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KOS CONTINUES TO GROW! WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Terri Abbett, Emporia; Lynda Berendsen, LeCompton; Brent Brock, Manhattan; Kenneth Bryant, Wichita; Shari Chism, Great Bend; Kelly Conrad, Emporia; Dr. & Mrs. J.H. Danby, Wichita; Tom Eddy, Emporia; Page Fredericks, Emporia; Joseph Grzybowski, Norman, OK; Ivica John Hlade, Pittsburg; Jay Jeffrey, Emporia; Rose Klenke, Spearville; Glen Koontz, Topeka; Ozzie & Viola Lehman, Halstead; Ron Little, Hutchinson; Kathy & Steve McDowell, Tecumseh; Kristen Mitchell, Baldwin; John & Judy Moecker, Overland Park; Bill & Janet Neff, Berryton; Marie Plinski, Topeka; Keith & Judith Randall, Bucklin; Michael & Iva Raw, Wichita; Jan & Dennis Rorabaugh, Lawrence; Marcia Thomas, Sylvan Grove; Sandra Thomas, Bonner Springs; Chuck Van Gundy, Salina; Joyce Volmut, Topeka; Mike & Bunnie Watkins, Lawrence; Dave Williams, Lawrence; Pam Wilson, Stanley, Harry & Ann Ylander, Lindsborg.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's that time of year again...the Holidays will bring greetings from many of your friends and relatives. You'll also be hearing from KOS this month in the form of a membership renewal card. Please complete and return it along with your 1993 dues promptly to Rose Fritz so you won't miss out on the next issue of The Horned Lark or the KOS Bulletin.

Thanks for your continued support of KOS. Happy Holidays!

Diane Seltman, Memb. Sec.

OVER 70 MEMBERS ATTENDED THE 1992 FALL MEETING IN EMPORIA:

Elmer & LaVonne Finck, Shannon Rothchild, Craig Olawsky, Dwight Moore, Judy Marsh, Bernard Sietman, Page Fredericks, Kelly Conrad, Terri Abbett, Jay Jeffrey, Kristen Mitchell, Tom Eddy, Marvin & Floy Schwilling, Jerry Horak, Dave Saunders, all from Emporia; Jean Schulenberg, Admire; Bob Culbertson, New Strawn; Joanne Brier, Joyce Volmut, Topeka; Roger & Jan Boyd, Calvin Cink, Baldwin; Galen Pittman, David Seibel, Stan & Janet Roth, Phil Wedge, Ruth Fauhl, Lawrence; Rose & Dave Fritz, Dwight Platt, Newton; Bob Gress, Roy & Pat Beckemeyer, of Wichita; Max Thompson, Winfield; Edwin Miller, Independence, Lawrence Herbert, Joplin, MO; Dave & Linda Bryan, Overland Park; Chris Hobbs, Bonner Springs; Mick McHugh, Shawnee Mission; John Shuckman, Leavenworth; Chuck & Jaye Otte, Junction City; Jim Mayhew, Dave Rintoul, John Zimmerman, Brent Brock, E. Dale Kennedy, Douglas White, Deborah Beutler, James Holloway, all from Manhattan; Allen Jahn, McPherson; Ken Brunson, Pratt; Ron Little, Hutchinson; Mike Rader, Wilson; Paul Schowalter, Larned; Scott & Diane Seltman, Nekoma; Chuck Ely, Earl Carlson, Hays; Barbara Campbell, Tom & Sara Shane, Garden City; David Pantle, Denver, CO.

From the Keyboard, notes from the editor

The Fall Meetings were once again a great success! An extra big thanks to the local committee in Emporia for all their hard work. Mark your calendar now for the Spring and Fall Meetings for next year. The spring meeting is tentatively scheduled for Camp Horizon (south-central Kansas in the Wichita/Winfield area) for May 1st and 2nd, 1993. The fall meeting is still being worked on, but if we hold with tradition it would be the first weekend in October, 2nd and 3rd, and the Board of Directors is looking into the Hays area.

A copy of the Board of Directors meeting as well as the full fall meeting minutes are included in this newsletter. Please take the time to read them as there is a lot of important information contained therein. The ten best birds of the year are contained in the minutes. Please note that some of these birds have not been voted on by the records committee so their standing is still tentative until such time (besides, the best bird list is as much for fun as it is for serious). One through four are actually a four-way tie since they will all represent new state records if accepted.

And speaking of the records committee-- please, please, please take the time and effort to fill out those rare bird reports to send in to the committee. Please note the extensive write up on bird records in the June 1992 Horned Lark for guidelines on what should be written up. There is also an updated Rare Bird Form for you to use. Please use this new form and pitch all the old forms. (If anyone is computer oriented I have the new form available in ASCII format so you can just fill in the blanks. Sent me a formatted DOS disk and I'll give it to you!) In future issues we hope to have some more information to help you in your writing of rare bird reports.

Also in this issue is a list of Christmas Bird Counts. About half the counts we don't have detailed information (we'll try harder next year), but I have included the name of last years compiler. If you're interested give them a call...soon.

Lot's of miscellaneous information. . .Galen has items for sale. . .if you want a new subscription for yourself or someone else to Bird Watchers Digest use the enclosed form and the KOS will get a cut. . .A plea to those members who move - let me know so I can let the others who need to know that your address has changed, it

helps us save on postage. . .a brief note from Kansas Wildlife and Parks regarding Chickadee Checkoff. . .and a delightful writeup on Mike Rader's favorite species, Rock Wren.

Enough wasted space filled with my verbose ramblings, good reading and Happy Holidays!

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ABA Regional Conference

The ABA (American Birding Association) holds regional conferences around the country. This coming spring (okay late winter!) there will be a regional conference at Grand Island, Nebraska. The dates are March 6 - 10th which just happens to coincide with the annual spring migration of the Sandhill Cranes.

The schedule looks absolutely fantastic! I grew up about 45 miles from Grand Island and still make annual trips back every March to see the Cranes. If you haven't yet made the Platte River pilgrimage this would be a good opportunity because it will probably be a while before we have another ABA Regional Conference so close!

