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NWAAS PROGRAMS: SPRING/SUMMER 2010

Both of these events will take place at Nightbird Books on Dickson Street in Fayetteville:

Sunday, March 7, 4pm: "Raptors: Hawks and Owls of Arkansas" by Doug James

Saturday, July 10, 7pm: "Birds on Former Prairie Grasslands in the Western Arkansas Ozarks" by Joe Neal; this will take place in conjunction with a field trip to Chesney Prairie Natural Area near Siloam Springs on July 11th

**WOOLSEY WET PRAIRIE--WILSON SPRING FIELD TRIPS
AND LAKE FAYETTEVILLE TRIP**

Guided by Joe Neal a group of 25 joined the Woolsey-Wilson field trip October 17, 2009. The special findings there were a lingering flock of Blue-winged Teal, a male Northern Harrier, one Sora, Northern Flickers migrating overhead, 4 Sedge Wrens, and an American Pipit.

The trip to Lake Fayetteville on November 15 was led by David Chapman joined by over 20 attendees. The most exciting find on this outing was an adult Bald eagle.

REPORT ON PUBLIC MEETINGS

By Doug James

This past fall and winter there were three public meetings of the Northwest Arkansas Audubon society. The first one was at the Fayetteville Public Library on September 19, 2009 featuring the splendid illustrated presentation by Leesia Marshall-Rosenberger describing the biology of the Louisiana Waterthrush along Arkansas' upper Buffalo River. At the meeting President James appointed the nominating committee for the election of officers and board members due at the upcoming December meeting. Robert Caulk, David Hart, and Joan Reynolds were appointed. Some 20 to 30 people attended this meeting.

The second meeting was on October 10 at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History in Springdale, highlighting the exhibit of the winning photographs for the Chapter's annual contest. In addition there was a question and answer session concerning birds conducted by the perennial "Bird Guys" (Doug James and Joe Neal), followed by an enthusiastically received display of live birds; Eastern Screech Owl, Barred Owl, Red-tailed Hawk, and Turkey Vulture, by Lynn Scuibato, Director of the Morningstar Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. There were 30 people in attendance.

The third public meeting was at the Fayetteville Library on December 5, which served as the official annual meeting for the election of officers including three other board members. The nominating committee presented the following slate for election: Doug James President, Joanie Patterson Vice President, Bill Beall Treasurer, Stephanie Cribbs Secretary, and Joe Neal, Scott Michaud and Leigh Helm board members. Lacking any nominations from the floor nominees were elected by acclamation. This led to the main event of the meeting, the spectacular illustrated presentation by Jack and Pam Stewart illustrating their interesting experiences in Argentina. Around 30 were in attendance.