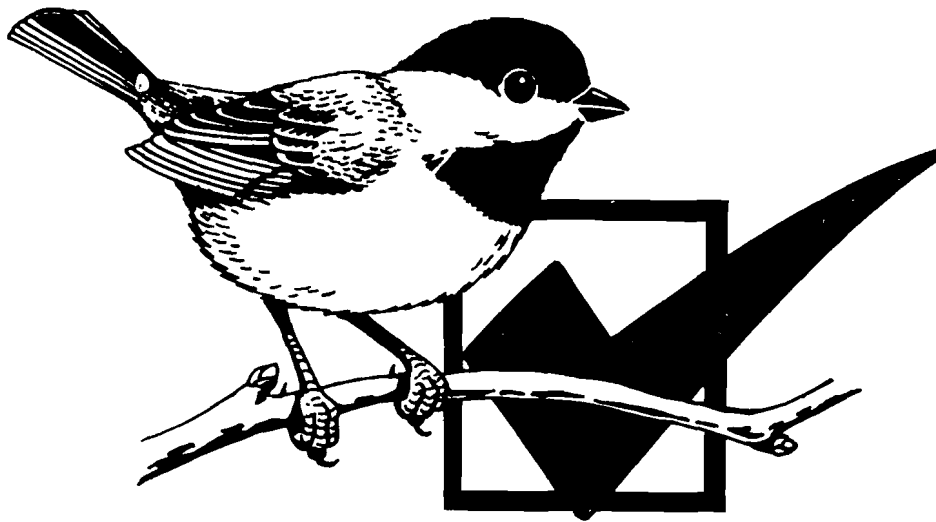


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**Mark your
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non-game wildlife conservation
in Kansas**

The Kansas Nongame Wildlife Conservation
State Income Tax Check-Off Program

Kansas is one of only six states in the nation to have an income tax check-off system to raise funds for nongame conservation. The new Kansas law differs from these other states in a very important aspect. Kansas taxpayers have the opportunity, beginning in 1981 for the 1980 tax year, to contribute to the nongame program whether they receive state tax refunds, or whether they must send in additional money to the state department of revenue. In the other states--Colorado, Oregon, Utah, Kentucky, and Minnesota contributions are limited to only those who are to receive tax refunds.

Kansas taxpayers can choose from one of four boxes to check on the Kansas tax form--\$1, \$5, \$10, and \$___ (any amount). Contributions to the Kansas nongame check-off fund will be tax deductible in the next year.

It is impossible to predict at this time what level of income the check-off will provide. Based on experiences of other states, the first year's yield could go as high as \$300,000; however, a more reasonable estimate is in the vicinity of \$100,000. Subsequent years are expected to show increases.

Although the check-off will generate income during the latter part of FY 81, there may not be adequate time to obligate much funding for creation and implementation of expanded FY 82 projects. It may be that the main emphasis will not occur until FY 83. Many of the expenditures made in the nongame and threatened and endangered species management and research work will qualify for federal cost sharing, which will add substantially to the money available for such work.

Plans for expansion of the nongame wildlife projects are necessarily sketchy for the time being. Preliminary ideas for use of the check-off funds include: development of urban nongame wildlife habitat improvements programs for city parks and backyards; identification and acquisition of unique or critical habitat areas for nongame species and public enjoyment; stepped up participation in national studies for endangered species which occur in Kansas such as the bald eagle, whooping crane, and peregrine falcon; determination of population status and life history profiles for Kansas' own species considered rare or endangered; dissemination of education materials to schools and the interested public on Kansas' nongame wildlife resources; development of observation areas and nature walks for more public use of our nongame resources.

Programs of the Other Five States

Colorado is the pioneer in this fund raising technique with their first collections coming in 1978. Initially, the Colorado tax forms specified \$1, \$5, or \$10 that could be given to the nongame effort. As for the other states,

except Kansas, only taxpayers who receive a refund check are allowed to contribute. This year, an "other amount" category will be added to the Colorado tax form as it is on the Kansas form, for those who wish to give more money.

Oregon passed a similar check-off bill two years later. The Oregon tax form lists three categories for contributions, \$1, \$3, and \$5. Taxpayers who wrote in a higher amount still only had \$5 deducted from their refund.

