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WELCOME TO MORE NEW KOS MEMBERS! THE FOLLOWING HAVE JOINED SINCE THE SPRING MEETING

Larry Armstrong, Wichita; Deborah Beutler, Manhattan; Joan Breit, Newton; Brent Brock, Manhattan; Robert & Lea Ann Brown, Denver, CO; Dan Buford, Salina; Mick & Cathy Clausen, Wichita; Pat Diener, St. Louis, MO; Jane Edson, Wichita; Esther Eicher, Brewster; Robert Evans, Boulder, CO; Fred & Elizabeth Griner, Colwich; Don Haley, Manhattan; Larry & Laurie Hesed, Pawnee Rock; Barbara Higdon, Lawrence; Joan Jefferson, Freeman, MO; Ralph & Erma Manning, Leavenworth; Paul McKenzie, Columbia, MO; Alan Neufeld, Moundridge; Jim Oakland, Bainbridge, WA; Bill, Inez & John Prather, Longmont, CO; Richard Prum, Lawrence; Amy Rogers, Wichita; Joe Roller, Denver; Bob Rose, Wichita; Cindy Smith, Stilwell; Doug Storer, Manhattan; James Storer, Moundridge; Marilyn Tilghman, Manhattan; David & Elaine Tompkins, Wichita; Linda Vidal, Aspen, CO; Adam Wagoner, McPherson; Joe Weaver, Merriam.

KOS T-SHIRTS AND CAPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

KOS T-Shirts are \$8.00 each:

Navy w/white logo: 1-small; 4-medium.

White w/red ribbing: 4-small; 6-medium; 3-large; 2-x-large.

White w/blue ribbing: 2-medium; 1-large.

KOS Caps are \$3.00 each: White w/navy logo; 3 left.

If you are interested in any of the items above, contact *Jan Boyd, Baker University, Baldwin, KS 66006*. Make checks payable to KOS.

60 IN ATTENDANCE AT KOS FALL MEETING IN LEAVENWORTH, KS. SEPT. 20-22, 1991

Gordon & Martha Barnhardt; Deborah Beutler; Roger, Jan & Jon Boyd; Joanne Brier; Dave & Linda Bryan; Bill Busby; Ted Cable; Calvin Cink; Kimberly Coolidge; Steve Crawford; Craig Faanes; Ruth Fahl; Elmer Finck; Bob Fisher; Greg Friesen; Rose Fritz; Dan Gish; Bob Gress; Jerry Horak; Virginia Holman; Allen Jahn; Kathryn Kelley; George Knight; Gil & Marie Leisman; Mike Lesan; Sister Jean Wm. Lockett; Alan Maccarone; Mick McHugh; Dwight Moore; Brian Obermeyer; Chuck & Jaye Otte; Galen Pittman; Dwight Platt; Richard Prum; Mike Rader; Karyn Baker Riney; Dave Rintoul; John, Linda, Beth Anne & Abbey Schukman; Jean Schulenberg; Marvin Schwilling; Ruth Scott; David Seibel; Diane & Scott Seltman; Jack Smith; Doug & James Storer; Max Thompson; Don Vannoy; Kay Wahl; Douglas White; John Zimmerman.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Fellow Members:

It's been a terrific year for KOS. Last year I described several of the exciting possibilities that were taking shape within the society. In this, my third and final term as president, I am pleased to report that most of those possibilities are now realities, thanks to all of you who have given so generously of your time and talents. As you will see in more detail in the minutes of the annual meeting and the board meeting, we've accomplished a lot and, despite a flagging economy all around us, have continued to grow both in membership and in financial solidity.

Attendance at this year's meeting in Leavenworth was good, and those present were as enthusiastic a group as I've seen. As always, Vice President Dave Bryan and the local committee (this year, John and Linda Schukman and Linda Bryan) put together an excellent program of presentations and activities for a thoroughly enjoyable, informative, and stimulating weekend. My personal thanks also to all the speakers, field trip leaders, and the hosting staff at St. Mary's College, with special thanks to Membership Secretary Diane Seltman for another of her ever-popular quizzes and to Karyn Baker Riney of the Birdwatcher's Store in Lawrence for her display of books and related items, with generous discounts and prizes for members.

