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### RECYCLED PAPER

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### FALL MEETING

Max Thompson, professor of biology at Southwestern College, will be the guest speaker at the banquet Saturday evening, September 21, 1991, for the fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society. Birding Australia is the title of his presentation. After traveling 12,000 miles in the land "down under", he has many interesting stories to tell, the highlight being the discovery of the night parrot, a species thought to be extinct since 1912!

Among presentations for the paper sessions are:

Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas - John Zimmerman and Bill Busby

Is the Recovery of the Eskimo Curlew Possible? - Craig Faanes (USFW Service)

Watchable Wildlife At Fort Leavenworth and the Possible Creation of New Wetland -  
Matt Nowak, forester

Breeding Potential of the Yellow-throated Warbler at Fort Leavenworth - John Schukman  
and Ted Mouras

Please join us in Leavenworth at St. Mary College on September 20-22, 1991. The preregistration form for this meeting is included elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope to see you there!

### VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

President David Seibel has requested volunteers for KOS positions for which vacancies need to be filled. These positions are for Bulletin Editor and Chairman of the Conservation Committee. If you would be willing to serve in either of these capacities, please contact Dave. His address and telephone number are included in the membership directory.

ATTENDANCE AT KOS SPRING MEETING, PITTSBURG & CHEROKEE CO., MAY 4-5, 1991

Edwin J. Miller, Independence; Marvin Schwilling, Jerry Horak, Emporia; Duane Anderson, Winfield; Don and Fran Vannoy, Wichita; Rose and Dave Fritz, Gregg Friesen, Kemper Straley, Newton; Allen Jahn, McPherson; JoAnne and Joey Grossman, Debbie and Ben Jongenelen, Olathe; Dave and Linda Bryan, Overland Park; Lori Swander, Leawood; John Schukman, Jonathan Jaffin, Leavenworth; David Seibel, Galen Pittman, Richard Rucker, Lawrence; Joanne Brier, Topeka; Jim Mayhew, Dan Mulhern, Manhattan; Chuck and Jaye Otte, Junction City; Mike Rader, Wilson; Scott and Diane Seltman, Nekoma; Tom and Sara Shane, Garden City, Jeff Cox, Tulsa, OK; Total attendance: 34.

BOB LASHELLE

We are saddened to report the death of Bob LaShelle, 77, of Junction City on May 30, 1991. Bob was a long time member of KOS, serving on the Board of Directors (1978-1980) and as chairman of the Publicity Committee for several years. Bob was compiler of the Junction City Christmas Count for many years. We will all miss him.

KOS T-SHIRTS AND HATS

If you would like to have a t-shirt or hat with the KOS logo, you may order them from Pete Janzen at 3137 Mascot, Wichita, Kansas 67204. The shirts are navy blue with a white design and cost \$8.00 each. Please specify size (S, M, L, XL). The hats are black and white painter caps and cost \$3.00 each. Please add \$1.50 for postage.

CHECKLIST AVAILABLE

A checklist of the vertebrate animals of Kansas now known to occur (or to have once occurred) in Kansas has been compiled by George D. Potts and Joseph T. Collins. This checklist includes 746 kinds of birds, reptiles, mammals, amphibians and fishes found in our state. Non-native species are noted. The booklet (ISBN 0-89338-038-5) costs \$2.50, plus \$1.50 postage and handling for the first copy and \$.50 for each additional copy. Sales tax of 5.25% must be added for Kansas delivery.

Send orders to Publications, Museum of Natural History, 602 Dyche Hall, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66045-2454. Orders from individuals must be accompanied by payment. MasterCard or VISA orders may be placed by telephone (913-864-4540) or FAX (913-864-5335).



# KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY CHECK LIST BIRDS OF KANSAS

Date May 4-5, 1991 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Locality KOS Spring Meeting  
Sky \_\_\_\_\_ Wind \_\_\_\_\_ Temp \_\_\_\_\_ Ground \_\_\_\_\_  
Observers \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Species 137 Total Individuals \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Less than five records