Colorado's first fund raising year yielded \$350,000 from 90,000 contributors. In 1979 they collected \$501,000 from 118,000 and in 1980 they received \$647,200 from 129,300 contributors. Oregon collected \$337,055 from 91,000 contributors in the first year of their program.

Utah and Kentucky passed similar bills this year. Utah's tax form will have the \$1, \$5, or \$10 and \$___ (any amount) series of boxes that will allow contributors to choose a standard donation or specify their own amount. Kentucky officials are not yet sure how their check-off will appear on the state tax form, but their law specifies that they will have to split any funds collected with the Kentucky Nature Preserve System.

Minnesota has a program very similar to the other five states.

History of Development of Kansas Nongame Check-Off Program

Throughout development of the nongame check-off program, Fish & Game encouraged interested individuals and groups to make their opinions known. At a meeting in Great Bend last October, the director encouraged the Kansas Ornithological Society, the Kansas Herpetological Society, the Audubon Council, and other interested groups to support the nongame funding statute. At that meeting Drs. Robert Clark and Dwight Spencer of Emporia State University volunteered to coordinate public action with the 1980 Kansas Legislature. Dr. Clark served as chairman of an ad hoc committee dedicated to that purpose and that committee also assumed responsibility of formulating a Citizen's Advisory Committee of people with interest and expertise in the nongame field to provide ongoing input to the commission's nongame program.

The first legislative initiative for the nongame check-off bill came as the result of a request from a member of the Topeka Audubon Society, Eulalia Lewis. In response to Mrs. Lewis' comments, Rep. Loren Hohman had a bill drafted for introduction to the Kansas House. That bill focused on outdoor recreation, not nongame wildlife, but it did contain provisions that taxpayers be allowed to contribute to the fund even if they weren't receiving tax refund checks. The House voted in favor of the bill 69-55 on Feb. 18.

On the Senate side, Peter Martin of Sen. Jack Steineger's office contacted Marvin Schwilling, Dr. Clark, and a few other interested parties to get their feelings on the best form for a nongame check-off Senate bill. The final form of this bill was an improvement over the House version but it did not allow a check-off except when a refund was being made. Senate action came April 2 and the bill passed 35-4.

The House concurred with the Senate amendments on a vote of 63-57 on April 4, and when the bill went to Governor Carlin on April 10, it contained most of the Senate bill along with the House bill provision for contributions from taxpayers who are not getting tax refunds.

Formation of a special Citizen's Advisory Committee is now fully underway. Director Hanzlick has said that the ad hoc committee should select the full committee and that this selection process be done independently of Fish and Game participation. Organizations that the ad hoc committee will probably consider as sources for members include: Kansas Herpetological Society, Kansas Chapter of the Wildlife Society, Kansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, Kansas Wildlife Federation, Kansas Biological Survey, Kansas Wildflower Society, Kansas Farm Bureau, and the Kansas Livestock Association. The ad hoc committee will pick from five to nine of these organizations, with each group to select a representative. The full committee will act as an advisory board only; it was not provided for in the statute and cannot be considered a decision-making body. However, the committee will represent most of the Kansas citizenry who share a deep concern for nongame wildlife. As a result it will have substantial influence as well as expertise in many areas of nongame management and biology. Cooperation between the committee and the commission is expected to be close and fruitful.

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Citizens' Advisory Committee is Selected

At the fall meeting of the Kansas chapter of the Wildlife Society at Manhattan on 28 October, the ad hoc committee on the Citizens' Advisory Committee made known their selections for the formal committee. The makeup of this committee is as follows: Kansas State Biological Survey, Kansas Academy of Science, Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Wildlife Federation, Kansas Audubon Council, Kansas Wildlife Society, Kansas Wildflower Society, Kansas Ornithological Society, Kansas Advisory Council on Environmental Education (not the exact title of the organization). The KOS representative was elected at the annual meeting in Baldwin. The President of the society, Dr. Charles A. Ely, will represent KOS. The first meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Committee will be held November 14 at Emporia.

