

AGENDA

**ARKANSAS
AUDUBON
SOCIETY**

**2017 Fall Convention
November 17 - 19, 2017
Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center**

All programs and meals will be held at the Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center

FRIDAY, November 17, 2017

Field Trips	1:00 pm	Porch – Dining Hall
Board Meeting	1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Clark Meeting Room
Registration	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Glenn Meeting Room
Dinner	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dining Hall
Evening Program	7:15 pm – 8:30 pm	Dining Hall

“Audubon in Utah - The Birds and Convention Highlights”

Presenters: Samantha Scheiman, Dan Scheiman, Uta Meyer, Pam Stewart, Jack Stewart

This program will feature some of Utah’s special birds and provide impressions and some highlights of the Audubon Convention by AAS attendees.

Drawing for Door Prizes and Details of Saturday’s Field Trips

SATURDAY, November 18, 2017

Breakfast	7:00 am – 8:00 am	Dining Hall
Field Trips	7:30 am	Porch – Dining Hall (except for Lake DeGray)
Lunch	12:00 noon – 1:00 pm	Dining Hall
AAS Trust Meeting	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Clark Meeting Room
Afternoon Workshop	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Glenn Meeting Room

“Mike the Birdman”

A documentary film about Northwest Arkansas birder, Mike Mlodinow

Member Slideshow

Each member has the opportunity to show and narrate up to 10 digital slides. All slides will be presented via power point. Be sure to give Robin Buff the pictures on a flash drive by 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 18.

Trust/Camp Reception	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Glenn Meeting Room
Dinner	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dining Hall
Evening Program	7:15 pm – 9:00 pm	Dining Hall

“Birds, Climate Change, and Climate Watch”

Presenter: Dr. Brooke Bateman, Director, Climate Watch, Science Division, National Audubon Society

Audubon science predicts birds will be seriously impacted by climate change. How accurate are the predictions of where birds will go as the climate changes? This program will give details on some of the ways birds are already responding to extreme temperatures and unusual weather. Learn ways you can help answer the accuracy question through an innovative new citizen science project.

SUNDAY, November 19, 2017

Breakfast	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Dining Hall
Field Trips	See field trip descriptions	

FIELD TRIPS

Please indicate on your registration form which of the following field trips you would like to join. Sign-up sheets for Saturday's trips will also be available at Friday's registration. Changes are OK at any point. Opening day of goose hunting is Nov. 15. Opening day of duck hunting is Sat. Nov. 18. Be careful if birding on your own.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON FIELD TRIPS – trips will depart at **1:00 PM** from Ferncliff.

F1 - Lake Maumelle—Loons, mergansers, ducks, scaup, and grebes, plus eagles and gulls are settling in for their winter stay. The first stop on the lake will be the Vista View overlook. The group will then continue along the lake to other viewing sites. There will be opportunities to check the woods along the trails for winter residents such as nuthatches, kinglets, and woodpeckers. Most of the trip will be spent scanning the open water, with limited walking on level trails. Dress warm, the lake can be windy and cold. Bring scope and water.

F2 - Two Rivers Park—The trip will enter the park at the parking lot of the Two Rivers Park Bridge at the start of the walking trail at River Mountain Road located at the southeast tip of the Park's peninsula. Birders will scope the river from the parking lot and the bridge, then walk the peninsula trail looking for eagles, ducks, gulls, and pelicans, plus wrens, sparrows, finches, and kinglets. The group will then drive to the west entrance of the Park to walk the open fields and horse trail. The fields have a diverse population of sparrows and provides a great opportunity to work on identifying those LBBs- "little brown birds". Knee-high rubber boots are recommended because of the prevalent sand burrs. Extended walking on fairly level ground.

F3 - Camp Robinson Special Use Area (SUA)—This trip combines bird-watching with volunteering to collect seeds from native wildflowers for a joint conservation project between Audubon Arkansas and Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission. Birders will first explore Camp looking for winter birds such as wrens, sparrows, and raptors, then spend an hour or two gathering seed. The trip is a combination of driving and stopping, then walking on uneven ground when gathering seed.

SATURDAY FIELD TRIPS—all trips will leave from Ferncliff at **7:30 AM**, except the Lake DeGray trip, which will leave at 7:30 a.m. from the commuter lot at the intersection of I-630 and Shakelford Road in west Little Rock.

Note-Ferncliff is serving lunch from noon until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

S1 - DeGray Lake Resort State Park—This is a joint field trip with the Audubon Society of Central Arkansas (ASCA). Target birds will be eagles, loons, ducks, mergansers, grebes, scaup, coots, and gulls, plus nuthatches and winter warblers and finches. Dress warm, the lake can be windy and cold. Hats and gloves are recommended. There will be very little walking, mostly standing and scanning the lake. Bring scope and water. Bring your lunch or eat in the Lodge's restaurant. This is an all-day trip. Lake DeGray is located 8 miles west of Arkadelphia.

S2 - Lake Maumelle—see Friday's field trip description. This is a half-day trip.

S3 - Two Rivers Park—see Friday's field trip description. This is a half-day trip.

S4 - Joe Hogan Fish Hatchery, Bob Long Rd. minnow ponds, and open fields east of Bob Long Rd.—The hatchery and the minnow ponds are a magnet for shorebirds and multiple duck species, plus a rare merganser or scoter is possible. The open fields are full of huge flocks of Snow, Greater White-fronted, and Canada Geese, plus Longspurs, Brewers Blackbirds, and more ducks. By birding the open fields last, most duck hunters will have left earlier and won't return until late afternoon. This trip combines driving and stopping, with very little walking. The open fields can be windy, so dress warm. Bring scope and water. The trip could last into the afternoon.

SUNDAY FIELD TRIPS

Sunday trips will be based on interest and reports from Saturday's field trips.