bring all your own food. The society will provide beverages.
7:30 p.m.: Meeting, at the Visitors Center, on Pinnacle Valley Road. Henry and Edith Halberg will give a slide talk on their recent trip to Panama. To reach the Pavilion, take Highway 10 to Highway 300. Follow Highway 300 for about 2 miles to the sign "Pinnacle Mountain State Park," just beyond the bridge. Turn right into the Recreation Area and the Pavilion. To reach the Visitors Center from the Pavilion, continue north on Highway 300 and turn right on Pinnacle Valley Road to the Center.

Saturday, October 2, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Hawk Watch, at the Outlook at Pinnacle Mtn. State Park. Take Highway 10 to Highway 300 to Pinnacle Valley Road to the Visitors Center and Outlook. Sponsored by the Park.

Thursday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.: Board of Directors meeting, at St. Vincent Infirmary, Room S-1169. The nominating committee will be appointed at this meeting.

October 15-17: Conference of West-central Region, National Audubon Society, at Fayetteville. This is an important conference, and all members are urged to attend. The theme of the conference, "Audubon Action in the 1980's," will be presented in three sections: 1. Getting Involved in Environmental Issues and Chapter Affairs, 2. Working for Wildlife, programs that preserve habitat and wildlife populations, 3. Learning about Conservation Opportunities in the Ozarks. Banquet Saturday night, Russ Peterson, NAS President will be the principal speaker. Call Chris Granger for details - 227-0258.

Thursday, November 11, 7:00 p.m.: Board of Directors meeting at St. Vincent Infirmary, Room S-1169. The Nominating Committee will present the slate of directors at this meeting.

November 13: Field trip, to Lake Hamilton State Fish Hatchery. Meet at the hatchery at 9:30 a.m. All-day trip, bring lunch. Leader, Sam Slagle, 374-4987. Members of the Garland County Audubon Society are invited to attend.

Thursday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.: Annual meeting and potluck supper, in the Matkin Building at Aldergate Camp, on Aldersgate Road. Bring food, silverware, and plates. The society will furnish beverages. Bring at least five of your best slides for the members' slide program. Also bring something to hang on the birds' Christmas tree at the Museum of Science. Directors will be elected at this meeting. To get to Aldergate, go out 12th Street, which becomes Kanis Road, and turn left on Aldersgate Road, which is just before you cross over I-430; or go out I-630 to the end, turn left, on Shackleford Road, and left again on Kanis. Aldersgate Road is on the right, just after you cross over I-430. Areas will be assigned for the Little Rock Christmas Bird Count. Please make a special effort to bring children.

We have the dates and names of the Wildlife Film series for the coming season. Here they are.

1982 AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM SERIES
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Buy your season ticket ahead of time and get an extra dividend; bring a free guest to the first film. No-host dinner with the speakers, at The Villa, 1510 S. University Ave. at 5:30 p.m. Call Henry Halberg at 663-1812 so that we may know how many to expect. The Society is very grateful to the University for cosponsoring the film series and for the use of the auditorium.
OTHER EVENTS

Saturday, September 4: ZOO DAY at the Little Rock Zoo. Do you want to zoo something wild and wonderful? Volunteer to help at Zoo Day 1982. (Don’t blame me.)

October 29-31: Fall meeting of the State Audubon Society, at Arkansas Four-H Center, Ferndale, just west of Little Rock. The ASCA is the host society. For information about registration write Ellen Neaveil, 829 South 11th St., Rogers 72756 or call 636-8731.

November 4-7: Annual meeting (the 100th) of the American Ornithologists’ Union, at Chicago.


CHAPTER NEWS

It’s time for our September get-together. We will meet for a picnic supper, birding, and a Panama slide talk afterwards. I’m seeing signs that fall isn’t far off when Pinnacle Mountain will be a great place to enjoy the gorgeous colors and lots of birds. Bring your friends, relatives, and anyone interested, along with food, binoculars, insect repellent (you never know) and join us for a good time. See you at the pavilion. Remember, this is a picnic, not a potluck, so bring everything you plan to eat.

This fall the ASCA will host the fall meeting of the State Audubon Society, at Arkansas Four-H Center, Ferndale. Come and enjoy interesting field trips for birds, flowers, or whatever. And meet your old friends from all over the state. We will be calling on you for help in planning and operating the meeting.