I do have copies of the promotional flyer and registration form so if you need a copy drop me a line or give me a call. The conference fee is \$395.00 if you are already an ABA member or \$425.00 if you aren't an ABA member. This fee includes room, dinners, field trips, trip meals and evening programs. So why not plan to attend. Like the program says, "you probably won't build a big trip list around this conference," but the sight of several hundred thousand Sandhill Cranes coming or going from the Platte River needs to be experienced by everyone at least once in their life!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM KOS



Special Species

by Mike Rader

Common Name: Rock Wren
 Scientific Name: *Salpinctes obsoletus*

This species of wren is one that many Kansans may not be familiar with. It is, however, fairly common in western Kansas in the proper habitat, both as a summer resident and as a migrant. It is usually easy to identify, with a gray-brown back, streaked throat and breast, and a reddish rump. Rock Wrens are spirited little birds, scolding and bobbing up and down vigorously when disturbed.

Rock Wrens breed from southern Canada to southern Mexico. They are known to nest throughout western Kansas, preferring dry rocky outcrops and ravines. They have a curious habit of making a trail of rock chips and other items that leads to the entrance of the nest. Some of the strange things found on the trails include such things as animal bones, scrap metal pieces, wire, leather, broken glass, nails, and fish hooks. During migration they can be found in dry washes, ravines, and rock hillsides. Some individuals are reported in the eastern part of the state, but most are reported from the central and west.

Rock Wrens have provided special birding memories for me. My first birding trip to Morton County yielded several Rock Wrens. A walk at Point of Rocks on the Cimarron National Grasslands was the location of most of them with several other "life" birds for me seen that day. I got the chance to see Rock Wrens with Sage Thrashers, Canyon Towhee, and other interesting birds that day. I still smile when I think of all the walks I have taken on the Grasslands. Many of them had me hoping that there were fewer Rock Wrens to sort through while looking at dozens of other birds flitting in the brush and rocks. Other trips had me happy to see a single Rock Wren to salvage a walk through the gauntlet that Point of Rocks can be.

I really thought I hated Rock Wrens after seeing several along the Cimarron River while searching for the elusive Canyon Wren this fall. One bird quickly reaffirmed my admiration for the species, however, when it chased the Canyon Wren out of a hole where it had been hiding out of my sight. Rock Wrens are really great birds!

Birders that want to see Rock Wrens in Kansas usually have several choices as to where to look. Certainly the most reliable is Morton County. Fall is usually the best time to find them, due to an influx of birds from migration, but they have been seen in every season. Point of Rocks, "Patti Canyon," and the bluffs along the Cimarron are the best spots to find them regularly.

Wilson Reservoir in central Kansas is an area I am familiar with that has good numbers of Rock Wrens as well. The Rocktown Natural Area in Lucas Park is a good place to look for them, even during the summer. During migration, both spring and fall, I have seen Rock Wrens in many locations, including the sandstone bluffs of the Hell Creek arm, in the marina cove of Wilson State Park, and other secluded rocky ravines.

When trying to find Rock Wrens, it certainly pays to learn the calls it uses. A buzzy 'tick-ear' is usually what you hear several times. Then you have to try to follow the sound to where the bird is located. They can be a challenge to locate initially, but are usually very bold and easy to observe. Next time, when you travel to western Kansas to birdwatch, take some time and see what these perky little birds are up to. Whether you are a serious birder or someone who just likes to see birds, Rock Wrens are tremendous fun to watch and enjoy!

***Don't forget to order your
 brand new, exciting
 KOS T-shirts
 and Decals!!***

***To order, contact
 Galen Pittman
 (for more information, see page 6)***

*Hope you have a Safe and Happy New Year
 and wishing you good birding in 1993!!*

Christmas Bird Counts

There are many Christmas/Mid-Winter Bird Counts across Kansas. If you have never partaken in one of these events make it a point to find one close to you and give it a go this year. Following is as complete a list as is available at press time. For changes, updates or additions call the Kansas Rare Bird Hotline 913-372-5499. Check the calendar on the following page for dates and locations and then the following table for more details.

If you are going to be out-of-state over the holidays and are wondering about Christmas counts in the area where you will be give me a call as soon as possible. I have some of the counts for other states, and with a few days of lead time I can probably get you the dates and locations for counts in most parts of the country.






- December 18 - Quivira NWR, Meet at the headquarters building around 7:00 a.m. and be sure to bring your lunch.
- December 19 - Dodge City, Joleen Fromm compiler 316-227-6342 or Shirley Vieux, 316-227-7269. Meeting place has not been decided yet.
- December 19 - Halstead/Newton, Dwight Platt compiler, 316-283-6708. Meet at the Science Hall at Bethel College Campus.
- December 19 - Lawrence, Galen Pittman compiler, 913-842-7105 for details.
- December 19 - Manhattan, John Zimmerman compiler. Call John at 913-537-0238 for more information.
- December 19 - Topeka, Joanne Brier compiler 913-232-4317.
- December 19 - Wichita, Wallace Champeny compiler, 316-455-3543.
- December 20 - Baldwin, Roger Boyd compiler 913-594-3172.
- December 20 - Emporia, Jean Schulenberg compiler, 316-342-2380.
- December 20 - Oskaloosa-Perry Lake, Richard Rucker compiler, 913-842-3845.
- December 20 - Wakefield (Upper Milford Lake), Chuck Otte compiler, 913-238-8800. Meet at the Lakeview Restaurant (west side of town on K-82) by sunup.
- December 20 - Udall-Winfield, Max Thompson compiler, 316-221-1856.
- December 22 - El Dorado Lake, Pete Janzen compiler, 316-832-0182.
- December 22 - Camp Naish, Wyandotte Co., Stan Roth compiler, 913-843-4764.
- December 22 - Wilson Reservoir, Mike Rader compiler, 913-658-2595.
- December 23 - Linn County, Roger Boyd compiler, 913-594-3172.
- December 23 - Waconda Lake (Glen Elder), Mike Rader compiler, 913-658-2595.
- December 26 - Kirwin Reservoir, Mike Rader compiler, 913-658-2595.
- December 27 - Arkansas City, Don Vannoy compiler, 316-838-4062.
- December 27 - Junction City, Chuck Otte compiler, 913-238-8800. Meet at Denny's Restaurant on the south side of Junction City just off I-70 Exit 296.
- December 27 - Webster Reservoir, Mike Rader compiler, 913-658-2595.
- December 29 - Olsburg, David Rintoul compiler, 913-532-6663 w, 537-0781 h.
- January 2 - Leavenworth, John Schukman compiler, 913-727-5141.
- January 1 - Liberal/Seward County
- January 2 - Morton County/Cimarron National Grasslands
- January 3 - Kenton (Black Mesa), Oklahoma, all of these are compiled by Sebastian Patti, 312-886-6840 (work), 312-248-0570 (home).
- January 9 (tentative) - Cedar Bluff, Scott Seltman compiler, 913-372-5411.
- January 10 - Scott Lake, Sara Shane compiler, 316-275-4616.

