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### From The Keyboard -

Between now, and the time that I see many of you at the spring meeting, I will have put a lot of miles behind me. But that's a story I can bore you with in May in Junction City. But don't be slow in getting your spring field trip registrations returned! Jaye and I have been busy working to get everything organized. I've been waiting for this spring for ten years and now it's here. We think we have a lot of great birding in the Geary County area and look forward to sharing it with all of you.

Recently, on the Internet discussion list BirdChat, we were involved in a discussion of how optical technology was changing our birding. The basic theme of the discussion came down to when was a bird sighting countable (for those of us who list or count)? If I can only identify the bird because a certain piece of electronic equipment has enhanced the image to make it recognizable, does that still count, or has it then become equivalent to a bird you saw on television. The question was not answered.

But in the middle of the discussion, author, well respected birder (and KOS member) Kenn Kaufman weighed into the fray with an interesting thought. Technology aside, what if you couldn't count a species to your life list if you haven't done something to help its survival? Ooooh, what a concept; global and environmental responsibility.

I don't think it was Kenn's intention to make us all feel guilty about enjoying what we do. Kenn would be the last one not to want us to enjoy birds. But he brings up a good point. The Kansas Ornithological Society has long taken a stance of staying neutral on conservation and environmental issues. It has been the board's opinion that activism is best done by the individual members in their own way. Some KOS members have been active, others have been more inclined to stand on the sidelines.

But how much longer can we be quiet? Maybe it's time that I volunteered to help that landowner on Walla Walla Road maintain that Painted Bunting habitat? Maybe it's time that I wrote a few more letters to congressman and senators. Maybe it's time I started urging the KOS Board to become more active? Kenn summed it up very well; "...birders and field ornithologists will have to be advocates for conservation if we're going to have anything left to watch." Good words to ponder.

See you in Junction City in May, and you can tell me what you think!

*chuck*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

### Upcoming Meeting Locations

Please note the upcoming tentative spring and fall meeting locations. Mark your calendars, look for more information in coming issues and plan to attend!

**Fall 2002** - Meade County

**Spring 2003** - Stay tuned!!!!

Maybe Leavenworth, maybe Great Bend - what's your preference?

**Fall 2003** - ??????? Cowley County been mentioned as a possibility. Local committee??

**Spring 2004** - Washington County

**Fall 2004 and Beyond** -

Volunteers and locations needed! Start thinking of where you'd like to go, or if you would be willing to host a spring or fall meeting. Contact any of the officers or board members if you have an invitation or idea!

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### KOS Items Available

If you would like to purchase KOS T-shirts, sweatshirts, window stickers, etc. then you need to contact the KOS Business Manager, Dave Williams, at 1100 W. 21st St., Lawrence, KS 66049, (785) 843-1159, or via e-mail at DaveWmsKS@aol.com

### **THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE YOU RECEIVE IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES!**

Check your mailing label carefully. Did your subscription expire? If the label says EXP: 2001, this will be your last edition of the KOS newsletter and bulletin. We hope you'll continue to support KOS. Please send your payment to the KOS Treasurer, Dan Larson, at the address listed elsewhere in the bulletin. NOTE: If your label says 2002 or 9999, you are a member in good standing for the coming year and will continue to receive the Society's publications for 2002. Please do not send an additional payment.

### Spring Meeting 2002

May 3, 4 & 5, 2002

Junction City, Kansas

(and very birdy surrounding areas!)

Details and registration form on pages 23, 24  
and in special insert!

Registration information also available at <http://ksbirds.org>

### Wanted!

**KOS Kid's Page Editor**

**Contact Chuck if interested!**

## Extinction

by Chet Gresham

The creek that divides Lighthouse Estates  
and Prairie Village pushes toward an idea  
of sea while the plains wallow in their history  
of settling. The moon moves into Leo  
and slides down a shaft of blue-stem,  
illuminating the lack of wind  
and the mountain lion that stalks  
toward an ending, a calf, a crying child, itself.

Here it is,  
as small as a curlew  
that spent migrations hovering  
around fallen mates until it was also shot  
and thrown onto mule-drawn baseboards, their limp  
bodies  
rotting under each other,

or as massive as sky,  
treeless, devoid of anything  
a man might call useful. It stifles a person  
like wind, or sun, or even  
the endless stream of crows flying over.

A farmhouse lights up  
at the barking of a blue-healer. The moon  
has risen; an orange-illusion against the horizon.  
House sparrows dive out of the shed  
at the soft pawing of the barn cat. The crows  
have joined the city in false security, lined up,  
bending cedar limbs, shuffling,  
prodding their neighbors  
with their big black bills.

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### Kansas Ornithological Society Income & Expense Summary, 2001

	<u>Expense</u>	<u>2002 Budget</u>	<u>Income</u>
2001 Dues			4575.00
2002 Dues			1840.00
Apparel and Checklists			67.70
Book Royalties			376.52
Dingus Natural Area Signage		600.00	
Bulletin	2280.74	3000.00	
Horned Lark	3245.07	3300.00	
Business Manager	659.71	900.00	
Internet	309.40	240.00	
Membership	265.58	300.00	
Treasurer	52.75	60.00	
Kansas Bird Records Committee		150.00	
Miscellaneous		330.00	
Insurance	226.00	226.00	
State	48.53		
Subtotal	7087.78	9106.00	6859.22
<b>Meetings</b>			
2000 Student Paper	15.00		
2001 Spring Meeting	30.00		105.00
Partners in Flight	121.14		
2001 Fall Meeting	1450.27		1767.00
Apparel and Checklists			343.45
Silent Auction			494.00
Subtotal	1616.41	200.00	2709.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,704.19</b>	<b>\$9,306.00</b>	<b>\$9,568.67</b>

## Dove is a Many Splendored Thing

*by John Rakestraw*

.When I first moved to Kansas in 1984, the only species of doves I was likely to see were Mourning Doves and Rock Doves. There were occasional records of other species, but for day-to-day birding, those were the only two species one could expect. How things have changed.

These days, I only get to Kansas about one week out of the year. But within the last year I have seen five species of doves just within the city of Ulysses. Doves from the south and west are making their homes in Kansas with increasing frequency. To track this recent resurgence, Lloyd Moore has assembled some wonderful web pages that list the sightings of rare doves in Kansas and show their ranges on the state map. These pages are can be accessed from the KOS website (<http://ksbirds.org>).

The recent increase in rare dove sightings adds to the excitement of birding in Kansas, but can also add some identification challenges. Below are the species of doves that have been seen in Kansas and some tips for identifying them.

When learning any group of birds, you should have a couple of "reference species," common birds you can instantly recognize and compare to new species. The obvious choices for the dove and pigeon family are **Rock Dove** and **Mourning Dove**. The Rock Dove is the "pigeon" found in every city and barnyard in Kansas. The ancestral form of Rock Dove is light gray with two dark wing bars and darker iridescence on the head and breast. Generations of domestication have produced a wide assortment of blotchy dark gray, brown, and white birds. Mourning Doves stand out by their long pointed tails, uniformly gray-brown flight feathers, black spots on the folded wing, and their annoying habit of sitting in the middle of the road in front of fast approaching cars.

**Inca Doves** are diminutive birds most often found in towns in the southwestern part of the state. Their long, squared tails give them a similar shape to that of Mourning Doves, but Incas are noticeably smaller. The dark edged feathers on Inca Doves produce a unique scaly pattern over the entire body. When the birds fly, notice the white on the edges of their tails and the rufous color in the wings.

At first glance, **White-winged Doves** look very similar to Mourning Doves. But on closer examination, you will notice that the White-winged is a bulkier bird than the Mourning, and has a shorter squared tail. The large white patches on the wings, which give this species its name, are clearly visible when the birds fly. When these doves are perched, the white patches form clear white leading edges to the folded wings. When calling, White-winged Doves

sound amazingly similar to Barred Owls, with a loud WHO-COOKS-FOR-YOU.

I think the **Eurasian Collared-Dove** is going to set the record for evolving from rarity to "trash bird" in the shortest amount of time. First reported in Kansas in 1996, this bird has become an expected species in many areas of the state. The Eurasian Collared-Dove is similar in size and shape to a Rock Dove. They are grayish-tan with a black collar on the back of their necks. The undertail coverts are gray, while the underside of the tail is white with dark edges at the base. The **Ringed Turtle-Dove** is not established in the wild, but escaped birds are occasionally seen. This bird looks like a small, washed-out version of the Eurasian Collared-Dove. The white undertail coverts and all white underside of the tail set this bird apart from the Eurasian Collar-Dove.

The **Common Ground Dove** is about half the size of the other doves in Kansas, and is seen far less frequently than the others (although, as of this writing, one very cooperative bird is living in Johnson County). It is colored like a mourning dove with a faint scaly pattern on the nape and breast. The wings flash rufous when the bird flies, much like the wings of the Inca Dove. The stubby tail is dark with small white corners.

The largest species of pigeon in North America, the **Band-tailed Pigeon** is extremely rare in Kansas. This comes as no surprise, given this bird's fondness for stands of tall conifers. Band-tailed pigeons get their name from the wide pale band on the end of their tails. Their overall coloring is a pale gray, with a purplish sheen on the breast. The backs of their necks sport a white collar over a small iridescent patch. The bills and feet of Band-tailed Pigeons are yellow, unlike the various shades of pink found on the feet of the other members of this family.

