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KOS 1992 SPRING MEETING / FIELD TRIP, MAY 9 & 10

KOS will hold its annual Spring Meeting and Field Trip in Cheyenne County, Kansas and Bonny Reservoir, Colorado on May 8, 9 and 10, 1992. This will be a joint meeting with the Colorado Field Ornithologists, hopefully one of many such joint meetings. Come and meet old and new friends and explore new areas.

We will meet Friday, May 8 beginning at 7:00 pm CDT in St. Francis, Kansas at the roadside rest area on the south side of Highway 36, or at the Dusty Farmer restaurant, open until 10 pm CDT. (Look for signs). Information and sign-up sheets will be available for field trips leaving Saturday morning.

Three field trips are planned:

- (1) Leave St. Francis at 7:00 am CDT from the Empire Motel and explore the Republican and Arikaree River areas West to the Colorado line.
- (2) Leave St. Francis at 7:00 am CDT from the Empire Motel and explore the area south of town looking for migrant water birds on the potholes.
- (3) Leave Bonny Reservoir group campground and explore the Republican River riparian areas East to the Kansas line. This trip will be led by CFO members.

Accommodations in St. Francis are at the Empire Motel (913) 332-2231, with 34 units, with rates of \$22.00 for single and \$32.00 for double occupancy.

If you wish to camp, KOS has reserved the North Cove Group Camping area at Bonny Reservoir which has maximum occupancy of 30 persons. Rates will be based on the number of persons attending. To reserve a campsite in this group area, call Scott Seltman by April 26, 1992. If and when this area is full, you may also make your own reservation at any of the other campsites at Bonny by calling the Colorado Parks Reservation System at 800-678-2267. There are 21 campsites near the group camping area, and you should specify the North Cove area when making your reservation. Rates are \$6 - 7.00 / night. There is also a \$3.00 / car / day fee for entering the Bonny Reservoir State Park; persons wishing to enter for the Saturday evening meal only may carpool from the entrance.

We will all meet back at the North Cove Group Camping Area at Bonny Reservoir Saturday evening at approximately 8:00 pm CDT, for a meal together at the large shelterhouse. We will have a fire in the large grill, so bring your provisions for cooking out. Come and enjoy an evening of socializing and getting acquainted with our Colorado friends.

2 (KOS 1992 Field Trip Cont'd)

Field trips will be planned again for Sunday, followed by the list compilation at 1:00 pm CDT at the Dusty Farmer Restaurant in St. Francis.

For those wishing to stay longer, Scott Seltman will lead a trip on Monday, May 11, to look for Sharp-tailed Grouse in Kansas.

For more information on this weekend call *Dave Bryan at (913) 341-9584* or *Scott Seltman at (913) 329-4411* or *(913) 372-5411* after May 1. Please complete the registration form on page 15. There is no registration fee, but we would like to know how many members will be in attendance.

Hope to see you there!

FIELD TRIPS RESUME

Under the leadership of Mike Rader, KOS will once again offer field trips to its members. The spring trips are as follows:

- April 5 - Konza Prairie with Dave Rintoul
Trip to blind for Greater Prairie Chickens
10 people maximum
For more information, contact *Dave at (913) 537-0781*

- April 18 - Perry Lake with David Seibel
Trip to try for shorebirds and early warblers
For more information, contact *David at (913) 841-7932*
Other possible date: April 25

- May 16 - Fort Leavenworth area with John Schukman
Trip for warblers, flycatchers, and other woodlands species
For more information, contact *John at (913) 727-5141*

- Second or Third Weekends - Monthly with Dave Bryan
Various trips to different locations, including:
Marais des Cygnes (April 25 or 26)
Perry Lake
Clinton Lake
For more information, contact *Dave at (913) 341-9584*

KBAT UPDATE

The Kansas Breeding-bird Atlas Project has been funded for the first year the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks from Chickadee Checkoff monies, and we expect funding to continue in subsequent years.

The response to my request for volunteers in the last *Horned Lark* was excellent. At last count there were about 75 people willing to participate, but twice that number will be necessary to satisfactorily initiate this project. I know of many people whose names are not on that list, but whose names should be. I await your letter or phone call.

Bill Busby at the Biological Survey has supervised the copying of topographic maps, and I have been drawing in the 746 survey blocks and locating these blocks on county maps. Using materials from Missouri as a guide, I have written the handbook that will provide the instructions for doing the survey blocks; I'm just waiting for final bids on the cost. I have also been developing the field data card. There still are some tasks to complete; the major one being the estimating of the expected species in each of the survey blocks. While an approximation based on the physiographic region can be made, the map for each block will need to be evaluated to determine the presence of specific habitats like wetlands that will affect the expected number of breeding species. This number is critical, since one of the criteria for the completion of a block is the identification of at least 75% of the expected species in the block.

The state has been divided into geographic regions, each with a coordinator to assist volunteers in working their survey blocks. Richard Rucker is the coordinator for the Northeast, Mick McHugh for the East Central, Mike Rader for the North Central, Pete Janzen for the South Central, Scott Seltman for the Southwest, and Sara and Tom Shane for the Northwest. I am serving as temporary regional coordinator for the Southeast. The quality of these folks, as well as those who have already volunteered to do blocks, indicates to me, at least, that KBBAT will get off to a good start.

