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President's message

Wow! What a summer we've had. It was hot and it was dry. What many KOS members saw in Morton County in May continued to spread across much of the state as the summer progressed. The wave of 100-degree-plus temperatures took many of us back to summers we would just as soon forget.

But the parade of first-time records or appearance of uncommon and rare species will also be remembered for quite some time. By the end of the year (depending on Kansas Bird Records Committee action, of course), we could have up to three new species on the KOS Checklist. In early April a Common Black-Hawk was sighted in Elkhart. That was followed by a Green Violet-ear in Riley County in June and a Crested Caracara in Washington County in early August. The last two have definitive photos and if

accepted, would be added as full species. The Common Black-Hawk, if accepted, would be a hypothetical species as there was no photo, recording or specimen. What a summer to be a birder!

But, that's quickly moving behind us and it's time to look forward. Fall, or southbound migration, is already upon us. Numbers of some species have already fallen dramatically as they have moved on for wintering grounds further south. Numbers of other species are increasing daily and many of us are anxiously awaiting those first Dark-eyed Juncos or Harris's Sparrows of fall. Which also means that it's time for the KOS fall meeting!

A great group of folks in the Great Bend area have been working hard to put together a good fall meeting. Students and KOS members have been putting

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From the field



A Crested Caracara showed up in Washington County, August 2. © Warren Buss, 2011.

President's message, *cont.*

together and polishing up papers to be presented in the paper session (which reminds me that I need to get mine finalized as well!). We will be meeting at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center at Cheyenne Bottoms. If you haven't been to the KWEC, here's a great opportunity to see this wonderful facility and meet the great folks who work there.

In spite of dry weather this summer, I am hopeful that we're still going to have adequate

water in the Bottoms to make for some really interesting field trips. So dig further into this issue of the Horned Lark, find the registration information and get your registration sent in today!

Chuck Otte

President



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While a Greater Roadrunner (right) continued to reside at the Great Bend Cemetery this summer, a White Ibis (below) showed up unexpectedly at Horsethief Reservoir (Hodgeman County) July 16.



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KOS fall meeting, September 30–Oct 2, 2011

Kansas Wetlands Education Center, Great Bend

Join us for the fall meeting at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center on the southeast side of Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area. The largest interior marsh of the United States, Cheyenne Bottoms sits amidst a 60-square mile lowland basin in central Kansas. Host to about 45 percent of North American shorebirds during spring migration, the Bottoms is the most important migration stopover site in the western hemisphere. Several threatened and endangered species, including Snowy Plovers, Piping Plovers, Whooping Cranes and Least Terns, may be found here during migration.

Friday, September 30

7:00–9:00 p.m.— Informal reception at KWEC. Light refreshments served.

Saturday, October 1

9:00 a.m.—Registration begins at KWEC.

9:00 a.m.—Welcome.

9:10 a.m.—Business meeting.

9:30 a.m.–11:30—Paper session.

11:30–1:30 p.m.—Lunch on your own; KOS board will meet in location to be determined.

1:30–2:30 p.m.—Birdwatchers' Hour.

2:30–4:00 p.m.—Paper session. Silent auction ends.

4:00–4:30 p.m.—Business meeting.

6:00–6:30 p.m.—Social and “Birds of Kansas” book signing by authors at Barton Community College Student Union.

6:30–9:00—Banquet.

Our banquet speaker, Chris Wood, is the project manager for eBird, an online database for bird records. In addition to his work at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Chris leads birding tours for WINGS. He is editor for the Colorado and Wyoming region of North American Birds, the departmental editor of the Birding photo quiz, and the online photo quiz editor for the American Birding Association. He has written and consulted on various books and popular and scientific literature on North American birds.

Sunday, October 2

6:30 a.m.—Half-day field trip locations may include Cheyenne Bottoms, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Cheyenne Scoutlands, Great Bend Cemetery and other locations.

Noon—Lunch and compilation at KWEC.

Lodging

There are at least two weddings and a large class reunion this same weekend in Great Bend, so early room reservations are advised. KOS has room blocks at several hotels. Unless indicated, all hotels are in Great Bend.

- Best Western Angus Inn (800) 862-6487, 2920 10th St. Rates are \$64.95–68.95 + tax. Cutoff date is September 16.
- Cheyenne Bottoms Inn and Suites (620) 292-6022, 57 W. Highway 4, **Hoisington**. Rates are \$62.00 + tax. Cutoff date is September 15th.
- Comfort Inn (620) 793-9000, 911 Grant St. Rates are \$89.99–94.99 + tax. Cutoff date is September 9.
- Travelers Budget Inn (620) 793-5448, 4200 10th St. Rates \$36.95–46.95 + tax. No cut off date.

Dining

Great Bend has a variety of eating establishments along 10th Street (U.S. 56/K-96).