Committee activity within KOS is increasing steadily. We still need volunteers for almost every committee, and I urge each of you who hasn't already done so to contact the chair of the committee that interests you most (see the list in the minutes of the annual meeting) to offer whatever help you have time to give. The membership, education, and conservation committees, in particular, will be needing your help soon.

One of our special activities I should mention here is the forthcoming Breeding Bird Atlas project. John Zimmerman will be leaving his post as *Bulletin* editor to head the atlas project. To be successful, this exciting and ambitious undertaking will require a great deal of participation by KOS members. It will be discussed in detail in the *Horned Lark* and special announcements in the coming months.

I also want to renew my request for help from every member to continue recruiting additional members. You can get all the membership brochures you need from Business Manager Galen Pittman; hand them out freely and make them available to groups with similar interests.

The keys to success in most of our goals are communication and cooperation, not only within our club but also among other groups. For this reason I have encouraged joint meetings with ornithological societies in neighboring states, and invitations are being extended. Some exciting prospects for expanding our ornithological horizons in this way should materialize in the near future.

My two remaining proposals for the coming year aim to increase activity at the local level. First, under the enthusiastic leadership of Mike Rader, the KOS local field trip program should see a rebirth during the months ahead. Local field trips have been attempted previously and are an excellent way to increase "grass-roots" participation, but past attempts have been hampered by limited communication and scattered membership. With our growing membership and improved communication vehicles (including the Birding Hotline), we have some promising new ideas that may overcome these obstacles.

Finally, I hope to implement a program, coordinated by the Membership Committee, of local phone networks to welcome new members, invite members to meetings and field trips, set up local trips, etc. This will likely be an area in which we need many volunteers.

As I write this letter on this Thanksgiving Day, it seems fitting to close with a note of thanks. I am indeed thankful for all the wonderful members and volunteers who have made possible the continuing growth and vitality of KOS. It is not easy for most of us to squeeze in extra time for volunteer work, and I want you all to know how much I appreciate your help. I especially want to thank the officers, both continuing and outgoing, who have served KOS so well, and to welcome the new ones to their posts. You've all made my job much easier and more enjoyable; keep up the good work!

--Good Birding, David E. Seibel, President

1992 DUES RENEWAL CARDS ARE IN THE MAIL

For those of you who have not already renewed your membership for 1992, a renewal card is on its way to you. Simply check the desired membership category, fill in your name, address and telephone number and mail to Rose Fritz, Treasurer, in the envelope provided. Make checks payable to KOS. Thank you for your continued support!

--Diane Seltman, Membership Secretary

COSTA RICA BIRDING TRIP

Roger and Jan Boyd are again leading a birding trip to Costa Rica in 1992. The dates are June 1 to June 16. The trip will visit six national parks. Among the sights expected are over 250 bird species, many butterflies and other insects, monkeys and flowers. Estimated cost is \$1,300 plus air fare. For further details, including registration deadline, call *Roger or Jan at 913-594-3172* or write to them at *520 Third St., Baldwin City, KS 66006*.

AMERICAN BIRDING ASSOCIATION

The American Birding Association (ABA) is an organization devoted solely to birding. It publishes a bimonthly informative magazine and monthly newsletter with the latest happenings in the world of birding. It also sells bird books, tapes, optical equipment and accessories with discounts to members. Membership in ABA is \$30 per year for an individual or \$37 per year for a family. You may write to *ABA Membership at P.O. Box 6599, Colorado Springs, CO 80934* or to *Don Vannoy, 2458 Coolidge, Wichita, KS 67204* or telephone him at *316/838-4062* for a brochure with a membership application. If you would be willing to display membership brochures at your local meetings, please contact Don.

FERRUGINOUS HAWK

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service received a petition on June 1, 1991, in which it was asked to consider listing the ferruginous hawk (*Buteo regalis*) as a threatened species under the authority of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). A subsequent review of the petition resulted in the preparation of a "may be warranted" finding which should soon be published in the Federal Register. Under the ESA, a "may be warranted" finding requires the Service to determine, within one year, whether or not enough information exists to list the species.

