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FALL MEETING

Max Thompson, professor of biology at Southwestern College, will be the guest speaker at the banquet Saturday evening, September 21, 1991, for the fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society. Birding Australia is the title of his presentation. After traveling 12,000 miles in the land "down under", he has many interesting stories to tell, the highlight being the discovery of the night parrot, a species thought to be extinct since 1912!

Among presentations for the paper sessions are:

Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas - John Zimmerman and Bill Busby

Is the Recovery of the Eskimo Curlew Possible? - Craig Faanes (USFW Service)

Watchable Wildlife At Fort Leavenworth and the Possible Creation of New Wetland -
Matt Nowak, forester

Breeding Potential of the Yellow-throated Warbler at Fort Leavenworth - John Schukman
and Ted Mouras

Please join us in Leavenworth at St. Mary College on September 20-22, 1991. The preregistration form for this meeting is included elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

President David Seibel has requested volunteers for KOS positions for which vacancies need to be filled. These positions are for Bulletin Editor and Chairman of the Conservation Committee. If you would be willing to serve in either of these capacities, please contact Dave. His address and telephone number are included in the membership directory.

ATTENDANCE AT KOS SPRING MEETING, PITTSBURG & CHEROKEE CO., MAY 4-5, 1991

Edwin J. Miller, Independence; Marvin Schwilling, Jerry Horak, Emporia; Duane Anderson, Winfield; Don and Fran Vannoy, Wichita; Rose and Dave Fritz, Gregg Friesen, Kemper Straley, Newton; Allen Jahn, McPherson; JoAnne and Joey Grossman, Debbie and Ben Jongenelen, Olathe; Dave and Linda Bryan, Overland Park; Lori Swander, Leawood; John Schukman, Jonathan Jaffin, Leavenworth; David Seibel, Galen Pittman, Richard Rucker, Lawrence; Joanne Brier, Topeka; Jim Mayhew, Dan Mulhern, Manhattan; Chuck and Jaye Otte, Junction City; Mike Rader, Wilson; Scott and Diane Seltman, Nekoma; Tom and Sara Shane, Garden City, Jeff Cox, Tulsa, OK; Total attendance: 34.

BOB LASHELLE

We are saddened to report the death of Bob LaShelle, 77, of Junction City on May 30, 1991. Bob was a long time member of KOS, serving on the Board of Directors (1978-1980) and as chairman of the Publicity Committee for several years. Bob was compiler of the Junction City Christmas Count for many years. We will all miss him.

KOS T-SHIRTS AND HATS

If you would like to have a t-shirt or hat with the KOS logo, you may order them from Pete Janzen at 3137 Mascot, Wichita, Kansas 67204. The shirts are navy blue with a white design and cost \$8.00 each. Please specify size (S, M, L, XL). The hats are black and white painter caps and cost \$3.00 each. Please add \$1.50 for postage.

CHECKLIST AVAILABLE

A checklist of the vertebrate animals of Kansas now known to occur (or to have once occurred) in Kansas has been compiled by George D. Potts and Joseph T. Collins. This checklist includes 746 kinds of birds, reptiles, mammals, amphibians and fishes found in our state. Non-native species are noted. The booklet (ISBN 0-89338-038-5) costs \$2.50, plus \$1.50 postage and handling for the first copy and \$.50 for each additional copy. Sales tax of 5.25% must be added for Kansas delivery.

Send orders to Publications, Museum of Natural History, 602 Dyche Hall, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66045-2454. Orders from individuals must be accompanied by payment. MasterCard or VISA orders may be placed by telephone (913-864-4540) or FAX (913-864-5335).



KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY CHECK LIST BIRDS OF KANSAS

Date May 4-5, 1991 Time _____
Locality KOS Spring Meeting
Sky _____ Wind _____ Temp _____ Ground _____
Observers _____
Total Species 137 Total Individuals _____
* Less than five records

