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A Note from the Editor

It has been over six months since you received a KOS Newsletter. Although a certain amount of delay should be expected during the change-over from one editor to another, I must apologize for the extraordinarily long hiatus in your receiving of the good news about birds in Kansas. This temporary famine has not come about through any scarcity of resources; I have had plenty of material. I hope the delay in the publication of your many contributions will not inhibit future offers, so keep those cards and letters coming. Hopefully the drought of the past few months is over, and the KOS Newsletter will again be a productive venture.

John L. Zimmerman, Editor

Spring Bird Report for Camp Toawanyak, Johnson County, Kansas

Mary Louise Myers

March came in with the lion. It snowed all day on the 2nd. Birds fed frantically about 400 plus in the yard. We were hard-pressed to keep feeders filled and free of snow. At 5 p.m. we counted 39 cardinals from the front windows. By the 3rd we had 9" of the white stuff and a 10° cold. At mid-day, a mature Bald eagle circled our house and the meadow. On the night of 03-06 we heard a pair of Barred owls . . . the darndest sounds I have ever heard emanating from our woodland. Absolutely eerie! Chatter, clatter, cackling, screaming, screeching . . . all very LOUD. Only an occasional bit of Barred Owl chatter identified the source of the noise. More snow and freezing rain on 03-07 brought hundreds of birds to the feeders. It was 8° on the 9th when we saw our first Brown creeper of 1978. A trip to Baldwin, Kansas on that day produced good numbers of hawks along the way . . . 2 Harlans, 3 Kestrels, 3 Rough-legged, 4 Redtails, 2 Marsh. Also 13 Meadowlarks . . . good to know they've survived the rough winter and deep snows. First Fox sparrow on 03-11. There were only a few this year, a drastic change from last spring when we netted 60 at Towanyak. How different each new season can be. March 12, many Cedar waxwings were feeding on Japanese pagoda in Shawnee. We netted only 7 of the 40 or 50. During the next few days, temperatures rose somewhat and birds fed sparsely. A rufous-sided (spotted) towhee on 03-13. After alerting the Burroughs Audubon library and a feed store in Merriam, I began to get calls about color-marked siskins (the siskins were being colored on the breast by banders in Baldwin, Kansas in a study on their movements). Many of these calls reported Redpolls, as well as siskins. Mr Patton in Rosedale had had 10 Redpolls for about 3 weeks. Mrs. Hardsaw of Westwood had 6. We banded two of Lois Sandford's Redpolls on 03-11, in K.C. Mrs. Steinmeyer had 2 Redpoll at Quivira Lake on 03-16, Mr. Wilson of Shawnee had two more on 03-17, Chandlers at Lenexa came up with two on the 18th and Langs in Shawnee had another two on the 19th. We had our first sighting of a pair of Wood ducks on 03-18, flying along Tulle Creek at tree-top level. On the 20th, while star-gazing in the meadow at 8 p.m., (a quiet night with full moon) we heard a performing Woodcock from the meadow across the road. He put on a show every night for the next week or ten days. We crossed the road nearly every evening before dusk and took our seats near the "stage". This is only the second time in twenty years that we have seen one here. Of course, that doesn't necessarily mean there hasn't been one. On 03-22, White-throats were beginning to move in, along with a few more Juncos.