Kansas Chapter of the Wildlife Society Fall Meeting

Fifteen members of KOS attended the fall meeting of the Wildlife Society in Manhattan on 28 October. The entire meeting was devoted to Nongame Wildlife Management. The morning was taken up by speakers from the various State and Federal agencies telling what they did or didn't do in the area of management. The afternoon started out with representatives from the surrounding states telling what they were doing in their states. The speakers ranged from those from the Garden of Eden for nongame management (Missouri) to Hell (Oklahoma). The representative from Nebraska was not present. We in Kansas can be thankful for getting our program through the state legislature. Oklahoma has been trying since 1976. Mr. John Torres of the Colorado Division of Wildlife was the originator of the check-off program which has spread several states. One could not help be infected by Mr. Torres' enthusiasm for the program. The last event on the program was a panel discussion of the Kansas Nongame Program. Marvin Schwilling was the panel leader. This turned out to be a position statement of the panel members and very little discussion.

Cheyenne Bottoms Public Meeting Held

A public meeting to discuss present and future management of Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area was conducted on 6 November on the campus of Barton County Community College. The meeting was sponsored by the Kansas Fish and Game Commission. The meeting was apparently a spirited one. Charles A. Ely and Roger Boyd were at the meeting but did not speak. If you need information about the meeting, contact either Chuck or Roger. The main future problem of the bottoms is water. If irrigation practices in the west continue, the bottoms may become just a seasonal marsh as it used to be before dike construction. An attempt is being made by the Fish and Game Department to better its public image at the bottoms.

Charter Member Passes Away

Helen M. Chewning, 1510 Stratford Rd., Lawrence, died 5 September, 1980. She was buried in Lawrence Memorial Park Cemetery. She had taught for 30 years in the Lawrence High School. She is survived by her husband, Bert.

Mrs. Chewning was one of 139 charter members of KOS as well as of the Audubon Society of Lawrence. She had helped on all of the many spring and fall KOS meetings held in Lawrence and on winter bird counts. A formal obituary will appear in the KOS Bulletin at a later date.

Joan Challans Honored

According to an item in the "Kansas Alumni" magazine for September 1980, Joan S. Challans, a graduate of KU and a biology instructor at St. Mary's of the Plains College for many years, was honored recently when her name was given to a wildlife sanctuary on the campus at Dodge City. Mrs. Challans is a long-time member of KOS and served a two-year term as its secretary in 1968-69. She also conducted the 1966 fall meeting of the Society at Meade County State Lake.

KOS Fall Meeting Minutes of the Board and General Session.

Christmas Count Days 20 December - 4 January

Because of the printing deadline, we had to go to press before all of the Christmas count dates were in. Check last year's Christmas counts published in the March 1980 Bulletin for the compiler and contact him.

The following counts have set the day of their count as follows:

Arkansas City - January 3; Black Mesa, OK - December 29; Dodge City - December 20; Emporia - December 21; Fostoria - December 15; Goodland - December 27; Kansas City West (Kansas) - December 27; Kingman - December 27; Linn County - December 21; Manhattan - December 20; Morton County - December 28; Olathe - December 28; Pittsburg - December 27; Pomona Reservoir - December 21 or 30 - Contact Steven Kingwood, 734 N. Ridge Road, #902, Wichita, KS 67212; Salina - December 14; Wichita - December 20; Winfield - December 22, Topeka - December 20, Lawrence - December 21, Baldwin - December 20, Newton - December 20.

New Editor Appointed

Max Thompson, Department of Biology, Southwestern College, Winfield, KS 67156, has been appointed editor of the KOS Newsletter. All items for the Newsletter should be sent to him.

BIRD NOTES

The following accounts are from notes sent in to the Editor of the Newsletter. The editor wishes to draw attention to "Woods" records. He lists the species, number of each, the date and the most important part of all, the county significance. Woods is author of the Birds of Shawnee County which has yet to find a publisher. Although not all of you have access to such complete records, it is hoped that you can outline the significance of your records that go into the Newsletter. If you do not know what occurs in your county, you can obtain a list from Dr. Charles A. Ely, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS 67601. The Editor of the Newsletter will be glad to help out with any problems you have in determining the significance of your records and probably will edit out those which are of little significance and point out in the Newsletter those which are.