No.	No.	No.
LOONS, GREBES	SWAN	Com Merganser
Red-throat Loon	Tundra	Red-br. Merganser
Pacific Loon	Trumpeter	Ruddy
Common Loon	GEESE	VULTURES
Pied-billed Grebe	Great Wh. front	Black
Horned Grebe	Snow	Turkey
Red-neck Grebe	Blue	KITES
Eared Grebe	Ross	Am Swallow-tailed
Western Grebe	Brant	Blk. shouldered
Clark's Grebe	Black	Mississippi
PELICAN, White	Canada	HAWKS, EAGLES
Brown	DUCKS	Osprey
CORMORANTS, ANHINGA	Wood	Bald Eagle
Double-crested	Green-wing Teal	Northern Harrier
Olivaceous	American Black	Sharp-shinned
Anhinga	Mottled	Cospar's
FRIGATEBIRD	Mallard	Northern Goshawk
Magnificent	Northern Pintail	Herm
HERONS	Garganey	Red-shouldered
American Bittern	Blue-winged Teal	Broad-winged
Least Bittern	Cinnamon Teal	Savannah
Great Blue	Northern Shoveler	Red-tailed
Great Egret	Gadwall	Feruginous
Snowy Egret	Eurasian Widgeon	Rough-legged
Little Blue	American Widgeon	Golden Eagle
Tricolored	Canvasback	FALCONS
California Egret	Redhead	American Kestrel
Green-backed	Ring-necked	Martin
Black-and. Night	Greater Scaup	Peregrine
Yellow-and. Night	Lesser Scaup	Gyr Falcon
IBIS	Common Elder	Prarie
White	King Eider	PHEASANTS
White-faced	Oldsquaw	Ring necked
Roseate Spoonbill	Black Scoter	Western
Wood Stork	Surf Scoter	Least
FLAMINGO	White-wg. Scaup	White-rumped
Greater	Com. Goldeneye	Baird's
WHISTLING-DUCKS	Barrow's Gidneys	Pectoral
Fulvous	Hooded Merganser	Dunlin
Black-bellied		Curlew
		Suit

No.	No.	No.
TURKEY	Buff-breasted	Great Horned
Wild	Ruff	Snowy
QUAIL	Short-billed	Burrowing
Northern Bobwhite	Dowitcher	Barred
Scaled	Long-billed	Long-eared
RAILS	Dowitcher	Short-eared
Yellow	Common Snipe	Northern Saw-whet
Black	Amer Woodcock	GOATSUCKERS
King	PHALAROPES	Com. Nighthawk
Virginia	Wilson's	Common Poor-will
Sora	Red-necked	Chuck-will's-widow
GALLINULES	Red	Whip-poor-will
Purple	JAEGERS	SWIFTS
Common Moorhen	Pomarine	Chimney
American Coot	Parasitic	White-throated
CRANES	Long-tailed	HUMMINGBIRDS
Sandhill	GULLS	Magnificent
Whooping	Laughing	Ruby-throated
PLOVERS	Franklin's	Black-chinned
Black-bellied	Little	Calliope
Lesser Golden	Com. Blk. head	Broad-tailed
Snowy	Bonaparte's	Rufous
Semipalmated	Ring-billed	KINGFISHER
Piping	California	Belted
Kildeer	Herring	WOODPECKERS
Mountain	Thayer's	Lewis
STILT	Glaucous	Red-headed
Black-necked	Gk. Blk.-backed	Red-bellied
AVOCEET	Bl. leg. Killdeake	Yel. bellied
American	Sabine's	Sapsucker
SANOPIPERS	TERNS	Red-naped
Greater Yellowlegs	Caspar	Sapsucker
Lesser Yellowlegs	Common	Williamson's
Spot Redstart	Forster's	Sapsucker
Solitary	Least	Ladder-backed
Willet	Black	Owmy
Spotted	SKIMMER	Hairy
Upland	Black	Northern Flicker
Eskimo Curlew	PIGEONS	Yellow-shafted
Whimbrel	Rock Dove	Red-shafted
Long-billed Curlew	Band-tailed	Pheasant
Hudsonian Godwit	DOVES	FLYCATCHERS
Marbled Godwit	White-winged	Olive-sided
Ruddy Turnstone	Mourning	W. Wood-Pewee
Red Knot	Inca	E. Wood-Pewee
Sanderling	Common Ground	Yellow-bellied
Semipalmated	CUCKOOS	Acadian
Western	Black-billed	Alder
Least	Yellow-billed	Willow
White-rumped	Gr. Roadrunner	Least
Baird's	Groove-billed Ani	Hammond's
Pectoral	OWLS	Dusky
Dunlin	Barn	Gray
Curlew	Eastern Screech	Cordilleran
Suit	Western Screech	Black Phoebe