Craig Faanes was assigned the task of preparing the 12-month finding on the ferruginous hawk petition. In order to accomplish this objective, he would very much appreciate your help.

Specifically, he would appreciate any data (published or unpublished) which you may possess that could be used in making the necessary determination. Primarily he is looking for any long-term data that may indicate a positive or negative trend in ferruginous hawk populations in the various states and provinces within its range. Also any data you may have relating to long-term trends in the status of the species preferred nesting habitat (native prairie or shrub-steppe grasslands) would be most valuable.

It at all possible he would appreciate receiving the requested information by January 15, 1992. Please contact him at *Fish and Wildlife Service, Fish and Wildlife Enhancement, Nebraska/Kansas Field Office, 203 West Second Street, Grand Island, NE 68801* or call *308-381-5571*.

KANSAS BREEDING BIRD ATLAS: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Beginning in 1992, the Kansas Ornithological Society, Kansas State University, Kansas Biological Survey, and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will initiate a 5-year effort to identify the occurrence of breeding in approximately 700 separate 25 sq. kilometer survey areas throughout the state of Kansas. This effort will require the help of many members of the Kansas Ornithological Society who would be willing to contribute time and energy toward the documentation of the breeding avifauna. The outcome would be a publication that will map the occurrence of breeding of all species over a probability range from "possible" to the actual observation of nesting (or the immediate results of nesting, like dependent fledglings). This document would be a natural companion of "Birds in Kansas" by Thompson and Ely. Furthermore, these data could be compared to subsequent efforts to illustrate changes in our avifauna in the years to come, both as a result of habitat modification and global climatic change.

Perhaps it is needless to say, but this project will not happen without your help. No commitment or obligation is necessary at this time, but if you are simply interested or think that you might want to participate and would want to be on a mailing list that would provide you with later information as to where these survey blocks would be located and how these data would be collected, please send your name to KBAT, John L. Zimmerman, Div. Biology-Ackert Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-4901.

WINTER BIRD FEEDER SURVEY

The fourth annual Kansas Winter Bird Feeder Survey, which was conducted 10-13 January 1991, and sponsored by the Kansas Ornithological Society and Kansas Wildlife and Parks was a very successful and worthwhile project. Participants observed their bird feeders for two consecutive days and recorded the highest number they saw at one time of each species.

- 1,118 surveys were received from 87 counties.
- Johnson County submitted the most surveys, with 181.
- The most used seed by participants was mixed seed.
- 152,701 total birds were observed (excluding "other" birds).
- Refer to Table 1 for a list of the top ten birds

Table 1. The top ten species seen on the Kansas Winter Bird Feeder Survey, conducted 10-13 January 1991.

Species	Day 1	Day 2	Total
1. House (English) Sparrow	14,969	14,895	29,864
2. Dark-eyed Junco (all races)	8,953	8,551	17,504
3. Goldfinch, American	7,898	7,978	15,876
4. Cardinal, Northern	7,100	6,938	14,038
5. Starling, European	6,748	6,631	13,379
6. Tree Sparrow, American	3,787	3,937	7,724
7. Blue Jay	3,408	3,530	6,938
8. Black-capped Chickadee	3,258	3,214	6,472
9. Harris' Sparrow	3,045	3,110	6,155
10. House Finch	2,683	2,679	5,362

--Dena K. Podrebarac, Graduate Student, Emporia State University



KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING 1991

St. Mary College
 Leavenworth, Kansas
 September 20 - 22, 1991

The forty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society met in Mabee Auditorium on the campus of St. Mary College in Leavenworth, Kansas. John Schukman was chair of the local arrangements committee.

Friday, September 20.

An evening reception was held at the John and Linda Schukman residence.

Saturday, September 21. Morning Session.

The meeting was opened at 9:05 a.m. with a welcome from Sister Jean William Lockett on behalf of St. Mary College and the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. David Seibel thanked Sister Jean and St. Mary College for

their hospitality. He also thanked John and Linda Schukman and other members of the local committee for their efforts in arranging for this meeting. John Schukman made announcements with regard to local arrangements.

Dave Bryan introduced the paper session and chaired the program. The morning paper session followed the printed program (copy attached) except that the paper by Marvin Schwilling was moved to the afternoon because of a lack of time in the morning session.