Notes from Shawnee County - 1980

<u>Species and Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>County Significance</u>
Double-cr. Cormorant (6)	26 September	Scarce. Earliest fall date.
Great Blue Heron (34)	9 September	Most ever seen at one time.
Sharp-shinned Hawk (1)	18 September	Early, but not earliest.
Osprey	4 September	Several dates but this is earliest fall date.
Sanderling (2)	9 September	Second county record.
Great Horned Owl (2)	29 August	Flying juveniles. Seems late for highly downy birds (heads still completely downy).
Eastern Kingbird (1)	25 September	Latest date.
Western Kingbird (1)	25 September	Latest date.
Red-breasted Nuthatch (sev.)	15 September	Ties earliest date.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (sev.)	10 September	Earliest fall date.
Water Pipit (2)	25 September	Earliest fall date.
Philadelphia Vireo (1)	7 September	Earliest fall date.
Orange-crowned Warbler (few)	9 September	Earliest fall date.
Northern Waterthrush (1)	10 September	Ties early fall date.
Kentucky Warbler (1)	4 September	Latest date.
Mourning Warbler (sev.)	4 September	Seen several dates from the 4th to 16th. Earliest fall date.
Pine Siskin (1)	25 September	Earliest fall date.
Henslow's Sparrow (1)	26 September	Latest date.
White-crowned Sparrow (1)	26 September	Earliest fall date.
White-throated Sparrow (ca. 8)	25 September	Earliest fall date.

Notes from Various Western and Southwestern Counties - 1980

by Jean Schulenberg

The following notes are mainly from the western one-half of Kansas and increase our information on summering birds from the west.

Double-crested Cormorant 3 (2 adults and 1 im.) at Wilson Reservoir 14 July	E., J., M. Schulenberg	Russell
Cattle Egret 2 on 10 June	Schulenberg	Kingman
American Bittern up to 12 from 4 to 20 July Quivira NWR 1 im. (rusty plumage with down still visible) 16 July territorial birds heard calling 29 May	Roger & Jan Boyd Schulenberg Boyd	Stafford
Black-bellied Whistling Duck 1 on 6 July Quivira Nat. WR Second Kansas sight record observed 8 July	Roger & Jan Boyd Schulenberg	Stafford
Lesser Scaup 2 (male and female) on 5 June 3 (male and 2 female) on 30 June	Schulenberg M. Schulenberg	Kingman Barber
Sora 1 on 20 July	M. Schulenberg	Stafford
Mississippi Kite numerous in towns and shelter-belts	Schulenberg	Sedgwick Kingman Pratt Kiowa Meade Clark Comanche Barber Stafford Rice Barton
Piping Plover 3 on 13 July	Tom & Doris Shane Schulenberg	Republic

Snowy Plover breeding	Boyd Schulenberg	Stafford Barton Meade Clark
Long-billed Curlew 5 on 6 July 4 on 8 July	Boyd Schulenberg	Stafford
Solitary Sandpiper 1 on 10 July 1 on 15 July 1 on 25 July	Schulenberg Shane & Schulenberg Schulenberg	Stafford Lincoln Clark
Marbled Godwit 1 on 8 July 6 on 11 July 4 on 13 July 1 on 16 July	Schulenberg Schulenberg Shane & Schulenberg Schulenberg	Stafford Barton Republic Stafford
Black-necked Stilt up to 11 (6 adults and 5 young in first juvinal plumage (buffy edges on scapulars and wing coverts) 6 to 18 July Quivira NWR	Boyd Schulenberg	Stafford
Franklin's Gull present throughout summer 5 on 5 June 20+ on 20 June up to 15 3 to 6 July 3 on 11 July 2 on 15 July	Schulenberg Schulenberg Schulenberg Schulenberg Schulenberg	Kingman Clark Stafford Barton Russell
Least Tern Breeding and successfully fledging young also possible breeding	Boyd Schulenberg	Stafford Meade Clark Comanche
Barn Owl 1 found dead near Crooked Creek	Schulenberg	Meade
Chuck-will's-widow- heard 3 June Kingman Game MA 1 heard nightly from 31 May 1 observed in road 20 July	Byron & June Walker Schulenberg	Kingman Stafford

