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Beginner Bird Walk and ASCA Brunch Potluck

Kevin Krajcir

Join us Saturday, December 5, at 8 a.m. at the Little Rock Audubon Center (LRAC), located at 4500 Springer Blvd., for a beginner bird walk at the trails there, followed by a holiday potluck. Binoculars will be provided for those who do not have them. We will also be sharing ways you can participate in the upcoming local Christmas Bird Counts.

After the walk wraps up, please stick around and join the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas (ASCA) for their annual holiday brunch from 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the Center's building. This is a potluck-style brunch, so please bring your favorite dish. Drinks, cups, plates, and utensils will be provided by ASCA. Warm or cold items can be stored in the Center before going on the bird walk.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy wonderful food and spread holiday cheer with fellow birders from around the state. In addition to the potluck, we'll conduct an important point of business, election of officers and board members for 2027.

Directions to LRAC: Take I-440 to Exit 1, Springer Blvd. Go south (left) on Springer Blvd., cross the railroad tracks, then look for the LRAC sign on the right.

Additional details on the bird walk can be found on page 5.

Central Arkansas Bird Counts

Kevin Krajcir
ASCA Christmas Bird Count Compiler

Now in its 127th year, the Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is a community science program and the nation's longest running bird survey. Have no doubts that your participation is meaningful – thousands of scientific studies have used CBC data, including National Audubon's climate change report *Survival by Degrees*.

I organize two counts for central Arkansas. Little Rock, will be held Saturday, December 19, and Lonoke, Sunday, December 27. To register as a participant for a count, you can contact me at kjkrajcir@gmail.com, if doing so, please specify the count(s) in which you would like to participate. Otherwise, you can use Audubon's new portal at the following website to find CBC circles near you and register for those counts: https://www.audubon.org/community-science/christmas-bird-count/join-christmas-bird-count.

If you live inside either count circle, I encourage you to contribute by being a feederwatcher. I can also assign you to roam your neighborhood, as residential areas are typically not well covered by parties in the field. Please contact me for arrangements or indicate as such if you register via Audubon's CBC portal. I will check that you live inside the circle and, if so, provide instructions and a spreadsheet.

There are many other counts across the state. Contact State Compiler Leif Anderson (leif.anderson@usda.gov) for more information on CBCs throughout the state.

CBC's run from December 14 to January 5 each year. Please consider participating in more than one. All counts could use more volunteers. Participation is free. Make your birding count for the birds.

Great Backyard Bird Count

Mark your calendars for the 2027 Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). The count begins on Friday, February 12 and runs through Monday, February 15. Watch birds for 15 minutes or longer, and submit your sightings to eBird.org. Participation is easy and can be done alone or with others, anywhere you find birds.

All checklists submitted through eBird or Merlin during the four-day event will not only count toward the GBBC but Arkansas's species total as well.

The 2026 GBBC results showed out of 50 states, Arkansas ranked #30 with 143 species and #37 with 1,373 complete checklists submitted. Pulaski County took the #1 spot with 109 species followed by Faulkner County with 100. Out of Arkansas's 75 counties, 65 submitted checklist.

Visit www.birdcount.org for more information on how to participate.

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President's Column

Cindy Franklin
ASCA President

The hubs and I have lived in Arkansas going on 50 years. We've seen lots of weather extremes over the decades, but we have never seen a drought this severe and this prolonged during that time. It looks like this could go on for a while longer.

The consequences will unfold over time. We've already witnessed dropping reservoir levels. Some towns and cities are already under water restrictions. It is likely more will join them as the drought continues. We will lose trees and other plants across the landscape whether from the drought itself or the organisms that take advantage of stressed plant life. The risk of wildfires will increase due to dry conditions and a ready source of fuel. The lack of water will drive up farming costs in an environment and at a time where farmers are already financially stressed. It is not a good situation. The effects of the drought expand with every day we go without rain.

Which brings me to our bird population. The drought will have an impact on the number and location of birds this year. It is almost assured the duck population will be affected given the low water levels. If they do come this far south, some of them will move on to areas with better water supplies and available food. Herons and egrets will find making a living more difficult away from commercial fish farms. The drought has likely reduced the seed load and the dried fruit bank available for bird consumption. And raptors may find a reduced prey population due to less water on the landscape.

