

Arkansas Audubon Society - 2019 Spring Call to Meeting

The 2019 Spring Convention of the Arkansas Audubon Society (AAS) will be held May 3-5, 2019 at the **Winthrop Rockefeller Institute (WRI)** on Petit Jean Mountain. Hotel rooms are available at the WRI at a rate per night + tax of \$99 in the President's Lodge and \$89 everywhere else. To reserve a room call the Institute at **1-866-972-7778**. **There is no elevator to rooms on the lower level in The Meadows complex. Tell them if you can't climb stairs or walk far.** The only meals at the WRI are below. Each room has a mini fridge, coffee, and tea. The common areas have microwaves. You are welcome to bring your own food. Lodging is also available at Mather Lodge in Petit Jean State Park. Cabins and campsites are also available. For lodging and camping registrations in the state park, call 501-727-5441. Food options on the mountain are limited. Mather Lodge has a restaurant that serves breakfast through dinner. For more information on Petit Jean State Park, visit petitjeanstatepark.com.

Complete the form below and mail with check (made out to Arkansas Audubon Society) to:
Samantha Scheiman
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Mail by **April 13** to qualify for the **Early Bird Discount** and subtract \$5 per person from the registration fee. For questions, contact Samantha Scheiman at 501-580-4982 or samantha.scheiman@gmail.com (or contact Robin Buff at 479-466-5600 or robinbuff@gmail.com if Samantha is unavailable)

REGISTRATION FORM – Spring 2019 AAS Convention (include names of all attendees)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

If you plan to attend only one of Benjamin Vogt's native plant presentations, please complete the following:

Sat., May 4, 2 pm – Sustainable Design for Garden and Home # _____ @ \$15/person (students: \$5/person)

Sat., May 4, 6:30 pm – A New Garden Ethic # _____ @ \$15/person (students: \$5/person)

TOTAL \$ _____

To register for the entire convention or a day of the convention, please complete the following (note: both of Benjamin Vogt's presentations are included in registration for Saturday):

Meeting Registration # _____ @ \$25/AAS member
 # _____ @ \$35/non-AAS member \$ _____

**Early Bird: April 13 or before = \$20/AAS member, \$30/non-AAS member*

**Students = \$10/person*

**Children under 16 with adult = free*

(Join AAS or renew for 2019 at www.arbirds.org. If you aren't sure of your membership status, contact Samantha.)

Vegetarian Other dietary requests: _____

Friday evening meal # _____ @ \$30/person \$ _____

Saturday grab & go breakfast # _____ @ \$10/person (continental) \$ _____

Saturday evening meal # _____ @ \$30/person \$ _____

Sunday grab & go breakfast # _____ @ \$10/person (continental) \$ _____

Donations to help pay meeting costs \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please indicate which field trip(s) you are interested in using the assigned alphanumeric codes next to each field trip description. Field trips are free to those who have registered for the meeting.

	Field Trip Code	# of Participants	Name/s of Participants
Friday, May 3			
Saturday, May 4			

**AGENDA
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**2019 Spring Convention
May 3-5, 2019
Petit Jean Mountain**

All programs and meals will be held at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute

FRIDAY, May 3, 2019

Field Trips	12:45 pm	Meet at the Rockefeller Institute
Board Meeting	1 pm – 3:30 pm	Petit Jean 1
Registration	4 pm – 6 pm	Walkway near hotel check-in desk
Camp/Trust Reception	5 pm – 6 pm	River Rock Lobby and Bar
Dinner	6 pm – 7 pm	Show Barn Hall
Evening Program	7:15 pm – 8:30 pm	Show Barn Hall

FUN, FRIENDSHIP, AND FINE SCIENCE: MY 30 YEARS WITH DOUG JAMES

Ragupathy Kannan

Open mike session to remember Doug James, drawing for door prizes, and details of Saturday's field trips

SATURDAY, May 4, 2019

Grab & Go Breakfast	6 am – 10 am	Show Barn Hall
Field Trips	see field trip descriptions for times and locations	
AAS Trust Meeting	1:30 pm – 4 pm	Petit Jean 1
Special Presentation	2 pm – 3 pm	Show Barn Hall

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN FOR GARDEN AND HOME

Guest speaker Benjamin Vogt, native plant garden designer and author of *A New Garden Ethic*

Student Presentations	3:30 pm – 5 pm	Rock Theater
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Response of Carolina Wrens to songs altered to escape the masking effects of man-made noise – Spencer Skaggs

