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MID-WINTER BIRD COUNT FOR 1971

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The 1971 Kansas mid-winter bird count was outstanding in almost every respect and produced new highs for both number of individuals and total number of species. Twenty-one counts were taken by Kansas Ornithological Society members during the period 18 December 1971 and 1 January 1972. Two regular count areas (Linn County and Marion) did not take (or did not report) counts but new counts were made at Cheney Reservoir and McPherson.

The 5,324,508 individuals reported was nearly twice the previous high of 2,720,085 in 1969. As in 1969, a huge blackbird roost at Cheyenne Bottoms Waterfowl Management Area was largely responsible for the total. The 128 species recorded exceeds the previous high of 126 (+ Harlan's Hawk) in 1969. Three species were recorded for the first time: Spotted Sandpiper (Udall), Bonaparte's Gull (Cheney Reservoir) and Clay-colored Sparrow (Wichita). Manhattan had the highest count with 83 species and Wichita followed closely with 82.

Mild conditions existed at the beginning of the count period and waterfowl were present in both numbers and variety (23 species). A number of passerine species which normally winter in small numbers were fairly widespread. Northern finches were conspicuous by their absence with only Purple Finches reported in significant numbers. No attempt was made to evaluate apparent population changes because of the many variables involved.

This report follows the new KOS field check-list so accepts the Harlan's Hawk for the first time in several years. This dubious species is easily confused with other dark plumaged *Buteos* so records should be accepted with caution. As in the past, Swainson's Hawks and Chipping Sparrows were excluded from the list. Also excluded for lack of supporting details were the Yellow-billed Cuckoo (McPherson), Barn Swallow (Olathe) and Clark's Nutcracker (Dodge City).

The winter produced a high number of unexpected and unlikely species, some of which were deleted by area compilers. Some of the remainder posed especially difficult problems for the Editor since they were reported by conservative observers of proven competence. Some, perhaps most, of these sightings were undoubtedly correct and seldom has the need for hard evidence (good photograph or bird-in-hand) been more indicated. Those unusual sightings supported by convincing data are included in this report.

Birders can contribute significantly to our knowledge of the Kansas avifauna by contacting other birders, and whenever possible, photographers or banders, to help document unexpected or unusual finds. Careful observation might determine the period of time such a bird spends in the area, its preferred habitat and food, its general health and the conditions under which it survives or fails to survive.

Obviously a great deal of additional winter field work should be done in the state. True, it will be frustrating, even unproductive much of the time, but we might also answer some of our perennial questions. For example, how many of the wintering shrikes are really Northern? do they occur every winter? all winter or briefly? are they local or do they move around? Do Chipping Sparrows and Swainson's Hawks

ever winter in the state? We debate such questions each winter but lack definitive answers.

Some of the more unusual sightings are detailed below:

Whistling Swan. Swans visited Kansas in unusual numbers this fall. They were reported on three counts (Emporia, Cheney Reservoir and McPherson) and were also reported during the count period by Coffey-Lyon, Dodge City and Wichita groups.

Snow Goose. The breakdown by color phase (first number is blue, second, white) was as follows: Baldwin (654:995), Camp Naish (25:75), Cheney Reservoir (1:2), Coffey-Lyon (1100:1050), Emporia (514:742), Great Bend (3:8), Halstead-Newton (0:1), Wichita (5:0): Total (2302:2873).

Blue-winged Teal. One was reported from Topeka; nine from Wichita.

Old Squaw. Four were reported from Cheyenne Bottoms.

Harlan's Hawk. Reported as follows: Baldwin (1), Cheney Reservoir (1), Coffey-Lyon (1), Junction City (count period), Olathe (1), Topeka (2), Wichita (2).

Swainson's Hawk. Omitted from table. Reported from Olathe (1, Joe Sanders) and Pittsburg (3).

Pigeon Hawk. One was present at Dodge City from late December through at least 9 January (Joyce Davis and Joan Challans). Singles were also reported at Manhattan (Vic Moss) and Topeka (Anne and Robert Sutherland).

Least Sandpiper. Three were reported from Lawrence by Stan Roth.