No.	No.	No.
Eastern Phoebe	THRUSHES	Herm
Say's Phoebe	Eastern Bluebird	Black-throated
Vermillion	Mountain Bluebird	Green
Ash-throated	Townsend's Solitaire	Blackburnian
Great-Crested	Veery	Yellow-throated
Cassin's Kingbird	Gray-cheeked	Pine
Western Kingbird	Swainson's	Prarie
Eastern Kingbird	Herm	Palm
Scissor-tailed	Wood	Bay-breasted
LARKS	American Robin	Black
Horned	Varied	Carolinian
SWALLOW	THRASHERS	Black-and-White
Purple Martin	Gray Catbird	American Redstart
Tree	Northern	Prothonotary
Violet-green	Mockingbird	Worm-eating
N. Rough-winged	Sage	Swainson's
Bank	Brown	Ovenbird
Clit	Curve-billed	Northern
Barn	PIRITS	Waterthrush
JAY, MAGPIE, CROW	American	Louisiana
Stellar's Jay	Sprague's	Waterthrush
Blue Jay	WAXWINGS	Kentucky
Scrub Jay	Bohemian	Connecticut
Gray-breast Jay	Cedar	Mourning
Pilon Jay	SHRIKES	MacGillivray's
Clark's Nutcracker	Northern	Common
Black-billed Magpie	Loggerhead	Yellowthroat
American Crow	STARLING, European	Hooded
Chihuahuan Raven	VIREOS	Wilson's
Common Raven	White-eyed	Canada
CHICKADEES, TITMOUSE	Belt's	Yellow-breasted
Black-capped	Black-capped	Chat
Caroline	Solitary	TANAGERS
Mountain	Yellow-throated	Summer
Tufted Titmouse	Warbling	Scarlet
BUSHTIT	Philadelphia	Western
NUTHATCHES	Red-eyed	GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS
Red-breasted	WARBLERS	Northern Cardinal
White-breasted	Blue-winged	Pyrhuloxia
Pygmy	Golden-winged	Rose-breasted
CREEPER, Brown	Tennessee	Groebak
WRENS	Orange-crowned	Black-headed
Rock	Nashville	Groebak
Carolina	Virginia's	Blue Groebak
Bewick's	Northern Parula	Lazuli Bunting
House	Yellow	Indigo Bunting
Winter	Chestnut-sided	Painted Bunting
Sedge	Magnolia	Ockissal
Marsh	Cape May	SPARROWS
KINGLETS	Black-throated Blue	Green-tail Towhee
Golden-crowned	Yellow-rumped	Rufous-sided
Ruby-crowned	Myrtle	Towhee
GNATCATCHER	Audubon's	Canyon Towhee
Blue-crow	Black-throat. Gray	Bechman's
	Townsend's	Cassan's

No.	No.	No.
Rufous-crowned	White-crowned	Brown-headed
American Tree	Hair	Cowbird
Chipping	Dark-eyed Junco	Orchard Oriole
Clay-colored	White-winged	Northern Oriole
Brewer's	Slate-colored	Baltimore
Field	Oregon	Bullock's
Vesper	Gray-headed	Scott's Oriole
Lark	McCown's Longspur	FINCHES
Black-throated	Lapland Longspur	Pine Grosbeak
Sage	Smith's Longspur	Purple
Lark Bunting	Chestnut-collared	Cassin's
Savannah	Longspur	House
Baird's	Snow Bunting	Red Crossbill
Grasshopper	BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES	White-winged
Harristow	Bobolink	Crowbill
La Conks's	Red-winged	Common Redpoll
Sharp-tailed	E. Meadowlark	Pine Siskin
Fox	W. Meadowlark	Lesser Goldfinch
Song	Yellow-headed	Am. Goldfinch
Lincoln's	Rusky	Evening Grosbeak
Swamp	Brewer's	WEAVER FINCH
White-throated	Great-tail. Grackle	House Sparrow
Golden-crowned	Common Grackle	

MINUTES OF KOS SPRING BOARD MEETING
MAY 4, 1991

Members Present: David Seibel, David Bryan, Rose Fritz, Diane Seltman, Galen Pittman, JoAnne Brier, John Schukman, Tom Shane.

The meeting was called to order by President David Seibel at 10:00 pm at Pichler's Chicken Annie Restaurant in Pittsburg, Kansas.

A motion was made by JoAnne Brier to accept the minutes of the KOS Winter Board Meeting. Seconded by Tom Shane. The motion passed.

Brief reports were given by Treasurer Rose Fritz, and Diane Seltman, Memb. Sec.

Business Manager Galen Pittman asked the board what he should do with requests for new exchanges. After a brief discussion, Tom Shane moved that KOS accept new exchanges for the K.U. Library and if the document could not be used by the University, it could be forwarded to another Kansas institution for use by its library. Seconded by Galen Pittman, the motion passed.

Reports followed from various committees. The Kansas Records Committee met at its April meeting at the home of Max Thompson, Chairperson. The minutes of this meeting will be published in an upcoming issue of The Horned Lark.

Chris Hobbs, Chairperson of the Publicity Committee, arranged for the Spring KOS meeting to be reported in the Pittsburg newspaper. David Bryan was interviewed for The Morning Sun, Sunday, May 5 edition.

David Seibel reported that Pete Janzen had asked to be relieved as Chairperson of the Conservation Committee.

David Seibel reported from the Dingus Natural Area Committee that some minor repairs such as fencing and signs need to be completed.

Galen Pittman reported that he had still not received the mailing list of those persons who responded to the Winter Bird Feeder Survey.

David Seibel reported that the Breeding Bird Atlas Project may be funded in the State Legislature under the Science Advisory Committee. He stated that \$10,000 in funds could be awarded by the June 5th decision of this committee. Funding for Cheyenne Bottoms is also pending in the State Legislature in conjunction with the Kansas Wetlands Coalition.

John Schukman reported that plans are proceeding to hold the KOS 1991 Fall Meeting in Leavenworth. Max Thompson has been asked to present the program on the birds of Australia.