Will birders in Kansas continue to find increasing numbers of Inca and White-winged Doves? Will Eurasian Collared-Doves replace Rock Doves as the most common member of this family in towns and farmyards? Will sightings of the little Common Ground Dove become an annual occurrence? Or have the last few years just seen a temporary influx of these species? Whatever the outcome may be, gone are the days when you can simply write off a glimpsed bird as a "pigeon" or a "dove." Now we have to actually look at these birds to know what we have seen. This recent invasion of dove species has added another element to birding in Kansas.

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## What Impression Did I Leave?

By Chuck Otte

In late February I was checking out some of the newly arrived waterfowl at Milford Lake. At one stop I encountered a young family. They were enthralled by the Bald Eagles that were soaring and displaying that fine winter morning. They took a moment of their time to point the eagles out to me. Without even thinking I sort of shrugged it off indicating that I was looking at the waterfowl. As the family walked away I heard the father mutter something about wasting time looking at geese when there were eagles flying around.

Good job, Chuck! You just managed to come across like a stuck up birdwatcher. As they drove away I started kicking myself. I should have joined in their excitement over the Bald Eagles. If they were looking at any birds, any wildlife at all, I should have enjoyed their excitement and let them share it with me. They were out doing the same thing I was doing - enjoying the natural world.

I could have told them about the monthly bird walks that we host at the lake starting in the spring. Or pointed out how the ducks reacted to the eagles. But as they left, I'm sure they probably took with them an image of some snooty birdwatcher. A picture is worth a thousand words and a single action can make much more noise than any words I can speak or write. And what impression did I leave that young family?

## Kansas Ornithological Society Balance Sheet as of January 1, 2002

### Assets

Fund	\$105,567.48
Certificate of Deposit	5,664.34
Checking	1,039.99
<u>Business Manager</u>	<u>14.56</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>112,286.37</b>

<u>Dingus Natural Area Land</u>	<u>56,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$168,286.37</b>

### **Liabilities and Fund Balances**

2002 Dues	1,840.00
General Fund	(415.74)
Business Manager Advance	14.56
Endowments	65,235.60
Life Membership Account	19,922.00
Book Royalty Fund	14,781.32
Dingus Natural Area Fund	7,345.62
Dingus Natural Area Land	56,000.00
<u>Student Research Fund</u>	<u>3,563.01</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$162,286.37</b>

*Editor's note concerning KOS financials:* Printed above, and on page 3, are the current financials for the Kansas Ornithological Society. The above tables reflect the assets and liabilities of the society. As you can see, many of the funds are in dedicated categories. New this year is the inclusion of the value of the Dingus Natural Area. On page 3 are the actual income and expense figures for the year 2001. It is important to point out, that if the 2002 Dues are taken out, we were actually operating at a deficit. Your assistance in recruiting new members is encouraged!



*Pileated Woodpecker  
By Matt Gearhart*

# KANSAS FALL SEASON ROUNDUP

August 1, 2001 through November 30, 2001

*By Lloyd Moore*

I guess, weather wise, there hasn't been a much better fall period in recent memory. Milder than normal temperatures lasted through the end of the period. And while there were some rains during August and September the months of October and November were very dry. The birding was excellent with many unusual species seen. From Augusts **Roseate Spoonbills** and **Cave Swallows** to November's **Snowy Owls**. Other "goodies" were Pacific Loon, Mottled Duck, Little and Sabine's Gulls, Black-legged Kittiwake, Northern Goshawk, 6 species of hummingbirds, Virginia's Warbler and Lesser Goldfinch. Shorebirds were plentiful during August and September at the usual hotspots of Quivira NWR and Cheyenne Bottoms as well as the Playa Lakes of Finney and Scott counties. Morton County benefited from the increasing number of birders trekking to that county. The result was many western species not found elsewhere in the state as well as many eastern species uncommon to the southwestern corner. Franklin's Gulls again this fall graced the skies and lakes of the state in seemingly endless numbers. While not quite as numerous, Red-breasted Nuthatches, were reported it seemed from every feeding station in every town in the state. You might say, "the little guy's were everywhere".

And now it's time for the guest contributors. These are friends that I have blackmailed, coerced or otherwise cajoled into adding their comments about the past season to mine. The victim's...uh...guests for this period are Galen Pittman, and Tom Shane. Their comments are greatly appreciated.

**Northeastern Kansas:** Galen Pittman  
The migration was certainly influenced by the very dry and mild conditions experienced by Kansas Birders in the Eastern part of the state this past fall. Shorebird habitat was nearly nonexistent with the notable exception of the mudflats created by the draining of ponds below Melvern Lake. This area sustained a nice collection of typical fall shorebirds well into November, including several very late American Golden Plovers and a Dunlin. Deep water birds were typical with several good gull sightings including a Black-legged Kittiwake at LaCygne, 5 Sabine's Gulls at Perry Lake and a Common Tern at Clinton Lake. Surf and Black Scoters were seen and Common Loons and Caspian Terns seemed to be present in unusually large groups this fall. The annual mass migration of Franklin's Gulls through the Midwest seemed to be especially concentrated through eastern Kansas this year. I would say that eastern Kansas had a good passerine migration this fall with highlights being a very early mid-August Canada Warbler in Jefferson County and a very late Louisiana Waterthrush in Leavenworth County at nearly the same time. Also a Prairie Warbler near Clinton Lake in early August could have been a local breeder and a Golden-winged Warbler in Lawrence, a Black-billed Cuckoo in Linn County as well as a group of immature Purple Martins near Clinton Lake in mid-September were notable. Fall sparrows arrived on time with Dark-eyed Juncos especially plentiful but American Tree Sparrows were hard to find. LeConte's Sparrows were commonly encountered in appropriate habitat, as were a few Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows in

Douglas and Jefferson counties. Red-breasted Nuthatches were again everywhere a birder looked but Pine Siskins seemed to be missing in action.

Two events near the end of the reporting period certainly did punctuate the season. Just the mention of "the Melvern gull" on KSBIRDS prompted considerable discussion. However, it was a great exercise and study in the field identification of "large" immature gull species in Kansas. Just remember you can't get too many good looks or too many direct side-by-side comparisons to other known gulls when it comes to sorting out species. And finally I doubt if many of us realized that the sighting of a Snowy Owl in Johnson County in late November would be the harbinger of the invasion that awaited us, but that is story for next season.

**Western Kansas:** Tom Shane  
The late summer and early fall migrations were great for a few families of birds this year. Two very large summer rains, reaching over 10 inches in parts of Finney County produced some wonderful playas for shorebird viewing. Shorebird varieties were outstanding with 29 species observed during the roundup period. Buff-breasted Sandpipers had not been observed in many years, likewise, American Golden Plover and Red-necked Phalarope are very uncommon in western Kansas. Compared to a study of shorebirds some 38 years ago, the overall numbers of shorebirds traversing the region are way down. Other Charadriiform groups such gulls and terns were almost absent.

The late summer hummingbird migration was nearly as spectacular as that of 2000 with five species now almost expected annually. Eurasian Collared-Dove populations continue to increase with a few Inca Doves still hanging on. Short-eared Owls did not arrive in normal fashion with only about a tenth of what we have grown accustomed to since the advent of CRP. Likewise, Great Horned Owls which we normally do not consider migratory seem to have moved out in fairly high numbers. No great warbler waves were evident except a small spurt of Canada Warblers normally not

encountered most years. Sparrow numbers were way off once again during migration with only a few Vesper and Savannah Sparrows seen on any given bird outing.

While overall bird numbers were low, a surge of unusual species, which included a state and several county records kept things interesting. Roseate Spoonbills, Cassin's Kingbirds, Cave Swallows, a lingering Whooping Crane and an early Snowy Owl kept binoculars out of everyone's case and in frequent use.

Thanks to all who have contributed their bird sightings. Keep on reporting and remember to send documentation of rare or unusual species to the KBRC. Use either the electronic form on the KOS web site or regular mail to Dave Rintoul at Kansas State University.

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<u>Species</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Pacific Loon	1 at "Oldsquaw Pond" in Wichita	Sedgwick	10/29	PJ
	2 at "Oldsquaw Pond" in Wichita	Sedgwick	10/30	KK, B&NB
	1 at Cheney Res.	Kingman?	11/18	TH, LH
	1 at Winfield City Lake	Cowley	11/21	TH, LH
Horned Grebe	2 at feedlot SW of Satanta	Haskell	09/22	SS, MRa
	2 at Ackley Lake	Finney	08/27	TS, CG
Eared Grebe	15 at playa	Finney	08/23	DG
	7 at Liberal	Seward	09/03	TH, LH
	1 at Elkhart sewer ponds	Morton	09/02	TH, LH
	8 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/10	GY, MRa, KB
Western Grebe	15 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	08/24	BP
	2 near dam, Marion Res.	Marion	10/29	CG
	2 at Clinton Lake	Douglas	11/10	MM
Clark's Grebe	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	08/24	BP
American White Pelican	<b>10,000-20,000</b> at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/10	GY, MRa, KB
Double-crested Cormorant	<b>10,000</b> at Cheney Res.	Reno/Kingman	11/11	PJ, CG
Least Bittern	4 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	08/04	DS, GP
	3 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/11	BG
Great Egret	400+ at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/18	SS, DB
	350 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/10	GY, MRa, KB
	100 at Marion Lake	Marion	09/24	CG
	3 in Wichita	Sedgwick	<b>11/17</b>	KG
Snowy Egret	21+ at John Redmond Reservoir	Coffey	08/19	MG, AG
	500 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/10	GY, MRa, KB
Cattle Egret	13 at Marion Lake	Marion	09/24	CG
Tricolored Heron	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/02	DK, GS

Black-crowned Night-Heron	25 at playa 9 at Lake Shawnee 12 at Ackley Lake	Finney Shawnee Finney	08/23 09/13 09/23	DG DG KG
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	3 at playa	Finney	08/23	DG
<u>Glossy Ibis</u>	<D> 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/13	BF
White-faced Ibis	384 NW of Garden City 3 at Marais des Cygne WA 150 at Cheyenne Bottoms 250 at Cheyenne Bottoms 7 at Ackley Lake 6 at Marion Lake 10 at Alcove Springs 4 at Baker Wetlands 1 at Marais des Cygne WA	Finney Linn Barton Barton Finney Marion Marshall Douglas Linn	08/20 09/08 09/10 09/13 09/23 10/03 10/05 10/19 <b>11/18</b>	MO MG GY, MRa, KB BF KG CG TP AP RMa, SGAS
<u>Roseate Spoonbill</u>	<D> 2 NW of Garden City m:ob.	Finney	08/12-09/21	MO, T&SSh,
	<i>(Local residents report as many as 6 were seen about the first of August.)</i>			
	1 fly over at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	08/30	MR
Turkey Vulture	15 at Fall River Res.	Greenwood	<u>11/10</u>	DL
<u>Mottled Duck</u>	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/29	MR
Cinnamon Teal	1 at Belle Plaine sewage ponds	Sumner	08/09-10/11	LH, TH
Canvasback	1 male at Elkhart sewer ponds	<u>Morton</u>	<u>08/28-09/02</u>	BP, SP, CG, m:ob
Surf Scoter	1 imm. at Perry Lake 1 female at Cheney Res.	Jefferson Reno	10/27 11/11	AP PJ, CG
Black Scoter	1 at Melvern Lake	Osage	11/25	DG, DL
Long-tailed Duck	1 at Marion Lake	Osage	11/30	JN
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	1 at Shawnee Mission Lake	Johnson	11/29	ML
Osprey	1 at Milford Lake 1 at Barber Co. State Lake 1 at Clinton Lake 1 at Shawnee Mission Lake 1 at Ulysses 1 just east of Lakin	Geary Barber Douglas Johnson <u>Grant</u> <u>Kearny</u>	<u>08/18</u> <u>08/18</u> <u>08/20</u> <u>08/21</u> 09/02 08/31	CO DA PW ML SS DG, RM
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1 on Shunga Trail, Topeka 1 south side Clinton Lake 1 at El Dorado Lake 1 at Elkhart shelterbelt 1 at "Boy Scout Area", CNG 1 at Marion Lake 1 at Burcham Park, Lawrence 4 at Alcove Springs 1 at Butler Co. Fishing Lake	Shawnee Douglas Butler Morton Morton Marion Douglas Marshall Butler	09/18 09/21 09/22 09/22 09/22 09/25 09/27 10/05 10/11	JB PW DW MG, DW MG, DW CG DK TP TH, LH

Sharp-shinned Hawk, cont.	3 migrating over Blue Rapids	Marshall	10/14	TP
	1 at residence in Newton	Harvey	10/19	GF
	<i>(Was being "scolded" by a Red-breasted Nuthatch)</i>			
	1 at El Dorado Lake	Butler	10/23	B&NB
	1 on KU Campus	Douglas	11/02	PW
	1 in W. Wichita	Sedgwick	11/06	B&NB
Cooper's Hawk	1 imm. At Larned	Pawnee	08/18	SS, DB
	1 imm. At Junction City	Geary	08/21	CO
	1 at Lake Shawnee	Shawnee	09/13	DG
	1 N. of Dighton	Lane	09/15	SS
	2 imm. at Leoti	Wichita	09/15	SS
	1 at Olathe	Johnson	09/17	MC
	1 at Felker Park, Topeka	Shawnee	09/22	DG
	<i>(Was being mobbed by 30 Blue Jays)</i>			
	1 at CNG work station	Morton	09/22	MG, DW
	1 at Marion Lake	Marion	09/25	CG
	2 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/25	TH, LH
	1 at Topeka residence	Shawnee	10/11	JB
	1 below dam at Wellington Lake	Sumner	10/21	B&NB
1 at Melvern Lake	Osage	11/03	MM, MC	
<u>Northern Goshawk</u>	1 on west edge Larned	Pawnee	10/25	S&DS
	1 imm. at residence N. of Lawrence	Douglas	10/27	MR
Broad-wing Hawk	1 at Elkhart shelterbelt	<u>Morton</u>	09/22	MG, DW
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/25	TH, LH
	1 migrating over Blue Rapids	Marshall	10/14	TP
Swainson's Hawk	60 6 mi N. Larned	Pawnee	10/02	SS
	<i>(Following Seltman's tractor)</i> 500 seen leaving a field at dawn	Cowley	10/04	OM
Ferruginous Hawk	1 adult K-51 & State Line	Morton	<u>09/01</u>	SS, TC, DBu, CA
Rough-legged Hawk	1 1/2 mi S. of Cheyenne Bottoms HQ	Barton	<b><u>09/14</u></b>	BF
Golden Eagle	3 N. of Syracuse	Hamilton	10/21	T&SSh
	1 at Lyon Co. State Lake	Lyon	11/21	MG, ML
	1 between Luray and Osborne	Osborne	11/25	MRa
	1 N. of Athol	Smith	11/28	MRa
Merlin	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>08/30</u>	MR
	1 at Maple Grove Cemetery, Wichita	Sedgwick	09/08	CG
	2 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/10	GY, MRa, KB
	1	Pawnee	09/14	SS
	1 at Elkhart	Morton	09/22	MG, DW
	1 at "Boy Scout Area", CNG	Morton	09/22	MG, DW
	1 at Wilson Lake	Russell	10/28	BAS
	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	10/29	KK
	1 at Melvern Lake	Osage	11/03	MM, MC
	1 in SW Sedgwick Co.	Sedgwick	11/18	TH, LH
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	08/01	DK, GS
	2 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/10	DW
	1 imm. At Ackley Lake	Finney	08/21	TS

Peregrine Falcon, cont.	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/26	BP, SP, CG
	1 at Elkhart sewer ponds	Stafford	08/28-31	BP, SP, CG
	1 at QNWR	Stafford	09/02	PW, RW
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/02	AS, RP
	2-3 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	09/03	MG, ML, WCT, m:ob
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/13	BF
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/25	TH, LH
	1 at Alcove Springs	Marshall	10/05	TP
	1 in Wichita	Sedgwick	10/10	CS
1 in Garden City	Finney	11/08	TS	
Prairie Falcon	1 at Ackley Lake	Finney	08/30	TS, TF
	1 in central Pawnee	Pawnee	09/12	SS
	1 NW of Jennings	Decatur	09/20	SS
Black Rail	1 calling at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/02	DK, GS
King Rail	2 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/02	DK, GS
	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	09/04	B&NB
Virginia Rail	4 at Quivira NWR ( 1 adult and 3 downy chicks.)	Stafford	08/10	DW
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	08/31	GP, MM, DS
	1 found dead on road in Manhattan	Riley	09/08	DR
	1 at Colwich Wetlands	Sedgwick	09/10	PJ
Sora	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	08/31	GP, MM, DS
	1 at "Mallard Ponds", CNG	Morton	09/22	MG, DW
Common Moorhen	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	<u>10/27</u>	BAS
Sandhill Crane	60,000 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	10/27	BAS
	5,000-10,000 at Milo Joyce farm (Present at this location, NE of Garden City, for several weeks with estimates of as many as 20,000.)	Finney	10/28	DBa
	8,000 at Lake McKinney	Kearny	11/01	T&SSh
<u>Whooping Crane</u>	3 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	10/27	BAS
	1 at Lake McKinney (since 10/24)	Kearny	11/01-13	T&SSh
	3 2 adult 1 juvenile at Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/05	CG
	3 2 adult 1 juvenile at Lake Waconda	Mitchell	11/06	HA
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	11/22	M&EC
Scaled Quail	10+ N. of Elkhart W. side K-27	Morton	09/01	SS, TC, DBu, CA
Black-necked Stilt	<u>16</u> at Ackley Lake	Finney	08/23	T&SSh
	7 at Elkhart sewer ponds	Morton	09/02	TH, LH
	5-6 at Liberal sewer ponds	Seward	08/31	GP, MM, DS
	100 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/10	GY, MRa, KB
American Avocet	1000 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/30	MT
	500 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	09/03	EW, BD, JL
	250 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/10	GY, MRa, KB
Black-bellied Plover	3 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/04	GP, DS
	15 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/10	DW

Black-bellied Plover, cont.	4 at Colwich Wetlands	Sedgwick	09/10	PJ
	120+ at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/29	MR
	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	09/09	KG
	20 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/10	GY, MRa, KB
	8 at Melvern Lake	Osage	10/29-11/03	MM, GP, MC
	2 at Lake McKinney	Kearny	11/02	T&SSh
	9 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>11/18</u>	CG, TH, LH
American Golden Plover	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/04	GP, DS
	1-2 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/25-26	BP, SP, CH, m:ob
	4 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	09/08	DG
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/08	DG
	6 at Colwich Wetlands	Sedgwick	09/10	PJ
	17 in playa N. of Kinsley	Edwards	10/10	SS
	1 at playa N. of Garden City	Finney	10/19	TS
	1 at Ackley Lake	Finney	10/20	T&SSh
2 at Melvern Lake	Osage	<u>11/21</u>	MG, ML	
Snowy Plover	adult with chick ( <i>very late</i> ) QNWR	Stafford	<u>08/30</u>	MT
Semipalmated Plover	1 at Ackley Lake	Finney	09/07	T&SSh
Mountain Plover	40	Morton	09/22	DV, WAS
	2-3 at Wellington Lake	<u>Sumner</u>	<u>10/21</u>	B&NB
Willet	1 at Cheney Res.	Reno	<u>11/12</u>	TH, LH
Hudsonian Godwit	1 at Ackley Lake	Finney	09/23	KG
Marbled Godwit	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/04	GP, DS
	6-8 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/10	DW
	1 at Belle Plaine sewage ponds	Sumner	08/12	LH
	3 at Liberal sewer ponds	Seward	08/31	GP, MM, DS
	2 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/09	KG
	3 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/14	BF
Ruddy Turnstone	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/02-04	BR, MN
	1 at Goose Refuge, Cheney Res.	Reno	08/05	PJ,LH,TH
	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	09/04	B&NB
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/16	BF
Red Knot	4 adults at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	08/24	BP
	1 adult at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/26	BP, SP, CG
	4 at Slate Creek Marsh	Sumner	10/06	KOS
Sanderling	2 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/02	DK, GS
	5+ at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/04	GP, DS
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>11/18</u>	CG, TH, LH
Semipalmated Sandpiper	2 at playa N. of Garden City	Finney	<u>10/17</u>	T&SSh
Baird's Sandpiper	5 at Melvern Lake	Osage	<u>10/29</u>	MM, GP
	2 NE of Garden City	Finney	<u>10/30</u>	T&SSh
	3 at Cheney Res.	Reno	<u>11/11</u>	PJ, CG
	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	<u>11/18</u>	CG, TH, LH

Pectoral Sandpiper	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>11/18</u>	CG, TH, LH
Dunlin	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/10	DW
Stilt Sandpiper	15 at Melvern Lake	Osage	<u>10/29</u>	MM, GP
	65 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>11/02</u>	SS
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	5 at Colwich sod farms	Sedgwick	08/04	PJ
	6 at sod farm W side Lawrence Airport	Douglas	08/04	MM
	45 at Colwich sod farms	Sedgwick	08/05	PJ,LH,TH
	9 at Lawrence sod farms	Douglas	08/07	KS
	2 at Belle Plaine sewage ponds	Sumner	08/09-12	LH
	20 at Colwich sod farms	Sedgwick	08/17	DV
	20+ at QNWR	Stafford	09/02	H&SG
	60+ at QNWR	Stafford	09/03	MG, ML, WCT, m:ob
	3 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	08/31	GP, MM, DS
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/09	KG
	3 3 mi N. of Stafford	Stafford	09/12	SS
	3 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/14	BF
	13 at Ackley Lake	Finney	10/01	TS
Short-billed Dowitcher	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	08/26	BP, SP, CG
Long-billed Dowitcher	4000 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/10	GY, MRa, KB
	2 at Melvern Lake	Osage	<u>10/29</u>	MM, GP
	8 NE of Garden City	Finney	<u>10/30</u>	T&SSh
	250 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>11/03</u>	MRa
	100 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>11/18</u>	CG, TH, LH
Red-necked Phalarope	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/06	DG
	16 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	09/03	EW, BD, JL
	4 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/03-14	MG, ML, WCT, BF
	2 at DeWeese Pk., Cheney Res.	Reno	09/16	PJ, CG
	3 at Elkhart sewer ponds	Morton	09/22	SS, MRa
	1 at Ackley Lake	Finney	09/23	KG, T&SSh
<u>Laughing Gull</u>	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/02	AS, RP
Franklin's Gull	Estimated 100,000-150,000 at El Dorado Lk. Butler <i>(There have been large numbers reported for the past 3 weeks. Especially from eastern Kansas reservoirs. Estimates of 50,000 or more have been reported from several lakes.)</i>		10/23	B&NB
<u>Little Gull</u>	1 imm. at Elkhart, sewer ponds	Morton	08/30	BP, CG, SP
	<D> 1 adult at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/13	BF
	<D> 1 at Cheney Res.	Kingman	11/11	TH, LH
Bonaparte's Gull	700+ at Marion Lake	Marion	11/22	CG
California Gull	1 at Quinter sewer ponds	Gove	10/03	TC
	1 1 <sup>st</sup> winter at Cheney Res.	Reno	10/06	KOS
	2 at Cheney	Reno	11/12	TH, LH
<u>Sabine's Gull</u>	2 juveniles at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/03	MG, ML, WCT
	5 juveniles at Perry Lake	Jefferson	09/09	DK
	2 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/09	KG

<u>Sabine's Gull</u> , cont.	2-4 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/10	GY, MRa, KB
	3 at DeWeese Pk., Cheney Res.	Reno	09/16	PJ, CG
	4 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/14	BF
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	11/01	SS
<u>Black-legged Kittiwake</u>	1 adult at LaCygne Lake	Linn	10/05	RMn
Caspian Tern	4 at LaCygne Lake	Linn	09/09	MM
	15 at Perry Lake	Jefferson	09/09	DK
	2 at Marion Lake	Marion	09/24	CG
	20-25 at Clinton Lake	Douglas	09/23	MM, GP
	5 at Clinton Lake	Douglas	10/01	MS, DS
	3 at Marion Lake	Marion	10/01	CG
Common Tern	1 at Elkhart sewer ponds	Morton	08/30	BP
	1 at Milford Lake	Geary	09/17	C&JO
	1 at Clinton Lake	Douglas	09/23	MM, GP
Forster's Tern	25 at Perry Lake	Jefferson	08/11	MM, GP
	4 at Perry Lake	Jefferson	09/09	DK
	30 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	09/10	GY, MRa, KB
	4 at Marion Lake.	Marion	09/17	CG
	2 at Marion Lake	Marion	09/24	CG
	15 at Clinton	Douglas	09/23	MM, GP
	4 at Kaw Valley Fish Farms	Douglas	10/13	BF, MM, GP, DS
	1 at El Dorado Lake	Butler	10/23	B&NB
	1 at Cheney	Reno	<u>11/12</u>	TH, LH
5 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>11/18</u>	CG, TH, LH	
Least Tern	2 at K-96 bridge, Wichita ( <i>Roosting on sandbar in river.</i> )	Sedgwick	08/12	PJ
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Pair nesting in Medicine Lodge ( <i>Raised two broods</i> )	Barber	2001	DA
	2 in Garden City	Finney	08/25	T&SSh
	2 in NW Wichita	Sedgwick	08/19-22	PJ, B&BL
	<D> 2 at Pritchett residence in Pratt ( <i>4 were present in 2000</i> )	Pratt	08/23	BAI, GPr
	1 at Sharon Springs ( <i>Several around court house past 2-3 months.</i> )	Wallace	08/26	MH
	2 visiting feeder in Pratt ( <i>Regular visitor since summer 1999.</i> )	Pratt	08/27	CM
	<D> 8 in Lakin ( <i>present all summer</i> )	Kearny	08/30	BCP
	4 in Sublette	Haskell	08/31	SS
	1 in Manter	Stanton	09/02	SS
	1 in Ulysses	Grant	09/02	SS
	Pair copulating, Scott City	Scott	09/03	T&SSh, B&NB
	2 in Larned	Pawnee	09/03	MG, ML, WCT
	<D> 2 at Knight residence in St. Paul	Neosho	09/03	WB, AK
	3 in Elkhart	Morton	09/01	m:ob
	1 in Meade	Meade	08/31	GP, MM, DS
	1 in Hutchinson	Reno	09/09	SS
	1 near "Oldsquaw Pond", Wichita	Sedgwick	09/19	B&NB
	30 in Elkhart	Morton	09/21	DV, DKi, m:ob
	40+ in Satanta	Haskell	09/22	SS, MRa
<D> 1 at farm near Junction City	Geary	09/26	CO	

Eurasian Collared-Dove, <i>Continued</i>	1 N. of Hillsboro	Marion	09/29	GF, JN	
	38 in Scott City	Scott	10/01	TS	
	19 in Kinsley	Edwards	10/10	SS	
	1 at feeder in Topeka	Shawnee	10/11	JB	
	1 in Pittsburg	Crawford	10/11	RMa	
	2 at Blue Rapids	Marshall	10/13	TP	
	1 at Marion Lake	Marion	10/28	CG	
	2 at Buhler	Reno	10/29	KK	
	10 in Pittsburg	Crawford	11/21	Rma	
	16 in Tribune	Greeley	11/22	SS, SDe, SSe	
	1 in Beattie	Marshall	11/29	DM	
<u>White-winged Dove</u>	1 in Dighton	<u>Lane</u>	09/08	SS	
	1 in Buhler	Reno	04/2001	LS	
<u>Inca Dove</u>	<D>	20 in field + 1 at birdbath	Pratt	08/25	LL
		1 at Hugoton	Stevens	09/14	BF
		1 at Elkhart	Morton	09/22	DV, WAS
		1 in Garden City yard	Finney	10/01	LR
Black-billed Cuckoo	1 at Marais des Cygne WA	Linn	09/29	BF	
<u>Snowy Owl</u>	1 near Lake McKinney	Kearny	11/23	BPr, T&SSh, MO	
	1 in Lenexa at 98 <sup>th</sup> & Widmer	Johnson	11/29	MD	
	<i>(A Snowy Owl, presumably the same individual, was found dead on I-435 and 95<sup>th</sup> Street on 12/2 about a mile and a half from the 95<sup>th</sup> &amp; Widmer sighting.)</i>				
Barred Owl	2 at Artesian Spring, Meade State LK.	Meade	08/31	GP, MM, DS	
Long-eared Owl	3 at Lyon Co. State Lake	Osage	11/21	MG, ML	
Common Nighthawk	55 over Garden City <i>(Lowest "high" count in years) fide TS</i>	Finney	09/27	TS	
Common Poorwill	1 flushed by Tom from back yard	Finney	09/18	TS	
	4 with one singing on the Konza	Riley	09/14	DR	
Chimney Swift	1000+ above Oberlin	Decatur	09/20	SS	
	800+ entering a chimney roost	Doniphan		09/09-19 DC	
<i>"Archilochus" sp.</i>	3 at Larned residence <i>(probable Ruby-throated)</i>	Pawnee	08/11	O&JSc,SS,DSe,SSe	
	1 at Larned residence <i>(possible Black-chinned)</i>	Pawnee	08/18	SS, DB	
	several at Larned <i>(possible Blk-chin)</i>	Pawnee	09/05	SS, OS	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1 imm. male Garden City residence	<u>Finney</u>	08/10	T&SSh	
	1 female at Liberal	Seward	08/26	BP, SP	
	1 adult male at Larned	Pawnee	09/05	SS, OS	
Black-chinned Hummingbird	1 female at Elkhart	Morton	08/27	BP, SP	
	1 female at Elkhart	Morton	09/01	BP	
<u>Anna's Hummingbird</u>	1 possible female at Larned	Pawnee	09/05	SS	

<b><u>Calliope Hummingbird</u></b>	1 imm. At Garden City residence	Finney	08/10	T&SSh
	1 at Schartz's residence, Larned	Pawnee	08/11	O&JSc,SS,DSe,SSe
	1 imm. male at Garden City residence	Finney	08/22	T&SSh, MO
	1 female at Garden City	Finney	08/24	BP, m:ob
	<D> 1 at residence in Valley Center	Sedgwick	08/30	B&NB, N&KC
<b><u>Broad-tailed Hummingbird</u></b>	1 female at Garden City residence	Finney	08/09	MO
	2 at Larned residence	Pawnee	08/11	O&JSc,SS,DSe,SSe
	1 imm. male at Garden City residence	Finney	08/22	T&SSh, MO
	3 females at Garden City	Finney	08/24	BP, m:ob
	3 females at Elkhart	Morton	08/27-29	BP, SP, m:ob
	1 at Garden City	Finney	08/27	TS, CG
	<D> 1 female at residence in Wichita	Sedgwick	08/28	N&KC, PJ, B&NB
	1 adult female at Kazmaier residence	Pawnee	08/29	DKa, SS
	1 adult female at Schartz residence	Pawnee	08/30	SS
	1 adult female at Osterbuhr residence	Finney	08/31	TS, m:ob
	1 male at Seltman farm	Rush	09/01	DSe
	1 at Larned	Pawnee	09/05	D&DKa
	2 at Larned	Pawnee	09/05	SS, OS
	1 at Garden City	Finney	09/22	TS
	1 at Elkhart	Morton	09/22	DV, WAS
Rufous Hummingbird	1 male at Garden City residence	Finney	08/10	T&SSh
	5 at Larned residence	Pawnee	08/11	DKa
	<i>(seen over last 2 weeks)</i>			
	2 imm. males at GC residence	Finney	08/14	T&SSh
	8-9 at 4 separate Garden City residences	Finney	08/22	T&SSH,MO,LR,MRy
	<i>(All female/immature male types.)</i>			
	2 females at Garden City	Finney	08/24	BP, m:ob
	1 female at Elkhart	Morton	08/27	BP, SP
	1 in Elkhart (Giddens residence)	Morton	09/01	GP, m:ob
	1 at Larned	Pawnee	09/05	D&DKa
	1 female in W. Wichita	Sedgwick	09/15	PJ
	1 imm. male at Garden City	Finney	09/22	TS
	2 at Shane residence, Garden City	Finney	10/01	TS
1 at Rich residence, Garden City	Finney	10/01-28	LR	
1 at residence in Salina	Saline	11/14-30	NH	
" <i>Selasphorus</i> " sp.	1 rufous/allen's type at Linn residence	Washington	08/28	DT
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1 male at Garden City	Finney	08/24	TS, MO, BP, m:ob
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1 at CNG Picnic Area	Morton	09/15	BF
	<D> 1 at Stockdale Area of Tuttle Creek	<b>Riley</b>	10/01-10/29	LJ
Western Wood-Pewee	1 at "Middle Springs", CNG	Morton	09/01	GP, MM, DS
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1 at Marais des Cygne WA	Linn	<u>09/29</u>	BF
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1 at "Boy Scout Area", CNG	Morton	09/02	BP, LH
Acadian Flycatcher	1 at Marais des Cygne WA	Linn	<u>09/29</u>	BF
<b><u>Hammond's Flycatcher</u></b>	1 at "Boy Scout Area", CNG	Morton	09/02	BP, m:ob
	<D> 1 at CNG Work Station	Morton	09/15	BF

<u>Gray Flycatcher</u>	1 at "Boy Scout Area", CNG	Morton	09/02	BP, LH, m:ob
	1 in Elkhart alley	Morton	09/22	SS, MRa
	<D> 1 at "Middle Spring", CNG	Morton	09/15	BF
<u>Dusky Flycatcher</u>	1 at Pittman farm	Clark	08/31	GP, MM, DS
	1 at Osterbuhr residence, Garden City	Finney	09/02	TS, ML
<u>Cordilleran Flycatcher</u>	1 at "Boy Scout Area", CNG	Morton	09/22	SS, MRa
Eastern Phoebe	12+ at Watson property N. of Towanda	Butler	09/09	PJ
Say's Phoebe	1 along "Ark" River, Wichita	Sedgwick	08/12	PJ
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1 at "Boy Scout Area", CNG	Morton	09/15	BF
Cassin's Kingbird <D>	1 at Scott Lake ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> county record</i> )	Scott	09/22	T&SSh
	1 at Elkhart sewer ponds	Morton	09/22	SS, MRa
	3 at feedlot SW of Satanta	Morton	09/22	SS, MRa
	1 at Elkhart shelterbelt	Morton	09/22	MG, DW
	1 at CNG Work Station	Morton	09/22	MG, DW
	1 at Winfield City Lake	Cowley	11/09	MT, GY
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1 at Milford Lake	Geary	<b>11/23</b>	M&EC
Northern Shrike	1 at St. Francis	Cheyenne		11/22 HA
	1 7 mi N. Rozel	Pawnee	11/30	SS
Bell's Vireo	1 at North Fork of Cimarron River	<u>Morton</u>	08/28	MR, CG, BP, m:ob
<u>Plumbeous Vireo</u>	1 at Elkhart shelterbelt	Morton	08/30	BP, SP
	1 at CNG Work Station	Morton	09/22	SS, MRa, WAS
	1 at Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	09/25	B&NB, PJ
<u>Cassin's Vireo</u>	1 at golf course in Johnson	<u>Stanton</u>	09/02	SS
	1 at Elkhart cemetery	Morton	08/27-29	BP, SP, m:ob
	1 at "Boy Scout Area", CNG	Morton	09/02	BP, LH, m:ob
Blue-headed Vireo	1 at Elkhart shelterbelt	Morton	09/01	BP, m:ob
Philadelphia Vireo	1 banded at Meade	<u>Meade</u>	09/03	TF
	( <i>1<sup>st</sup> in 10-15 years</i> ) 1 at Elkhart shelterbelt	Morton	08/30	BP
Purple Martin	2000 at Manhattan shopping center	Riley	08/19	RK
	15 ( <i>all immature</i> ) at Clinton Lake	Douglas	<b>09/13</b>	DG
<u>Violet-Green Swallow</u>	1 at Belle Plaine sewage ponds	<u>Sumner</u>	08/22	TH, LH
<u>Cave Swallow</u> <D>	2 at Ackley Lake	Finney	09/27	TS, MO
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2 at Maple Grove Cemetery	Sedgwick	08/26	PJ
	<i>(Were numerous all across the state from late August through end of period.)</i>			
White-breasted Nuthatch	<u>10+</u> at Sappa Creek Park	Decatur	09/20	SS
Rock Wren	4 6 mi. N. of Garden City	Finney	10/13	P&MRy

Bewick's Wren	1 at Kaw Wildlife Area	Cowley	<u>10/19</u>	TH, LH
Winter Wren	1 singing in Lone Star yard	Douglas	10/09	PW
Sedge Wren	several singing at Flint Hills NWR	Coffey	08/19	MG, AG
Marsh Wren	6 at Cheyenne Bottoms 3 at Wilson Lake 30 at CB & QNWR	Barton Russell Barton & Stafford	09/10 11/10 11/18	GY, MRa, KB MRa CG, TH, LH
Townsend's Solitaire	1 at Scott Lake 1 at "Point of Rocks", CNG 1 at St. Francis 1 at St. Francis	Scott Morton Cheyenne Cheyenne	<u>09/09</u> 09/22 11/18 11/22	T&SSh MG, DW HA HA
Veery	1 at North Fork of Cimarron River ( <i>Western race</i> )	Morton	08/28	BP, m:ob
Gray-cheeked Thrush	2 banded at Meade ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> county records</i> )	<u>Meade</u>	09/03	TF
<u>Sage Thrasher</u>	1 at corral near "Patti Canyon" CNG	Morton	09/22	WAS, MG, DW
<u>Curve-billed Thrasher</u>	1 at "goat pens" on K-27 N. of Elkhart	Morton	09/22	SS, MRa
Sprague's Pipit	10+ east of Lenora ( <i>Also many heard calling overhead</i> )	Norton	10/21	SS
Golden-winged Warbler	1 at Burcham Pk., Lawrence	Douglas	09/01	BA
<u>Virginia's Warbler &lt;D&gt;</u>	1 female at "Boy Scout Area" CNG	Morton	09/01-02	PJ, BP
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1 at Elkhart shelterbelt	<u>Morton</u>	09/01	BP, m:ob
Magnolia Warbler	2 at Elkhart shelterbelt 1 at "Boy Scout Area", CNG 1 at "Middle Spring", CNG	<u>Morton</u> <u>Morton</u> <u>Morton</u>	08/31-09/01 09/02 09/03	CG, SP, BP, m:ob TH, LH PJ
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1 female at "Boy Scout Area", CNG 1 male S. of Wichita	<u>Morton</u> Sumner	08/31 10/11	BP TH, LH
"Audubon's" Warbler	1 at Middle Spring, CNG 6 at CNG work station	Morton Morton	09/01 09/22	SS, TC, DBu, CA MG, DW
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1 imm. male at "Boy Scout Area", CNG 1 at CNG Work Station	Morton Morton	08/31 09/01	BP, SP, CG, m:ob TH, LH
Black-throated Green Warbler	1 at golf course in Johnson 1 male at "Boy Scout Area", CNG 1 at Elkhart shelterbelt	<u>Stanton</u> <u>Morton</u> <u>Morton</u>	09/02 08/31 09/01	SS BP, m:ob GP, MM, DS
Townsend's Warbler	2 at Scott Lake	Scott	09/09	T&SSh
Pine Warbler	1 male at "Boy Scout Area", CNG 1 at Alcove Springs	<u>Morton</u> Marshall	09/01-02 10/05	BP, m:ob TP

Prairie Warbler	1 at Clinton State Park 1 at western crossing of Cimarron	<u>Douglas</u> Morton	<u>08/06</u> 09/01-02	GPa TH, LH, MM
<u>Blackpoll Warbler</u> <D>	1 at Elkhart shelterbelt	<u>Morton</u>	<u>09/01</u>	CG, MG, DS, m:ob
Louisiana Waterthrush	1 singing near residence	Leavenworth	08/17	JS
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u> <D>	1 at Swanson's Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	<u>09/24</u>	B&NB
MacGillivray's Warbler	<u>3</u> at Elkhart shelterbelt 1 at "Boy Scout Area", CNG	Morton Morton	09/01-02 08/31	BP, SS, m:ob CG, SP, BP, m:ob
Canada Warbler	1 at near Perry Lake ( <i>early date</i> ) 1 at Osterbuhr's yard, Garden City 1 at "Boy Scout Area", CNG 1 at western crossing of Cimarron 1 at Wichita	Douglas Finney <u>Morton</u> <u>Morton</u> Sedgwick	<u>08/11</u> 09/02 09/02 09/01 09/09	MM, GP m:ob BP, LH, TH, m:ob GP, MM, DS BM
Western Tanager	2 at "Middle Springs", CNG	Morton	09/02	TH, LH
<u>Brewer's Sparrow</u>	1 2 mi W. of CNG Work Station	Morton	09/02	SS, TC, DBu, CA
LeConte's Sparrow	<u>50</u> at Baker Wetlands	Douglas	10/19	AP
<u>Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow</u>	1 at NESAs 2 at Baker Wetlands ( <i>1 on 10/19</i> )	Jefferson Douglas	10/13 10/14	BF, MM, GP, DS AP
Fox Sparrow	1 ( <i>early</i> ) at Marion Lake	Marion	<u>10/11</u>	CG
Smith's Longspur	<u>200-300</u> near Lyon Co. State Lake	Lyon	11/17	BF, BAS
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1 adult male at Garden City feeder	<u>Finney</u>	<u>11/23-25</u>	ES
Black-headed Grosbeak	2-3 at Ft. Zarah Pk. Near Great Bend	Barton	08/31	GP, MM, DS
Lazuli Bunting	3 males at western crossing Cimarron 1 at Elkhart sewer ponds 1 at "Boy Scout Area", CNG	Morton Morton Morton	09/01 09/01 09/22	GP, MM, DS, m:ob GP, MM, DS, m:ob SS, MRa
Bullock's Oriole	1 male at Maple Grove Cemetery	Sedgwick	09/06	CG
"blackbirds"	<i>A blackbird roost in Arkansas City, Cowley Co. contained an estimated 100,000-200,000 birds on 11/29. They were mostly Redwing Blackbirds and Brown-headed Cowbirds as well as Common Grackles and Starlings.</i>			GY
Great-tailed Grackle	50-60 on sod plots near KOA Campground, in N. Lawrence 1000 in Wichita	Douglas Sedgwick	08/04 11/17	GP KG
Brown-headed Cowbird	5000 at Hillsboro	Marion	10/03	CG
<u>Lesser Goldfinch</u>	4 at west crossing of Cimarron River	Morton	09/02	SS, TC, DBu, CA
Evening Grosbeak	1 imm. at Elkhart	Morton	08/27-09/01	BP, SP, m:ob

Underlined dates, locations or comments indicate unusual, late or early sightings.

Underlined species indicates unusual species.

**Underlined species in bold** indicate species with no records or fewer than 10 records for Kansas.

<D> Indicates documentation submitted to KBRC ( Kansas Bird Records Committee).

**Abbreviations:** Cimarron National Grassland (CNG), Kansas Bird Records Committee (KBRC), Nelson Environmental Study Area (NESAs), Quivira National Wildlife Refuge (QNWR), Cheyenne Bottoms (CB), Perry Wildlife Area (PWA),

**Observers:** Dennis Angle, Bob Antonio, Charles Anderson, Bev Aldrich (BAI), Henry Armknecht, Dave Bryan, Doris Burnett (DBu), Dan Baffa (DBa), Bill & Nancy Beard (B&NB), Ken Brunson, Joanne Brier, William Bivin, Burrough's Audubon Society (BAS), Nick & Kathy Clausen (N&KC), Mark Corder, Mark & Elaine Corder (M&EC), Donna Chance, Barbara Duncan, Mary Deuser, Tom Flowers, Bob Fisher, Gregg Friesen, Dan Gish, Bob Gress, Chet Gresham, Matt Gearheart, Alan Godwin, Harry & Sharron Gregory (H&SG), Kevin Groeneweg, Leon Hicks, Tyler Hicks, Mike Hopper, Chris Hobbs, Nancy Highgate, Pete Janzen, Lowell Johnson, Dan Kluza, Dan Kilby (DKi), Don Kazmaier (DKa), Don & Debbie Kazmaier (D&DKa), Ron Klataske, Alvin Knight, Kerrie Kirkpatrick, Mark Land, Linda Loomis, Ben & Betty Leader (B&BL), Jean Leonatti, Dan Larson, Chris Mammoliti, Richard Martin, Mick McHugh, Bert McClard, Officer MacCauley, Roger McNeill (RMn), Robert Mangile (RMa), Dan Mulhern, Mary Nelle, Jim Nickel, Marie Osterbuhr, Chuck Otte, Chuck & Jaye Otte (C&JO), Sebastian Patti, Brandon Percival, Galen Pittman, Ralph Pike, Gerry Parkinson (GPa), Glenn Pritchett (GPr), Tom Parker, Alexis Powell, Bob Price (BPr), Bruce C. Peters, Ben Rogers, Mark Robbins, Mike Rader (MRa), Dave Rintoul, Leonard Rich, Pam & Mike Ramsey (P&Mry), Greg Schrott, John Schukman, David Seibel, Scott & Diane Seltman (S&DS), Scott Seltman, Diane Seltman (DSe), Steven Seltman (SSe), Kylee Sharp, Tom Shane, Tom & Sara Shane (T&SSh), Omar Schartz, Art Swalwell, Mike Stoakes, Carolyn Schwab, Emaline Scott, Lauren Sill, Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS), Sperry-Galligar Audubon Society (SGAS), Dan Thalmann, Max Thompson, Will Chatfield-Taylor (WCT), Don Vannoy, Edge Wade, Phil Wedge, Roy Wedge, Dave Williams, Wichita Audubon Society (WAS), Gene Young

