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OFFICER'S CORNER

My tenure as President of KOS is beginning to come to an end. As it does I have been reflecting on changes in KOS. Two issues head my list of things that are changing. One is an ever increasing need for funding and the other is an increasing call for commitment. These two issues are not necessarily unrelated and they both seem to drive the system. Both issues are at the forefront of KOS.

We have been feeling the pinch of inflation because we have not had a dues increase for several years. This spring the KOS Board of Directors recommended an amendment to our By-Laws for a dues increase. If KOS is to maintain and improve our publications, namely the KOS Bulletin and KOS Newsletter, and remain active in the issues within the state that affect birds, we must increase dues to offset the cost. We need to decide whether we want to make a commitment for continued publication of these two items and whether we will be active in the affairs of the state of Kansas that affect birds. We need to increase our membership and increase attendance at both the spring and fall meetings as well as other field trips that we have throughout the state. You as a member must make your needs and wants known to the Board of Directors and those individuals who represent us on various committees, so we can move KOS in the direction that you as members want.

We are presently involved with a lot of issues within the state of Kansas that are now requiring an increased commitment. The Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks has recently increased their commitment to Cheyenne Bottoms and nongame across the state. They are asking us how we want to be involved. Are we going to be able to assist them as we have in the past or will we drop out? That is the choice of the membership, which will be shown by your support. We are active in the Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month and the Conservative Forum. Do you support both of these endeavors?

Become involved by serving on the various committees, by representing KOS at meetings across the state, and by letting the leadership know your opinion. Begin by attending the fall meeting in Wichita, writing or calling me and other KOS members about your ideas. As an organization we are on the verge of some exciting changes! I hope you are an active part of them.

Elmer J. Fink
KOS President

IMPORTANT NOTICE! PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO KOS BYLAWS

The Board of Directors at the Spring meeting approved a proposed amendment to the KOS Bylaws to raise the membership dues. This proposal was approved because KOS income in recent years has been insufficient to cover current expenses. This amendment to the Bylaws will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in the Fall. A two-thirds majority vote supporting the amendment will be needed to pass it and, if passed, the revised dues will take effect in the 1989 membership year.

Current reading of Article II, section 3 of the Bylaws:

- Sec. 3. Classes of membership and schedule of dues.
- A. Regular members: \$6.00 per year.
 - B. Sustaining members: \$12.00 per year.
 - C. Life members: \$125.00 in a lump sum or \$31.25 in each of four consecutive years.
 - D. Family regular members: \$10.00 per year.
 - E. Family sustaining members: \$20.00 per year.
 - F. Student members: \$2.00 per year (elementary through college, including full time undergraduate and graduate students).

Proposed revision of Article II, section 3 of the Bylaws:

- Sec. 3. Classes of membership and schedule of dues.
- A. Regular members: \$10.00 per year.
 - B. Sustaining members: \$20.00 per year.
 - C. Life members: \$150.00 in a lump sum or \$37.50 in each of four consecutive years.
 - D. Family regular members: \$15.00 per year.
 - E. Family sustaining members: \$25.00 per year.
 - F. Contributing members: \$40.00 per year.
 - G. Student members: \$5.00 per year (elementary through college, including full time undergraduate or graduate students).

KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING
February 13, 1988
Marvin Schwilling home, Emporia

Members present: Elmer Finck, David Seibel, Dwight Platt, Jane Hershberger, Eugene Lewis, Donna Cooper, Gerald Wiens, Ted Cable, Jean Schulenberg.
Non-voting: Marvin Schwilling, Scott Seltman, John Zimmerman.

Again this year a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Schwilling, after which the Board meeting was called to order by President Elmer Finck at 12:35 PM.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Fall 1987 Board Meeting were accepted as published in the Newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Eugene Lewis reported that membership dues are coming in at a more rapid rate this year. However, income may be \$1000 less than expenses this year because of increased expenses and decreased interest income on life memberships. Jane Hershberger moved that Gene prepare a revision in dues structure that would meet the annual expenses of KOS and bring it to the Spring Meeting for consideration by the Board. Donna Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jane Hershberger reported that membership renewal cards were sent out separately this year and response was much better. About 14 members who dropped membership last year have renewed in 1988.

Jane reported that copies of Peterson's "First Guide to Birds" which we have been giving to new members are running out. Ted Cable moved that KOS discontinue the practice and when the supply is exhausted give new members a KOS decal and bird checklist instead. Gerald Wiens seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Elmer Finck brought up a suggestion by Joyce Wolf of a deadline for dues payments with a penalty fee for dues not paid by the deadline. This would save postage on special mail-

ings. Gene Lewis will consider this suggestion when preparing his recommendation for a revised dues structure.