Registration

The meeting registration fee is \$20; the Saturday evening banquet is \$20 for those who paid the registration fee and \$30 for those who did not; the Sunday box lunch is \$7. Unless presenting, students will pay a \$5 registration fee. Reg-

istrations received after September 15 will carry a \$10 surcharge.

The registration form may be found on page 16. All participants must sign the liability release in order to participate in any portion of this meeting.

Mail completed registration form and payment to Terry Mannell, 218 Northridge, Hays, KS 67601.

Silent auction

Members and guests are strongly encouraged to bring donated items for the Silent Auction. Suitable donations include birding-themed equipment, field guides, bird houses, bird baths and optics. All proceeds go to the KOS Student Research Fund.



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Kansas spring season roundup

March 1 – May 31

Mark Corder, compiler

The headliner for this spring is a Common Black-Hawk, a potential first state record seen in the proximity of the Elkhart (Morton County) shelter belt on April 10. The bird was observed only in flight, and unfortunately, no photographs were taken. It was a relatively brief encounter and efforts to relocate the bird after the initial sighting were not fruitful. A report has been submitted to the Kansas Birds Records Committee. No decision has been made as of the date of this report.

Also from Morton County, Common Ravens have been confirmed to be nesting with viable young at the work station north of Elkhart. DNA testing was utilized to make the determination because a large, all black bird in this area could be a Chihauhuan Raven. In fact, during May, ten or more Chihauhuan Ravens were reported together with two active nests situated in windmill towers.

Morton County also hosted a potential third state record. A Painted Restart was located in the picnic area north of Elkhart and was seen by many observers, most of whom were in Morton County for the KOS spring meeting. As of the date of this report, no documentation has been submitted to the KBRC although there would seem to be very little doubt about this record.

Compared to a year ago, the numbers of swans reported in Kansas were down considerably, contrasting with an unusually high

number of reports of Cinnamon Teal and Red-breasted Mergansers. Other good waterbird species appearing in the state were Red-throated Loon, Western Grebe, Clark's Grebe, Brown Pelican, Neotropic Cormorant, Tri-colored Heron and Glossy Ibis.

Notable raptor reports during the spring were Black Vulture (Chautauqua County), Northern Goshawk (Shawnee County), 125 Swainson's Hawks in a single day (Ford County), Golden Eagles (five counties), a "boreal" Merlin (Johnson County) and Peregrine Falcons (six counties).

Survey work in the Flint Hills produced impressive numbers of American Golden-Plovers (a high count of 2,203 in one day), Upland Sandpipers (573 in one day), and Buff-breasted Sandpipers (53 in one day). Other species coming in with relatively high totals include 25 Willets at Cheyenne Bottoms, 19 Whimbrels at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, 29 Marbled Godwits at Butler County State Fishing Lake, 33 Ruddy Turnstones at Cheyenne Bottoms, 120 Baird's Sandpipers in the Wichita area, an estimated 7,000 Stilt Sandpipers at Cheyenne Bottoms, and 4,000 Wilson's Phalaropes, also at Cheyenne Bottoms.

Greater Roadrunners continue to increase their presence in the state with reports from six counties. Fish Crows appear to be doing likewise. Hermit Thrushes were reported in good numbers with a few birds lingering into May.

Birders were rewarded for their efforts in western counties with the number and variety of longspurs. For example, 3,000 or more Chestnut-collared Longspurs were tallied in nine counties at the end of March.

Twenty warbler species are in the spring roundup. Apart from the Painted Redstart, the rarer species of warblers include Blue-winged, Golden-winged, Cape May, Black-throated Blue, Townsend's, Prairie, Bay-breasted, Cerulean, Worm-eating and Connecticut. The Cerulean, now a very rare species in Kansas, was a female seen in Oak Park, Wichita, on May 20.

Significant portions of western Kansas have been experiencing severe drought conditions. One of the apparent consequences is an easterly expansion of Cassin's Sparrows. These conditions may also cause other species to move into or out of the state outside of their expected ranges. Keep looking, watching and reporting to buddesystem@msn.com.

Key:

•Underlined dates, locations or comments indicates unusual, late or early sightings.


•Underlined species indicates unusual species.