No.	No.	No.
LOONS, GREBES	SWAN	Com Merganser
Red-throat Loon	Tundra	Red-br. Merganser
Pacific Loon	Trumpeter	Ruddy
Common Loon	GEESE	VULTURES
Pied-billed Grebe	Great Wh-front	Black
Horned Grebe	Snow	Turkey
Red-neck Grebe	Blue	KITES
Eared Grebe	Ross	Am Swallow-tailed
Western Grebe	Brant	Blk-shouldered
Clark's Grebe	Black	Mississippi
PELICAN, White	Canada	HAWKS, EAGLES
Brown	DUCKS	Osprey
CORMORANTS, ANHINGA	Wood	Bald Eagle
Double-crested	Green-wing Teal	Northern Harrier
Olivaceous	American Black	Sharp-shinned
Anhinga	Mottled	Cospar's
FRIGATEBIRD	Mallard	Northern Goshawk
Magnificent	Northern Pintail	Herm
HERONS	Garganey	Red-shouldered
American Bittern	Blue-winged Teal	Broad-winged
Least Bittern	Cinnamon Teal	Savannah
Great Blue	Northern Shoveler	Red-tailed
Great Egret	Gadwall	Feruginous
Snowy Egret	Eurasian Widgeon	Rough-legged
Little Blue	American Widgeon	Golden Eagle
Tricolored	Canvasback	FALCONS
California Egret	Redhead	American Kestrel
Green-backed	Ring-necked	Martin
Black-and-Night	Greater Scaup	Peregrine
Yellow-and-Night	Lesser Scaup	Gyr Falcon
IBIS	Common Elder	Prarie
White	King Elder	PHEASANTS
White-faced	Oldsquaw	Ring-necked
Roseate Spoonbill	Black Scoter	Western
Wood Stork	Surf Scoter	Least
FLAMINGO	White-wg. Scaup	White-rumped
Greater	Com Goldeneye	Baird's
WHISTLING-DUCKS	Barrow's Gidneys	Pectoral
Fulvous	Hooded Merganser	Dunlin
Black-bellied		Curlew
		Suit

No.	No.	No.
TURKEY	Buff-breasted	Great Horned
Wild	Ruff	Snowy
QUAIL	Short-billed	Burrowing
Northern Bobwhite	Dowitcher	Barred
Scaled	Long-billed	Long-eared
RAILS	Dowitcher	Short-eared
Yellow	Common Snipe	Northern Saw-whet
Black	Amer Woodcock	GOATSUCKERS
King	PHALAROPES	Com Nighthawk
Virginia	Wilson's	Common Poor-will
Sora	Red-necked	Chuck-will's-widow
GALLINULES	Red	Whip-poor-will
Purple	JAEGERS	SWIFTS
Common Moorhen	Pomarine	Chimney
American Coot	Parasitic	White-throated
CRANES	Long-tailed	HUMMINGBIRDS
Sandhill	GULLS	Magnificent
Whooping	Laughing	Ruby-throated
PLOVERS	Franklin's	Black-chinned
Black-bellied	Little	Calliope
Lesser Golden	Com Blk-head	Broad-tailed
Snowy	Bonaparte's	Rufous
Semipalmated	Ring-billed	KINGFISHER
Piping	California	Belted
Kildeer	Herring	WOODPECKERS
Mountain	Thayer's	Lewis
STILT	Glaucous	Red-headed
Black-necked	Gk Blk-backed	Red-bellied
AVOCEET	Bl-leg Killdeake	Yel-bellied
American	Sabine's	Sapsucker
SANOPIPERS	TERNS	Red-naped
Greater Yellowlegs	Caspar	Sapsucker
Lesser Yellowlegs	Common	Williamson's
Spot Redstart	Forster's	Sapsucker
Solitary	Least	Ladder-backed
Willet	Black	Owmy
Spotted	SKIMMER	Hairy
Upland	Black	Northern Flicker
Eskimo Curlew	PIGEONS	Yellow-shafted
Whimbrel	Rock Dove	Red-shafted
Long-billed Curlew	Band-tailed	Pheasant
Hudsonian Godwit	DOVES	FLYCATCHERS
Marbled Godwit	White-winged	Olive-sided
Ruddy Turnstone	Mourning	W Wood-Pewee
Red Knot	Inca	E Wood-Pewee
Sanderling	Common Ground	Yellow-bellied
Semipalmated	CUCKOOS	Acadian
Western	Black-billed	Alder
Least	Yellow-billed	Willow
White-rumped	Gr Roadrunner	Least
Baird's	Groove-billed Ani	Hammond's
Pectoral	OWLS	Dusky
Dunlin	Barn	Gray
Curlew	Eastern Screech	Cordilleran
Suit	Western Screech	Black Phoebe

No.	No.	No.
Eastern Phoebe	THRUSHES	Herm
Say's Phoebe	Eastern Bluebird	Black-throated
Vermillion	Mountain Bluebird	Green
Ash-throated	Townsend's Solitaire	Blackburnian
Great-Crested	Veery	Yellow-throated
Cassin's Kingbird	Gray-cheeked	Pine
Western Kingbird	Swanson's	Prarie
Eastern Kingbird	Herm	Palm
Scissor-tailed	Wood	Bay-breasted
LARKS	American Robin	Black-throated
Horned	Varied	Sage
SWALLOW	THRASHERS	Lark Bunting
Purple Martin	Gray Catbird	Savannah
Tree	Mockingbird	Baird's
Violet-green	Sage	Grasshopper
N Rough-winged	Brown	Henslow's
Bank	Curve-billed	La Conks
Clit	PIRITS	Sharp-tailed
Barn	American	Fot
JAY, MAGPIE, CROW	Sprague's	Song
Stellar's Jay	WAXWINGS	Lincoln's
Blue Jay	Bohemian	Swamp
Scrub Jay	Cedar	White-throated
Gray-breast Jay	SHRIKES	Golden-crowned
Pilon Jay	Northern	
Clark's Nutcracker	Loggerhead	
Black-billed Magpie	STARLING, European	
American Crow	VIREOS	
Chihuahuan Raven	White-eyed	
CHICKADEES, TITMOUSE	Belt's	
Black-capped	Black-capped	
Caroline	Solitary	
Mountain	Yellow-throated	
Tufted Titmouse	Warbling	
BUSHTIT	Philadelphia	
NUTHATCHES	Red-eyed	
Red-breasted	WARBLERS	
White-breasted	Blue-winged	
Pygmy	Golden-winged	
CREEPER, Brown	Tennessee	
WRENS	Orange-crowned	
Rock	Nashville	
Carolina	Virginia's	
Bewick's	Northern Parula	
House	Yellow	
Winter	Chestnut-sided	
Sedge	Magnolia	
Marsh	Cape May	
KINGLETS	Black-throated Blue	
Golden-crowned	Yellow-rumped	
Ruby-crowned	Myrtle	
GNATCATCHER	Audubon's	
Blue-crow	Black-throat. Gray	
	Townsend's	