The following list is of Christmas counts from 1991 (and the compiler for 1991) that I did not get any information about. Baxter Springs - J. D. Rising, Byron Walker Wildlife Area - Byron Walker, Cheyenne Bottoms - Helen Hands, Garden City - Marie Osterbuhr, Hays - Donna Cooper, Hillsdale - Kipp Walters, Meade County - Thomas Flowers, Olathe - Steve Crawford, Parsons - Paul Milks, Pomona Lake - Bunnie Watkins, Salina - Virginia Lear, Sawyer - Bob Wood, SE Kansas - Steven Ford, Syracuse - Scott Seltman, Tribune - Luverne Keith, Western Stafford - Judy Tanner, Yoder - James Smith.

A special note to compilers. If you will be entering the results of your count on computer and can generate an ASCII file David Rintoul wants your data. Contact David (see number above under Olsburg Count) and he will send you a floppy disc so you can send him a copy of your results. There is a small group of people who are trying to generate an electronic list of Christmas counts and have it available months before the "official" report is published in American Birds. If you don't work up your results on computer don't worry about it, but if you do then contact David right away!

1992/93 Christmas Bird Counts

December 13, 1992 - January 16, 1993

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <i>Dec 13</i> | <i>Dec 14</i> | <i>Dec 15</i> | <i>Dec 16</i> | <i>Dec 17</i> | <i>Dec 18</i> Quivara NWR | <i>Dec 19</i> Dodge City, Manhattan, Halstead/Newton, Topeka, Lawrence, Wichita |
| <i>Dec 20</i>  Hanukkah Perry Lake, Baldwin, Wakefield, Winfield, Emporia | <i>Dec 21</i> Winter begins  | <i>Dec 22</i> Camp Naish, El Dorado, Wilson Reservoir | <i>Dec 23</i> Linn County, Waconda Lake | <i>Dec 24</i> | <i>Dec 25</i>  Christmas | <i>Dec 26</i> Kirwin Reservoir |
| <i>Dec 27</i> Arkansas City, Junction City, Webster Reservoir | <i>Dec 28</i> | <i>Dec 29</i> Olsburg | <i>Dec 30</i> | <i>Dec 31</i>  New Year's Eve | <i>Jan 1</i> Liberal  New Year's Day | <i>Jan 2</i> Cimarron Natl. Grasslands, Leavenworth |
| <i>Jan 3</i> Black Mesa, OK | <i>Jan 4</i> | <i>Jan 5</i> | <i>Jan 6</i> | <i>Jan 7</i> | <i>Jan 8</i> | <i>Jan 9</i> Cedar Bluff? |
| <i>Jan 10</i> Scott Lake | <i>Jan 11</i> | <i>Jan 12</i> | <i>Jan 13</i> | <i>Jan 14</i> | <i>Jan 15</i> | <i>Jan 16</i> |

All Events Subject to Change, Contact Compiler for confirmation

Chickadee Checkoff Challenge

As many of you are probably aware the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) has a program called Chickadee Checkoff which provides Kansans the opportunity to contribute to wildlife programs, particularly non-game wildlife programs which include, of course, activities related to birds.

Golden Eagles have been reintroduced to Russell County in the hopes of establishing nesting Golden Eagles. Over 250 nursing homes across the state have been provided bird feeders and initial feed through the Nursing Home Bird Feeder Program. The Chickadee Checkoff has supported the Kansas Winter Bird Feeder Survey that I'm sure many of you have participated in before. A major effort in recent years has been Least Tern research and habitat work. And let's not forget the Checkoff's contribution to a project rapidly becoming very near and dear to many of us, The Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas Project.

So since its introduction in 1980, the Checkoff has done a lot of good. However there are many more projects that could be funded and more funding could go to existing projects if we could increase the approximately \$170,000 per year that is currently being donated. In fact, Kansas Wildlife and Parks has set a goal of \$250,000 in annual donations by 1995.

First of all, make sure that you contribute to the Chickadee Checkoff (if you donate \$25 or more you get a year's subscription or extension of an existing subscription to Kansas Wildlife and Parks magazine. You can contact KDWP at the Pratt Operations Office for posters, prints and brochures to help promote this challenge and then contact your tax preparer after January 15 and see if they would display posters and prints and have brochures available for their clients. Let's help make sure that some of these fine programs continue and grow. (And be sure to look for the Kansas wildlife viewing guide due out soon if it isn't already out. It's published by The University Press of Kansas and should be available for \$10 or less!)

Ordering KOS Supplies

For those of you who did not make it to the fall meeting you missed the unveiling of the new KOS T-shirts and window decals. The window decal is 4 inches wide and 3 5/8 inches high, has the words Kansas Ornithological Society in the upper left corner, the word member in the lower left corner and our Horned Lark mascot over the remainder of the decal. All of this is black on a white background. The new decals do not use an adhesive but adhere to the inside of your windows with static cling. This means that they go on easy, stick well and are easily removed to be moved to another vehicle. They cost \$1.00 and are available from Galen Pittman (see below).

The new T-shirts are going fast. Galen indicates that as of mid-November he has 5 mediums and 30 X-Large. The T-shirts are white with our Horned Lark mascot (a nice color rendition) on the front with the words Kansas Ornithological over the top of the Horned Lark and Society underneath. The T-shirts cost \$10.00 each. Postage is \$2.00 for the first T-shirt and \$1.00 for each additional T-shirt shipped to the same address. To order either the T-shirts or decals send an order to *Galen Pittman, RR 4 Box 260, Lawrence, KS 66044*. Include a check made out to the K.O.S. (NOT Galen) and be sure to specify size!

We also have back issues available of the KOS Bulletin. Individual issues are available from Galen for \$2.50 per issue or a complete set, 1949 - 1992, 43 volumes can be purchased for \$125.00. If individual issues are desired, be sure to indicate volume and issue number as well as date (i.e. March, 1992).