## **Attention Members!**

KOS will publish a new membership directory in the coming year. The directory will be mailed with the fall edition of the Horned Lark. The directory is distributed only to KOS members. As a reminder, KOS does not share its membership lists with any outside organization, and your personal information is not posted to the web. This year's directory format will include the member's name as it appears in the KOS database, the full mailing address, and the phone number. As an option, you can elect to exclude your street address and phone number from the directory, but your name and city will be shown. If you do not want your street address and phone number to be in the upcoming directory, notify Mike Stewart, KOS Membership, no later than June 1st, 2002. You may contact him at 913-651-2565 or [mstewart@lvnworth.com](mailto:mstewart@lvnworth.com). The mailing address for written requests is 1100 Wellington Drive, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

## **National Wildlife Refuge Centennial Planning Begins**

The National Wildlife Refuge System will celebrate its 100th anniversary on March 14, 2003. From the national level, clear on down to many individual refuges, planning has begun for special events. Most birders know that President Theodore Roosevelt started the National Wildlife Refuge system in 1903 to halt the slaughter of pelicans and egrets on Pelican Island off Florida's east coast. Roosevelt went on to create 51 more refuges during his presidency. Today there are over 400 refuges open to the public. As birdwatchers, we are a principal beneficiary of these refuges. My wife and I have visited over 50 wildlife refuges ourselves over the last dozen years of birding. We have three active refuges in Kansas and a fourth that is in development. If you live near one of these refuges, visit with the manager and see if they are planning any special activities. If they are, offer your services as a volunteer. If they aren't, see if you can encourage them to start planning. The National Wildlife Refuge system has become a critical safety net to our wildlife. Let's show them how much we appreciate them!

## Integrated Wildlife Planning and Management

by Helen Hands

There is a perception, among some people, that state and federal agencies have long neglected the needs of nongame wildlife. While I don't believe this perception is accurate for all agencies, I believe that the needs of nongame wildlife are now more actively considered.

Fifteen years ago, the first North American Waterfowl Management Plan was drafted. This Plan focused on the actions needed to increase waterfowl numbers throughout North America. Putting a blueprint for action on paper helped proponents of waterfowl receive \$450 million in appropriations from Congress during the past 15 years to address the habitat needs of waterfowl in North America. These moneys were matched with \$1.2 billion from Canada; Mexico; state, provincial, and local governments; non-governmental organizations; businesses; and individuals. Although the money was targeted for waterfowl habitat, many other wetland-dependent birds benefited as well.

Using the success of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan as a guide, proponents of nongame birds have been completing plans of their own during the past couple of years. The Partners in Flight (addressing nongame landbirds) and U.S. Shorebird Conservation plans were completed in 2000, and the North American Waterbird Conservation Plan is scheduled to be completed within a year. Some aspects of planning and conservation for these three, primarily nongame bird, plans and the North American Waterfowl Management Plan are being coordinated under the umbrella of the North American Bird Conservation Initiative (NABCI).

These four plans have a national or international scope, however, actions to address the habitat-conservation needs of all bird species need to be undertaken at more regional or local levels. These plans recognize this and step down national goals and objectives to regional planning and action. Again, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan provided the prototype. Although there aren't any regional waterfowl management plans, several regional groups, called Joint Ventures, which plan and fund conservation work, were formed. Joint Ventures are landscape- or habitat-based and are comprised of representatives from state and federal conservation agencies, private conservation groups, corporations, and private

landowners. These representatives, called partners, contribute money and expertise to waterfowl conservation primarily through habitat restoration and enhancement and education. Kansas participates in two Joint Ventures, the Playa Lakes and Lower Mississippi River Valley.

Regional plans for nongame landbirds and shorebirds have or are being completed. These plans are based on ecoregions, called Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs), which don't always line up with the Joint Venture areas. Implementing these regional plans is difficult without an administrative structure or adequate funding. Again, these planning groups are modeling their efforts after the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. However, it probably isn't necessary to have separate "Joint Ventures" for landbirds, shorebirds, and waterbirds. In the spirit of NABCI and integrated wildlife management, it is more practical for the mission of existing waterfowl Joint Ventures to expand to encompass all birds.

So far, only the Playa Lakes Joint Venture (PLJV) has become an all-bird Joint Venture. Last year the PLJV expanded its boundaries from the Playa Lakes Region of western Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas and eastern Colorado and New Mexico to align with Bird Conservation Regions 18 (shortgrass prairie) and 19 (mid-grass prairie) in these five states. Shorebird and landbird biologists have been added to the PLJV to provide additional expertise in project evaluation. However, additional funding is needed to before the PLJV will fund projects beyond its mission of conservation of wetlands and their watersheds. Otherwise, existing funding will be stretched too far and will do less for wetlands, the PLJV's original mission. The PLJV has shown the way toward integrated wildlife conservation, whether or not the other JV's will follow is unknown.

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*If you haven't paid your dues, this is your last issue!*

**KOS Fall Board Meeting  
February 2, 2002  
Kansas Biological Survey  
Lawrence, Kansas**

Attendance:	Chuck Otte	Dave Williams
	Marvin Kuehn	Cal Cink
	Bill Busby	John Schukman
	Mike Stewart	David Seibel
	Dan Larson	

Chairman John Schukman called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The minutes from the fall board meeting (10/06/01) were reviewed and approved.

**Finance Committee Report:** Dan Larson stated that the committee will meet on March 9. He will be recommending a change in the manner that interest is calculated from cost basis to market basis.

**Kansas Bird Records Committee (KBRC) Report:** Dave Rintoul was not present but sent a report on records from the first two voting rounds of 2001. A final report for 2001 will be provided once votes from all committee members are received. A meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2002, in Manhattan to review species on the review list, elect three members to replace Bob Gress, Richard Rucker, and Mick McHugh., and other items.

**Bulletin Editor's Report:** Cal Cink was welcomed as the new bulletin editor. Cal is working on the winter bird count (56 counts this year) with Roger Boyd. The bulletin will be submitted electronically to the same printer in Winfield. He has material for the next several issues including a long manuscript by Dwight Platt.

**Newsletter Editor's Report:** Chuck Otte reported that the March issue is in preparation.

**Vice-president's Report:** Gene Young was not present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan Larson provided annual summaries of assets, liabilities, and expenses for 2001. Total assets are about \$112,000 which is up slightly from a year ago. Because the investment fund is conservative there has not been a lot of fluctuation. Life membership income and the fact that it does not cover the cost of member services was discussed. Chuck Otte consulted the bylaws and clarified that funds from life memberships were to be invested and only the interest could be spent until the death of the member at which time the principal could be spent with the approval of the board.

**Membership Report:** Mike Stewart reported the membership is approximately stable. There were 29 new members in 2001 and he expects there will be 10-15 non-renewals in 2002. The level of membership is down with fewer sustaining and more regular members. The rate of annual renewals for 2002 is strong so far (216 renewals to date). A new membership directory is scheduled for this year. A shorter, label-style directory is planned. The last directory cost \$540 and was 45 pages. Mike also reported that he has investigated having labels made for the extra checklists providing updated contact information for KOS. The checklists will be distributed to nature centers, etc., to promote KOS. The cost will be approximately \$90 for 1000 labels. A motion to approve up to \$150 for labels was made, seconded, and approved.

**Business Manager's Report:** Dave Williams stated that things were going fine. Mailings were going out in a timely fashion.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept all the officer's reports.

**New/Other Business**

**Future Meetings:**

Spring 2002	May 3-5 in Junction City. Chuck Otte is planning a full agenda with night bird trips, access to prairie chicken blinds, Saturday evening meal, etc.
Fall 2002	Meade
Spring 2003	Leavenworth
Fall 2003	open
Spring 2004	offer of Washington County

**Membership Brochures & Directory:** The three-year rotation of publications calls for production of a new membership directory in 2002. This was discussed earlier in the meeting in the Membership Report.

**Dingus Tract:** John Schukman visited the site last weekend. He met Marla, a niece of the original tract owners, at the site. He showed recent slides and two slides taken in 1978 of area signs. A new sign is needed and John received an estimate of \$565. Chuck moved to approve funds for production and placement of a new Dingus sign. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Other Items:**

John Schukman was contacted by Ken Brunson about a request for proposals on the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act. Ken inquired whether KOS might want to be involved with a project. Chuck described his involvement as KOS representative on the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Council and how KOS was willing to become involved with promoting educational issues but not bricks and mortar projects. One project need that has been identified is development of a bird list for Cedar Bluff Reservoir.

There is a need for an official KOS address and phone number. It was decided to use the Business Managers address.

John reported that Greg Farley had recommended a change in the KOS procedure for awarding best student papers at the fall meeting. Currently, there is one award for best student paper at the fall meeting. The recommendation was to have student awards for three categories: undergraduate, masters, and doctoral student levels. After some discussion a motion was made to award up to three awards per fall meeting, one per category to undergraduate students, masters students, and doctoral students. There shall be at least two entries per category; otherwise a single entry from one category will be combined with the nearest category and one award will be given in the combined category. If there are less than two entries for each of the three categories at a meeting, two awards will be given if there are three or more total entries representing at least two categories; otherwise one award will be given. David Seibel moved to accept the motion, Chuck Otte seconded, and the motion was approved.

Chuck Otte explained that Jim Mayhew has located a Christmas count from the Abilene area from 1904. Jim is planning a 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of this count in 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

**Fall Meeting 2002  
October 4, 5 & 6, 2002  
Meade County  
Start Making Plans To Attend Now**

**Remember KOS....** If you would like to help the Kansas Ornithological Society's future growth consider leaving a memorial trust for the Society or including the KOS in your will. If you would like more information feel free to contact any of the Board Members.