No.	No.	No.
Rufous-crowned	White-crowned	Brown-headed
American Tree	Hair's	Cowbird
Chipping	Dark-eyed Junco	Orchard Oriole
Clay-colored	White-winged	Northern Oriole
Brewer's	Slate-colored	Baltimore
Field	Oregon	Bullock's
Vesper	Gray-headed	Scott's Oriole
Lark	McCown's Longspur	FINCHES
Black-throated	Lapland Longspur	Pine Grosbeak
Sage	Smith's Longspur	Purple
Lark Bunting	Chestnut-collared	Cassin's
Savannah	Longspur	House
Baird's	Snow Bunting	Red Crossbill
Grasshopper	BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES	White-winged
Henslow's	Bobolink	Crowbill
La Conks	Red-winged	Common Redpoll
Sharp-tailed	E Meadowlark	Pine Siskin
Fot	W Meadowlark	Lesser Goldfinch
Song	Yellow-headed	Am Goldfinch
Lincoln's	Rusky	Evening Grosbeak
Swamp	Brewer's	WEAVER FINCH
White-throated	Great-fall Grackle	House Sparrow
Golden-crowned	Common Grackle	

MINUTES OF KOS SPRING BOARD MEETING  
MAY 4, 1991

Members Present: David Seibel, David Bryan, Rose Fritz, Diane Seltman, Galen Pittman, JoAnne Brier, John Schukman, Tom Shane.

The meeting was called to order by President David Seibel at 10:00 pm at Pichler's Chicken Annie Restaurant in Pittsburg, Kansas.

A motion was made by JoAnne Brier to accept the minutes of the KOS Winter Board Meeting. Seconded by Tom Shane. The motion passed.

Brief reports were given by Treasurer Rose Fritz, and Diane Seltman, Memb. Sec.

Business Manager Galen Pittman asked the board what he should do with requests for new exchanges. After a brief discussion, Tom Shane moved that KOS accept new exchanges for the K.U. Library and if the document could not be used by the University, it could be forwarded to another Kansas institution for use by its library. Seconded by Galen Pittman, the motion passed.

Reports followed from various committees. The Kansas Records Committee met at its April meeting at the home of Max Thompson, Chairperson. The minutes of this meeting will be published in an upcoming issue of The Horned Lark.

Chris Hobbs, Chairperson of the Publicity Committee, arranged for the Spring KOS meeting to be reported in the Pittsburg newspaper. David Bryan was interviewed for The Morning Sun, Sunday, May 5 edition.

David Seibel reported that Pete Janzen had asked to be relieved as Chairperson of the Conservation Committee.

David Seibel reported from the Dingus Natural Area Committee that some minor repairs such as fencing and signs need to be completed.

Galen Pittman reported that he had still not received the mailing list of those persons who responded to the Winter Bird Feeder Survey.

David Seibel reported that the Breeding Bird Atlas Project may be funded in the State Legislature under the Science Advisory Committee. He stated that \$10,000 in funds could be awarded by the June 5th decision of this committee. Funding for Cheyenne Bottoms is also pending in the State Legislature in conjunction with the Kansas Wetlands Coalition.

John Schukman reported that plans are proceeding to hold the KOS 1991 Fall Meeting in Leavenworth. Max Thompson has been asked to present the program on the birds of Australia.

Rose Fritz reported that there is presently \$13,447 in the principal account for Life Memberships. She will confer with Diane Seltman to confirm that this amount agrees with the number of Life Members currently on record.

Rose also raised the issue of budgetary concerns. There is some shortfall in the amount of available funds to cover current expenses. She voiced her concern that expenses be held down. It was also suggested that perhaps a raise in dues would help meet the operating expenses of KOS. Some discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Submitted by Diane Seltman,  
KOS Membership Secretary;  
In the absence of Dwight Platt,  
KOS Corresponding Secretary.