*Season's Greetings and
Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!*

KOS FALL BOARD MEETING 1992

October 3, 1992

Emporia State University
Emporia, Kansas

Members present: David Bryan, Galen Pittman, Joanne Brier, Dwight Platt, Diane Seltman, Mick McHugh, David Seibel, Rose Fritz, Allen Jahn, Jim Mayhew, Scott Seltman.
Non-voting: Chuck Otte, Max Thompson, John Schukman, John Zimmerman, Chris Hobbs, Mike Rader.

The meeting was called to order after lunch by David Seibel.

MINUTES: Diane Seltman moved to approve the minutes of the Winter Board Meeting as published in the Newsletter. The motion was seconded by Allen Jahn. The motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: KOS has a large turnover of members, mainly short-term members, but there was a net increase of members this year. Sixty-eight first class reminders were sent to delinquent members last summer but only 10 renewed. Diane asked whether she should continue to send reminders to delinquent members each year. The consensus of the Board was that it was worthwhile to continue the reminders.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rose Fritz reported that since interest rates are low our income is lower and life memberships aren't paying their way. She will analyze the income and expenses for 1992 to assess our financial position.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Galen Pittman reported that the decals cost 27.5¢ apiece and the T-shirts cost \$7.50. We are selling them for \$1 and \$10 respectively. The bulk mailing rate has gone up but Galen is trying to combine mailings of the *Bulletin* and Newsletter as they can go together for the same postage as one separately. A question was raised whether zip + 4 would be cheaper. Galen will investigate. A mailing to interested Bird Feeder Survey participants was worthwhile and will be repeated. It was suggested that we might have a sale of back issues of the *Bulletin*.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: Max Thompson reported that he had talked with the printer and had been able to negotiate some reduction in cost of the March *Bulletin*.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Chuck Otte asked whether he could make the Newsletter available on electronic bulletin boards. The Board approved by consensus.

BREEDING BIRD ATLAS PROJECT: John Zimmerman reported that 139 people were involved in the project this year. Forty-seven per cent of the blocks have been assigned but only 7% were completed this year. He would like to see 40-45% completed next year.

John asked whether KOS would be willing to supply some funds for the expenses of the regional coordinators. Max Thompson moved that we authorize paying up to \$300 for the expenses of the Regional Coordinators on the KBBA project. David Bryan seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE: Reports are being processed in a timely fashion and they have been circulated anonymously to keep personalities out of the consideration. There has been some criticism of the committee. It was suggested that workshops might be schedule at the next meeting to educate the membership on how to document birds. Also articles in the Newsletter could be used to supply information about submitting records. The procedures adopted by the Committee are not in conformity with the KOS Bylaws. Dwight Platt was asked to draft amendments to the KOS Bylaws to bring them into conformity with present procedures.

STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD: More money is needed for this fund. Nothing more has been done in arranging for awards.

BIRDS IN KANSAS ROYALTY FUND: There is \$2,864 in the fund. Some publications are being planned which will be financed from this fund.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: John Schukman reported that they will put something in the Newsletter asking for input to the committee. They have been discussing the compilation of a list of resources.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Chris Hobbs asked whether he is responsible for publicity on local field trips or whether the organizers of field trips should get out the publicity. Publicity at the local level should be handled by the organizers but if they get information to Chris he can get it out over the state.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: No activity reported.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE: Mike Rader reported no activity.

DINGUS NATURAL AREA: Jim Mayhew is scheduled to take persons from The Nature Conservancy to visit the area. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks wants a telephone number and contact for their publication. Bob Weese is the local person in charge.

KANSAS NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: There was no report.

BIRD DISCOVERY BOXES: There is one on display at the meeting. They have been distributed to Pittsburg, Johnson County, Chaplin Nature Center and Wichita.

PUBLISHING BIRD RECORDS: County records should be send to Chuck Ely and funds will be available from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for publishing them.

RARE BIRD HOTLINE: Scott Seltman reported that the Hotline receives about 10 calls per day. He is having equipment problems and one of the machines is in for repairs. Max Thompson moved that funds be approved for purchasing a new machine if needed. The motion was seconded. The motion was passed.

SPRING MEETING: Max Thompson has reserved Camp Horizon for May 1 and 2. He will be out of state at that time so someone will need to work on the organization. Max will make the preparations.

BULLETIN: There will be no change in the format of the *Bulletin* at this time.

FALL MEETING 1993: It was decided to explore the possibility of meeting at Hays.

LIST OF 10 BEST BIRDS: There will be an informal report. The list has not been reviewed by the Kansas Bird Records Committee. Max Thompson moved to delete the compilation of the 10 best birds of the year from the duties of the Kansas Bird Records Committee. The motion was seconded. The motion was passed.

ENDOWMENT FUND: KOS needs to raise an endowment fund from its members. It also would be wise to keep back 10% of the income from Life Memberships as a hedge against inflation.

Max Thompson moved that the meeting adjourn. Mick McHugh seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted, Dwight R. Platt, Corresponding Secretary

KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING 1992

Breukelman Hall
Emporia State University
Emporia, Kansas
October 3 - 4, 1992

The 45th Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society met in Breukelman Hall on the campus of Emporia State University in Emporia, KS. Elmer Finck was chair of the local arrangements committee.

Saturday, October 3, Morning Session

Elmer Finck opened the meeting by welcoming members of KOS to Emporia on behalf of the Biology Department at Emporia State University and the Kanza Audubon Chapter. David Seibel, President of KOS, thanked Elmer and the local committee for their efforts in planning the meeting and thanked members for attending. Elmer Finck thanked Marvin and Floy Schwilling for their help in preparing for the meeting. He turned the meeting over to Vice President Dave Bryan who chaired the paper session. The papers were presented as listed on the program.

The morning business meeting was called to order by President David Seibel at 11:25 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 1991 Annual Meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rose Fritz presented an interim report from January 1 to September 30, 1992 (see attached report). Income to the general fund had been \$3,566.42 and expenses had been \$5,498.35.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Diane Seltman reported that membership had increased by 27 and now stood at 444. Contacting interested persons who had responded to the Bird Feeder Survey resulted in 35 new members. She encouraged members to organize local field trips and start local bird groups to recruit members. She announced that T-shirts, decals and bird checklists were available for sale.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Galen Pittman urged members to get address corrections submitted in time because otherwise mailings are lost. He announced that back issues of the *Bulletin* are available for sale.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: Max Thompson reported that he had enough material for the next few issues of the *Bulletin* but needed manuscripts for the June issue.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Chuck Otte urged members to submit contributions to the Newsletter. He would like to publish articles on good birding areas in Kansas and on special birds.