The Society needs chairpersons for the Publicity and Conservation Committees, and we need them now. Kathy Ratcliffe, Education, has gone back to school in Texas and Karen and Joel Ward, Youth activities and Conservation, have gone to Alaska. We thank them all for their long and faithful service. We remind you that we can use any number of people on these committees as well as chairpersons.

Anita Thurmond has accepted the chair of the Education and Youth Activity Committees. We are very grateful.

We need a place for a nature-education program. So, if you have an interesting area, a marsh, wooded area, mountain top or other place that you would like to donate or loan to Audubon, we can make good use of it.

And do you need a speaker or slide presentation for your group? Call us at 227-0528.

Chris Granger, President

Congratulations to member Jeanne Jackson on the publication of her excellent report on the gravity of water problems in Arkansas. See under publications.

Florence Mallard and Roberta Crabtree report that the B’n B Group, the Tuesday morning birdwatchers, has had a very successful season so far. Those who turned out regularly saw more than 150 species of birds in the first six months of 1982. Birds like the yellow-headed blackbird, least bittern, common and purple gallinules, and the Bachman’s sparrow adorn their lists. The group includes much expertise in botany and biology; and the fellowship has been outstanding. If you want to join the group in the fall, call Florence at 663-8803 or Roberta at 753-1723.

Florence Mallard will attend National Audubon’s “Leadership Workshop” in Washington September 19-24, where she will be introduced to the intricacies of governmental and congressional operations and how to lobby as effectively as the lobbyist of a major industry group. Best wishes, Florence.

Do you have an Audubon Society of Central Arkansas embroidered arm-patch? You can get one from Roberta Crabtree, 3608 Sevier Drive, North Little Rock, 753-1723; price $2.50, by mail $3.00.

We have a very nice thank-you letter from Craig Sellers. Craig was the recipient of an ASCA scholarship to the State Audubon Ecology Camp this June.

The June meeting, at the Floyds was, as usual, a very good party. About 40 members and friends attended. Some birds, some canoe or rowed out on the lake: and everyone ate her or his head off. We thank Perk and Leanna for their hospitality and all their work.

At the August Board meeting Warren Brainard, former Metroplan environmental planner, described the Faulkner Lake Drainage District’s plans for improving the drainage in Faulkner Lake and Ashley Bayou. The Corps of Engineers held a public hearing on the matter on Tuesday August 24.

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CONSERVATION

Legislation reauthorizing the Endangered Species Act for another three years sailed through both houses of Congress in late June. Some amendments were added, but generally they leave the act as stong as before, perhaps stronger. A coalition of 25 of the nation's leading environmental organizations beat back efforts by the administration and by forest products, electric-power, petroleum, mining, and western water interests to weaken the law. It is strongly suggested that you write both of our senators and your congressman to thank them for their support in the passage of the bill. (Audubon Leader, June 25, 1982)

The heat has been taken off the Clean Air Act, at least for the time being. Hearings of the House Energy and Commerce Committee were abruptly recessed by Chairman John Dingell on August 11, when the committee rejected an industry-supported plan for control of hazardous air pollutants and adopted, instead, a proposal backed by environmentalists. The practical effect of Dingell's abrupt decision to call an indefinite recess after this vote probably will be to kill the chances for reauthorization of the Clean Air Act this year. It is far better that no action be taken in 1982 than for Congress to enact the weakening amendments offered by the industry coalition with the blessings of the administration. This is so because the law remains in effect until Congress changes it. The American people have grown accustomed to cleaner air and they insist upon keeping it clean. (Ark. Gazette, Aug. 18, 1982)

Another 'Clean Water' battle is coming. The current authorization for the Clean Water Act runs out September 30, and there will be an attempt to weaken the act when it goes before the Congress for reauthorization. The administration has already proposed amendments that would be devastating to the ten-year-old program to clean up the nation's waters. Conservationists believe the Clean Water Act is a good law that should be continued in its present form. Preparations for the reauthorization hearings already are under way. During the next several weeks there will be need for conservationists to rally to the support of the act. Members should contact their senators and congressman and urge them to support the present law. (Audubon Leader, July 18, 1982)

And we have our own problems. The Faulkner lake Drainage District proposes to cut 30- and 40-foot wide channels in Faulkner Lake and in Ashley Bayou, upstream from the lake, to build access roads next to the channels, and to pile the spoil next to the roads. As these operations will destroy thousands of acres of wetlands, the society recommended "No action" at the Corps of Engineers hearing on August 24.

