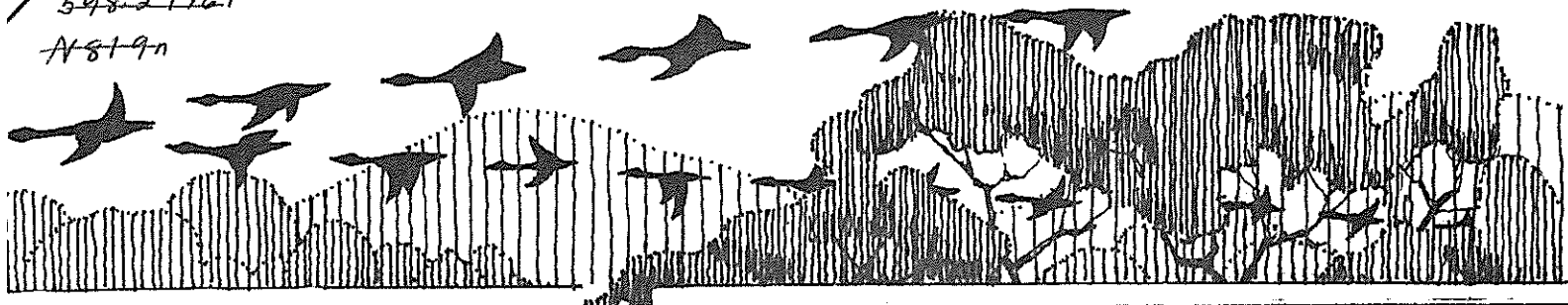


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Arkansas gets another Wilderness Area!

FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

To the surprise of many people in the state, the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-625 (November 10, 1978) survived the hectic closing moments of the 95th Congress to emerge as the largest wilderness measure signed into law by a president since the passage of the Wilderness Act of 1964. It designated 1,854,424 acres in eight National Park System units as wilderness, including a 10,529 acre area entitled Buffalo National River, Arkansas. This was the big surprise for many in the state who had become engrossed in the Forest Service RARE II wilderness study in the state's National Forests. Representative Phillip Burton (Democrat, California) was the person primarily responsible for the Act's inception and passage.

This 10,529 acre area was one of three proposed for wilderness designation as far back as 1974 within the Buffalo National River. For further information on this new wilderness area, contact the Superintendent, Buffalo National River, Harrison, Arkansas, 72601.

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Highway 71 Relocation:

Almost three years ago, a draft Environmental Impact Statement was issued by the Arkansas State Highway Department concerning the proposed Highway 71 relocation from Fayetteville north to McKissick Creek (12-12-75, Job 1445). At that time, quite a bit of interest in the project was generated in the Washington and Benton County area. Public hearings were held, comments received, and data gathered to aid in the preparation of the Final EIS.

Apparently, the Final Environmental Statement has been released in some form. Although at least one area newspaper carried an article stating something to that effect last Sunday, the editor is cautiously using the term 'apparently' due to the fact that he received a letter dated December 22 from the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department which stated that "the Final Environmental Impact Statement concerning the Highway 71 Relocation, Fayetteville - McKissick Creek (Job 1445) is in the final stages of preparation. Hopefully, the document will be issued before March."

Whatever the case may be, the relocation of Highway 71 will have a great impact on the growth, land use, and ecology of the two county area. If anyone would wish to obtain a copy of the Final EIS as well as be added to a mailing list to receive notices of future public meetings, write to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, Henry Gray - Director, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72203.

President's Message:

January 3, 1979

As chapter president for 1979, my first responsibility is to express gratitude to the outgoing Board of Directors for the fine job they have done in organizing this Audubon Society chapter. You have all made a valuable and very worthwhile contribution to your communities in your giving of time, concern and talents. Your continued active participation in the activities and programs is sincerely desired. Thank you.

We have a new and dedicated group of officers and committee members eager to dig in and carry forth the cause of the Society. I thank them all for the desire to work in the positions in which they serve. Please keep in mind that they are all in need of input from every member and friend of this chapter. These new members of the Board of Directors are listed at the end of this newsletter. Please call on us at any time with your questions, comments, suggestions ... and especially with your offer to work with the committees of interest to you.

Our forthcoming programs are guaranteed to entertain and educate all of you ... and your friends (tell 'em, no BRING 'em). The January meeting will be on Monday night, the eighth, at 7:00. We will meet in room M-410 at the Arkansas Union, University of Arkansas. Our speaker will be Mr. Brent Daugherty, naturalist at Devil's Den State Park. His topic will be a presentation on reptiles native to Northwest Arkansas. Please make plans to attend. Several important announcements will be made at this meeting, including information on our biennial convention to be held in Estes Park, Colorado, this coming summer. We hope to charter a bus for those interested in attending.

Do you know of someone who would like to be a part of our chapter activities? We welcome all to attend. We welcome all to join National Audubon. Your dues go for a very worthy cause. You receive as a member the beautiful Audubon magazine, as well as many other benefits. If you are a member of Audubon already but your membership card does not have "Northwest Arkansas" on it, please let me know. Membership in our chapter as well as the National Society does not mean an additional increase in your dues. It only means that this chapter receives a rebated portion of the dues you send to National. This enables us to advance the causes of the National Audubon Society in our local communities.

Thank you all for your interest and concern.

- John Cobb

1978 Annual Christmas Bird Count:

The annual christmas bird count was held on Sunday, December 17, in the Fayetteville area. Five parties totaling twelve birdwatchers participated. These birders observed approximately seventy-four species within a six mile radius of the city. More species probably would have been sighted had not the day turned out to be so windy and overcast. The red-tailed hawks were sighted in abundance while the robins and bluebirds were scarce, indicating that it might be a long, hard winter. For more information, contact Dr. D.A. James, Zoology Dept, U. of A.

Legislation: What had appeared to be a rather bleak year in Congress turned out rather well as far as the environment was concerned. Three important bills squeaked through in the closing weeks of the last session and included the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (P.L. 95-495), the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-625), and the Endangered Species Act (P.L. 95-632, an 18 month reauthorization). Also, 110 million acres of Alaskan wildlands were protected through presidential action.

## Nature Books Reviewed — by Elizabeth Fleener

Adventures with Wild Animals, by Andy Russell, Alfred A. Knopf Co., N.Y., \$8.95.

Here are seven true life episodes based on Mr Russell's experiences living in the Canadian Rockies observing the real lives of wild things. Although these tales are vivid, straightforward, and unsentimental, such wildlife narratives can bring us to a better familiarity with each wild creature living in the unspoiled, still real wilderness - as close as most of us can ever hope to be - and are also beautifully, sometimes almost poetically related.

Mr Russell has spent his entire adult life as a trapper, bronc-buster, hunter, rancher, guide, and more recently as an environmental consultant, photographer, and lecturer. From this background, he gives us an understanding of the seven animals discussed in his book including their own needs for survival, their conflicts, and their adaptations to the presence of other animals and man. He actually observed a mother coyote teaching her pups to avoid poison bait stations placed by sheep ranchers.

Good winter reading!! E.F.

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 Other Publications of Interest:

- 1). Proposed Arkansas Natural and Scenic Rivers System Bill. January, 1979. This bill proposes the creation of a funded and functioning Arkansas Natural and Scenic Rivers System administered through an Arkansas Natural and Scenic Rivers Commission within the Department of Arkansas Natural and Cultural Heritage. Copies of the bill and other information may be obtained by writing to Susan Brenholts, Administrative Assistant, Stream Preservation Committee, Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham Sts., Little Rock, Ar. 72201.
- 2). National Parks of the United States: Guide and Map. 1978, folder, il. A colorful map locating all National Park Service areas that have facilities or accommodations for visitors, with a summary of those facilities on the reverse. Copies are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402. \$.70 each; order # S/N 024-005-00696-6.
- 3). Ducks at a Distance, A Waterfowl Identification Guide. 1978, 52 p., il. This handy little guide helps you recognize species of ducks and geese on the wing. For each major species, it provides full color illustrations of fall and winter plumage patterns, silhouettes of flying shapes and flight patterns, the nesting and migration habits, and more. Copies available from U.S. GPO (see address for # 2 above). \$1.80 each; order # S/N 024-010-00442-8.
- 4). Crosscut Saw Manual. 1978, 27 p., il. A crosscut saw is a fast, efficient, nonpolluting tool for felling trees or cutting timber. This handsome booklet pays tribute to this time-honored and elegantly functional tool with an illustrated description of how and why it works and detailed instructions in the delicate science of sharpening such a saw. Copies available from U.S. GPO (see address for # 2 above). \$1.50 each; order # S/N 001-001-00434-1.

January - February Calendar:

Meetings:

- 1). Monday, January 8, 7:00 p.m. General meeting of members; Arkansas Union, U of A campus, Fayetteville (room # will be posted throughout Union inside the small, glass-fronted wall cases). Brent Daugherty, a naturalist of the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism stationed at Devil's Den State Park, will give a presentation on "Reptiles of Northwest Arkansas".

Note: Board of Directors meeting will follow general meeting. All officers and chairpersons must attend.

- 2). Monday, February 5, 7:00 p.m. General meeting of members; Arkansas Union, U of A campus, Fayetteville (room # will be posted inside the Union).

Audubon Wildlife Films:

- 1). Monday, February 12, 7:30 p.m. Arkansas Union Theater, Fayetteville. "Okefenokee -- Land of Trembling Earth" with Dennis Holt, National Audubon Society. \$1.50 at the door or season ticket. An informal reception will be held in the Union following the film. Everyone is invited to attend - bring a friend!!

At the moment, no other meetings or field trips and activities are planned for January - February. However, interested members can contact the Programs Committee Chairperson, Dr. Neil Compton, at 273-5123 or the Field Trip Committee Chairperson, Shonah Hunter, at 442-0563 to keep themselves posted. Also, if anyone would wish to lead or direct any field trip or activity, please contact Shonah. We are in need of interested members who would be willing to get involved and do so.

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The deadline for all articles, Committee Chairperson reports, and letters to the editor for the March - April, 1979, issue of the newsletter is February 22. Items received after this date can not be guaranteed to be printed in the next issue.

Also, if anyone would like to help in the production of the newsletter, please contact the editor, James Hoelscher. We are still in need of article contributors and reporters, among others.

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Show this to a friend, or make a gift of it!!!

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Editor's Message:

Since I have painted myself into a corner, I have got to be fast and brief. First of all, I would like to take pride in the fact that the newsletter now has a masthead. It was submitted by Mr. Herbert Fowler of the Architecture Dept., U of A, and selected by vote at the last general meeting. I am sure everyone will agree that it does add flair to the newsletter. Also, the newsletter staff has expanded from one (me) to four. Elizabeth Fleener, Pam Blore, and Lillie Johnson will be assisting me in the year to come.

Should this newsletter get to you rather late, please accept my apologies. Circumstances beyond my control (i.e. weather, printing presses) delayed the mailing. It is hard to type by candlelight with an electric typewriter.

Don't forget - the RARE II Final Environmental Impact Statement will be issued very soon. Also, recycle this newsletter - pass it on to a friend!!! Remember to feed the wildlife around your place too!!! Happy new year!!!

- J. Hoelscher

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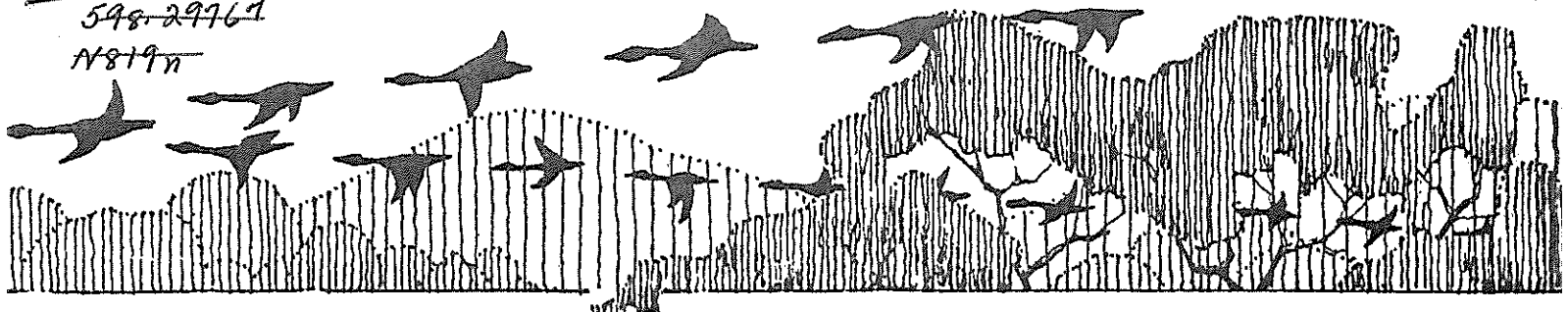


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Ornithology Workshop Offered!!!

FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

"Enjoying Arkansas Birds", an introductory course, will be offered April 20 - 22 under the joint sponsorship of the Bentonville Free University and the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society.

Fees for the course will be \$1.50 for children (ages 10 - 18), \$3.00 for adults, or \$5.00 per family.

The class sessions will be at the Bentonville High School on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. The room numbers will be posted at the entrances. There will also be a field trip on Saturday morning.

Included in the study will be an introduction to Arkansas birds with discussions on anatomy and classification, choice of field guides, use of binoculars, places to bird in Arkansas, and methods to use to attract birds with feeders, nest boxes, and plantings.

Persons interested in assisting with this course please contact Ellen Neaville at 636-8731. Also, babysitters will be available on Saturday morning for families with young children.

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Interested persons can register with the Bentonville Free University on April 6 - 7 at Bentonville (see the Northwest Arkansas Times for details). Registration forms will also be available at the Bentonville Chamber of Commerce. Or if you would prefer, you can fill out the following registration form:

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Registration Form: Enjoying Arkansas Birds, April 20 - 22.

Number of persons attending course: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost (to cover course materials): \$1.50 Children (ages 10 - 18), \$3.00 Adults, and \$5.00 Family. Make checks payable to: Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society.

Mail registration form and check to: Ellen T. Neaville  
829 South 11th Street  
Rogers, AR. 72756

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President's Message:

We wish to thank all members who cast a vote on the Constitution and By-Laws issue. The results were in favor of ratification of the new Constitution & By-Laws. This places our Society one step closer to obtaining our non-profit tax exemption status and our mailing permit -- a great cost savings measure.

By now, you have received information concerning the Biennial National Convention at the YMCA of the Rockies Camp in Estes Park, Colorado. We hope to have enough attendees to enable us to charter a bus for the trip. For this we need at least 38 people. For less than that number, we have reserved 12-passenger vans with the University. Round trip transportation costs will be approximately \$72.

For those desiring to make the 5-day trip in group but not wanting to attend the outlined convention activities, there will be plenty to keep occupied with: camping, hiking, birding, photography trips, and more. All are invited to go along for a great time. For further information, please contact me. Also, for those planning to attend, we need reservations in to this office as soon as possible.

Plan to attend the April second general meeting at 6:30 in room M-412 of the Arkansas Union, UofA, Fayetteville. Our guest speaker will be Ken Smith, photographer and writer. Ken, a former U.S. Park Service Ranger, is best known locally for his research and publications on the Buffalo River. He will speak on this and on western national parks, specifically Estes Park where he served for two years. See you there!!

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Arkansas Academy of Science Annual Meeting:

The Arkansas Academy of Science will hold its annual meeting at Hendrix College in Conway on April 6 and 7. Numerous scientific papers will be presented by authors from around the state in the nine major areas of agriculture/forestry, anthropology/sociology, biological science, chemistry, environmental science, geology, physics/math, science education, and psychology. Also, copies of the Proceedings of the Arkansas Academy of Science, 1978, may be available for sale at the meeting. The guest speaker will be Governor Bill Clinton.

For more information concerning the meeting, contact either Dr. Arthur Johnson, Arrangements Committee, Hendrix College, Conway, AR. 72032, or Dr. P.M. Johnston, Zoology Dept., UofA, Fayetteville, AR. 72701 (phone 575-3251).

