



Arkansas Audubon Society

2022 - Little Rock Convention Field Trips

Friday, October 14		
<p>F1 - Bell Slough Nature Trail Depart: 1:00 PM (24 minutes) - Moderate</p> <p>This trip will depart from the hotel lobby. The 2.25-mile trail is named for Kenny Vernon, an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission biologist who was instrumental in its creation. It has a crushed shale surface and few elevation changes. Bell Slough (pronounced "slew") is usually shallow but seasonal floods cover low-lying parts of the trail. Bell Slough WMA includes upland pine-hardwood forests, bottomland hardwood forests, and cypress-tupelo lakes and sloughs. Leader: Allan Mueller</p>	<p>F2 - Lake Maumelle Depart: 1:00 PM (25 minutes) - Easy</p> <p>This trip will depart from the hotel lobby. It will contain both walking and driving, with most of the walking being very limited and all being conducted on well-maintained trails. The trip will involve multiple stops. Lake Maumelle has two trails: Bufflehead Bay Trail and Loon Point/Farkleberry Trail. Both of these are well maintained trails and provide great viewing opportunities of the lake. However, this lake will also involve a decent amount of driving to view all of the different access points. A Brown Booby was photographed on the lake August 1st, 2022 and could still be there as well as the possibility of other rarities. Leader: Karen Holliday</p>	
Saturday, October 15		
<p>S1 - Audubon Arkansas/Frazier Pike Depart: 7:00 AM (16 minutes) - Moderate</p> <p>This trip will depart from the hotel lobby. The trip will be a mixture of walking and driving, all of the walking will be on paved trails. However, areas of the trail do contain some elevation changes and can be semi-steep in some parts. This trip provides a great diversity of habitat types and has a good chance to see a bunch of fall migrants that are moving throughout the area. One of the stops will be the Arkansas Audubon Center where there is great habitat to see all kinds of songbirds. The trip will then migrate over towards Frazier Pike which contains both farmlands and the Arkansas River, providing great opportunities to see other various species. Leader: Dan Scheiman</p>	<p>S2 - Bell Slough Nature Trail Depart: 7:00 AM (24 minutes) - Moderate</p> <p>This trip will depart from the hotel lobby. The trail is paved and well maintained, but does contain some slight steepness at times. The 2.25-mile trail is named for Kenny Vernon, an AGFC biologist who was instrumental in its creation. It has a crushed shale surface and few elevation changes. Bell Slough (pronounced "slew") is usually shallow but seasonal floods cover low-lying parts of the trail. Bell Slough WMA includes upland pine-hardwood forests, bottomland hardwood forests, and cypress-tupelo lakes and sloughs. Muzzleloading season opens on this day so there is a chance hunters will be in the area (they should not be hunting around the trail). We recommend you wear vibrant colors, most preferably something similar to hunter orange. Leader: Allan Mueller</p>	<p>S3 - Lake Maumelle Depart: 7:00 AM (25 minutes) - Easy</p> <p>This trip will depart from the hotel lobby. It will contain both walking and driving, with most of the walking being very limited and all being conducted on well-maintained trails. The trip will involve multiple stops. Lake Maumelle has two trails: Bufflehead Bay Trail and Loon Point/Farkleberry Trail. Both of these are well maintained trails and provide great viewing opportunities of the lake. However, this lake will also involve a decent amount of driving to view all of the different access points. A Brown Booby was photographed on the lake August 1st, 2022 and could still be there as well as the possibility of other rarities. Leader: Karen Holliday</p>

S4 - Camp Robinson SUA

Depart: 7:00 AM

(27 minutes) - Easy

This trip will depart from the hotel lobby. The majority of the trip will be conducted in a vehicle, with periodic periods where you may need to get out and walk up and down the road. Camp Robinson SUA is a unique area, in that it is heavily managed with prescribed burning. Because of this it has been transformed into an Oak Savannah, creating a landscape that is no longer abundant in our area. Many unique species can be observed in the area at certain times of the year. It is a great site to find many of the fall migrants and other songbirds as well as some waders and waterfowl that may be hanging around Lake Conway. Leader: Michael Linz and Patty McLean