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

•<D> indicates documentation was submitted to the Kansas Bird Records Committee.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number and location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Observer(s)</u>	
Tundra Swan	1, Patterson Marsh	Sedgwick	3/12	PJ	
	12, Quivira NWR	Stafford	3/31	BJ	
Trumpeter Swan	3, Wyandotte County Lake	Wyandotte	3/8	CH(rep.)	
	2 ad., 1 juv., Quivira NWR	Stafford	3/19	BH,JCo	
	8, Quivira NWR	Stafford	4/3	ML,MG,NA	
Swan (sp.)	6, Quivira NWR	Stafford	3/23	JN	
American Black Duck	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	3/18,31	BJ	
Cinnamon Teal	1, Larned Sandpit	<u>Pawnee</u>	3/1	SS	
	1, KCPL Wetlands	Johnson	3/23	SM	
	<i>(possible hybrid x Blue-winged Teal)</i>				
	1 m., Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	3/26	JC,T	
	4, Quivira NWR	Stafford	3/31	BJ	
	4, Quivira NWR	Stafford	4/2	PJ,TE	
	5, Quivira NWR	Stafford	4/3	BJ	
	1, near 12 th street, Newton	Harvey	4/3	RW	
	1, water area	<u>Brown</u>	4/6	RR	
	2, Pratt Fish Hatchery	<u>Pratt</u>	4/1	KB	
	2, Elkhart lagoons	Morton	4/10	TC,ER,DWg	
	1, near St. Mary's	Pottawatomie/Wabaunsee	4/11	BM	
1 m., Baker Wetlands	Douglas	4/22-29	JK		
1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/3	WCT		
Canvasback	1, Elkhart lagoons	<u>Morton</u>	4/10	TC,ER,DWg	
Redhead	<u>150+</u> , Wilson State Park area	Russell	3/25	MR	
	1, Elkhart lagoons	<u>Morton</u>	4/10	TC,ER,DWg	
	<u>2</u> , Wilson sewage lagoons	Ellsworth	5/15	MR	
Greater Scaup	<u>4</u> , Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	4/5	ML	
	1, Kiowa County State Lake	<u>Kiowa</u>	4/7	SS	
<u>White-winged Scoter</u>	<u>3</u> , Quivira NWR	Stafford	3/23	JN	
<u>Long-tailed Duck</u>	3, Minooka Park, Wilson Lake	Russell	3/23	RW	
Hooded Merganser	<u>100+</u> , LaFarge Sandpit	Sedgwick	3/6	PJ	
Red-breasted Merganser	Small flock, Wyandotte County Lake	Wyandotte	3/3	CH	
	5, Pomona Lake	Franklin	3/5	MG,WCT	
	<u>2</u> , Melvern	Osage	3/5	MG,WCT	
	3, LaFarge sandpit, Wichita	Sedgwick	3/6	PJ	
	1-2 m., Olathe Lake	Johnson	3/12	JW	
	<u>8</u> , Lake Shawnee	Shawnee	3/19	CMo	
	1, Wilson State Park area	Russell	3/25	MR	
	2, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	3/26	JC,TE	
	2-5, Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	3/27	DKR	
	<u>7</u> , cove below Burnett residence	Pottawatomie	3/29	DB	


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Red-breasted Merganser	1 m., Antelope Lake	<u>Graham</u>	3/31	PJ,TE
	1, Sabetha City Lake	<u>Brown</u>	4/1	RR
	1 f., below dam, Tuttle Creek Reservoir	Riley	<u>5/3</u>	TC,GS
<u>Red-throated Loon</u>	1, Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	3/21-31	ML,m:obs.
	3, below MDC power plant dam	Linn	3/25	DS
Common Loon	8, Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	3/29	ML
	<u>11</u> , Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	4/15	ML,TS
	1, Tuttle Creek Res., near Burnett's	Pottawatomie	<u>5/20</u>	DB
	1, Lake Olathe	Johnson	<u>5/21</u>	SE
Western Grebe	1, Atwood City Lake	Rawlins	3/30,31	PJ,TE
	1, Oberlin sewage lagoons	Decatur	5/15	HA
	2, Kiowa County State Fishing Lake	Kiowa	5/19	SS
	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/22	JC,WAS
<u>Clark's Grebe</u>	Unreported number, Pony Creek Lake	Brown	5/2	RR
American White Pelican	" <u>Several hundred</u> ," Quivira NWR	Stafford	3/31	BJ
<u>Brown Pelican</u> <D>	1, Kanopolis dam area	Ellsworth	3/25	MP,KM
<u>Neotropic Cormorant</u>	1, Shawnee Mission Park	<u>Johnson</u>	3/26	TSw
	1, Sabetha City Lake	<u>Brown</u>	4/1,18	RR
	1, flyover	<u>Johnson</u>	4/10	MG
	1, wooded pond, Elkhart lagoons	<u>Morton</u>	4/10	TC,ER,DWg
	1, Melvern Lake	Osage	4/19	MG
	1, Baker Wetlands	<u>Douglas</u>	5/13	MA
	4, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/17	MRO,BBu
1, John Redmond	Coffey	5/22	MG,NA,WCT	
Great Egret	1, Chisholm Creek Park	Sedgwick	<u>3/4</u>	PM
<u>Tricolored Heron</u>	1, south of 13th Street Bridge, Wichita	Sedgwick	4/18	PG
<u>Glossy Ibis</u>	1, Kiowa County State Fishing Lake	Kiowa	4/21	SS
	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/15	PJ
<u>Black Vulture</u>	1, east of Hewins	Chautauqua	4/9	KG,m:obs.
<u>Northern Goshawk</u>	1 juv., residential area, Topeka	Shawnee	3/1	JH
<u>Common Black-Hawk</u> <D>	1, shelter belt, Elkhart (<i>possible 1st state record</i>)	Morton	4/10	TC,ER,DWg
Broad-winged Hawk	1, <u>dark morph</u> , Oak Park	Sedgwick	4/18	PG,CVB
	1, over Hart residence	<u>Grant</u>	4/22	KH
Swainson's Hawk	<u>38</u> , rural areas	Butler	4/8	RG
	<u>125</u> , rural areas	Ford	4/17	SS

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Ferruginous Hawk	1 or more, each prairie dog town	Morton	3/2	TE
	2, Haverfield Ranch	Scott	3/4	MRe
Rough-legged Hawk	4, rural areas	Anderson	4/2	MA,JK
	1, north of Melvern Lake	Osage	<u>5/22</u>	MG,NA,CT
Golden Eagle	2 imm., north of Haverfield Ranch	Scott	3/4	MRe
	1, Quinter lagoons	Gove	3/31	PJ,T
	4, Haverfield Ranch	Logan	4/1	PJ,TE
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton*	5/6-8	KOS
	1 probable imm., north of Lawrence	Douglas	5/26	SSR
Merlin	1, rural area	Butler	3/15	GY
	1, Wilson Lake	Russell	3/15	JCo(rep.)
	1, near Manter	Stanton	3/25	TSS
	1, " <u>boreal</u> ," KCPL Wetlands	Johnson	4/20	NA,TS,ML
Peregrine Falcon	1, Wilson State Park	Russell	3/25	MR
	1, Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	3/26	NA
	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	4/3	ML,MG,NA
	1, flyover, Calhoun residence	Sedgwick	4/10	JC
	1, Wakarusa Wetlands	Douglas	4/23	JW
	1, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	4/24	BA
	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/2	MR
	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/15	PJ
	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/23	WCT
Prairie Falcon	1, possible, rural area	Sherman	3/1	WCT
	1, riparian area	Morton	3/2	TE
	1, west of Sheridan State Fishing Lake	Sheridan	3/4	MRe
	1, Wyandotte County Lake	Wyandotte	4/2	CH
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton	5/6-8	KOS
<u>Yellow Rail</u>	1, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	4/18	DL,RB
Black Rail	5, Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/22	JC,WAS
Whooping Crane	10, Quivira NWR	Stafford	4/3	BJ
Black-bellied Plover	12-15, rural area	<u>Osborne</u>	5/15	CA
	200+, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/17	MRo
American Golden-Plover	<u>1,252</u> , single flock	Elk	4/21	RP
	<u>500-700</u> , rural areas	Wabaunsee, <u>Morris</u> , Chase	4/23	HA
	<u>2,203</u> , rural areas	Butler	4/27	RP,SF
	<u>2,088</u> , north of Rosalia	Butler	4/28	RP,SF
	4-9, <u>Baker Wetlands</u>	Douglas	4/29	MA
Semipalmated Plover	3, KCPL Wetlands	<u>Johnson</u>	4/18	ML
	<u>12 +/-</u> , Gardner cemetery pond	<u>Johnson</u>	4/20	NA
	<u>15-30</u> , KCPL Wetlands	<u>Johnson</u>	4/20	CO,ML,SE
	9, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	5/1	MA

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Piping Plover	3, Larned Sandpit	<u>Pawnee</u>	4/23	SS
 Willet	<u>16</u> , Kiowa County State Fishing Lake	Kiowa	4/21	SS
	6, Schwab residence	Harvey	4/22	CS
	9, airport ponds, north Lawrence	Douglas	4/22	JK
	7, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	4/22	JK
	<u>25</u> , Baker Wetlands	Douglas	4/30	MA
	<u>25</u> , Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/2	MR
	1, sewage lagoons, Wilson	Ellsworth	5/3	MR,DKI
	5, Elkhart sewage lagoons	Morton	5/5	TC,KOS
	Unreported number, Sabetha City Lake	Brown	5/13	RR
	2, Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/15	PJ,JC,KK
	4, Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/16	MR
4, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/18	MRO,BBu	
Upland Sandpiper	1, farm pasture	<u>Labette</u>	4/26	RT
	<u>337</u> , north of Rosalia	Butler	4/27	RP,SF
	<u>573</u> , rural areas	Butler	4/28	RP,SF
Whimbrel	3, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	4/30	RG
	2, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/2	MR
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton*	5/6-8	KOS
	<u>14</u> , Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/12	MH
	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/15	PJ,JC,KK
	<u>19</u> , Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/16	MR
	8, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/18	MRO,BBu
3, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/23	WCT	
Long-billed Curlew	<u>843</u> , western environs	Finney	4/1	TS,MO
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton*	5/6-8	KOS
Hudsonian Godwit	<u>750</u> , Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/2	MR
<u>Marbled Godwit</u>	“Several” at Quivira NWR	Stafford	4/6	PG
	3, Baker Wetlands	<u>Douglas</u>	4/11	RB
	1, Slate Creek Wetlands	Sumner	4/28	MT,WC
	8, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/2	MR
	5, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/15	PJ,JC,KK
	<u>29</u> , Butler County Fishing Lake	Butler	5/16	JC
	1, Burmac Road, near Patterson	Harvey	5/21	PJ
<u>Ruddy Turnstone</u>	<u>12</u> , Big Salt Marsh, Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/15	PJ,JC,KK
	Unreported number, K-96 bridge	Sedgwick	5/17	BG
	<u>33</u> , Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/18	MRO,BBu
	1, Zach Hudec Wetlands	Clay	5/23	JRo,m:obs.
<u>Sanderling</u>	9, Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/15	PJ,JC,KK
	3, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/15	PJ
	4, unreported location, Sebelius Res.	<u>Norton</u>	5/15	HA
	12, Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/16	MR
Western Sandpiper	1, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	4/22	JK