Prothonotary Warblers in forest fragments – Joseph Youtz

Winter ecology of Loggerhead Shrikes – Emily Donahue

Dinner	5:15 pm – 6:15 pm	Show Barn Hall
Evening Program	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Show Barn Hall

A NEW GARDEN ETHIC

Guest speaker Benjamin Vogt, native plant garden designer and author of *A New Garden Ethic*

Book Sale and Signing	7:30 pm – 8:15 pm	Show Barn Hall
Business Meeting	8:15 pm – 9:00 pm	Show Barn Hall
Weekend checklist, door prizes, reports from Saturday's field trips, discussion of Sunday's field trips, etc.		

SUNDAY, May 5, 2019

Grab and Go Breakfast	6 am – 10 am	Show Barn Hall
Field trips TBA. Times, meeting locations, and leaders will be discussed after Saturday's evening program.		

FIELD TRIPS

Please indicate on your registration form which of the following field trips you would like to attend. Sign-up sheets for Saturday's trips will also be available at registration. Changes are okay at any point.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON FIELD TRIPS – Both trips will start from the Rockefeller Institute at **12:45 pm**.

F1 – Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge – Holla Bend is a globally significant IBA on an old bend of the Arkansas River eight miles downriver from Dardanelle. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages over 7,000 acres here to benefit migrating waterfowl and neotropical songbirds like Blue Grosbeaks, Northern Bobwhite, Bobolinks, and Bell's Vireos. The trip will be a combination of driving and stopping to look, with **very little walking**. Trip could last into the afternoon. **Driving time around 40 minutes**.

F2 – Seven Hollows (Petit Jean SP) – This **4.5-mile loop** trail explores a tremendous diversity of habitats including lush forested hollows and open rocky glades. Some of these glades are home to one of central Arkansas's few populations of Eastern Collared Lizards. For those who want to walk part of the trail on their own, go left at the first fork and the upper part of the trail is easy walking with a gentle slope. This portion of the trail can be good for chats, grosbeaks, Prairie Warblers, and woodpeckers. The rest of the trail is fairly uneven with scattered rocky areas and is **moderately strenuous**.

SATURDAY FIELD TRIPS – Trips will leave from the WRI unless otherwise noted. Friday during registration, please check field trip sign-in sheets for possible changes. Field trip leaders will be listed on the sign-in sheets. See field trip descriptions for departure times. **Driving directions to all field trip sites will be available at the conference**.

S1 – Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA – This WMA includes 1,500 acres of restored herbaceous wetlands, bottomland hardwood forest, and cypress swamp. Wetland flooding and drawdowns are timed with spring migrations of shorebirds and waterfowl. Enhancement of buttonbush swamp habitat has proved beneficial for Wood Duck and Hooded Merganser broods, and other wildlife in spring and summer. **Extended walking** on level trails. Bring boots. Trip could include Lake Overcup and last past lunch. **Departs at 7 am. Drive time around 40 minutes**.

S2 – Cedar Creek Trail (Petit Jean SP) – Starting at the Pioneer Cabin, this **1.25-mile** trail winds beside a scenic section of Cedar Creek above Cedar Falls. Some steep natural rock steps and bluffs create **a few difficult places**. The rocky stream, high bluffs, and thick vegetation make this trail perfect for experiencing insect, plant, and bird life including Louisiana Waterthrushes, Acadian and Great-crested Flycatchers, and more. **Departs at 7:30 am**.

S3 – Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge – see Friday's field trip description. **Departs at 7 am**.

S4 – Seven Hollows (Petit Jean SP) – see Friday's field trip description. **Departs at 7:30 am**.

S5 – Cedar Falls Trail (Petit Jean SP) – **This trip will start on the grounds of the historic Mather Lodge, meeting there at 7 am**. The majestic view from the lodge grounds looks down on canopy birds like orioles, tanagers, and Broad-winged Hawks. The Cedar Falls Trail descends into the canyon to explore a very different habitat. Tennessee, Hooded, Worm-eating, and Black-and-white Warblers can all be found here as well as a collection of interesting forest wildflowers and butterflies. The trail ends **1 mile** later at the 95-foot tall Cedar Falls, one of the largest year-round waterfalls between the Appalachians and the Rockies. The hike back to the lodge is **quite strenuous**.

SUNDAY FIELD TRIPS

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

Options are also available on your own on the grounds of the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute.