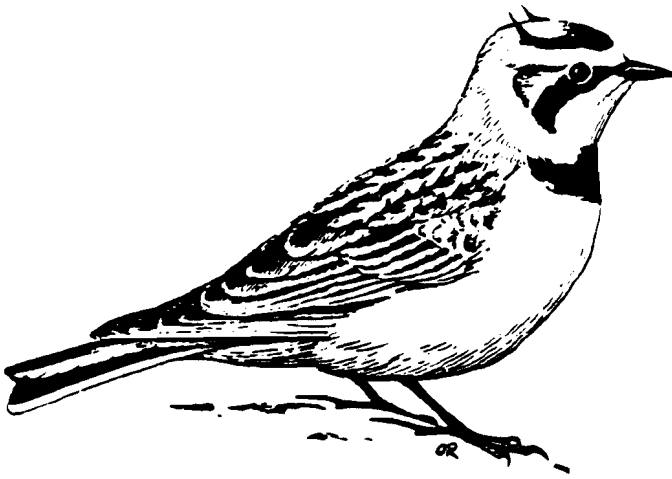

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KENN KAUFMAN TO SPEAK AT KOS BANQUET

Kenn Kaufman, nationally acclaimed writer, birder, tour leader and author of the newly published FIELD GUIDE TO ADVANCED BIRDING will be the guest speaker at the banquet scheduled for Saturday evening, October 6, held in conjunction with the Kansas Ornithological Society's annual fall meeting. He will also be making a presentation at a paper session during the day.

Kenn, who lived in Wichita during his youth, is currently an associate editor of the American Birds, a National Audubon Society publication. He also writes articles for American Birds, Birding, Birdwatcher's Digest and other magazines and occasionally leads birding trips for Victor Emanuel Nature Tours.

Needless to say, we are very excited about our guest speaker and hope you are too. Join us that first week-end in October - good food - good fellowship - good birding - and a great speaker! What more can we ask for?

1990 KOS Fall Meeting Committee
Rose Fritz, Chairperson

A NOTE FROM OUR GUEST SPEAKER

"Whether we look at birds for gentle enjoyment, for active birding pursuits, or for science, we want to be able to name the species we encounter. Learning to recognize the birds we see and hear is a haphazard process for most of us--and ideally it's an ongoing thing, as we continue to become more familiar with them. I'm going to talk about that learning process itself. I'll draw examples from my own experiences (I've made every mistake you can imagine, and then some!) to talk about pitfalls to watch out for, the best kinds of field marks to notice, ways to avoid being misled by books, the best approaches to studying different groups of birds, and strategies for dealing with the really confusing groups, without falling into utter despair! Finally, I'll say a little about the pleasures of getting to know the birds beyond merely knowing their names."

Kenn Kaufman

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE FALL MEETING ARE ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

KANSAS CHECKLIST COMMITTEE CHANGES LEADERSHIP

The KOS Checklist Committee is now headed by Charles A. Ely and Max C. Thompson. All information on new sightings and county records should be sent to: Charles A. Ely, Dept. of Biology, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas 67601-4099. Out of the ordinary records should be accompanied by substantiating evidence. This evidence will be sent to members of the checklist committee and, in due time, they will render their opinion.

The rules and regulations governing the actions of the committee are in the process of being written. Any comments by members of the society on this are welcome.

Max C. Thompson

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON COLOR MARKED SOUTHERN BALD EAGLES

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. has banded and color marked Bald Eagle nestlings for the sixth year along the Texas Gulf Coast. This study was initiated in 1985 to determine pre and post fledging survival, nest site use prior to migration and migration routes. The nesting Southern Bald Eagles arrive in Texas during late August and September and leave during May-July.

The birds being color marked are 6-9 weeks old at banding time. The right wing is marked with a yellow patagial tag with an alphanumeric (T-01 through T-114). The left wing is marked with blue (light) patagial tag with a yellow spot. These wing markers can usually be seen only in flight. In addition, all birds are banded with a #9 USFWS rivet band on one leg and a color rivet band on the opposite leg. The color leg bands used in previous years were plastic and retention was poor. Birds banded this year have a 3 cm green aluminum band with alphanumeric T-90 through T-114 in white. If you see or hear of an eagle with such markings, please notify the Bird Banding Laboratory, Laurel, MD, 20708 and David W. Mabie, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., 715 South Bronte, Rockport, Texas 78382 (Telephone 512-729-2315).

The date of observation, exact location and, if possible, the color of leg band, and which leg it is on, is of particular importance.

