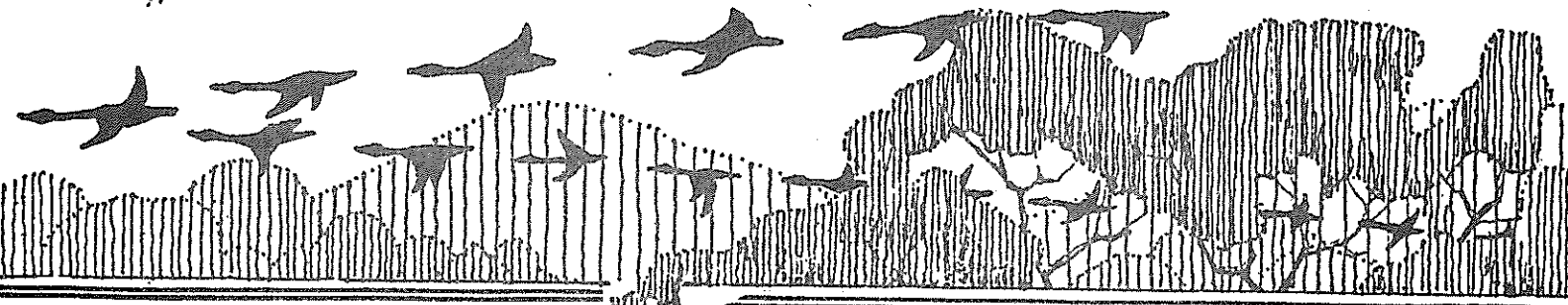


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NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

"I heard the wild geese flying"

ANNUAL MEETING TO BE DECEMBER 1

The Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society's Annual Meeting of Members will be held Monday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 PM at the Lake Fayetteville Environmental Study Center, 511 Lakeview Drive at the south edge of Springdale. Mike Lemon, biology teacher at Fayetteville's East Campus High School, will show slides and tell of his experiences at the National Audubon Society's Camp of the West. Mike is one of two Arkansas Audubon Society Ruth Thomas Scholarship winners for 1980. These scholarships are given each year to teachers of youth leaders with a genuine interest in nature studies. The award includes tuition to a two-week training session at one of National Audubon's four camps and a \$50.00 travel allowance. Applications for the 1981 scholarships will be available at the Dec. 1 meeting, as well as brochures describing each of the four camps.

Officers for 1981 will be elected at this meeting. June Pelphry, Chairperson for the Nominating Committee has submitted their report. The slate of officers they offer for your consideration is listed on Page 3. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may use the absentee ballot to be found on page 3.

MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

- Nov. 18, Tuesday, 7:00 PM. NWAAS Board Meeting at Pam & Paul Blore's-- 2332 Hatfield, Fayetteville.
- Nov. 21-22, Friday & Saturday, NWAAS Workshop, "Introduction to Arkansas Birds", Lake Fayetteville Environmental Study Center--see Page 3 for additional details and application for workshop.
- Nov. 22, Saturday, 1:00 PM. NWAAS Field Trip to Ghost Hollow, Fayetteville. Meet at 12:00 noon at the Lake Fayetteville Environmental Study Center.
- Dec. 1, Monday, 7:30 PM. Annual Meeting of Members, Lake Fayetteville Environmental Study Center. See article above.
- Dec. - to be announced: Annual Christmas Bird Count. Contact Dr. Doug James Dept. of Zoology, U. of A. in Fayetteville if you wish to participate.
- Jan. 17, Saturday, 9:00 AM. Eagle Watch, Rocky Branch Recreation Area; meet at the Marina parking area. More about this in next issue.
- Feb. (late) or Mar. (early), trip to Tom Aley's cave--details to be announced in next issue.

CHAPTER NEWS

From Ellen Neaville:

NEW CURATOR...

Elizabeth Fleener, West Fork, has volunteered to serve as Curator for the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society. She will be responsible for compiling records of bird sightings in Northwest Arkansas. NWAAS hopes to prepare eventually a checklist of Northwest Arkansas Birds. To do this, year round records of all species, common or unusual, are required. All of your sightings are needed, even one wren---

Unusual sightings require verification--if you sight an unusual bird, call Elizabeth Fleener, West Fork; Don Petty, Fayetteville; or Ellen Neaville, Rogers; and at Bella Vista, call Velma Ridgeway.