On the 23rd, the birds fed frantically all day, and sure enough . . . their barometers were correct. An all-day, 8" snow fell the next day. One hundred grackles showed up, along with a few cowbirds and redwings, plus a couple of Rustys and Brewers . . . our first migration of blackbirds. There were also 200 plus pine siskins and 150 plus Goldfinch feeding, plus Harris sparrows, White-throats one Tree and one Lincoln's. Birds continued to feed heavily on 03-24 and 25. A Winter wren and Brown thrasher put in appearances. On the 27th, although it was only 28 degrees and snow still covered the hill, the first Spring peepers proclaimed an end to the long winter. A pair of Purple martins arrived on 03-28 and old "Drummer Boy" (the Yellow-shafted flicker) was back on the trash barrel, sending his rat-a-tat- message through the trees. A full-plumaged male Sapsucker visited the walnut tree on 03-29, and a group of seven Great Blue herons flew over and circled the meadow. The first Field sparrow appeared on 04-01 and Sondra Yeskie and I opened three nets in the yard . . . got 60 plus birds in one fell swoop, mostly goldfinch and siskins. For a while, we were busier than we had planned to be. The Louisiana waterthrush arrived on 04-03 . . . his lovely, cascading song echoing from Tulle Creek. We saw our wood ducks again, and almost daily after that. Sometimes there were three of them??? Roger Boyd in Baldwin still had Evening grosbeaks (4) coming to his feeder. We had two Ruby-crowned kinglets on 04-04 and our first Phoebe on 04-06. On the 8th, it was hot and windy. We saw our first Broad-winged hawks and later a couple of Campfire girls flushed one from a small freshly-killed snake in a tree. Julie Halford reported that her pair of Barn swallows had returned and were nesting again on the light fixture in her garage . . . this was 04-10. A heavy frost on 04-11, and our first Turkey vulture put in an appearance . . . also the first Chipping sparrow. These latter were scarce this spring. On 04-14, many birds fed in the yard . . . an estimated 500-600 siskins and goldfinch. Feeders, ground, trees were literally alive with them. This was the first date for six Myrtle warblers. Our wintering Mockingbird returned after a disappearance of at least a month. We had color-marked him with red on breast and wings. 30 white pelicans visited Lake Quivira on 04-17. We watched a gang of bully crows take a Barred owl to the ground one day. Several of them actually hit him on the back as he sat in a tree, and he apparently lost his balance and went down through the tree limbs. He flew off a few minutes later, none the worse for wear. On 04-19, a large, long-winged, falcon-like bird flew over. No binoculars handy, it went unidentified. Perhaps a peregrine? On 04-21, Cleona McGuire and Carrie Swink discovered the Audubon's warbler in Antioch park. After a futile attempt to net the beautiful little bird, Sondra Yeskie helped me catch and band it the next day. Ask me sometime how expensive that lifer was! Our first whip-poor-wills arrived on 04-22, followed by Chuck-wills-widow on the 24th. The song of the Parula warbler was a welcome sound on 04-23 . . . he arrived in company with the Blue-gray gnatcatcher. Activity in the martin house was picking up, with 10 Purple martins in residence now. 04-27, the first Baltimore oriole . . . a gorgeous male. Also the first snake of the season . . . a big black snake, over 5' long. The first real wave of migrants came on 04-28 and 29 . . . first date for Swainson's thrush, Wood thrush, 2 Black-throated Green warblers, 1 Nashville, the Common yellowthroat, Tennessee, Catbird, Indigo bunting, Black & white warbler. We watched the wood duck pair sitting and preening on a branch in a tree along the creek. The 30th April brought more migrants . . . more black-throated greens and Black & whites, plus the first Kentucky warblers, Rose-breasted grosbeak, Eastern kingbird, Green heron. Sparrows had thinned out, only a few White-throats and Harris's remained with an occasional Lincoln for good measure.

We banded three Swamp sparrows on the 29th April, three more on the 30th, plus two more the first week in May. An unprecedented number of migrating Swamp sparrows for our Tulle Creek woodland. Most of them stayed around for ten days and repeated in the net over and over. May 1st was a first date for Least flycatcher, Dickcissel, Warbling vireo. There was also a wave of 20 plus Myrtle warblers, plus a few

Tennessees and Nashvilles. A big wave on May 2nd . . . 10 warbler species. First dates for Blue-Winged warbler (2), Golden-winged (1), Blackpoll, Ovenbird, Philadelphia vireo, Solitary vireo, Red-eyed vireo, Gray-cheeked thrush, Crested flycatcher and Nighthawk. Caught our first ever accipiter in the net . . . a 2nd year male Sharp-shinned. Pretty exciting . . . I was all alone at the time. 05-03 was the last Junco date. On 05-04, a wave of 25 plus Myrtle warblers braved the cold drizzle. Barn swallows were flying low over the meadow in search of food. Purple martins huddled in their house all day long as the rain continued . . . no high-flying insects in the cold. There was a big wave of birds on 63rd & State Line by Mick McHugh's. Birders flocked there to see the rarities that continued to appear. A nice wave here at Towanyak on 05-05 with 12 warbler species . . . Palm, Ovenbird, another Blue-winged, another Golden-winged, Bl. throated green, numerous Myrtles. A male summer tanager and a banded male Baltimore oriole (from last year or earlier) were on the donut feeder. Our creek was running bank to bank after heavy rains and cold weather for several days. It had me worrying about the purple martins. Many people do not realize they cannot feed when insects are not flying, and they certainly were not flying in this weather. Karl Maslowski (from Cincinnati and the National Audubon) has said that they can survive only a maximum of 72 hours without food. We watched helplessly one year as all of ours died of starvation during a cold rainy June. On 05-07, a Northern waterthrush made his entry via our mist net. We hadn't even known he was in town. Another wave on 05-08 with 11 warbler species: 8 Black & whites, 1st date for Wilson's, Kentucky, Chestnut-sided, Yellow-billed cuckoo, Redstart, plus 6 Ruby-crowned kinglets. There was another big wave on 05-11 . . . lots of Swainson's thrushes, more than any other day. Also quite a few Least flycatchers plus 16 warbler species. First dates for Black-billed cuckoo, Cerulean warbler (2), Wood Peewee, Veery, Traill's flycatcher. On 05-13, a Mississippi kite flew over our house . . . we happened to be looking up at just the right time! This day was also first date for Blackburnian warbler. We caught two Pine siskins with brood patches . . . could they possibly be nesting?? We now have 16 Purple martins . . . have recaptured two returnees from last year and banded 5 more. We are cooperating with a color-banding program, nation-wide, on the martins this year. Watch for and report to me if any are seen with color bands. Watch for sequence of color (i.e., red over yellow, or blue over red (Blue/red) on the left leg; for Missouri blue/yellow on the left leg. Different color combinations and sequences for the other states. On Mother's Day, 05-14, we had 20 warbler species, including 3 more Ceruleans. More Ceruleans in one season than we've had in 10 or fifteen years! We also had a Bell's vireo . . . an uncommon bird at Towanyak. Definitely not the right habitat. We also saw five Broad-winged hawks circling. On the 15th, we had 17 warbler species. (Sebastian Patti had a Connecticut warbler in Lawrence) We had two more Cerulean and another Golden-winged. Blackpolls have been scarce this spring, as have Tennessees . . . last year we banded 66 Tennessees compared to this year's 8. A pair of Bluebirds made a first appearance in the back meadow where we were netting, and were carrying nesting material within minutes after Jim cleaned the house sparrows out of a nesting box they had their eye on. Instant bluebirds. We saw and heard the first Canada warblers on 05-17 and 18 . . . three or four of them and then they were gone. Also got the first (and only) Yellow-bellied flycatcher in the net and heard our first (and only) Yellow-throated vireo. By the 21st pine siskins were nearly all gone . . . a few thrushes still here . . . 8 warbler species . . . a Red-headed woodpecker, 5 Baltimore orioles, 4 Summer tanagers all coming to the donut feeder. Feeding cake donuts is a little trick I learned from Karl Maslowski along with the info on purple martins. We made our first Trimble banding-trip on May 24 and banded 33 birds of 13 species. We had the last Mourning warbler of the season on 05-25. Also the last Traill's flycatcher. Flycatchers were down in numbers this spring, but Mourning warblers were definitely up . . . we banded a total of 25 at Towanyak during the month of May. Also banded 23 Common yellowthroats. The woodland becoming pretty quiet as the migrants moved on, and I

began taking down nets one at a time. We made a banding trip to Wagner's farm on Memorial Day (05-29). Painted bunting, Blue grosbeak, and Yellow-breasted chat sang all around but scorned our nets. However we DID catch 2 Bell's vireos . . . a mated pair that we had banded last Memorial day (1977) in the same area, whe with a brood patch again. This is what bird banding is all about . . . it was really exciting and almost unbelievable to catch them both again after a winter spent in Central America. A single Pine siskin on the feeder on May 31st, and our first (and only) Scarlet tanager brought the 3 month spring report to an abrupt end. It was an exciting and rewarding migration. We are pleased with our banding effort . . . 1776 total so far for 1978 with 71 species to date.