The morning business meeting was called to order by President David Seibel at 12:00.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Rader reported for the Nominations Committee and presented the following slate of nominees:

President:	David Seibel
Vice President:	Dave Bryan
Corr. Secretary:	Dwight Platt
Memb. Secretary:	Diane Seltman
Treasurer:	Rose Fritz
Business Mgr.:	Galen Pittman
Director:	Allen Jahn
Director:	Scott Seltman

The terms of the Directors Joanne Brier and Jim Mayhew do not expire.

Mike Rader reported that Dave Bryan had already served two terms as Vice-President, one term under President Mick McHugh and one term under President David Seibel. His nomination and election would create a constitutional problem and he called on Dwight Platt to explain the problem and suggest a possible solution. Platt pointed out that Article V, Sec. 2B of the Bylaws limit a person to no more than two consecutive terms as Vice-President. However, Article X, Sec. 2 provides that the Bylaws can be amended at any annual business meeting by a 95% positive vote of members present and voting and Platt suggested that such a vote might also be used to set aside a section of the Bylaws for a particular situation. Platt moved that Sec. 2B of Article V of the KOS Bylaws be set aside to allow Dave Bryan to be elected to a third consecutive term as Vice-President. The motion was seconded. This would allow Dave Bryan's term as Vice-President to expire concurrently with David Seibel's term as President. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned until afternoon.

Saturday, September 21, Afternoon Session.

A Bird Watcher's Hour was held at 1:15 p.m. The afternoon paper session was chaired by Dave Bryan.

An afternoon business session was called to order by President David Seibel at 3:50 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: David Seibel reported that the society was in good shape with a growing membership and good financial condition. He reported that KOS had participated in a coalition to restore funding in the state budget for renovation of Cheyenne Bottoms and it was successful. He urged members to participate in the Breeding Bird Atlas project. He recognized the work of the outgoing and continuing Board members, of the outgoing Editor of the *Bulletin*, John Zimmerman, and of the Newsletter Editor. He reported that the new *Bulletin* Editor will be Max Thompson. He also recognized the efforts of the chairs of committees and of appointive officers:

Conservation Committee - old chair Pete Janzen and new chair Mike Rader.

Membership Committee - Jan Boyd

Publicity Committee - Chris Hobbs

Birds of Kansas Publications Fund Committee - Max Thompson, Charles Ely & Rose Fritz

Kansas Bird Records Committee - Max Thompson

Student Research Fund Committee - Elmer Finck

Dingus Natural Area Committee - Bob Weese

Representative to Kansas Nongame Wildlife Advisory Council - Mick McHugh

Librarian - Ruth Faulh

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Diane Seltman reported that KOS had 55 more members this year than last year at this time. She also requested all members to be active in recruiting new members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rose Fritz gave an interim report. The Annual Report will be made at the Winter Board Meeting and will be published in the Newsletter. She reported that the society had total assets of \$27,222.32. She also reported that so far this year there was an excess of income over expenses of \$406.

BIRD RECORDS REPORTS: Galen Pittman announced that bird records report forms are available. He stated that photographs submitted as evidence of bird records not be expected to be returned.

BIRDS OF KANSAS, VOLUME II: Max Thompson reported that the manuscript was turned in over a year ago. The book is scheduled to be out in June. It is still possible to add records. They still need some photographs.

BREEDING BIRD ATLAS: John Zimmerman asked members to volunteer to help with the Breeding Bird Atlas project.

RARE BIRD HOTLINE: Scott Seltman reported that the Hotline was working well and there were many contacts. He announced that there were two old answering machines for sale at a good price.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS: Mike Rader proposed the slate of nominees from the Nominations Committee. The meeting was opened to nominations from the floor. A motion was made to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

FUTURE MEETINGS: David Seibel announced that plans were being made for the Spring 1992 meeting the first weekend in May in northwest Kansas. This meeting will probably be in cooperation with Colorado and possibly Nebraska.

The 1992 Fall meeting will be in Emporia on the first weekend of October. The 1993 Spring meeting will be at Southwestern College in Winfield the first weekend of May. This meeting may be in cooperation with the Oklahoma Society.