Come join us; write -

John L. Zimmerman, Director, KBBAT, Div. Biology - Ackert Hall, Kansas State Univ. Manhattan, KS 66506.

BIRDING IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA

I will again lead a birding trip to southern Arizona, departing Manhattan on 17 May and returning 30 May. Transportation will be by university van, accommodations will be by camping - sometimes primitive, and participants will share in the cooking. Itinerary includes Cave Creek Canyon, Rustler Park and Rucker Canyon in the Chiricahuas, San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, Sawmill Canyon in the Huachucas, Sonoita Creek, Madera Canyon, Sonoran Desert at Tucson, and Baldy Peak Trail in the White Mountains. Space limited. Contact *John L. Zimmerman, Div. Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506.*

KOS IS PLEASED TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED SINCE JANUARY 1, 1992

Cynthia Abbott, Mayetta; Rebecca Atherton, Lawrence; Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Bath, Newton; Ethyl Blazer, Wichita; Tom Buchanan, Washington; Charlene Caspar, Junction City; Larry Davison, Derby; Bev DuGay, Wichita; Clyde & Marilena Ferguson, Manhattan; Melvin & Clema Haller, Randolph; Dennis Hilding, Lawrence; Patsy Hodges, Topeka; Diane Johnson, Linwood; Daniel Jones, Gardner; Rita Kenney, Liberal; Laura & Gary Keim, Fairview; Mr. & Mrs. M. W. Kraemer, Ogallah; Jane Leo, Prairie Village; James Liebl, Offerle; Rita Lucas, Lecompton; Laurie Malone, Shawnee; Calvin & Patricia Mummert, Olathe; Jean Muncrief, Hutchinson; Eric Otte, Valley Center; John Rakestraw, Emporia; Mary Randle, Burdick; Michael Reed, Shawnee; James Regehr, Emporia; John Rentco, Shawnee; Virginia Richards, Perry; Iola G. Russell, Sedgwick; Steve Samuelson, Emporia; Ann Schardein, Nickerson; Paul Watson, Shawnee Mission; Harriet Wilson, Lawrence; Ruth Wilson, Overland Park; Vernon & Marleene Woods, Rush Center.

A REMINDER TO PAY 1992 DUES

Most of you have already sent your checks for 1992 dues. For those of you have not, let this be a reminder to do so. Late payments necessitate KOS sending out reminder letters to those who have not paid, thus incurring yet another expense for the society. So please send KOS your check today. Thank you for your continued support.

-- Diane Seltman, Membership Secretary



KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING 1992

January 25, 1992

University of Kansas West Campus

Foley Center

Lawrence, Kansas

Members present: David Seibel, Dave Bryan, Rose Fritz, Galen Pittman, Joanne Brier, Jim Mayhew, Mick McHugh.

Non-voting: Ruth Fauhl, Chris Hobbs, Lloyd Moore, John Schukman.

President Seibel called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. Joanne Brier agreed to record minutes in the absence of the secretary.

4 (KOS Winter Board Meeting, Cont'd)

MINUTES: Dave Bryan moved the minutes of the Fall Board Meeting be approved as printed in the December 1991 newsletter. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rose Fritz presented the Annual Treasurer's Report for 1991 (see report in this issue). She reported that KOS should have adequate operating funds for the current year, but expressed concern over falling interest income. She will monitor and analyze the current dues structure relative to costs per member. The report of the 1991 audit by Don Vannoy was reviewed and recommendations noted.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: The president reported ten new members since fall; renewals are continuing, few have dropped.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Galen Pittman noted that combining mailings has helped to save postage, but the cost of materials continues to rise. He will work with the treasurer to figure expense per member and evaluate the results.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: Max Thompson has replaced John Zimmerman as editor. Max was unable to attend the meeting so no report was available at this time.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: March 1 is the deadline for copy for the next issue.

Discussion followed in regard to KOS publications. The president noted that the suggestions need to be more clearly defined, summarized and prepared for presentation to the membership and board. Chris Hobbs will prepare information on alternative format for the newsletter. Jim Mayhew's idea of combining the four quarterly issues of the *Bulletin* into a single annual volume drew enthusiastic response and will be investigated further.

KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE: Galen Pittman noted that birders need to submit records of sightings. An annual report for 1991 has been prepared and should be published soon in the *Bulletin*.

STUDENT RESEARCH FUND: No report.

BIRDS IN KANSAS ROYALTY FUND: The treasurer reported \$2,795.70 in the fund as of 12 / 31 / 91.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: John Schukman is gathering information on available resources and their uses to prepare a catalogue / listing for use by those wishing to know more about birds. Additions to his list are encouraged; more in the upcoming newsletter.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Chris Hobbs reported that two meetings a year give little opportunity for publicity and that upcoming local field trips will help.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: The president reminded those present to call other members in their areas and encourage them to participate in KOS activities such as regional field trips and attending spring and fall meetings.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE: The president reported that Mike Rader has responded to all the issues requested at the previous board meeting. He has received no response from his mailings so far.

