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CHEYENNE BOTTOMS

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OFFICER'S CORNER

I'm certain the fact that we are in the midst of another election year has escaped the attention of few persons - especially with the plethora of gubernatorial candidates among which to choose. As the cacophony of the various campaigns becomes increasingly strident, those of us who enjoy the soothing quiet of a stroll through prairies, meadows, and woodlands are easily tempted to shut out the din and isolate ourselves from the process. While such a reaction cannot be wholly inexcusable, my appeal is to pause to examine the consequences of such inaction.

Those of us who enjoy and care about birds and other wild things need to continue the process of self-education concerning the issues which affect our environment and its creatures. (Acid rain, deforestation, continued threats to endangered species, air and water pollution, erosion, urban sprawl and loss of habitat, and misuse of our water resources to name but a few.) Thus educated, we can intelligently cast our ballots for those candidates who are willing to support the measures which will ensure the protection, conservation and enhancement of our natural resources.

One of the persons I most admire is Mary Cook, a retired school teacher who resides in Bloomington, Minnesota. She is an avid birder and a most enthusiastic supporter of the prairie-preservation movement. Originally from Iowa, Mary, more than any other person I know, epitomizes the best that the word environmentalist brings to mind. She takes the time to research the issues, gather facts and cohorts, then with great zeal and enthusiasm, digs into the foray to fight for what she believes in. It is that kind of dedication to our natural resources that I wish were more infectious - a wonderful antidote to "pass"ificism, aloofness, and apathy. May you each catch at least a mild case of "Mary Cook Disease" in the coming months!

Joyce Wolf
Lawrence, Kansas

EVENING GROSBEAK COUNTY RECORDS NEEDED

It has been an evening grosbeak year. We have received reports from widespread areas in the state. However, we still lack records from 63 counties. If you have sightings from any of the following counties please provide date, place and other pertinent information to Marvin Schwilling, Fish and Game Research Office, P.O. Box 1525, Emporia, KS 66801.

Allen	Gove	Logan	Rush
Anderson	Grant	Marion	Scott
Atchison	Gray	Marshall	Seward
Bourbon	Greely	Meade	Smith
Butler	Greenwood	Miami	Stafford
Chautauqua	Harper	Mitchell	Stanton
Cheyenne	Hodgeman	Montgomery	Stevens
Clark	Jackson	Morris	Thomas
Coffey	Jefferson	Nemaha	Wabaunsee
Comanche	Jewell	Norton	Wallace
Crawford	Kearny	Osborne	Washington
Decatur	Labette	Pawnee	Wichita
Dickinson	Lane	Phillips	Wilson
Doniphan	Leavenworth	Pottawatomie	Woodson
Edwards	Lincoln	Rawlins	Wyandotte
Ellsworth	Linn	Republic	

Marvin Schwilling
Emporia, KS

KOS SPRING MEETING AT THE CHEYENNE BOTTOMS

The Spring Meeting of KOS was held at the Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivera May 9-11, 1986. We stayed at Camp Aldridge. Fifty-eight people registered. We saw a total of 169 species during the three days. We thank Guy Ernsting for arranging the accommodations, which made the weekend an exciting experience.