Rose Fritz reported that there is presently \$13,447 in the principal account for Life Memberships. She will confer with Diane Seltman to confirm that this amount agrees with the number of Life Members currently on record.

Rose also raised the issue of budgetary concerns. There is some shortfall in the amount of available funds to cover current expenses. She voiced her concern that expenses be held down. It was also suggested that perhaps a raise in dues would help meet the operating expenses of KOS. Some discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Submitted by Diane Seltman,
KOS Membership Secretary;
In the absence of Dwight Platt,
KOS Corresponding Secretary.

WINTER BIRD SUMMARY/ December 1990 through February 1991/ by Scott Seltman

Kansas birders found a rather motley collection of birds during the winter months with few rarities seen but plenty of birds present in unusual places or in unusual numbers. Our annual dream of an invasion of rare northern birds once again became a dream deferred. The only northern finches that came to stay were the Red Crossbills that were scattered across the state. Many birders had the rather bizarre experience of seeing more crossbills than Pine Siskins during the winter, something that seems almost impossible given the historical scarcity of Red Crossbills and normal abundance of siskins. Actually, very few passerines of note were recorded anywhere in the state with most of our attention focused on waterbirds and owls.

December started off with a blast of cold air that brought a Snowy Owl to Perry and Common Redpolls to Milford, but these species did not invade as expected and the winter only produced two more Snowy Owl reports and one additional Common Redpoll. For what must be the fifth year in a row, the winter's most severe weather occurred in December with bitter cold temperatures gripping the state from about December 20 through the first week of January. By New Year's Day all major reservoirs and most rivers were completely frozen and until warm weather arrived in February waterfowl numbers across the state were very low. February had the distinction of being the driest month on record in Kansas with all major stations for the National Weather Service reporting ZERO precipitation for the month. It doesn't get any drier than that! Actually this statistic is a little misleading in that most areas of Kansas received some rain or snow during the last days of January and beginning again on March 1. The only major snowstorm of the winter hit northeastern Kansas during late January with many areas receiving six to twelve inches of snow. Bird migration began suddenly in early February with both open water and large flocks of waterbirds appearing overnight at many lakes.

When the big eastern reservoirs are frozen birds and birders both have the same thought: "It's time to head to the outlet tubes below the dam." This parallel logic led to the discovery of the state's first fully documented Barrow's Goldeneye by David Rintoul at Tuttle Creek on January 4. An adult male along with two or more females were seen below the dam by numerous observers over the next five weeks with photographs and videotapes once and for all removing Barrow's Goldeneye from the hypothetical list in Kansas. With perhaps ten sight records going back 50 years, it had long been known that this species occurred in Kansas but until last January no photo or specimen existed. The male Barrow's was at first restricted to the small stretch of open water below the tubes but as the weather moderated and the river began to open up it became more difficult to find. Several birders made several trips to Manhattan without ever seeing the bird. The male was often seen swimming with female goldeneyes that from head shape and bill color appeared to be Barrow's but positive identification is of course very difficult. After this sighting two more Barrow's Goldeneye were reported from Melvern and six more from Quivira which suggests that this species had wandered south in numbers early in the winter.

In my own mind last winter will always be remembered for its owl invasion. Beginning in October we began to see signs of a good movement of Short-eared Owls into western Kansas, but we really had no idea of the extent of this invasion until December. On January 6 while on the Cedar Bluff CBC Mike Rader, Diane and I had already seen quite a few owls beginning early in the morning, but none of us were prepared for the discovery made just before noon on the north side of the Smoky Hill at the west end of the wildlife area. As we drove up to a large shelterbelt owls began pouring out of the trees near our car. I offered to walk down the center of the six-row treebelt while they counted

birds on the outside. I had only walked about 50 feet when a "squadron" of owls began flying single file down the row ahead of me. As we walked on owls continued to boil out of the cedars and fly toward the end of the treebelt. When we reached the end I mentioned that I had seen about 15 double back and Diane said she had seen about 10 fly west. Mike had seen "only 70"! We walked two more of the three remaining treebelts in the grove and finally lost count at 90 Long-eared Owls, 20 Short-eared Owls and one Eastern Screech-Owl. The totals for the first two species are very conservative estimates.

The Cedar Bluff roost may perhaps be the largest single roost of Long-eared Owls ever discovered . . . at least in a cursory search of reference material at Fort Hays I could find no larger number mentioned in any literature. During the next few weeks several other roosts of Long-eared Owls were discovered in westcentral Kansas and at Wilson Lake. Small numbers were seen in eastern Kansas. Short-eared Owls were also very abundant across western Kansas and were seen roosting with Long-eareds on several occasions. And a few Barn Owls, up to a maximum of five, were often seen in these roosts as well. For this many owls to coexist the rodent population in the nearby pastures and fields must have been enormous and the cold weather must have forced these birds to seek the safety and shelter of the treebelts on a daily basis. Sacks of pellets were collected by Rader and were sent for analysis but a breakdown is as yet unavailable. Only a few of my records are entered in the list of bird highlights that follows; during the five month period from November through March I would estimate that I saw 50 Barn Owls, 200 Long-eared Owls and 400 Short-eared Owls. Among the Barn and Short-eared Owls some individuals may have been seen repeatedly, but even considering that likelihood I would say that all three species were about 10 times more abundant than normal for a typical Kansas winter. Saw-whet Owls made news again near Junction City. This species is probably much more common in Kansas than we imagine but because of its habits it is extremely difficult to observe in our state.