Reports of all common bird sightings should be submitted on the Arkansas Audubon Society Field List. To obtain copies of this list, write to: Arkansas Audubon Society, 5809 North Country Club, Little Rock, AR. 72207 Order these lists in lots of 8/50¢ or 20/\$1.00, postpaid.

After you receive the field lists, write in the required information, then mail your reports to Mrs. Truman Fleener, P.O. Box 314, West Fork, AR. 72774.



NEW CONSERVATION LEADER--

James Hoelscher has accepted the position of NWAAS Conservation Chairperson, a post which was vacated during the summer by the resignation of Alan McQueen.

Hoelscher is active in conservation efforts both locally and nationally. He will direct letter-writing campaigns on conservation issues by notifying interested members via postcard when letters to congressmen are needed. Hoelscher will be aided in this effort by NWAAS member Frank Reuter of Berryville, Conservation Chairperson for the Arkansas Audubon Society.

Individuals interested in conservation causes should contact James Hoelscher at Box 2268, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. 72701.

NEW--JUST FOR PLEASURE--SIGHTINGS--

Charles Chamberlin, Farmington, saw a flock of White Pelicans (c. 150) over Fayetteville around noon on October 2nd. His wife, Sarah, and he watched the birds for about 5 minutes.....Charles also saw a Burrowing Owl at Hickory Creek Park in the vicinity of the swimming beach, mid-morning on October 3rd. He observed the owl for about a half hour.

On Oct. 21st, about 8:00 AM, Wes and Anna Marie Edwards were at Prairie Creek Marina watching the sun burn through the bank of fog when two Double Crested Cormorants came flying into view just above the fog line. The birds followed the same route into Prairie Creek which had been taken by two of the same specie on the morning of Oct. 19th....Ellen Neaville also saw the Cormorant in the Prairie Creek area during the same week.

"ARKANSAS-----A BIRD SANCTUARY"

The headline above is reprinted from the Greers Ferry Audubon Society Newsletter. In the accompanying article by Clare Silkwood, attention is drawn to the act of the state legislature, signed by Governor Rockefeller on February 13, 1967, which declared the entire state of Arkansas to be a bird sanctuary. All birds are protected except blackbirds, crows, starlings and alien sparrows, House or English.

According to Clare, because of the state law it is only necessary to get approval from local government to put up signs declaring your community as a bird sanctuary.

Knowing the above facts may help to answer the inquiries property owners have been asking in regard to preserving their wild life areas.

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Your name _____ Date _____
 Address _____

SLATE OF CANDIDATES--Mark X on line beside name you wish to vote for:
 Submitted by Nominating Committee: _____ Write name you wish to nominate: _____

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| For President.....Ellen Neaville_____ | _____ |
| Vice President.....Don Petty_____ | _____ |
| Secretary.....Jan Wright_____ | _____ |
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| Directors-at-large | |
| Vote for 3.....Joe Cook_____ | _____ |
| Hal Brown_____ | _____ |
| Pam Blore _____ | _____ |
| David Pelphrey_____ | _____ |
| Dr. Mark A. Mayse_____ | _____ |

Mail to Ann Kauble, 1706 W. Huntsville Rd., Springdale, AR 72764 by Nov. 26, 1980.

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ORNITHOLOGY WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

An ornithology workshop, "Introduction to Arkansas Winter Birds", will be offered by the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society on Friday, Nov. 21, and Saturday, Nov. 22, 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 PM. Field trips will be Saturday morning beginning at about 7:30 AM. Course instructors will be members of Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society and students and faculty members of the University of Arkansas.

Included in the study will be an introduction to Arkansas birds with discussions on general anatomy and classification, choice of field guides, use of binoculars, places to bird in Arkansas, field marks useful in identification, 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 35 students, selected on a first come, first served basis.

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REGISTRATION FORM: Introduction to Arkansas Winter Birds, Nov. 21 & 22.

Number of persons attending course: Adults _____ Children (ages 10-18) _____

Names (please include first names) _____

Address - street or box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

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

Make checks payable to: Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society

Mail this form and fees to: Pam Blore, 2332 Hatfield, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

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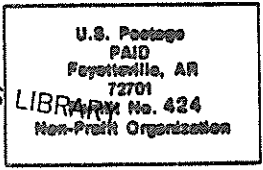
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| City _____ | State _____ Zip _____ |
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Membership in NWAAS includes membership in National Audubon Society and bimonthly subscriptions to both the AUDUBON MAGAZINE and the NWAAS newsletter. Use this application for your renewal or give one to a friend.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY and send to:
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