Say's Phoebe 1 nesting 13 June	Schulenberg	Meade
Eastern Wood Pewee 1 nesting 3 June	Schulenberg Walker	Kingman
Black-billed Magpie 1 pair nesting (past 3 seasons)	Charles Darling	Stafford
Bell's Vireo 4 on 9 and 10 June 1 on 21 June 3 on 11 July 2 on 28 July	Schulenberg Schulenberg Schulenberg Schulenberg	Kingman Clark Barton Comanche
Bobolink 2 females on 20 July	Schulenberg	Stafford
Savannah Sparrow 1 on 17 July Bird allowed close approach for careful identification and was seeming territorial. No other bird observed.	J. Schulenberg	Stafford
Field Sparrow found territorial and/or breeding	Schulenberg	Meade Clark Comanche Stafford

Notes from Northeastern Kansas - 1980

By Dan LaShelle

Despite the population size of northeastern Kansas, little is known of Jefferson County. The following help to fill in the gaps.

<u>Species (Number of Individuals)</u>	<u>Observers</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>
Semipalmated Plover (2)	*	Geary	9-11
Black-bellied Plover (3)	*	Wabaunsee	8-31
Willow Flycatcher			
(1)	*	Jefferson	8-16
(1)		Jefferson	8-17

* All observations by Dan LaShelle and other observers, as noted.

Tree Swallow (1)	*	Jefferson	
Short-billed Marsh Wren			
(8)	*	Jefferson	8-13
(13) (3 different locations)	*	Jefferson	8-16
(9) (3 different locations)	*	Jefferson	8-17
(12) (3 different locations)	*	Jefferson	8-20
(1 dummy nest located)			
(8) (2 different locations)	*	Jefferson	8-23
(8) (3 different locations)		Jefferson	8-24
(1 additional dummy nest located)			
	w/Marvin Schwilling and Brad Trimble		
Philadelphia Vireo (1)	*	Jefferson	8-20
Yellow-crowned Night Heron			
(1 sub-adult)	w/Eugene & Eulalia Lewis	Jefferson	7-19
Least Bittern (1)	w/Brad Trimble	Jefferson	8-2
American Woodcock (1)	w/ Eugene & Eulalia Lewis	Jefferson	7-19
Tree Swallow (1)	*	Jefferson	7-23
Short-billed Marsh Wren			
(1)	w/Eugene & Eulalia Lewis	Jefferson	7-19
(1)	*	Jefferson	7-26
(6)	w/Brad Trimble	Jefferson	8-2
(4)	*	Jefferson	8-3
(8) (2 nests under construction)	w/Ed & Jean Schullen- berg, Marvin Schwilling	Atchison	8-10
Yellow-throated Vireo			
(1)	w/Brad Trimble	Jefferson	7-17
(1)	w/Eugene & Eulalia Lewis	Jefferson	7-19
(1)	*	Jefferson	7-20
(1)	*	Jefferson	7-26
American Bittern (3)	*	Jefferson	9-28
(2)	*	Jefferson	9-30
Osprey (1)	*	Osage	9-20
Whooping Crane (4)	*	Jefferson	9-28
Virginia Rail (1 immature)	*	Jefferson	9-6
Semipalmated Plover (1)	w/Brad Trimble	Douglas	9-21
American Woodcock (1)	*	Jefferson	9-11
Buff-breasted Sandpiper (9)	*	Jefferson	9-6

Sedge Wren (formerly				
Short-billed Marsh Wren) (3)	*	Jefferson		9-6
	(2)	*	Osage	9-14
	(1)	*	Osage	9-15
	(1)	w/Eugene & Eulalia		
		Lewis	Osage	9-17
	(1)	*	Jefferson	9-24
	(1)	*	Jefferson	9-28
(2 different locations) (9)	*	Jefferson		9-30
Great-tailed Grackle (2 males)	*	Jefferson		9-24
Rufous-sided Towhee (2 immatures)	*	Osage		9-14

Information Wanted on Breeding Sites of Great-tailed Grackles

If you have breeding records or summer sightings of Great-tailed Grackles in Kansas, please contact Steven C. Hansen, Division of Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506. A study is being undertaken of the breeding biology of this species in the northern part of its range extension.

TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR (Oct. 1979-Sept. 1980)

Marvin D. Schwilling

Information used in choosing the top ten included the "best birds" reports, plus a search of the Bulletin, Newsletter, Christmas Counts and "Unusual birds report cards."

As in the past consideration was given to previous state records or specimens, geographic location in the state, season of sighting, nesting, etc. and personal judgment.

