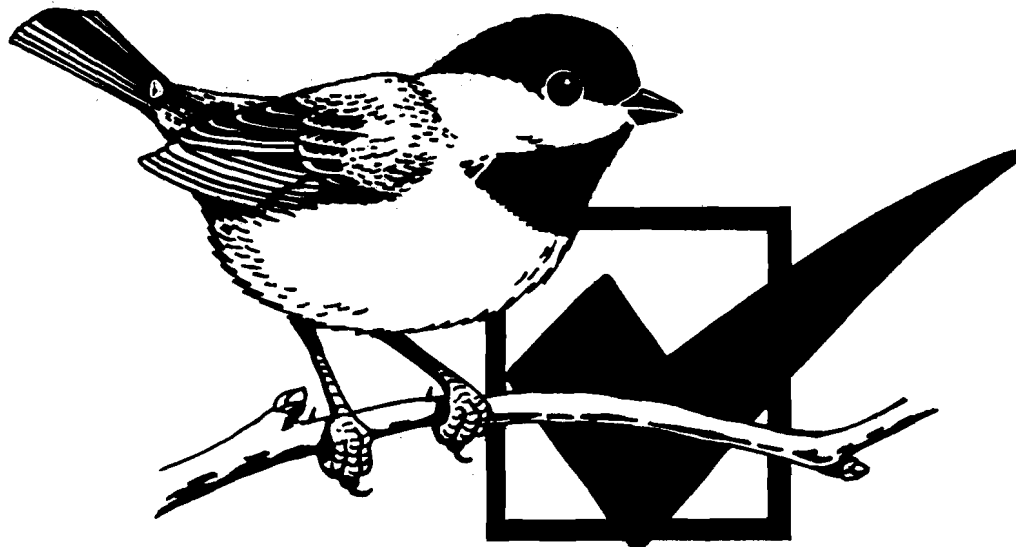


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state income tax form for
non-game wildlife conservation
in Kansas**

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Hi, my name is Elmer J. Finck, and I am the new Newsletter editor. As I expected, this first newsletter is rather short. Many of you probably have not received the word, that there is a new newsletter editor and there is probably some confusion as where to send material for publication. I thank those individuals who have contributed and hope more of you will contribute in the future. Your bird observation reports that you want included in the newsletter should be sent to me. After I see them, I will forward them to Dr. Ely at Fort Hays.

I welcome the announcement of field trips. If you are planning a field trip and would like other KOS members to join you, please send the information to me. Include in your information where the trip will be, when it will be, who organized it and who to contact, if members desire to attend. Upon returning from these field trips, send interesting sightings and a list of participants. Also, if you go on an outing and have recorded your sightings, please send them in to me. It is possible that there will be too much information to include in the newsletter, but the information that you send in will be useful to Dr. Ely for the Birds of Kansas book.

If you send information that has already been published elsewhere, please indicate where it was published and who to contact (if you know) so I can obtain permission to publish it in the newsletter.

I have tentatively established deadlines of February 1, April 1, May 15, August 15, and November 1 for receiving material. The newsletter should appear from 2-3 weeks after that deadline, provided I obtain enough information to publish. If you are involved with our Annual Meeting, please observe these deadlines, or contact me early enough so I can make adjustments. Let us strive to keep members informed in advance of upcoming events. If you have suggestions about the deadlines or any other comments about the newsletter, please send them to me. Thank you.