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Emergency Ban:

The Environmental Protection Agency has ordered an emergency ban on all uses of the herbicide 2,4,5-T and a similar compound, Silvex, after new evidence was found linking its use to miscarriages in pregnant women. Only two uses were exempt - spraying rangelands and rice fields.



We have a Washington Hotline:

The National Audubon Society's Washington office has instituted a telephone hotline for conservationist's who want to keep up with environmental issues pending in Congress and federal agencies. Dial (202) 783-1920 at any hour of the day or night for a recorded report. (Calls made after 11 p.m. will cost less than 40 cents from anywhere in the lower 48 states.)

The Washington office also has revitalized its mail hotline, a service for Audubon members who are willing to write letters and make calls when citizen action is needed. A new bulletin, National Outlook, will be issued when an important development breaks too fast to be included in the Audubon Leader. To get your name on the mailing list, write to "Outlook", National Audubon Society, 1511 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005, and please include the name of your Congressman, the number of your Congressional District, and a list of the environmental issues in which you are particularly interested. (Audubon Leader, 1-26-79)

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Public Notice:

The Arkansas Forestry Commission is proposing rules for the operation of the agency. These rules shall be in effect as of July 1, 1979.

Copies of these rules and information regarding same may be obtained at the Forestry Commission Headquarters at 3821 W. Roosevelt, Little Rock, AR; or at P.O. Box 4523, Asher Station, 72214; or by phone at 371-1733.

Copies will be mailed upon request.

RARE II Final Environmental Statement issued:

On January 4, Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland issued the record of decision on the Roadless Area Review and Evaluation II study that began over a year and a half ago. This study was concerned with the proposed addition of more than 62 million acres to the National Wilderness Preservation System from the 187 million acre National Forest System. The decision issued recommended only 15 million acres as wilderness, 36 million acres as nonwilderness, and only 11 million acres for future planning. And of the 15 million acres recommended for wilderness, 5 million are in Alaska and are already protected as wilderness through the President's recent executive order. Thus, to the dismay of numerous conservation groups including the National Audubon Society, only 10 million acres are actually recommended in the lower 48 states.

Arkansas fared about the same with only 4 areas out of 26 recommended as wilderness. On the Ouachita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forests in Arkansas and Oklahoma, 43,726 acres in the 4 areas were recommended for wilderness, 139,884 acres in 15 areas recommended for nonwilderness, and 41,358 acres in 7 areas recommended for further planning. Many individuals and conservation groups in the state were disappointed but the recommendations are not yet final - comments can still be sent to the Forest Service and our Congressmen.

The following contains the RARE II recommendations by national forest:

Quachita National Forest:

<u>Area:</u>	<u>Status:</u>	<u>Acres:</u>
Black Fork Mountain	W	13600
Upper Kiamichi River	W	11100
Bear Mountain	NW	2720
Beech Creek	NW	11400
Blue Mountain	NW	9500
Bread Creek	NW	3900
Dushheap	NW	5200
Rich Mountain	NW	8900
Belle Star Cave WSA	FP	6036
Belle Star East	FP	5900
Belle Star West	FP	5560
Dry Creek WSA	FP	6479
Little Blakely	FP	5140

Ozark-St. Francis National Forest:

<u>Area:</u>	<u>Status:</u>	<u>Acres:</u>
Buffalo Addition	W	1504
Hurricane Creek	W	17522
Clifty Canyon	NW	2051
Devil's Canyon	NW	1810
Dismal Creek	NW	9612
East Fork	NW	23677
Gee Creek	NW	7948
Indian Creek	NW	7836
Leatherwood	NW	17138
Pedestal Rocks	NW	21604
Penhook	NW	6579
Richland Creek Addition	FP	10143
Richland Creek WSA	FP	2100

(W = wilderness, NW = nonwilderness, FP = further planning, WSA = wilderness study area)

Hobbs Estate Secured by State:

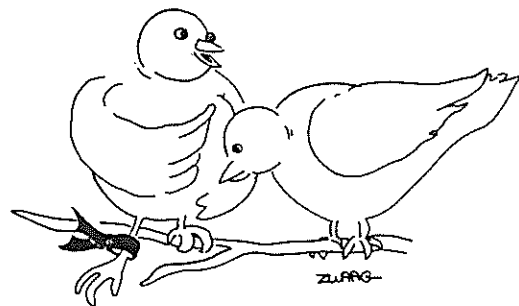
On February 19, the State of Arkansas formally took title to the 11,644 acre Hobbs Estate properties in Benton, Carroll, and Madison Counties. The closing ceremony was held at the Rodeo Community Center in Springdale. Although many dignitaries were present, the ceremony revolved around three men. Governor Bill Clinton presented a check from the state to David Morine of the Nature Conservancy. Mr. Morine presented the deed to the Governor and the check to Mr. Jim Herrin who represented the area banks that financed the mortgage for the Estate. Mr. Herrin then finalized the transaction by returning the mortgage to the Conservancy.

Although on the surface it appeared to be a simple way to obtain and preserve large tracks of undeveloped land, a vast amount of work and effort was required on the part of numerous individuals and groups - far too numerous to cite and thank all that were involved.

Future use and development of the Estate will await the completion of studies currently being undertaken to assess all aspects of the area, both natural and cultural, so that the best management plan possible can be produced. Afterwards, the area will be jointly managed by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Department of Natural and Cultural Heritage, and the Department of Parks and Tourism.

Job Opening, National Audubon Society:

The National Audubon Society is looking for a replacement for Marshal T. Case as regional representative for the Central Midwest region. Case is being transferred to the Northeast region this summer (see Leader, 1-12-79). Interested candidates should write to Edward M. Brigham III, managing director of regional activities, at the society's New York headquarters. (Audubon Leader, 2-23-79)



"DO YOU THINK IT'S REALLY ME?"

Previous Meetings of the NWAAS, January - February, early March, 1979:

- January 8, general meeting of chapter: Mr. Brent Daugherity, a naturalist from Devil's Den State Park, presented an interesting, hour long slide show on the reptiles of Arkansas with special emphasis on those native to this area and answered questions afterwards from an audience of over 30. Thank you, Brent!!
- January 8, Board of Directors meeting: This was a short meeting. A postoffice box (P.O. Box 2704, U of A, Fay. 72701) and an address stamp were approved for purchase.
- February 2, Finance Committee meeting: Sheila Hoelscher, Finance Committee Chairperson, and Paul Blore, Treasurer, discussed chapter finances for 1979 with the Board members present. A modified version of Sheila's proposed budget for 1979 was adopted. Newsletter financing was also discussed.
- February 5, general meeting of members: Mr. Richard McCamant, the chief park interpreter of the Buffalo National River, presented a beautiful 45 minute slide show of scenes from the river and the surrounding countryside with accompanying music recorded at Buffalo Point to an audience of over 40. Thank you, Mr. McCamant!! Also, the proposed budget for 1979 was approved by vote.
- February 12, Audubon Wildlife Film - "Okefenokee - Land of Trembling Earth": This was a beautiful film on the history, wildlife, and the natural environment of the huge swamp. It was produced and moderated by Dennis Holt. Over 150 saw the film and about 25 attended the reception afterwards.
- March 12, special meeting of members: The new constitution was approved by majority vote and formally adopted by the Board of Directors.
- March 12, Board of Directors meeting: Numerous items of business were discussed. The Articles of Incorporation were signed by the Board and notarized. The territory of the Chapter was approved to be doubled to include Carroll and Madison Counties. The 1979 Biennial Convention in Estes Park was discussed. The Chapter hopes to charter a bus to it and back. The Editor was instructed to send all non-members on the mailing lists not receiving a free subscription two more issues of the newsletter before dropping them from the rolls (hurry up and join!!). Also, two new Board members were appointed (Jeffrey Moran, Field Trip, and Fred Burnside, Publicity) to replace two members (Shonah Hunter and Royanne Cobb) who served on interim appointments for the past three months. Appreciation was expressed for the work Shonah and Royanne as well as for Mimi Burke, who also stepped down from an interim appointment, have done. We will indeed regret losing these three.

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March, April, and May Calendar; Mark these down now on your calendar!!!

Meetings:

- 1). Monday, April 2, 6:30 p.m. General meeting of members; Arkansas Union, U of A campus, Fayetteville (room # M-412, let's try to fill it up!); Ken Smith, free lance photographer and writer, will be the guest speaker. His topic will be on the western National Parks including Estes Park, Colorado (Ken is a former employee of the National Park Service). Please come and bring a friend!!

- 2). Monday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. Board of Directors meeting; Arkansas Union (room # will be posted inside Union). All Board members requested to attend.

Audubon Wildlife Films:

- 1). Monday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. Arkansas Union Theater, Fayetteville. "Yosemite: An Ecological Visit" with Eben McMillan of the National Audubon Society. \$1.50 at the door or season ticket (children half-price). This is an excellent film on one of the country's most beautiful National Parks. Also, it is the last of the five films to be presented here so be sure to attend!! An informal reception will be held in the Union following the film. Everyone is invited to attend - be sure to bring a friend too!!!

Field Trips and Activities:

- 1). Saturday, March 31, 7:00 p.m. Brent Daugherty, a naturalist at Devil's Den State Park, will show a film entitled "Family Life of Birds" in the outdoor amphitheater at the Park. This is a half-hour long film produced by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Please come if you can. Also, all the trails will be open and thus you could spend the afternoon hiking or birding in the Park and then see the film that night.
- 2). Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 20, 21, and 22. "Enjoying Arkansas Birds", an introductory course, will be offered to anyone interested in attending. For more details, see the article on the first page.
- 3). Saturday and Sunday, April 21 - 22. Canoe float trip sponsored by the Ozark Society with all Audubon members invited to participate. Leader will be Ken Smith. Will float the Buffalo River. For more information as well as to make reservations, contact Ken at 443-4098.
- 4). Saturday, April 28. Hike on Forest Service trail at Lake Wedington. Will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Ozarks Electric Co-op on Highway 16 west of Fayetteville. From there, will pile into a couple of cars and drive to the east end of the trail just off the highway near the main gate to the recreational area at the Lake. The trail is a short three miles at an easy grade. Will poke around the bluffs, a shallow cave, and the old abandoned Forest Service recreational area in the woods near the end of the trail. James and Sheila Hoelscher will lead the hike; can call 443-3106 for more information.

At the moment, no other meetings or field trips and activities are planned for March - April. However, interested individuals can keep themselves posted by contacting the Programs Committee Chairman, Neil Compton, at 273-5123 or the Field Trip Committee Chairman, Jeffrey Moran, at 442-4760. Also, if anyone would like to lead or direct any field trip or activity, please contact Jeffrey. We are in need of interested individuals who would be willing to get involved and do so.

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Nature Books Reviewed — by Frank Reuter, Berryville, AR.

Vanishing Birds: Their Natural History and Conservation, by Tim Halliday. London: Sidgwick and Jackson, 1978.

This book, fluently written and ably illustrated by its author, rigorously analyzes the causes of bird population depletions and recommends procedures intended to preserve rare species. Although readers familiar with the natural history of American birds may find little that is new in the chapter on American species, the material that deals with New Zealand and the plight of the many flightless birds there is at once informative and moving. Because New Zealand lacks a native mammalian life, numerous flightless birds evolved. When Western man arrived, depleted the forests, and introduced ground predators such as cats, dogs, and rats, the inevitable decline in the native bird species resulted. Efforts are now being made to transplant a few endangered New Zealand species to coastal islands as yet not inhabited by such threatening predators. Halliday, who contends that his book is intended to take a "constructive approach" to bird preservation, commends such efforts to save species by placing them on islands — literal islands as in the case of New Zealand's off shore islands, or figurative ones as in the setting aside of preserves.

The only shortcoming of the book is the failure by Halliday to reconcile his professed "constructive approach" to the problem of vanishing birds. As he says: "The only real prospect for the survival of several of New Zealand's birds is provided by small remote islands. In this respect, New Zealand points the way for the future of the whole world. As the human population of the earth increases and man's influence on nature spreads, natural habitats and the animals they support will become increasingly confined to tiny islands, either in the literal sense or in the form of nature reserves surrounded by urban or agricultural environments hostile to the survival of all but a few species." This chilling quotation negates the professed optimism and calls for concern and thought on the part of all who understand the meaning of ecology.

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 Other Publications of Interest:

- 1). An Atlas and Annotated List of the Vascular Plants of Arkansas. By Dr. Edwin B. Smith, Professor of Botany, Dept. of Botany and Bacteriology, U of A, Fayetteville. 1978. 592 p., hardbound. This excellent book is the largest, most accurate and up-to-date, and all-inclusive of any that have ever been published on the flora of Arkansas. Copies can be purchased through the University Bookstore, Arkansas Union, U of A, Fayetteville, 72701. Price: \$10.00 at the Bookstore or \$11.54 if ordering by mail. Make check payable to University of Arkansas. NOTE: Only limited copies are presently available from the first printing.
- \* 2). Living on a Few Acres. 1978 Yearbook of Agriculture, USDA. 432 p., hardbound. This book goes through the pros and cons, acquiring land, improvements, how to make the most of it, and other topics involved with country living on small farms. Available free from your Senators or Congressmen or at cost through the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C. 20402 (Stock No. 001-000-03809-5).

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- \* 4). Environmental Quality - 1978. Dec., 1978. Council on Environmental Quality. 599 p., softbound. This book is the ninth annual report of the CEQ and represents the single, most thorough documentation of the state of the environment in the U.S. for the year 1978. Available from the U.S. GPO (see address in #2. above) (Stock No. 041-011-00040-8).
- 5). Progress Report, October 1978. Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission. 36 p., softbound. This booklet contains a complete description of the state system of natural areas and other information related to the Commission. Available free from the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, Suite 500, Continental Building, Main and Markham, Little Rock 72201.
- 6). Washington County League of Women Voters, 1979 Legislative Reference Guide, and the Benton County League of Women Voters, 1979 Legislative Reference Guide. 1979, pamphlet. Each of these two guides list all the elected officials on the national, state, county, and local levels respective to the county in question, as well as addresses, titles, phone numbers and more. The Washington Co. Guide has been printed; the Benton Co. Guide is still at the printers but will be issued soon. Copies are or will be available free at all area banks, public libraries, savings and loan institutions, Chambers of Commerce, and other public institutions.
- 7). Living with Our Environment. Conservation Yearbook No. 12, 1978/79. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 120 p., softbound. This book is concerned with the uses of man's environment and with the protection afforded to natural ecosystems and wildlife. Contains more than 300 color photographs. Available from the U.S. GPO (see address in #2 above). Price - \$3.75 per copy; make check payable to Superintendent of Documents.
- 8). Roadless Area Review and Evaluation II, Summary - Final Environmental Statement. January, 1979. Forest Service, USDA. 55 p., softbound. This is the summary of the 760 page FES issued January 4. In it are contained the recommendations for the 2919 areas proposed for wilderness in the U.S., including the 26 areas in Arkansas. Available free from RARE II, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 2417, Washington, D.C. 20013. (Editor's note: Very few copies of the 760 p. document are available to the public due to extremely high printing costs. However, many area libraries were sent copies so that the public would have access to it).
- 9). Introduction to Solar Heating and Cooling - Design and Sizing. 1978. 502 p. il. This book was designed to introduce the practical aspects of solar heating and cooling systems to any interested individual. How to assess specific geographical areas as well as the tools necessary to create a preliminary design of a system and to analyze its economic benefits are discussed. Available from the U.S. GPO (see address in #2 above). Stock No. 061-000-00152-2; \$6.75 per copy; make check payable to Superintendent of Documents.

\* Editor's note: Price quotes for #2, 3, and 4 were not received at press-time from the U.S. GPO. You can inquire directly to the GPO if interested. Sorry!

Panel tries to locate Top Trees:

The state Forestry Commission is trying to find the biggest black walnut and bald cypress trees, or any of the other 61 species for which no "champion" has been identified, in 1979 as part of its effort to revise its book, "Trees of Arkansas".