KOS T-SHIRTS: There are very few T-shirts left. Donna Cooper volunteered to make arrangements for a new supply. David Seibel moved that we have new shirts printed. Jane Hershberger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that the March Bulletin went to the printer before the 1st of February. He has copy for the June and September Bulletins. David Seibel checked on prices for printing the Bulletin in Lawrence and found them to be very similar to what we are paying now.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Scott Seltman reported that he had plenty of copy. He asked about the reduced print used in some parts of the December Newsletter. The consensus was that it was more difficult to read but was legible. It was suggested that the minutes also be printed in the small type.

SPRING MEETING: The Spring Meeting will be from April 30 to May 1 at Camp Horizon.

FALL MEETING: The Fall Meeting will be October 1 and 2 at the Sedgwick County Zoo. Wichita Audubon Society and Wichita Wild will co-sponsor the meeting. Bob Gress, local chairman, would like suggestions for speakers. Eugene Lewis moved that the announcement of the Fall Meeting be sent by first class mail in mid-August. David Seibel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Marvin Schwilling reported that new county records are still coming in.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Eugene Lewis reported that many bird slides are on hand or have been promised to KOS. Slides of small birds are still needed. Gerald Wiens will prepare a script for the slide show. It was suggested that KOS cooperate with the Dept. of Wildlife and Parks in preparing this slide set. We might donate it to the Wildlife and Parks Library where it would be available to the public.

KANSAS NON-GAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL: Elmer Finck reported that the Council will continue to be an active part of the non-game wildlife program. \$50,000 of non-game wildlife funds will be used for improvements at Cheyenne Bottoms.

KANSAS WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH: March is Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month and the theme this year is "Forests: More Than Just Trees." March 23 will be Wildlife Appreciation Day at the Capitol in Topeka. Donna Cooper moved that KOS participate. Jean Schulenberg seconded the motion. Eulalia Lewis volunteered to prepare an exhibit on the Dingus Natural Area. The motion passed. KOS will pay for the expenses.

SAVE CHEYENNE BOTTOMS COMMITTEE: The committee has evaluated the report done by the Kansas Biological Survey and has made some recommendations. The Department of Wildlife and Parks has planned a program of improvements for which there will be funds in fiscal 1990. Organizations can contribute money for improvements such as interpretive trails and towers. Recommendations on this program can be sent to the Secretary or Under Secretary of Wildlife and Parks. A question was raised about recent regulations that restrict entry into the pools after 10 in the morning.

PUBLICITY: David Seibel presented estimates from Pandion Graphics for a new membership brochure for which Marvin Schwilling had written text. He suggested that we should either

substantially upgrade the brochure as per the estimates (from \$.85 to \$1.07 per brochure for an order of 1,000) or simply reprint the old brochure with minor modifications and updating. Gerald Wiens moved that we update the old membership brochure including the text written by Marvin Schwilling and reprint it. Ted Cable seconded the motion. The motion was passed. David Seibel volunteered to work on the layout.

ROCK SPRINGS RANCH: Ted Cable reported that the administration at Rock Springs Ranch seemed interested in nature interpretation but they had not made any suggestions of a project that would be useful. Ted will write a letter to them asking that they suggest a project and we will evaluate it.

CEDAR CREST: Ted Cable reported that the improvement of a public outdoor area at Cedar Crest is a big project involving many agencies. Organizations can assume responsibility for implementing projects but funds would probably be available from the money raised for implementation of the project. KOS might sponsor an interpretive nature trail. Ted will bring recommendations to the Spring Meeting.

BIRD FEEDER SURVEY: Marvin Schwilling reported that there had been 675 responses to the Bird Feeder Survey. John Briggs is preparing a paper on the results which will probably be presented at the Fall Meeting. A suggestion was made that weather data should be included on the survey form.

TRUST FUND FOR STUDENT RESEARCH: Eugene Lewis had circulated a proposal for a trust fund for student research to KOS Board members and to selected colleges and universities. The University of Kansas Museum of Natural History and Kansas State University are interested in cooperating on the project but he had received little response from others. Jean Schulenberg moved that the President appoint a committee to develop guidelines for establishing a trust. David Seibel seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Elmer appointed Jean Schulenberg, John Zimmerman and Eugene Lewis to the committee.

CONSERVATION FORUM: The Conservation Forum met in October and January. Roger Boyd represents KOS on the Forum.

KANSAS RURAL CENTER: To remain on the Kansas Rural Center mailing list will require a contribution of \$20.00. It was decided not to remain on the list.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Elmer Finck asked for suggestions of persons to serve on the Nominating Committee and for suggestions of a new Treasurer to replace Eugene Lewis who has asked to retire after this year. Jane Hershberger suggested Rose Fritz of Newton as a candidate for Treasurer.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT: Elmer Finck reported that he will be sending a letter from KOS to Senator Bob Dole in support of the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act.

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF BEST STUDENT PAPER: Jean Schulenberg pointed out that there were no guidelines for selecting the best student papers at the Fall Meeting and this had led to some frustration on the part of judges in the past. She moved that guidelines be drafted. Jane Hershberger seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt
Corresponding Secretary, KOS

KOS SPRING BOARD MEETING
April 30, 1988
Camp Horizon, Cowley Co., Kansas

Members present: Elmer Finck, Dwight Platt, Jane Hershberger, Joyce Wolf, Gene Lewis, Gerald Wiens.

Non-voting: Scott Seltman

The meeting was called to order by President Elmer Finck at 7:50 PM.

DUES INCREASE: Gene Lewis had written a memo to the Board of Directors showing that the projected income of KOS was \$410 lower than the projected expense and that an increase in the membership dues was needed. He suggested two alternative proposals for a schedule of increased membership dues. After discussion of the question, Joyce Wolf moved that the Board recommend to the Annual Meeting next Fall a schedule of increased membership dues similar to proposal II -- regular and libraries \$10, regular family \$15, sustaining \$20, sustaining family \$25, contributing \$40, student \$5 and life \$150. Jane Hershberger seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Elmer announced that Diane Seltman had been appointed chair of the Nominating Committee. Anyone with suggestions of nominees for offices should contact her.

MEMBERSHIP: Jane Hershberger asked if she should continue to send a decal and checklist to new members. It was agreed that this was a good policy. She reported that she needs more membership cards and life membership pins and is making arrangements to order them.

DINGUS NATURAL AREA: Gene Lewis has served a contact person for the Dingus Natural Area. It was suggested that after Gene retires, Bob Weese of Mound City be asked to serve as contact person. It was suggested that Mrs. Dingus be made an honorary member of KOS. This will be proposed at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt
Corresponding Secretary, KOS

SPRING KOS MEETING / ARKANSAS CITY, APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 1988

About 41 KOS members attended the spring meeting at Camp Horizon near Arkansas City. On Saturday evening an excellent slide show was presented by Gerald Wiens. Field trips were taken to area hot-spots including Chaplain Nature Center and the Slate Creek Marsh. The birding was somewhat lackluster but by visiting a good variety of habitats we managed to tally a very respectable 150 species during the weekend. Good birds included: White-faced Ibis, Peregrine Falcon, Philadelphia Vireo, Henslow's Sparrow, and a very late flock of Evening Grosbeaks. Notable misses included: Wood Duck (!), Great-Horned Owl (!), and Eastern Wood-Pewee. We were apparently too early for specialty species such as Painted Bunting and strong southerly winds seemed to preclude any migrant fallout. Special thanks to Max Thompson and his helpers for organizing a great weekend!

Registered Attendees At 1988 Spring Meeting

<u>Arkansas City</u> Gerald Wiens Gene Young	<u>Newton</u> Jane Hershberger Dwight Platt	<u>Topeka</u> Gene Lewis Eulalia Lewis Joanne Brier	<u>Overland Park</u> Dave Bryan Linda Bryan David Herrin
<u>Winfield</u> Max Thompson Charles Marchbanks Charles Sturgis	<u>McPherson</u> Allen Jahn <u>Emporia</u> Marvin Schwilling	<u>Ottawa</u> John Brockway Eleanor Brockway	<u>Shawnee</u> Todd Reeder
<u>Oxford</u> Wally Champeny	<u>Randolph</u> Jim Mayhew	<u>Baldwin City</u> Margaret Boyd Katharine Kelley	<u>Hays</u> Charles Ely Laura Villaseñor Earl Carlson Marilyn Carlson
<u>Wichita</u> Bob Gress Roberta Curtis Pete Janzen Debbie Janzen Don Vannoy Mike Lesan	<u>Manhattan</u> Elmer Finck Lowell Johnson Wanda Johnson	<u>Lawrence</u> Joyce Wolf Opal Callaway David Seibel	<u>Nekoma</u> Scott Seltman Diane Seltman
			<u>Satanta</u> Mike Rader

1988 Spring Meeting Bird List

P-B Grebe	American Coot	Hairy Wood.	Brown Thrasher
Eared Grebe	L. Golden Plover	Northern Flicker	Cedar Waxwing
White Pelican	Snowy Plover	Least Flycatcher	Loggerhead Shrike
D-C Cormorant	S-P Plover	Eastern Phoebe	E. Starling
American Bittern	Killdeer	G-C Flycatcher	White-eyed Vireo
G-B Heron	Am. Avocet	Western Kingbird	Bell's Vireo
Great Egret	Gr. Yellowlegs	Eastern Kingbird	Warbling Vireo
L-B Heron	Ls. Yellowlegs	S-T Flycatcher	Philadelphia Vireo
Green-B Heron	Spotted Sand.	Horned Lark	Red-eyed Vireo
Night-Heron, sp.	Upland Sandpiper	Purple Martin	Tennessee Warbler
White-faced Ibis	S-P Sandpiper	Tree Swallow	Orange-crowned Warbler
Canada Goose	Least Sandpiper	N. R-W Swallow	Nashville Warbler
G-W Teal	White-rumped Sand.	Cliff Swallow	Northern Parula Warbler
Mallard	Baird's Sand.	Barn Swallow	Yellow Warbler
B-W Teal	Pectoral Sand.	Blue Jay	Yellow-rumped Warbler
N. Shoveler	Common Snipe	American Crow	Cerulean Warbler
Gadwall	Wilson's Phal.	Carolina Chickadee	Black-and-White Warbler
Am. Widgeon	Franklin's Gull	Tufted Titmouse	Prothonotary Warbler
Lesser Scaup	Rock Dove	W-B Nuthatch	Ovenbird
Turkey Vulture	Mourning Dove	Carolina Wren	Kentucky Warbler
S-S Hawk	B-B Cuckoo	Bewick's Wren	Common Yellowthroat
Cooper's Hawk	Y-B Cuckoo	House Wren	Summer Tanager
Swainson's Hawk	E. Screech-Owl	R-C Kinglet	Northern Cardinal
R-T Hawk	Barred Owl	B-G Gnatcatcher	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Am. Kestrel	C. Nighthawk	Eastern Bluebird	Blue Grosbeak
Peregrine Falcon	Chuck-will's-widow	Swainson's Thrush	Indigo Bunting
R-N Pheasant	Chimney Swift	Hermit Thrush	Dickcissel
Wild Turkey	Belted Kingfisher	Wood Thrush	Rufous-sided Towhee
N. Bobwhite	Red-headed Wood.	American Robin	Chipping Sparrow
Virginia Rail	Red-bellied Wood.	Gray Catbird	Clay-colored Sparrow
Sora	Downy Wood.	N. Mockingbird	

Field Sparrow	Song Sparrow	E. Meadowlark	Orchard Oriole
Vesper Sparrow	Lincoln's Sparrow	W. Meadowlark	Northern Oriole
Lark Sparrow	White-throated Sp.	Y-H Blackbird	Pine Siskin
Savannah Sparrow	White-crowned Sp.	Brewer's Blackbird	American Goldfinch
Grasshopper Sparrow	Harris' Sparrow	G-T Grackle	Evening Grosbeak
Henslow's Sparrow	Dark-eyed Junco	Common Grackle	House Sparrow
Le Conte's Sparrow	R-W Blackbird	B-H Cowbird	

WINTER FEEDERS/ December 1987 to February 1988 / by Scott Seltman

The Winter of 87-88 was a period full of contradictions in both birdlife and weather across the state of Kansas. It was a long cold winter in western Kansas, not so much because of heavy snowfall or severe cold but because of a relentlessly cool weather pattern. In westcentral Kansas daytime highs reached 40°F only a few times between Thanksgiving and February 12. Snowcover was not especially deep in the west but often the snow that did fall simply refused to melt. Here at Nekoma we had 32" of snow during the three month period, a fairly moderate amount, but it was enough to keep the ground white almost without interruption for ten weeks. Southcentral Kansas, an area not famous for snowfall, received two to three feet of snow in December. Wichita came within one-half inch of breaking their seasonal snowfall record. Meanwhile, in the eastern half of the state birders were wondering what all the fuss was about. Snowcover was very light or absent much of the time and daytime highs soared into the 40's and 50's on many occasions. Our Christmas Bird Count Editor declared in the first line of the March Bulletin that "winter did not arrive in the Kansas count area until the weekend after Christmas."