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BIRD OBSERVATIONS

Observations from western Kansas

<u>Species</u>	<u>Observation (No. of Individuals)</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>County</u>
Horned Grebe	1st County Record (2)	9-18-82	Scott
White Pelican	1st County Record (65)	9-15-82	Pawnee
Snowy Egret		9-11-82	Grant
Cattle Egret	1st County Record	10-30-82	Rush
		9-10-82	Pawnee
Black-crowned Night Heron		9-11-82	Morton
Osprey	1st County Record (2)	9-18-82	Scott
	1st County Record	10- 2-82	Pawnee
Northern Goshawk		10-20-82	Barton
Ferruginous Hawk	with Allen Jahn		
	1st County Record	10- 3-82	Cowley
Golden Eagle	with E. and F. Lewis	11-27-82	Jefferson
Peregrine Falcon		11-17-82	Barton
Prairie Falcon		9-11-82	Haskell
Sora	1st County Record	10- 4-82	Graham
Whooping Crane	(6) adults, (1) immature	10-31-82	Barton
Dunlin	(4)	10-16-82	Stafford
	(1)	11-17-82	Barton
Red-necked Phalarope	1st County Record	9-18-82	Scott
Screech Owl	1st County Record	11-20-82	Edwards
Barred Owl	1st County Record	9-24-82	Rush
Short-eared Owl	several early migrants	10- 6-82	Pawnee
Hairy Woodpecker	1st County Record	12-19-82	Ness
Olive-sided Flycatcher	(10+)	9-11-82	Morton
Western Wood-Pewee	several	9-11-82	Morton
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1st County Record	8-24-82	Pawnee
Great Crested Flycatcher	late migrant	10-11-82	Rush
Cassin's Kingbird		9-11-82	Morton
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		9-11-82	Morton
Pinyon Jay	(100+)	9-12-82	Morton
Chihuahuan Raven	(20+)	10-30-82	Stevens
Red-breasted Nuthatch		9-12-82	Morton
Pygmy Nuthatch		9-12-82	Morton
Bewick's Wren	latest record locally	11-20-82	Pawnee
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1st County Record	9-18-82	Scott
Sage Thrasher	by Diane Seltman	11- 6-82	Morton
Curve-billed Thrasher		10-30-82	Morton
Sprague's Pipit		10- 4-82	Norton
	1st County Record	10-11-82	Rush
Bell's Vireo		9-12-82	Morton
Tennessee Warbler		10-11-82	Rush
Nashville Warbler	1st County Record	9-18-82	Scott
Black-and-white Warbler		9-11-82	Morton
American Redstrat	(100+)	9-11-82	Morton
Wilson's Warbler	many	9-11-82	Morton
Western Tanager	in same tree with Pygmy Nuthatch	10-12-82	Morton
Lark Bunting	present throughout month	Sept. 82	Morton

LeConte's Sparrow	1st County Record	10-28-82	Pawnee
Chestnut-collared Longspur	several small flocks	11-19-82	Pawnee & Rush
Red Crossbill	1st County Record	12-12-82	Pawnee

Scott and Diane Seltman

Fall Migration

<u>Species</u>	<u>Comments and Date</u>	<u>Observer</u>	<u>County</u>
Double-crested Cormorant	1200+ 9-10-82	Marvin Schwilling	Coffey
Tundra Swan	1-y. 9-20-82	Steve Taylor and Duane Mitchell	Lyon
Northern Goshawk	1-ad. 11-25-82	Ed, Jean Schulenberg	Lyon
Black Rail	1 8-10-82	Jean Schulenberg	Stafford
Whooping Crane	2-ad. 10-12-82 at Quivira NWR	Gene Brehm	Stafford
	7(6-ad., 1-y.) 10-31-82 Cheyenne Bottoms	Jean Schulenberg	Barton
	3(2-ad., 1-y.-radio tagged) 11-2-82 at Eureka	Jim Goldsberry and Paul Gossen USFWS	Greenwood
	1-ad., 11-2-82 at Atwood	Delmar Pancake	Rawlins
Black-bellied Plover	2 11-7-82	Ed, Jean Schulenberg	Osage
Lesser Golden Plover	6 11-7-82	Ed, Jean Schulenberg	Osage
Roadrunner	1 8-9-82	Schulenberg	Clark

Schulenberg

Fall Migration

<u>Species</u>	<u>No. Individuals</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>County</u>
American Bittern	1	9-17-82	Stafford*
Least Bittern	1	9-17-82	Stafford*
Great Egret	2	10- 3-82	Sedgwick
Snowy Egret	1	10- 1-82	Sedgwick
Little Blue Heron	25	10- 3-82	Sedgwick
Cattle Egret	300	10- 1-82	Sedgwick
	15	10-12-82	Sedgwick
Osprey	1	9-18-82	Sedgwick
Common Moorhen	1	9-17-82	Stafford*
Black-necked Stilt	4	9-17-82	Stafford*
Least Tern	9	9-18-82	Reno
	3	9-17-82	Stafford*
Empidonax species	1	10- 3-82	Reno
Solitary Vireo	1	10- 3-82	Reno
Swamp Sparrow	1	10- 3-82	Sedgwick**

*Quivera N. W. R.

** seen by Eddie Stegall

Steve Kingswood

Winter Observations in Cherokee County 12-28-82 to 1-2-83

<u>Species</u>	<u>No. Individuals</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>No. Individuals</u>
Canada Geese	200	White-breasted Nuthatch	2
Red-tailed Hawk	1	Brown Creeper	1
American Kestrel	3	Carolina Wren	1
Northern Bobwhite		American Robin	1
Quail	18	Northern Mockingbird	4
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	Starling	10
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	Northern Cardinal	15
Downy Woodpecker	4	White-throated Sparrow	3
Hairy Woodpecker	1	White-crowned Sparrow	3
Yellow-shafted Flicker	1	Slate-colored Junco	10
Pileated Woodpecker	1	Oregon Junco	4
Blue Jay	3	Meadowlark sp.	12
American Crow	1	Purple Finch	4
Black-capped Chickadee	3	American Goldfinch	20
Tufted Titmouse	3	House Sparrow	25
		Lena Qualls	

A NEW INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR RAPTORS

The Raptor Management Information System (RMIS) is a collection of published and unpublished papers, reports, and other works on raptor management and human impacts on raptors and their habitats. It currently consists of nearly 2,500 original papers, 160 keyworded notecard decks comprised of 15,000 key paragraphs from the original papers, and a computer program to retrieve partially annotated bibliographies by species, by keyword, or by any combination of keywords and/or species. A geographical index is under development, and new papers are added as they are received.

