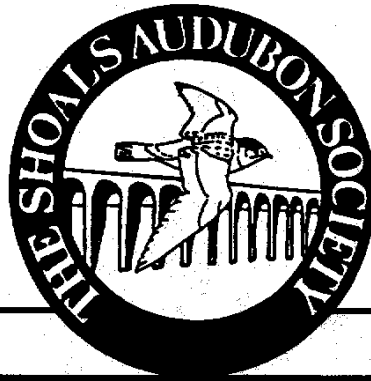


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NOVEMBER 2 PROGRAM

HUMMINGBIRDS/BOB AND MARTHA SARGENT

We are delighted to have Bob and Martha Sargent return to give us another Hummingbird program after 19 years. In 1987 the Sargents began to study hummingbirds and migrating songbirds. Since that time, they have organized and founded the Hummer/Bird Study Group which supports the research of dozens of bird banders and promotes environmental awareness of many thousands of other people every year. The Sargents will share with us many of the things that they have learned about hummingbirds through their own research and the research of those they have taught. It will be a fascinating program. Please join us November 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Mullen Hall of Trinity Episcopal Church.

NOVEMBER 4 FIELD TRIP

DISMALS CANYON AND NATURAL BRIDGE

Our November field trip will be return visits to Dismals Canyon and Natural Bridge after many years. Dismals Canyon was designated a National Natural Landmark by the National Park Service in 1975. Natural Bridge is the longest natural span east of the Rockies. Both are privately owned. Dismals admission fee is \$8.00, and Natural Bridge admission fee is \$1.00. Let's meet at Jack's in Muscle Shoals (in front of K Mart) at 8:30 a.m. on November 4. (Dismals Canyon opens at 9:00 a.m.).



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October Field Trip

On a crisp October morning, seven birders led by Bill Rogers gathered to walk through green alleys sheltering rare (we can hope) migrant warblers. Two Phoebes and an Eastern Blue Bird were hunting around the settling pond near the parking area. Brown Thrashers abounded in the underbrush, "smacking" warnings of the intruders. Much to our delight, a distant Screech Owl answered our leader's owl call. At another point, a swarm of chickadees, kinglets and magnolia warblers materialized to overwhelm the supposed owl invader. The sight of three Red Tailed Hawks circling near the smoke stacks at the old plant was a fitting conclusion to a delightful morning of bird watching.

On the Calendar

December 7: Shangri-la. Floyd Sherrod and friends report on their trip to Yunnan Province of China and Tibet.

December 2 or 9 Field Trip to Wheeler Wildlife Refuge

December 16 Christmas Bird Count

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