1990 KANSAS WINTER BIRD FEEDER SURVEY

The 1990 Kansas Winter Bird Feeder Survey (KWBFS) held from Jan. 19-22 resulted in 774 returned survey forms. The average total count for two days of feeder watching was nearly 50,000 birds. The total **numbers** were down from the previous year when 875 people participated in the count. Most of Kansas was represented with 83 counties reporting at least one count. Johnson County again had the most survey forms submitted at 175. As before, sunflowers and mixed seeds were the bird food of choice. Unsurprisingly, House Sparrows were the most common species coming to feeders, with Goldfinches coming in second and Starlings a close third. The next most numerous species encountered included Dark-eyed Juncos, Pine Siskins, and Cardinals in that order. During the four day count period, 83 species were seen.

Ken Brunson and John Briggs

EDITOR'S NOTE

This is my first issue as editor. Please let me have any comments you may have, especially use of a checklist for the KOS Spring Field Trip sightings, instead of a typed listing of species.

Don Vannoy

WINTER BIRD SUMMARY/ December 1989 through February 1990/ by Scott Seltman

One of the harder things to accept about living and birding in the middle of a continent is that we often get to experience weather from far-off exotic places but seldom get to experience the attendant birdlife. For example, Kansas weather had an absolutely arctic feel last December but few birds from the arctic visited our state. How cold was it? Well, for about 10 days beginning on December 14 the mercury stayed below freezing virtually statewide and for about half of that time stayed below zero. Here at Nekoma the coldest day was December 22 with a morning low of -30F and an afternoon high of -5F. With temperatures in the Dakotas falling to -60F and pushing -80F in southern Canada one would think that boreal birds would stream southward, but only a sprinkling of northern birds ever reached Kansas. The following scorecard from the winter months shows how minimal the northern invasion really was: Northern Goshawk (0), Snowy Owl (0), Bohemian Waxwing (6), Snow Bunting (1), Pine Grosbeak (0), Red Crossbill (<10), White-winged Crossbill (0), Common Redpoll (<20). All of these species wandered south with the cold weather but still remained to the north of Kansas. A few birds of northern origin were more common than normal this winter; Merlin, Short-eared Owl, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Northern Shrike and Purple Finch were all locally abundant but these invasions began long before the arrival of cold weather.

Following the December chill January and February were relatively mild and seasonal across Kansas. Heavy snowfall occurred in western Kansas several times beginning in January with depths in excess of a foot covering some areas (especially Garden City) more than once. But none of these storms approached blizzard status and the snow seemed to have little effect on birds or their movements. Several species began moving north in unusually large numbers in late February even though the weather was not particularly warm. In eastern Kansas several birds arrived on record early dates.

The autumn invasion of montane birds into southwest Kansas that was discussed at length in the last issue of The Horned Lark continued through the winter. Scrub Jays wintered in several southwestern towns and Mountain Chickadees wandered as far northeast as Dodge City and Scott Lake. One Steller's Jay wintered in Satanta while others remained along the Cimarron in Morton County. Evening Grosbeaks were quite abundant in the southwest with up to 30 at a time visiting Shanes' feeder in Garden City. Common Redpolls wintered in Garden City and visited feeders there on snowy days, but were inexplicably shy whenever strangers were in town.

Of the following list of bird sightings one record was especially exciting for this writer. The Gyrfalcon which I found in Pawnee County was certainly a high point in my personal birding experience and created quite a stir (as in hornet's nest) among my birding friends. This pale gray immature was perched on a utility pole north of Sanford late in the day on Sunday, February 4. Despite immediate phone calls to other birders no one else saw this rare falcon, not even Diane who was on the scene within a half hour. Fieldmarks on this bird included: gray bill and legs, large black eye with dark feathering both fore and aft, a noticeable whisker mark separating the gray face and white throat, tear-shaped gray breast spots, light gray back with feathers edged in white creating a "scalloped" look, and a long tail extending well beyond wingtips with a prominent black subterminal band. In flight the falcon was massive with wingbeats much slower than Peregrine or Prairie Falcon. The wings were angular but rounded at the tip with the first primary feather shorter than the second and third. This Gyrfalcon probably had been brought south by the December cold wave and may have spent January well south of our state. With only one specimen and just a handful of undocumented sight records Gyrfalcon is certainly our state's rarest raptor. The chances of seeing one in Kansas are very slim, in fact it might be a once-in-a-lifetime thing. For this reason

many of the state's avid birders spent the balance of the winter brooding over their loss. Fortunately, this story has a happy ending which will be told in the next issue of this newsletter.