Contestants were:

- "BEST BIRDS" report forms.
1. Black-bellied Tree Duck
 2. Long-tailed Jaeger
 3. Yellow-throated Warbler
 4. Marbled Gadwit
 5. Say's Phoebe
 6. White Pelican
 7. Groove-billed Ani (also in Newsletter)
 8. Great-tailed Grackle
 9. Yellow-crowned Night Heron
 10. Red Crossbill (also on Christmas Count)

"UNUSUAL BIRD" report cards.

1. Inca Dove
2. Rock Wren (Larned)
3. Scarlet Tanager (Pratt)
4. McCowns Longspur (Pawnee Co.)
5. Lark Bunting (Pawnee Co. in Oct.)
6. Sandhill Cranes (12) (Chanute)
7. Red Knot (Cheyenne Bottoms)

CHRISTMAS COUNTS

1. Semipalmated Plover (Manhattan)
2. Say's Phoebes (5) (Morton Co.)
3. Evening Grosbeaks (Junction City)
4. Hermit Thrush (Topeka)
5. Long-billed Marsh Wren (on five counts)
6. Short-billed Marsh Wren (Junction City)

BULLETIN, NEWSLETTER AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Black-throated Sparrow (Wichita)
2. Purple Gallinule (Chase Co.) 9 May
3. Nesting Tree Swallow (Mine - Melvern Res., Osage Co.; Dan LaShelle - Perry Res., Jefferson Co.; Steve Fretwell - Tuttle Creek Res., Riley Co.)
4. Cerulean Warbler (Coffey Co.)
5. Black-throated Blue Warbler (Kansas City)
6. Bohemian Waxwing (Kansas City)
7. Gray-headed Junco (Kansas City)
8. Cape May Warbler (Kansas City)
9. Burrowing Owl (Merriam)
10. Yellow-throated Warbler (Cherokee Co.)
11. Pileated Woodpecker (Cherokee Co.)
12. Mississippi Kite (Jefferson Co.)
13. Snowy Plover (Geary Co.)
14. Woodcock (Jefferson Co.)
15. Worm-eating Warbler (Douglas Co.)
16. Great-tailed Grackles (Jefferson Co.)
17. Bairds Sparrow (Geary Co.)

ALBINOS

1. Tree or Bank Swallow (Cheyenne Bottoms)
2. Red-tailed Hawk (Mine & David Seibel, May 22, 1980, Butler Co.)
3. Junco (Partial Albino) Qualls
4. Junco (Richmond) Edwards

TOP TEN

1. Black-bellied Tree Duck - Observed on July 6 by Roger and Jan Boyd and on July 8 by Ed, Jean and Margaret Schulenberg at the Big Salt Marsh Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. No specimens, one previous sight record.
2. Long-tailed Jaeger - Observed on August 22 by Ed Martinez at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Management Area, along inlet canal near the old goose pen. One previous specimen. Sight record Morton County.
3. Black-throated Sparrow - Observed by Donald Vannoy, October 27 in Wichita's Maple Grove Cemetery. One previous specimen. Sight record Morton County.
4. Inca Dove - Observed and photographed October 18 by Scott Seltman five miles NW of Larned. One specimen several sight records.
5. Yellow-throated Warbler (nesting) - Observed May 3 by Ed and Jean Schulenberg and Marvin Schwilling, and numerous other K.O.S. members, Schermerhorn Park, south of Galena. First nesting record from state.
6. Purple Gallinule - Observed by Scott Satterthwaite along Diamond Creek in Chase County. Five specimens several sight records from five counties.
7. Groove-billed Ani - Observed November 28 by Boytt Impson also Amelia Betts, Katherine Kelly and others 6 miles NE of Baldwin. Bird died and is now a specimen. Several other specimens and sight records from seven counties.
8. Gray-headed Junco - Trapped and banded, Camp Towanyak, March 5, 1980. Records from 10 counties - first record from eastern tier of counties in Kansas.
9. Semipalmated Plover - Four observed on Manhattan Christmas County. First winter record. Johnson lists normal fall departure dates as September 14 through October 1.
10. Says Phoebe - Six observed on Morton County Christmas Count. First winter record. Normal fall departure dates not recorded.

