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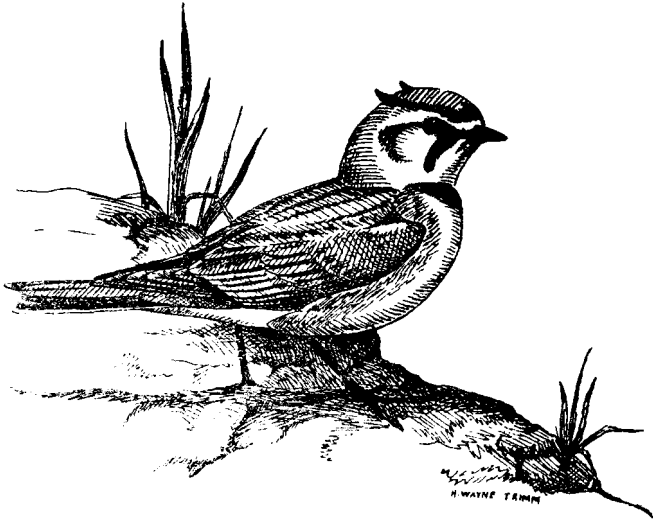
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## The KOS Fall Meeting

The annual fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society was held at Lawrence on October 23, 1955. Coffee and doughnuts were served (and greatly appreciated) by the Student Union. Birding was done at the University of Kansas Natural History Reservation, along the Kaw River, at Lone Star Lake and in surrounding uplands.

A cold front moved in at about mid-morning and interfered to some extent with birding. At noon, lunch was eaten at the Museum of Natural History and the following list of birds seen was compiled. Birds seen up to 1:00 p.m.: Canada Goose, Lesser Snow Goose, Blue Goose, Common Mallard, Gadwall, Baldpate, Green-winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, Lesser Scaup, Ruddy Duck, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Eastern Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, American Rough-leg, Marsh Hawk, Osprey, Sparrow Hawk, Greater Prairie Chicken, Eastern Bob-white, American Coot, Killdeer, Greater Yellow-legs, Eastern Mourning Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Belted Kingfisher, Yellow-shafted Flicker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Eastern Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Downy Woodpecker, Horned Lark, Northern Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Brown Creeper, Carolina Wren, Eastern Mockingbird, Robin, Hermit Thrush, Eastern Bluebird, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Migrant Shrike, Starling, Myrtle Warbler, House Sparrow, Bobolink, Meadowlark(Sp.), Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Bronzed Grackle, Cowbird, Cardinal, American Goldfinch, Spotted Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Leconte's Sparrow, Slate-colored Junco, Tree Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

In addition to these, the Topeka group reported the following seen after the list was compiled: Pied-billed Grebe, White Pelican, Great Blue Heron, Shoveller, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Yellowlegs, Dowitcher and Avocet.

Those signing the register of attendance at the noon meeting are listed below:

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**Quincy, Ill.:** Henry Harford.

**Tulsa, Okla.:** Letiha Johnston, Mable L. Hagan.

The Audubon Society reports good news from the Whooping Cranes. The nesting area in Canada was located this past summer, and young birds were known to have been hatched and reared. Furthermore, all young succeeded in reaching Aransas Refuge, their winter home. All but one adult made the trip safely.

# News

**Richmond Area** From a new member. On November 16, 1955, I observed a hybrid male Red-shafted Flicker X Yellow-shafted Flicker near Richmond. He had red whiskers and yellow-shafted wings and tail. A red-shafted female was seen nearby. CHARLES S. EDWARDS, Richmond, Kansas. November 26, 1955.

**Winfield Area** The report from Winfield is mostly negative. Fewer Cedar Waxwings than usual (no Bohemian), no Red-breasted Nuthatches, no Townsend's Solitaire, no crossbills (neither Red nor White-winged). All of these were here last year. One good find was an Oregon Junco seen from the biology laboratory window. Golden-crowned Kinglets are seen occasionally. On a trip to Osage City and northern Lyons County on December 9, 1955, one large Golden Eagle, approximately 75 Red-tailed Hawks, a couple of American Rough-legged Hawks and seven Short-eared Owls were seen. MAURICE BAKER, Winfield, Kansas. December 10, 1955.

**Topeka Area** Our most unusual find for the fall was that of 5 Caspian Terns on September 24 which were flying around over the lake. They alighted on an island so we got all identification marks clearly. The next best was that of an Avocet first seen October 15. Mrs. Huxman saw approximately 30 on October 7 but they were gone the next day. On October 1st we saw a Long-billed Marsh Wren and a Virginia Rail both at Lake Shawnee. The Marsh Wren was seen by Buck Carson and T. W. Nelson and us the next day. A pair of Eared Grebes was seen on October 9. We had a Veery stay around the house from September 3 to 6. DAVID HOLMES, Topeka. October 26, 1955.

**Concordia Area** My sister, Miss Ida Cook, and myself wish to report a on November 6. We sighted the birds in a local cemetery visit by three Eastern Evening Grosbeaks to this locality feeding on the ground with numbers of juncos and Harris's Sparrows and Cardinals. We were as close as fifty feet and observing through glasses. The birds, adult male and female, and a young male, then flew into a deciduous tree which was bare of leaves, about 15 feet from us so that we had a fine view and watched them for about half an hour.

The same morning we also saw a flock of Red Crossbills, two male and several females, which is the earliest in the winter that we have seen crossbills here.

When we found the Evening Grosbeaks we realized afresh how much we missed our old friend Dr. John Porter, with whom we always shared and talked over "finds" in birding. LILLIE D. COOK, Concordia, Kansas. November 17, 1955.

**Udall Area** Early fall migration of ducks (teal, mostly blue-winged) was good. An estimated 1000 small ducks were seen along one-half mile stretch of the Arkansas River west of Udall in September. Very few ducks were seen later in the fall. Twelve kinds of warblers were seen in September and October. The last warblers were seen on November 12. March and Sparrow Hawks seem to be more numerous than last year, but red-tails are less commonly seen. MAX THOMPSON, Udall, Kansas.

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We expect to get the March, 1956, issue out on schedule. This means that it will go to the printer not later than February 10. While we have some material available for this issue, more long articles and notes are needed. An important part of every issue is the NEWS. This part can be no better than you make it so get your late fall and winter news in by February 8. Don't forget to send in your Christmas Census Report. Ed.