



# Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society

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## FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE 2010

*Scheduled by Joe Neal*

**February 20, 2010:** Woodcock Field Trip, Lake Wedington Woods, 5:30pm

**March 27, 2010:** Shores Lake area of Ozark National Forest (will be looking for brown-headed nuthatches and other pine forest birds)

**April 3, 2010:** Buffalo National River; will meet at the Ponca Elk Education Center (Louisiana waterthrush will be featured)

**April 17, 2010:** Ninestone Land Trust, Carroll County

**April 25, 2010:** State Fish Hatchery, Centeron

**May 1, 2010:** Devil's Den State Park for Birder's Weekend

**May 2, 2010:** Lake Fayetteville

**May 8 and 9, 2010:** International Migratory Bird Day; counts will cover Benton County (May 8) and Washington County (May 9)

**May 15, 2010:** Chesney Prairie Natural Area, Siloam Springs

**June 5, 2010:** Cave Mt, Upper Buffalo National River

**July 11, 2010:** Chesney Prairie Natural Area, Siloam Springs

(Meeting times and other details will be sent by email)

## GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

If you enjoy watching the birds at your feeder, you could participate in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Backyard Bird Count, at a date from February 12 to 15, 2010, a nation wide activity. Just identify the birds and count the number of each. For more information and how to report your findings, visit [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org).

## Message from the President

*By Doug James*

This past fall and early winter the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society hosted three public meetings and five field trip events. All proved very successful joined by 20 to 40 participants. For the first time ever the Society sponsored the long standing Fayetteville Christmas Bird Count (existing more than 7 decades) and also paid the fee for all participants that is mandated by the Count overseer, the National Audubon Society. Our Chapter will continue the sponsorship and support in future years.

The Chapter continues to alert and/or remind our members and others concerning Chapter public meetings and organized field trips with periodic messages over the internet. If you do not receive these communications please contact Joe Neal ([joeneal@uark.edu](mailto:joeneal@uark.edu)) and asked to be added to the Chapter's e-mail registry. Also access the web site: ([www.nwarkaudubon.org](http://www.nwarkaudubon.org)), for more information concerning the Chapter and its activities.

I am experiencing an extraordinary happening this spring semester with my ornithology class at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. This resulted because the University Chancellor decreed that all senior citizens could register for courses tuition free. This stimulated into action the more elderly members of the vast bird watching community in our area. As a result there are 12 senior citizens, the class majority, taking the ornithology course, some of whom are members of the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society. I'm finding this group to be a very welcome addition because of their unbridled spirit, dedicated interest, and heightened enthusiasm. It is keeping me on my toes.

### Mission of the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society

The mission of the Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society is to preserve the natural world through education, environmental study, and habitat protection, and to promote awareness and enjoyment of local and regional natural areas.