Several species were also unusually common in eastern Kansas. Prairie Falcons and Golden Eagles were seen all the way to the Missouri line and beyond. White-fronted Geese were abundant through most of the winter at eastern reservoirs where they have traditionally been considered unusual even in migration. Bonaparte's Gulls also continue to defy logic. Not only did they stay to be seen by the score on Kansas CBC's, but they began moving north again in early February. Has a new race with an aversion to salt water evolved during the last decade?

Finally, a candidate for bird of the season that unfortunately must go unidentified was a "caprimulgid, sp." that was reported from Topeka on the remarkable date of Feb. 25. Details for this sighting were never provided, but Gene Lewis cross-examined the observer and feels that it probably was too large to be a Common Poorwill. Was this a Chuck-will's-widow, a Whip-poor-will, or something stranger yet?

The following records are subject to review by the Kansas Bird Records Committee. Many of the season's better finds were found on Christmas Bird Counts and are summarized in the KOS Bulletin, Vol. 42, No. 1. Records for the period from March through July 1991 should be mailed to Box 36, Nekoma, KS. 67559 by October.

BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS/ December 1990 through February 1991

Pacific Loon	1 on Wilson	MR	12-01-90 Russell
Pacific Loon	1 on Clinton	MM	12-05-90 Douglas
	still present	DSei	12-15-90 Douglas

<u>Red-necked Grebe</u>	1 on Clinton	LM,GP	12-08-90	Douglas
<u>Eared Grebe</u>	1 on Milford	DLS,CO,JO	12-02-90	Geary
<u>White Pelican</u>	early arrival at Wilson	MR	2-23-91	Russell
<u>Trumpeter Swan</u>	1A, 3I two miles s. Timken	SS	2-25-91	Rush
(These birds had no bands or collars and were probably not from the Minnesota flock. I was able to observe these birds from about 200 feet with scope. Absent from this pond on 2-26 but seen again on 2-27-91. Also noticed by area farmers, one of whom thought they were Whooping Cranes!)				
Gr. White-fronted Goose	200 on Melvern	LM	1-01-91	Osage
(White-fronted Geese were mentioned as staying late and arriving early at many Kansas lakes and refuges.)				
Canada Goose	estimated <u>20,000</u> in Wichita	PJ,m.ob.	1-09-91	Sedgwick
Am. Black Duck	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	SS	12-07-90	Barton
Am. Black Duck	2 on Milford	DLS	12-27-90	Geary
			to 12-31-90	Geary
Am. Black Duck	2 at MDC	LM,MM,GP	2-09-91	Linn
Blue-winged Teal	male near dam at Clinton	PW	<u>12-12-90</u>	Douglas
Oldsquaw	adult pair, 3 imm.	RR,PW	12-01-90	Douglas
	still present	DB,DSei	12-15-90	Douglas
Black Scoter	2 fem. on Perry	LM,MM,BF	12-16-90	Douglas
White-winged Scoter	sev. along U.S. 36	D&LN	12-16-90	Doniphan
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	adult male and 2+ females	DR,m.ob.	1-04-91	Riley
			to 2-03-91	Riley
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	pair below dam at Melvern	JB	2-09-91	Osage
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	3M,3F at Big Salt Marsh	CS?&GE	2-14-91	Stafford
Red-breasted Merganser	1 among 2000 Commons	MI	2-07-91	Osage
Red-breasted Merganser	5 on Melvern	mM,BF,MC,GG	2-10-91	Osage
Bald Eagle	2 adults at nest on Clinton		2-24-91	Douglas
Northern Goshawk	1 imm. s. Wilson	MR	1-05-91	Ellswor.
Northern Goshawk	1 just n. town of Perry	RR	2-05-91	Jeffers.
Northern Goshawk	adult e. Wilson Lake	MR	2-17-91	Lincoln
Red-shouldered Hawk	1 at MDC	LM,MM,GP	2-09-91	Linn
Red-tailed Hawk	1 albinistic bird	Bob Funke	2-25-91	Wilson
(This bird was described as having red tail and black wingtips, but otherwise pure white.)				
Golden Eagle	1 near MDC	LM,MM,GP	2-09-91	Linn?
Golden Eagle	1 imm. along I-70 Konza	SK	2-19-91	Geary
Merlin	1	SS	12-14-90	Pawnee
Merlin	1 at CB	Speers	2-16-91	Barton
Merlin	1	SS	2-17-91	Pawnee
Peregrine Falcon	1 at CB	MR,ER	1-01-91	Barton
Peregrine Falcon	1 below Tuttle	DR	1-12-91	???
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Perry	RR	1-16-91	Jeffers.
Prairie Falcon	1 nine mi. s. Junction City	DLS	12-09-90	Geary
Prairie Falcon	1 four mi. e. Chapman	DLS	1-21-91	Dickins.
Prairie Falcon	sev. near Welda	BB	Jan. 91	Anderson
Prairie Falcon	1 near Lone Star	PW	1-31-91	Douglas
Prairie Falcon	1 near John Redmond	JB	2-03-91	Coffey
Prairie Falcon	1 near MDC	LM,MM,GP	2-09-91	Linn
Prairie Falcon	9	MR,SS	2-09-91	W.Kansas
Prairie Falcon	1 near Wolf Creek	MM,BF,MC,GG	2-10-91	Coffey
Sandhill Crane	first spring migrants	SS	2-12-91	Pawnee
		ER	2-12-91	Ellswor?
Greater Yellowlegs	1 at LaCygne Lake	GP,RR	<u>12-22-90</u>	Linn
American Woodcock	1 below Perry Dam	RR	<u>1-17-91</u>	Jeffers.
Bonaparte's Gull	1 out-of-season at Tuttle	LM,GP,BF	<u>2-02-91</u>	Riley
Bonaparte's Gull	4 at MDC	LM,MM,GP	<u>2-09-91</u>	Linn