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Baird's Sandpiper	<u>120</u> , K-96 bridge vicinity	Sedgwick	4/17	PJ
Dunlin	1, Gardner cemetery pond	<u>Johnson</u>	4/20	NA
	2, east pond, KCPL Wetlands	<u>Johnson</u>	4/20	CO
	1, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	4/22	JK
	3, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	4/29	MA
	12, Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/2	MR
	6, Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/16	MR
	1, KCPL Wetlands	Johnson	5/18	JW
	40, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/18	MRo,BBu
	1, Slate Creek Wetlands	Sumner	5/18	MT,WC
	3, wetland area K-96 bridge	Sedgwick	5/21	PJ
Stilt Sandpiper	" <u>Few hundred</u> ," Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/2	MR
	7,000 (estimated), Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/17	MRo,BBu
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	16, north of Latham	Butler	4/21	RP
	<u>53</u> , north of Rosalia	Butler	4/27	RP,SF
Wilson's Phalarope	" <u>1,000's</u> ," Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/2	MR
	" <u>1,000's</u> ," Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/2	MR
	4,000 (estimated), Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/18	MRo,BBu
<u>Red-necked Phalarope</u>	3, Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/15	PJ
	1, Wilson sewage lagoons	Ellsworth	5/15	MR
Bonaparte's Gull	1, Pratt Fish Hatchery	<u>Pratt</u>	<u>4/1</u>	KB
<u>Iceland Gull</u>	1, possible "Kumlein's, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	4-29,30	SS,m:obs.
Common Tern	1, Melvern Lake	<u>Osage</u>	4/19	MG
	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/20	MR
	2, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/22	JC,WAS
Black Tern	Unreported number, Frazier Park	<u>Grant</u>	5/14	KH,SG
	<u>350</u> , Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	5/18	MRo,BBu
White-winged Dove	1, Janzen residence	Sedgwick	3/27	PJ
	1, Hesed Farm	<u>Rush</u>	4/7	LH
	5 m., "singing," Larned	Pawnee	4/21	SS
	1, Bel Aire area, Wichita	Sedgwick	4/21	BG(rep.)
	1, Graham residence, Great Bend	Barton	4/22	RG
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton*	5/6-8	KOS
	1, southwest of headquarters, Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/11	BJ
	4, Sorensen feeder	Sedgwick	5/26	SSo
Inca Dove	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton*	5/6-8	KOS
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	<u>4/10</u>	BJ
<u>Greater Roadrunner</u>	1, Clausen yard, Valley Center	Sedgwick	3/30	NC
	3, rural areas	Barton	4/8	RP