Another problem in Arkansas is to see that a good number of "Wilderness Areas" is set aside in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests. The Arkansas Conservation Coalition, representing the nine principal environmental organizations in the State, has recommended 11 areas for designation as "Wildernesses" and has submitted to Congress its detailed proposal for Arkansas Wildernesses. The U.S. Forest Service proposals can be considered highly inadequate. As Paddle Trails puts it, "Now, what we need to do is convince him (Congressman Beryl Anthony-ed.) that the Forest Service proposals simply are inadequate. Arkansas doesn't need token wilderness; it needs a selected sampling of truly choice wilderness of adequate size, which is what the 11 areas the Coalition has proposed will provide. Also it should be noted that there is no oil on any of these areas, inconsequential amounts of gas and very little commercial timber. Nothing, in short, is being 'locked up' but beauty." (Paddle Trails, Newsletter of Pulaski Chapter, Ozark Society, July 1982)

The Arkansas Gazette reports (June 16, 1982) that Congressman Anthony favors five sites in the state for wilderness.

The Fourche Creek project has raised its head again. This of course includes the 90-foot wide concrete channel through Boyle Park. Petitions bearing 4117 signatures from people interested in getting quick action on the Fourche Creek flood plan were delivered to the office of Senator Pryor on August 13. The presenters of the petitions said that they were tired of seeing a flood plan sit on the shelf while the danger to the residents still exists. We agree that the people exposed to possible flood danger must be protected, but there must be some way to protect them without ruining the park, which is exactly what the concrete canal will do.

BIRD NEWS

Tuesday, August 17, the B'n B Club had a field day when the members saw semi-palmed, piping, and black-bellied plowers, ruddy turnstone, greater and lesser yellowlegs, short-and-long-billed dowitchers, marbled godwit, American avocet, and Forster's tern on Pauline Elmore's pond near Furlow. Roberta Crabtree saw a marbled godwit at the same place earlier in the month. Shannon Chamberlin and Chris Granger have brown-headed nuthatches at their homes in western Little Rock. Richard Pyburn saw a golden eagle at Spring Hill, north of Conway on July 11. He saw the small bill, legs feathered down to the feet, and the golden color around the neck in the sun. What else could it be?

Here are some birds you should have on your life and Arkansas lists: tundra swan, black-shouldered kite, and common moorhen. Surely you must have seen a moorhen somewhere in your travels. See Bill Shepherd's article in the September 1982 issue of the State Audubon Newsletter.

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The California condors that lost their first egg this season and then produced another have now lost the second. This time the egg was pushed off the cliffside nest as the condor fought off a raven that was after the egg. (The Chat, June 1982)

We have been receiving many telephone calls asking when to stop feeding hummingbirds. We suggest that they should be fed only until the flowers are gone, or about October 1.

COMMUNICATIONS
Ellen Neaville had a baby girl, Emily, on June 26. Best wishes, Ellie. I'll bet she's a doll.

David Plank is showing his paintings of birds during the month of September at the Arkansas Valley Art Center, 1008 West Main Street, Russellville. The showing will open Sunday, August 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to the opening.

Do you know about Elderhostel? The program is open to anyone 60 years of age or older. It consists of about one week of residence at the school named. The subjects cover almost every imaginable subject, and the cost is low. Colleges in all 50 states and 5 European countries offer low-cost courses and housing. Write to Elderhostel, 100 Boylston St., Suite 200, Boston MA 02116 for a free catalogue. Two courses of interest to bird students are:


U of Oklahoma—"Colima, Mexico its natural history." At Hacienda El Cobano, near Colima, Mexico. Sept. 1-10, cost $505.

If the course you want is full this year it will probably be given in the near future. The important thing is to get your name on the mailing list.

PUBLICATIONS
Jackson, Jeanne, and Mack, L.M.: Arkansas water, why wait for the crisis?: Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, Little Rock, Arkansas. For a copy write to The Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, 308 East 6th St., Little Rock, AR 72202 or call either 376-6854 or 1-800-482-8105.

Lane, James: Birder's guide to Florida, Cost $7.00 plus 60¢ postage. Order from L & P Press, P.O. Box 21604, Denver, CO 80221.

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