Imbedded within this rather mediocre winter was a week of remarkably frigid weather. Between January 5th and 7th about six to twenty inches of powder-dry snow fell across portions of western Kansas. This snowcover combined with clear nighttime skies and light winds to allow the temperature to freefall on several following nights. January 9th was probably the coldest morning of the decade in the west as many areas reached -20°F or lower. As organizer and compiler of the Cedar Bluff CBC I would like to take this opportunity to publicly apologize to the six other participants for scheduling our count for that date. I reported the starting temperature for the count as -15°F in the Bulletin but discovered at a March cattle auction from a rancher living just south of the count circle that thermometers in the neighborhood had reached -30°F. Let's see the Manhattan crowd break that CBC record!!

After an exciting fall season during which many northern birds arrived early our winter season proved to be "invasionless". Northern birds such as Snowy Owl, Northern Shrike, Common Redpoll, and Snow Bunting were all reported in Kansas but the overall numbers were quite tiny and probably lower than we might expect in an average winter. Those of us who are weather watchers may have noticed that the Northern Great Plains had a very mild December with daytime highs that were often ten to twenty degrees warmer than ours. So it would seem logical that many birds may have wintered far to our north. One species stood out as being unusually common, especially in the eastern third of the state. Many observers mentioned that many White-throated Sparrows wintered in their area and could be seen both at feeders in town and in the countryside. Their normal winter range is considered to be a little further south than Kansas.

Eastern reservoirs provided good birding all winter with several great birds being reported. The best bird of the season was probably the male Barrow's Goldeneye seen at Melvern. Several sight records already exist for this species but it has yet to be officially added to the state checklist. This sighting, involving three birders viewing the bird in excellent light at about fifty yards as it swam with male Commons, is quite convincing.

In the west several good vagrants were seen along with some very strange wintering birds. In late February very mild weather drew many migrants northward all across Kansas with some species arriving at near-record dates.

Many of the better bird sightings for the period occurred on Christmas Bird Counts and since they have already been summarized in the March Bulletin are largely excluded from this report.

Ross' Goose	1 on Cedar Bluff	SS	12-05-87	Trego
Blue-winged Teal	2 at Cheyenne Bottoms	DS,SS	2-27-88	Barton
Cinnamon Teal	6 near Cunningham	BH,RH,RW,MW	2-28-88	Kingman
Oldsquaw	1 at Melvern Res.	SC,RP	2-15-88	Osage
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	1 male seen at Melvern Res.	LM,MM,MC	2-14-88	Osage
	(This bird could not be refound.)			
Osprey	1 at Perry Res.	RR	1-15-88	Jefferson
	(Although Ospreys occasionally linger until mid-December this record is extraordinary.)			
American Kestrel	1 male seen carrying an unident-	SS	12-30-87	Pawnee
	ified <u>snake</u> . Daytime high of 45'.			
Peregrine Falcon	1 adult	DS	2-22-88	Rush
Virginia Rail	1 at Scott Lake spillway	MR,SS	1-16-88	Scott
	(This bird was found after the very cold week decribed in the notes above. Virginia Rails have now been found three winters in a row at Scott Lake State Park. This bird survived temperatures of at least -20°F. The warm waters flowing from several springs in the state park are obviously capable of supporting several species of birds that would freeze or starve in other habitats.)			
Sandhill Crane	1 <u>leucistic</u> bird seen in flight	DS,SS	2-27-88	Barton
	near Cheyenne Bottoms. The bird was very light overall but the faint outline of the Sandhill Crane wing pattern was well seen. The bird had a red cap and was identical in size to other Sandhills. Any form of albinism is apparently quite rare in all cranes. This bird could have easily been mistaken for a Whooper.			
Franklin's Gull	1 at Rocky Ford	TC	2-28-88	Riley/Pott.
<u>Thayer's Gull</u>	1 2nd-yr. at John Redmond	BF,MM	2-21-88	Coffey
Glaucous Gull	1 1st-yr. at Melvern	LM	2-20-88	Osage
Glaucous Gull	1 at Perry	SC,RP	2-13-88	Jefferson
Glaucous Gull	1 at Lake McKinney	SN,TS	2-20-88	Kearny
Inca Dove	1 bird reported in November	BH	12-19-87	Sedgwick
	remained until Wichita CBC.			
Ground Dove	1 reported near Winfield	MT	12-	-87 Cowley
Greater Roadrunner	1 in Gypsum Hills	BH,RH,RW,MW	2-28-88	Barber
Snowy Owl	1 at Wolf Creek Cooling Lake	??	12-	-87 Coffey
Snowy Owl	1	CW	1-02-88	Lyon
Snowy Owl	1 at Melvern	CH	2-04-88	Osage
Burrowing Owl	1 wintered near Satanta	MR	Jan-Feb	Haskell
	(Although one can easily imagine how a Burrowing Owl could survive through heavy snowfalls and sub-zero temperatures in the safety of its burrow, it is less clear what this bird was finding to eat.)			
Black-billed Magpie	1 at Clearwater	JW	2-10-88	<u>Sedgwick</u>
Chihuahuan Raven	2 northeast of Hugoton	SS	1-03-88	Stevens
Rock Wren	1 near Junction City	BLS	Late Dec.	Geary?
Marsh Wren	3 at Scott State Lake	MR,SS	1-16-88	Scott
Hermit Thrush	1 near Junction City	BLS	Late Dec.	Geary
Varied Thrush	1 in Hoxie backyard	B&IH et.al.	1-17-88	Sherman
	(Many Colorado sightings in January.)		to 1-25-88	