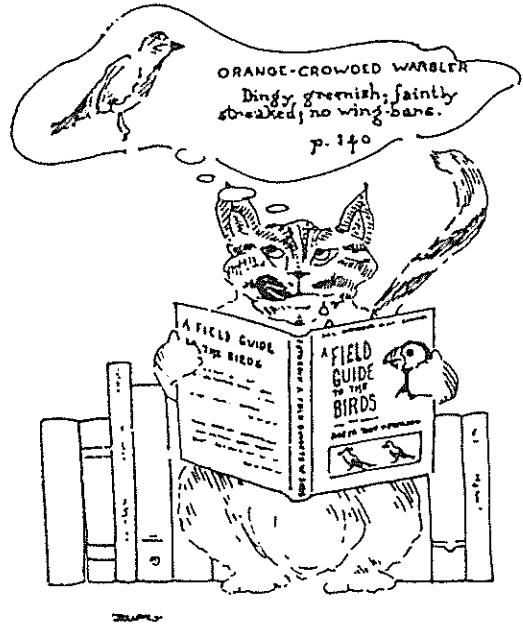
The book includes descriptions of 113 species, but the Commission has not identified the biggest in the state for 63 of those. The champion trees will again be recognized on Arbor Day, March 19.

Bigness, for the purpose of establishing a champion in a species, is determined by adding the number of inches on the circumference of a tree to the height and then adding one-fourth of the crown spread, according to Jim Grant, Commission information officer.

Nominations for any species should be sent to the Commission at Postoffice Box 4523, Asher Station, Little Rock 72214. (Arkansas Gazette, 2-4-79)

(Editor's note: The book, Trees of Arkansas, may be purchased at or through any bookstore. Paperbound - \$2.50.)

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Chapter on the way to Incorporation!!

On March 12, 1979, the Board of Directors signed a legal document which, if approved by the Secretary of State, will give the Society a new legal status, namely, Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Incorporated. The Articles of Incorporation will provide two important things: 1). the capacity to act as a legal unit, to hold property, to contract, to sue and to be sued as a distinct entity, and 2). a limitation or exemption of Board members from individual liability in case of legal proceedings. The Articles will also provide the basis to secure a bulk mailing permit for our newsletter. Hopefully, approval by the Secretary of State will only take a few months.

Special thanks go to Joe Olson, president of the Student Bar Association of the University of Arkansas School of Law, for drafting the legal papers and to Professor Carnes for proof reading the Articles of Incorporation at no charge!

- David Vander Zwaag



## Editor's Message:

I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Frank Reuter of Berryville who submitted this issue's book review. Frank did an excellent job reviewing Vanishing Birds. I would also like to thank Cindy Vander Zwaag for the two cartoons she submitted in this issue. They add the flair that this old typewriter just can't do.

All non-members please note: the Board decided at the March 12 meeting that all non-members not receiving a free subscription would be dropped from the mailing lists after receiving the newsletter issue following this one if they had not joined the National Audubon Society by then. I regret this decision for I had proposed that the Chapter offer a special non-member newsletter subscription at a cost of \$4 to \$6 a year. This proposal did not pass however so if you are a non-member receiving the newsletter, please join if you can.

Please pardon the lateness of this issue. I was asked to not print this issue until after the March 12 Board of Directors meeting. As it was, quite a bit of news items were received after the first of March which resulted in this newsletter being the largest ever.

Before I forget, the deadline for all articles, Committee reports, and letters to the editor for the May - June issue of the newsletter is April 22. Items received after this date can not be guaranteed to be printed in the next issue. Please honor this deadline, if at all possible, to prevent delays in printing and mailing out the newsletter. Mail all correspondence to P.O. Box 2268, UofA, Fayetteville.

Also, if anyone would like to help in the production of the newsletter, please contact the editor. We are always in need of article contributors, reporters, addressers, stamp lickens, and others. And too, if you publish a book or article that you feel would be of interest to the general membership, please send an abstract in with ordering information - I'll be glad to include it in the newsletter if the space is there (and it usually is!).

Don't forget, start planning now to attend the Biennial Convention at Estes Park this summer. Also, the Final Environmental Statement for the relocation of Highway 71 and the Draft E.S. for the dam on Lee Creek should be issued soon.

In closing, recycle this newsletter - pass it on to a friend!!! Happy St. Patrick's Day !!!

- James Hoelscher

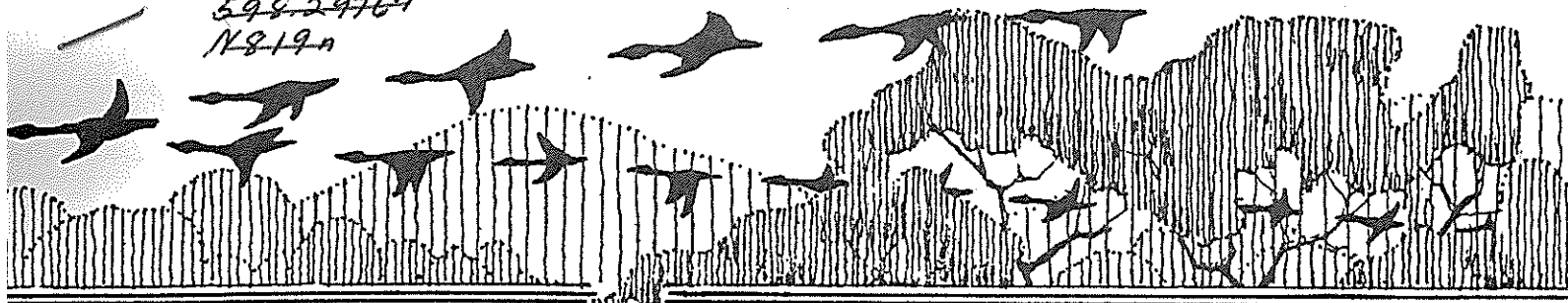
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**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

June 4, Monday -- George Billingsly of Bella Vista Development Center will speak on "The Impressions of an Amateur Birdwatcher". Though he regards himself as an amateur, Mr. Billingsly has quite an interesting and knowledgeable insight on the subject. All are sure to be pleased with his program which is to begin at 6:30 that evening. Place: New Benton County Service Building on Hwy. 102 in Bentonville. Call Dr. Neil Compton at 273-5123, or John D. Cobb at 442-4217 for more information.

August 6, Monday -- Program to be announced begins at 6:30 P.M. in Rogers. See next newsletter for details.

October 1, Monday -- To be announced at a later date. Begins at 6:30 P.M.

December 3, Monday -- Annual Meeting of Members and Election of Officers for the next election period. There will be a short program or film presentation. Details at a later date.

**FIELD TRIP INFORMATION**

June 9, Saturday -- Picnic at Hickory Creek Recreation Area on Beaver Lake. From 2:00 P.M. to whenever. Pot luck plus bring your own drinks and utensils. This is a good opportunity for us to get acquainted. Birding excursions during the late afternoon bird activity period. Also available: games, music, swimming area, and more. Bring a game, a rod & reel, a guitar ... bring a friend!

July 21, Saturday -- Wading field trip in the Illinois River. This should be an easygoing afternoon which should take us by a heronry as well as many other interesting sights. We may not see many birds, but we should be able to stay quite cool in the attempt. Final details and location to appear in next newsletter.

August or September -- Geology field trip led by Dr. Walt Manger of the University of Arkansas Geology Department. This will be south of Fayetteville off Highway 71. More details in next issue.

October -- Century Field Trip! A concerted effort to spot 100 species of birds in a single day during the fall migration period. We'll start early and finish late. More later.

If anyone has any questions or comments and suggestions, write to or call Jeff Moran, Field Trip Chairman. Phone: 442-4760, evenings.

**OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING**

July 9, Monday -- Meeting begins at 6:30 P.M. at the Student Union of the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. See bulletin boards for room number.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to thank James Hoelscher for his work as Editor of this newsletter and Publications Chairman for our Society these past few months. He has done a fine job in that capacity. Also, I appreciate the assistance provided by Ron Foldvary in publishing this issue. As interim editor and chairman, I know that he will be an asset to the chapter.

As Education Chairman, Ellen Neaville organized her committee and conducted an extremely successful ornithology workshop this past month. The program was of great benefit to all the participants as well as the public in general. Good work, Ellen!!!

We are pleased to welcome several new members to our chapter since our last publication. Audubon's new members are: Vernon F. Schemske of Bella Vista; E.N. McCollum of Decatur; Rochelle Bruce, Lynnette Hammonds, Allan McQueen and M.R. Watts of Fayetteville; Mrs. Ray Barr of Rogers; and Sandy Rhine of Springdale. From out of state we have Mrs. Stuart Edmonds of Evanston IL, Mrs. Ola Fox of Irving TX, and Richard A. Mallard of Statesboro GA. In addition to these new members, twenty-five members have transferred into this chapter.

Welcome one and all. Your concern is rewarding, and our interest in you is sincere.

John D. Cobb

## FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The National Audubon Society is one of fifteen organizations to form the NATIONAL RECYCLING COALITION. The purpose of the group is twofold: by public education we hope to break down the notion that recycled products are inferior and to persuade industry to invest in recycling equipment. There will also be a campaign to strictly enforce the law that requires federal agencies and contractors on federally funded projects to give preference to recycled products. The vast purchasing

power of such agencies as the Defence Department and General Services Administration could supply a market that would make recycled products big business rather than just the concern of public-spirited volunteers at recycling centers.

For further information or for membership applications, write to the following:

NATIONAL RECYCLING COALITION  
Room 2350, 45 Rockefeller Pl.  
New York, New York 10020

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## AUDUBON'S CURRENT PLAN OF ACTION

In an introductory letter from Russell W. Peterson, our new National President, he outlines the current plan of action of the National Audubon Society:

"to conserve the natural environment including wildlife; to advance a national energy policy whose central theme is to reduce energy waste and develop renewable energy sources; to prevent and abate pollution; to support land use planning at all levels; to protect our public lands, and to cooperate in international conservation efforts, including the stabilization of human population and the long term husbandry of the world's food production resources." As members of the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Inc. we support this plan together with our local views and priorities.

## NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to have as an institutional affiliate membership the Lake Fayetteville Environmental Study Center. This center is operated jointly by the Fayetteville and Springdale School Districts, and offers much to the community. The best thing provided is a sound investment in the future through the education of today's youth. Co-Directors are Hal Brown and Floyd Watson of the two districts, respectively.

The center is visited by over six thousand students from Northwest Arkansas annually. Fifth, eighth and tenth grade students come to the center for in-depth studies on the three hundred acres of field and forest that constitute the grounds, as well as the one hundred and ninety acres of water in Lake Fayetteville. Habitats available for study include mature oak-hickory forest, pond, stream, spring, north slope, south slope and lake ecosystems.

Underlying all of the study programs is the educated observation of wildlife and its habitats. This same approach is used with the many thousands of informal visits by the general

public each year, walking the trails and viewing the various wildlife improvement projects. The center, too, is one site of the Youth Conservation Corps summer programs, a federally funded project.

This unique facility is certainly one to be proud of. The staff is filled with a strong sense of purpose and dedication. Water is a fragile and valuable resource, and one that demands an educated citizenry willing to make sacrifices for its protection. The encroachments made against wildlife in the past decades are appalling to anyone with the knowledge of its beauty and value. This center helps to provide this knowledge to present and future citizens. We all are aware of the grave consequences of failure in this effort.

At our last Board Meeting on the tenth of May, we voted to fund the center fifty dollars. In the near future we hope to provide greater assistance through mutual cooperation with the school systems involved. Take time to visit the nature trails, the fields and forest, the geological study pit, and more. This resource in itself is inspiring.

## NATURE BOOKS REVIEWED

THE HUNGRY BIRD BOOK (How to Make Your Garden Their Heaven on Earth) by Robert Arbib and Tony Soper, Taplinger Publishing Company, Inc., New York NY, 1971. A compact little book chock-full of tips on feeding, attracting and pleasing the songbirds of North America; where and when each one nests; plantings to furnish food and cover. Also includes instructions for caring for injured birds.

Some tidbits: "In winter the real killer is hunger, not cold..... White bread (and white sugar) is about as good for the birds as it is for us..... Early morning is the best time of all (to feed), as birds lose weight and water overnight and need a good start to the day..... Birds will destroy hordes of insect pests far more successfully than any chemical insecticides..... You will often hear people speak of the tameness of incubating birds; the truth is that the incubating and brooding instinct is stronger than the bird's terror of being close to a human being..... Nothing concerns a wild bird quite as much as the sudden appearance of a vast human face three inches away....."

ELIZABETH FLEENER

## ORNITHOLOGY WORKSHOP

The first introductory birding course offered by the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Inc., "Introduction to Arkansas Birds", received superior ratings from the 54 participants in a post-course evaluation. Offered through the Bentonville Free University, the course was conducted at Bentonville Middle School on April 27-29. Enthusiastic participants were attracted from Bella Vista, Bentonville, Centerton, Rogers and Fayetteville.

On Friday evening Jan Burnside discussed the use and selection of binoculars, field guides and other ornithological literature. Ellen Neaville presented an introduction to bird song. Bird classification and field identification techniques were taught by Fred Burnside and Don Petty. A collection of study skins provided by the University of Arkansas was available for examination. A great evening was had!

EARLY Saturday morning over 50 people participated in field trips led by Fred Burnside, Jeff Moran, Ellen Neaville, Don Petty and Cathy Ross. The sites were Pea Ridge National Military Park, Centerton State Fish Hatchery and Prairie Creek Use Area on Beaver Lake.

Jeff, Field Trip Chairman, provides this report:

- The eagle-eyed fledgling bird-watchers spotted a total of 57 species of birds for the day.
- The highlight of the day for the Centerton trip was finding a Killdeer nest with three eggs and a hatchling. The two parent birds displayed a variety of broken-wing activities in order to lead the folks away.
- People in the Pea Ridge group saw occupied Phoebe and Robin nests, as well as several species of warblers and other passerines. Also observed

was a large herd of deer -- about eighteen does and one very large and ambitious buck.

- The Prairie Creek group identified the greatest number of species(33), including a Scarlet Tanager Northern and Orchard Orioles, and several Blue-winged Warblers. The Nature Trail at this park is magnificent!!

"Unfortunately the day was cloudy. This may have reduced the activity of some birds and certainly made some field marks difficult to recognize from a distance. However, we are sure that with practice, our new birdwatchers will soon be recognizing Song from Field Sparrows at a good half-mile."

The final session was on Sunday afternoon with a slide and tape presentation, "Invite Birds to Your Home", by Jody Jones of the Soil Conservation Service. Dr. Douglas James of the U of A discussed places to birdwatch in our area and the United States in general. Fred Burnside concluded the course with an excellent slide presentation of some of his outstanding outdoor photography.

Other persons assisting with the course were: Mrs. Marinell Adair, Class Coordinator for the Bentonville Free University, conducted registration and arranged for meeting facilities; Northwest Arkansas Savings and Loan, First National Bank of Rogers, Shofners and the Soil Conservation Service who provided course material for packets for the attendees.

One of our primary goals is to educate. Both the overwhelming response to the course and the eager participation by those enrolled emphasized the need for such instruction in this area. It is our hope that this "crash" birding course as well as an advanced course will become an annual event.

Ellen Neaville

## CONVENTION DETAILS, AT LAST!!!

As most of you are aware by now, the Biennial National Convention of the National Audubon Society is to be held in Estes Park, Colorado. Utilizing the facilities of the YMCA of the Rockies camp, the convention runs from June 29 through July first.

Due to the expenses involved and the lack of flexibility in travel, we have elected to travel by vans provided by the University of Arkansas. The round-trip cost per person (excluding meals, lodging, personal incidentals, and the \$20 registration fee for the convention) should not exceed fifty-five dollars. This figure includes tolls and trip insurance.

Total time of this great "long weekend" is six days including overnight stays at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Reservation near Great Bend, Kansas, and, on the return trip, Garden City, Kansas. Lodging will be available in town for those not wanting to "rough it" in a tent.