For more winter bird sightings see the March 1990 issue of the KOS Bulletin. Most of the following records were taken from the KOS Hotline. Written bird reports covering the period from March through July 1990 should be mailed to Scott Seltman, RR1 Box 36, Nekoma, KS 67559 as soon as possible.

BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS/ December 1989 through January 1990

Horned Grebe	2 early arrivals at Q	SS	2-25-90	Stafford
Tundra Swan	2 at Elkhart sewer ponds	LS,RS	12-13-89	Morton
Trumpeter Swan	6 on Havana Lake	AH	2-07-90	Montgomery

(These birds arrived at Havana Lake on Wednesday morning and stayed until dark. They spent the previous day at Sunset Lake near Bartelsville, Oklahoma. Collar numbers 59, 60 and 61 confirmed these birds as being from Hennepin County, Minnesota.)

Ross' Goose	1 at ElDorado Res.	PJ,DK,DV	2-06-90	Butler
American Black Duck	2 at MDC	CH	2-25-90	Linn
Northern Pintail	<u>6000</u> at Wilson Res.	MR	2-20-90	Russell
Canvasback	14 at Wilson Res.	MR	2-06-90	Russell
Canvasback	<u>500+</u> at Quivira	SS	2-10-90	Stafford
Oldsquaw	1 on sewer ponds Clinton	BW	2-25-90	Douglas
Surf Scoter	1 on Wilson Res.	MR	12-05-89	Russell
Common Merganser	5000 at ElDorado Res.	PJ,DK,DV	2-06-90	Butler
Common Merganser	6000 at Wilson Res.	MR	2-06-90	Russell
Common Merganser	<u>12,000</u> at Wilson Res.	MR	2-20-90	Russell
Red-breasted Merganser	1 male with 2000 Commons	MR	1-23-90	Russell
Red-breasted Merganser	1 male at ElDorado Res.	PJ,DK,DV	2-06-90	Butler
Red-breasted Merganser	2 on John Redmond	MI	2-24-90	Coffey
Red-breasted Merganser	1 on Melvern	DB,MM,DvS,JS	2-24-90	Osage
Turkey Vulture	1 very early arrival	GP	<u>2-13-90</u>	Jefferson
Bald Eagle	<u>100+</u> upper end Milford	JM	2-10-90	Clay

(These eagles were all in view at one time, perhaps the largest concentrations ever reported in Kansas. Ted Cable saw about 100 Bald Eagles at Tuttle Creek about this same date but they were scattered all around the reservoir.)

Bald Eagle	1 at nest Clinton Res.	DG	2-24-90	Douglas
Merlin	1 s. of Timken	SS	12-21-89	Rush
Merlin	1 in Garden City	SS	1-01-90	Finney
Merlin	1	SS	1-31-90	Pawnee
Merlin	6 sightings	SS	February	Pawnee
Merlin	1	GP	2-12-90	Douglas
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	MS	2-04-90	Barton
Peregrine Falcon	adult e. LaCrosse	DLS	1-08-90	Rush
Peregrine Falcon	adult downtown Topeka	DLS	1-10-90	Shawnee
<u>Gyr Falcon</u>	1 gray-phase immature	SS	2-04-90	Pawnee
Prairie Falcon	1 at reclaimed mine	CH	2-18-90	<u>Linn</u>
Sandhill Crane	1 in northwest corner	TG	<u>1-28-90</u>	<u>Crawford</u>
Sandhill Crane	120 over town of Wilson	MR	2-08-90	Ellsworth
Least Sandpiper	2 at Wilson Res.	MR	<u>12-01-89</u>	Russell
Baird's Sandpiper	1 record early?	DB,MM,DvS,JS	<u>2-24-90</u>	Osage
American Woodcock	1 displaying Otter Creek	MI	2-28-90	Coffey
Franklin's Gull	1 at Clinton Res.	GP	<u>2-10-90</u>	Douglas
Thayer's Gull	1 adult on John Redmond	BF,LM,MM	1-21-90	Coffey
Thayer's Gull	1 adult below Tuttle	TC	2-25-90	Pott.

(This individual was studied with a Questar at close range. Fieldmarks included a brown iris and very pale wingtips. Seen at the River Ponds.)