Bonaparte's Gull	1 imm. at Milford	DLS	2-16-91	Geary
			to 2-17-91	Geary
Thayer's Gull	1 below Tuttle	DR,m.ob.	1-02-91	Riley?
Thayer's Gull	1 adult at John Redmond	MM	2-03-91	Coffey
	still present	DR	2-04-91	Coffey
	still present	MI,BE	2-09-91	Coffey
Glaucous Gull	1 first winter on Clinton	RR,PW	12-01-90	Douglas
			to 12-08-90	Douglas
Glaucous Gull	1 first winter Tuttle	DR,TC	1-04-91	Riley
	still present	MR,SS	1-09-91	Riley
Glaucous Gull	1 imm. at Milford	DLS	2-24-91	Geary
Black-legged Kittiwake	1 adult w. side Cheney	DK,PJ,JN	12-01-90	Reno
Greater Roadrunner	1 in Pratt	BJR	12-13-90	Pratt
		KB	12-15-90	Pratt

(This individual arrived in a western neighborhood of Pratt in Aug. 90 and was seen sporadically throughout the fall and winter. According to Ken Brunson this roadrunner survived on pet food and scraps until it was killed by an automobile in February. Beep,beep!)

Snowy Owl	1 below dam at Perry	BF	12-02-90	Jeffers.
Snowy Owl	2 reported sw. Hiawatha	D&LN	12-09-90	Brown
			to 12-18-90	Brown
Snowy Owl	1 in Sundance area Melvern	MS	12-26-90	Osage
Barn Owl	5 roosting with Long-eareds	SS	2-07-91	Pawnee
Barn Owl	5	MR,SS	2-09-91	Trego
Barn Owl	5 calling	SS	2-10-91	Rush
Long-eared Owl	<u>90</u> in single roost	MR,DS,SS	1-06-91	Trego
Long-eared Owl	roost of 18 Wilson St. Park	MR	1-07-91	Russell
Long-eared Owl	roost of 8 in Otoe Park	MR	1-30-91	Russell
Long-eared Owl	25 in Wilson St. Park	MR,MO	2-02-91	Russell
Long-eared Owl	2 along Otter Creek	SC,RP	2-02-91	Geary
Long-eared Owl	roost of 20 nw. Larned	SS	2-07-91	Pawnee
Long-eared Owl	2 in cemetery Turkey Pt.	MI	2-07-91	Osage
Long-eared Owl	<u>110</u> in three roosts	MR,SS	2-09-91	Trego
Long-eared Owl	roost of 6	MR,SS	2-09-91	Ness
Long-eared Owl	<u>60</u> in two roosts	SS	2-16-91	Trego
Short-eared Owl	16 at dusk	SS	12-30-90	Pawnee
Short-eared Owl	20 roosting with Long-eareds	MR,DS,SS	1-06-91	Trego
Short-eared Owl	2 with Long-eareds	MR	1-07-91	Russell
Short-eared Owl	1 s. Jetmore	SS	2-02-91	Hodgeman
Short-eared Owl	1 near Cave	SS	2-02-91	Stevens
Short-eared Owl	2 near Waverly	MM,BF,MC,GG	2-10-91	Coffey
Short-eared Owl	1 s. of Clinton	LM,GP	2-10-91	Douglas
N. Saw-whet Owl	2 heard along Otter Creek	DLS	1-08-91	Geary
	1 heard along Otter Creek	MC	1-26-91	Geary
Ladder-backed Wood.	fem. videotaped in Wichita	LMal.	1-17-91	<u>Sedgwick</u>
Pileated Woodpecker	1 along Deep Creek	TC	12-19-90	<u>Riley</u>
Carolina Chickadee	1 along Cimarron ne. Liberal	SP	1-01-91	<u>Seward</u>

(Apparently the westernmost Kansas sighting and one of the westernmost sightings of this species ever.! Seward is a THREE chickadee county.)