**KOS Spring Field Trip Announcement, Details and Maps**  
**May 4, 5 & 6, 2002**  
**Geary County & Milford Lake Area**  
**Junction City, Kansas**

The Spring Field Trip of the Kansas Ornithological Society will be held in Geary County, Kansas, and surrounding areas. Geary County is the home of the confluence of the Smoky Hill and Republican Rivers. Where the Kansas River starts, the last remnants of the eastern deciduous forest end. The resulting mix of tall grass prairies and Kansas "old growth" forest gives rise to incredible species diversity. Then throw into the mix the largest manmade reservoir in Kansas, and the possibilities are limitless!

For those wanting to come early and get in some birding before the official start, mark the registration form and make arrangements with Chuck. There will be an informal Friday evening gathering at the Greenhills Clubhouse (see map). An evening birding tour(s) will head out from here in search of owls and nightjars. The Saturday and Sunday morning field trips will originate from the north end of the Country Kitchen parking lot. Country Kitchen will be open early for breakfast! There will be many field trips on Saturday morning with an opportunity to head off on a different informal birding tour on Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening will be a no host group dinner. Location will be provided at registration. After the Saturday group dinner there will be additional twilight/night time birding opportunities. Sunday morning will bring a slightly limited version of the Saturday tours, but still LOTS of opportunities. We will meet below the dam at Milford Lake for a group lunch (please mark the registration form if you want us to have a meal for you). If the weather is good (warm, sunny and the wind not blowing a hundred miles an hour, we will meet at shelter #11 near the swimming beach below the dam. If the previous weather criteria are not met, we will meet at the Milford Nature Center and take refuge in their indoor auditorium.

There will be limited space on Saturday and Sunday morning in the Prairie Chicken observation blinds at Konza Prairie. Eight spaces each morning will be available on a first come first served basis. Participants will be notified at registration, or before, if they succeeded in making the list. Participants will need to meet at the Konza Prairie informational kiosk on Hiway 177 north from I-70 off Exit 313 at 5:30 a.m. From there, participants will car pool in to the viewing blinds. Drinking large quantities of coffee, or any beverage, prior to arriving is strongly discouraged!

\*\*\*\*A potential highlight is the field trip onto Ft. Riley. Obviously, this is tentative, pending current security alert status. If this field trip has to be canceled it will be absorbed into the other trips. For admittance onto Ft. Riley everyone will need a current photo ID such as a driver's license. Car pooling is strongly encouraged. Every vehicle must have current registration and proof of insurance. Any and all vehicle and all backpacks, bags etc., may be searched by security personnel. We have employees at the Dept. of Environment and Safety on Ft. Riley that we are working with to try to insure smooth access to the prime birding areas.\*\*\*\*

**Housing:** There are numerous hotels along I-70 (see following list) and great camping opportunities at Milford Lake.

**Motels:** **Comfort Inn**, 1214 S Washington (Exit 296), 785-238-7887 or 800-4-CHOICE (this motel is next door to Country Kitchen)

**Days Inn**, 1024 S Washington (Exit 296), 785-762-2727 or 800-329-7466

**Econo Lodge**, 211 W Flint Hills Blvd. (Exit 299), 785-238-8181 or 800-447-4777

**Holiday Inn Express**, 120 N East St. (Exit 298), 785-762-4200 or 800-HOLIDAY

**Motel 6**, 1931 Lacey Drive, (Exit 295), 785-762-2215 or 800-4-MOTEL6

**Super 8 Motel**, 1001 E. 6th St. (Exit 298 or 299), 785-238-8101 or 800-800-8000

**Camping:**

**Milford Lake State Park**, just north of the dam at Milford Lake, 785-238-3014 [www.kdwp.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us)

**Milford Corps of Engineers**, numerous campgrounds around the lake, 785-238-5714 or 877-444-6777

<http://www.ReserveUSA.com>

**Schedule** (tentative):

**Friday, May 3** - early arrival bird watching - contact Chuck for arrangements

**6:00 - 9:00 p.m.** - Registration and socialization - Greenhills Clubhouse, 675 Bittersweet (see map, north on US 77 from I-70, Exit 295, to West Ash street, east on Ash to the bottom of the hill, which will be Bittersweet, look for the stone sign saying Greenhills, and then north on Bittersweet just a little ways to the clubhouse. It's just over the top of the hill. )

**9:00 p.m.** - Night time birding for owls and nightjars leaving from the Greenhills Clubhouse

**Saturday, May 4, 5:30 a.m.** Prairie-chicken tour participants meet at Konza Prairie Information Kiosk

**6:00 a.m.** - Meet for field trip departure at north end of Country Kitchen parking lot, I-70 Exit 296

**Noon** - informal optional lunch gathering at location to be announced.

**Afternoon** - field trips continue, opportunity for reorganization or birding on your own.

**5:00 p.m.** - No host dinner, location to be announced

**7:30 p.m.** - evening/twilight tours

**Sunday, May 5**

**6:00 a.m.** - Meet for field trip departure at north end of Country Kitchen parking lot, I-70 Exit 296

**Noon** - Meet at Milford Lake below the dam at shelter #11 for lunch and compilation (in case of inclement weather we will meet at the Milford Nature Center.)

**Tours:** Following is a list and description of the scheduled tours. All tours are subject to change or cancellation.

**Saturday**

**Konza Prairie Chicken Blinds** - Meet at Konza Prairie informational Kiosk at 5:30 a.m. Limited to the first eight who pre register (see above this tour will be repeated on Sunday.) Following the chicken viewing participants will bird areas around Konza.

**Ft. Riley: Pet Cemetery Trail, Moon Lake, Hackberry Butterfly Woods, Territorial Capital Trail-**

This field trip is dependent on the current security threat condition on Ft. Riley. Participants must have current photo ID (driver's license). Any vehicles driven on post must also have current registration papers and current insurance paperwork with the vehicle. This trip will involve hiking trails that are occasionally steep and slippery during wet weather. This will involve lots of birding in heavy timber.

**Upper Milford Lake** - This encompasses much of the wetlands that are being developed north of Wakefield as well as riparian timber birding along the Republican River just above Milford Lake. Fairly flat trails when walking. A fair amount of vehicle birding.

**Geary State Fishing Lake and Camp Tomah Shinga** - A mix of moderate to heavy timber, scrubland and tall grass prairie. Almost anything is possible at these locations and surrounding area. If you don't get into the Konza Chicken Blinds, this trip would probably hold the best hope of finding Greater Prairie Chickens. Moderate walking, Camp Tomah Shinga can be hilly.

**Lower Milford Lake including Walla Walla Road** - Walla Walla Road can hold almost anything including all three buntings plus many warblers. Corps of Engineers grasslands will be walked for Henslow's Sparrows. Pine and deciduous tree plantings will be walked in the Corps parks for passerines. A fair amount of walking, none of it too adverse.

**Highland Cemetery, Homer's Pond, Riverwalk Trail** - These locations will be a no leader option. Easy to find (maps will be provided), these all have very accessible trails. The Cemetery and Homer's Pond also have hard surfaced trails or roads. All locations have good wooded cover and can hold many passerines. Homer's Pond held nesting Wood Thrushes in 2001 and all migratory thrush species have been found here.

**Sunday**

Above trips will be held again with the exception of Upper Milford and Geary State Fishing Lake (due to distances needed to be traveled and the noon gathering at the lake.)

Chuck and Jaye Otte are the local committee chairs. Jaye will be handling all the registration activity during April. They can be reached at: 613 Tamerisk, Junction City, KS 66441, 785-238-8800, otte@nqks.com Please send your registration information to them. E-mail registrations will be accepted and payment made when you arrive in Junction City.

**KOS Spring Meeting Registration Form**  
**May 3 - May 5, 2002**

I plan on attending the KOS spring meeting on the following days:

- Friday nighttime birding
- Saturday field trips
  - Konza Prairie-Chicken Tours  I could alternatively go on Sunday (please mark a 2nd Saturday choice)
  - Ft. Riley
  - Upper Milford Lake
  - Lower Milford Lake/Walla Walla Road
  - Geary State Lake
  - Highland Cemetery, Homer's Pond
- Saturday informal dinner
- Saturday nighttime birding
- Sunday field trips
  - Konza Prairie-Chicken Tours
  - Ft. Riley
  - Lower Milford Lake/Walla Walla Road
  - Highland Cemetery, Homer's Pond
- Sunday box lunch and compilation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration \$10 (indicate number if more than one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday lunch \$5 (indicate number if more than one)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form by April 29th to: **Jaye Otte, 613 Tamerisk, Junction City, KS 66441**  
e-mail: **otte@nqks.com** Phone inquiries may be made at 785-238-8800

**RELEASE**

Please read and sign. This release must be signed before the registration can be accepted.

Each registrant named, both adult and minor, desires to participate in the field trips and other activities at this meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS). Therefore, each registrant knowingly and voluntarily grants to the KOS and their officers, committee members, and any other persons engaged in activities in connection with this meeting, a full release from any claim, liability, or cost of any nature on account of personal illness or bodily injury, loss of life, or loss or damage to property directly or indirectly arising out of the registrants participation in this meeting.

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(attach additional names and signatures as necessary)*