Glaucous Gull	1 at Wilson Reservoir	MR	12-18-89	Russell
Glaucous Gull	1 at Wilson Res.	MR	1-23-90	Russell
Glaucous Gull	1 first winter bird	MR	2-06-90	Russell
Short-eared Owl	10	SS	12-01-89	Pawnee
Short-eared Owl	6	SS	12-18-89	Pawnee
Short-eared Owl	1 at Clark St. Lake	GP	12-25-89	Clark
Short-eared Owl	2 at reclaimed mine	CH	2-18-90	Linn
Saw-whet Owl	1 n. end Clark St. Lake	GP	12-25-89	Clark
	1 still present	GP	2-25-90	Clark
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1 fem. at Boy Scout	SS	2-10-90	Morton
Pileated Woodpecker	1 along Appanoose Creek	RJ	1-??-90	Franklin
Steller's Jay	1 in Satanta	J&NC	Winter	Haskell
Steller's Jay	2 Cim. R. stateline	SS	2-10-90	Morton
Scrub Jay	3-4 in Satanta	J&NC	Winter	Haskell
Scrub Jay	4 in Hugoton	MR,SS	12-09-89	Stevens
Scrub Jay	3 in two locations	MR,SS	12-09-89	Morton
Scrub Jay	4 still in Hugoton	SS	2-10-89	Stevens
Mountain Chickadee	2 in Hugoton	MR,SS	12-09-89	Stevens
Mountain Chickadee	3 at Boy Scout	MR,SS	12-09-89	Morton
Mountain Chickadee	1 Cim. R. stateline	SS	2-10-90	Morton
Winter Wren	1 at Riverside West	MI	2-24-90	Coffey
Mt. Bluebird	flock near Welda	BB	February	<u>Anderson</u>
Sage Thrasher	1 e. Middle Springs	SS	2-10-90	Morton
Bohemian Waxwing	3 with Cedars nw. Larned	SS	1-08-90	Pawnee
Bohemian Waxwing	1 reported in Topeka	DLS	1-24-90	Shawnee
Northern Shrike	1	SS	12-04-89	Pawnee
Northern Shrike	1 at Boy Scout	MR,SS	12-09-89	Morton
Northern Shrike	1 at Clark St. Lake	GP	12-25-89	Clark
Northern Shrike	1 at Ashland Cemetery	GP	12-25-89	Clark
Northern Shrike	2 at Tuttle Creek	TC	12-30-89	???
(One definitely in Pottawatomie County near kite nest.)				
Northern Shrike	1 at Cedar Bluff	SS	1-04-90	Trego
Northern Shrike	2 at Wilson Res.	MR	2-06-90	Russell
Northern Shrike	2 at Wilson Res.	MR	2-20-90	Russell
Northern Cardinal	1 female in Hugoton	MR,SS	12-09-89	Stevens
Canyon Towhee	2 at Pt. of Rocks	MR,SS	12-09-89	Morton
Field Sparrow	2 Cim. R. stateline	SS	2-10-90	Morton
Vesper Sparrow	1 at Boy Scout	SS	2-10-90	Morton
Vesper Sparrow	1 at Wilson Res.	MR	2-15-90	Russell
Lark Bunting	50+	MR,SS	12-09-89	Morton
Lark Bunting	20+	MR,SS	12-09-89	Haskell
Lark Bunting	120+ 4 mi. w. Elkhart	SS	2-10-90	Morton
(Although Lark Bunting is seen most years on the Cimarron Grassland CBC, there are few late winter records for Kansas. These birds stayed all winter through sub-zero weather in December and heavy snowfall in January and February. Other flocks were also seen in the Oklahoma Panhandle and Baca County, Colorado throughout the period.)				
'White-winged' Junco	1 at feeder	DS,SS	12-16-89	Rush
'White-winged' Junco	2 at feeder	DS,SS	1-20-90	Rush
Snow Bunting	1 at Lebo City Lake	KC	February	Coffey
Red Crossbill	max. of 7 at Milford	DLS, m.ob.	December	Geary
Common Redpoll	1 at feeder	T&SSh	12-09-89	Finney
Common Redpoll	2 females, 1 male	T&SSh	2-02-90	Finney
Common Redpoll	1 at Chaplain Nat. Cen.	GW	2-16-90	Cowley
Common Redpoll	1 at feeder	T&SSh	2-17-90	Finney
Evening Grosbeak	25+ at feeders	T&SSh	12-09-89	Finney
Evening Grosbeak	1	SS	12-23-89	Pawnee
Exotics:				
Ringed Turtle-Dove	1 in Elkhart	LS,RS	1-27-90	Morton

Correction to Fall Summary 1989:

The Anhinga reported by Ralph and Mary Wiley seen four miles north of Belle Plaine was in Sumner County not Cowley County.