Sage Thrasher	1 along Cimarron	MR	2-28-88 Morton
Northern Shrike	1	BLS	Late Dec. Geary
Northern Shrike	1 brownish immature	SS	12-04-87 Pawnee
Northern Shrike	1	SS	1-18-88 Rush
Northern Shrike	1	SS	2-04-88 Pawnee
Vesper Sparrow	1	SS	<u>12-02-87</u> Rush
<u>Golden-crowned Sparrow</u>	1 adult seen along Cimarron	MR	<u>2-07-88</u> Morton

(This well described bird was seen in a flock of White-crowned Sparrows. This sighting followed another from the Scott Lake CBC by about a month. At least two birds were seen in the Denver/Boulder area in early winter with one bird being present all winter. This species is probably just as likely in Kansas as Varied Thrush, another northwestern species that has a tendency to wander.)

Snow Bunting	unknown number	RR	2-05-88 Jefferson
Rusty Blackbird	20 along Ladder Creek	MR,SS	1-16-88 Logan
Brewer's Blackbird	10 along Ladder Creek	MR,SS	1-16-88 Logan
Common Redpoll	1 at feeder	GY	2-28-88 Cowley

Listed Observers: Steve Crawford (SC), Mel Cooksey (MC), Ted Cable (TC), Bob Fisher (BF), Bev Hodges (BH), Ruth Hodges (RH), Charles Hall (CH), Bill & Iveda Hoffeditz (B&IH), Bob LaShelle (BLS), Lloyd Moore (LM), Mick McHugh (MM), Sarah Norman (SN), Richard Parker (RP), Richard Rucker (RR), Mike Rader (MR), Scott Seltman (SS), Diane Seltman (DS), Tom Shane (TS), Max Thompson (MT), Ralph Wiley (RW), Mary Wiley (MW), Christine Wallace (CW), John Wherry (JW), and Gene Young (GY).

PLANNING TO CHANGE ADDRESSES SOON?

One of the more unnecessary expenses of our organization involves individuals who move without notifying us. Members are reminded that our publications are sent out at bulk-mail rates and are NOT FORWARDABLE. Our mailing lists are updated before each mailing (March, June, Sept., Dec. for the Bulletin plus one or two extra for the Newsletter.) The post office does not regularly return our publications at the time they send us an address correction. KOS receives a photocopy of the address portion of the publication, then we must bear the additional cost of providing replacement issues plus first-class postage to mail them.

When members fail to report address changes publications are received late. Your co-operation will allow us to serve you more quickly and efficiently. Address changes should be sent promptly to KOS, 2535 Arkansas, Lawrence, KS 66046.

FALL MEETING IN WICHITA

The Fall Meeting of KOS will be held in Wichita on October 1 and 2, 1988. The paper session will be held at the Sedgwick County Zoo on Saturday with field trips to area hot-spots on Sunday. Registration forms for the meeting and banquet are being mailed this month to all KOS members. All members are urged to attend.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be a "catch-up" as your editor attempts to get back on schedule and publish some items that have been omitted because of space limitations. Send spring bird sightings (March through May) to Nekoma immediately.

WICHITA