In our yard the birds have already striped the viable fruit from the American beautyberries and from the winterberry hollies. They don't usually do that until late December or January. I am having trouble finding ripe Turks Cap dupes. I believe the birds are eating them as fast as they ripen. And when I put out seed and mealworms, the birds start chattering immediately. I think they are hungry.

In a normal year our wild bird population can make do without our supplemental feeders and water sources. Since this is not a normal year, I suspect our feeders and water sources will be more important than usual for the local bird population. If you do put out food and water for the birds and other wildlife, remember to clean the feeders and water containers on a regular basis to prevent disease transmission.

As always, good birding.

Don't let your Membership Lapse

Just a reminder, ASCA membership renewals are due January 1, 2027, and can be paid on-line via PayPal through the membership page at www.ascabird.org.

Checks can be made out to ASCA and mailed to Jim Dixon, Treasurer, 11805 Birchwood Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211.

Membership Levels

Students/Seniors – $10
Regular Membership – $15
Family – $25
Supporting – $35
Patron – $5

ASCA Represented at Events

Cailin Swingle

In addition to welcoming new birders at the popular bird walks, a group of folks representing ASCA, Arkansas Bird Alliance, and Delta Audubon, who sponsored the booths, had successful outreach events at the Birding Festival of the South, in Hot Springs, and Little Rock PrideFest both held in October. We ran out of brochures and had over 100 people provide their emails for follow-up. Multiple individuals have already connected with at least one of our local communities online. We're tracking these folks to gauge our long-term engagement rate which can guide us towards participation in future festival booth opportunities.

Upcoming Programs

NOTE – Meetings are held online via Zoom. The registration link will be sent out via ARBIRD-L, ASCA's website, and other social media outlets. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

December 5, 2026 – Beginner Bird Walk and Potluck Little Rock Audubon Center

Join us at 8 a.m. at the Little Rock Audubon Center (LRAC) for a beginner bird walk at the trails there, weather permitting. Binoculars will be provided for those who do not have them. After the walk, please stick around to join ASCA for their annual holiday brunch at 10 a.m. in the Center's building.

This is a potluck-style brunch, so please bring a brunch food. Warm or cold items can be stored in the Center before going on the birding walk.

For more information and directions to LRAC see page 1 of this issue.

January 14, 2027 – Annual Business Meeting

ASCA's annual business meeting will begin at 7 p.m. to plan and budget for the 2027 calendar year. This meeting is open to all members of ASCA.

Due to the number of topics covered, there will not be a program or guest speaker.

February 11, 2027 – Ecosystem Functions of Temporary Shorebird Habitat on Post-harvest Crop Fields in the Mississippi Delta – Dr. Jason Hoeksema

Since 2013, the non-profit Delta Wind Birds (DWB) has been working with private landowners in the Mississippi Delta to incentivize creation of temporary fall habitat for migratory shorebirds. In recent years, they've focused on post-harvest soybean and corn fields, on farms with on-site tailwater recycling systems or other sources of surface water. In collaboration with USDA and University of Mississippi scientists, DWB's research is demonstrating that these temporary wetlands not only serve migratory birds, but provide diverse ecosystem services, including sediment and nutrient retention, denitrification, faster crop residue breakdown, and sometimes improved crop yields. Tracking studies are demonstrating that these temporary wetlands hold high importance for migratory shorebirds, relative to other habitat options in the region, and are providing refined estimates of stopover duration for diverse species of shorebirds.

Jason Hoeksema has a PhD in Ecology from the University of California, Davis, and is a Professor of Biology at the University of Mississippi. He is also President and co-founder of Delta Wind Birds, and President of the Mississippi Ornithological Society.

In Case You Missed It

Missed an ASCA program or want to see it again? Did you know ASCA Zoom meetings are recorded?

Videos of past programs are available on YouTube at, https://www.youtube.com/@audubonarkansas4755/videos.

Election of Officers and Board Members

The election of ASCA Officers for 2027-2028 and Board Members for 2027, will take place on Saturday, December 5, after the brunch.