LIST OF OBSERVERS: Bill Brecheisen (BB), Dave Byran (DB), Ted Cable (TC), Kevin Church (KC), Jack & Norma Conover (J&NC), Bob Fisher (BF), Dan Gish (DG), Tom Glick (TG), Chris Hobbs (CH), Alice Huffer (AH), Maxey Irwin (MI), Pete Janzen (PJ), Richard Johnston (RJ), Dan Kilby (DK), Dan LaShelle (DLS), Jim Mayhew (JM), Mick McHugh (MM), Lloyd Moore (LM), Galen Pittman (GP), Mike Rader (MR), Marvin Schwilling (MS), John Schukman (JS), David Seibel (DvS), Diane Seltman (DS), Scott Seltman (SS), Tom & Sara Shane (T&SSh), Lawrence Smith (LS), Ruth Smith (RS), Gerald Wiens (GW), Becky Wisdom (BW), Don Vannoy (DV).

BIRDS IN KANSAS

Thank you all for supporting the publication of Volume 1 of "Birds in Kansas". We are very pleased with the sales. Volume II manuscript has been completed and is in the hands of the editors. We are still looking for good photographs to put in the book. If you have them, send them to Charles A. Ely, Fort Hays State University, Dept. of Biology, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas 67601-4099. We hope Vol. II will be on the bookstands by March 1, 1991.

Max C. Thompson

KOS SPRING BOARD MEETING
May 5, 1990
Elkhart, Kansas

Members present: Mick McHugh, David Seibel, Dave Bryan, Rose Fritz,
Diane Seltman, Galen Pittman, Mike Rader, Pete Janzen, John Schukman.
Non-Voting: Scott Seltman, Marvin Schwilling, Max Thompson, Don Vannoy.

President Mick McHugh called the meeting to order at 9:45 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rose Fritz reported that Bank IV requested a corporate resolution signed by the President and Treasurer of KOS approving Bank IV to be the depository of KOS funds. She then moved that this action be taken. The motion was seconded by Mick McHugh. The motion passed.

OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE: Max Thompson and Chuck Ely are co-chairmen of this committee and Max thought we should clarify the procedure for submitting county records. It was decided that the records will go to Scott for summary and organization, then to Max and Chuck for review. The chairmen will then send the records to the committee members for voting before they are published in the Horned Lark.

AMELIA BETTS FUND: There was some discussion as to the use of the Amelia Betts Fund. Rather than letting it sit in the bank, could we donate some of it to elementary schools for nature education since it was earmarked for this purpose? Pete Janzen was appointed to evaluate some materials on birds suitable for the elementary level such as the Golden Guide. He will report back at the Fall Meeting.

NEW MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE: David Seibel reported that the final copy is ready to go to press. He passed around a print-ready sample. It was decided to print 10,000 copies and get them to Galen as soon as possible.

GUIDELINES FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES BY BOARD MEMBERS: The question was raised as to whether Board Members should submit annual budgets in advance. These could be presented at the Fall Board Meeting and approved at the following Winter Board Meeting. This would enable the Treasurer to better anticipate and plan for expenses. Rose will present a sample budget at the Fall Meeting for further discussion.

CHEYENNE BOTTOMS: Max Thompson announced that he would be KOS' delegate to the upcoming dedication ceremony at Cheyenne Bottoms designating it as a Wetland of International Importance.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Seltman
Membership Secretary, KOS
(Acting in the absence of
Dwight Platt, KOS Corresp.
Secretary.)

KOS SPRING MEETING 1990
May 5 & 6
Morton County, Kansas

The Annual KOS Spring Meeting and Field trip convened in Morton, County, Kansas the first weekend of May, with headquarters in Elkhart, Kansas. Saturday evening a supper and a business meeting were held in the Pizza Hut, with thanks to Dave and Linda Bryan for arrangements. Also many thanks to Lawrence and Ruth Smith and Dennis and Jan Tregellas for the local arrangements they made.

President Mick McHugh called the business meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. He got the meeting underway by explaining a proposed change in the KOS By-laws. This change had been previously published in the Horned Lark. It would allow more flexibility on the part of the Treasurer and provide a more complete annual audit of the financial statement. Don Vannoy explained the new auditing procedure. It was moved by Gene Lewis to adopt this change in the By-Laws. Seconded by David Seibel. The Motion Passed.