More Spring Migration Reports - Jean Schulenberg

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| Cattle Egret           | 1 on 4/2, 16 on 4/9<br>2 on 4/28  | Schulenburgs<br>"                 | Coffey<br>Saline  |
| American Bittern       | 6 on 5/10   | Schulenburgs                      | Lyon              |
| Wood Duck              | 3 males on 5/10<br>Eggs in nest box deserted<br>1 female with brood of 6<br>on 5/17 | Marvin Schwilling<br>Schulenburgs | Lyon<br>Lyon<br>" |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 7 on 3/26   | Schulenburgs                      | Osage             |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk     | 1 on 5/9  | Schulenburgs                      | Lyon              |
| Semipalmated Plover    | 1 on 5/14, 2 on 5/25<br>and 5/9   | Schulenburgs<br>"                 | Osage<br>"        |
| Piping Plover          | 3 on 5/8 and 5/9<br>County 1st  | Schulenburgs                      | Osage             |
| American Golden Plover | 28 on 5/9   | Schulenburgs                      | Lyon              |
| Black-bellied Plover   | 2 on 5/8  | Schulenburgs                      | Osage             |
| Ruddy Turnstone        | 3 on 5/14   | Schulenburgs                      | Osage             |
| American Woodcock      | 1st county nesting adult<br>with young on 4/30                                      | Tom Mosher                        | Lyon              |
| Solitary Sandpiper     | 1 on 5/10   | Schulenburgs                      | Lyon              |
| Willet                 | 1 on 5/14   | Schulenburgs                      | Lyon              |
| White-rumped Sandpiper | 25 on 5/10<br>12 on 5/14 and 20 on 5/25   | Schulenburgs<br>"                 | Lyon<br>Osage     |
| Dunlin                 | 3 on 5/8, 4 on 5/9, and<br>13 on 5/25   | Schulenburgs<br>"                 | Osage<br>"        |
| Long-billed Dowitcher  | 20 on 5/8, 15 on 5/9,<br>and 10 on 5/14   | Schulenburgs<br>"                 | Osage<br>"        |

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| Stilt Sandpiper  | 2 on 5/8   | Schulenbergs                 | Osage              |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper  | 8 on 5/9, County first                               | Schulenbergs                 | Lyon               |
| Hudsonain Godwit   | 35 on 5/9, 1 on 5/14,<br>2 on 5/25, and<br>1 on 5/17 | Schulenbergs<br>"<br>"       | Osage<br>"<br>Lyon |
| Sanderling   | 6 on 5/25  | Schulenbergs                 | Osage              |
| Avocet   | 2 on 4/27  | Galen Milsap                 | Coffey             |
| Wilson's Phalarope   | numerous on 5/9 thru 5/14                            | Schulenbergs                 | Osage              |
| Bonaparte's Gull   | 3 on 4/2   | Schulenbergs                 | Coffey             |
| Forster's Tern   | 1 on 5/8<br>1 on 5/8 seemed scarce                   | Schulenbergs<br>"            | Coffey<br>Osage    |
| Caspian Tern   | 1 on 5/25  | Schulenbergs                 | Osage              |
| Long-billed Marsh Wren   | 1 on 5/9   | Schulenbergs                 | Lyon               |
| Wood Thrush  | 1 on 5/7   | Schulenbergs                 | Lyon               |
| Hermit Thrush  | 1 on 4/28  | Schulenbergs                 | Lyon               |
| Bell's Vireo   | males on territory 5/17                              | Schulenbergs                 | Lyon               |
| Black & White Warbler  | abundant on 5/7                                      | Schulenbergs                 | Coffey             |
| Tennessee, Orange<br>Crowned, Nashville, and<br>Yellow-rumped Warblers | 5/7 and 5/8  | Schulenbergs<br>"<br>"       | Coffey<br>"<br>"   |
| Black-Throated Green<br>Warbler  | 1 on 4/27<br>1 on 5/5                                | John Parrish<br>Schulenbergs | Lyon<br>Lyon       |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler   | several on 5/19                                      | Schulenbergs                 | Lyon               |
| Bay-breasted Warbler   | 1 on 5/8   | Schulenbergs                 | Coffey             |
| Blackpoll Warbler  | 1 on 5/16  | Schulenbergs                 | Lyon               |
| Palm Warbler   | 1 on 5/7   | Schulenbergs                 | Coffey             |
| Ovenbird   | 1 on 5/19  | Schulenbergs                 | Lyon               |
| Northern Waterthrush   | 1 on 5/7<br>1 on 5/9 and 5/16<br>unusually numerous  | Schulenbergs<br>"            | Coffey<br>Lyon     |
| Mourning Warbler   | 1 on 5/16 and 5 or 6 on<br>5/19                      | Schulenbergs                 | Lyon               |

