Jackson Audubon
Bird Field Trip and Chapter Program Calendar
JUNE 2021 – FEBRUARY 2022

All Events are Open to the Public
& FREE
(Entrance fees are often charged by MDWFP WMAs & Parks)

WebSite: JacksonAudubonSociety.org
Phone: 601.832.2774 OR 601.832.6788

Check Website for Last Minute Cancellations Or Call Numbers Above

LeFleur’s Bluff State Park (LBSP) Family Bird Walks:
First Saturday of the month except January, July and August.

Four Chapter Meetings:
Feb, May, Aug, & Oct - 4th Tuesday of the month.

JULY 3, 2021
NO LBSP FIRST SATURDAY BIRD WALK (Too Hot)
NO FIELD TRIPS for July

AUGUST 7, 2021
NO LBSP FIRST SATURDAY BIRD WALK (Too Hot)
NO FIELD TRIPS for August

AUGUST 24, 2021 Tuesday
JAS QUARTERLY CHAPTER MEETING
4th Tuesday
Meet & Greet: 6:00pm
Business Meeting: 6:15pm
PROGRAM: NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS SHARE FAVORITE PICS:
SPEAKERS: Chris King, Doug Clarke, Wesley Shoop and Bill Stripling
LOCATION: Clinton Community Nature Center, 617 Dunton Road, Clinton, MS 39056.
(32.342380, -90.320741) Phone: 601 926-1104

SEPTEMBER 4, 2021
Saturday, 8am-10am
FIRST SATURDAY LEFLEUR’S BLUFF STATE PARK FAMILY BIRD WALK
Campground Entrance off Lakeland
Meet at Picnic area
LEADER: BB WATSON
$2.00 Park entrance fee per person

SEPTEMBER 11, 2021
Saturday, 9-11am
BOTANIZING IN LBSP. Walk with Joe McGee along the trails at LeFleur’s Bluff State Park exploring the plant communities and native plants unique to the park. Joe is a retired naturalist and educator at the Science Museum and knows everything about the park.

LOCATION: Campground Entrance off Lakeland
Meet at Picnic area
LEADER: JOE McGEE
$2.00 Park entrance fee per person

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
WOODSTORK/SPOONIE SUNDOWNER
Saturday: Special Sundowner Field Trip (This is one of our most popular field trips)
Roseate Spoonbills/Wood Storks/herons/egrets/Black-necked Stilts/Eagles/Neotropic Cormorants/White Ibis/dark ibis/shorebirds

LOCATION: ST. CATHERINE CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
Time: 4:00 til Sundown - about 7 to 7:30pm
Meet: Headquarters Office Parking Lot @4pm
21 Pintail Lane
Sibley, MS 39165 (20 miles south of Natchez, MS)
Refuge #: 601/442-6696
LEADERS: MARY & BILL STRIPLING (601 832 6788)
“Sundowner Field Trip” to St. Catherine Creek NWR. There are lots of birds at St. Cat this time of year. This is the time of year when there can be thousands of birds feeding in the shallow water impoundments around the swamp; then just before sunset birds from other parts of the refuge start coming to roost in the swamp. We are hoping that this huge birding event will continue, which will depend on the water levels in the 900 acres of shallow impoundments established for waterfowl, wading and shorebirds. Possible birds we will see:

- 100’s of Neotropic Cormorants. These are not the Double-crested that we usually see in abundance.
- 100’s Roseate Spoonbills
- 100’s Wood Storks (as many as 10,000 could be dispersed over the Refuge)
- Hundreds and hundreds of long-legged waders (Great Egrets, Snowy Egrets, White Ibis, dark ibis, Little Blues, a few night-herons, a few Tri-colored Herons, etc.)
- Bald Eagles

It will be hot but worth it! For some reason there seems to always be a breeze at St. Cats. Bring a hat, folding chair, water, snacks, picnic, umbrella (just in case). This will be a great show. Don’t miss it!! We look forward to seeing you.

DIRECTIONS to St. Catherine Creek NWR:
From Natchez, take US Highway 61 South for 10 miles, then turn right at Sibley, MS (at the Dollar General Store) onto York Road and go 2 miles. You will see the large brown St. Cat sign. Then turn left onto Pintail Lane. Meet at Headquarters office which is the first building on your left. We will then head to “The Swamp,” which is marked on the refuge map. We strongly recommend you do not rely on an electronic navigation device to find your way around the refuge. Also, there is very limited phone service after you leave the Headquarters. Visitor maps are available at the Kiosk at entrance of the refuge as well as the headquarters office. Be sure to grab a map.

