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# **Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission records MS.000763**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission records
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1959-2016
<b>Extent</b>	21.25 Cubic feet 17 boxes
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.

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## Historical Note

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The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission (ANHC) was established in 1973. It is currently an agency of the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism. It is charged with the responsibilities of 1) establishing and protecting the Arkansas System of Natural Areas; 2) collecting and maintaining information on the rare plant, animal, and high-quality natural communities of Arkansas; and 3) providing data and information regarding the natural diversity of Arkansas.

Its creation was a result of legislation in Acts 297 of 1971 and 112 of 1973. Act 297 charged the Arkansas Planning Commission with establishing a system for preservation of natural areas and providing an inventory and protection of these areas. The Arkansas Natural Area Plan was developed by the commission to achieve this, but at the time, it lacked funding to complete the plan. In 1973, Act 112 established the Arkansas Environmental Preservation Commission to implement the Arkansas Natural Area Plan. The agency was renamed the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission in 1975 when it became an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage (DAH). The Arkansas General Assembly also transferred the duties of the Arkansas Natural and Scenic Rivers Commission (ANSRC) to the ANHC, after the dissolution of the ANSRC by Act 1023.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains various records from the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission including annual reports, publications, audio of commission meetings, posters, and other material.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Arkansas State Archives 11/12/2020

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research use. The "Visiting Roth Prairie" video is available in digital format only.

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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### **Related Materials**

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#### **Separated Materials**

3 hats, 7 visors, 6 patches, and 1 table runner transferred to the museum collection.

Arkansas Biological Diversity

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**Collection Inventory**

<b>Arkansas Biological Diversity</b>	<b>Box</b> 1-3
<b>Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey Books</b>	<b>Box</b> 4-5
<b>Annual Reports</b>	<b>Box</b> 6-8
1973 (3)	
1975 (1)	
1976 (1)	
1977 (3)	
1978 (2)	
1979 (1)	
1980 (4)	
1981 (1)	
1982 (2)	
1983 (4)	

## Annual Reports

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1984 (4)

1985 (1)

1986 (2)

2001 (3)

2002 (1)

2003 (2)

2004 (3)

2005 (3)

2006 (3)

2007 (3)

2008 (2)

2009 (3)

2011 (2)

2010 (3)



**Executive Summary**

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2012 (3)

2013 (3)

2014 (3)

2015 (2)

**Executive Summary****Box**  
7

2007 (1)

2008 (3)

2009 (1)

2010 (2)

2011 (1)

**Governor's volunteer excellence certificate, 1987 September 11****Box**  
8**Publications****Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission Publications**

The Grand Prairie of Arkansas: Past, Present, Future, 2003 (4)

**Commission Correspondence**

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The Grand Prairie of Arkansas: Past, Present, Future, 2013 (2)

Green Guide, 2015

Progress in the Preservation of Delta Wetlands (2)

Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, Audit Report, Department of Arkansas Heritage/Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, 1989 June 30

Arkansas: The Natural State, 1990

My Healthy Woods

Arkansas and the Land

The Diana Fritillary, Arkansas's State Butterfly

**Commission Correspondence**

1973-1989 (18)

**Promotional items**

**Box**

Business cards, pre-2014

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Warren Prairie Natural area dedication, 2010 May 3

Abstracts of title

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Abstracts of title	Box 10
Arkansas Oak	
Big Creek	
Big Fork Creek	
Chalk Bluff	
Cherokee Prairie	
Devil's Knob/Devil's Backbone	
Cove Creek	
H.E. Flanagan Prairie	
Hell Creek	
Iron Mountain	
Kings River	
Roth Prairie	
Smoke Hole	

## Audiovisual Material

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Sweden Creek Falls

Wittsburg

**Audiovisual Material**

**Posters/Artwork**

**Box**

Wild Hyacinth print from Baker Prairie print series by Kate Nessler

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Ivory Billed Woodpecker

We love telling the story, Department of Arkansas Heritage Booklet, 2012 March 11

Dedication of the Cossatot River State Park/Natural area, 1991 May 15

**Box**

United States Department of the Interior/Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
certificate, National Trails System, 1981 June 8

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Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission protects and manages the system of natural areas with map

Middle Fork Barrens, Pelton's rose-gentian

Lorance Creek natural area

## Posters/Artwork

Red-cockaded woodpecker from Pine City natural area

Arkansas tarantula survey results, 2004

Twenty first century Explorers, post 2001

Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission Little River County, white cliffs and Palmetto Flats natural area with map

**Box**

Wildflowers of Baker Prairie by Kate Nessler, circa 1994

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The four seasons of Arkansas

Dial into nature-cell guide, 2010

What is a mushroom?

Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission your nature connection large, main display, 2010

Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission your nature connection smaller, side display, 2010

Arkansas's natural divisions, 2014

Arkansas box turtle survey, 2007

Map of system of natural areas and natural divisions

## Cassette Tapes of Commission Meetings

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Map of system of natural areas and natural divisions, 2009

Protecting some of the best of the last with old forestry map and photos from natural areas, 2015

Visit the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission's website/Facebook page, 2010

Arkansas heritage week poster, 1995

### Cassette Tapes of Commission Meetings

**Box**  
14

02/14/97 (2)

12/18/96 (1)

12/13/96 (1)

10/11/96 (1)

06/14/96 (1)

10/13/95 (1)

04/07/95 (2)

12/09/94 (2)

10/12/94 (1)

**General Cassette Tapes**

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06/10/94 (1)

12/10/93 (1) (Part 2)

10/08/93 (1)

06/11/93 (1)

03/07/94 (1)

**General Cassette Tapes**

**Box**

14

The Natural World

Arkansas Natural Heritage Song by James Greeson (3)

Non-game checkoff - loan tape (2)

Non-game slideshow (1)

Arkansas Natural Area Plan Copy B (1)

Arkansas Natural Area Plan Copy 2 (1)

Arkansas Natural Area Plan (1)

Arkansas Natural Area Plan Copy 4 (1)

## Film

<b>Film</b>	<b>Box</b>
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14

Reel-to-reel not labeled (envelope says AJ Payne Co.)

Arkansas Natural World film and cassette tape set (1)

Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission Audio Visual show "Natural World" mylar 5" reel (1)

Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission Audio Visual show "Natural World" Master 7.5 ips

Department of Natural and Cultural Heritage, 02-21-77, Promo. 1.5" (2)

<b>Negatives</b>	<b>Box</b>
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14

Arkansas Natural Area Plan, 1974 (1)

Arkansas Natural Area Plan, 1974, damaged, small tear (1)

Arkansas Natural Area Plan, 1974, scratched, film leader gone (1)

Robert Melhorn's negatives from DCC opening, 10-31-91 (1)

<b>Slides</b>	<b>Box</b>
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Arkansas Natural Area Plan Slides, 1974, originals 1-55

Arkansas Natural Area Plan Slides, 1974, originals 56-110



## Posters/Artwork

Arkansas Natural Area Plan Slides, 1974, originals 111-160

**Posters/Artwork**

**Box**  
15

Arkansas Heritage Week, Baker Prairie Prints, 1995 (2)

Arkansas Heritage Week, Carousel Horse, 1989 (1)

Arkansas Heritage Week, Cossatot State Park-Natural Area, 1988 (1)

Arkansas Heritage Month, Louisiana Purchase, 2003 (1)

Arkansas Heritage Month, Only in Arkansas, 2009 (1)

Arkansas Heritage Week, Delta Cultural Center, 1991 (1)

Arkansas Heritage Week, Delta Cultural Center, signed by Mark Morgan, 1991 (1)

Arkansas Heritage Week, Southern Magnolia flower, 1985 (1)

Arkansas Heritage Week, quilt pattern, 1993 (1)

Arkansas Heritage Week, Poor Richard's, 1992 (1)

**Foam Core**

**Box**  
15

Old ANHC woodpecker logo and arrow (1)

**Negatives/Camera-Ready Art**

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Arkansas Heritage Week, Baker Prairie Prints, 1995 (2)

Arkansas Heritage Month, Road to Rising Star art, 1999 (1)

Box turtle info, 2007

**Negatives/Camera-Ready Art****Box**

15

Do Something Wild Nongame Preservation Committee, folder with logo/original art for Arkansas Natural Area, (5)

Arkansas Natural Area, certificate of appreciation camera-ready art/negatives (4)

Annual Report, camera-ready art for cover, 1985 (1)

Annual Report, artwork and small ANHC logo negatives for Annual Report, manila envelope, 1981? (1)

Camera-ready color ANHC old woodpecker logo on small foam core (2)

ASCS USDA aerial photo of Singer Forest, 11/18/67 (25)

Natural Divisions camera-ready artwork and pages, legal manila folder, 1983 and 1979 (1)

Natural Divisions color-coded camera-ready artwork, legal manila folder (1)

Arkansas Forestry Commission maps (looks almost like a blueprint), Ranger District 21-8, marks ranger districts (1)

## Foam Core Posters

Very large envelope of camera ready art, unknown ANHC publication (possibly an Annual Report) (1)

Negatives for small notepads (manila envelope) (1)

**Foam Core Posters**

**Box**

Acquisitions - map of possible land acquisitions, 06/02/05 (1)

16

Caring for the Land - Stewardship (1)

Map of System of Natural Areas (70), 2011

Key Focus Areas (66 Natural Areas), 2010

Cove Creek Natural Area

Warren Prairie Natural Area

Lorance Creek Natural Area

Iron Mountain Natural Area

**Box**

Babe Flanagan, father of Betty Bumpers, namesake of Flanagan Prairie Natural Area (1)

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Adcock Farm Heber Springs, switchgrass plot, 03/17/59 (1)

**Posters/Maps/Artwork**

Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission sign with hangers (1)

An agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage (DAH) with old DAH logo (1)

**Posters/Maps/Artwork**

John James Audubon, Ivory-billed Woodpecker print (5)

Devil's Eyebrow Natural Area with QR code, 71 Natural Areas map, 2013 (1)

**Oversize**

Ouachita National Forest, Arkansas Division, Arkansas, Fifth Principal Meridian

1

State of Arkansas, U.S. Department of Interior, Geological Survey

2

The Native Prairies of the Arkansas Valley and the Need to Conserve Them on Private Lands

3

Salvaging Part of the Grand Prairie

4

Watercolor painting of town

5

**Digital Material**

asa\_ms000763\_av001: Visiting Roth Prairie narrated by Bill Shepard (Digital) 22 minutes. Video explores flora and fauna of Roth Prairie and discusses controlled burns of the prairie.