Spotted Sandpiper. New for the count. Reported from Udall by Robert Wimmer. It was "teetering" along the shoreline of the Walnut River.

Bonaparte's Gull. Present since November at Cheney Reservoir. Three were reported by Larry Gray and Kenn Kaufman.

Franklin's Gull. Reported from Lake Shawnee where they lingered unusually late (Robert Glazier, Eugene and Eulalia Lewis and Mark Pheasant).

Forster's Tern. Reported by Junction City group during count period.

Short-eared Owl. Only three singles reported (Emporia, Great Bend, Manhattan); also reported from Fostoria during count period.

Snowy Owl. This should be an invasion year but only one was reported (Great Bend). A single has also been reported from west of Ellis, Ellis County.

Scrub Jay. Three, possibly five, birds have been present at a feeder on the outskirts of Dodge City since at least November. (Last winter a bird remained until early April, Joan Challans.)

Hermit Thrush. Reported at Emporia (3, Anne and Alice Emerson) and Lawrence (1, Henry Fitch).

Mountain Bluebird. Reported from Junction City; also at Great Bend during count period.

Sprague's Pipit. One was carefully identified by C. W. Comer on the Coffey-Lyon count.

Northern Shrike. An immature was observed along the Arkansas River near Wichita by several observers on 18 and 20 December (Jeffrey Cox).

Yellow-headed Blackbird. Three were reported from Cheyenne Bottoms.

Boat-tailed Grackle. Not seen on count but reported from Great Bend during count period.

Evening Grosbeak. Not seen on count but reported from Topeka during count period.

Common Redpoll. Nine were reported from Dodge City. Birds were also present at Hays and Ellis during December.

Vesper Sparrow. One was reported from Cheney Reservoir by Larry Gray and Kenn Kaufman; also reported from McPherson.

LeConte's Sparrow. One was seen at Emporia by C. W. Comer and Dan Larson.

Clay-colored Sparrow. The report by Ralph Wiley of two birds near Wichita seems convincing. The birds were observed at close range and field characters were compared directly with three field guides while the birds were under observation. This is the most unexpected sighting listed. Birds normally winter from extreme southern Texas southward into Mexico.

Baldwin City (15-mile circle, center junction of Highways 56 and 59, Douglas County). December 27; 28 party-hours (7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.); open country 10%; brushland 35%; woodland 35%; lakes 10%; town 10%; temperature 20–27°F; wind NE at 10 mph; cloudy, drizzle; lakes open; ground icy; miles: 181 by car, 8 on foot; 17 observers in 4 parties: Ivan Boyd, Jan Boyd, Margaret Boyd, Roger Boyd, Evelyn Davis, David Embrey, David Ford, E. Raymond Hall, Pat Jardon, Katharine Kelly, Marno McKaughan, R. F. Miller, Mike Nutt, Barbara Pressgrove, Mary Swan, Tom Swan III, Amelia J. Betts (compiler). Additional species seen during count period: Lesser Scaup, Common Goldeneye, Brown Creeper, Lapland Longspur.

Baxter Springs (15-mile circle, center Baxter Springs airport, Cherokee County). December 22; 9 party-hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); open grassland 25%; cultivated fields and roadsides 25%; bottomland brush and thickets 25%; lake and river 20%; upland oak woodlands 5%; temperature 40–55°F; wind SE at 3–6 mph; no clouds; no snow cover; water areas 100% open; miles: 60 by car, 7 on foot; 1 observer in 1 party: James Rising (compiler).

Camp Naish (500 acre reservation, 3 miles E Bonner Springs, Wyandotte County). December 30; 8 party-hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.); open grassland 10%; brush 30%; woodland 55%; lakes, streams and rivers 5%; temperature 32–40°F; wind N at 10 mph; partly cloudy to clear; miles: 3 by car, 9 on foot; 4 observers in 1 party: Richard Gillerman, Marty Mills, Bill Todd, Stan Roth (compiler).

