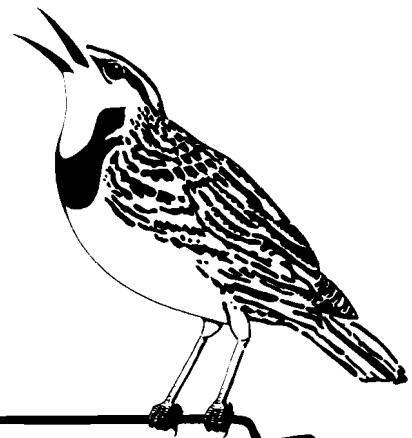


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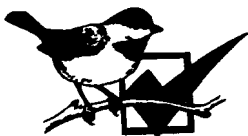
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KOS MEMBERS:

This issue marks the beginning of the second year for me as Newsletter editor. I have had an exciting year. I am particularly happy with the additions of the fall meeting abstracts and the listing of field trips. I welcome your comments on these two items or anything else that you wish to say about improving the Newsletter. Remember this is your newsletter. Please, continue to submit articles on sightings, requests for information, field trip plans, etc. I ask that you remember the deadlines for submission of information, i.e., February 1, April 1, May 15, August 15 and November 1. This is particularly important for members sending in abstracts, minutes of meetings, listing of field trips, meeting announcements or any other announcements that are dated.

Thank you for the great year!!

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AOU SLIDE PRESENTATION ON KANSAS

The local committee is planning a slide show entitled "The Birds and Habitats of Kansas" in which they will show birds typically found in the outstanding habitats of Kansas and adjacent states. If you have excellent bird slides which might be appropriate, we would like to hear about them for possible uses as part of our program. Please write to Pamela Rasmussen and describe the slides. If they are slides we need, we will let you know. Do not send slides until you hear from us.

Our priorities are first to obtain quality slides of birds in the selected Kansas habitats listed below, and second, to obtain superior slides showing birds in other Kansas habitats. Finally, habitat shots without birds will help us introduce the various physiographic regions of the state. The areas we especially wish to show are:

Cheyenne Bottoms
Marais des Cygnes NWR
Konza Prairie
Red Hills area around Medicine Lodge
Cimarron National Grassland (Morton County)
Salt Plains NWR (Oklahoma)
Squaw Creek NWR (Missouri)
Gove County
Trego County
Baldwin Wood and other eastern forests
and Quivira NWR.

We plan to show a few of the characteristic birds of each locality, especially those that would interest people from other areas. Below is a list of bird species for which we are particularly interested in obtaining good slides.

Bird Photos especially needed:

Little Blue Heron	Chuck-will's Widow
Least Bittern	Ladder-backed Woodpecker
White-faced Ibis	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Mississippi Kite	Horned Lark
Harlan's Hawk	Carolina Wren
Krider's Red-tail Hawk	Gray-cheeked Thrush
Bald Eagle	Sprague's Pipit
Prairie Falcon	Northern Shrike
Merlin	Bell's Vireo
Prairie Chickens (both)	Black-and-White Warbler
Wild Turkey	Golden-winged Warbler
Sandhill Crane	Louisiana Waterthrush
King Rail	Kentucky Warbler
Piping Plover	Great-tailed Grackle
Upland Sandpiper	Blue Grosbeak
<u>Calidris</u> peeps	Painted Bunting
White-rumped Sandpiper	Lark Bunting
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Harris' Sparrow
Hudsonian Godwit	Longspurs
Black-billed Cuckoo	Grassland Sparrows i.e., LeConte's,
Barred Owl	Baird's, Henslow's, Grasshopper

Hybrid Orioles, Flickers, Grosbeaks, Buntings, and Juncos to emphasize Kansas as an area of overlap between eastern and western birds.

Acknowledgments will be given at the end of the slide show at the AOU meeting for those slides used.

Pamela C. Rasmussen
 AOU Local Committee
 Museum of Natural History
 The University of Kansas
 Lawrence, KS 66045

SAVE THE BOTTOMS

As a marshland, Cheyenne Bottoms is one of nature's most diverse and productive ecosystems. Kansas birders have long enjoyed an intimate relationship with this 13,000 acre wetland, and outnumber hunters in visits to the area. But according to Stan Wood, refuge manager, Cheyenne Bottoms could soon revert back to its earlier condition as an intermittent wetland, being dry two out of three years.

When the Bottoms became a state-owned waterfowl management area, it was guaranteed up to 30,000 acre-feet of water yearly from the Arkansas River, but since 1980, has been able to get less than 10% of that amount.

The Kansas Audubon Council has initiated a program to alert its members and the citizens of Kansas to the failing water supplies that threaten the existence of Cheyenne Bottoms. The Council authorized the printing of several thousand pamphlets and posters to explain the problems and to urge concerned Kansans to write or visit with state officials about finding solutions to prevent the death of the Bottoms, as we know it today. If you would like more information, contact:

Jan Garton
Northern Flint Hills Audubon Society
219 Westwood
Manhattan, KS 66502

FALCONRY BILL

The falconry issue has surfaced in the state legislature again. Let the members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee know your feelings on this issue. Ron Fox is the chairman of that committee. For more information contact:

Eulalia M. Lewis
1285 MacVicar Avenue
Topeka, KS 66604

UNWANTED ISSUES OF AMERICAN BIRDS

I have available, the following issues of American Birds, which I would be willing to donate to an interested birder.