The itinerary will be finalized by those making the trip, but tentatively includes ½ to 2½-hour stops at the following: Tulsa, Wichita, Great Bend, Denver, Nederland Pass, Central City CO, Pikes Peak, Royal Gorge, Pueblo, LaJunta CO, Dodge

City, Greensburg KS, Pratt KS (State Fish & Game Headquarters and Hatchery), and possibly Great Salt Plains Reservoir in Oklahoma.

For additional information, contact John D. Cobb, chapter president, in care of P.O. Box 2704, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701, pr by phone: home, 442-4217; business, 575-3851, extention 66.

Time is quite near for this activity, so please send your letter requesting a reservation. A registration fee by check to this Chapter in the amount of twenty-five dollars is needed. This applies to the \$55 transportation costs. This should be in by June 20. In the event of cancellation of your reservation with at leasta three-day notice, the fee will be promptly refunded. Late registrations WILL BE ACCEPTED on a "space available" basis.

With reservation priority given to members of this chapter, all are invited to participate in this rewarding and memorable excursion. We hope to have good representation at the convention this year. There is so much to be learned that can be brought back home for all.

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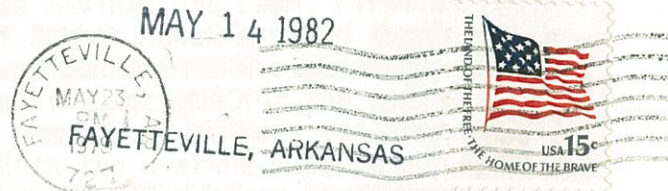
All will be happy to know that our Audubon Society chapter is now incorporated. There are many aspects of this which are of benefit to us.

We have applied for our IRS employer identification number, and upon receipt of same, will complete the steps required to obtain our not for profit mailing permit.

David VanderZwaag

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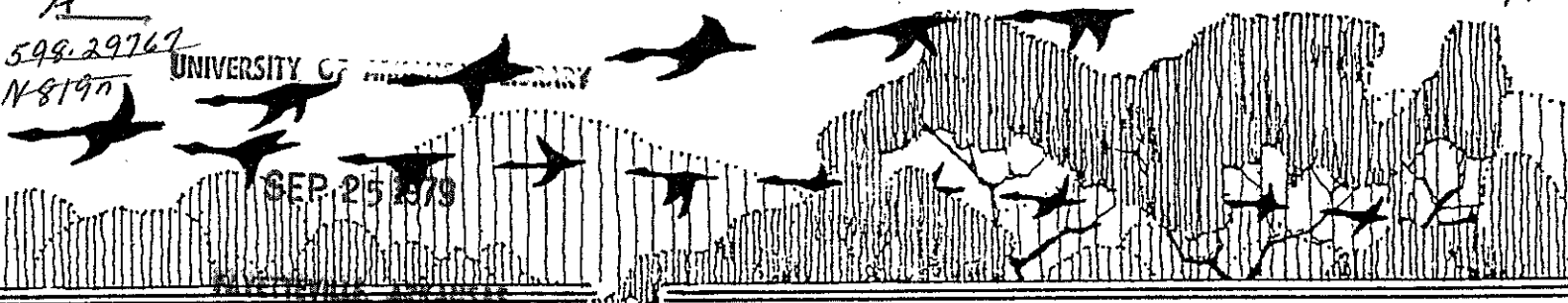
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**GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP**

On Saturday, September 22, Dr. Walt Manger will lead a field trip to examine the geologic history represented by Devonian-Lower Mississippian stratigraphy as displayed in the Chattanooga shale, St. Joe limestone and Boone limestone formations.

Dr. Manger has been a member of the University of Arkansas Geology faculty for eight years. His research specializes on the formations we will be seeing.

Participants are asked to meet at the Hungry Earl (formerly Hill & Dale) Restaurant in Bella Vista at 8:00 a.m. The trip will finish around noon at Beaver Lake Dam.

**AUDUBON FILM/LECTURE  
SLATED FOR OCTOBER 30**

Greg and Linda McMillan, Audubon Wildlife Film lecturers, will present a program entitled "Into Australia's Red Center" beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30 in the Arkansas Union Theater on the University of Arkansas campus.

The McMillans toured 8000 miles of Australia during that country's wettest year ever recorded. The film is in large part a bask in the wildlife of a dry land gone wet.

The trek began at Sidney, went south to Melbourne and then turned north for the Outback. They crossed the red-earthed central portion of Australia, marking off Ayers Rock, Alice Springs, several national parks and Mt. Isa, to arrive at the tropical northeastern coast — somewhat like crossing the U.S. from Florida to Nebraska to New England in direction and distance but in no other way.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or from NWAAS.

**BIRDING FIELD TRIP**

Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society will be conducting field trips on Saturday, October 20 in an attempt to identify one hundred species of birds in one day.

Participants from the Fayetteville/Springdale area will meet at the Lake Fayetteville Environmental Study Center at 6:30 a.m. Beginners may join one of the numerous small groups to be led by experienced birders. The groups will visit different types of habitat to insure sightings of a large variety of bird species.

Participants from the Rogers/Bentonville area are advised to contact Ellen T. Neville, 829 S. 11th St., Rogers, telephone 636-8731, for information as to the meeting place and time in their area.

All participants are encouraged to attend an evening gathering at 7:30 p.m. at the Environmental Study Center where refreshments will be served and the day's sightings discussed.

**GHOST HOLLOW PROGRAM**

At our Monday, Oct. 1 general membership meeting, Ron Foldvary will present his color slide program entitled "Ghost Hollow: A Living Museum". The program will start at 7:00 p.m. in Room M-418 of the Arkansas Union building.

Ghost Hollow, the site of a 126 year-old legend, is situated on the south slope of Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville, just 6 blocks east of the Washington County Courthouse.

Mr. Foldvary's slides portray the cabin remains, 19th century trails, rock walls, birds, wild flowers, animals, specimen trees and rock formations to be found on the historic hillside.

All are invited to attend this program.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please note the forthcoming activities and programs listed in this newsletter. Please feel free to participate in as many of these as you wish. We are organized for you, the member. You make the chapter. Spread the word to your friends and associates. All are welcome to attend.

Originally chartered to include Benton and Washington Counties, we are pleased to have Madison County included in our chapter now. With this expansion of our territory, we are now at maximum territory size.

I am happy to announce that our chapter has been granted a permanent charter with the National Audubon Society. During the first year of organization a new chapter operates under a provisional charter. It is the responsibility of the members of such chapter to demonstrate its effectiveness in promoting the causes of the Audubon Society and to show a strong stature through activities and growth. For the size of our chapter initially on September 1, 1978, we were to show no less than a fifteen percent growth in membership. We exceeded four hundred eighty percent.

Strength in any organization is not represented simply by the number of members

it may have or may induce to join within a specific time period, however. It is demonstrated by the accomplishments which may be seen as beneficial to the membership and the communities it serves. As a group of people dedicated to the conservation and preservation of all forms of flora, fauna, fish and wildlife by scientific, literary and educational means, our purposes of existence have been well attended to this past year. I credit this to my fellow officers, committees, actively participating members, and most of all to the community businesses that have so generously supported us.

For our membership to grow in numbers is vitally important, for the rebated portion of membership dues provides the backbone of our program and educational workshop activities. Certainly, though, this growth must be dependent upon our ability to provide the quality and quantity of activities our members desire. This is where it is important for all our members to inform the board of directors of the desires, compliments and complaints relative to the foregoing. Let us hear from you. Often!

John Cobb

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

October 1, Monday - General membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Room M-418 of the Arkansas Union. Ron Foldvary will present a slide program entitled "Ghost Hollow: A Living Museum". (See related article on p. 1)

October 30, Tuesday - Audubon Film/Lecture Series. Greg and Linda McMillan will present a program entitled "Into Australia's Red Center". 7:30 p.m., UofA Union Theater. A reception will follow for all who wish to attend. (See related article on p. 1)

November 5, Monday - NWAAS board meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Environmental Study Center. This is the last regular board meeting of the year, so all board members should plan to attend.

November 16, Friday evening,  
November 17, Saturday morning - An ornithology workshop, "Introduction to Arkansas Winter Birds". (See related material on p. 3)

December 3, Monday - Annual meeting of members will begin at 7:00 p.m. in SWEPCO's Community Room, northeast corner of College and Dickson, Fayetteville. In addition to the annual election of officers, we have a very interesting program planned which will involve all attendees. (See related article on p. 5)

December 6, Thursday - Special meeting of old and newly-elected board members. See the next newsletter for details.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

September 22, Saturday - Geology field trip led by Dr. Walt Manger. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Hungry Earl Restaurant in Bella Vista. Finish around noon at Beaver Lake Dam. (See related article on p. 1)

October 20, Saturday - Century birding field trip: an effort to spot 100 species of birds in one day. Meet at the Lake Fayetteville Environmental Study Center at 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (See related article on p. 1)

November 17, Saturday - Ornithology workshop field trip beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Lake Fayetteville Environmental Study Center.

February - Eagle watch at Lost Bridge Recreation area. April - Botany field trip to observe wild flowers.



ORNITHOLOGY WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

An ornithology workshop, "Introduction to Arkansas Winter Birds", will be offered by the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society on Friday, November 16 and Saturday, November 17 at Lake Fayetteville Environmental Study Center.

Fees to cover course materials will be \$1.50 for individuals and \$3.00 per family.

Course instruction will begin Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. Field trips will be Saturday morning, beginning at about 7:30 a.m. Course instructors will be members or Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society and

students at the University of Arkansas.

Included in the study will be an introduction to Arkansas birds with discussions on anatomy and classification, choice of field guides, use of binoculars, places to bird in Arkansas, and methods useful in attracting birds with feeders, nest boxes and plantings.

If you are interested in this course, please register as soon as possible using the registration form below. Class size will be limited to 40 students, selected on a first-come, first served basis.

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REGISTRATION FORM: Introduction to Arkansas Winter Birds/November 16, 17

Number of persons attending course: Adults \_\_\_\_\_, Children (ages 10-18) \_\_\_\_\_.

Name's (please include first names): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost (to cover course materials): \$1.50 Individuals, \$3.00 Family

Make checks payable to: Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society

Mail registration form to: Ellen T. Neville, 829 South 11th Street, Rogers AR72756

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## THE AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM SERIES NEEDS MEMBER SUPPORT

This may be the final season that the Audubon Wildlife Film series will come to Northwest Arkansas — or anywhere else, for that matter.

National Audubon's board of directors voted in July to phase out the AWF program at the end of the fiscal year. Their decision was not an arbitrary one. It was based on a year-long study which emphasized the drain AWF is causing in National Audubon Society's finances.

The initial negative nationwide response to the board's decision was so great that the board has agreed to reconsider the matter at its October meeting.

If you would like to save the Audubon Wildlife Film program, your course of action is quite simple; namely, support the

program through the purchase of season tickets for the locally-presented lectures and encourage your friends to attend. A packed house will demonstrate that Northwest Arkansas is willing to do its share in supporting family-type, educational entertainment.

### Season Ticket Prices (4 programs):

Student .....	\$4.80
Senior Citizen (over 60)....	4.80
General Public.....	6.00
Children under 14.....	2.00

Send your season ticket orders to Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Box 2704, UofA, Fayetteville, AR 72701. Make checks payable to "University of Arkansas".

### NEW MEMBERS OF CHAPTER

We welcome the following new members to this Audubon chapter:

Dr. Donald L. Rose, Bella Vista  
 Joe & Holly Hall, Prairie Grove  
 Cynthia Hasleoff, Springdale  
 Mr. Thomas E. Posey, Springdale  
 Etta Francene Thomas, Springdale

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Items which are to appear in the November/December Newsletter should be submitted to the editor on or before November 5. Send typed copy to Ron Foldvary, 955 Rodgers Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

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\*interim position

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF NATURAL AREAS

Proposed legislation entitled "National Heritage Policy Act of 1979" was sent to Congress on September 10 by the U. S. Department of Interior.

This legislation, if passed, would establish a National Register of Natural Areas that is similar to the existing National Register of Historic Places. The new Register would list those natural sites which contain geologic formations and plant and animal communities that are most representative of and valuable to America's natural heritage.

The Act would protect those natural areas that are listed or eligible for listing by requiring Federal agencies to assess the impact of proposed actions affecting these areas so that potential damages could be avoided or reduced.

For further information regarding the Natural Heritage Policy Act, contact: U. S. Dept. of Interior, Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service, Washington, D.C. 20243.

## EAGLES, ALASKA & AUDUBON

On November 8-13 National Audubon is sponsoring an Alaskan workshop visiting Juneau, Haines, and the annual gathering of bald eagles on the Chilkat River in southeast Alaska. Over 3000 eagles may be counted on a given day in November along a two mile stretch of river bank. This is the largest known concentration of raptorial birds in the world, and truly one of this nation's great wildlife spectacles.

For a detailed itinerary write to: National Audubon Society, Western Education Center, 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon, CA 94920.

## NOTE TO TRAVELING BIRDERS

The NATURE GUIDE, a 76-page booklet published by the Tahoma Audubon Society, lists people in hundreds of communities from Alaska to Florida who are willing to give the traveling birder and nature enthusiast information about where to go and what to see in their areas. Available for \$3.95 from: Nature Guide, 34915 4th Ave. South, Federal Way, Washington 98003.

## NOMINATIONS SOLICITED FOR 1980 NWAAS ELECTED POSITIONS

Our election for 1980 officers and elected directors will be held during the Annual Meeting of members on December third, a Monday night. This meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will be conducted at the SWEPCO Community Room on North College Avenue in Fayetteville. In addition to the election of officers, certain additions and revisions to the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws will be considered.

Matters of business will be as brief as possible to allow for our program. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

### Nominating Committee

Nominations for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and three at-large members of the board of directors may be made by contacting any of the five members of the nominating committee. They are as follows:

David & June Pelphrey, 1111 S. 9th,  
Rogers, AR 72756, ph. 636-1766

Pam Blore, 2332 Hatfield, Fayetteville,  
AR 72701, ph. 521-1283

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Cook, 1 Finger Lane,  
Bella Vista, AR 72712, ph. 885-9424

### Eligibility

Any member of this chapter is eligible for election. He or she should be willing to serve in the nominated capacity, and this is the purpose of the nominating committee - to determine that fact.

Nominations for each position will be accepted from the floor prior to the election.

### Voting Procedure

Votes may be cast in person at the time of voting, by absentee ballot, or by written proxy. Any vote not cast in the above manner will be regarded as an abstention and will not count toward the majority. The same shall hold true for any eligible votes not cast.

For additional information, contact any member of the nominating committee. Mrs. Pelphrey, it might be noted, is the chairman of this committee.

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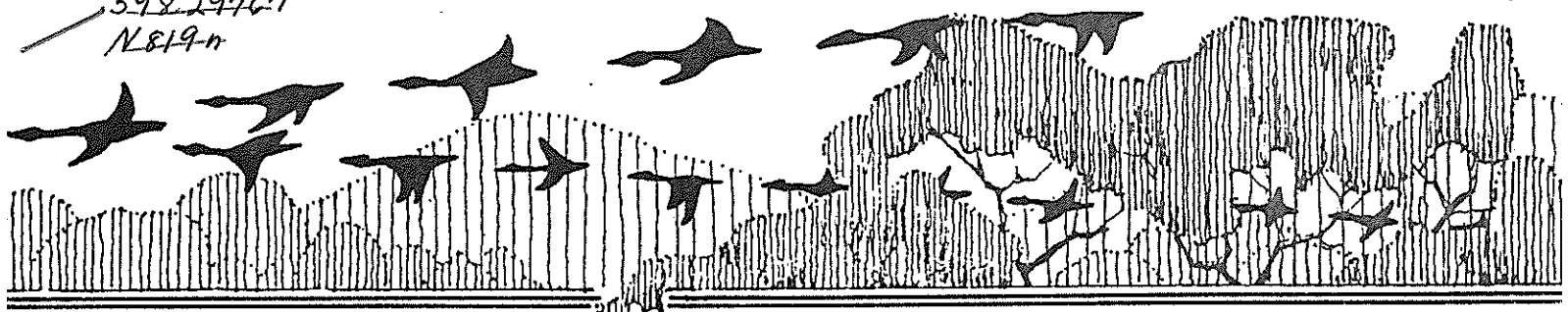
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## NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.