DINGUS NATURAL AREA: The president reported that the signs need attention. The importance of the area as a means of conservation was discussed and affirmed, as was the need to stimulate interest among members.

KANSAS NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL: No report.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Galen Pittman moved to accept the report of the Audit Committee. Motion Carried.

BIRD FEEDER SURVEY: Galen Pittman reported the mailing list had grown to 425.

KANSAS BREEDING BIRD ATLAS: Mick McHugh reported the BBAP is being funded in the amount of \$50,000 by Kansas Wildlife and Parks through its Chickadee Checkoff program. Information is being sent directly to volunteers to enable the project to get underway as soon as possible this year.

STUDENT PAPER AWARDS: After discussion of other ways to motivate student participation, Jim Mayhew moved that the forty dollars allocated to awards for student papers be withdrawn. Motion Carried.

DISTRIBUTION OF BIRD DISCOVERY BOXES: The boxes are virtually complete. Each box will be labeled on the outside, "Amelia Betts Discovery Box donated by Kansas Ornithological Society." Of the four boxes sponsored by KOS, one will remain with the Wichita Wild, one with Nature Reach in Pittsburg, one with the Chaplin Nature Center, and one will go to either Salina / Lakewood or Johnson County Parks and Recreation. An additional box, funded by the Wichita Wild program, will remain in Wichita.

KDWP FUNDS FOR PUBLISHING BIRD RECORDS: No further report at this time.

SPRING MEETING 1992: The spring meeting will be May 9 at Bonny Reservoir. There are camping facilities and the community of St. Francis has a motel with 30 rooms. The meeting will be in conjunction with the Colorado Field Ornithologists' Union.

FALL MEETING 1992: The meeting will be held at Emporia State University

SPRING MEETING 1993: The meeting will be held at Southwestern College, tentatively with the Oklahoma Ornithological Society.

DECALS FOR NEW MEMBERS: John Schukman displayed artwork for the proposed decals to be given new members and sold to current members. He was given the go-ahead to order those which adhere to the inside windows by static cling.

LOCAL FIELD TRIPS: Mike Rader has set up local field trips in several areas across the state beginning in March. The schedule will appear in the newsletter.

SPONSORSHIP OF AOU MEMBER IN LATIN AMERICA: After discussion of the many activities and involvements of KOS, the request was tabled by consent.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: Updating the membership directory is a perpetual task; changes should be sent to the Membership Secretary. A new directory will be printed and distributed this year.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted -- Joanne Brier, Acting Secretary



KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
1/1/91 THROUGH 12/31/91

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
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GENERAL FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/91		3,793.57
RECEIPTS:		
DUES - '91	2,686.00	
DUES - '92	925.00	
CHECKLIST & DECAL SALES	96.75	
T-SHIRTS & CAPS	65.00	
INTEREST - PASSBOOK SAVINGS	131.89	
INTEREST - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	1,107.96	
RBA CONTRIBUTIONS	285.00	5,297.60

DISBURSEMENTS:		
PRINTING - BULLETINS	(2,354.12)	
PRINTING - NEWSLETTERS	(1,133.10)	
PRINTING - MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY	(197.86)	
PRINTING - STATIONERY	(276.02)	
BULK MAILING FEES	(150.00)	
RBA EXPENSE	(346.80)	
BANK CHARGES	(37.18)	
SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENTAL	(20.00)	
ANNUAL CORPORATION FEE	(5.00)	
REGISTRATION FEES - NORAC	(95.00)	
EXPENSE OF BUSINESS MANAGER	(173.99)	
EXPENSE OF PRESIDENT	(105.35)	
EXPENSE OF MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	(35.73)	
EXPENSE OF TREASURER	(29.00)	
EXPENSE OF KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE	(142.31)	
NET LOSS FROM SPRING & FALL MEETINGS	(41.81)	(5,143.27)
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/91		3,947.90

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE (CHECKLIST MAILING)

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/91		112.00
CHECKLIST SALES		34.00
POSTAGE		(8.21)
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/91		137.79

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 12/31/91		4,085.69
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RESTRICTED FUNDS

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/91	12,553.25	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES RECEIVED	1156.25	
AMOUNTS TRANSFERRED TO KOS STUDENT RESEARCH FUND	0.00	

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/91		13,709.50

KOS STUDENT RESEARCH FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/91	532.16	
INTEREST EARNED	28.44	

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/91		560.60

DINGUS NATURAL AREA ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/91	5,924.02	
INTEREST EARNED	385.83	
LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM	(157.00)	

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/91		7,152.85

BOOK ROYALTY ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/91	2,086.21	
ROYALTIES RECEIVED	599.00	
INTEREST EARNED	110.49	

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/91		2,795.70

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS 12/31/91		24,218.65
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FALL ROUNDUP / August through November 1991 / by Scott Seltman

As is normally the rule, the fall season produced the best birds of the year in Kansas and as usual our attention gradually shifted from the southwestern hotspots in August toward northeastern reservoirs in November. The following list has a little bit of everything; some birds were slightly lost, some were completely lost, and one poor individual took a wrong turn somewhere and wound up on the wrong half of the planet.