Cheney Reservoir (15-mile circle, center 5 miles E, 3 miles N intersection of 21st Street and Highway K-17). December 30; 19 party-hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.); lake 10%; exposed mud flats 2%; woods and heavy brush 10%; cultivated fields 45%; grassland and weedy fields 33%; temperature 29–44°F; wind NW at 0–15 mph; skies mostly clear; no snow cover; all waters open; lake below normal level; miles: 106 by car, 20 on foot; 4 observers in 2 parties: Larry Gray, Craig Hultman, Jeffrey Cox and Kenn Kaufman (compilers).

Coffey–Lyon Counties (15-mile circle, center midway between Hartford and John Redmond Reservoir). December 23; 20 party-hours (7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.); grassland 35%; cultivated fields 35%; wooded areas 25%; open water 5%; temperature 28–42°F; wind SE at 10–15 mph; miles: 40 by car, 20 on foot; 5 observers in 2 parties: C. W. Comer, Mike Long, Marc Marcellus, Terry Ryan, Edward Ryan (compiler). Additional species seen during count period: Whistling Swan, Purple Finch.

Dodge City (15-mile circle, center 2 miles E St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City to include Duck Creek to 5 miles N Ford County Park and Lake, Arkansas River, Good Samaritan Home grounds, St. Anthony grounds and cemetery and townsites of Dodge City and shelter belts). December 18; 32 party-hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.); fields and pastures 62%; woodland 30%; farmyards 3%; town 5%; temperature 30–55°F; wind S to SW at 10–15 mph; no snow cover; miles: 246 by car, 19 on foot; 8 observers in 4 parties: Aubrey Ballard, Maurice Bleumer, Duane Boyd, Joyce Davis, Bob Lampe, Dora Renick, Carrolaine Shultz, Joan Challans (compiler). Additional species seen during count period: Whistling Swan, Pintail, Bobwhite, Killdeer, Song Sparrow.

Ellis County (15-mile circle, center Hays to include Fort Hays State campus and farm, Big Creek, Smoky Hill River, Rohr–Jacobs Lake, Harold Kraus farm, Fort Hays Experiment Station). December 21; 12 party-hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); fields and prairies 50%; flood plain woods 35%; swamps 5%; institutions and towns 10%; temperature 22–46°F; winds at 5–10 mph; clear; waters open; miles: 50 by car, 5 on foot; 6 observers in 2 parties: Everet Bainter, John Hayden, Marvin Rofls, Elton Schroder, Larry Todd, Gerald Tomanek (compiler). Additional species seen during count period: Great Blue Heron, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Screech Owl, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, White-breasted Nuthatch, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, House Finch, Common Redpoll, Pine Siskin, Oregon Junco.

Emporia (15-mile circle, center 1 mile S Lang to include Emporia, Neosho Rapids, Lyon County State Lake, northwest corner of John Redmond Reservoir). December 19; 61 party-hours (6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.); pastures and cultivated fields 60%; deciduous stream margin woodlands 25%; streams and ponds 10%; residential 5%; temperature 39–53°F; wind S at 7–21 mph; cloudy; all water open; light rain prior to count beginning; miles: 482 by car, 26 on foot; 21 observers in 8 parties: I. R. Beach, Walter Boles, Jan Boyd, Roger Boyd, Linda Brandle, Dori Comer, Jeffery Comer, Stephen Comer, Alice Emerson, Anne Emerson, John Harclerode, Madge Hillbish, Ray Hotzel, Dorothy Laird, Dan Larson, Edward Schulenberg, Jean Schulenberg, Margaret Schulenberg, Louis Schweizer, Ross Silcock, C. W. Comer (compiler). Additional species seen during count period: Redhead, Lesser Scaup, Herring Gull, Pine Siskin, Oregon Junco.

Fostoria (Fostoria, NW to Blue River in Pottawatomie County). December 31; 8½ party-hours (8:20 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); open grassland 50%; cultivated fields 13%; brush 30%; woodland 6%; creek bottoms 1%; temperature 26–40°F; wind S at 10–15 mph; miles: 51 by car, 1½ on foot; 5 observers in 1 party: Bernard Plummer, Rowena Plummer, Howard Webster, Eunice Webster and Mabel Willis (compilers). Additional species seen during count period: Short-eared Owl, Ring-necked Pheasant.