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| Canada Warbler          | 1 on 5/7   | Schulenbergs                                     | Coffey                   |
| Bobolink                | 30 males on 5/9, 5/10,<br>and 5/14, County first   | Schulenbergs<br>"                                | Lyon<br>"                |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | 2 on 4/6   | Schulenbergs                                     | Wabaunsee                |
| Brewer's Blackbird      | flock of several hundred<br>on 4/6   | Schulenbergs                                     | Wabaunsee                |
| Great-tailed Grackle    | 1 in May   | Marvin Schwilling                                | Lyon                     |
| Summer Tanager          | 1 on 5/7 and 5/8   | Schulenbergs                                     | Coffey                   |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak  | reported fairly common<br>on Neosho River from<br>Americus to Emporia<br>1 on 4/28, several<br>singing males on 5/19 | Marvin Schwilling<br>"<br>"<br>Schulenbergs<br>" | Lyon<br>"<br>"<br>"<br>" |
| Painted Bunting         | 1 on 5/11  | Marvin Schwilling                                | Lyon                     |
| Pine Siskin             | nest with fledglings<br>on 5/11, 1st county<br>nesting record  | John Parrish                                     | Lyon                     |
| Lark Bunting            | 1 male on 5/17   | Schulenbergs                                     | Lyon                     |
| Smith's Longspur        | last 3 on 3/26   | Schulenbergs                                     | Coffey                   |

TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR (May 1977 - April 1978) - Marvin D. Schwilling

Information used in choosing the top ten included the "best birds" reports, plus a search of the Bulletin, Newsletter, Christmas Counts, etc. Consideration was given to previous state records or specimens, geographic location in state, season of sighting, nesting, etc. as well as personal judgment.

Contestants were:

"BEST BIRDS" report forms.

1. Rivoli's Hummingbird
2. Black Skimmer
3. Lesser Goldfinch
4. White Ibis
5. Common Redpoll
6. Ruddy Turnstone
7. Short-billed Marsh Wren
8. Henslow's Sparrow
9. Lazuli Bunting

BULLETIN, NEWSLETTER, correspondence & telephone

10. Little Gull
11. Curve-billed Thrasher nesting in Morton County
12. Iceland Gull
13. Snow Buntings
14. Tree Swallow nesting at Cheyenne Bottoms
15. White-winged Crossbills
16. Coopers Hawk nesting in Chase County
17. Albinos of Coot, Red-tailed Hawks, Meadowlark
18. Golden Eagle nesting in Morton County
19. Ferruginous Hawks nesting in Logan County, Hodgeman County, and Clark County
20. Groove-billed Ani
21. American Brants

CHRISTMAS COUNT

22. Snowy Plover
23. Franklins Gull
24. Palm Warbler
25. Common Loon
26. Rock Wren
27. Pine Grosbeak
28. Sage Sparrow

AT SPRING MEETING

29. Yellow-throated Warbler
30. Western Tanager - Douglas County -- Cynthia Clinton & Ruth Fauhl
31. Western Bluebirds

HONORABLE MENTION

1. Snow Buntings - Melvern, Jean Schulenberg; Saline County, Joan McNally and others
2. White-winged Crossbills - Emporia specimen C. F. Gladfelter; 5 birds M. D. Schwilling
3. Tree Swallow - nesting at Cheyenne Bottoms
4. Snowy Plover - Christmas count at Quivira, Wayne Dale & Carl Marks
5. White Ibis - Harvey County E. Lake, Jane Hershberger, Robert Regier, Dwight Platt, Steve Capel and others
6. Dunlin - Christmas count at Wichita, Sue Jehle, Don Vannoy and Great Bend, Ed Martinez
7. Palm Warbler - Christmas count at Morton County, Jean Schulenberg and Sebastian Patti
8. Rock Wren - Christmas count at Junction City, Celia White and Marvin Schwilling
9. Sage Sparrow - Christmas count at Morton County, Byron Berger and Marvin Schwilling
10. Curve-billed Thrasher - nesting in Morton County, Al White and Marvin Schwilling
11. Western Bluebirds - Ford County - Dodge City - Flock of 10-12 for about 2 weeks in Oct.-Nov., Joan Challans
12. Project of the Year - Baldwin siskin banding