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Greater Roadrunner	1, Great Bend cemetery	Barton	4/10	RG
	1, southwest of Wilson	Ellsworth	4/13	DK
	1, Graham residence, Great Bend	Barton	4/22	RG
	2, Larned	Pawnee	4/27	SS(rep.)
	2, Schwartz Canyon	Comanche	5/17	MR,m:obs.
	1, rural area	Barber	5/17	MR,m:obs.
	1, near Haukap residence, Wichita	Sedgwick	5/20	PH
Short-eared Owl	1, Olathe Lake	Johnson	3/12	JW
	2, rural areas	Butler	3/15	GY
	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	3/19	BH,JCo
	1, rural area	Jefferson	4/1	MA
	4, rural areas	Anderson	4/2	MA,JK
	1, field	Saline	4/20	KF
	1, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	4/22	JK
Common Poorwill	1, McIntyre Creek Road	Pottawatomie	<u>4/7</u>	RK
<u>Black-chinned Hummingbird</u>	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton*	5/6-8	KOS
	1, possible, Larned residence	Pawnee	5/26	SS
	2, nesting?, Beaver Creek Ranch	Rawlins	531	PJ(rep.)
<u>Ladder-backed Woodpecker</u>	1, appropriate habitat	Morton	5/3	KH,SG
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton*	5/6-8	KOS
<u>Red-naped Sapsucker</u>	1, rural area	Morton	4/10	TC,ER,DWg
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1, near Ashland Bottoms	Riley	<u>3/7</u>	AC
Say's Phoebe	1, Schwab residence	<u>Harvey</u>	4/22	CS
<u>Ash-throated Flycatcher</u>	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton*	5/6-8	KOS
Cassin's Kingbird	1, appropriate habitat	Morton*	5/5	TC,KOS
<u>Northern Shrike</u>	1, Middle Spring	Morton	5/3	KH,SG
Yellow-throated Vireo	1, appropriate habitat	Morton	5/5	TC,KOS
<u>Plumbeous Vireo</u>	1, Elkhart shelter belt	Morton	5/6-8	KOS
Fish Crow	2, near Calhoun residence	Sedgwick	3/15	JC
	40+, near Calhoun residence	Sedgwick	4/6	JC
	12, near Baringer residence	Douglas	4/6	JB
	1, possible, near creek	<u>Chase</u>	4/23	HA
	2, over horse pasture, <u>Lake Quivira</u>	Johnson	5/15	MCo
	1, unreported area, Flint Hills	Coffey	5/22	MG,NA,WCT
<u>Chihuahuan Raven</u>	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton*	5/6-8	KOS
<u>Common Raven</u>	2 ad., 3 juv., work station, DNA confirmation	Morton	3/21	TC(rep.)
	1, rural area	Stanton	3/25	TSS

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Tufted Titmouse	1, Kazmaier residence, Larned	<u>Pawnee</u>	5/2	DKz
Brown Creeper	1, Miller farm	Harvey	4/10	CM,RW
	1, Burcham Park	Douglas	4/11	BA
	1, below Tuttle Creek Dam	Riley	<u>4/22</u>	JR
	1, rural area	Pottawatomie	<u>4/23</u>	HA
Rock Wren	1, Quivira NWR	<u>Stafford</u>	4/10	BJ(rep.)
Winter Wren	1, Overland Park Arboretum	Johnson	<u>4/9</u>	NA
Townsend's Solitaire	2, parking area, Meade State Lake	Meade	3/1	TE
	1, campground area	Morton	3/2	TE
	Numerous, Scott Lake environs	Scott	3/4	MRe
	1, No-Name Park, Colby	Thomas	3/31	PJ,TE
	1, Beaver Creek Lodge	Rawlins	3/31	PJ,TE
	1, St. Francis	Cheyenne	3/31	PJ,TE
	1, Blackfoot Park, Lenexa	Johnson	<u>5/6</u>	MC
				
<u>Veery</u>	1, Spady residence, Ulysses	<u>Grant</u>	5/13	JCS
	1, Guy residence, Ulysses	<u>Grant</u>	5/25	KH,SG
Hermit Thrush	1, Saint Mary's "dump"	Pottawatomie	3/11	BM
	1 or 2, Oak Park	Sedgwick	3/12	PG
	1, Friesen residence	Harvey	3/26	GF
	1, Chisholm Creek Park	Sedgwick	4/2	CM
	1, Oak Park	Sedgwick	4/2	CM,AW
	1, Overland Park Arboretum	Johnson	4/3	CH
	1, rural area	Morton	4/9	TC,ER,DWg
	1, along the Kansas River	Douglas	4/12	BA
	1, Elkhart cemetery	Morton	4/17	BP
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton*	5/6-8	KOS
	1, Antelope Lake	Graham	5/15	HA
Brown Thrasher	1, Hicks' residence, Mulvane	Sedgwick	<u>3/12</u>	DH
Curve-billed Thrasher	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton*	5/6-8	KOS
American Pipit	<u>24</u> , 87 th and Hydraulic, Wichita	Sedgwick	3/3	JC
	<u>50</u> , Melvern Lake	Osage	3/5	MG,WCT
	<u>48</u> , Lyon County State Fishing Lake	Lyon	3/5	MG,WCT
	<u>175</u> , rural areas	Marion	3/6	JW
Sprague's Pipit	11, rural areas	Butler	3/15	GY
	<u>50</u> , Bourbon County Lake	Bourbon	3/16	HA
	<u>150</u> , west of Hilltop	Greenwood	3/16	HA
	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	4/9	BJ
Cedar Waxwing	<u>350</u> estimated, Broyles residence	Butler	4/24	BB
McCown's Longspur	6, Haverfield Ranch environs	Scott	3/4	MRe
	"Flock," southwest of Greensburg	Kiowa	3/16	SS

