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A Chapter of the National Audubon Society

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Welcome to the 1974-75 winter season, now in full swing. Our September meeting and the October 15 Wildlife Film were well attended. The film, "Birds of Prey," compliments of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, was excellent. Walter Berlet's wildlife film, "WESTSIDE STORY - Mexico to Alaska," introduced the season in a big way. We were pleased to see an audience much larger than last year's average.

The enclosed list of members (313 memberships) is based on records of paid members of the National Audubon Society through August 31, 1974, furnished by NAS, the latest listing we have. If your name or address is incorrect, or if your name has been omitted, please let us know.

The nominating committee for next year's officers will be Ellen Neaville, Dr. Shirley Ann Gilmore, and Joe Poe. They would appreciate suggestions for nominations.

Miss Iris C. Kinsworthy, of Little Rock, died September 9, at the age of 81. She was a charter member of the Pulaski Society and was treasurer for many years. She was also a charter member of the Arkansas Audubon Society.

The September hawk-watch-field-trip was cancelled because of bad weather and no hawks. Fifteen cars showed up, with many strangers. We need a weather witch.

AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST

The winners of the Society's photo contest were awarded their prizes at the October 15 Wildlife Film. The grand prize was won by Charles Ellis. The first prize in the under 18 group for color photos was won by Robert Clowers; the first prize for black and white photos was won by Allen McMillan. The first prize in the over 18 group for color photos was won by Eddie Lee Schiller; the first prize for black and white photos was won by Lynne Owens.

We thank the judges for their time, effort, and interest. They were: Fred Jungkind, Medical Illustrator, U.S. Veteran's Administration; Joe Poe, amateur photographer; John Preston, Director, Museum of Science and Natural History; Edwin Ross, professional photographer; Irving Seager, Parkview High School.

COMING EVENTS - MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

Tuesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.: Meeting at the Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Woodlawn and Monroe Streets, Room 82. Please use the Monroe Street entrance. Enter by the "Office" sign, go downstairs and to the right. Bill Shepherd will talk about the "Arkansas Natural Areas Plan," with slides. We must be out of the building by nine o'clock.

Saturday, November 23, 9:00 a.m.: Boat trip on Lake Maumelle to see loons, grebes, and ducks. Meet at the North Shore Landing at 9 o'clock. Reservations will be necessary, call Dr. Bill Scarlett, 663-7669. If the 9 o'clock voyage overflows, a second trip will be made, at 1:00 p.m., but only if the second trip is needed. Wear warm clothing and a windbreaker. The trip will be canceled if the weather is too bad.

Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.: Potluck supper at the Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church; see notice of the November meeting for directions. Bring silverware and dishes (and food). The Society will furnish beverages. This is the annual meeting and next year's officers will be elected. Areas for the Little Rock Christmas Count will be assigned. Bring your ten best slides for the entertainment. We must be out of the building by nine o'clock.

Saturday, December 14: Millwood Lake Christmas Count. Leader Charles Mills, Wilton, 898-5807.

Sunday, December 15: Lonoke Christmas Count. Leader, Edith Halberg, 663-1812.

Saturday, December 21: Little Rock Christmas Count, Leader, Dr. Shirley Ann Gilmore, 225-2309.

Saturday, December 28: Fort Smith Christmas Count, Leader, Bill Beall, 783-1802.

Slovak Christmas Count, leader Gary Graves and Marty Floyd, 376-9450. Date to be announced.

White River Refuge Christmas Count, leader Bruce Tedford, 663-7651. Date to be announced.

Sunday, January 12, 2:30 p.m.: Regular meeting of the Society, at the Museum of Science and Natural History, MacArthur Park, Little Rock. Program to be announced.

Saturday, January 18, 12:00 noon: Field trip to Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge to see eagles, hawks, ducks and geese. Might even see swans or longspurs. Once there were Sandhill Cranes. Meet at the refuge headquarters at noon. Bring lunch and warm clothes.

1974 - 1975 AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM SERIES

At the University Medical Center, West Markham Street, at 7:45 p.m. Plenty of well lighted parking.

Thursday, November 21	Janet Jahoda	BERMUDA - Land and Sea
Thursday, January 2	Norm Wakeman	PALM SPRINGS to LAKE LOUISE
Tuesday, February 11	Tom Sterling	FOOTLOOSE IN NEWFOUNDLAND
Tuesday, March 4	Harry Pederson	THE BAHAMAS - Top to Bottom

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COMMUNICATIONS

Fourche Bayou Public Hearing: The Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, held a public hearing in Little Rock on November 1 at which they presented the results of their studies and advanced 6 plans for water-resources improvement of the Fourche Bayou basin. Plan No. 6 was favorably received by environmental and industrial groups. Tom Foti made several suggestions that the Arkansas Ecology Center believes should be incorporated into plan 6 to make it more acceptable to environmentalists. Letters or written statements giving your views will be received by the Corps until December 1 and incorporated into the record of the hearing. The undeveloped wilderness part of Boyle Park, which lies along Rock Creek, is an area which members of the Pulaski Society would like left as near to its present condition as possible.

The fall meeting of the Arkansas Audubon Society was held at Ferncliff Camp near Little Rock the weekend of October 25-27. About 100 members attended. John Preston, Director of the Museum of Science and Natural History, described the museum program and what it has to offer. Ken Smith gave a fine slide talk on the beautiful Buffalo River. Carl Amason described the Mexican bird trips that he is conducting. Field trips were made to Hensley, to the plantation of relatives of Iola Rea, to Lonoke, around the camp, and on Lake Maumelle.

BIRD NEWS

It has been an interesting fall, bird wise. Walton Heights has turned out to be a fine place to observe migrating hawks, when conditions are right. On September 21, with northerly winds and high cirrus clouds, Luvois Shugart and 5 other AAS members saw more than 1,000 hawks in 2½ hours in the afternoon. The weather was just right to help Broad-winged Hawks milling around high in the sky in flocks of 50 to 150 find the right wind and peel off one by one to the south. We counted 988 Broad-wings. Add to this an eagle, a Mississippi Kite, 3 Ospreys, Marsh, Red-tailed, Red-shouldered, Cooper's, Sharp-shinned, and Sparrow Hawks, and White Ibis, you have quite a day.

We have had a new bird for the state. On September 2 the immortal triumvirate, Graves, Hunter, and Tedford, found a jaeger on Lake Millwood, thanks to Gary's reasoning that it was about time for Arkansas to have one since all the surrounding states have had them. On September 29 Charles Mills saw another. At present both are simply jaegers, species indeterminate. Doug James has examined more than 200 bird skins at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. to help resolve the problem.

On September 15, 500 migrating nighthawks were seen in 45 minutes on the Arkansas River at Little Rock. They were hawking insects and some were flying high just below Lock and Dam No. 7.

Henry N. Halberg, Editor

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