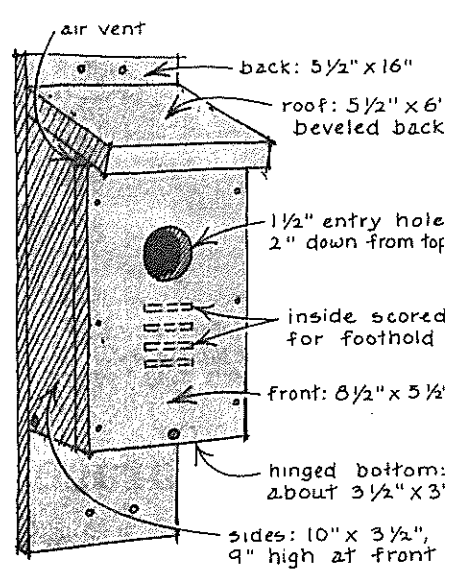
*"It was on the news. Something about the ecosphere finally becoming saturated."*

### THE ECOLOGICAL CONSCIENCE

The Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society is a focusing point for people of all ages and backgrounds who care for the out-of-doors. Not alone for future generations, but as an anchor in reality here and now. The distinguishing characteristic of our Society is our service objective. We strive to be a valued and respected ecological conscience of the community by directing our attention to the wise use of land, water, air, wildlife - all natural resources. We initiate and join forces with other organizations to preserve areas of significant environmental value. We are a meeting place for considered judgement that will help safeguard the natural values of a community.

Throughout the year we gather for directed educational, research and social activities- nationally respected lecturers, annual Christmas bird count, canoeing and hiking trips, and more. Regular meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday night of February, April, June, August, October and December. All meetings are informal and public. For additional information, contact any member of the Board of Directors.

### BLUEBIRD HOUSE



This easy-to-make birdhouse was designed by Col. William R. Robertson of Atlanta. Col. Robertson says rough-sawn cedar is the most practical material for the birdhouse; it needs no finish or preservative and will weather to blend in with its surroundings. Buy one 3-foot 1x6 and one 2-foot 1x4.



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 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
 

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This year has been a very productive one for this organization. Our many field trips, programs and workshops have certainly kept the interest high for the members as well as the general public. This certainly is evidenced in not only membership growth but also in the high rate of membership retention. Too, the attendance at meetings and activities continues to rise.

This year we have incorporated under the Laws of the State of Arkansas, and we have obtained a determination of our non-profit tax status from the Internal Revenue Service. As well as this, we now have obtained a non-profit organization mailing permit for bulk mailing purposes. These achievements enable us to operate effectively at a much lower cost outlay. A much greater amount of our resources is now diverted to programs, workshops, and so forth instead of for administrative and newsletter expenses.

On September 1 we received full chapter status with the National Society. The first year of a new chapter's activities is monitored by a regional representative to insure that we promote the purposes and causes of the National Audubon Society. The requirements placed upon us were far exceeded in all respects. You, the members, are to be commended for this achievement.

I extend a special word of thanks to the members of the Board of Directors for their assistance this past year. Deserving of special gratitude are David VanderZwaag, Ellen Neaville, Jeff Moran and Ron Foldvary. David worked many hours on the research and preparation of documents required for our incorporation proceedings. As a law student, his input has been enlightening and has enabled us to save hundreds of dollars by representing ourselves in most matters of a legal nature. Ellen's many hours spent with the Education Committee activities has produced very comprehensive and valuable workshops. As Field Trip Chairman, Jeff planned and conducted some great activities. He has exercised his ability to look ahead while considering the past to schedule field trips which benefit the majority. Ron accepted the task in midstream of fulfilling the responsibilities of Publications Chairman. As editor of the NEWSLETTER, he has published information in a manner and format enjoyed by us all.

I wish to recognize all new members by name, but truthfully, there is not room to do so. We have thirty-eight new members in our chapter since the last publication of this NEWSLETTER. Although I don't refer to you by name, all new members can be assured that we are happy to have you with us. Call upon us any time with your questions, comments and suggestions regarding the chapter's activities.

I am honored to be a part of this organization, and it has been a privilege serving as president. I look forward to 1980 and the promises it brings for all of us. I hope to participate in the activities of this Society for many years to come and to assist it in whatever capacity I may. For your continued support, I thank you.



John D. Cobb

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## CALENDAR OF COMING ACTIVITIES

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December 3, Monday evening - ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS, 7:00 p.m. at the Horticultural Food Science Building at the University Farm. This is south of the Highway 71 by-pass on the east side of Highway 112. Watch for signs beginning at the entrance to the farm.

An interesting film will be presented. Following the program and break for refreshments we will elect the new Directors for 1980. All members are urged to attend.

(Members in Benton County are encouraged to take advantage of the carpool which will leave the Campbell-Bell parking lot, Rogers at 6:15 p.m.)

December 6, Thursday evening - SPECIAL BOARD MEETING for transition between certain of the old and new Directors. A letter will follow to those concerned.

January 7, Monday evening - BOARD MEETING. Critical business to be conducted requiring the attendance of all Board members. A letter will follow.

January 26, Saturday morning - Eagle watch FIELD TRIP. Meet at Lost Bridge Recreation Area at 10:00 a.m. for a hike around the park. Observation groups to be arranged according to number of participants and the needs and desires of each to maximize the rewards of the experience.

February 4, Monday evening - AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Union Theater on the UofA campus in Fayetteville. Tom Diez will present "Northwest Adventures and Adventures in Penn's Woods." A reception will follow for all to meet and speak with Mr. Diez. Season pass admits, or tickets may be purchased at the door.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS - 1979

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Education Committee -- The Education Committee co-sponsored a bird workshop with the Bentonville Free University in April. Over 60 participants received classroom and field instruction over the 3-day period. Ron Klataske, Regional Representative of National Audubon Society, presented an outstanding program on Saturday evening, "Preserving Natural Prairies". A similar workshop will take place on November 16 and 17 at the Environmental Study Center in Fayetteville.

The response to the workshops has been exceptional, and this is due largely to the excellent instruction provided by NWAAS members. The committee hopes to extend instruction in the future to other areas. Committee members are now preparing audiovisual programs for use in the schools.

Field Trip Committee -- We fell far short of our goal (100 species of birds) on Century Field Trip day, due to warm, dry and extremely windy conditions. Ellen Neaville, June Pelphrey, Anna-Marie Edwards and Betty Swearingen spotted 23 species at Pea Ridge, including pelicans and double-crested cormorants on Beaver Lake.

Pam and Paul Blore, Kathy McCormick, Cheryl Maruca and Jeff Moran observed 30

species near Lake Fayetteville, including some gadwalls late in the day with the help of Rick Thomas of the Fort Smith Audubon Society. Because of overlap between the two lists, the total for the effort was 40 species.

We may try again next spring under (hopefully) more favorable conditions.

Twenty-four persons attended the interesting and informative Geology Field Trip, which was led by Dr. Walt Manger. Some climbing was involved at a road cut near Bella Vista and at the Beaver Dam observation area, but we were rewarded with up-close observations of different geological strata.

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## BIRD SEED SAVINGS DAY

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The Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society has joined the Shiloh Museum in offering you the opportunity of purchasing quality bird seed at discount prices.



Pre-ordered seed will be picked up at the Shiloh Museum on Bird Seed Savings Day which will take place on January 19, 1980

Profits from the sale will benefit the Shiloh Museum and NWAAS.

Watch your mail for more information.

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**AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILMS**


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Three Audubon Wildlife Film lectures will be presented early in 1980. If you have not obtained your season tickets, now is the time to do so. You may want to consider giving them to friends as Christmas gifts. The prices for season tickets are as follows:

SEASON TICKET PRICES (3 programs):

Student .....	\$3.60
Senior Citizen (over 60) ..	3.60
General Public .....	4.50
Children under 14 .....	1.50

Send your season ticket orders to Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Box 2704, UofA, Fayetteville AR 72701. Make checks payable to "University of Arkansas".

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**ECOLOGY CAMP**


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The Arkansas Audubon Society is planning an ecology camp for students, 13-14 years of age, at Camp Ozark in the Ouachita Mountains this summer. The camp, staffed by professional scientists, will study 5 ecosystems in depth.

The Society needs financial support to continue the project. If you wish to contribute, send a check payable to "Arkansas Audubon Society" and earmarked for the AAS Ecology Camp to Sister Pierre Vorster, Box 3489, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72913.

(Note: AAS is not a chapter of National Audubon Society, although most of its members are also members of NAS. Its membership is composed of birders from all over the state who meet twice a year to share local chapter ideas and enjoy birdwatching together.)

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**THE BLACKBIRD FILTER**

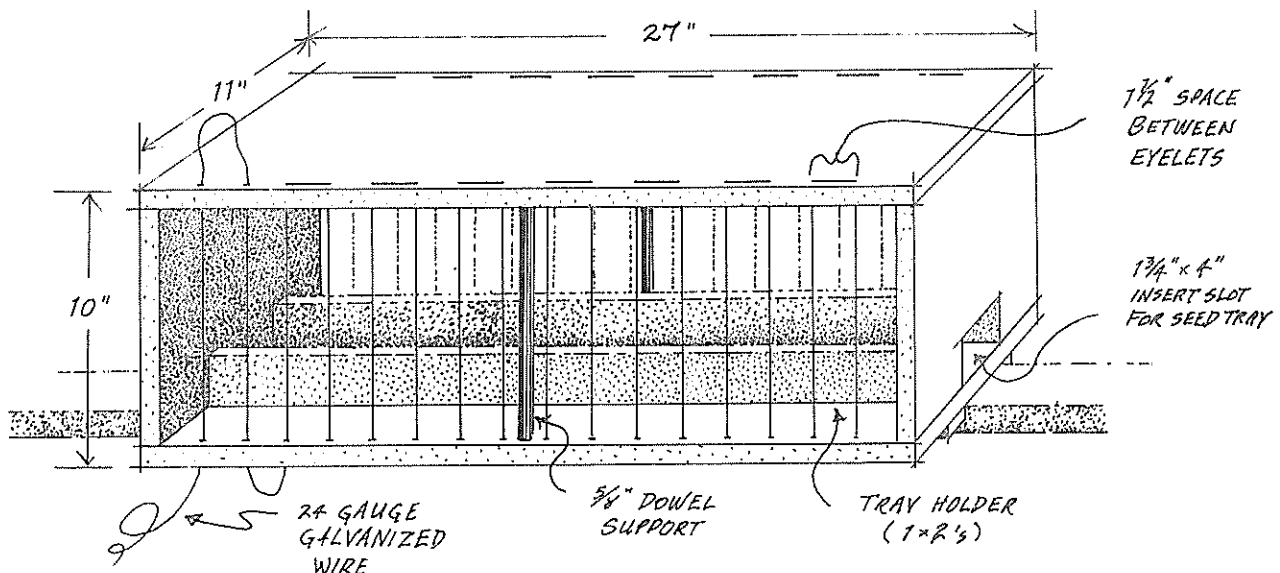

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The aggressive nature of starlings and grackles can result in their total domination of winter birdfeeders. The smaller, less aggressive song birds and the people buying the bird seed seem to be the victims of this domination.

You may want to construct your own version of the "blackbird filter" illustrated below. This birdfeeder, designed and used by NWAAS Newsletter Editor Ron Foldvary, allows non-aggressive birds to enter and leave with ease; but the strands of tightly-strung 24 gauge wire "filter out" the aggressive birds.

A lone grackle or starling can squeeze through the wire and get to the seed; however, a solitary blackbird is the exception to the rule, and a pair of them will invariably waste their efforts fighting with each other rather than trying individually to squeeze into the feeder. In other words, their aggressive nature can be used against them.

The feeder was purposely designed with no perch because the non-aggressive species don't require one. The 1½" spacing between the strands of wire is the maximum space recommended. Also, eyelets of some kind should be utilized so that the wire will not cut into the wood when tightened.



The By-Laws of the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Inc.  
are amended as follows:

1. ARTICLE I, MEMBERSHIP, Sections 1-4. These Sections are hereby repealed in recognition that said Sections have been superseded by the Articles of Incorporation of Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Inc. at Paragraph FOURTEEN.

2. ARTICLE I, MEMBERSHIP, Section 5. This Section is hereby amended to add the following sentence at the end of the Section:  
"Sustaining, Supporting, Contributing and Donor classes of membership shall be regarded as a Family Class of membership for all purposes when it is clearly the intent of the member as evidenced in the Chapter Change Report and/or the Record of Minutes of the Board of Directors."

3. ARTICLE I, MEMBERSHIP, Section 7. This Section is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Should renewal of membership dues not be paid within six months after due date, a member so in default shall be dropped forthwith from the rolls subject to the provisions of the NATIONAL SOCIETY."

4. ARTICLE I, MEMBERSHIP, Section 8. This Section is hereby amended to read, in part, as follows:

"Any member of the NATIONAL SOCIETY who is not a member of this SOCIETY is eligible for such membership in the present Class of Membership at no additional cost to those dues already paid. The application shall be in the form of a notice directed to the NATIONAL SOCIETY, either directly or through the President of this SOCIETY, by the member, or as otherwise may be established by the NATIONAL SOCIETY. . . ."

5. ARTICLE II, MEETINGS, Section 2. This Section is hereby amended to read, in part, as follows:

"The Annual Meeting of Members shall be held on such date each year as may be determined by vote of the BOARD. . . ."

6. ARTICLE III, OFFICERS, Section 2. This Section is hereby repealed in recognition that said Section has been superseded in the Articles of Incorporation of the aforementioned corporation at Paragraph TEN.

7. ARTICLE III, OFFICERS, Section 4. This Section is hereby amended to read, in part, as follows:

"If by reason of resignation or death, or for any other reason, an office shall become vacant, the BOARD may proceed to elect, by majority vote, such Interim Officer to fill the vacancy, and the Interim Officer so elected shall serve until the next Meeting of Members when a vote can be taken, as prescribed in the Articles of Incorporation of this SOCIETY, to fill the office for the balance of the term. . . ."

8. ARTICLE III, OFFICERS, Section 5. This Section is hereby amended to include the following statement as the second sentence (in reference to the President):

"He shall be the Registered Agent for this SOCIETY, being a corporation, pursuant to the Arkansas Nonprofit Corporation Act."

9. ARTICLE III, OFFICERS, Section 6. This Section is hereby amended so that the last sentence reads as follows (in reference to the Vice-President):

"He shall be an ex-officio member of certain committees as may be deemed appropriate by the BOARD."

10. ARTICLE III, OFFICERS, Section 7. This Section is hereby amended to read, in part, as follows (in reference to the Secretary):

"He shall conduct all the correspondence of the SOCIETY except such correspondence as, by instructions of the BOARD or at the discretion of the President, shall be conducted by another Member of the SOCIETY. . . . He shall serve as parliamentarian at SOCIETY meetings, as appropriate."

11. ARTICLE III, OFFICERS, Section 8. This Section is hereby amended so that the last two sentences read as follows (in reference to the Treasurer):

"He shall prepare two Annual Reports on the financial condition of the SOCIETY, the first one to be distributed to the BOARD between the first and the fifteenth of June (reflecting an ending date of May 31), and the second one to be distributed to the members at the Annual Meeting of Members (reflecting an ending date of December 31). He shall be an ex-officio member of certain committees as deemed appropriate by the BOARD."

12. ARTICLE V, OTHER COMMITTEES, Section 1. This Section is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The President, subject to the approval of the BOARD, shall appoint Chairmen of Standing Committees who, in turn, may select their own committee members with recommendations and suggestions from the BOARD. All of the above should be members of this SOCIETY. The President may replace a Chairman of the Standing Committee as deemed necessary. Terms of office shall be the balance of the election term of appointment, or until a successor is appointed. No member shall serve as Chairman of the same Standing Committee for more than three consecutive terms. When, for such purposes, a Chairman has been appointed for a part-term of less than six months, then such part-term shall be disregarded with respect to his qualification for re-appointment for a full term or for additional consecutive terms. Standing Committees should be composed of not less than three members."