List of Those Who Registered at the 1986 KOS Spring Meeting

<u>Baldwin</u>	<u>Burlington</u>	<u>Copeland</u>
Jan Boyd	Dan Williamson	Art Nonhof
Jon Boyd		Karen Nonhof
Margaret Boyd	<u>Clyde</u>	
Roger L. Boyd	Avis Jackson	<u>Elkhart</u>
Katherine B. Kelley		Lawrence Smith
	<u>Ellinwood</u>	Ruth Smith
<u>Emporia</u>	Guy Ernsting	
Marvin Schwilling	Shelley Ernsting	<u>Garden City</u>
Mark Crane		Aislin Herbert
	<u>Gardner</u>	Carleen Herbert
<u>Great Bend</u>	Maxine McKaughan	Emily Herbert
Stan Wood		Gene Herbert
	<u>Hays</u>	Lawrence Herbert
<u>Hugoton</u>	Donna Cooper	
Barbara Nordling	Mike Dwyer	<u>Hutchinson</u>
Bernie Nordling	Charles A. Ely	Loren Combs
Charles Wagner	Marvin E. Rolfs	
Rita Wagner	Jim Wagner	<u>Lawrence</u>
	Dennis Zehr	Wayne Hoffman
<u>Longton</u>		
H. L. Albright	<u>Manhattan</u>	<u>Nekoma</u>
Sylvia Albright	Elmer J. Finck	Diane Seltman
	Steve C. Hansen	Scott Seltman
<u>Newton</u>	Lowell Johnson	Marvin Seltzman
Rose Fritz	Wanda Mae Johnson	Mrs. Marvin Seltzman
Jane Hershberger		
Richard H. Schmidt	<u>North Newton</u>	<u>Ottawa</u>
	Bob Regier	John M. Brockway
<u>Overland Park</u>		Johnnie Brockway
Dave Bryan	<u>Russell</u>	Martin Brockway
Mrs. Dave Bryan	Jane Holland	Jo Flager
	LeRoy Holt	Orville Flager
<u>Salina</u>		
Tom Shane	<u>Wichita</u>	
	David Banner	

KOS Spring Board Meeting Minutes

- 1) Roger Boyd announced that Larry Herbert had accepted the opening on the Official Record Committee vacated by the late Orville Rice.

- 2) Falconry Resolution - The state legislature has passed a resolution directing Kansas Fish & Game to encourage development of a raptor program allowing falconry. Sentiment was expressed that this would allow open development of falconry. Kansas Fish & Game is reluctant to develop a falconry program.
- 3) Educational Brochure - The education committee has met and should have introductory information for the fall meeting.
- 4) Wildlife Heritage Month - The group has written organizational goals and objective. Wetlands is the topic for March 1987.
- 5) The 1987 KOS spring meeting will be in southeastern Kansas for birding at Shimmerhorn Park. Because of few options for meeting sites we discussed whether there would be an objection to camping out of state. The board thought that there is no reason to object. Therefore, Marvin Schwilling will explore possibilities near Joplin, MO.
- 6) Members in attendance were Roger L. Boyd, Elmer J. Finck, David Bryan, Dan Williamson, Donna Cooper, and Lawrence Herbert.

Lawrence Herbert
Garden City, KS

Birds Seen at the 1986 KOS Spring Meeting

Pied-billed Grebe	Forster's Tern
Horned Grebe	Black Tern
Eared Grebe	Rock Dove
White Pelican	Mourning Dove
Double-crested Cormorant	Common Barn Owl
American Bittern	Eastern Screech Owl
Least Bittern	Great Horned Owl
Great Blue Heron	Burrowing Owl
Great Egret	Common Nighthawk
Snowy Egret	Chuck-will's Widow
Little Blue Heron	Chimney Swift
Tricolored Heron	Belted Kingfisher
Cattle Egret	Red-headed Woodpecker
Green-backed Heron	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Black-crowned Night Heron	Downy Woodpecker
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	Hairy Woodpecker
White-faced Ibis	Northern Flicker
Canada Goose	Eastern Phoebe
Wood Duck	Great Crested Flycatcher
Green-winged Teal	Western Kingbird
Mallard	Eastern Kingbird
Northern Pintail	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Blue-winged Teal	Horned Lark
Cinnamon Teal	Purple Martin
Northern Shoveler	Tree Swallow
Gadwall	Bank Swallow
American Wigeon	Cliff Swallow
Canvasback	Barn Swallow
Redhead	Blue Jay