ACTION ON REPORTS: A motion was made to approve all officers' reports. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REP: Mick McHugh, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of nominees for elective positions:

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| President: | Jim Mayhew |
| Vice President: | Mike Rader |
| Recording Secretary: | Dwight Platt |
| Membership Secretary: | Diane Seltman |
| Business Manager: | Galen Pittman |
| Board Members: | Joanne Brier |
| | Lloyd Moore |

The terms of Board Members Allen Jahn and Scott Seltman do not expire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements were made concerning lunch arrangements.

A motion was made to adjourn for lunch. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Saturday, October 3, Afternoon Session

The afternoon session began with the Birdwatcher's Hour at 1:30 p.m. Mike Rader chaired the afternoon paper session which began at 2:00 p.m. Chris Hobbs, the first speaker, presented a report on an Allen's Hummingbird record in northeastern Kansas. The other papers were presented in the order scheduled. The paper session lasted until 4:45 p.m.

The afternoon business meeting was called to order by David Seibel at 4:50 p.m.

BIRD DISCOVERY BOXES: Bob Gress reported that four bird discovery boxes had been constructed with KOS funds and one additional one with Wichita Wild funds. They have been distributed to Pittsburg, Johnson County, Chaplin Nature Center and Wichita.

LOCAL FIELD TRIPS: Mike Rader reported that he is organizing field trips in different parts of the state and four more are scheduled this year. It is hoped that these may interested people who are not now members of KOS.

BIRDING HOTLINE: Scott Seltman reported that the hotline had been receiving about 10 calls per day.

SPRING FIELD TRIP: The Spring Field Trip in 1993 is scheduled for Camp Horizon in the south central part of the state the first weekend in May.

ANNUAL FALL MEETING: The Annual Fall Meeting is tentatively schedule for Hays in 1993.

KANSAS NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL: Elmer Finck reported that KOS had not had a representative at the last few Council meetings. If no representative is in attendance at the next meeting, KOS may lose its position on the Council.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: The slate of officers had been nominated by the Nominating Committee at the morning business session. David Seibel asked for additional nominations from the floor for any position. A motion was made to elect the slate of officers and board members presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

APPRECIATION: David Seibel thanked the old officers and board members and appointive officers for their work during the past year. He also thanked the local arrangements committee for a job well done.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Roger Boyd suggested that we take group photographs at the next few annual meetings in preparation for the 50th annual meeting.

NORTON COUNTY RECORDS: Scott Seltman announced that he is compiling bird records from Morton County and would appreciate receiving records from KOS members.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Jim Mayhew announced that he had appointed Roy Beckemeyer as a volunteer coordinator for KOS to facilitate volunteering for bird projects.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business meeting. The motion carried.

Saturday, October 3, Evening Banquet

The Annual Banquet was served at the American Legion Hall in Emporia. After a delicious meal, Jim Mayhew opened the meeting. He thanked all those who had worked on preparations for the meeting. He also thanked David Seibel, past president, for his efforts on behalf of the society.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Chuck Otte, chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented a resolution of thanks to those on local committees, to speakers and to officers.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS: Betsy Johnson and Eddie Stegall had earned life memberships but were not present to receive their pins.

TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR: Max Thompson reported on the 10 best birds of the year:

10. Lesser Goldfinch (nesting)
9. Swainson's Warbler
8. Great Black-backed Gull
7. Black-throated Sparrow
6. White-throated Swift
5. Calliope Hummingbird
4. Grace's Warbler
3. Glossy Ibis (Lake Perry)
2. Canyon Wren
1. Allen's Hummingbird

Elmer Finck introduced John Zimmerman who gave an interesting talk on Cheyenne Bottoms.

Sunday, October 4, Morning Field Trips

Field trips were held on Sunday morning in the vicinity of Emporia. The lunch and compilation was at 12:00. A total of 100 species of birds were seen.

The Annual Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Dwight R. Platt, Corresponding Secretary

KOS Fall Meeting Field Trips Checklist

On Sunday morning October 4th, 30 plus KOS Fall Meeting participants partook in birding field trips in and around Emporia including Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge and Lyon State Fishing Lake. 100 species were tallied by the groups and, thanks to the record keeping of Galen Pittman, the list follows. Unusual species for the time of year and/or location are marked with an asterisk (*).

Pied-billed Grebe, White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Green-winged Teal, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Blue-winged Teal, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Northern Bobwhite, American Coot, Sandhill Crane, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Ruddy Turnstone*, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Common Snipe.

Franklin's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Forster's Tern, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Eastern Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl, Common Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Tree Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Bewick's Wren, House Wren, Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, American Pipit, Sprague's Pipit*.

Loggerhead Shrike, European Starling, Solitary Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Palm Warbler*, Black-and-white Warbler, Yellow Breasted Chat, Northern Cardinal, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Sharp-tailed Sparrow*, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, Great-tailed Grackle, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

SPRING AND SUMMER ROUNDUP/ March through July 1992/ by Scott Seltman

After a poor winter season of birding, Kansas birders were hoping for an exciting spring to even the score. But birds have minds of their own and their instincts often run in direct conflict with our wishes. Although spring and summer produced several very important sightings of rarities, the birding was generally pretty slow. The perceived excitement of spring migration usually depends rather heavily on the number and variety of passerines found, which means that by traditional standards the spring of '92 was a bust. But on the other hand, a rather impressive list of waterbirds was gathered by Kansas birders, making the imbalance of the season a little less noticeable. So many birders contributed their sightings that the following records are primarily limited to birds seen either out-of-place or out-of-season. Many birds arrived very early and some stayed ridiculously late. The Wood Thrush that arrived in Lawrence on March 19 was certainly in an awful hurry and the spirited Harris' Sparrow singing blithely away at Tuttle Creek on July 11 had certainly missed his flight north.