Dottie Boyles and Cindy Franklin served on the nominating committee.

There are currently two positions vacant, one officer (president) and one board member. If you would like to serve, please contact either Dottie or Cindy. While not an elected position, the hospitality position is open as well.

The following slate of nominees are presented as follows:

Officers: (two-year term)
President: Vacant
Vice President: Kevin Krajcir
Recording Secretary: Barry Haas
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Editor: Dottie Boyles

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Doris Boyles
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David Swingle
Vacant

The committees listed below are non-elected positions.

Christmas Bird Count Compiler:
Kevin Krajcir

Conservation:
Barry Haas

Field Trip Coordinator:
Sarah Morris

Hospitality:
Vacant

Webmasters:
David Swingle
Jim Dixon

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Trumpeter Swans Return

Trumpeter Swans have returned to winter in Heber Springs, Cleburne County. Kenny Nations reported seeing at least 12 swans between the two Hiram Road ponds, with more expected to be arriving soon.

Beginner Outings Bring New Birders To The Flock

Ariana Remmel

The morning of Saturday June 6th was unseasonably warm, yet 21 people still braved the heat to attend ASCA's first beginner bird walk at Two Rivers Park in Little Rock. Roughly half of the group had never attended an ASCA event, and several of those had yet to purchase their first pair of binoculars. But everyone was excited to go birding and celebrate lifers on the trail. That gathering marked the launch of a new series of beginner-friendly outings designed to get more Arkansans involved in birding and community science. As project leader, I wanted to share some of the initiative's early successes, lessons learned, and plans for the new year.

I was initially inspired to create the beginner birder series as a way to recruit more volunteers for Arkansas's Christmas Bird Counts. On one hand, many beginner birders are afraid to sign up because they worry their skills aren't good enough to be helpful. On the other, experienced birders are often hesitant to volunteer as section leaders because they worry about guiding a group outing. By organizing ASCA field trips geared towards beginners and led by newer guides, I recognized an opportunity to welcome more people into our community and to increase the number of birders submitting data for conservation initiatives.

To test the feasibility of an ongoing beginner program, I designed a pilot project at Two Rivers Park in Little Rock. Not only is the park a popular hotspot, it also has great amenities such as free parking, public restrooms, and ADA accessible trails. I started with monthly Saturday morning walks in June, July, and August to gauge participant interest and to test out program elements. For example, I learned to start our walk at the base of the Two Rivers Park Bridge where the water depth gauge is a handy tool for teaching basic binoculars skills. I also identified a route with appropriate stopping points, like good trees for practicing how to give directions to a perched bird and forest clearings that show how microhabitats can influence what birds might be present. I consolidated all of this information into a step-by-step guide for other outing leaders.

The second part of the pilot was called the September Beginner Birder Series, which met on Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. and Saturdays at 9 a.m. for three weeks over fall migration. This program was modeled after the Spring Migration Birding Series at Lake Fayetteville hosted by the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society. I recruited two leaders for each trip, including experienced birders with little to no guiding experience. Each pair of leaders had access to spare binoculars (on loan from the Little Rock Audubon Center), sign in sheets, and free birding resources from local conservation groups (e.g. ASCA, ARBA, AGFC, etc). Participants showed up to five of the six outings, with group sizes ranging from 4 to 19 people. These numbers would likely have been higher were it not for the heat wave that pushed temperatures above 90°F for most of the walks.



First beginner bird walk at Two Rivers Park.
Photo: *Ryan Dickerson*

I consider this pilot program to be a great success with opportunities for growth and improvement in 2027. Not only did people attend the events, many participants shared that these walks were their first ever group bird outing and at least a few beginners went on to join other ASCA field trips. I even spoke with several longtime ASCA members who attended the beginner walks because they felt less nervous about asking questions during the outing.

As such, I plan to continue organizing monthly beginner birder outings leading up to a Spring Migration Series and followed by a summer hiatus to avoid the heat. And I'm hopeful that the following insights will inspire others to expand our efforts in other regions of Central Arkansas.

Lessons Learned

Put "beginner" in the title. All ASCA field trips are open to beginners, but many participants don't know that going in. By specifically targeting self-identified beginners, we welcomed many people who said they'd been too nervous to attend other outings.