The long drought that gripped most of the state through spring and summer continued through October and many areas finished the year more than ten inches behind in normal precipitation. The blast furnace of July spilled over into early August with 108°F here at Nekoma on August 2, but temperatures were mostly seasonal afterwards. Parts of western Kansas including Rush County had a killing frost on the very early date of September 18. But the big weather event of the season was the Halloween blizzard that dumped six inches to over a foot of snow on the northwestern half of the state. The northerly winds that followed this storm were very frigid and the snow-covered areas of the state had daytime highs in the teens on November 2 and a morning low of zero to -5°F on November 3, temperatures that were a whopping forty to fifty degrees below normal. Cedar Bluff Lake was 80% frozen on November 3. Despite moderate weather following this storm, bird numbers never really recovered afterwards. Several species of common wintering birds, especially sparrows and finches, remained scarce all winter. The arctic blast did push many northern species down from Canada into much of the U.S. but Kansas missed most of the excitement.

Because of the dry weather, surface water was critically short in much of Kansas by September. Cheyenne Bottoms was dry again and Quivira had only about 100 acres of water at one point. By fall only three stretches of western Kansas streams and rivers had significant flow: The Arkansas between the Colorado line and Kendall, Ladder Creek from Scott State Lake northward a few miles, and the Republican through Cheyenne County. Cedar Bluff, Webster and Kirwin Reservoirs were all about 50 feet below conservation pool. Islands became peninsulas at Kirwin, and at Webster the concrete foundations of the old town at the bottom of the lake were once again high and dry. Signs along the dam at Webster warning boats to stay ten feet away from the rocks are now about 1/2 mile from the shore. Of course, all of this could be alleviated by a good 50" of hard rain.

The almost-dry Little Salt Marsh at Quivira turned out to be a hidden blessing as it produced the best bird of the season. A Curlew Sandpiper, only the second reported in our state, was found there by Mick McHugh on August 4. Mick instantly identified this totally unique brick-red shorebird with a decurved bill and silver wing-linings, but had trouble distinguishing between public and private buildings as he burst into the Quivira bunkhouse looking for a telephone. The seven other birders who managed to see this bird later that evening or the next day were very fortunate indeed. This was one of only a handful of Curlew Sandpiper records for the interior of the continent; however, this eurasian species is fairly regular at eastern hotspots, has nested in Alaska and has been seen occasionally along the Pacific Coast. It was last seen by Mark Janos on August 5, less than 24 hours after its discovery.

The other good records of the season speak for themselves. Entries for some species, Osprey is a good example, were deleted because there were simply too many to list. Other formerly rare birds are showing up all over the state. Who would have predicted 11 Pacific Loons, 5 Red-necked Grebes, 4 Clark's Grebes, 120 Mountain Plovers and 10+ California Gulls in one season? Several common birds are included because they were seen in unusual numbers or in strange places. Mountain Bluebirds were seen as far southeast as Woodson County where they very seldom stray. Western Grebes are becoming less western every year. Look carefully at the uniformity of dates for several species. Canada Warblers were found 450 miles apart but only in a ten-day migratory window. Western Tanagers are common in Morton County, provided that you are there on September 13 or 14. Pacific Loons arrived at three different reservoirs on November 9. Amazing stuff!

One of the more difficult aspects of this job is keeping all the names, dates and places straight. Frequently those who find good birds are not credited because they have not reported the sighting to either the hotline or to me. Errors also creep in when birders report sightings on the wrong date such as Sunday the 1st instead of Sunday the 2nd. The biggest challenge is determining the county a bird was seen in; county maps can help but often when a bird is reported from areas that include two or three counties (Milford, Cheney, Tuttle Creek are good examples) mistakes happen. If you wish to receive proper credit for a bird sighting, keep these things in mind.

Several bizarre records cannot be listed below because the birds were not identified with enough certainty. Little Stint, Steller's Eider, a mystery hummingbird? . . . these are calls that drive hotline operators mad! As always, the following records are subject to the scrutiny of the Kansas Bird Records Committee. Reports for the winter season (December through February) need to be sent immediately to Box 36, Nekoma, KS 67559.

BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS / August through November 1991