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McCown's Longspur	Several," rural environs, multiple western counties		3/31	PJ,TE
	1, southwest of Greensburg	Kiowa	4/14	SS
Smith's Longspur	35, Lyon County Lake	Lyon	3/5	MG,MC-T
	125+, rural areas	multiple	3/14	TB
	12, rural areas	Butler	3/15	GY
Chestnut-collared Longspur	30, rural areaa	Ford	3/15	SS
	Multiple small flocks	Kiowa	3/24	SS
	3,000+, rural environs, western counties		3/31	PJ,TE
	30, rural areas	Finney	4/7	TSS
	60, rural areas	Kiowa	4/14	SS
<u>Blue-winged Warbler</u> <D>	1 near Arkansas River, Great Bend	<u>Barton</u>	5/8	RG
	1, possible, Pomona	Franklin	5/22	NA
<u>Golden-winged Warbler</u>	1, along Kansas River	Douglas	4/30	BA,MGi
	1, Leo residence	Johnson	5/6	NL
	1, Burcham Park, Lawrence	Douglas	5/7	SSR
	1, Overland Park Arboretum	Johnson	5/7	MZ
	1, Fort Leavenworth environs	Leavenworth	5/7	DWi
	3, Fort Leavenworth environs	Leavenworth	5/7	JS
	1, Overland Park Arboretum	Johnson	5/12	JW
	1, Fort Leavenworth environs	Leavenworth	5/14	KG,WAS
	1, Naismith Park, Lawrence	Douglas	5/20	WCT
Northern Parula	1, Overland Park Arboretum	Johnson	4/3	CH
<u>Cape May Warbler</u>	1, Fort Leavenworth environs	Leavenworth	5/14	KG,WAS
	1 m., Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	5/21	PG
<u>Black-throated Blue Warbler</u>	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton*	5/6-8	KOS
<u>Townsend's Warbler</u>	1, Sappa Park, Oberlin	<u>Decatur</u>	5/15	HA
Blackburnian Warbler	1, along Kansas River	Douglas	5/1	BA
	1, Fort Leavenworth environs	Leavenworth	5/7	DWi
	1, Overland Park Arboretum	Johnson	5/12	JW
	2, Burcham Park, Lawrence	Douglas	5/15	KG,WAS
	1, campground, Cheney Lake	Kingman	5/18	TW
	1, Rocky Ford area, Tuttle Creek	Riley	5/20	ER
	1, Crane Park, Derby	Sedgwick	5/20	LH
Yellow-throated Warbler	1, Elkhart cemetery	<u>Morton</u>	4/10	TC,ER,DWg
	"Several" singing, Bonner Springs	Wyandotte	4/17	DS
	1, near Lehigh	<u>Marion</u>	4/23	TW(rep.)
	1, Wyandotte County Lake	Wyandotte	5/12	DL
<u>Prairie Warbler</u>	Unreported number, rural area(s)	<u>Morton</u> *	5/6-8	KOS
Palm Warbler	1, Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	4/29	RRe



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Palm Warbler	1, along Kansas River	Douglas	5/2	BA
	1, Blackfoot Park	Johnson	5/5	DWi
	1, Wyandotte County Lake	Wyandotte	5/7	CH
	1 possible, Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/12	MH
	1, Rocky Ford area, Tuttle Creek	Riley	5/20	GH
<u>Bay-breasted Warbler</u>	1, Overland Park Arboretum	Johnson	5/7	MZ
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	<u>Morton*</u>	5/6-8	KOS
	1, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	5/12	PG,AW
	1, Burcham Park, Lawrence	Douglas	5/13	RA
	1, Wilderness Park, Pittsburg	Crawford	5/15	MR
	1, Burcham Park, Lawrence	Douglas	5/15	KG,WAS
<u>Cerulean Warbler</u>	1 f., Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	5/20	JN
Black-and-white Warbler	1, Grouse Creek	Sedgwick	<u>4/2</u>	JN
<u>Worm-eating Warbler</u>	1, Elkhart shelter belt	<u>Morton</u>	4/10	TC,ER,DWg
	1, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	4/27	PG
Northern Waterthrush	1, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	5/5	PG
	1, along Kansas River	Douglas	5/5	BA
	2, Fort Leavenworth environs	Leavenworth	5/7	DWi
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	<u>Morton*</u>	5/6-8	KOS
	2, NE 105th Ave area, Quivira NWR	<u>Stafford</u>	5/10	BJ
	2, dam area, Harvey County East Lake	Harvey	5/12	CS
	1, Overland Park Arboretum	Johnson	5/13	KG,WAS
	1, N. entrance to Baker Wetlands	Douglas	5/15	BA
	1, Black Rail area, Quivira NWR	Stafford	5/15	PJ
	2, campground, Cheney Reservoir	<u>Kingman</u>	5/18	TW
Louisiana Waterthrush	1, rural area	Jefferson	<u>3/22</u>	GC
	1, Seltman farmstead	<u>Rush</u>	<u>3/23</u>	SS,SSe
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	1 probable, Naismith Park	Douglas	5/29	BA
Hooded Warbler	1, heard singing, Oak Park	Sedgwick	4/23	PG,CVB
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	<u>Morton*</u>	5/6-8	KOS
	1, Burcham Park, Lawrence	Douglas	5/9	BA
	1, singing, northwest Wichita	Sedgwick	5/21	PJ
Canada Warbler	1, Ernie Miller Nature Park	Johnson	5/11	JW
	1, Overland Park Arboretum	Johnson	5/14	JW
	1, Wilderness Park, Pittsburg	Crawford	5/15	MR
	1, Burcham Park, Lawrence	Douglas	5/15	KG,WAS
<u>Painted Redstart</u>	1, picnic area, north of Elkhart	Morton	5/5	TC,KOS
<u>Green-tailed Towhee</u>	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton*	5/6-8	KOS
Spotted Towhee	1, Boranyak residence, Topeka	Shawnee	3/26	SB

