



# ARKANSAS AUDUBON SOCIETY CALL TO MEETING

The 2010 Spring Convention of the Arkansas Audubon Society (AAS) will be held April 30-May 2 at Hope, AR. Friday registration (4:00-6:00 pm) will be in the breakfast area of the Holiday Inn Express.

We have a block of rooms set aside in two different motels because neither has enough rooms for all of us, but they are both at the same intersection. The **Holiday Inn Express** is a newer more updated facility with an expanded continental breakfast. Rooms are \$89.10 plus tax. Call 1 870-722-6262 for reservations. The **Best Western of Hope** is a much older facility that is in reasonably good condition and has an expanded full breakfast. Rooms are \$59.49 plus tax. Call 1-800-429-4494. For both facilities, be sure to tell them you are with AR Audubon Society. Directions for both: From I-30 - take Exit 30 and turn north. Both motels are very near Exit 30.

Complete the form below (or a copy) and mail to:

**Carolyn Minson**  
**14 Altura Lane**  
**Hot Springs Village, AR 71909**

Mail by **1 April** to qualify for the **Early Bird Discount** and subtract \$2 per person from the registration fee. For questions, contact Carolyn at 1-501-915-0669 or [csminson@mac.com](mailto:csminson@mac.com).

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## Spring 2010 AAS Convention REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if this is your first AAS Meeting or if you have not attended for some time.

Meeting Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 / person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\* *Early Bird: 1 April. or before = \$18/person*  
\* *Children under 16 with adult = free*

Friday evening meal # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday evening meal # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donations to help pay meeting costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Arkansas Audubon Society.**

Please indicate which field trip(s) you are interested in with the assigned alphanumeric codes.

	Alphanumeric Code	Number of Attendees
Friday, April 30		
Saturday, May 1		



## AAS SPRING 2010 FIELD TRIPS

Please indicate on your registration form which of the following field trips you would like to participate in. Sign-up sheets for Saturday field trips will also be available at registration (if you need to make a change and there is space available).

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON FIELD TRIPS

Meet in front of Best Western of Hope at 1 pm for Friday afternoon field trips. These field trips will be over in time for registration.

**F1 - Bois d'Arc WMA** - Mostly bottomland hardwood habitats but includes a waterfowl area and a wetlands unit. Search for bitterns, Moorhens, Anhinga, and maybe ibis and Whistling Ducks. Plus the wooded edges could be good for neotropical migrants. Leader: Kenny Nichols

**F2 - Rick Evans Grandview Prairie** - is 4885 acres of Blackland Prairie comprised of open prairie, woodlands, savanna, and non-native grasslands. Search for empidonax species, Sedge Wren, Prairie Warbler, Lark, Grasshopper, LeConte's and Lincoln's Sparrows, Painted Bunting, Dickcissel, and maybe Bobolinks. Expect considerable walking. Boots are recommended.  
Leader: Karen Holliday

### SATURDAY FIELD TRIPS

Please see field trip notifications at registration for times, meeting locations, and leaders for the following field trips.

**S1 - Bois d'Arc WMA** - See above. Limit 20 Leader: Karen Holliday

**S2 - Rick Evans Grandview Prairie** - See above. Use private vehicles and may involve considerable walking. Limit 20 Leader: Kelly Chitwood

**S3 - Rick Evans Grandview Prairie** - see above. Experience the prairie with little or no walking. This trip will start later and participants will ride on an open-air trailer with occasional stops for closer looks at birds or plants. Limit - 24 Leader: Bill Shepherd

**S4 - Millwood Lake** - Diverse habitat. Search for waterfowl, waders, and neotropical migrants. Charles Mills will provide a copy (via e-mail) of his annotated bird checklist to those attendees who want a copy. If you want a copy, please make a note on your registration form.  
Limit - 20 Leader: TBA

**S5 - Okay Levee** - Photography trip for dragonflies. Suggested equipment list: binoculars, a close focussing 200-300mm lens, flash, tripod and plastic bag (to protect cameras, lenses, flashes, etc. in the case of rain.) Up to 2 miles walking. Limit - 8 Leader: Charles Mills

**S6 - Hwy 82 Wetlands** - private lands in the WRP program along HWY 82 east of Texarkana. Search for shorebirds, waders, and open country birds. Swainson's Hawk and Cave Swallow are possibilities. Limit -20 Leader: Sterling Lacy

**S7 - Red Slough WMA** - covers 7,800 acres in southeast OK. Habitat consists of reclaimed rice farm fields, bottomland hardwoods, small areas of open prairie, and replanted hardwood areas. Surveys for a full day at this time last year listed over 100 species, including Whistling and Mottled Ducks, Neotropic Cormorant, bitterns, rails, Gallinule, Moorhen, and many migrants. Involves considerable walking. Limit - 15 Leader: Berlin Heck

### SUNDAY Field Trips

Based on interest. Times, meeting locations, and leaders will be discussed after Saturday evening's program.

**Red Slough WMA** - will be repeated. Limit - 15 Leader: David Arbour



**2010 Spring Convention  
April 30-May 2  
Hope, AR**

**Friday, April 30, 2010**

Field trips	1:00 pm -	Meet at Best Western of Hope
Board meeting	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Breakfast Room, Best Western
Registration	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Breakfast Area, Holiday Inn Express
Dinner	6:15 pm - 7:15 pm	Upstairs in Student Center of Community College of Hope
Evening Program	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Graduate Students from ASU

**The Breeding Status of Swallow-tailed Kites in Arkansas** - Scott Chiavacci  
**Are Bewick's Wrens (*Thryomanes bewickii bewickii*) Extirpated from AR** - Sarah Thompson  
**Effects of a Flood on Foraging Ecology and Population Dynamics of Swainson's Warblers** -  
 Bryan Reiley

Door Prizes  
 Descriptions of Saturday's Field Trips                      Field Trip Leaders

**Saturday, May 1, 2010**

Field trips	Times TBA	
Committee meetings	As designated by Chairs	
AAS Trust meeting	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Breakfast Room, Best Western
Film	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Breakfast Room, Best Western

**Fighting Goliath: Texas Coal Wars** - follows the story of Texans fighting a high-stakes battle for clean air.

Narrated by Robert Redford, the film runs for 34 minutes. Discussion to follow.

Camp/Trust Reception	5:15 pm - 6:15 pm	Downstairs in Student Center of Community College of Hope
Dinner	6:15 pm - 7:15 pm	Upstairs in Student Center
AAS Business Meeting		
Evening Program	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Dr. Ragupathy Kannan and Dr. Doug James

**Ecology and Conservation of the Great Hornbill in Southern India**

Dr. Kannan is a Professor of Biology at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, specializing in ecology, ornithology, and wildlife conservation.

Dr. James, one of the founders of AR Audubon Society, is a Professor of Zoology at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, specializing in ecology, ornithology, and vertebrate biology.

Weekend checklist, door prizes and discussion of Sunday field trips

**Sunday, May 2, 2010** - Field Trips TBA