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This is an interim Snipe. We are presently without an editor, so some of us have gotten together to produce this epistle. Anyone who would like to be the editor should come to the board meeting on October 13 and discuss the matter. This Snipe is only a calendar, so please forgive the lack of style.

We welcome our new members and hope that they will come to as many meetings, field trips, and other events as possible. As a starter, we suggest the Holla Bend trip in January. You can do no better in Arkansas.

And don't forget to vote.

Calendar

Every Saturday in October, from 10 o'clock to noon. Fall color walk at Pinnacle Mountain State Park. Enjoy the fall colors and learn about the trees with the help of a park naturalist.

Thursday, October 13, 7:00 p.m.: Board meeting, at the Game And Fish Building on Natural Resources Drive. Marcie Heuer, our scholarship winner, will present a slide talk about her two weeks at the Maine Audubon Camp. All members and the public are welcome.

Saturday, October 15, 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Party barge trip on Lake Maumelle and cookout afterward at a nearby picnic area. Meet at Jolly Rogers Marina at 8:45 a.m. Group restricted to 10 people. First come first served. Reservations are necessary, call Barry Haas at 225-5096. Price \$10.00, no refunds for noshows. If we have enough reservations we will hire two barges.

October 21-23: Fall meeting of the Arkansas Audubon Society, in Little Rock. Call the Hot Line, 753-8496, for information.

Sunday, October 30, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Halloween night hike. Meet at the Kingfisher trailhead in the picnic area at Pinnacle Mountain State Park. Help the park naturalist search for bats, owls, and other night critters. You may meet the Great Pinnacle Pumpkin. Flashlights are optional.

Friday, November 4, 7:00 p.m. at Pinnacle Mountain State Park Visitor Center. Talk on owls by Dr. Charles Preston of UALR, followed by an Owl Prowl on Kingfisher Trail.

Saturday, November 5, 9:30 a.m.: Field trip to Lake Hamilton State Fish Hatchery. Meet at the hatchery at 9:30, all day trip, bring lunch. To get to the hatchery, take I-30 south and just across the Ouachita River take Highway 171 and then Highway 290 to the side road to the hatchery. Leaders, Max and Helen Parker. We should see ducks, herons, egrets, shorebirds, and many other kinds of birds.

Thursday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.: Board meeting cancelled.

Saturday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.: Annual meeting, potluck supper, and election of directors, at Camp Aldersgate. Bring your 10 best slides for the program. Bring your own dishes and silverware. The society will furnish drinks. Bring the kids, bring your friends, and be sure to bring your appetite.

Sunday, December 11: Planning meeting for the Christmas censuses, at Perk Floyd's at 2:00 p.m. Call Perk at 888-4252 for information about the meeting and the censuses.

Saturday, December 17: Little Rock Christmas census.

Sunday, December 18: Lonoke Christmas census.

Thursday, January 12, 1989, 7:00 p.m.: Board meeting, at the Game And Fish Building. This is the budget meeting for 1989. Members are welcome.

Saturday, January 14: Bus trip to Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge, in cooperation with the Nature Conservancy, to see eagles, ducks, three kinds of geese, and Long-eared Owls. Bring lunch and wear walking shoes or boots. This is the best field trip of the year and we always have many people. We cannot promise eagles, but so far as I know, the eagles have never let us down. Once your editor saw 16 in one tree. However, that was unusual.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

We are sorry that Mel White found it necessary to give up the editorship of the Snipe. We thank him for all his work. Please don't be a stranger, Mel. You are still on the board.

Perk Floyd's new book, "All about Cardinals" is available at most bookstores, the Territorial Restoration, and Pinnacle Mountain State Park. The price is \$5.95 plus tax. It's even better than "All about Bluebirds".

We are losing our beloved publicity gal, Wendy Margolis. Wendy has found a job in Philadelphia, and leaves the first week in October. Woe is us. We'll miss you, Wendy. Come back to see us.

We regret to have to tell you of the death of long-time member Mildred Adams. Mildred had been a member since 1961, so she was almost a charter member. We shall miss her.

We also have to inform you of the death of Dr. Jack Weatherly. Jack was a relatively new member and a very generous contributor. He had been a next-door neighbor of mine (HNH), so I miss him personally.

Join the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas (ASCA) and you automatically become a member of the National Audubon Society. You will receive the bimonthly national Audubon magazine and the Snipe, published from time to time by ASCA. It is important for new members to join through ASCA, so a portion of your dues supports local activities.

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BIRD NEWS

There was a Magnificent Frigate Bird and a Sabine's Gull at Lake Millwood, during the latter part of September, according to Charles Mills. Although some of our members raced to Millwood to see the birds, Charles was the only birder lucky enough to see them. His Questar certainly helps.

Don't forget to use the Hot Line, 753-8496. The frigate bird and the gull were mentioned on the tape. Besides, you can leave your own scoop on the tape.

CONSERVATION

We have an opportunity to attend a meeting at Northeast High School Auditorium in North Little Rock on October 25 at 7:00 p.m. to help determine the future of Faulkner Lake. The Environmental Protection Agency and the Corps of Engineers have completed a study of the Faulkner Lake Area Complex which delineates general wetland areas and their suitability for disposal of dredged or fill material. This public meeting is being held to answer questions and accept public comment on the study.

And don't forget to vote.

Henry Halberg
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