The business meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Saturday, September 21, Evening Session.

A social hour was held from 6-8 p.m. in the Red Room of Berchman's Hall.

The banquet was served in the Geary Dining Room. David Seibel opened the meeting after the banquet.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Bill Busby reported for the Resolutions Committee (Busby and Horak). Resolutions expressed thanks to the local arrangements persons and to St. Mary College, to all speakers at the papers sessions and to John Zimmerman who has served well as Bulletin Editor for many years. There was also a resolution of support and thanks to Senators Dole and Kassebaum for their efforts to facilitate federal purchase of additional land adjoining the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Refuge. The resolutions were adopted by acclamation.

BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR: Max Thompson reported the 10 best bird records of the year:

10. Ruff at Quivira.
9. Red Crossbills nesting in Geary County.
8. Fish Crow presumed nesting in Cherokee County.
7. Red-throated Loon in Scott County and Douglas County.
6. Red-necked Grebe at Clinton Reservoir in Douglas County and Perry Reservoir in Jefferson County.
5. Barrow's Goldeneye in Riley County.
4. Magnificent Hummingbird.
3. White-throated Swift in Junction City.
2. Yellow-billed Loon in Winfield City Lake.
1. Curlew Sandpiper at Quivira.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS: Diane Seltman presented life membership pins to Gregg Friesen, Rose Fritz, Allen Jahn and David Seibel. Others earning life memberships but not present at the banquet were Mrs. Bessie Boso, Ronald Carter, Alleen Engle, Pete Janzen, Michael Speers and Eugene Leon.

David Seibel introduced Max Thompson, his early mentor in ornithology. Max presented an entertaining and informative slide presentation/lecture on his field study of birds in Australia.

Sunday, September 22.

Three field trip groups were looking for birds on Sunday morning at Fort Leavenworth, at Mill Creek Park and at Clinton Reservoir. They met for lunch at a picnic area at Fort Leavenworth. The bird list compiled for the group totaled 96 species.

The Annual Meeting adjourned.

--Respectfully submitted, Dwight R. Platt, Corresponding Secretary

KOS FALL BOARD MEETING 1991

September 21, 1991

St. Mary College

Dining Room A

Leavenworth, Kansas

Members present: David Seibel, Galen Pittman, Dave Bryan, Rose Fritz, Diane Seltman, John Schukman, Joanne Brier, Dwight Platt.

Non-voting: John Zimmerman, Don Vannoy, Max Thompson, Ruth Faulh, Mike Rader, Elmer Finck.

David Seibel called the meeting to order after lunch.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Winter Board Meeting have been published in the Newsletter. Diane Seltman moved the approval of the minutes. Dave Bryan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rose Fritz reported that our income was greater than our expenses so far this year. She will give a more detailed report at the afternoon business meeting.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Diane Seltman reported that KOS has 427 members this year. At this time last year there were 372 members.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Galen Pittman reported that mailings have been going out on time. Postage rates have gone up.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that the December Bulletin should go out on time. Max Thompson will take over as editor with the March Bulletin.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Don Vannoy reported that there had been four issues of the Newsletter this year (an increase from three in previous years). December 1 is the deadline for copy for the next issue. He inquired whether the Board would approve putting a paragraph in the Newsletter encouraging membership in the ABA. The Board concurred.

David Seibel announced that Dawn Sharp in Lawrence will help publish the Newsletter with desktop publishing.

KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE: Max Thompson reported that the committee had had two meetings. Chuck Ely has resigned as co-chair.

STUDENT RESEARCH FUND: Elmer Finck reported that the student research grants program is ready to go when we have enough funds. There is now about \$500 in the fund but we can only use the interest. Elmer will proceed with soliciting donation for the Student Research Fund. Elmer provided Board members with copies of the application form for student grants. David Seibel suggested that Board members review the form and send any comments or suggestions to Elmer Finck.