Great Bend (15-mile circle, center Barton County Community Junior College to include Cheyenne Bottoms Waterfowl Management Area, Arkansas River, Walnut Creek and Great Bend). December 31; 24 party-hours (7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.); grassland 10%; cultivated fields 30%; brush 20%; woodland 10%; lake and river 30%; temperature 25–50°F; wind S at 5–15 mph; sky clear; no snow cover; water areas 90% ice-covered; miles: 131 by car, 8 on foot; 21 observers in 4 parties: Nadine Amerine, Charles Brown, Edmund Martinez, Jim Martinez, L. O. Nossaman, Bob Polson, Frank Robl, Shirley Thornton, Marvin Schwilling (compiler). Additional species seen during count period: Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Black Duck, Cooper's Hawk, Golden Eagle, Mountain Bluebird, Boat-tailed Grackle, Common Grackle.

Halstead–Newton (15-mile circle, center 5½ miles NE Halstead to include Little Arkansas River, Sand Creek, Sand Prairie Natural History Reservation and Harvey County Park). December 18; 47½ party-hours (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); hedgerows and farmlands 46%; woodland and wooded

streams 38%; prairies and pastures 3%; shrubby prairies and pastures 5%; marshes, ponds and rivers 2%; farmyards, towns and cemeteries 6%; temperature 32–55°F; wind S at 5–25 mph; clear to partly cloudy; all waters open; land somewhat muddy; miles: 293 by car, 27 on foot; 22 observers in 6 parties: Roy Auernheimer, Keith Funk, Mrs. Walton Goode, Lisa Jantzen, Paul Jantzen, Peter Jantzen, Edna Kaufman, Leona Krehbiel, David Miller, Janet Moyer, Norman Pankratz, Marvin Pauls, Dwight Platt, Kamela Platt, Richard Platt, Robert Regier, Steve Regier, Gunhild Sollid, Brian Warkentin, James Wulf, Joe Yoder, Stan Senner (compiler). Additional species seen during count period: Belted Kingfisher, Carolina Wren.

Junction City (15-mile circle, center I-70 park W Junction City, to include lower Milford Lake, Geary State Lake, Smoky Hill River, Clark and Lyons Creeks). December 26; 24 party-hours (6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.); deciduous timber 20%; evergreens 5%; cultivated fields 25%; grassland 25%; water 25%; temperature 25–40°F; wind NE at 15 mph; rain and mist; miles: 212 by car, 11 on foot; 7 observers in 3 parties: Lorena Combs, Charles Howe, Robert Kruger, John LaShelle, Tom Shane, Celia White, Bob LaShelle (compiler). Additional species seen during count period: Black Duck, Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Rough-legged Hawk, Harlan's Hawk, Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle, Ring-necked Pheasant, Forster's Tern, Screech Owl, Barred Owl, Winter Wren, Myrtle Warbler, Red-winged Blackbird, Pine Siskin.

Kingman (15-mile circle, center Kingman County Game Management Area headquarters, Penalosa). December 29; 8 party-hours (7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.); open grassland 70%; cultivated fields 2%; brush 8%; woodland 10%; lake and river 10%; temperature 36–52°F; wind S at 3–8 mph; fog in a.m.; cloudy; miles: 21 by car, 7 on foot; 6 observers in 1 party: John Boyer, C. W. Comer, Edward Kane, Dan Larson, June Walker, Byron Walker (compiler). Additional species seen during count period: Canada Goose, Gadwall, Pintail, Canvasback, Golden Eagle, Sparrow Hawk, Cedar Waxwing, Myrtle Warbler.

Lawrence (15-mile circle, center National Guard Armory, 2nd and Iowa Streets). December 18; 61½ party-hours (2:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.); grassland 12%; woodland 40%; cultivated fields 10%; ponds and rivers with wooded banks 15%; city 3%; brush 20%; temperature 36–52°F; wind at 2 mph; clear skies; water areas partially frozen; miles: 185 by car, 37 on foot; 22 observers in 9 parties: M. Allen, B. Chewning, H. Chewning, J. Conrad, M. Faulh, H. Fitch, H. Garrett, R. Gilleman, M. Hall, T. Kosaslovsky, R. LaVal, E. Martin, A. Martin, K. Nelson, C. Novitsky, T. Novitsky, S. Roth, D. Trillich, P. Trillich, E. Turney, P. VonAchen, Ruth Faulh (compiler).