Meet later. For new birders, early morning outings are a barrier to entry. By delaying our start time to 9/10 a.m. on a Saturday, participants were more willing to give the outing a try and still have a good chance of

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Beginner Bird Walk Schedule

Ariana Remmel

Inclement weather plan: Conserning all bird walks, if there's heavy rain, snow and/or ice on the roads that morning, consider the trip cancelled. There will not be any special announcement about cancellations, so use your best judgment.

Contact project leader Ariana Remmel for questions: ariana.remmel@gmail.com

December 5, 2026 - Holiday Bird Walk

Meet at 8 a.m. at the Little Rock Audubon Center

Join the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas (ASCA) and the North Little Rock Laman Library for a beginner-friendly bird walk at the Little Rock Audubon Center.

The paved trails feature oak savannah and forested habitats that are great for sparrows and other winter songbirds. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about the annual Christmas Bird Count and to enter giveaways for a pair of binoculars or monoculars. Then stick around for ASCA's annual holiday potluck at 10 a.m. Birders of all ages and experience levels are welcome.

Meeting Location: Little Rock Audubon Center, 4500 Springer Blvd., Little Rock, AR 72206

Access Notes: There are ADA compliant restrooms at the center. Most trails are paved, though some surfaces are covered in gravel or mowed grass. Expect to walk no more than 2 miles. There are benches interspersed throughout the trail system. Binoculars will be available to borrow.

Contact the Little Rock Audubon Center for questions: uta.meyer@audubon.org

January 9, 2027 - Beginner Birder Walk

Meet at 9 a.m. at Cooks Landing in North Little Rock

Start the new year off right with an outing designed for beginner birders and those who want to practice the basics. We'll meet at the North Little Rock side of the Big Dam Bridge to look for winter waterfowl on the river and forest birds along the Pfeifer Loop and Isabella Jo trails. We'll have a few pairs of binoculars available to borrow during the outing. Birders and nature enthusiasts of all experience levels are encouraged to participate.

Meeting Location: Big Dam Bridge North Parking Lot, 4000 Cooks Landing Road, North Little Rock, AR 72118 *GPS: 34.795268, -92.353483*

Access Notes: There are no restrooms at this location, but there is a Circle K gas station less than a mile from the meet up location. The primary walking surfaces are mowed grass and gravel, though some portions of the trails are paved. Expect to walk no more than 2 miles. There are very few benches on this trail system. We will be stationary for long intervals, so dress warmly.

February 20, 2027 - Beginner Birder Walk

Meet at 9 a.m. at the White Oaks Trail - Burns Park

Are you curious about birds or looking for opportunities to strengthen your bird watching skills? Join us for an outing designed for beginner birders and those who want to practice the basics. Meet the group at the White Oaks Bayou Parking Lot near the public restrooms. We'll look for waterfowl along the river, winter sparrows in the fields, and woodpeckers along White Oaks Trail. We'll also check for nesting activity from the local pair of bald eagles. There will be binoculars available to borrow during the outing on a first come first serve basis. Birders of all ages and experience levels are welcome.

Meeting Location: Burns Park White Oaks Bayou Parking Lot, 701 Tournament Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. *GPS: 34.790810, -92.317008*

Access Notes: Public restrooms are available at the parking lot. All trails are paved. Expect to walk no more than 2 miles. There are very few benches on this trail.



September 23rd Beginner Birder Outing to Two Rivers Park | Photo: *Cailin Swingle*

Field Trip Schedule

ASCA sponsors numerous field trips throughout the year. The trips are open to all, and carpooling is available for trips outside of Little Rock. This is a great opportunity for new birders to meet and learn more about birds, or perhaps a chance to see a life bird for those who list. For more information visit www.ascabird.org. Always bring plenty of water and snacks with you.

December 2026 – Christmas Bird Counts

ASCA does not schedule a field trip in December. Instead, many of our members participate in one or more Christmas Bird Counts. ASCA sponsors two counts, Little Rock (Dec. 19) and Lonoke (Dec. 27). To participate in one or both counts contact Kevin Krajcir at kjkrajcir@gmail.com. For details about these and other counts held around the state see page 1.