BOOK ROYALTIES FUND: At present the fund is accumulating money. Max Thompson said that he would like to spend the money on publication of papers about Kansas birds, such as an annotated checklist of the birds of Shawnee County which was written a number of years ago but has never been published. The Committee will meet before the Spring Meeting and determine guidelines for use of the funds.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: John Schukman reported that he would like to see KOS become a resource for education on birds. He is checking on other organizations that might have material useful for KOS members. He is also compiling a list of KOS members who are willing to provide programs for other groups.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: David Seibel reported that Chris Hobbs is getting publicity out to statewide media. He is also scheduling an interview with a Kansas City newspaper.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: David Seibel reported that Jan Boyd will chair this committee. She will be working on membership services. Mike Rader is interested in trying regional field trips again and this might be under membership services. We can all call other members in our areas and encourage them to participate in KOS activities.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE: David Seibel reported that Pete Janzen had resigned as chair of the Conservation Committee. Mike Rader will assume this position. KOS cooperated in a coalition educating legislators about the KOS position on the urgency of renovation of Cheyenne Bottoms.

NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL: The Council is still functioning under the new administration. They met in June. They are working on issues of endangered species and membership on the Council. KOS has not had an official representative at the last two meetings. Bill Busby has acted on our behalf.

BIRD FEEDER SURVEY: We will be receiving very shortly a mailing list of 250 people who submitted survey forms and checked that they would like information on KOS. Galen will be mailing information to them.

BREEDING BIRD ATLAS: John Zimmerman needs to recruit volunteers for the Breeding Bird Atlas project. He needs some money for postage, telephone, etc. to get the project started. Max Thompson moved that KOS contribute a fund of \$300 to support the initiation of the Breeding Bird Atlas project. Joanne Brier seconded the motion. The motion passed.

STUDENT PAPER AWARDS: David Seibel pointed out that we have not made a decision of whether we are going to have student paper awards on a continuing basis. We will discuss this at the next board meeting.

BIRD DISCOVERY BOXES: The bird discovery boxes will be completed very soon. One will stay in Wichita and one will go to Gerald Wiens at Chaplin Nature Center. David Seibel will decide where the other two will go.

BUDGETARY CONCERNS: There are no problems this year.

BULLETIN PUBLISHING COSTS: David Seibel reported that there is a VoTech School in the Kansas City area that publishes at a very reasonable rate. We might try them with the Newsletter and see if they could do the Bulletin at a cheaper cost. However John Zimmerman thought our present printer is doing a good job and giving very good service.

MARAIS DES CYGNES WILDLIFE REFUGE: David Seibel reported on a proposal for the federal government to purchase some land around the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Refuge. Senator Dole has supported the purchase of 4000 to 5000 acres. The Conservation Committee may want to take some action on this proposal. The Resolutions Committee might also include a resolution on it.

SPRING MEETING 1992: Diane Seltman reported that the Colorado Field Ornithologists were interested in a joint meeting with KOS possibly in Morton County or at Cheyenne Bottoms. It was suggested that we might explore the possibility of a joint meeting in Cheyenne County in northwestern Kansas. We might also contact the Nebraska Ornithological Society. Diane Seltman will check into it.

SHARING MEMBERSHIP LIST WITH COLORADO BIRD OBSERVATORY: The Colorado Bird Observatory would like to share membership lists. The Board approved this with the stipulation that we make certain that the membership list will only be used by the Colorado Bird Observatory and will not go any further.

FALL MEETING 1992: Elmer Finck invited KOS to Emporia for the Fall Meeting on the first weekend in October in 1992. The Board accepted the invitation.

SPRING MEETING 1993: It was suggested that the Spring Meeting in 1993 might be in Winfield at Southwestern College and that we might explore a joint meeting with the Oklahoma Ornithological Society.

KOS DECALS: We only have 25 decals left. We have sold them for \$1 each and given them to new members. Galen Pittman reported that we could get static cling decals for a reasonable price - 1000 for \$225. Rose Fritz moved that we develop a new design for the decal and have 1000 decals printed. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

David Seibel will appoint a committee to develop a new design and he will circulate proposed designs to the Board members for their evaluation.