The unusually warm weather that began in January 1992 continued right into May in most parts of the state. Drought gripped much of Kansas by mid-May, drought that was severe enough in parts of western Kansas that growing wheat died, grasslands remained a wintry brown and trees refused to leaf out. In much of the west the effects of the Halloween Blizzard of 1991 became evident; that storm, which had dropped temperatures nearly 100°F in two days, had stressed many trees beyond their limit and a huge percentage were now dead. The worst area I saw was in western Ford County where in one neighborhood perhaps 90% of the mature trees failed to leaf by June 1. The local adage that "it always rains at the end of a dry spell" eventually came true around May 1 when news reports about the drought were interrupted by flash flood bulletins. For all but the southwest corner of Kansas the balance of the summer was to be one of the coolest and wettest on record. In Wichita the temperatures reached their normal highs only 24 days between June 1 and August 31. At the Seltman farm in southwestern Rush County the 24.85 inches of rain received in the 96 days between May 10 and August 13 equaled the precipitation for the previous 605 days dating back to August 16, 1990. Fantastic hail storms stuck south central Kansas several times in May. A devastating freeze occurred over northwestern Kansas on May 26 with lows of 27°F at Goodland, 24 °F at Colby and 22°F at Atwood. The only thing missing was a howling blizzard. Oh well, maybe next year!

It is difficult to assess the effect that all this strange weather had on birds. The spring migration that at first seem to start much too early in the dry heat of April seemed to drag on forever with migrating flycatchers, warblers and thrushes still present in northwest Kansas in mid-June. Strict insectivores were probably the hardest hit as late freezes and generally cold weather held insect populations very low right into June. Starving Purple Martins were reported in Hutchinson and Wichita. Many nests of a wide range of species were no doubt destroyed by the hail and the driving rains. Yes, it was a tough summer for birds but could have been worse. Just consider what would have happened had the rains NOT come! The rains were especially welcome at Cheyenne Bottoms though the basin did not really begin to fill until June. Water conditions at Quivira were excellent and in northwest Kansas the super-low reservoirs all received excellent inflows, except for hapless Cedar Bluff.

Three of the records listed below deserve special mention. The Glossy Ibis found west of Valley Falls finally vaulted that species onto the Kansas Checklist. There are several recent records from northeast Colorado and this species should be considerably easier to find in Kansas. Several birders have seen possible Glossys in recent years but lacked the courage to report them. Perhaps now the records will start trickling in much as they have with several other recently discovered species. White-throated Swift was finally captured on film in April, a fact that should remove it from the hypothetical list for Kansas. The photos of the birds in Lawrence leave little doubt as to their identity. With Swainson's Warbler apparently on the decline through much of its range, most Kansas listers expected that little space on the field card to remain blank more or less forever. But the discovery of a male on territory in Montgomery County less than 20 miles north of Oklahoma allowed about twenty birders to add this much-sought-after species to their lists. Other species of note include the Piping Plover which was seen in fair numbers especially at Quivira. All records of this endangered species should be reported and published. At least three pair of Bald Eagles nested in Kansas in 1992, however the nest begun by a pair in the Stockdale area on the west side of Tuttle Creek in early March was abandoned by the end of the month.

Coverage of many hotspots was spotty at best this spring as many of our state's more active birders were simply too busy to "waste" a day at Cheyenne Bottoms or at Marais des Cygne or at the Cimarron Grasslands. What could possibly be so important that birdwatchers would pass up a weekend of hot birding at their favorite locale? The Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas project. In fact, almost every birder worth his or her salt were so consumed with exploring their personal patches of earth that they had little time for anything else. This very important project, which will take at least five years to complete, needs and deserves the full attention of every serious birder in Kansas. John Zimmerman at KSU will be happy to grant a block assignment somewhere in the state to any willing volunteer. (My only suggestion is that before accepting a block that you find out two things: 1. Are there any roads in the block? and 2. Are there any trees in the block?) The atlas project has already produced some interesting finds and it seems likely that the breeding ranges of some species in Kansas will undergo considerable revision by the end of the program.

After six years and more than 20 installments of this feature I have run out of thing to say so beginning with the next issue of the *Horned Lark* a new author will be writing this column. The KOS has a long tradition of publishing bird records beginning with the first issues of the *KOS Bulletin* and continuing on through twenty years of the KOS Newsletter. It was my intention when I began the seasonal summaries in 1987 to bring KOS in line with many other progressive ornithological societies that were already collecting and publishing bird records according to season. At first, because so few birders contributed their records, some critics called it a "brag sheet," but the 70 observers listed at the end of this report are a very representative cross-section of our club's membership. Publication of sight records is always controversial, but by delaying publication for several months after the end of each reporting period many of the questionable reports can be investigated and in some cases voted upon by the Records Committee. It seems that good bird records are a little like good chile . . . it's best to let them simmer awhile before serving them up to the public. It is also apparent that the publication of certain records has dramatically upgraded the official status of many species in Kansas. Sightings of Pacific Loon, Clark's Grebe, Ross' Goose, Thayer's Gull, etc. have exploded in recent years primarily because birders have been educating each other as to where these birds tend to show up and when to look for them. Any birdwatcher looking for a particular bird inside Kansas need only read the seasonal accounts and use them as "road maps." Hopefully the tradition of the seasonal summaries is well enough established that their publication will continue indefinitely.

I will continue to keep track of the verbal reports that come in on the KOS Rare-Bird-Alert, but written reports should be sent directly to Chuck Otte, Editor, *The Horned Lark*, 613 Tamerisk, Junction City, KS, 66441. Records for the fall season, August through November 1992, should be mailed as soon as possible. As usual, all of the following entries are subject to consideration by the Kansas Bird Records Committee.

BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS / March through July 1992

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| Pacific Loon | 1 on Pott. Lake # 2 | DR | 4-09-92 | Pott. |
| Common Loon | 5 on Perry | LM | 3-25-92 | Jefferson |
| Common Loon | <u>14</u> on Perry, 13 in alt. plumage | MI | 4-04-92 | Jefferson |
| Common Loon | 1 still present Wyandotte Co. Lake | LM | <u>6-06-92</u> | Wyandotte |
| Eared Grebe | 1 at Clinton | LM,GP | 3-01-92 | Douglas |
| Eared Grebe | 3 at LaCygne Power Lake | CH | 3-15-92 | Linn |
| Eared Grebe | 2 at MDC | MM | 3-15-92 | Linn |
| Brown Pelican | 1 below Tuttle Creek | TC,DR | 7-26-92 | Pott. |
| (This bird was found by Cable and photographed by Rintoul. Last seen by Chris Smith on 7-27.) | | | | |
| Double-cr. Cormorant | <u>15,000</u> reported from Eldorado Lake | PJ,GGe,IE | 4-25-92 | Butler |
| Double-cr. Cormorant | about 15 pairs nesting at CB | SS,DS,DB | 7-25-92 | Barton |
| (Later in the summer it appeared that some young fledged from this nesting, although numbers were difficult to judge.) | | | | |
| Neotropical Cormorant | 1 at MDC | m.ob. | 5-09-92 | Linn |
| | still present | LM | 6-22-92 | Linn |
| | 2 birds present | LM | 6-27-92 | Linn |
| | 1 still present at MDC | LM,MM | 7-19-92 | Linn |