January 23, 2027
Lake Dardanelle-Delaware Recreation Area, Holla Bend NWR

Meet at 8:15 a.m. at Lake Dardanelle – Delaware Recreation Area.

Located on the southwest side of Lake Dardanelle, we will meet in the parking lot near Delaware Recreation Area's boat ramp to scan for gulls, pelicans, loons, eagles, and other waterfowl. A rare gull or duck is a possibility.

Next, we'll head to Lake Dardanelle--Riverview Recreation Area and Dam, Dardanelle Rock Natural Area, which is on the southwest side of the Lake Dardanelle Dam, to check the wintering gulls and other related waterbirds for anything unusual.

The final stop will be Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). We will meet at its headquarters before making a wide loop through diverse habitats and visiting the observation deck. Target birds will include raptors, such as eagles and owls, as well as swans, ducks, geese, and sparrows. Restrooms are available at the headquarters.

What to bring: The lake can be very cold and windy. Dress in layers, including gloves and hats. Boots to possibly walk through tall grass at Holla Bend NWR. Water, binoculars and/or scope (if available). ASCA has some binoculars available for use. Snacks or lunch. There will be time to pick up food in Dardanelle before meeting the group at Holla Bend NWR. There is a $4 entrance fee per vehicle at Holla Bend NWR. A duck stamp or a National Parks pass will get a vehicle in for free.

Meeting locations: For the Little Rock area - to carpool, meet at 7 a.m. in the Mayflower commuter lot off I-40 at Exit 135.

GPS coordinates: 35.295380, -93.268704 for the Delaware Park boat ramp. Directions from Dardanelle: At the junction of Hwy. 7 and Hwy. 22, go west on Hwy. 22 for 10 miles. Turn right onto Hwy. 393, which is the first road on your right after you cross the long causeway at the west end of the lake. Hwy. 393 dead-ends at Delaware Rec. Area.

February 13, 2027
Stuttgart Municipal Airport

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Stuttgart Municipal Airport, 1068 County Road 423, Stuttgart GPS: 34.597508, -91.574794. We begin at the Stuttgart Municipal Airport office. Be prepared to walk to flush a variety of birds. Target birds are Lapland and Smith's Longspurs, Short-eared Owls, pipits, and sparrows. Restrooms will be available.

We will then drive to look for birds through various habitats in the area in front of the airport. This will include a stop to look for a Barn Owl through an opening in the last hangar to the south of the airport office (GPS: 34.594582, -91.574657) as well as the line of pine trees near the entrance of the road leading to the airport.

What to bring: The open landscape can be very cold and windy. Dress in layers, including gloves and hats. Knee-high, muck-type boots are recommended to walk through Aristida grass. There could be water, and vegetation can be long and thorny.

Little Rock area: To carpool, meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Prothro Junction commuter lot located on the southeast side of I-40 East at Exit 157. Turn right at the intersection, then immediately turn left into the commuter lot.

Wood Storks Thrill Birders at Bald Knob NWR



Photo: *Michael Linz*

Wood Storks began arriving in and around the Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge area in August. With a body length of 33 to 45 inches and a wingspan of up to 68 inches, storks are an impressive bird to see and watch. When not feeding, the birds often perch together like ornaments in a tree.

For several birders, who traveled to the refuge to see these beautiful birds, the storks turned out to be life birds for them. While the number of storks present at any one time varied, as many as 70 were counted on one visit.

Wood Storks primarily eat fish and other aquatic invertebrates.

Welcome New Members

Rebecca Fox
Abigail Brittain
Carlos and Sherry Sanchez

Field Trip Reports

Sarah Morris. Field Trip Coordinator

September 19, 2026
Pine Bluff Area

Our Pine Bluff field trip began at Boyd Point Wastewater Treatment Plant, where we observed 27 species. Highlights included excellent looks at a Prairie Willet, Ruddy Turnstone, and, for one participant, Black-bellied Plover.

We then headed to the Governor Mike Huckabee Delta Rivers Nature Center in search of warblers. We were rewarded with sightings of a Black-and-white Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, and Northern Parula among the 21 species observed.