OBSERVATION CONCERNS AT FORT LEAVENWORTH: There was discussion of a concern that expansion of the runway at Fort Leavenworth may affect some of the native forest. There does not appear to be a major problem.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS: David Seibel read some correspondence from Ken Brunson of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. He expressed support for our two joint projects, the Winter Bird Feeder Survey and the Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas. They will probably be able to provide some support for the Atlas project. KDWP has initiated a Kansas Wildlife Viewing Guide. He asked for KOS support in pushing the Chickadee Checkoff. He suggested there might be some money available from KDWP for publishing new bird records. Max Thompson will look into the latter possibility.

FLINT HILLS NATIONAL PRESERVE: Galen Pittman reported that the West Central Office of the National Audubon Society was soliciting letters from organizations in support of the Flint Hills National Preserve legislation. If a letter is sent to the West Central Audubon office they will circulate it to all members of Congress. Joanne Brier moved that KOS send a letter of support for the Flint Hills National Preserve. The motion was seconded by Galen Pittman. The motion passed.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted, Dwight R. Platt, Corresponding Secretary



BIRD LIST FROM 1991 KOS FALL MEETING / SEPTEMBER 22 / 96 SPECIES

White Pelican	Belted Kingfisher	Cedar Waxwing
Double-crested Cormorant	Red-headed Woodpecker	Loggerhead Shrike
Great Blue Heron	Red-bellied Woodpecker	European Starling
Great Egret	Downey Woodpecker	Solitary Vireo
Green-backed Heron	Hairy Woodpecker	Warbling Vireo
Wood Duck	Northern Flicker	Red-eyed Vireo
Green-winged Teal	Pileated Woodpecker	Tennessee Warbler
Mallard	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Orange-crowned Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Willow Flycatcher	Nashville Warbler
Osprey	Eastern Phoebe	Northern Parula Warbler
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Horned Lark	Black-throated Green Warbler
Cooper's Hawk	Tree Swallow	American Redstart
Red-tailed Hawk	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Common Yellowthroat
American Kestrel	Cliff Swallow	Wilson's Warbler
Merlin	Barn Swallow	Summer Tanager
Peregrine Falcon	Blue Jay	Scarlet Tanager
Ring-necked Pheasant	American Crow	Northern Cardinal
Northern Bobwhite	Black-capped Chickadee	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Killdeer	Tufted Titmouse	Indigo Bunting
Greater Yellowlegs	White-breasted Nuthatch	Rufous-sided Towhee
Red-necked Phalarope	Carolina Wren	Chipping Sparrow
Franklin's Gull	House Wren	Clay-colored Sparrow
Ring-billed Gull	Sedge Wren	Field Sparrow
Caspian Tern	Marsh Wren	White-throated Sparrow
Rock Dove	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Red-winged Blackbird
Mourning Dove	Eastern Bluebird	Eastern Meadowlark
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Swainson's Thrush	Common Grackle
Great Horned Owl	Wood Thrush	Brown-headed Cowbird
Barred Owl	American Robin	Northern Oriole
Common Nighthawk	Gray Catbird	House Finch
Chimney Swift	Northern Mockingbird	American Goldfinch
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Brown Thrasher	House Sparrow



SPRING AND SUMMER ROUNDUP / March through July 1991 / by Scott Seltman

Spring migration in 1991 seemed fairly normal across Kansas, and by "normal" I simply mean that the transition from winter to summer birds occurred in an unremarkable way. On any given day the variety of birds at the major birding hotspots was often rather low, but by visiting these same spots over and over an excellent list of migrants could be amassed. Many species hurried their arrivals, especially in the east, and some early arrival records may have been set for some birds.

Spring weather was not particularly warm across Kansas, but it was quite dry and the general lack of storm fronts may explain the rapid migration that occurred. Very few areas in Kansas received heavy spring rains. In fact, most of Kansas had less than half of normal precipitation through May with some locations receiving almost nothing. Late April and early May brought some very severe weather to localized areas of Kansas, including several killer tornados that struck south and east of Wichita, but these storms were localized and were not the type of storm systems that ground migrant birds or interfere with the overall movement of birds. Here in the west the only factor that seemed to affect migration was wind direction, and though we missed our share of rain we did get our share of wind.

Summer weather was very hot and dry across the majority of Kansas. June is historically the wettest month in this area but our June rainfall at Nekoma consisted of .10" on the 1st and .10" more on the 23rd. The