Manhattan (15-mile circle, center Kansas State University Campus). December 18; 106 party-hours (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); grassland 35%; forest edge 35%; lakes and rivers 10%; deciduous forests 10%; cultivated fields 5%; towns 5%; temperature 33–50°F; wind S at 8–30 mph; scattered clouds; no snow cover, all water open; miles: 399 by car, 92 on foot; 30 observers in 5 parties: Roger Andres, Dan Bowen, Warren Buss, Perry Conway, Doris Coppersmith, Steve Den, Leon Edmunds, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ferguson, Becky Finney, Steve Fretwell, Steve Gast, Norman Herrman, Tom Horst, Lowell Johnson, Ann Langham, Kirk Lewis, Dick Marzolf, Mary Bess and Paige Molhollan, Kelly Molhollan, Paige Molhollan, Jr., Vic Moss, Mike Quinlan, Tom Shane, Chris Smith, Gary Ward, Paul and Stephen Zimmerman, John Zimmerman (compiler).

McPherson (15-mile circle, center 7 miles N McPherson to include McPherson, Lindsborg, and Paint, Sharps and Kentucky Creeks). December 18; 32 party-hours (7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); farmland 25%; hedges 20%; pastures 20%; creekbottom timber 10%; town 10%; marshes and ponds 15%; temperature 28–45°F; wind W at 5–15 mph; sky clear; water open; miles: 227 by car, 9 on foot; 10 observers in 4 parties: Bertha Beam, Stephen Capel, Virginia Harris, Harry Hekethorn, Allen Jahn, Delbert Johnson, Loren Johnson, Merwin Johnson, Kenneth Lindblade, Maurine Lehmborg, Ron Little, Victor Peterson, Kendall Shaw, Julius Steele. Additional species seen during count period: Cedar Waxwing, Rufous-sided Towhee.

Olathe (15-mile circle, center intersection US 50–56 and K-7, to include Mill Creek, Gardner Lake, Lake Olathe, Saddle Club Lake). January 1; 28 party-hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); grassland 10%; cultivated fields 35%; deciduous woods 25%; lakes and streams 10%; town 5%; brush 15%; temperature 25–34°F; wind SW–NW at 10–15 mph; miles: 136 by car, 18 on foot; 17 observers in 4 parties: Ivan and Margaret Boyd, James and Barbara Bradley, Mark Crane, Mary Anne Crane, Sue Davidson, Ethel Hower, Katharine Kelly, Christine McCavaran, Mike Nutt, Sebastian Patti, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sanders, Ed Scott, Ray Wackley, Dean Crane (compiler). Additional species seen during count period: Rufous-sided Towhee.

Pittsburg (15-mile circle, center Kansas State College of Pittsburg). December 23; 28½ party-hours (7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.); streamside woods 30%; fields and pastures 30%; brushy roadsides 40%; temperature 43–58°F; wind SW at 2–20 mph; high thin overcast sky; streams and ponds open, moderately full; no ice; soil moist; miles: 47 by car, 14 on foot; 3 observers in 3 parties: Gladys Galligar, T. M. Sperry, Mrs. Bessie Boso (compiler). Additional species seen during count period: Killdeer, Pileated Woodpecker, Cedar Waxwing, Purple Finch.

Topeka (15-mile circle, center State Capitol Building, to include Kansas River, Shunganunga and Soldier Creeks, Lake Jivaro, Lake Shawnee, Lake Sherwood, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Menninger Foundation–West Campus, Gage Park, Municipal Airport). December 18; 60 party-hours (3:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.); urban 25%; farmland 30%; pasture 25%; mixed woodland 15%; lake shore 5%; temperature 26–53°F; wind SW at 20–40 mph; small ponds frozen; lakes and streams open; no snow; miles: 377 by car, 25 on foot; 19 observers in 9 parties: Andrew Barber, James Bush, Robert Glazier, Reid and Ruth Green, Scottie Johnson, Ken Kawata, John LaShelle, Eugene and Eualia Lewis, Aubrey and June McCallum, Pearl Maus, Mark Pheasant, Maxine Phillips, Jean Schulenberg, Robert and Anne Sutherland, Orville Rice (compiler). Additional species seen during count period: Snow Goose, American Coot, Horned Owl, Evening Grosbeak, Rufous-sided Towhee.