Red-throated Loon	1 on Winfield City Lake	MT	10-29-91 Cowley
	(This bird, still in mostly alternate plumage, was watched for 15 minutes but within the hour it disappeared and was not seen again).		
Pacific Loon	1 on Wilson	MR,SS	10-26-91 Russell
Pacific Loon	1 with good chinstrap	SS	10-26-91 Mitchell
Pacific Loon	1 on Wyandotte Lake	LM,MM,GP,MC	11-02-91 Wyandotte
	\still present	\LM	\11-17-91 Wyandotte
Pacific Loon	1 at Cedar Bluff	SS	11-03-91 Trego
Pacific Loon	1 seen at < 100 yards + 1 more	MR,SS	11-09-91 Mitchell
Pacific Loon	2 on Hillsdale	CH	11-09-91 Miami
Pacific Loon	2 on Milford	DLS	11-09-91 Geary
			to 11-24-91 Geary
Pacific Loon	1 different bird than 11/03	MR	11-11-91 Trego
Common Loon	1 on Meade State Lake	BL	09-30-91 Meade
Common Loon	10 on Wilson	MR,SS	10-26-91 Russell
Common Loon	<u>25+</u> on Glen Elder	SS	10-26-91 Mitchell
Common Loon	10 on Wyandotte Lake	LM	11-01-91 Wyandotte
Common Loon	3 on Cedar Bluff	SS	11-15-91 Trego
Red-necked Grebe	1 on Hillsdale Lake	CH	11-09-91 Miami
	<u>2</u> on Hillsdale Lake	m. ob.	11-17-91 Miami
	<u>3!!</u> on Hillsdale Lake	DH	11-20-91 Miami
Red-necked Grebe	1 on Wilson	SP,LM,MM,GP	11-10-91 Russell
	<u>2</u> on Wilson	MR	11-21-91 Russell
Western Grebe	1 on Marion Res.	BF	08-31-91 Marion
Western Grebe	2 on Cedar Bluff	SS	10-12-91 Trego
Western Grebe	1 on Marion	GF	10-19-91 Marion
Western Grebe	2 on Wilson	MR	10-22-91 Russell
Western Grebe	1 on Lake Shawnee	DG, m. ob.	11-02-91 Shawnee
Western Grebe	3 on Hillsdale	CH	11-09-91 Miami
	4 on Hillsdale	m. ob.	11-17-91 Miami
Western Grebe	1 on Perry	BF	11-17-91 Jefferson
Western Grebe	2 on Milford	CO	11-23-91 Geary
Clark's Grebe	1 on Kirwin	SS	10-12-91 Phillips
Clark's Grebe	1 well-marked on Wilson	MR,SS	11-09-91 Russell
Clark's Grebe	1 on Hillsdale Lake	BF,GG	11-10-91 Miami
	still present	m. ob.	11-17-91 Miami
Clark's Grebe	1 on Cheney	PJ	11-17-91 Reno
	(This bird briefly entered Sedgwick County).		
Y.cr. Night Heron	1 imm. in Elkhart alley	SP, m. ob.	08-31-91 Morton
Ful. Whistling-Duck	1 at Quivira	JW	09-01-91 Stafford
Tundra Swan	1 at John Redmond	LM,MM,GP	11-03-91 Coffey
Trumpeter Swan	2A,3I at Webster Dam	m. ob.	11-25-91 Rooks
	(More news about this ill-fated family group in the winter report).		
Gr. White-fr. Goose	1 at CB	SP	08-18-91 Barton
Snow Goose	<u>50,000</u> est. at Perry	LM, m. ob.	11-02-91 Jefferson
Snow Goose	<u>400,000+</u> in Kansas by Wildlife and Parks early Nov. 1991		
Ross' Goose	1 at Lake Wabaunsee	DLS	11-02-91 Wabaunsee
Ross' Goose	1 with 5000 Snows sw Perry	JB	11-10-91 Jefferson
Blue-winged Teal	1 albino at Lake McKinney	SP, m. ob.	08-30-91 Kearny
Redhead	<u>2000</u> on waterfowl count	MR	10-22-91 Russell

10 (Birding Highlights, Cont'd)