Winter Wren	1	MR	2-23-91	Russell
Marsh Wren	1 below dam	MR	2-23-91	Russell
Mountain Bluebird	2 at Minooka Park	MR	12-01-90	Russell
Mountain Bluebird	2 s. of Junction City	BLS,DSL	12-01-90	Geary
Mountain Bluebird	4 in Otoe Park	MR	1-23-91	Russell
Mountain Bluebird	7 s. Junction City	LM,GP,BF	2-02-91	Geary
Townsend's Solitaire	2 along Otter Creek	SC,RP	2-02-91	Geary
American Pipit	1 at State Hospital	DS	<u>2-11-91</u>	Pawnee
Bohemian Waxwing	1 along Otter Creek	DLS,CO	2-10-91	Geary
Northern Shrike	1 at Minooka Park	MR	12-01-90	Russell

Northern Shrike	1 imm. at Milford	DLS	12-08-90	Geary
Northern Shrike	1 w. side Cheney	BJR	12-13-90	Reno?
Northern Shrike	1 at Rolling Hills Milford	DLS	1-09-91	Geary
Northern Shrike	1 at CB	Speers	2-16-91	Barton
"Myrtle" Warbler	numerous through winter	DLS	Winter-91	Geary
"Audubon's" Warbler	2 at Milford	DLS,CO	12-31-90	<u>Geary</u>
"Audubon's" Warbler	1 at Milford	DLS	2-02-91	<u>Geary</u>
			to 2-24-91	<u>Geary</u>
Yellow-throated Warbler	1 at Hays feeder	CE	<u>11-29-90</u>	<u>Ellis</u>
			to <u>12-01-90</u>	<u>Ellis</u>
Lark Bunting	9 five mi. w. Elkhart	SS	2-02-91	Morton
Swamp Sparrow	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	SS	1-09-91	Barton
Swamp Sparrow	1	MR	2-23-91	Russell
Smith's Longspur	small flock	LM,GP,BF	2-02-91	Geary
Smith's Longspur	31 3 mi. Lyndon	MI	2-07-91	Osage
Smith's Longspur	125 at Lyon St. Lake	MM,BF,MC,GG	2-10-91	Lyon
Snow Bunting	1 atop Melvern Dam	JB	12-27-90	Osage
Snow Bunting	1 s. side Melvern	MI	2-07-91	Osage
Red Crossbill	20 at Milford	DLS	12-01-90	Geary
Red Crossbill	15 at Scott Lake	SS	12-08-90	Scott
Red Crossbill	17 in Hutchinson	HG	2-02-91	Reno
Red Crossbill	15 at Kanopolis St. Park	GF	2-09-91	Ellswor.
Red Crossbill	12 still present at Milford	DLS	2-24-91	Geary
Red Crossbill	flock along Kevin St.	PJ	Feb.-91	Sedgwick
Common Redpoll	3 at Milford	DLS	12-02-90	Geary
Common Redpoll	1 at feeder in Garden City	L&BR	1-25-91	Finney
Evening Grosbeak	1 at Scott Lake	SS	12-08-90	Scott
Evening Grosbeak	1 fem. in Wilson	ER	1-27-91	Ellswor.
Evening Grosbeak	1 male in Wilson	ER	2-18-91	Ellswor.
			to 2-25-91	Ellswor.

LIST OF OBSERVERS: Bill Brecheisen (BB), Joann Brier (JB), Ken Brunson (KB), Dave Bryan (DB), Ted Cable (TC), Mark Corder (MC), Steve Crawford (SC), Charles Ely (CE), Bev Evans (BE), Bob Fisher (BF), Greg Friesen (GF), Harry Gregory (HG), Greg Griffith (GG), Maxey Irwin (MI), Pete Janzen (PJ), Dan Kilby (DK), Shawn Koenig (SK), Bob LaShelle (BLS), Dan LaShelle (DLS), Linda Malloney (LMal), Mick McHugh (MM), Lloyd Moore (LM), Don & Lorita Neff (D&LN), John Northrup (JN), Mitch Oliphant (MO), Chuck Otte (CO), Jaye Otte (JO), Richard Parker (RP), Sebastian Patti (SP), Galen Pittman (GP), Ellen Rader (ER), Mike Rader (MR), Leonard & Betty Rich (L&BR), David Rintoul (DR), B.J. Rose (BJR), Richard Rucker (RR), Curtis Schartz? & Guy Ernsting (CS?&GE), Marvin Schwilling (MS), David Seibel (DSei), Diane Seltman (DS), Scott Seltman (SS), Phil Wedge (PW).