Dave Bryan then presided over a short Honor Ceremony in which awards were presented to various members. Best Bird of the Day in Oklahoma was given to Jim Nickel for finding Black-Chinned Hummingbird and Townsend's Warbler. He was presented a copy of the book, Hawks in Flight. The next award was for the Best Bird of the Day in Kansas and went to JoAnn Brier and the Lewises for the Worm-eating Warbler. They will share a copy of the book, The Complete Birder. The award for the Most New Birds in Kansas was presented to Clyde and Emma Johnson for 50 new birds. This was the Johnsons' first birding trip to Kansas, and were given a copy of The Complete Birder. (Since they are now considered "Complete Birders!") Bill Evans and Annette Finney came the farthest, from Ithaca, New York, and were also presented with a copy of The Complete Birder.

Mick McHugh then introduced Bill Evans to the group and asked him to explain why he was in Kansas. Bill went on to describe his project of recording the nocturnal flight calls of migrating birds in North America. He is installing several special sensitive microphones in Kansas and elsewhere and hopes to catalog the nocturnal bird calls recorded and someday make these recordings available to other birders.

The meeting adjourned.

Members attending:

Lawrence & Ruth Smith, Elkhart, KS
Dennis & Jan Tregellas, Elkhart, KS
Scott & Diane Seltman, Nekoma, KS
Gene Young, Hays, KS
Ray & Helen Schultz, Great Bend, KS
Jane Holland, Russell, KS
LeRoy Holt II, Russell, KS
Mike Rader, Wilson, KS
Ken Brunson, Pratt, KS
Rick Goodrick, Wichita, KS
Don Vannoy, Wichita, KS
Mike Lesan, Wichita, KS
Pete & Deb Janzen, Wichita, KS
Wallace Champeny, Oxford, KS
Rose Fritz, Newton, KS
Jim Nickel, Newton, KS
Cliff Nickel, Lehigh, KS
Max Thompson, Winfield, KS
Allen Jahn, McPherson, KS

Marvin Schwilling, Emporia, KS
Jerry Horak, Emporia, KS
Jim Mayhew, Manhattan, KS
Gene & Eulalia Lewis, Topeka, KS
Joanne Brier, Topeka, KS
Pam Rasmussen, Lawrence, KS
David Seibel, Lawrence, KS
Richard Rucker, Lawrence, KS
Galen Pittman, Lawrence, KS
Ann Ericson, Lawrence, KS
Dave & Linda Bryan, Overland Park, KS
Mick McHugh, Shawnee Mission, KS
Lloyd Moore, Kansas City, KS
Bob Fisher, Independence, MO
John Schukman, Leavenworth, KS
Clyde & Emma Johnson, Omaha, NE
Sebastian Patti, Chicago, IL
Bill Evans, Ithaca, NY
Annette Finney, Ithaca, NY

KANSAS RARE-BIRD-ALERT 913-329-4499

The KOS Hotline has been quite active these last few months except for a definite lull in the month of July. The machine answered 88 calls in February, 167 in March, 275 in April, 220 in May, 130 in June, and 163 in July. Twenty-five calls were received on April 16 perhaps indicating an epidemic of spring fever among Kansas birders. The new answering machine has only malfunctioned once to my knowledge; a faulty tape prevented the message from resetting after play for a couple days until I finally diagnosed the problem. There have been a few occasions when I have unintentionally stopped the machine while someone was calling. Sorry! Some folks have complained about low sound level on occasion but since we are just four miles from a fiber-optic cable sound quality should be as high as possible given current technology. Thanks to those who have been donating money towards the hotline's operation. I would like to see more people contribute bird sightings, for while the volume of calls has been satisfactory only a few individuals actually provide the bulk of the information on the tape.

Scott Seltman
RR1 Box 36
Nekoma, Kansas 67559

KOS SPRING FIELD TRIPS/ May 4-6, 1990

The Spring Meeting was a resounding success with many unusual and exciting birds seen by most in the group. On Friday, May 4 many people had hardly arrived before they were treated to the sight of several Mountain Plovers about 15 miles northwest of Elkhart. A male Summer Tanager was seen along the North Fork of the Cimarron on Friday. On Saturday one large group went to Black Mesa where they found several birds unusual even for Oklahoma including a Western Grebe, Black-chinned Hummingbird and a Townsend's Warbler. This group found 16 species at Black Mesa that were not seen in Kansas over the weekend. About 20 people walked about a three mile stretch of Bear Creek in Stanton County on Saturday and were fortunate to see Peregrine Falcon, Red-bellied Woodpecker, a very skittish Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, Mountain Chickadee and Mountain Bluebird.