Oldsquaw	female at Shawnee Heights	JB,DG	10-31-91 Shawnee to 11-01-91 Shawnee
Oldsquaw	2 at Marion	SP,MM,LM,GP	11-08-91 Marion
Oldsquaw	1 at Coldwater Lake	SP,MM,LM,GP	11-08-91 Comanche
Oldsquaw	2 on Wilson	MR,SS	11-09-91 Russell
	3 on Wilson	MR	11-21-91 Russell
Oldsquaw	1 fem. Clinton sewer ponds	MB	11-16-91 Douglas
Oldsquaw	1 male Clinton sewer ponds	MB	11-18-91 Douglas
Black Scoter	1 on Wyandotte Lake	LM	11-01-91 Wyandotte
Black Scoter	2 fem. on Glen Elder	MR,SS	11-09-91 Mitchell
White-winged Scoter	1 male on Cedar Bluff	SS	11-10-91 Trego
	still present	SS	11-15-91 Trego
White-winged Scoter	1 on Stone Lake G.B.	SS	11-16-91 Barton
Northern Goshawk	1 along Big Ditch	JN	10-13-91 Sedgwick
Northern Goshawk	1 at Pott. Co. Lake #2	DR	11-19-91 Pott.
Northern Goshawk	1 at Wilson	MR	11-26-91 Russell
Northern Goshawk	1 at Webster	MR	11-29-91 Rooks
Red-sh. Hawk	3 at MDC	LM	08-18-91 Linn
Prairie Falcon	1 at Clinton	LM, m. ob.	11-02-91 Douglas
Peregrine Falcon	1 sw of Medicine Lodge	LM,MM,GP	09-02-91 Barber
Peregrine Falcon	1 on top Perry Dam	Topeka Aud.	10-12-91 Jefferson
Peregrine Falcon	1 Alma City Lake	DLS	10-12-91 Wabaunsee
Peregrine Falcon	banded juvenile	m. ob.	10-16-91 Jefferson
(This poorly marked individual was tentatively identified as a Gyrfalcon by several experienced birders at first, but because it was color-marked and banded its origin was in doubt. This bird, number 47X, was released in Des Moines, IA in July 1991 by Pat Redding).			
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Melvern	MS	10-30-91 Osage
Peregrine Falcon	1A s. 4 mi. from J.C.	DLS	11-17-91 Geary
<u>Gyrfalcon</u>	1 gray-phase s. Wilson Res.	MR,GN	11-05-91 Russell
(This bird was seen sitting on fenceline just s. Minooka Park, one fencepost away from a Rough-legged Hawk. Watched at length at close range and seen later in the day down by the lake, this bird could not be found again).			
Ruffed Grouse	1 at Perry	DLS	09-01-91 Jefferson
Sharp-tailed Grouse	2 along U.S. 36	RR	08-24-91 Rawlins
Sandhill Crane	3	LM,MM,GP,MC	11-02-91 Wyandotte
Whooping Crane	7 adults s. Nekoma	DS	10-15-91 Rush
(Not a bad addition to our yard list!)			
Blk.-bellied Plover	65 at Patterson Marsh	GF	10-03-91 Harvey
Blk.-bellied Plover	60+ at John Redmond	LM,MM	10-27-91 Coffey
Piping Plover	1 late migrant at Quivira	DR	10-13-91 Stafford
Mountain Plover	25 two mi. s. K-51 just e. Colo. line	SS	08-03-91 Morton
Mountain Plover	80 along K-51 1-1/2 mi. w. K-27	MR	08-04-91 Morton
Mountain Plover	3 w. of Rolla	SS	08-10-91 Morton
Mountain Plover	1 under pivot sprinkler	SP, m. ob.	08-31-91 Stanton
Mountain Plover	8 at Johnson city limits	MR,DS,SS	09-07-91 Stanton
Upland Sandpiper	huge migration of thousands	SS	08-03-91 sw. KS
Long-billed Curlew	1 calling above Hays Mall	DS	10-10-91 Ellis
Red Knot	4 at Melvern	BF	08-31-91 Osage
Red Knot	1 at Perry	DLS	09-21-91 Jefferson
Baird's Sandpiper	25 late birds in Wichita	PJ	11-17-91 Sedgwick
Dunlin	10 at John Redmond	LM,MM	10-27-91 Coffey
Dunlin	6 at Winfield City Lake	PJ, m. ob.	11-02-91 Cowley
Dunlin	2 at Marion	SP,MM,LM,GP	11-08-91 Marion
<u>Curlew Sandpiper</u>	1 alt. plumage at Quivira	MM, m. ob.	08-04-91 Stafford
			to 08-05-91 Stafford
Buff-br. Sandpiper	85 actual count Pool 1	SS	08-07-91 Barton
Buff-br. Sandpiper	6 at Johnson Co. Turf	BF	08-18-91 Johnson

Buff-br. Sandpiper	6 - 10 at Melvern	BF, DB, LB	08-31-91 Osage
Buff-br. Sandpiper	5 - 18 at Perry	DLS	09-01-91 Jefferson to 09-18-91 Jefferson
Buff-br. Sandpiper	7 at Clinton	DR	09-07-91 Douglas
Buff-br. Sandpiper	5 at Melvern	LM, GP	09-08-91 Osage
Buff-br. Sandpiper	2 at Kaw Valley Fish Farm	LM, GP	09-08-91 Douglas
Buff-br. Sandpiper	7 at Johnson Co. Turf	MM, BF, RS	09-15-91 Johnson
Buff-br. Sandpiper	2 at Melvern	MM, GG	09-29-91 Osage
Buff-br. Sandpiper	1 at Perry	DLS	10-13-91 Jefferson
Short-b. Dowitcher	2 at MDC	LM	08-18-91 Linn
Red Phalarope	1 s. shore Wilson	MR	09-06-91 Russell
Red Phalarope	1 at Big Salt Marsh	LM	09-14-91 Stafford
Red Phalarope	1 at John Redmond HQ	LM, MM	10-27-91 Coffey
Pomarine Jaeger	1 med. brown bird Glen Elder	SS	10-26-91 Mitchell

(This apparent 1st-year bird was watched for 1-1/2 hours and was seen harassing Bonaparte's and Ring-billed Gulls and even Double-crested Cormorants. Very prominent white wing-crescents, middle-linebacker neck, short rounded central tail feathers, and large size all place this bird in the Pomarine category. Seen by Rader on 10-27).

Laughing Gull	1 imm. at CB	MM	08-04-91 Barton
Little Gull	1 at Paola Sewage Ponds	MM, GG, MC	11-17-91 Miami
Com. Blk.-hd. Gull	1 possible bird from Milford	DLS	11-29-91 Geary
California Gull	1 at Elkhart sewer ponds	MM, MC, m. ob.	08-16-91 Morton
California Gull	6A. 1 juv. at Lake McKinney	DS, SS	08-24-91 Kearny
California Gull	4A. 2 juv. at Lake McKinney	SP, m. ob.	08-30-91 Kearny
California Gull	1 second-winter at Pomona	MM, BF, RS	09-15-91 Osage
California Gull	1 second-winter at Webster	SS	10-12-91 Rooks
Thayer's Gull	1 first-winter at John Redmond	LM, MM, GP	11-03-91 Coffey
Thayer's Gull	same bird?	MM, BF, CH	11-30-91 Coffey
Thayer's Gull	1 at Marion	SP, MM, LM, GP	11-08-91 Marion
Thayer's Gull	same bird?	PJ	11-29-91 Marion
Sabine's Gull	1 imm. s. Lakin	TSh, SSh	09-22-91 <u>Kearny</u>
Caspian Tern	2 on Stone Lake	SS	09-18-91 Barton

(This species abundant in eastern KS but still scarce in west).