HONORABLE MENTION

1. Evening Grosbeak (Junction City) Christmas Count
2. Burrowing Owl (Merriam) September 22
3. Hermit Thrush (Topeka) Christmas Count
4. Red Crossbills (Hays) July/Aug., Topeka & Goodland Christmas Count
5. Parula Warbler (nesting) Schermerhorn Park, May 2
6. Cape May Warbler (Camp Towanyak) September 22
7. Worm-eating Warbler (Douglas Co.) May
8. Tree Swallows (Nesting) Melvern, Perry & Tuttle Creek Reservoirs
9. Bairds Sparrow (Geary Co.) April
10. Short-billed Marsh Wren (nesting) Atchison, Jefferson & Geary Counties.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL FALL BUSINESS MEETING

The first business meeting was opened by President Fretwell in the auditorium of the Owens Musical Arts building on the campus of Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas at 12:00 noon.

A resolutions committee of Alan Tubbs, Marvin Schwilling, Max Thompson and J. C. Johnson was appointed. It was suggested that they consider one or more resolutions in reference to the non-game management program of the Fish and Game Commission.

Marvin Schwilling, chairman of the nominations committee, presented the following slate for the consideration of the members:

President: C. R. Ely
 Vice-president: C. Cink
 Corresponding Secretary: D. Platt
 Membership Secretary: J. Hershberger
 Treasurer: Eugene Lewis
 Librarian: R. Fauhl
 Editor: J. Zimmerman
 Directors at large (1980-82): R. Boyd, B. LaShelle
 (Effie Edwards and Steve Kingswood continue as directors until 1981).

The first business meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

The second business meeting was reconvened at 2:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Owens Musical Arts building.

Steve Fretwell gave the president's state of the organization report:

1) KOS is doing well in terms of its contributions to ornithological science and active bird observing, 2) membership is declining; we are now less than 400 members and the cause for this drop is not clear, 3) library holdings of the KOS are currently inaccessible due to KU library reorganization, and 4) our ownership of the Dingus Natural Area has not yet been acted upon by the Nature Conservancy.

The editor reported that the size of the Bulletin is not being limited by the availability of material, rather the limits are financial. The treasurer reported that we are in the black only because we have been frugal in our spending and have transferred interest from life memberships into the general fund. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the reports of the editor and the treasurer. The treasurer's report is appended to these minutes.

An auditing committee composed of Effie Edwards and Ed Schulenberg was appointed.

The slate of elected officers and directors proposed by the nominating committee was considered and the proposed slate was unanimously elected.

Old Business

The report of the constitutional committee was considered. It was stated that the Board suggested that subsequent consideration divide the constitution as now written in the committee's report into a constitution that includes the more basic stable articles and a by-laws that contains the more variable operating procedures for the society. This permits the by-laws to be revised without changing the constitution, since any change in the constitution requires that the materials supporting our articles of incorporation as a non-profit organization be changed with the Secretary of State and the IRS. In this light, it was also moved by Steve Burr and seconded by Byron Berger, that Gene Lewis' suggestion to add a section 8 to Article II that could read: "and shall be for scientific and educational purposes." It was also emphasized that the constitution revision is required to include anything that is required to make us a tax exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3). This motion passed. It was also moved by Amelia Betts and seconded by Margaret Boyd that the family life membership be deleted. This passed. It was also pointed out that "directors at large" be added to Section 3A and Section 3B of Article III.

At this point the meeting was suspended to continue with the papers sessions. At the end of the papers session the meeting was resumed.

New Business.

It was moved by Max Thompson and seconded by Eulala Lewis that the dues be changed as outlined in Article III, section 4, a-f in the report of the constitution revision committee. Amelia Betts moved and Mrs. Garrett seconded that the family membership be changed to read: \$6 for the first member and \$4 for each additional member in the family. Family sustaining to read \$12 for the first and \$8 for each additional. The amendment passed. The original motion as amended also passed unanimously.

The president called upon the members to organize field trips throughout the state as a means of attracting and keeping new members. Special attention must be paid to helping novice birders to learn the birds. The announcement of such field trips will be made through the Newsletter.

The president also announced the proposed participation in the summer bird counts during the period June 1 - July 15.