Originally designed to facilitate land-use planning and decision-making by government agencies and industry, the RMIS has since grown into a powerful research and environmental assessment tool for scholars, students, consultants, as well as land managers and their staff biologists. For more information write Dr. Richard R. Olendorff, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California U.S.A. 95825, or phone commercial (916) 484-4701 or through the Federal Telephone System 468-4701.

***** SPRING FIELD TRIPS *****

Spring Field Outing April 16 or 17 Western Smokey Hill River

This trip will follow the Smokey Hill River from Colorado to Cedar Bluff Reservoir with stops at Lake Scott, Monument Rocks and Castle Rock. Expected species: Golden Eagle, Prairie Falcon, Say's Phoebe, Rock Wren, Chestnut-collared Longspur. Possible rarities include Mountain Plover.

Anyone wanting to go on this trip should call Scott Seltman for details. Phone 913-329-4411

***** BIRD WATCHING FOR BEGINNERS *****

The Wichita Free University offers classes to the general public during several sessions throughout the year. These classes are varied in scope, but are typically offered without charge or at a nominal cost. One such class will be lead by Bob Gress, Steve Kingswood and Joe Schaefer for beginning birders. An orientation to the basics of bird watching and an introduction to Wichita's bird life are the primary goals of this class. The first field trip will be Saturday, April 9, 1983, from 8:00 to 12:00 noon at the Pawnee Park River Area. Future meetings contingent on interest of class. No instructor's fee. Limit: 15. KOS members are encouraged to attend these field trips and should encourage beginning birders (including non-KOS members) to participate. Please contact Steve Kingswood if you have any questions or would like to participate.

Steve Kingswood
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Wichita, KS 67212
316-942-2212 (work)
316-942-5134 (home)

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* ANNUAL SPRING MEETING *
* MORTON COUNTY *
* APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 1983 *
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STATE INCOME TAX CHECK-OFF PROGRAMS

Since 1977, 20 states have enacted income tax check-off legislation. Colorado was the first state to enact the system. Kansas had the check-off for the first time in 1980. In the table below is a comparison of the states with check-offs in our area. The funds are used to upgrade non-game wildlife programs in each state.

FUNDING RESULTS

States With Programs	Year Bill Signed	Tax Year	Totals	Contributors	% of Persons Having Refunds Contributing	Average Contributions
Colorado	1977	1977	350,000	90,000	9.0%	\$3.89
		1978	501,000	118,600	12.0%	4.22
		1979	647,200	129,300	11.9%	5.00
		1980	740,000	139,850	12.7%	5.30
		1981	692,000	124,000	12.4%	5.60
Iowa	1982	----	----	----	---	----
Kansas	1980	1980	128,788	21,786	3.6%	4.87
		1981	130,193	----	---	----
Minnesota	1980	1980	569,277	170,177	9.8%	3.39
		1981	624,899	195,503	11.4%	3.20
New Mexico	1981	1981	256,000	24,000	4.6%	10.68
Oklahoma	1981	----	----	----	---	----

***** REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR STATE INCOME FORM FOR NON-GAME WILDLIFE *****

SPRING MEETING 1983

The Spring KOS Meeting will be held at Elkhart in extreme Southwestern Kansas April 30 and May 1. Max Thompson is in charge of local arrangements. This is a virgin area for a KOS meeting. The Board realized that this was a great distance from the population centers of Kansas, but felt it was time we devoted at least one meeting in 33 years to this area. The meeting headquarters will be The El Rancho Motel on US 56. There are two motels in Elkhart and both are owned by the same people. We need to give them a tentative number of reservations so we don't find that all rooms have been occupied before we get there. Rooms cost about \$25 per night with double occupancy. There are two rooms with triple accommodations for about \$33 per night. There are two camping areas, one at the Cimarron bridge crossing 9 miles north of Elkhart and another at the Boy Scout Camp. The Boy Scout camping area is on the north side of the river and about 9 miles north and 3 miles east of Elkhart. We recommend the latter since there is a lot of traffic through the campsite on the highway. More information will be mailed with the April Newsletter to reach the membership by April 15.

Please fill out the bottom of this page and return to Max Thompson before April 1 if possible.

SPRING MEETING RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

I will need the following motel reservations

Single

April 30

Double

May 1

Triple

Other _____

I will be camping out

Please return by April 1 to:

Max C. Thompson
1704 East 9th
Winfield, KS 67156