

ARKANSAS AUDUBON SOCIETY

2018 Fall - Call to Meeting

The 2018 Fall Convention of the Arkansas Audubon Society (AAS) will be held October 5-7, 2018, at **Holiday Inn Texarkana Arkansas Convention Center** in **Texarkana, Arkansas**. Each room will cost \$89.00 plus tax/night and includes free breakfast for each person staying in the room.

To reserve a room with breakfast included (\$89.00 plus tax), call the Holiday Inn Texarkana Arkansas Convention Center at 1-870-216-2000 and use the code **Audubon Association**. The cut-off date for making reservations at the special rate is September 24, 2018.

Complete the form below and mail with check to:

Samantha Scheiman
219 Beechwood St.
Little Rock, AR 72205

Mail by **September 21** 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

Fall 2018 AAS Convention

REGISTRATION FORM

(Include names of all attendees)

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

Early Bird: before **September 21 = \$20/AAS member, \$30/non-AAS member*

**Students = \$10/person*

**Children under 16 with adult = free*

(You can Join AAS or renew for 2018 by going to www.arbirds.org. If you are not sure of your membership status you can contact me)

Vegetarian Other dietary requests: _____

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

Saturday evening meal # _____ @ **\$30**/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 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, October 5			
Saturday, October 6			
Sunday, October 7			

**AGENDA
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**2018 Fall Convention
October 5-7, 2018
Holiday Inn Texarkana Arkansas
Convention Center, Texarkana, AR**

All programs and meals will be held at Holiday Inn Texarkana Arkansas Convention Center

FRIDAY, October 5, 2018

Field Trips	12:45 pm	meet in the lobby
Board Meeting	1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Executive Board Room
Registration	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Hallway outside Ballroom C&D
Dinner	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Ballroom C&D
Evening Program	7:15 pm – 8:30 pm	Ballroom C&D

"Forty Years of the Jewels of Winter: The Louisiana Winter Hummingbird Project"
Guest Speaker – Kevin Morgan

Drawing for door prizes and details of Saturday's field trips

SATURDAY, October 6, 2018

Breakfast (on your own)	6:00 am – 10:00 am	The Connection Bar + Grill
Field Trips	see field trip descriptions for times	meet in lobby
AAS Trust Meeting	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Executive Board Room
Afternoon Symposium	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Ballroom C&D

Robot Falcons (a short film on falcon-like drones)
Update on AAS bird haven network (i.e., Bird Friendly Yards)
Birds, bees, bats, & butterflies (a report on pollinators from the city/state of Singapore)
Bluebirds and Nuthatches - Climate Watch in Arkansas
Birds in Arkansas's National Parks

Trust/Camp Reception	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Ballroom C&D
Dinner	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Ballroom C&D
Evening Program	7:15 pm – 8:00 pm	Ballroom C&D

"Birds of the Far Southwestern Arkansas Frontier"
Guest Speaker – Charlie Lyon

Business Meeting	8:15 pm – 9:00 pm	Ballroom C&D
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weekend checklist, door prizes, reports from Saturday's field trips, discussion of Sunday's field trips, etc.

SUNDAY, October 7, 2018

Breakfast (on your own)	6:00 am – 10:00 am	The Connection Bar + Grill
Field Trips	see field trip descriptions for times	meet in lobby

FIELD TRIPS

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

FRIDAY AFTERNOON FIELD TRIPS – Trips will leave from the lobby at 12:45 pm.

F1 – South Lafayette County and Bundrick Farms, AR – This field trip will caravan to Bundrick Farms and drive the back roads and levees (weather permitting), exploring this area of rice fields, fish ponds, and reservoirs which are part of the Red River valley. Species will likely include migrant shorebirds, lingering waders including possible Wood Storks and Roseate Spoonbills, rails, and early returning waterfowl. This is a good area for raptors including Bald Eagles, Northern Harriers, Red-tailed Hawks, Peregrine Falcons, and Merlins. Other possibilities include rarer shorebirds such as American Avocet and Dunlin, Swainson's Hawk, White-winged Dove, King Rail, Yellow-headed Blackbird, and Nelson's Sparrow. If time permits, this trip may explore other nearby areas while driving back to Texarkana. (drive time: 30 minutes)

F2 – Red Slough Wildlife Management Area, OK – Minimal walking plus driving to different sites within the Wildlife Management Area. Bring boots, water, and snacks. We will be looking for lingering summer residents such as gallinules plus migrants. We may even see a gator. (drive time: 1 hour)

SATURDAY FIELD TRIPS – Trips will leave from the lobby. 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. Most trips will last into the afternoon. **Driving directions to all field trip sites will be available at the conference.**

SA1 – South Lafayette County and Bundrick Farms, AR – See Friday's field trip description. Trip will depart at 7:30 a.m. (drive time: 30 minutes)

SA2 – Red Slough Wildlife Management Area, OK – See Friday's field trip description. Trip will depart at 7:00 a.m. (drive time: 1 hour)

SA3 – Bois d' Arc WMA, AR – Mostly bottomland hardwood habitats but includes a waterfowl area and a wetlands unit. This trip will feature birding along the shore areas as well as a nearby woodland area that provides sightings for waders, teal, Bald Eagles, etc. Several Tex-Ark Audubon Society members visit this lake and its adjoining areas often—there is always a surprise around the corner! Trip will depart at 7:30 a.m. (drive time: 45 minutes)

SA4 – Lake Wright Patman, TX – Waterfowl and shorebirds can be seen on and near the lake. Osprey and Bald Eagles, as well as migrating warblers, are found in fall. Bring your scope. Very little walking. For more information and a checklist of birds, go to <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/atlanta>. Trip will depart at 7:30 a.m. (drive time: 40 minutes)

SA5 – Millwood Lake, AR – There will be a good selection of water birds and land birds at the lake with the potential for rarities. Target birds include Osprey, Bald Eagles, waders, and early ducks along with a variety of raptors and woodland species. Includes driving to different sites on the lake, possibly Okay Levee, and very little walking. Bring your scope. Trip will depart at 7:00 a.m. (drive time: 50 minutes)

SA6 – Arkansas State Highway 296 eastward to First Old River Lake, AR – This trip offers the possibility of seeing a Merlin, raptors, and Cave Swallows on this journey in some of Miller County's rural areas. Trip will depart at 7:00 a.m. (drive time: 40 minutes)

SUNDAY FIELD TRIPS – Trips will leave from the lobby at 7:30 a.m.

SU1 – South Lafayette County and Bundrick Farms, AR – See Friday's field trip description. (drive time: 30 minutes)

SU2 – Red Slough Wildlife Management Area, OK – See Friday's field trip description. (drive time: 1 hour)