14 (Birding Highlights, Contd)

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| Neotropic Cormorant | 1 at Quivira | SS,DS,DB | 5-23-92 | Stafford |
| American Bittern | 1 at Perry WMA | DLS | 4-12-92 | Jefferson |
| American Bittern | 1 at Perry WMA | DLS | 5-09-92 | Jefferson |
| Least Bittern | 1 calling at West Lassiter Marsh heard again | LM,MM LM | 6-09-92 6-13-92 | Jefferson Jefferson |
| GLOSSY IBIS | 1 at W. Lassiter Marsh | JB,J&NL | 5-03-92 | Jefferson |
| (This Ibis was photographed and is apparently the first documented state record. Separation of Glossy and White-faced Ibis is a perilous business, but this individual had the distinctive facial markings of a breeding-plumaged Glossy. Birders east of the Mississippi rely heavily on red eye color to pick out the odd White-faced, but this approach does not work in reverse in the west. Several unpublished sight records have been reported for Glossy Ibis including a convincing report from Cheyenne Bottoms by Colorado's Wade Leitner in the mid-1980's, but no sightings have previously been accepted. Expect this species to be reported more frequently in the future.) | | | | |
| Glossy Ibis | unconfirmed report from Quivira | LF | 5-09-92 | Stafford |
| White-faced Ibis | 1 s. of Ogden | DLS | 4-18-92 | Riley |
| White-faced Ibis | 150 at Quivira | PJ | 4-24-92 | Stafford |
| White-faced Ibis | 1-4 in alt. plumage at Perry WMA | DLS | 4-25-92 | <u>Jefferson</u> |
| | | | to 5-02-92 | |
| White-faced Ibis | 1 in alt. plumage at Perry WMA | DLS | 5-31-92 | <u>Jefferson</u> |
| Tundra Swan | 4 at Quivira | MR | 3-01-92 | Stafford |
| | birds still present | MR | 3-15-92 | Stafford |
| | 1 still present | TSh,SSh | 3-22-92 | Stafford |
| Trumpeter Swan | 3 at Milford reported by Wildlife & Parks | | 3-23-92 | Geary |
| Ross' Goose | 7 at w. end of Clinton | LM,GP | 3-01-92 | Douglas |
| Ross' Goose | 2 | BF,GG | 3-15-92 | Coffey |
| Ross' Goose | 1 at old Pratt fish hatchery | KB | 3-15-92 | Pratt |
| | | | to 3-23-92 | |
| Ross' Goose | 3 below John Redmond | BF | 3-29-92 | Coffey |
| Ross' Goose | 1 at Quivira | SS | 3-29-92 | Stafford |
| Ross' Goose | 1 at Liberal's sewer lake | DB,SS | 4-04-92 | Seward |
| Ross' Goose | 1 nw. of Cullison | KB | 4-06-92 | Pratt |
| Ross' Goose | 1 at Quivira | SS | 5-02-92 | Stafford |
| Brant | 1 "Black" Brant w. edge Pittsburg | TG | 3-28-92 | Crawford |
| Am. Black Duck | 1 at Perry WMA | DLS | 3-29-92 | Jefferson |
| Cinnamon Teal | pair at W. Lassiter Marsh | LM | 3-25-92 | Jefferson |
| Cinnamon Teal | 1 at Oxford sewer ponds still present | WC,J&ND Wichita Aud. | 3-26-92 3-28-92 | Sumner Sumner |
| Cinnamon Teal | 2 at Tuttle Creek | DR | 4-25-92 | Riley? |
| Ring-necked Duck | 2 pair lingering very late | LM | <u>6-14-92</u> | Linn |
| | | | to <u>6-22-92</u> | |
| Greater Scaup | 2 males at sandpit nw. J.C. | DLS,CO,JO | 3-01-92 | Geary |
| Greater Scaup | 1 at Quivira | MR | 3-01-92 | Stafford |
| Greater Scaup | 1 at Harvey Co. East Lake | GF | 3-26-92 | Harvey |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 1 late male at Perry | RR | <u>6-09-92</u> | Jefferson |
| Bald Eagle | 3 fledglings at Clinton | m.ob. | June 92 | Douglas |
| Bald Eagle | imm. seen below Tuttle at K-177 | DC,DM | June 92 | Riley&Pott. |
| (This bird was seen along Blue River several times from early June until 6-21.) | | | | |
| Northern Harrier | parents feeding young e. Gove | SS | 6-12-92 | Gove |
| Northern Goshawk | 1 at n. end Harvey Co. Lake | JNi | 3-14-92 | Harvey |
| Northern Goshawk | imm. along Wichita's Big Ditch | JN | 3-27-92 | Sedgwick |
| Northern Goshawk | adult and imm. roosting e. Lenora | SS | 4-22-92 | Norton |
| Northern Goshawk | n. of Rozel | DS | 4-22-92 | Pawnee |
| Northern Goshawk | imm. at Konza Prairie | DR,m.ob. | 4-25-92 | Riley |
| Broad-winged Hawk | 1 seen at Kaw River bridge U.S. 24 | TC | <u>6-20-92</u> | Pott. |
| (Several June sightings at this site gave rise to speculation of nearby breeding.) | | | | |
| Rough-legged Hawk | 1 very late bird | DS | <u>5-19-92</u> | Rush |