Lesser Scaup	American Crow
Bufflehead	Black-capped Chickadee
Ruddy Duck	House Wren
Turkey Vulture	Marsh Wren
Mississippi Kite	Eastern Bluebird
Northern Harrier	Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson's Hawk	Swainson's Thrush
Red-tailed Hawk	Wood Thrush
Ferruginous Hawk	American Robin
American Kestrel	Gray Catbird
Peregrine Falcon	Northern Mockingbird
Ring-necked Pheasant	Brown Thrasher
Turkey	Cedar Waxwing
Northern Bobwhite	Loggerhead Shrike
King Rail	European Starling
Virginia Rail	Bell's Vireo
Sora Rail	Warbling Vireo
Common Moorhen	Tennessee Warbler
American Coot	Orange-crowned Warbler
Black-bellied Plover	Nashville Warbler
Lesser Golden Plover	Yellow Warbler
Snowy Plover	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Semipalmated Plover	American Redstart
Piping Plover	Northern Waterthrush
Killdeer	Common Yellowthroat
Mountain Plover	Yellow-breasted Chat
Black-necked Stilt	Northern Cardinal
American Avocet	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Greater Yellowlegs	Black-headed Grosbeak
Lesser Yellowlegs	Indigo Bunting
Willet	Dickcissel
Spotted Sandpiper	Rufous-sided Towhee
Upland Sandpiper	Chipping Sparrow
Whimbrel	Clay-colored Sparrow
Hudsonian Godwit	Field Sparrow
Marbled Godwit	Vesper Sparrow
Ruddy Turnstone	Lark Sparrow
Red Knot	Lark Bunting
Sanderling	Savannah Sparrow
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Grasshopper Sparrow
Western Sandpiper	White-crowned Sparrow
Least Sandpiper	Bobolink
White-rumped Sandpiper	Red-winged Blackbird
Baird's Sandpiper	Eastern Meadowlark
Pectoral Sandpiper	Western Meadowlark
Dunlin	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Stilt Sandpiper	Great-tailed Grackle
Long-billed Dowitcher	Common Grackle
Common Snipe	Brown-headed Cowbird
Wilson's Phalarope	Orchard Oriole
Red-necked Phalarope	Northern Oriole
Franklin's Gull	House Finch
Ring-billed Gull	American Goldfinch
Caspian Tern	House Sparrow
Common Tern	

Guy Ernsting
Ellinwood, KS

MISSOURI PRAIRIE CONFERENCE

Columbia--The Missouri Prairie Foundation will host the first Missouri Prairie Conference on July 26-27, 1986 at the Ramada Inn in Columbia, Missouri. The conference will be part of the group's 20th anniversary celebration.

Patterned from a national gathering of prairie enthusiasts, the conference promises to be festive as well as educational. Talks on the history, management and ecology of the prairie will be presented. Agricultural and home landscaping uses of prairie plants will also be featured.

A morning field trip to prairie areas will give participants a first hand opportunity to experience prairie.

The conference will be highlighted by an evening banquet featuring Missouri grown buffalo meat. Banquet speaker will be Missouri Net news director and author Bob Priddy, on Missouri's historical links with the prairie.

One third of Missouri was covered with tall grass prairie at the time of the pioneers. Today less than one percent of the original acreage remains. The Missouri Prairie Foundation was organized in 1966 to save some of this once vast prairie for future Missourians to enjoy. Since that time the group has preserved over 1,100 acres and currently owns six prairie tracts totaling 713 acres.

Citizens interested in preserving the rich prairie heritage of Missouri are invited to attend this conference. For more information write Prairie Conference, P.O. Box 200, Columbia, MO 65202.

UNUSUAL BIRDS JUNE-DECEMBER 1985

Common Loon	10+ on Kirwin	11-02-85	Phillips
Western Grebe	Very common this fall...10+	10-15-85	Trego
Western Grebe	2 on Pool 1 found by Dave Bryan	07-06-85	Barton
Double-crested Cormorant	4 nests on duck blinds in Pool 2	07-09-85	Barton
Olivaceous Cormorant	2	06-22-85	Barton
	4 seen with Paul Lehman	07-09-85	Barton
	2	08-17-85	Barton
Tricolored Heron	1 on Big Salt Marsh	07-10-85	Stafford
Hooded Merganser	50+	11-23-85	Trego
Common Merganser	1 female on Cedar Bluff	06-04-85	Trego
Sharp-shinned Hawk	One chased a Brewer's Blackbird into a large machine shed where they both took a couple laps around the inside and flew out unharmed.	09-23-85	Pawnee
Northern Goshawk	Very large imm. at Boy Scout area	12-04-85	Morton
	Small adult nearly hit by pickup	12-06-85	Rush
Broad-winged Hawk	1 over Elkhart with T. Cable	09-21-85	Morton
Merlin	Eating a Starling on Pool 2 dike	10-26-85	Barton
	1	11-02-85	Phillips
Peregrine Falcon	Very dark imm. along shore at Kirwin	11-02-85	Phillips
Turkey	Flock of 13	11-23-85	Trego