The field trip report can be viewed at, https://ebird.org/tripreport/596594.

November 14, 2026
Lake Maumelle

Eleven birders met for a morning of bird watching at Lake Maumelle. Despite the lake's low water levels, the trip got off to a strong start with a Common Loon sighting shortly after arriving at WestRock Landing. While activity on the water was limited, smaller birds kept us busy, including American Goldfinches, Eastern Bluebirds, Pine Warblers, and Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets.

Our next stop was Bufflehead Bay, where highlights included four Horned Grebes and a Blue-headed Vireo among the 16 species observed.

We then caravanned to Vista Park, where the lake's low water levels were especially noticeable. However, this stop provided some of our best waterfowl sightings, including Canada Geese, Mallards, Green-winged Teal, Ring-necked Ducks, Buffleheads, and a Red-breasted Merganser. We also spotted a Bonaparte's Gull among eight Ring-billed Gulls.

Afterward, five of us decided to make one more stop at Ranch North Woods Preserve in search of sparrows. Our nearly 1.5-mile trek yielded 35 species, including a Sharp-shinned Hawk, several woodpecker species, Fox Sparrows, and Cedar Waxwings.

Despite the low water levels, it was a rewarding day of birding, with a nice variety of waterfowl, woodland birds, and sparrows. We found 60 species overall.

The complete trip report can be viewed at, https://ebird.org/tripreport/595187.

Beginner Outings

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seeing morning birds. And while 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays were intentionally early for folks who wanted to swing by before work, it's still not too daunting for beginners.

Choose accessible locations. All of our 2026 outings met at Two Rivers Park, a hotspot known for species diversity and easy access (e.g. restrooms, parking, and paved trails). By establishing a route in advance, new outing leaders knew exactly where to take the group without much preparation. It was also easy for participants to find the meet up location over multiple dates, or to revisit the park on their own.

Include a co-leader. The majority of our outings were led by two volunteers. This made it easier to keep the group together, to help newer leaders gain experience in the field, and to ensure that participants had consistent access to the trip leaders. It gave leaders an opportunity to learn from each other's birding styles.

Provide loaner binoculars. The Little Rock Audubon Center graciously loaned us a dozen binoculars to facilitate these outings. Offering binoculars for attendees to use during the outing meant that anyone could participate without having to invest in expensive equipment first.

Bring visual aids. Getting beginners on a bird was a lot easier with the help of a green laser pointer, which was used to direct folks to a common landmark in the general vicinity of (but never directly on) a target bird. Paper field guides and app-based tools were also helpful for showing participants what we were looking for or describing other features of a bird after it flew.

Promotion is key. Announcements for the beginner birder series were shared on all ASCA channels, via the Little Rock Audubon Center's newsletter, social media, and online event calendar, the Central Arkansas Master Naturalist's listserv, and flyers hung around Little Rock and Conway. Word of mouth and cross posting played a big role in getting the word out about these events.

If you have questions about the beginner birder series or would like to lead an upcoming beginner outing, please send me an email at ariana.remmel@gmail.com.

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LeConte's Sparrow | Photo: *Michael Linz*

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Membership Level	Jan-Mar 100%	Apr-Jun 75%	Jul-Sep 50%	Oct-Dec* 100%
__Student/Senior	$10	$ 7.50	$ 5.00	$10
__Regular	$15	$11.25	$ 7.50	$15
__Family	$25	$18.75	$12.50	$25
__Supporting	$35			
__Patron	$50			

*New Memberships paid in the last quarter (Oct-Dec), will include full membership for the following calendar year.

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Make check payable to ASCA and mail to: Jim Dixon, Treasurer, 11805 Birchwood Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211. Please note that "Chapter Only Members" will not receive *Audubon* magazine. To receive *Audubon* magazine, you will need to join the National Audubon Society (NAS).

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To report a bird with a Federal Band or Color Marker you can visit the U.S. Geological Survey website: www.reportband.gov/.

Find an Injured Bird?

For a listing of an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission authorized Migratory Bird Rehabilitator in your area, visit their website: http://www.agfc.com/species/Documents/migratorybird_rehablist.pdf.