---TOP TEN---

1. Rivoli's Hummingbird - also known as "big boy", Martin & Barbara Pressgrove, Linn County, first record.
2. Iceland Gull (?) - Ed Martinez, first record, Rush County in Feb.
3. Black Skimmer - Wilson Reservoir, Tom Cannon and Charles Hall, two records
4. Little Gull - Ed Martinez, second record, Cheyenne Bottoms.
5. Lesser Goldfinch - Topeka, Malia Weide, Bob Glazier, Gene Lewis, third record, one possible nesting record, carrying nesting material.
6. Western Tanager - Douglas County, Ruth Fauhl and Cynthia Clinton
7. Pine Grosbeak - Salina Christmas count, Jay Bailey, few documented Kansas records.
8. Yellow-throated Warbler - Dr. Ely and others.
9. American Brant - Quivira NWR - shot by hunter and given to Ed Martinez, Flint Hills NWR, Dr. Campbell, first specimens for many years.
10. Groove-billed Ani - Salina, Wes & Donna Jackson, Steve Burr and others; Wichita, Max Thompson; Oxford, Wallace Champney, Walter & Ruth Broderson and others.

It was disappointing in that only nine birds were submitted by members on the "best birds" report forms when there were so many possibilities. Surely we could do better.

A crissal thrasher was reportedly photographed about a mile west of the headquarters at Cheyenne Bottoms. Details are unknown to me and it was overlooked. I hope it is eventually recorded in the Bulletin or Newsletter.

I would like to develop a listing of past "Best Birds" of the year reports but have only years: 1953, 1957, 1964, 1968, 1970, 1973, 1975, 1976 and 1977. If anyone can furnish additional years please send them to me at Box 57, Americus, Kansas 66835.

#### HAVE YOU SEEN A RARE BIRD?

What you need is one of the KOS Unusual Bird Report Cards. These ready-to-mail postcards provide you with space to record the species and date of observation as well as the location, habitat and other pertinent details. Please write to Marvin Schwilling, Fish and Game Office, 1803 West Sixth, Emporia, Kansas 66801 for your supply today.

#### ORIOLES PERSEVERE IN SPITE OF AN ELECTRIFYING EXPERIENCE

On Saturday night, 18 June, about 8 p.m. a heavy bolt of lightning struck and shattered a green ash tree near our house. In the tree was a nest of Baltimore Orioles with four young just about ready to fly. We were very dismayed as we were sure they had been killed by the bolt, but the following day the parents were feeding them as usual. On the following Monday night, a two inch rain accompanied by high winds sent the tree crashing to the ground, all save one small part. The nest was spared again as its branch came to rest still some 8 to 10 feet off the ground. We wondered again if the nestlings had survived and if the parents would



continue to care for them. Happily nobody seemed a bit bothered about all that had happened, and we were very pleased to watch as each of the four fledglings left the nest and gained the safety of the higher branches. The male oriole was especially attentive to his little family, and both he and the female stayed near the young and continued to feed them. Two chicks were seen with the parents almost two weeks later, and we think there is every reason to believe that all four nestlings have survived. Mrs. Madeline Scott, RFD #2, Wellsville, KS.

#### SOME SUMMER RECORDS OF INTEREST

Steve Kingswood of Wichita reports the following records for 1978:

Least bittern 9 August (Barton Co.), 29 August (Pottawatomie Co.)  
White-faced ibis 9 August (Barton Co.)  
American green-winged teal three birds for 29 August (Pottawatomie Co.)  
Virginia rail 9 August (Barton Co.)  
Common gallinule 9 August (Barton Co.)  
Willet 28 June (Sedgwick Co.)  
Hudsonian godwit 9 August (Barton Co.)  
Tree Swallow 9 August (Barton Co.)  
Wilson's warbler five birds on 22 August (Sedgwick Co.)  
Canada warbler 17 May (Franklin Co.)

#### NEXT YEAR IN ARGENTINA?

The First Ibero-American meeting on Ornithology and World meeting on Ecology and Behavior will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentinian during the last week of November, 1979 under the sponsorship of the Asociacion Ornithologica del Plata and the collaboration of a variety of educational and research centers. The official languages of the meeting will be Spanish, Portuguese, and English. Topics to be discussed cover the whole scope of ornithology as well as applied ornithology, management and even bibliographic study. More detailed information can be obtained from Prof. Juan Daciuk, President, Organizing Commission, 1er. Encuentro Iberoamericano de Ornithologica, Casilla de Correo 3368, 1000 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

#### WILSON LAKE CHECK LIST AVAILABLE

A bird check list for Wilson Reservoir and Russell County is now available. All the species included are based on actual sightings and totals 215 species. A copy of the check list can be obtained at the project office or by writing: Project Manager, Wilson Project Office, Route 1, Sylvan Grove, KS 67481.