On Saturday night Gene and Eulalia Lewis and JoAnn Brier announced that they had seen a Worm-eating Warbler just north of the Elkhart Cemetery in late afternoon. So on Sunday morning the entire group descended on the little shelterbelt there and for the next several hours we were treated to an amazing fallout of passerine migrants. The Worm-eating Warbler was joined by Magnolia, Townsend's, Blackpoll, Ovenbird and Hooded Warbler along with about 10 more common species. Meanwhile, Marvin Schwilling and others watched a Baird's Sparrow feed on the ground beneath cars parked at the Lesser Prairie Chicken blind. When Scott Seltman was driving home he finally consulted a fieldguide and realized that the mystery bird he had seen earlier in the day at the Work Station had in fact been his first Bay-breasted Warbler. How embarrassing!

As always, some birders were looking the other direction when the Steller's Jay flew past the campground and others were on the wrong side of the tree when the Hooded Warbler jumped out into plain sight, but the 159 species seen in southwest Kansas represent an excellent total and it is believed that all 46 observers encountered a least one species that he or she had not previously seen in our state.

Table with columns for bird species and counts. Includes species like Rufous-crowned, American Tree, Chipping, Clay-colored, Brewer's, Field, Vesper, Lark, Black-throated, Sage, Lark Bunting, Savannah, Baird's, Grasshopper, Heron's, Le Conte's, Sharp-tailed, Fox, Song, Lincoln's, Swamp, White-throated, Golden-crowned, White-crowned, Hens, Dark-eyed Junco, White-winged, Slate-colored, Oregon, Gray-headed, McCown's Longspur, Lapland Longspur, Smith's Longspur, Chestnut-collared, Longspur, Snow Bunting, Bobolink, Red-winged, E. Meadowlark, W. Meadowlark, Yellow-headed, Rusty, Brewer's, Great-tail. Grackle, Common Grackle, Brown-headed, Cowbird, Orchard Oriole, Northern Oriole, Baltimore, Bullock's, Scott's Oriole, FINCHES, Pine Grosbeak, Purple, Cassin's, House, Red Crossbill, White-winged, Crossbill, Common Redpoll, Pine Siskin, Lesser Goldfinch, Am. Goldfinch, Evening Grosbeak, WEAVER FINCH, House Sparrow.

KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY CHECK LIST BIRDS OF KANSAS

Date: May 4, 5, 6, 1990 Time: Location: MORTON and STANTON CO. & KS Sky: Wind: Temp: Ground: Observers: Total Species: 159 + 16 OK Total Individuals: * Less than five records

KOS SPRING FIELD TRIPS May 4-6, 1990

Table with columns for bird species and counts. Includes species like LOONS, GREBES, SWAN, Corn Merganser, Red-br. Merganser, Ruddy, VULTURES, Black, Turkey, KITES, Am. Swallow-tailed, Blk.-shouldered, Mississippi, HAWKS, EAGLES, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned, Cooper's, Northern Goshawk, Harris, Red-shouldered, Broad-winged, Swanson's, Red-tailed, Ferruginous, Rough-legged, Golden Eagle, FALCONS, American Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine, Gyrfalcon, Prairie, PHEASANTS, Ring-necked, PRAIRIE CHICKENS, GROUSE, Ruffed Grouse, Greater, Lesser, Sharp-tail. Grouse, Red-throat. Loon, Pacific Loon, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Horned Grebe, Red-neck. Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Clark's Grebe, PELICAN, White, Brown, CORMORANTS, ANHINGA, Double-crested, Olivaceous, Anhinga, FRIGATEBIRD, Magnificent, HERONS, American Bittern, Least Bittern, Great Blue, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Little Blue, Tricolored, Cattle Egret, Green-backed, Black-crd. Night, Yellow-crd. Night, IBIS, White, White-faced, Roseate Spoonbill, Wood Stork, FLAMINGO, Greater, WHISTLING-DUCKS, Fulvous, Black-bellied, Tundra, Trumpeter, GEESE, Great. Wh.-front, Snow, Blue, Ross', Black, Canada, DUCKS, Wood, Green-wing. Teal, American Black, Mottled, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Garganey, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, Eurasian Widgeon, American Widgeon, Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, Common Eider, King Eider, Oldsquaw, Black Scoter, Surf Scoter, White-wg. Scoter, Com. Goldeneye, Barrow's Goldeneye, Hairy-headed, Hooded Merganser.