13. ARTICLE V, OTHER COMMITTEES, Section 3. This Section is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The President, with the approval of the BOARD, may create or discharge Special or Task Force Committees, as necessary, whose terms of service will be determined by the length of the assignment

to be done, but not longer than the balance of the present term of the appointing President. The following President may, with the approval of the BOARD, extend the term of service as may be necessary to complete work in progress."

14. ARTICLE V, OTHER COMMITTEES, Section 4, Paragraph D. This Paragraph is hereby amended to read as follows:

"FINANCE COMMITTEE -- This Committee shall, under the direction of the BOARD, plan the annual budget of the SOCIETY, assist the Treasurer in the preparation of financial reports, and, subject to the approval of the BOARD, make recommendations and carry out plans for obtaining financial support for the SOCIETY."

15. ARTICLE V, OTHER COMMITTEES, Section 3, Paragraph G. This paragraph is hereby amended to read, in part, as follows:

"PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE -- This Committee shall publish, at least six times a year, a bulletin or newsletter for the members of the SOCIETY, and it shall assist in preparing any other publications helpful to the SOCIETY'S program. . . ."

16. ARTICLE V, OTHER COMMITTEES, Section 4. This Section is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The Committee Chairmen shall prepare an Annual Report regarding their activities for the SOCIETY to be presented at the Annual Meeting of Members."

17. ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Sections 1-3. These Sections are hereby repealed in recognition that said Sections have been superseded by the Articles of Incorporation of the aforementioned corporation at Paragraph TEN.

18. ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 4. This Section is hereby amended to read as follows:

"If by reason of resignation or death, or for any other reason, a vacancy exists whereby the BOARD has not the full compliment of Directors, the BOARD may proceed to elect an Interim Director to fill such vacancy, and the Interim Director so elected shall serve until the next Regular or Special Meeting of Members when a vote can be taken to fill the position for the balance of the term. When, for such purposes, a Director has been elected for less than a full term, such part-term shall be disregarded with respect to his qualifications for re-election for consecutive terms."

19. ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 7. This Section is hereby amended to read as follows:

"A majority of the BOARD shall constitute a quorum at the meeting of the BOARD. In the event of a tie vote by the BOARD on any matter the vote of the President shall be decisive."

20. ARTICLE IX, AMENDMENTS, Section 1. This Section is hereby amended to read, in part, as follows:

"The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of members present, in person, by proxy (in written authorization to an agent) or by absentee ballot at any Regular or Special Meeting of Members duly called pursuant to the provisions of ARTICLE II, Section 4 hereinabove. . . ."

21. ARTICLE IX, AMENDMENTS, Section 2. This Section is hereby added to the By-Laws and reads as follows:

"In this, as in all other voting instances, if a member fails to respond with a vote then that member's vote shall be regarded as a voluntary abstention for all purposes."

22. ARTICLE X, PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY, Section 2. This Section is hereby added to the By-Laws and reads as follows:

"Upon two-thirds majority vote of the members in attendance, Robert's Rules of Order may be loosely applied, as appropriate, for purpose of expediency in conducting business during that meeting only."

23. ARTICLE XI, CONSTRUCTION, Section 1. This Section is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws shall be construed under the laws of the State of Arkansas."

24. ARTICLE XI, CONSTRUCTION, Section 2. This Section is hereby repealed in recognition that said Section is superseded by the Articles of Incorporation of the aforementioned corporation at Paragraph SEVENTEEN.

25. ARTICLE VII, COMMITMENTS, Sections 1 & 2. These Sections are hereby repealed in recognition of the fact that said Sections have been superseded by the Articles of Incorporation of the aforementioned corporation at Paragraph ELEVEN.

26. ARTICLE VIII, DISCONTINUATION, Section 1. This Section is hereby repealed in recognition that said Section has been superseded by the Articles of Incorporation of the aforementioned corporation at Paragraph TWELVE.

27. ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 10. This Section is hereby added to the By-Laws and reads as follows:

"If not re-elected to a position on the Board of Directors, then the out-going president shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors during the next term."

28. ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 11. This Section is hereby added to the By-Laws and reads as follows:

"If not elected to a position on the Board of Directors, then the University of Arkansas Registered Student Organization advisor shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors during the next term, as appropriate."

29. ARTICLE XI, CONSTRUCTION, Section 2. This Section is hereby added to the By-Laws in place of that Section repealed (as aforementioned hereinabove) and shall read as follows:

"The Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws shall be construed under the Regulations affecting student organizations duly registered and recognized by the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, as appropriate."

## VOTING PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENTS & ELECTIONS

As has been announced, we will be electing new Directors for 1980 at our Annual Meeting of Members on December 3. If you do not plan to attend this meeting you may vote by absentee ballot or by proxy by written authorization to an agent.

Please note the following:

1. If no vote is cast in person, by proxy, or by absentee ballot, then such eligible vote will be regarded as an abstention for all purposes.
2. All Absentee Ballots must be MAILED to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at the following address, and they must be postmarked not later than November 29:

June Pelphrey / 1111 South 9th / Rogers AR 72756

3. Concerning the three Propositions to be voted on, it should be understood that the majority of the changes and additions are dictated by law and/or IRS directives. In so being, they are nondebatable, and the affirmative vote will carry in such cases and instances regardless of the popular vote of the members.
4. Concerning the seven Director positions to be filled, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the time of the election.
5. Absentee Ballots not dated and signed and/or not received before the deadline will be voided and regarded as an abstention for all purposes.

### PROPOSITION I

The Articles of Incorporation of the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Inc. are hereby amended as follows:

1. Change Paragraph TWO to Paragraph THREE.

2. Change Paragraph THREE to Paragraph TWO, and amend to read as follows:

"The nature of the business, or objects or purposes for which this corporation is organized are: to be a non-profit organization dedicated by educational, literary and scientific means to the conservation and preservation of all forms of flora, fauna, fish and wildlife in the State of Arkansas, throughout the United States of America and the world in general, and to engage in and abide by the purposes and objectives of the National Audubon Society, Inc., of which this corporation shall function as a chapter (unless such affiliation is terminated as provided for in Paragraph TWELVE hereinafter), and said purposes and objectives shall conform to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code."

3. Change Paragraph FIVE to Paragraph EIGHT.

4. Change Paragraph SIX to Paragraph SEVEN.

5. Change Paragraph SEVEN to Paragraph SIX.

6. Change Paragraph EIGHT to Paragraph NINE.

7. Change Paragraph NINE to Paragraph TEN, and amend to read, in part, as follows:

"The control and conduct of this corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The number of Directors constituting the Initial Board . . ." The various titles of "Chairperson" shall be amended to the titles of "Chairman". ". . . The regular Board of Directors shall consist of not less than four nor more than seven members. These members shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and not more than three other Directors, all being members of this corporation, and all being duly elected by the membership. A Director shall hold not more than one position on the Board at one time. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve terms of one year, or until their successors are elected, and may not hold the same elected position for more than three consecutive terms."

8. Change Paragraph TEN to Paragraph ELEVEN, and amend to read, in part, as follows:

"Neither shall this corporation enter into any commitments. . . Similarly, neither shall a member of this corporation enter into any commitments binding on this corporation, without written authorization by the Board of Directors, or as otherwise may be prescribed in the By-Laws or and/or Minutes of Meetings of the Board, nor shall this corporation, without written authorization from a member of this corporation, enter into any commitments binding on said member."

9. Change Paragraph ELEVEN to Paragraph TWELVE, and amend to read, in part, as follows:

". . . In the event . . . (that this corporation shall terminate its affiliation with the National Audubon Society, Inc.) . . . members of this corporation shall remain members of both corporations for the balance of the term for which dues have been paid."

10. Change Paragraph TWELVE to Paragraph THIRTEEN, and amend to read, in part, as follows:

"The Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the members present, in person, by proxy (in written authorization to an agent) or by absentee ballot at any Regular or Special Meeting of Members duly called by the Board of Directors. In the event that no vote is cast, then that eligible vote shall be regarded as an abstention for all purposes. . . ."

11. Change Paragraph THIRTEEN to Paragraph FOURTEEN, and amend to read, in part, as follows:

"The classes of membership of this corporation shall be the same as the voting classes of individual membership maintained by the National Audubon Society, Inc. . . . The membership dues shall be established by the National Audubon Society, Inc., and any dues for membership in this corporation shall be included in and not suppletive to the national corporation's dues. All members of this corporation shall enjoy all the rights and privileges accorded the members of this and the national corporation. In no way is eligibility for membership subject to consideration of age, race, sex, creed, national origin or any other such factor."

12. Change Paragraph FOURTEEN to Paragraph FIFTEEN.

13. Change Paragraph FIFTEEN to Paragraph SIXTEEN.

14. Add Paragraph SEVENTEEN, as an amendment, to read as follows:

"SEVENTEEN: The masculine pronoun, prefix and/or suffix as used in the business, documents and/or communications of this corporation shall not be construed to indicate sex, but shall be representative of masculine or feminine as appropriate."

### PROPOSITION II

The Constitution of the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Inc., ARTICLE I and ARTICLE II, is hereby repealed in recognition that said ARTICLES have been superseded by the Articles of Incorporation of Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Inc., at Paragraphs ONE, TWO, EIGHT, and NINE.

### PROPOSITION III

(See page 6.)

PROXY BY WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION TO AN AGENT

I do hereby authorize (name of member to cast your vote) to cast my vote by proxy for all matters at the Annual Meeting of Members of the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Inc. on December 3, 1979.

( Printed Name )

( Date )

( Signature )

ABSENTEE BALLOT

( Printed Name )

( Address )

( Phone Number )

( Date )

Proposition I -- Regarding Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Inc., as presented in the November-December issue of the Newsletter of said organization.

FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN \_\_\_\_\_ (Check One)

Proposition II -- Regarding the Repeal of the Constitution of the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society for such reasons as presented in the November-December issue of the Newsletter of said organization.

FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN \_\_\_\_\_ (Check One)

Proposition III -- Regarding Amendments to the By-Laws of the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Inc., as presented in the November-December issue of the Newsletter of said organization.

FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN \_\_\_\_\_ (Check One)

Election of Directors -- Slate of Candidates for Board Positions: (Nominated as of November 5, 1979)

- For President ..... Ellen Neaville
For Vice-President ..... Don Petty
..... L. T. Schoen
For Secretary ..... Cathy Ross
For Treasurer ..... Sheila Hoelscher
For Directors At-Large ..... Hal Brown
..... Neil Compton
..... Joe Cook
..... Douglas James
..... Lilie Johnson
..... Sandy Kay Rhine

(Write in below the names of the candidates for which you are voting. Voting for persons not listed on the nominated Slate of Candidates IS permissible.)

- President \_\_\_\_\_
Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_
Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_
At-Large Director #1 \_\_\_\_\_
At-Large Director #2 \_\_\_\_\_
At-Large Director #3 \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is designated to give the Board of Directors an inventory of interests, thus enabling the programs and activities to be directed in those interests. Everyone is encouraged to respond.

Please indicate your level of interest, experience and qualifications, as appropriate, in the following activities:

- Wildlife Conservation & Study
Ornithology, Bird Watching
Botany, Plant Ecology
Outdoor & Nature Photography
Camping, Canoeing, Hiking/Backpacking
Conservation, Environmental Issues
Environmental Education
Environmental Legislation
Youth Activities Related to the Above

Would you be willing to serve on one or more of the following committees?

- Conservation, Program, Finance, Field Trip, Education, Publicity, Membership, Publications, Special Project

Additional Comments (Use additional sheets as needed):

Where to return this questionnaire:

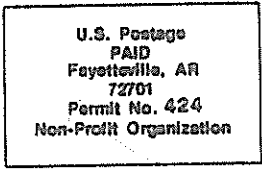
- A. If you do not plan to attend the Annual Meeting and have completed the Absentee Ballot form on the other side of this sheet, mail this sheet to: June Pelphey / 1111 South 9th / Rogers AR 72756
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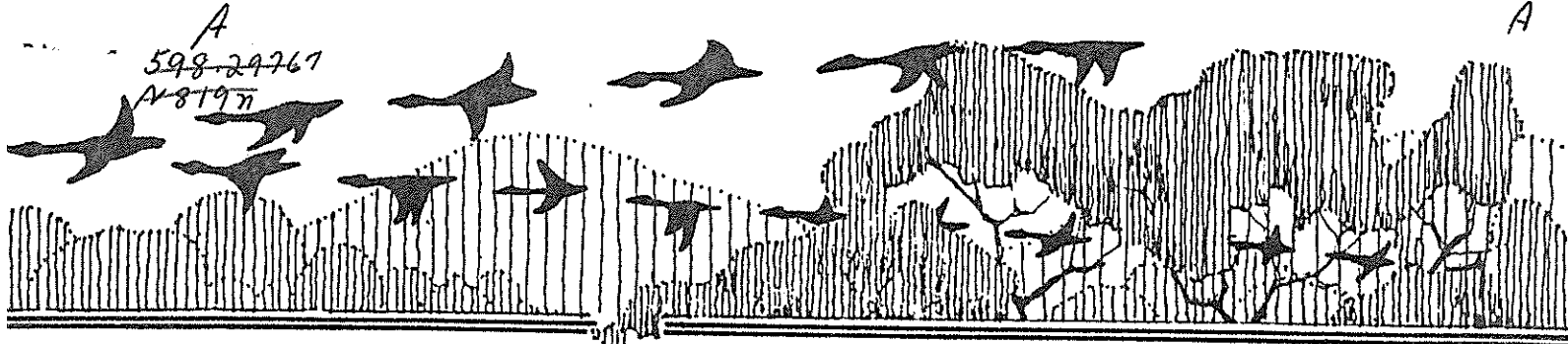


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# NEWSLETTER

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## NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

### AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM/LECTURE TO BE FEBRUARY 4

Photographer-Naturalist Tom Diez will present two 40-minute films, "Northwest Adventures" and "Adventures in Penn's Woods" on Monday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the U of A Union Theater. The films are third in a series of Audubon Wildlife Films presented in Fayetteville by the Arkansas Union Programs Outdoor Recreation Committee.

"Northwest Adventures" is filmed in the bush country of British Columbia, Alberta and the Yukon, from southern Alaska to the islands of the Bering Sea. "Adventures in Penn's Woods" includes a visit to Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, trout fishing, and the interaction of a man and a herd of deer in the mountains of Potter County, Pennsylvania.

Single admission tickets are available at the door. These are \$2.00 for adults, \$1.50 for students and senior citizens and 75¢ for children. Season tickets may be obtained by writing: Arkansas Union Programs Office, U of A, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

A "no-host gathering" will follow the film at King's Pizza on Dickson St. in Fayetteville. A table for 12 will be reserved for those who wish to meet the speaker after the film. Call Pam Blore at 521-1283 or Cathy Ross at 636-1893 for reservations. Arrangements may be made for additional seating if necessary.

Persons wishing to carpool from Benton County should meet at the Mueller Photo Booth at the east end of Walnut Plaza Shopping Center in Rogers at 6:30 p.m.

### NWAAS MATURES, GETS NEW ADDRESS

At the Annual Meeting of Members on December 3, 1979, new officers were elected, Articles of Incorporation and By-laws were amended, and the old constitution was repealed. Because all of the new officers are not students, NWAAS is no longer registered as a student organization with the University of Arkansas.

For this reason, the permanent address of the Society has been changed. All correspondence to the chapter should now be mailed to:

Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Inc.  
Post Office Box 564  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

To avoid confusion, correspondence mailed to an individual at this address should be sent in/care/of NWAAS.

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 ORNITHOLOGY WORKSHOP OFFERED IN BENTONVILLE, APRIL 18 AND 19
 

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"An Introduction to Arkansas Birds" will be offered April 18 and 19 in Bentonville under the joint sponsorship of Bentonville Education and Enrichment Program and Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society Education Committee. Discussions on avian classification, use of field marks in identification, choice of field guides, use of binoculars, identification of bird by song and habitat studies will be included in the Friday evening program. Students will receive packets with information on places to bird in Arkansas, methods to use to attract birds with feeders, nest box plans, ways to control problem birds, etc. Field trips on Saturday morning will acquaint participants with identification of species in the field.