Greater Yellowlegs	1 at Cedar Bluff - Temp. 10°F	11-09-85	Trego
Ruddy Turnstone	1 with Paul Lehman	07-10-85	Barton
Red Knot	3	09-07-85	Barton
Short-billed Dowitcher	5 positively identified by P. Lehman	07-09-85	Barton
Red-necked Phalarope	18 on Elkhart sewage ponds	09-21-85	Morton
Parasitic Jaeger	Many observations of 3rd-year adult identified by Wayne Hoffman	08-31-85	Barton
Sabine's Gull	Immature on Pool 2	10-10-85	Barton
Common Poorwill	1 flushed from grass along river	09-22-85	Morton
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1 at cemetery, 1 along river	12-04-85	Morton
Olive-sided Flycatcher	4 in Elkhart	09-14-85	Morton
Willow Flycatcher	One near Camp Aldrich	07-09-85	Barton
Cassin's Kingbird	5 in one tree!	09-22-85	Morton
Pinyon Jay	2 or 3 heard overhead	09-21-85	Morton
Mountain Chickadee	1 at Boy Scout area	12-04-85	Morton
Bushtit	3 found by Diane, Boy Scout area	09-14-85	Morton
	Same birds still present	09-21-85	Morton
Pygmy Nuthatch	3 in cottonwoods with Red and White-breasted also in view	09-21-85	Morton
Winter Wren	1 near Camp Aldrich	10-10-85	Barton
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2 very early migrants	09-22-85	Morton
Eastern Bluebird	Pair fledged one bird in Seltman yard	07-14-85	Rush
	6 fledglings from 2nd brood	08-12-85	Rush
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Pair with 3 young near Quivira	08-17-85	Stafford
Hermit Thrush	3	09-21-85	Morton
Curve-billed Thrasher	1 in Elkhart	12-04-85	Morton
Sprague's Pipit	Peak migration of 20 birds	10-17-85	Rush
	4	10-15-85	Norton
Northern Shrike	Singing imm. north of Ellis	10-18-85	Ellis
	Adult south shore of Cedar Bluff	11-02-85	Trego
	Brownish imm. eating frozen cricket	11-07-85	Pawnee
	Same bird seen 7 miles southeast	11-08-85	Pawnee
	Adult chasing longspurs	11-18-85	Rush
Solitary Vireo	Gray western form in Elkhart	09-21-85	Morton
Black-throated Gray Warbler	2 at Wilburton Crossing	09-22-85	Morton
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1 in same flock as above	09-22-85	Morton
Wilson's Warbler	300+ seen by Seltman & Cable	09-21-85	Morton
Ovenbird	Early migrant	08-19-85	Rush
Western Tanager	3 in Elkhart, 1 at river	09-14-85	Morton
	8	09-21-85	Morton
Green-tailed Towhee	1 along river by Seltman & Cable	09-22-85	Morton
LeConte's Sparrow	1	10-31-85	Rush
Fox Sparrow	1	11-02-85	Trego
Lapland Longspur	Very early arrivals	10-02-85	Pawnee
Red Crossbill	10	12-12-85	Barton
Evening Grosbeak	Portion of flock of 26 seen at Chaplin Nature Center	12-07-85	Cowley

Scott Seltman
Nekoma, KS

CONSERVATION FORUM REPORT

A forum was held Saturday June 7, 1986 at Emporia, KS on conservation issues. The eight candidates for governor were invited, but only two, Mike Hayden and Bill McDonald attended. Four, Tom Docking, Jack Brier, Larry Jones, and Gene Bicknell, sent representatives. Barbara Pomeroy and Richard Peckham did not respond to the invitation. All of the candidates were asked to address two questions: 1) Increased economic development directly impacts natural resources. How will you provide for natural resource and conservation needs in your plans for economic development?, and 2) Given our state government's reduced revenues and cutbacks in federal financing, how do you plan to provide the necessary funding for the expanding needs of natural resource protection? Each candidate or representative was given about 20 minutes to address the forum. There were 63 people representing 28 organizations from around the state in attendance at the meeting.

Please become informed about where the candidates for governor stand on the natural resource issues and get out and vote.

Elmer J. Finck
Manhattan, KS