KANSAS RARE-BIRD-ALERT 913-329-4499

Kansas Rare-Bird Alert received 168 calls in June and 153 calls in July. The low number of calls reflects a general scarcity of birds combined with very hot weather for much of the period. A good bird found in early August brought calls per day up from 5 to 30.

ANNUAL FALL MEETING

The annual fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society will be held on the St. Mary College campus (Sisters of Charity), Leavenworth, Ks., September 20-22, 1991. The campus is located at 4100 S. 4th, (same as US Hwy 73/K-7). Please return the preregistration form by September 6. The college requires a 14 day notice on the number of attendees.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - the Schukman home

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Informal, come-as-you-are reception at the Schukmans' (727-5141), located at Rt. 2, Box 111-37, Robin Road, Sherwood Forest subdivision, Leavenworth. The subdivision is on the west side of Hwy 73/K-7, 7.3 miles north of I-70 (Bonner Springs/Leavenworth exit), or 4.5 miles south St. Mary College. Look for KOS signs.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - MABEE AUDITORIUM

lower level of DePaul Library. (Parking available behind library)

- 8:00 - 9:00 Registration. Juice, rolls and coffee provided.
- 9:00 - 11:30 Paper Sessions with a mid-morning break
- 11:30 - 12:00 Business Meeting
- 12:00 - 1:15 Lunch at St. Joseph Dining Hall
- 1:15 - 2:00 Birdwatchers' Hour. Bring your slides to share.
- 2:00 - 4:00 Paper Session with a mid-afternoon break
- 4:00 - 5:00 Business Meeting
- 5:00 - 6:00 On your own - an opportunity to walk through the bird sanctuary on the campus.
- 6:00 - 7:00 Social Hour - St. Joseph Dining Hall
- 7:00 Banquet - St. Joseph Dining Hall. Guest Speaker - Max C. Thompson - Australian birds

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

On your own for breakfast - Hardee's (4925 S. 4th), McDonalds (3121 S. 4th) and Pullman Place (3rd & Cherokee, downtown) are open at 6 am.

6:30 - 8 a.m. FIELD TRIPS - Sign-up sheets available at all Saturday sessions

1:00 p.m. - SUNDAY PICNIC- Box lunches will be served. Location to be announced.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Name	Address	Phone	Single	Double
St. Mary College Dormitory (reservations made with preregistration)	4100 S. 4th	682-5151	\$21	\$29
* Best Western	3211 S. 4th	651-6000	\$32	\$40
Cody Motor Inn (downtown)	101 S. 4th	651-5400	\$23	\$29
Commander's Inn (close to Fort)	6th & Metropolitan	651-5800	\$30	\$33
Lansing Inn 4 Less	501 N. Main (4th St.)	727-2777	\$27	\$33
Ramada Inn (downtown)	3rd & Delaware	651-5500	\$37	\$45
*Super 8 Motel	303 Montana Ct. (1 blk N. of Best Western)	682-0744	\$35	\$40
Terrace Court Motel	1500 S. 4th	682-0499	\$24	\$31
Camping-Riverfront Park (turn east at 4th and Dakota toward Mo. River, cross RR tracks, follow road to bridge)	under Centennial Bridge	651-0865	\$6-8	

* denotes location is close to St. Mary College

PREREGISTRATION FORM

1991 Fall KOS Meeting
 St. Mary College, Leavenworth, Ks.
 September 20, 21, 22, 1991

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

	No.	Amount
REGISTRATION FEES:		
Regular - \$7.50	_____	\$ _____
Student - \$4.00	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch - \$5.25	_____	_____
Saturday Banquet - \$10.50	_____	_____
Sunday Box Lunch - \$5.25	_____	_____
Lodging at St. Mary College Dormitory Single \$21, Double \$29 per night	_____	_____
Total	_____	\$ _____
Amount Enclosed		\$ _____

Make checks payable to: KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (KOS)

Send completed registration form to: John Schukman
 Rt. 2 Box 111-37
 Leavenworth, Ks. 66048

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 6

BEST BIRD OF THE YEAR

Mail to: Galen Pittman
 Rt. 4, Box 260
 Lawrence, Ks. 66044

SPECIES _____ OBSERVER(S) _____

LOCATION _____

DETAILS:

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

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

K.O.S annual meeting, 1991

The Kansas Ornithological Society will meet 21 and 22 September 1991, at Leavenworth, Kansas. The contributed paper sessions will be on Saturday, 21 September. 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 6 SEPTEMBER 1991 TO:

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

Contributed Papers Session, 21 September 1991

AUTHOR(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TITLE OF PAPER: _____

ABSTRACT: _____

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

Audio-visual equipment needed: _____