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Eastern Towhee	1, Boranyak residence, Topeka	Shawnee	3/26	SB
Cassin's Sparrow	10, southwest corner of county 1, singing, displaying, Quivira NWR 1, tantalizing possible, K-96 bridge (start of easterly expansion from drought areas?)	<u>Stafford</u> Stafford Sedgwick	5/14 5/21 5/22	SS,DK BJ PJ
<u>Rufous-crowned Sparrow</u>	5, Schwartz Canyon area	Comanche	5/17	MR,m:obs.
Lark Bunting	Abundant, western counties	multiple	May	m:obs.
Henslow's Sparrow	4+, rural areas near Welda	Anderson	4/17	MG,NA
Harris's Sparrow	1 ad. m., Corder residence	Johnson	<u>5/25</u>	MCr
<u>Western Tanager</u>	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Morton*	5/6-8	KOS
<u>Black-headed Grosbeak</u>	Unreported number, rural area(s) 1, appropriate habitat 1, Broyles' residence feeder 1, Sutton residence, Dodge City 2, nesting, Beaver Creek Ranch	Morton* Harvey Butler Ford Rawlins	5/6-8 5/12 5/13 5/22 5/31	KOS CS BB WS PJ(rep.)
Blue Grosbeak	<u>55</u> , rural areas	Stafford	5/14	SS,DK
<u>Lazuli Bunting</u>	1 m., near headquarters, Quivira NWR 1, Blackfoot Park 2-4, Fisher residence, Anthony Unreported number, rural area(s) 1, NE 105th Ave area, Quivira NWR 1, unreported location 1, unreported location, Sebelius 1, residence, Reece 2, Broyles residence 1, Cable residence 1, near Calhoun residence 1, Royer residence 1, Davies residence	Stafford Johnson Harper Morton* Stafford Stafford <u>Norton</u> Greenwood Butler Riley Sedgwick Brown Marion	5/6 5/6 5/8 5/6-8 5/10 5/14 5/15 5/16 5/18 5/18 5/18 5/20 5/21	BJ TS KMH,EF KOS BJ SS,DK HA BB(rep.) BB TC JC RR LD
				
Painted Bunting	<u>8</u> , Schwartz Canyon	<u>Comanche</u>	5/17	MR,m:obs.
Rusty Blackbird	" <u>Large flocks</u> "	Labette	4/30	RT
Brewer's Blackbird	<u>1,600</u> +/-, rural area	Ford	4/20	SS
Pine Siskin	<u>20</u> +/-, finch feeder, Lawrence 1, calling, KOA, Goodland	Douglas Sherman	<u>4/21</u> 5/28	JL RG
<u>Lesser Goldfinch</u>	1 f., Shane residence 1 possible, Kerr residence	Finney Bourbon	3/5 5/23	TSh DKe

Call for papers

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Example abstract: Interspecific competition with wildcats limits populations of jay-hawks in northeast Kansas. Willie T. Wildcat (*), Division of Biology, Kansas State University.

Ongoing declines in autumn populations of jay-hawks (*Cyanorufa chalcii*) are a topic of conservation concern in Kansas. To assess the role of interspecific competition with wildcats (*Felis purpura*) as a factor contributing to observed population trends, I conducted three-hour observation bouts of captive animals in large enclosed arenas. In competition trials, jay-hawks demonstrated a strong aversion to environments saturated with royal purple. Thus, interspecific competition from wild felids may be a limiting factor that controls foraging and reproductive success of jay-hawk populations in the state of Kansas. Effective conservation strategies for jay-hawks should include keeping cats indoors.

Roundup, *continued*

Abbreviations: adult (ad.), female (f.), juvenile (juv.), KOS spring 2011 meeting report (KOS), Marais des Cygnes (MDC) KOS spring 2011 meeting report counties: Morton, Stevens, Grant and/or Stanton (Morton*), male (m.), multiple observers (m:obs.), reporting (rep.), species (sp.), Wichita Audubon Society (WAS).

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