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Plain Titmouse OK
Canyon Wren OK

ANNUAL FALL MEETING

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The annual fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society will be held on the Bethel College campus, North Newton, KS October 5-7, 1990. The campus is located at 27th & N. Main Street, off I-135, Exit 34. North Newton lies adjacent to the north boundary of Newton and the same Main Street serves both towns. Please return the preregistration form by September 24. The college requires a ten day advance notice on the number of attendees.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 - KAUFFMAN MUSEUM

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Informal, come-as-you-are reception at the Kauffman Museum located at 2700 N. Main, directly across from the campus. You will want to linger on your walk to the museum entrance to enjoy the plots of native Kansas prairie grasses which surround the museum. These were designed and planted by fellow KOS member Dwight Platt, professor of biology at Bethel.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 - KREHBIEL AUDITORIUM in the FINE ARTS CENTER

(Parking available north & west of entrance to building)

8:00 - 9:00 Registration. Juice, rolls and coffee will be provided.
9:00 - 11:30 Paper Sessions with a mid-morning break
11:30 - 12:00 Business Meeting
12:00 - 1:15 Lunch at the Student Center
1:15 - 2:00 Birdwatchers' Hour. Bring your slides to share.
2:00 - 4:00 Paper Sessions with a mid-afternoon break
4:00 - 5:00 Business Meeting
5:00 - 6:00 On Your Own - An opportunity to use that free Museum ticket in your packet or check out the trees around the campus.
6:00 - 7:00 Social Hour - Student Center
7:00 - Banquet - Student Center. Guest Speaker - Kenn Kaufman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 - ON YOUR OWN FOR BREAKFAST

The following restaurants located near I-135, Exit 31 are open for breakfast:

Newell's Motel & Truck Plaza (Open 24 hours)
Dake's Pancake House (Open at 6 a.m.)
Red Coach Restaurant (Open at 6 a.m.)

6:30 - 8 a.m. FIELD TRIPS - Sign-up sheets available at all Sat. sessions
1:00 p.m. - ATHLETIC PARK, West 5th & Park Place, west of Sand Creek. Box lunches will be served. Compilation to follow.

MOTELS:

Best Western Red Coach Inn, 1301 E. 1st	316-283-9120
Super 8 Motel, 1620 E. 2nd	316-283-7611
I-135 Inn, 1515 E. 1st	316-283-8850
Newell Motel & Truck Plaza, 200 Manchester (Exit 31 off I-135 for all the above)	316-283-4450
Hawk House/Bed & Breakfast Inn, 307 W. Broadway (Exit 32 off I-135)	316-283-2045

CAMPING:

Mid-Kansas RV Park, I-135 & K-15 Jct.	316-283-5530
Harvey County East Lake, 6 miles east of Exit 31	316-283-5420
Harvey County West Park, 9 mi. west on 12th St.	316-835-3189
Cottonwood Grove, Hesston Exit, I-135	316-327-4173

PREREGISTRATION FORM

1990 Fall IOS Meeting
Bethel College, North Newton, KS
October 5, 6, & 7 1990

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

	No.	Amount
REGISTRATION FEES:		
Regular - \$7.00	_____	\$ _____
Student - \$3.00	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch - \$4.50	_____	_____
Saturday Banquet - \$9.50	_____	_____
Sunday Box Lunch - \$4.50	_____	_____
Total	_____	\$ _____
Amount Enclosed		\$ _____

Make checks payable to: KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (KOS)

Send completed registration form to:
Rose Fritz
1816 Cypress Lane
Newton, KS 67114
316-283-6685

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 24!

BEST BIRD OF THE YEAR

Mail to: Chuck Ely
Biology Department
Fort Hays State University
Hays, KS 67601

SPECIES _____ OBSERVER(S) _____

LOCATION _____

DETAILS:

NOTE: You may duplicate this form if you have more than one bird to report.

CALL FOR PAPERS

K.O.S annual meeting, 1990

The Kansas Ornithological Society will meet 5,6, and 7 October 1990, at Newton, Kansas. The contributed paper sessions will be on Saturday, 6 October. The only requirement is that papers deal with birds in some way! We especially encourage graduate and undergraduate students to present the results of their studies. The most interesting papers are often by people who consider themselves amateurs but nevertheless have considerable expertise. We encourage you to share your experiences with the group. Both long and short presentations are welcome.

We are again requesting that all contributors submit an abstract or short summary (approx. 150 words) of their presentations.

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL BY SEPT. 22 TO:

David Bryan
9214 W. 82nd Terr.
Overland Park, Ks 66204
Phone: 913-341-9584

Contributed Papers Session, 6 October 1990

AUTHOR(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TITLE OF PAPER: _____

ABSTRACT: _____

Time for presentation and questions: 10min. 15min. 20min.

Audio-visual equipment needed: _____