The meeting will take place on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Benton County Public Service Building on Highway 102 West in Bentonville.

Persons interested in this course may register through the Bentonville Education and Enrichment Program February 10-28. Registration forms are available through the Bentonville Chamber of Commerce. You may also register by filling out the following registration form:

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Introduction to Arkansas Birds		
Number of persons attending course: Adults _____ Children _____ (Please include grade level of children)		
Name(s) _____		
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City _____	State _____	Zip _____
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Bentonville Education and Enrichment Program		
Mail registration form and check to: Mrs. Marinell Adair		
P.O. Box 338 Bentonville, AR 72712		

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 COMMITTEE HEADS NAMED, PLAN FOR 1980
 

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Please contact the following committee chairpersons if you have ideas concerning their function. Save these addresses and phone numbers; they will not be included in each newsletter.

Conservation: Alan McQueen, 510 Huntsville Rd., Fayetteville 72701. 521-2207

Education: Hal Brown (see page 4) and Pam Blore, 2332 Hatfield, Fayetteville 72701. 521-1283

Field Trip: Dr. Jeff Moran, Chem. Dept., U of A, Fayetteville 72701. 442-4760

Finance: L.T. Schoen, 1106 NE 10, Bentonville 72712. 273-7814

Membership: Anna Marie and Wes Edwards, 910 W. Olrich, #29, Rogers 72756. 636-2151

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Lillie Johnson, 173 South Hill, Fayetteville, 72701. no tel.

Programs: Dr. Neil Compton, Box 209, Bentonville 72712. 273-5123

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 MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH
 

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- February 4, Monday, 7:30 p.m.- Audubon Wildlife Film/Lecture in the U. of A. Union Theater. No-host gathering at King's Pizza immediately follows the film. Benton County carpool leaves Rogers at 6:30 p.m. See related article on page 1 for details. This film will replace the regular bi-monthly meeting. A special meeting in May with a program on snakes and snake venom will make up for the loss. See next newsletter for details.
- February 23, Saturday, 1:30 p.m.-Environmental Field Trip. Meet at the Fayetteville Sewage Treatment Plant on the West Fork of the White River. Take Highway 45 east from Fayetteville to Foxhunter Rd, turn right just before reaching the bridge and follow road to the plant. Jeff Moran, field trip leader, plans to run water quality tests above and below the plant, discuss how these tests are done, and interpret the results. According to Doug James, sewage plants are well-known birding spots, so expect to see some birds while you work.
- March 3, Monday, 7:30 p.m. Audubon Wildlife Film/Lecture. Thomas Sterling will present "Footloose in Newfoundland" at the U. of A. Union Theater. Carpool from Benton County leaves at 6:30 p.m. No-host gathering afterwards to meet the speaker.
- March 14-16-1980 West Central Regional Audubon Conference in Grand Island, Nebraska. Will see Sandhill Cranes on their spring stopover along the Platte River and other waterfowl on their northward migration. Workshops will deal with chapter strengthening projects, varied conservation issues, energy alternatives and issues, etc. Write Ellen Neaville (address on page 4) for a copy of the Call to Meeting from Ron Klataske, Reg. Repr.
- March 31, Monday, 7:30 p.m. Audubon Wildlife Film/Lecture. Fran Hall will present "Grassroots Jungle - Small World" at the U. of A. Union Theater. No-host gathering afterwards; Benton Co. carpool leaves at 6:30 p.m.

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 FAYETTEVILLE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
 

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A total of 74 species and 6160 individuals were reported in the annual Fayetteville Christmas Bird Count on December 19, 1979. Among the 21 observers were NWAAS members Pam and Paul Blore, Georgeann and Mike Bivin, Elizabeth Fleener, Greg Lacki, Ellen Neaville, Mercedes Mondecar, Don Petty, Charles Preston, Robin Rhinehart and Dr. Douglas James. Dr. James leads the count each year and compiles the results.

Relatively low numbers of Red-Headed Woodpeckers, Blue Jays and Yellow-rumped Warblers were seen on the count. Dr. James stated that these birds were probably uncommon due to the poor food supply; both acorns and winter berries are scarce. The Carolina Wren population has declined in the past few years due to the severe winters. Only one Carolina Wren was seen on this year's count. Two Bald Eagles and four Oldsquaws constituted first sightings of these species on the Fayetteville count. Oldsquaws, according to Dr. James, are rare in the Ozarks.

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Membership in NWAAS includes membership in National Audubon Society and bimonthly subscriptions to both the Audubon Magazine and the NWAAS newsletter.

Use this application for your membership renewal or give one to a friend

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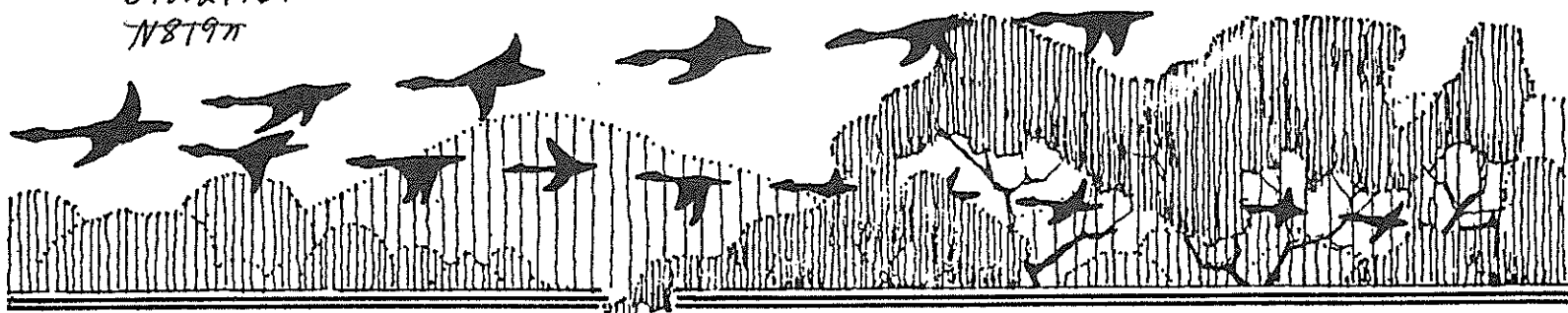
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**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.**

REGULAR MEETING OF NWAAS IN SPRINGDALE

On April 7th, members will be privileged to hear Hans Hacklander, who will speak on PHEASANTS AND WILD WATERFOWL OF THE WORLD.

"Hans Hacklander, who presently lives near Johnson, Arkansas, has been active in aviculture from his earliest youth in Germany. He has always maintained a fine collection of ornamental pheasants and wild waterfowl. He is a member of the American Pheasant and Waterfowl Society, the World Pheasant Association, and the International Wild Waterfowl Association. His slides will show some of his own birds and some great European collections that he has visited." (Dr. James)

The meeting will be Monday, Apr. 7th, at 7:30 PM in the First National Bank Community Building of Springdale. Directions: From Highway 71, turn East at Emma St. (Otasco corner) Continue 7 blocks to the 100 block...Watch for white and red-lettered sign atop First National Bank...Turn North at corner, drive 1/3rd block to driveway (alley) at North end of Bank. The First National Bank Community Building is on the North side of the driveway. The driveway will lead to the parking area.

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM/LECTURE TO BE MARCH 31

Wildlife photographer Fran William Hall from Northfield, Minnesota, will present his informative and entertaining program, SMALL WORLD, on Monday, March 31, at 7:30 PM in the U of A Union Theater.

The tiny creatures that inhabit the earth hold much which is of interest for those who take the time to get to know them. SMALL WORLD brings to the screen fascinating sequences on the daily lives of some of our smaller creatures, especially insects.

The program is the last in this season's series. Single admission tickets are available at the door. These are \$2.00 for adults, \$1.50 for students and senior citizens and 75¢ for children.

A "no-host" gathering will follow the program at King's Pizza on Dickson Street in Fayetteville, so that interested persons may meet the speaker more informally. No reservations are necessary.

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NOTE: Citing rising costs and a large deficit on the 1979-1980 Season, the U of A Union Programs have decided to discontinue the sponsorship of the Audubon Wildlife Film Series.

At least one Audubon chapter in Arkansas has funded the films through donations from businesses, enabling them to offer the films at no charge to the community.

Any NWAAS member who is interested in continuing the films, or who has ideas concerning possible funding could contact Ellen Neaville, President.

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## MAY MEETING OF NWAAS TO BE IN ROGERS

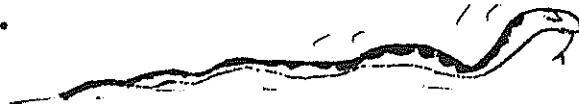
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Northwest Arkansas Chapter will meet on Monday, May 5, at 7:30 PM, at the Rogers High School. Jeff Moran and Bob Ross will present the program, SNAKES OF ARKANSAS.

Jeff Moran, a physiologist at the University of Arkansas, will discuss snake venom, its collection and uses.

Bob Ross, a biology teacher at Rogers High School, will discuss identification of area snakes, emphasizing the differences between venomous and nonvenomous species. Bob will have live snakes on display.

The meeting will be in Room 105 at the Rogers High School. Directions: In Rogers, on Highway 71 South, turn East on Oak Street....go 1 block, turn South at 7th Street, (alongside car wash)....Continue on 7th St. to visible school buildings - a short distance - Room 105 is at the West end, or the room nearest the Pizza Hut.....also visible...You will find parking in the area near the school building.




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## MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS FOR MARCH & APRIL

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March 13-16. West Central Regional Audubon Conference in Grand Island, Nebraska. Ellen Neaville and Elizabeth Fleener will represent NWAAS.

March 29, Saturday, 9:00 AM Float Trip on the War Eagle Creek. Meet at 9:00 at the War Eagle Mill. Float will be from the Highway 45 Bridge to the Mill. Participants must provide their own canoe. Bring a sack lunch and binoculars. In case the weather is intolerable, float will be April 5. Contact Jeff Moran, (see p.4)

March 30, Sunday, 2:00 PM, Board meeting, Lake Fayetteville Environmental Study Center.

March 31, Monday, 7:30 PM, U of A Union Theater, Audubon Wildlife Film/Lecture.

April 7, Monday, 7:30 PM, Regular meeting NWAAS. Springdale First Nation, Bank (see p.1)

April 18, 19, Ornithology Workshop in Bentonville, "Introduction to Arkansas Birds". Begins Fri., 7:00 PM at Benton County Public Service Building on Highway 102 West at Bentonville. Saturday morning field will be arranged at Friday session.

April 20, Sunday, 1:30 PM, Wildflower Field Trip led by Kathy Ratcliffe of the Shiloh Museum. Meet at the Museum, corner of Main and Johnson Streets in Springdale. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your camera. Museum is East of Highway 71.

May 5, Monday, 7:30 PM, Meeting of NWAAS at Rogers High School, (see above).

May 2, 3, & 4. Spring meeting of the Arkansas Audubon Society at Petit Jean Mountain near Morrilton. This 25th anniversary meeting is hosted by the Arkansas Valley Aud. Society of Conway.

Gary Nuechterlein, Bell Museum of Natural History at the University of Minnesota, will speak Fri. evening, May 2. on "The Courtship Behavior of the Western Grebe". Senator Dale Bumpers will speak on Saturday evening. Field trips will include trails on Petit Jean Mountain, Holla Bend Wildlife Refuge, and others.

Registration, housing, meals and committee meetings will be at Mather Lodge in Petit Jean State Park. Advance reservations at Mather Lodge must be made by April 1. Camping facilities are also available in the State Park, and motel accommodations are available in nearby Morrilton.

Write or call Ellen Neaville for further information.

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 Isobel Wanasek, member of NWAAS, recently visited elementary schools in Benton County to teach bird appreciation through drawing classes. The pupils made drawings of the Arkansas birds which Isobel talked about and described.

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 VICE-PRES. DON PETTY URGES BIRDING ETHICS
 

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Since Spring birding time will soon be upon us, I thought that it might be appropriate to bring to the Chapter's attention a "Code of Birding Ethics", which was published in the July, 1979, AUDUBON MAGAZINE. Key portions of the code are as follows:

1. Be Stealthy, quiet. Try to observe birds so they are unaware of your presence, thus providing an opportunity to learn their normal habits. Avoid quick movements, discordant noises, running, continuous chasing of the same bird, throwing, or thrashing about.
2. Approaching a nest too closely or repeated flushing may cause abandonment of eggs or young, and may expose the nest to predators. Do not handle eggs or young.
3. Be discreet when photographing at or near a nest and when using tape recorders to attract birds. Leave the habitat as you found it.
4. Avoid tree-whacking to arouse cavity dwellers.
5. Avoid trampling fragile habitats, such as marshes, grasslands, and tangles.
6. Keep motor vehicles on roads and parking areas.
7. Obtain permission for entry to private lands and when necessary, on government lands. Respect the occupant's privacy and property. Don't block rights-of-way.
8. Leave no litter. (If you can pack it in, you can pack it out.)
9. Use Discretion in divulging information on nests, rare birds, and natural areas or unspoiled habitats.

And I'd like to emphasize one of my own pet concerns:

Don't be so intent on focusing your attention on the surrounding terrain that you forget what your own feet are doing. Careless hiking boots (even tennis shoes) can do irreparable damage to thin-soiled glades, moss covered rock outcrops and overhangs, moist spring communities and cave entrances, and to wildflowers.

If we all keep these points in mind, our birding experiences can be both more rewarding to us and more beneficial to our feathered friends and their habitats. Hope you have an enjoyable Spring. See you in the woods.

-Don Petty-

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 CHAPTER NEWS IN BRIEF
 

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Bird Seed Savings Day took place on Jan. 19, when customers picked up 10,300 lbs. of pre-ordered bird seed. Over 40 volunteers assisted in dispensing the seed at Shiloh Museum in Springdale. These included Springdale Boy Scout Troop 107, Rogers Girl Scout Troop 106, Shiloh Museum Staff and volunteers, and NWAAS members.

Kathy Ratcliffe, Education Coordinator at the Museum, organized the entire event. Her tasks included preparing the mailers, mailing the lists, ordering the seed, assigning and scheduling the volunteers, and handling publicity.

NWAAS gives special THANKS to Kathy, to the entire Shiloh Museum Staff, and Museum Volunteers for their work in making the day a success.



\*\*\*\*\*NOTE: Left-over from Bird Seed Savings Day are two 50# bags and one 25# bag of Sunflower seed, and one 10# bag of peanut hearts. Contact anyone at Shiloh Museum if you wish to purchase the seed.

**BIRD FEEDERS AVAILABLE:** Mike Bivin of the U of A Zoology Department has eight platform bird feeders "for the asking". Contact Mike at Dept. of Zoology, U of A, Fayetteville if you want a feeder. First come, first serve.

A Bluebird Trail has been established on the Bella Vista Country Club golf course by NWAAS Director Joe Cook and members Dorothy Schemske, Charlotte Martin, Dorothy Cook, Don and Martha Rose, Ellen Neaville and several Bella Vista residents.

Twenty volunteers constructed over 70 unpainted, natural wood houses. The houses were mounted at a height of 5 feet on metal poles donated by the Arkansas Association of Retired Persons. The trail will be monitored during the nesting season to help control predation and to collect data concerning the number of houses occupied, clutch size, and the number of young successfully reared.

Individuals who are interested in assisting with monitoring or visiting the trail may contact Dorothy and Joe Cook.