Udall (15-mile circle, center on water tower at Winfield State Training School). December 20; 31 party-hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); pasture and open fields 65%; river and streams 30%; lakes 5%; temperature 31–36°F; wind S at 0–5 mph; water open, ground bare; fog in a.m., partly cloudy in p.m.; miles: 190 by car, 8 on foot; 8 observers in 4 parties: David Laws, Janet Laws, David Seibel, Ross and Agnes Williams, Donna Wilt, Robert Wimmer, Wallace Champeny (compiler).

Wichita (15-mile circle, center confluence of Arkansas and Little Arkansas Rivers). December 18; 47 party-hours (7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); rivers, lakes and ponds 5%; parks, cemeteries and woodlands 10%; developed urban and suburban districts 35%; fields and pastures 50%; temperature 27–50°F; winds S at 5–40 mph; sky clear; all waters open; ground clear but wet; miles: 182 by car, 36 on foot; 24 observers in 5 parties: J. Walker Butin, Phil Butin, Rick Butin, Wallace Champeny, L. M. Divinia, Don Ferguson, Harriet Graham, Kenn Kaufman, Dan Kirby, Dan Larson, Mike Lesan, John and Jenny Prather, Glen and Vivian Roberts, Larry Schirf, Ermalee Skillman, Kenneth and Carol Slaughter, Eddie and Savilla Stegall, Donald Vannoy, Ralph Wiley, Jeffrey Cox (compiler).

Scrub Jay in Barton County, Kansas.—On 12 October 1971 I captured a Scrub Jay (*Aphelocoma caerulescens*) while banding three miles north of Great Bend, Barton County, Kansas. The bird, a first year male, was taken in a mist net set in a thicket of Smooth Sumac (*Rhus glabra*) along the east bank of Walnut Creek near the Cheyenne Bottoms Waterfowl Management Area manager's residence. The bird was photographed, collected and later prepared as a study skin (FHKSC 2395). The testes measured 2 × 1 mm and the skull was partially ossified.

While photographing the netted bird I observed a second Scrub Jay in a Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) in a wind-break near the residence. Mist nets were set in the wind-break and two additional Scrub Jays were netted on 13 October. Both birds were banded and released. On 17 October, Marvin Schwilling observed three Scrub Jays in the wind-break. Mist nets were re-set on 22 October and the two birds banded on 13 October were recaptured. The birds were last observed on 13 November.

The Scrub Jay is considered a low density winter resident in southwestern Kansas. Previous sight records and specimens are from Morton and Finney Counties (Johnston, A directory to the birds of Kansas, Univ. Kans. Mus. Nat. Hist., Misc. Publ., 41:37, 1965). In addition, Charles Darling, Refuge Manager of the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, saw one at a feeder near the headquarters building on 17 November 1970. Wintering birds were also reported at Dodge City, Ford County on both the 1970–71 and 1971–72 mid-winter counts by Mrs. Joan Challans.—EDMUND F. MARTINEZ, 5851 Hemlock Drive, Great Bend, Kansas 67530.

SHORT COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Cloy S. Hobson, 7 Westwood Road, Lawrence, passed away on January 24, 1972 at the age of 78. He was a charter member of K. O. S. and a retired Professor of Education of the University of Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Grace, also a charter member of K. O. S.

The Twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society will be held at Fort Hays Kansas State College in Hays on April 29 and 30, 1972. The banquet speaker will be Mr. Chandler S. Robbins presenting his film on birds of the Leeward (Northwestern Hawaiian) Islands. Mr. Robbins is presently Chief of Migratory Non-Game Bird Studies at the Migratory Bird Populations Station at Patuxent. Mr. Robbins is well known as a bander and researcher and for "Birds of North America, a guide to field identification, Golden Press, 1966." Bring a new member and come to Hays for the spring meeting.

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