OCTOBER 2, 2021
Saturday, 8am-10am
FIRST SATURDAY LEFLEUR’S BLUFF STATE PARK FAMILY BIRD WALK
Campground Entrance off Lakeland
Meet at Picnic area
LEADER: WES SHOOP
$2.00 Park entrance fee per person

OCTOBER 2-3 2021
SKY LAKE NATURE RESERVE (more details on DWB website)
Sponsored by Delta Wind Birds
LOCATION: North of Belzoni
LEADER: JASON HOEKSEMA, PRESIDENT, DELTA WIND BIRDS
Details: On the trip, Delta Wind Birds will lead excursions at the Sky Lake Boardwalk, the DWB Sky Lake Nature Reserve, and the nearby (private) Four Winds Refuge. Participants will have the opportunity to stay overnight at Four Winds, for an extra fee. Sign-up will be available soon on the DWB website.

OCTOBER 23, 2021
HOT SPOT BIRDING AROUND THE REZ TRIP
Time: 8-Noon
LEADER: BILLY MITCHELL
LOCATION: We will meet at Main Harbor Marina Parking lot and caravan/carpool by vehicle around the Barnet Reservoir stopping at the best birding locations around the Rez. There are some prime locations to spot birds during October. We will see how many Bald Eagles we can spot. Eleven Bald Eagles were seen on the Dec 2020 Christmas Bird Count.

OCTOBER 26, 2021 Tuesday
JAS QUARTERLY CHAPTER MEETING
4th Tuesday
Meet & Greet: 6:00pm
Business Meeting: 6:15pm
PROGRAM: PHOTOS FROM LBSP: A JEWEL IN THE HEART OF JACKSON
SPEAKER: WESLEY SHOOP
LOCATION: Clinton Community Nature Center, 617 Dunton Road, Clinton, MS 39056.
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NOVEMBER 6, 2021
Saturday, 8am-10am
FIRST SATURDAY LEFLEUR’S BLUFF STATE PARK FAMILY BIRD WALK
Campground Entrance off Lakeland
Meet at Picnic area
LEADER: WES SHOOP
$2.00 Park entrance fee per person

NOVEMBER 13, 2021
Saturday Bird Field Trip, 8am-11 or 12Noon
BIRDING THE LOUISIANA LEVEES at Vicksburg
LEADER: DAVE KING
MEET at Mississippi Welcome Center parking lot on east side of Mississippi River in Vicksburg. From Jackson travel west on I-20, take exit 1A toward Warrenton Rd, turn left onto I-20 Frontage Rd/Warrenton Rd/Washington St and then turn right into the parking lot of Welcome Center.

We will bird by vehicle/carpool across the MS River to the LA levees, borrow pits and ag fields looking for ducks, shorebirds, gallinule, osprey, hawks and other wintering birds as far as Mound, LA. This is Dave’s Christmas Bird Count route so he knows where the birds hang out. Dave located a Vermillion Flycatcher a few years back at Mound, Louisiana so you never what he will find.

**DECEMBER 4, 2021**
Saturday, 8am-10am
**FIRST SATURDAY LEFLEUR’S BLUFF STATE PARK FAMILY BIRD WALK**
Campground Entrance off Lakeland
Meet at Picnic area
**LEADER: CHRIS KING**
$2.00 Park entrance fee per person

**DECEMBER CBCs TBA** Jackson and Vicksburg
Compiler: Mary Stripling

**JANUARY 1, 2022 New Years Day**
NO LBSP FIRST SATURDAY BIRD WALK

**FEBRUARY 5, 2022**
Saturday, 8am-10am
**FIRST SATURDAY LEFLEUR’S BLUFF STATE PARK FAMILY BIRD WALK**
Campground Entrance off Lakeland
Meet at Picnic area
**LEADER: DAVE KING**
$2.00 Park entrance fee per person

**FEBRUARY 22, 2022 Tuesday**
**JAS QUARTERLY CHAPTER MEETING**
4th Tuesday
Meet & Greet: 6:00pm
Business Meeting: 6:15pm
**PROGRAM: BIRD LANGUAGE**
**SPEAKER: CHRIS KING, PAST PRESIDENT, JAS**
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