Common Tern	group of 18 at Wilson	MR	09-17-91 Russell
Common Ground Dove	1 s. of river se. Cimarron	CA	10-19-91 Gray

(This well-described bird was watched at length as it drank from a small pond).

Greater Roadrunner	1 e. K-27 bridge	MC, m. ob.	08-17-91 Morton
Greater Roadrunner	1 at boy scout area	Wichita Aud.	09-15-91 Morton
Greater Roadrunner	1 at boy scout area	SS	09-28-91 Morton
Greater Roadrunner	1 in Pratt	KB	09-30-91 Pratt
Barn Owl	7 during day	SS, DS	08-24-91 Morton
Short-eared Owl	1 at Perry WMA	DLS	09-22-91 Jefferson
Black-chinned Humm.	2 fem. studied at very close range (1 foot)	TSh, SSh	08-24-91 Finney
Black-chinned Humm.	1 probable female at Velda Griffith feeder	MR, DS, SS	09-07-91 Morton
Rufous Hummingbird	2	TSh, SSh	08-24-91 Finney
Rufous Hummingbird	2 at Belle Plaine feeder	TL, m. ob.	09-06-91 Sumner
Rufous Hummingbird	1 in Satanta	J&NC	09-17-91 Haskell
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	adult male in G.C.	L&BR	08-03-91 Finney
Lewis' Woodpecker	2 Ark. R. w. Syracuse	SP, m. ob.	08-31-91 Hamilton
Red-naped Sapsucker	1 imm. e. boy scout	SS	09-28-91 Morton to 10-05-91 Morton
Red-naped Sapsucker	1 adult female Scott Lake	TSh, SSh	09-28-91 Scott
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1 adult male	SS	08-10-91 Morton
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1 at e. Fish Ponds	m. ob.	08-17-91 Morton
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1 at Wilburton	GF	09-17-91 Morton

12 (Birding Highlights, Cont'd)

Olive-sided Flycatcher	1 early migrant	TSh,SSh	08-03-91	Scott
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	3 in Chisholm Park	PJ,JN	08-05-91	Sedgwick
Hammond's Flycatcher	1	SP	08-31-91	Morton
Hammond's Flycatcher	1 seen and heard-boy scout area	SS	09-07-91	Morton
Hammond's Flycatcher	1 Pt. of Rocks	MR,SS	09-14-91	Morton
Dusky Flycatcher	1	SP	08-17-91	Morton
Dusky Flycatcher	1	SS	08-24-91	Morton
Dusky Flycatcher	2	SP	08-31-91	Morton
Dusky Flycatcher	1	MR,DS,SS	09-07-91	Morton
Dusky Flycatcher	1 n. Elkhart Cemetery	MR,SS	09-14-91	Morton
Dusky Flycatcher	1 at Middle Springs	Wichita Aud.	09-15-91	Morton
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1 in Jetmore Cemetery	SP, m. ob.	08-30-91	Hodgeman
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1 on river road	MR,DS,SS	09-07-91	Hamilton
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1 at Salt Fork just n. OK	LM,MM,GP	09-02-91	<u>Barber</u>
Great-Crested Flycatcher	adults with 3 - 4 young	SS	08-10-91	Morton
Cassin's Kingbird	3	MR,SS	09-14-91	Morton
Eastern Kingbird	500+ at Harvey E. Lake	BD	09-02-91	Harvey
Pinyon Jay	1 flying down Cimarron	SS	09-28-91	Morton
Pinyon Jay	21 flying down Cimarron	SP	10-04-91	Morton
Black-billed Magpie	3 in Oxford	J&ND	late October	<u>Sumner</u>
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1 in Elkhart Cemetery	SS	08-10-91	Morton
Bewick's Wren	1 angry bird at Winfield Lake	PJ,JN	11-03-91	Cowley
(This record is only unusual in that the wren landed on the car antenna, hopped on the mirrors, crawled along the window ledges all in an attempt to get at the "spishing" noise inside).				
Winter Wren	1 at boy scout area	SS	09-28-91	Morton
Mountain Bluebird	1 ne. of Newton	BD	10-16-91	Harvey
Mountain Bluebird	3 - 5 seen sw. Cottonwood Falls	MS	10-22-91	Chase
			to 10-28-91	Chase
Mountain Bluebird	100+ at Cedar Bluff	SS	11-03-91	Trego
Mountain Bluebird	small flock nw. Oxford	MT	late Oct.	Sumner
Mountain Bluebird	6 seen 3 mi. w. Petrolia	GL	11-01-91	<u>Woodson</u>
Mountain Bluebird	6 at Mt. Hope	BM	11-15-91	Sedgwick
Hermit Thrush	1 'auduboni'	SS,MR	09-14-91	Morton
Sage Thrasher	1 n. Wilburton	SS	08-10-91	Morton
Sage Thrasher	1 at Wilburton	Wichita Aud.	09-15-91	Morton
Sprague's Pipit	several in se. Shawnee	MI	10-10-91	Shawnee
Sprague's Pipit	numerous ne. Udall	MT	10-27-91	Cowley
Sprague's Pipit	numerous at Eldorado Lake	BL	11-01-91	Butler
Northern Shrike	1 at Cedar Bluff	SS	11-15-91	Trego
Northern Shrike	1 at Wilson	MR,SS	11-16-91	Trego
Northern Shrike	1 Otter Creek Road	DLS	11-24-91	Geary
Solitary Vireo	1 early migrant	TSh,SSh	08-03-91	Scott
Golden-winged Warbler	1 in Chisholm Park	PJ,JN	09-02-91	Sedgwick
Golden-winged Warbler	1 in Peter Pan Park, Emporia	JR	09-10-91	Lyon
Virginia's Warbler	1 n. Elkhart Cemetery	DS,SS	08-24-91	Morton
Magnolia Warbler	1 n. Elkhart Cemetery	GF	09-17-91	Morton
Black-th. Blue Warbler	1 male at boy scout	SS	09-28-91	Morton
Yellow-rumped Warbler	800 seen during day at Wilson	MR	10-02-91	Russell
Black-th. Gray Warbler	1 Elkhart Cemetery	SP, m. ob.	08-16-91	Morton
Townsend's Warbler	2 below Pt. of Rocks	SS,MR	09-14-91	Morton
Townsend's Warbler	1 in Elkhart	SS,MR	09-14-91	Morton
Townsend's Warbler	2 in Elkhart	SS	09-22-91	Morton
Blackburnian Warbler	1 in Wichita	DK	09-02-91	Sedgwick
Pine Warbler	1 at Lake Wabaunsee	DLS	09-01-91	Wabaunsee
McGillivray's Warbler	1 at work station	PJ,BD	09-13-91	Morton
Wilson's Warbler	200+	MR,SS	09-14-91	Morton
Canada Warbler	2 at MDC	MM	08-23-91	Linn