Vol. 31, Nos. 5-6 (1977)
Vol. 32, Nos. 1-6 (1978)
Vol. 33, Nos. 1-4, 6 (1979)
Vol. 34, Nos. 1-6 (1980)
Vol. 35, Nos. 1-6 (1981)
Vol. 36, Nos. 1-6 (1982)

If you are interested in these publications please contact me at 316-672-5911 (office) or 316-672-2562 (home) to arrange delivery.

Robert D. Wood

KOS FIELD TRIPS FOR 1984

Sunday, March 4 Emporia Area. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Science Hall of Emporia State University. Contact Larry Herbert - 316-475-3783.

Sunday, March 25 Cheyenne Bottoms/Quivera N.W.R. Meet at 9:00 A.M. at the Cheyenne Bottoms' Headquarters. Contact Scott Seltman - 913-329-4411.

Sunday, April 28 Marais des Cygnes W.M.A. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Trading Post (5 miles north of Pleasanton). Contact Mick McHugh - 913-677-1436.

Saturday, May 12 Douglas County (Baldwin Bird Club Spring Count). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Rice Woodland (2 miles north and 1 mile east of Baldwin). Contact Roger Boyd - 913-594-3172.

Saturday, May 19 Graham and Norton Counties. Contact Scott Seltman - 913-329-4411.

Saturday, July 21 Sedgwick County Egret and Heron Rookery. Meet at 6:00 P.M. at Sunnyside Nursery (6750 S. Broadway) Haysville. Special arrangements can be made for bird blind photography. Contact Steve Kingswood - 316-942-5134.

Saturday and Sunday, September 17 & 18 Morton County. Meet at noon on the 17th at the El Rancho Restaurant in Elkhart. Contact Scott Seltman - 913-221-1856.

Sometime in November Perry Reservoir (in conjunction with a pending Topeka Audubon Society field trip). Contact Gene Lewis - 913-232-1847.

If you are planning to attend any of the above field trips, please let the contact person know so they might have an idea of how much interest there is in each field trip. The field trip committee solicits feedback and/or questions on these trips or potential future trips. Contact Steve Kingswood (316-942-5134) or Scott Seltman (913-329-4411).

OTHER FIELD TRIPS

Topeka Audubon Society

Field trips the second Saturday of each month. Meet at the Topeka Zoo parking lot, Gage Park at 7:30 A.M. Some trips are flowers, tree, etc., but birds are always watched. Contact Paul Willis - Field Trip Chairman or Jo Ramberg - President.

Wichita Audubon Afield

APRIL 14, Sat. HARVEY COUNTY PARK WEST. Meet at Ranger House at 7:30 a.m. Bring lunch. Go west out of Newton on U.S. 50 3 miles past Halstead. Look for sign, Harvey County West; go 3 miles north. Leader: Jay Newton, Newton.

APRIL 27, 28, 29 CONCAN, TEXAS. Exciting migrants, southern summer residents, western vagrants -- such as Black-capped Vireo, Golden-cheeked Warbler, Green Kingfisher. Planner-leader: Ralph Wiley. Call him 316-838-1063, for plans and reservations.

May 6, Sun. OAK PARK WARBLER WALK. Meet at lily pond, 7:00 a.m. Wild area between 11th and Little Arkansas River. Nationally known birding area. Leader: Don Vannoy, 316-838-4062.

MAY 11, 12, 13 HORIZON WEEK-END. Nature programs and guided field trips. Camping or rooms; meals. Reservations, Mary Wiley, 316-838-1063.

JUNE 3, Sun. FIELD TRIP TO CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at parking lot. Bring sack lunch. Compilation and lunch at noon. Leader: Dan Kilby, 316-943-5136.

JUNE 9, Sat. SPRING WILD FLOWERS AT LAKE AFTON. Meet at 9 a.m. just insider east entrance. A different type of watching! Leader: Bob Gress, 316-838-4130.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FIELD TRIPS CALL DAN KILBY, CHAIRMAN, 316-943-5136.

Northern Flint Hills Audubon Society

March 16-17-18, 1984 PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE. Kearney, Nebraska. Sandhill Crane Field Trip. Contact Audubon Regional Office, Manhattan, Kansas.

March 24, 1984 EARLY MIGRANTS FIELD TRIP. (to be announced).

April 28-29, 1984 CHEYENNE BOTTOMS FIELD TRIP. Ackert parking lot. Leave at 9:00 a.m. Saturday Return at 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

May 12, 1984 SATURDAY MORNING BIRDING. (to be announced).

May 19, 1984 KONZA WILDFLOWER. (to be announced).

June 16-17, 1984 CHEYENNE BOTTOMS FIELD TRIP. (to be announced).

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The annual spring meeting will be held at Camp Horizon near Arkansas City on May 4-6. The Horizon Center is a total facility overlooking the Arkansas River. They will provide housing and food at a nominal charge. Although we don't expect great numbers to arrive on Friday evening, we are holding that space and will need to know soon after the registration materials are sent to you in early April what nights you will be there. There are also some camping spaces provided and you may choose to eat with the group and pitch your tent or park your RV. Bob Gress will provide the evening talk on Saturday night. There will be field trips on Saturday as well as Sunday. This is the first time KOS has had a place where we could all stay together and eat in one spot. We are looking forward to a great time. Be sure and return the registration blanks promptly when you get them. You will need to make reservations in advance so the Center can plan the meals and for the accomodations.--Max C. Thompson, Local Chairman