The non-game wildlife program in the state of Kansas was briefly discussed. It was moved by Max Thompson and seconded by Byron Berger that the president of KOS be our representative to the Citizens Advisory Council if we are asked by the Fish and Game Commission to provide a representative. The motion passed.

Upcoming meetings were announced:

Spring 1981. Junction City. Noon 2 May to noon 3 May
 Fall 1981. Manhattan Kansas. 3-4 October, but dependent
 upon home football schedule.

It was moved by Gene Lewis and seconded by Max Thompson that it be resolved that KOS monies be deposited in the Capitol Federal Savings and Loan Association and the First National Bank of Topeka, and that the signatures of the president, treasurer, and corresponding secretary be required for any transactions. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was made at the banquet held in the Baker University union. The report is attached.

Respectively submitted,

J. L. Zimmerman
 Acting Corresponding Secretary

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The KOS membership thanks The Baldwin Bird Club and Baker University for the fine arrangements, and especially Roger Boyd and Calvin Cink.
2. The membership of KOS thanks the 1980 State Legislature and the Governor of Kansas for enacting the nongame income check-off program.
3. Whereas, monies will be available through the nongame state income tax check-off program, the Society supports the concept of a nongame advisory council and requests this council to let us work with them in developing nongame priorities.

4. The membership thanks those outgoing officers who have faithfully served the Society.
5. KOS thanks those who participated in today's program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance April 4, 1980 (checking) \$ 575.90 *

Receipts

Dues	\$ 230.00	
Checklists & Decals	28.10	
Bulletins & Newsletters	50.00	
Savings interest & transfer	1115.75	
Total receipts	1423.85	1423.85

Disbursements

Bulletin	598.50	
Newsletter	229.17	
Mailing expense	200.00	
Postage	35.55	
Safe Deposit Box	5.00	
Refund on newsletters	10.00	
Total Disbursements	1078.22	1078.22

Balance October 3, 1980 (checking) \$ 921.53

Cert. No. 837871	\$1097.02	11-14-83	10.55%
Cert. No. 885298	1054.77	10-20-82	12.00%
Cert. No. 607455	1024.03	12-31-82	9.50%
Passbook savings	1063.38		
Bank savings	118.25		
Checking account	921.53		
Total	\$5278.98		

* Check No. 378 (\$22.50) cancelled after previous report. Re-issued under check No. 380 (\$30.00)

MINUTES OF THE FALL BOARD MEETING,
KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The meeting was called to order at 1724 in the Conference Room of Dyche Museum on the campus of The University of Kansas. Those present: J. C. Johnson, Gene Lewis, Effie Edwards, Steve Burr, Chuck Ely and J. L. Zimmerman (acting secretary).

Spring board meeting minutes had been sent to the members of the board and will be corrected and approved by correspondence.

Vice-president and program chairman, Chuck Ely, reported that there are 16 papers on tomorrow's program and as far as he knows, everything is ready to roll.

Treasurer reported a balance on hand as of 3 October 1980 of \$921.53 in the checking account.

Editor reported that there is about enough material on hand to carry the Bulletin through the June 1982 issue, but the projected dues increase would permit that backlog to be reduced to the December 1981 issue. The editor would appreciate having a Newsletter editor, but the person must volunteer. A certain amount of desire to do a good job is prerequisite to the task.

Librarian's report was given in absentia - everything is boxed up during some renovation work in Watson Library.

There were no new developments in regards to the Dingus area. The Nature Conservancy has not acted on our decision to accept ownership.

Old Business:

Constitution Revision. It is important that the statement of purpose be commensurate with the articles of incorporation in order to maintain the tax exempt status of the organization. An amendment will be proposed to correct this during the discussion of the constitution at the annual business meeting. During the business meeting the members will be asked only for comments on the revision of the constitution rather than asking for a motion of acceptance. Furthermore the committee will be asked to separate the constitution into a more stable constitution portion that will be filed with the state and the IRS and a more pliable by-laws section which will not be filed. Steve Burr moved and Chuck Ely seconded the motion encompassing this notion and it was passed.

(Meeting site was moved to the dining room of the Holiday Inn)

The decrease in membership was discussed. How to increase the membership seems to be a problem that needs to be solved. Is an analysis of losses in order? Could the bird seed sales gimmick be used to contact new members? No solution was offered.