Canada Warbler	1 along Bear Creek	MM	08-31-91	Stanton
Canada Warbler	1 in Manhattan	DR	09-01-91	Riley
Canada Warbler	1 in Chisholm Park	PJ,JN	09-02-91	Sedgwick
Canada Warbler	1 in Wichita	RC	09-02-91	Sedgwick
Western Tanager	1 Point of Rocks	SS	09-14-91	Morton
Western Tanager	1 in Elkhart	MR,SS	09-14-91	Morton
Western Tanager	3 in Elkhart, 1 at work st.	Wichita Aud.	09-13-91	Morton
Lazuli Bunting	fem. carrying food Middle Sp.	SS	08-03-91	Morton
Painted Bunting	1 adult male at Perry WMA	DLS	08-11-91	Jefferson
Dickcissel	2 late migrants overhead	SS	10-17-91	Rush
Green-tailed Towhee	2 e. of boy scout area	SS,MR	09-14-91	Morton
Green-tailed Towhee	1 at boy scout	Wichita Aud.	09-15-91	Morton
Green-tailed Towhee	1 at western crossing	GF	09-17-91	Morton
Vesper Sparrow	1 very early migrant	DLS	08-10-91	Jefferson
Lark Bunting	one flock <u>1000+ 10,000</u> during day	SS	08-03-91	Morton
Sharp-tail. Sparrow	1 s. shore of Wilson	MR	10-01-91	Russell
	still present	MR,SS	10-26-91	Russell
White-throated Sparrow	1 early migrant	DLS	09-07-91	Wabaunsee
White-crowned Sparrow	albinistic bird	SS	11-03-91	Trego
	(This immature had normal crown-stripes but a cream-colored body).			
Orchard Oriole	200+ along Cimarron River	SS	08-03-91	Morton
Red Crossbill	1 along U.S. 36	RR	08-24-91	Cheyenne
Common Redpoll	4 on Baker Wetlands	DH,RB	11-21-91	Douglas
Pine Siskin	1 at Quivira	SP	08-18-91	Stafford

EXOTICS

Mute Swan	3 in Salina	NC	11-10-91	Saline
Black-hooded Conure	2 below Tuttle Creek Dam	TC	09-16-91	Pott.
	(This pair had been roaming the Manhattan area for some time).			

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO SPRING-SUMMER ROUNDUP 1991

Common Loon	max. of 4 summering Milford	Chuck Otte	July 91	Geary
White Pelican	1000+ at dam sw. Nekoma	Terry Seltman	04-22-91	Rush
Ross' Goose	2 w. end Clinton	Moore&Pittman	03-10-91	Douglas
Ross' Goose	50+ at Lassiter Marsh	Moore&Pittman	03-10-91	Jefferson
Oldsquaw	1 on Clinton State Park	Mary Butterbrodt	03-10-91	Douglas
Merlin	1 in sw. Barber	Stan Roth	04-19-91	Barber

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