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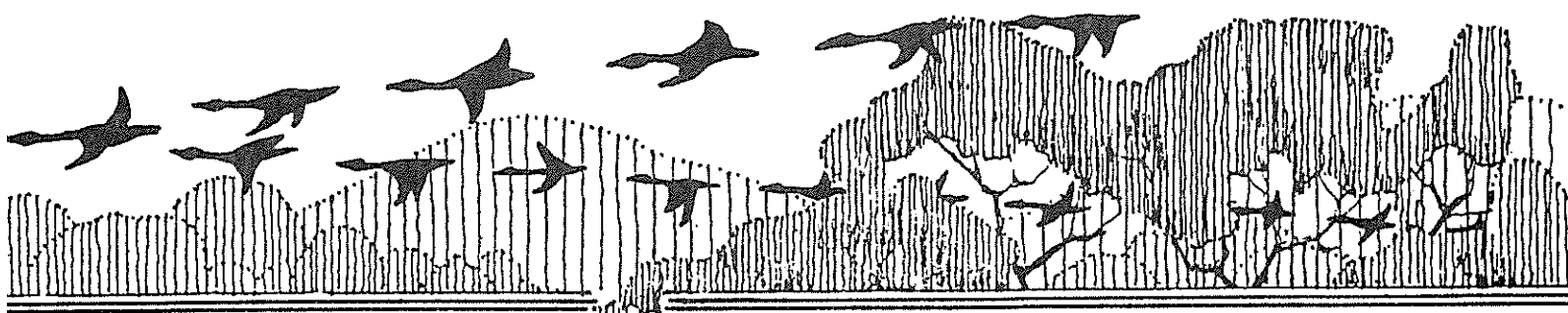
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EARTH DAY '80

APRIL 22



Ten years ago on April 22, millions of people demonstrated their support for a change in national attitudes toward the environment. The result was a significant shift in the way this country does business. That first Earth Day had an exciting effect on the concerns and values of the Nation's citizens.

April 22nd has been proclaimed by President Carter as Earth Day '80. The President emphasized the need to concentrate on "community activities and educational efforts directed to protecting and enhancing our life-giving environment." He urged Americans to use Earth Day to "rededicate ourselves to the creation and maintenance of safe and healthy surroundings, to the wise husbanding of natural resources that are a pillar of our well-being, and to the protection of free-flowing streams, majestic mountains, forests, and diverse city-scapes pulsing with life."

Northwest Arkansas will celebrate Earth Day '80 at Lake Fayetteville Environmental Study Center, 511 Lakeview Drive, Springdale. According to Hal Brown, NWAAS Director, 5th grade classes will be at the study center all day, and several groups are scheduled to observe their activities. At 3:45 p.m. there will be a dogwood tree planting ceremony, and from 4:00 p.m. until sunset, there will be a New Games Festival. The emphasis for Earth Day '80 is on celebrating, and activities will range from juggling, "picking and singing", to picnicking.

Several organizations will have booths or displays. NWAAS will be dispensing free packets of bird food. T-shirts, posters, buttons and bumper stickers will be on sale, commemorating Earth Day '80.

The public is invited to join the celebration. Call Hal Brown at 443-2128 if you want to observe the 5th grade classes, or if you have questions or suggestions.

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**NWAAS ENCOURAGES RECYCLING - by Ellen Neaville**

NWAAS would like to help you celebrate Earth Day '80 by encouraging you to recycle waste products. Many citizens are enjoying the chance to make a little cash on scrap metals and paper. In Rogers, the American Association of Retired Persons has helped to raise funds for the Rogers Youth Center for over a year by collecting newspapers and aluminum cans.

On page 2 is a partial list of recycling businesses who buy or otherwise help you dispose of paper and metal. If you know of others, let us know.

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## FIELD TRIPS

- April 20, Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Wildflower Field Trip led by Kathy Ratcliffe of the Shiloh Museum. Meet at the Museum, corner of Main and Johnson Streets in Springdale. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your camera. Museum is East of Highway 71.
- May 16, 17, 18, Friday, Saturday, Sunday---weekend, outlined by Jeff Moran---
- Gather late Friday afternoon, early evening to campout the whole weekend, or come for just part.
  - Where? LOST VALLEY STATE PARK, in Newton County.
  - What to do? Hoping to have astronomer to lead in star watching Fri. eve. Bird watching hike on Saturday morning, Botanical and/or caving trip Saturday afternoon, more of either or a float trip on the Buffalo River Sunday morning.
  - What to bring? Camping gear and food; old clothes and safety equipment; cameras, binoculars. If you plan to go to a cave, check with Pam and Paul Blore, 521-1283, and bring helmet, lights, gloves, etc. Bring canoe for floating or rent canoe at Ponca.
  - Something for everyone!
  - Floaters will hit the water at 9:00 a.m. Sunday.

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## OTHER EVENTS

- April 19, Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., there will be a community-wide paper drive in Rogers to benefit the Rogers Youth Center. Drop the papers off at the Southgate or Walnut Plaza IGA. Boy and Girl Scouts will assist in unloading, and the AARP will sort papers for delivery to the recycling center.
- April 22, Tuesday, Earth Day '80, all day, Lake Fayetteville Environmental Center, 511 Lakeview Dr., Springdale---see page 1 for details.
- May 2, 3, & 4, Spring meeting of the Arkansas Audubon Society at Petit Jean Mountain.
- May 5, Monday, 7:30 p.m., Regular chapter meeting, Biology Classroom, Rogers High School. See March/April newsletter for details. Bob Ross and Jeffrey Moran will present program, "Snakes of Arkansas". Special vote to amend Articles of Incorporation, see related article in this newsletter, page 5.
- July 7, Monday, 7:30 p.m., Regular chapter meeting, Benton County Public Service Building on Highway 102 West in Bentonville. Program to be announced in June/July newsletter.

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## RECYCLING CENTERS

- A.C.E. Recycling, Highway 62, Rogers, ph 636-7391: Aluminum, cardboard, newspapers and computer paper. A.C.E. provides balers to businesses with large quantities of cardboard.
- Cottrell's Scrap Metal, 224 Caudle, Springdale, ph 751-9571: copper, brass, radiators, batteries, any non-ferrous metals.
- Culver (Bill) Truck Sales, Greenland, ph 521-2870: scrap metals.
- Ozark Steel Co., Highway 71 S, ph 442-7602: scrap metals.
- Recycling Center, 214 N. West Ave., Fayetteville, ph 442-8160: Newspapers, magazines, IBM cards, cardboard, scrap paper, aluminum cans and foil, scrap and other non-ferrous metals.
- Rogers Iron and Metal Corp., 730 N. Arkansas St., Rogers, ph 636-2666: scrap iron, other metals, batteries, radiators.

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 .....Fred Burnside, former publicity chairperson for NWAAS and president of Arkansas Audubon Society, will appear on ETV at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 24th.

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 REGIONAL CONFERENCE - reported by delegates
 

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Elizabeth Fleener of West Fork and Ellen Neaville of Rogers attended the Mid-Central Regional Audubon Conference in Grand Island, Nebraska, March 14-16th. They traveled first to Manhattan, Kansas, for a pre-dawn hike into the 16,000 acre Konza Prairie Research Natural Area to see Greater Prairie Chickens.

Elizabeth describes the adventure: "Lugging in cameras, binoculars and a thermos of hot coffee, we were well settled into the blind with view slots open at the first light. In only a few minutes, the first birds began to appear on the slight rise in front of us, about 50 feet away, coming in from all sides to the booming ground, or lek. These were all males, posturing to establish superiority. Their "rites of spring" last from approximately March 1 to May 1st. The females attend toward the end of the season to mate with the dominant males.

"This prairie chicken is about 18 inches long. Its back is yellowish-brown, spotted with black; white, barred with brown, below. The tail is short, rounded, with 18 feathers. A tuft of narrow stiff feathers about 3 inches long on each side of the neck overlies an area of bare skin. Going into his dance, the male inflates the orange sacs on either side of his neck, erects the long overlying feathers into 'rabbit ears', makes a fan of his tail feathers and jumps into the air, emitting a high, resonant hum which is called 'booming'. Dancers of the open lands, their posturing inspired the Plains Indian, who knew fine choreography when he saw it and adapted it to his own rituals.

"Our toes and fingertips were freezing when the chickens suddenly flattened into the grass. A Prairie Falcon stooped swiftly on one bird, but missed his mark, and the show was over for the morning".

On Friday, March 14, the two NWAAS members joined other delegates at the conference for a 4-hour field trip to the Platte River, described by James Michener in Centennial as "a mile wide, an inch deep, too thick to drink and too thin to plow". Mrs. Fleener says of this field trip: "In the rich, black fields were grain and stubble where Omnivorous Sandhill Cranes were feeding. Called the Lesser Sandhill Cranes, they stand 3½ feet tall, weigh 7 to 8 pounds and have a wingspread of 6 feet. The feathers are a light mouse gray, with legs and bill gray-black. Above the bill and across the forehead and eyes, the bird is bright red in adult plumage.

"At the Lillian Annette Rowe Sanctuary blind, we watched about 11,000 of the cranes descending across a spectacular sunset, in scattered formations, to stand overnight in 8 to 10 inches of water in the broad channels of the Platte River... ..a safe sanctuary. The din of their calling and their circling for position in the river went on until long after dark.

"These birds, 70% of the world's population, had come north from widespread southern wintering grounds to feed and rest for about 6 weeks before fanning out again across the north lands to breeding grounds as far away as Russia. The sight was worth the 1200 mile jaunt to behold."

The conference continued on Saturday and Sunday with special workshops for chapter leaders. At the Saturday evening banquet, Dr. Russ Peterson, President of the National Audubon Society, singled out NWAAS as the "fastest growing chapter in the 5 state conference."

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....Alan McQueen, NWAAS conservation chairperson, has been appointed to the Citizen's Advisory Committee, which will assist the City of Fayetteville The Environmental Protection Agency, The Environmental Impact Statement Consultant and the Facilities Planning Consultant in planning the proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility in Fayetteville. Alan represents the Audubon Society, which is included with 3 other public interest groups on the Committee: the Sierra Club, the Ozark Society and the Washington County League of Women Voters.

TIMBER AND TRAILS FEATURED IN MEETINGS - by James Hoelscher

On March 6, the Governor's Task Force on Timber Management Practices met at the Courts Building, Quorum Courtroom, at Fayetteville. The Task Force received the final statements and recommendations from individuals and organizations concerning the various timber management options compiled at the ten previous public meetings held around the state since January. These statements will be used in preparing the final recommendations of the Task Force to Governor Clinton.  
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The Arkansas Trails Council held its quarterly meeting at the Lost Bridge Lodge on the north side of Beaver Lake on April 4th and 5th. Tours were to be held on several area trails. Mr. Monty Montgomery of the Hike-a-Nation program was to discuss his group's efforts to hike from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. and the route to be taken through the Arkansas Ozarks. (Participants are welcome).

At the regular meeting held at 12:30 Friday afternoon, the Council was to discuss trails for the Arkansas Trails System and for the National Recreation Trail System. For more information, contact:

JAY S. MILLER, Executive Secretary - ARKANSAS TRAILS COUNCIL  
ONE CAPITOL MALL, Little Rock, AR. 72201 phone 371-7649

James added this list of publications on related subjects:

1. ARKANSAS E<sup>4</sup> - Arkansas State Plan for Environmental Education,  
"Energy - Ecology - Economics - Engineering"  
(draft, 1979) 18 pages  
for free copy, write to: Bill Fulton, Specialist - AR Dept of Education  
Arch Ford Building, Little Rock, AR 72201
2. MANAGEMENT OF NORTH CENTRAL AND NORTHEASTERN FORESTS FOR NONGAME BIRDS  
Forest Service - GTR NC - 51 268 pages 1979  
for free copy, write to: Forest Service, USDA  
1992 Folwell Ave., St Paul, Minnesota 55108  
please enclose a self-addressed mailing label
3. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED PLANTS OF OKLAHOMA  
64 pages 1979  
free while limited supply lasts, from:  
Paul G. Risser, Dept. of Botany and Microbiology  
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4. WILDLIFE HABITATS IN MANAGED FORESTS - The Blue Mountains of Oregon and Washington  
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Due to increased costs, the chapter newsletter will be stopped with the next copy after the membership chairmen receive notice from the National Chapter Change Report that a membership has lapsed. Two renewal notices are mailed to each member from the National Audubon Society before the member is listed as lapsing. If you mail your renewal directly to National Audubon, please include the chapter number, 0403, so we will receive credit for your renewed membership.

## SPECIAL VOTE AT REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 5th

At the May 5th meeting in Rogers, NWAAS members will be asked to amend the NWAAS, Inc. Articles of Incorporation (see reduced copy below). Some of the changes were made at the December, 1979, meeting, but the ordering of articles was incorrect and requires changing before approval by the Office of the Secretary of State. Further, two separate articles designated our 1979 president, John Cobb, as Agent of Record for the corporation, and the permanent mailing address as the U. of A. box number. These have been changed in addition to the earlier revisions.

If you cannot attend the meeting and wish to vote, you may do so by writing an authorization to another individual who will be present. You must sign your name to the authorization and must be a paid-up member.

We believe this is the last revision we will be required to make. We enjoy our not-for-profit status, and we appreciate the efforts of the past two presidents and the boards of directors for their efforts to gain this status for this chapter.

1. Change Paragraph two to Paragraph three and amend as follows:

"The nature of the business, or objects or purposes for which this corporation is organized are: to be a non-profit organization dedicated by educational, literary, and scientific means to the conservation and preservation of all forms of flora, fauna, fish and wildlife in the State of Arkansas, throughout the United States of America and the world in general, and to engage in and abide by the purposes and objectives of the National Audubon Society, Inc., of which this corporation shall function as a chapter (unless such affiliation is terminated as provided for in Paragraph eleven hereinafter), and said purposes and objectives shall conform to the provisions of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code."

2. Change Paragraph three to Paragraph two.  
3. Change Paragraph five to Paragraph seven.  
4. Amend Paragraph six to read as follows:

"The resident agent for service of this corporation is the current President or the acting President."

5. Change Paragraph seven to Paragraph five and amend to read as follows:

"The name and complete address of this corporation is as follows: Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society, Inc.; P.O. Box 564; Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701.

6. Amend Paragraph nine to read, in part, as follows:

"The control and conduct of this corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board...The regular Board of Directors shall consist of not less than four nor more than seven members. These members shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and not more than three other Directors, all being members of this corporation, and all being duly elected by the membership. A Director shall hold not more than one position of the Board at one time. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve terms of one year, or until their successors are elected, and may not hold the same elected position for more than three consecutive terms."

7. Amend Paragraph ten to read, in part, as follows:

"Neither shall this corporation enter into any commitments...Similarly, neither shall a member of this corporation enter into any commitments binding on this corporation, without written authorization by the Board of Directors, or as otherwise may be prescribed in the By-Laws and/or Minutes of Meetings of the Board, nor shall this corporation enter into any commitments binding on said member."

8. Amend Paragraph eleven to read, in part, as follows:

"...In the event...(that this corporation shall terminate its affiliation with the National Audubon Society, Inc.)... members of this corporation shall remain members of both corporations for the balance of the term for which dues have been paid."

9. Amend Paragraph twelve to read, in part, as follows:

"The Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the members present, in person, by proxy (in written authorization to an agent) or by absentee ballot at any Regular or Special Meeting of Members duly called by the Board of Directors. In the event that no vote is cast, then that eligible vote shall be regarded as an abstention for all purposes...."

10. Amend Paragraph thirteen to read, in part, as follows...

"The classes of membership of this corporation shall be the same as the voting classes of individual membership maintained by the National Audubon Society, Inc.,...The membership dues shall be established by the National Audubon Society Inc., and any dues for membership in this corporation shall be included in and not suppletive to the national corporation's dues. All members of this corporation shall enjoy all the rights and privileges accorded the members of this and the national corporation. In no way is eligibility for membership subject to consideration of age, sex, creed, national origin or any other such factor."

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PLEASE NOTE: If we use the Newsletter to urge members to write for or against particular conservation legislation, a portion of the cost of the newsletter will be charged against the chapter as an expenditure for lobbying purposes. We can print sources of information, then members can decide for themselves if they will express their ideas in letters to official. By taking an active interest in conservation of our natural resources, members who feel themselves to be "inactive" can fulfill a most important role.

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