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| Golden Eagle | 1 at Slate Creek Marsh | MT | 3-07-92 | Sumner |
| Golden Eagle | feeding on G-B Heron carcass | HG,m.ob. | 4-26-92 | Stafford |
| Golden Eagle | carcass of first-winter at State Lake | SS | 5-30-92 | Hamilton |
| Prairie Falcon | 1 roosting on Wichita South stadium | BR | 3-17-92 | Sedgwick to 3-20-92 |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 over Garden City | MO | 4-22-92 | Finney |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 adult at Perry WMA | DLS | 4-24-92 | Jefferson |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 at Quivira | KB | 4-26-92 | Stafford |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 at Quivira | SS,m.ob. | 5-02-92 | Stafford |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 at MDC | TB | 5-09-92 | Linn |
| Black Rail | 3 heard at Quivira | SP,m.ob. | 4-24-92 | Stafford |
| Black Rail | 2 in road ditch | m.ob. | 5-02-92 | Stafford |
| Virginia Rail | 6 below Milford Dam | DLS | 3-08-92 | Geary |
| | still present to early June | m.ob. | June 92 | Geary |
| Common Moorhen | 1 at CB | SS,DS,DB | 7-25-92 | Barton |
| Sandhill Crane | 12 at John Redmond | MI,GK | 3-28-92 | Coffey |
| Whooping Crane | 2 at Quivira | | 4-10-92 | Stafford |
| Whooping Crane | 8 more at Quivira | | 4-12-92 | Stafford |
| Snowy Plover | 3 arrivals at Quivira | TSh,SSh | 3-22-92 | Stafford |
| Snowy Plover | 1st county record Elkhart sewer | m.ob. | 4-25-92 | Morton |
| Piping Plover | 6 at Quivira | GK | 4-16-92 | Stafford |
| Piping Plover | 7 at Quivira | SP,m.ob. | 4-24-92 | Stafford |
| Piping Plover | 12 at Quivira | BVD | 4-26-92 | Stafford |
| Piping Plover | 2 at Wichita's Big Ditch | PJ,JN,DK | 5-03-92 | Sedgwick |
| Piping Plover | 1 at Kaw Valley Fish Farm | GP | 7-14-92 | Douglas |
| Piping Plover | 1 below Milford Dam | CO | 7-22-92 | Geary |
| Piping Plover | 2 at Quivira | PJ,BD,JN,JoeS | 7-29-92 | Stafford |
| American Avocet | 3 nests at playa, destroyed by rain | L&BR | 7-27-92 | Finney |
| Whimbrel | 10 at Quivira | JN | 5-11-92 | Stafford |
| Whimbrel | 1 at Wilson Lake | MR | 5-13-92 | Russell |
| Whimbrel | 1 at Quivira | m.ob. | 5-23-92 | Stafford |
| Whimbrel | 1 at Upper Ferguson Marsh | RR,DLS | 5-31-92 | Jefferson |
| Whimbrel | 1 at Quivira | GP | <u>7-12-92</u> | Stafford |
| Hudsonian Godwit | 2 at Kaw Valley Fish Farm | LM | <u>7-15-92</u> | Douglas |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 2 at Quivira | m.ob. | 5-23-92 | Stafford |
| Baird's Sandpiper | 7 at Slate Creek Marsh | MT | 3-07-92 | Sumner |
| Dunlin | 1 in alternate plumage | GP | 7-12-92 | Stafford |
| | still present | GF | 7-20-92 | Stafford |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | 1 at Wichita's Big Ditch | PJ | 5-03-92 | Sedgwick |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | 1 at Kaw Valley Fish Farm | MI,GK | 7-23-92 | Douglas |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | 4 seen 8 mi. w. Phillipsburg | DP | 7-27-92 | Phillips |
| Short-billed Dowitcher | 1 at w. end Clinton | LM | 7-08-92 | Douglas |
| Laughing Gull | adult at W. Lassiter Marsh | MI,LMo,GK | 5-02-92 | Jefferson |
| Laughing Gull | juv. at Wakefield end of Milford | CO,JO | 7-17-92 | Clay |
| Little Gull | 1 first-winter along Milford dam | DR,m.ob. | 4-25-92 | Geary |
| Bonaparte's Gull | 12 at Clinton | LM | 3-03-92 | Douglas |
| Thayer's Gull | 2 first-winter at Perry | LM | 4-04-92 | Jefferson |
| Black-legged Kittiwake | adult well seen at Perry | CH | 4-03-92 | Jefferson |
| Caspian Tern | 1 late migrant at Big Ditch | PJ | 6-03-92 | Sedgwick |
| Caspian Tern | pair seen through summer Clinton | DM,m.ob. | -92 | Douglas |
| | (Pair seen in Rock Creek arm on 6-17 and still present on 7-14.) | | | |
| Caspian Tern | 3 below Milford Dam | CO | 7-13-92 | Geary |
| Caspian Tern | 1 dead at Kaw Valley Fish Farm | LM,m.ob. | 7-15-92 | Douglas |
| | (This Caspian and several smaller terns were lying dead around the feeding ponds. Foul play?) | | | |
| Common Tern | 5 at w. end Clinton | LM | <u>7-08-92</u> | Douglas |
| Forster's Tern | 42 below Milford Dam | CO | 7-13-92 | Geary |

16 (Birding Highlights, Contd)

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| Least Tern | 3 seen along Salt Fork of Ark. | PJ,JN,JY | 5-24-92 | Comanche |
| Inca Dove | <u>small flock</u> at Garden City zoo | DanBaffa | <u>3-15-92</u> | Finney |
| (This group of Inca Doves apparently contained up to seven individuals. Inca Doves reappeared in Garden City in September giving rise to speculation about nearby breeding. The latest March sighting was on March 18.) | | | | |
| Long-eared Owl | nest with young e. shore Cheney | DV,PJ | 4-17-92 | Reno?? |
| Long-eared Owl | 6 in shelterbelt Speed atlas block | DP | 3-31-92 | Phillips |
| | adult flushed from nest same spot | DP | 5-23-92 | Phillips |
| Saw-whet Owl | still present at Lake Perry | m.ob. | 3-01-92 | Jefferson |
| | seen through | | 3-07-92 | Jefferson |
| <u>White-throated Swift</u> | about 5 birds at KU's Fraser Hall | CB,m.ob. | 4-17-92 | Douglas |
| (When Chris Burris called in this report to the hotline I urged him to photograph these birds. A few hours later the first documented proof of this species in Kansas was in hand. Other observers saw these birds the same day and early on 4-18. A White-throated Swift was seen on the campus of KSU in Manhattan on 11-02-78, perhaps suggesting some obscure correlation. Jayhawks or Wildcats insert joke here: | | | | |
| <u>Black-ch. Humm.</u> | 1 male coming to Elkhart feeder | VG | 5-05-92 | Morton |
| Broad-tailed Humm. | 1 male at feeders in G. C. | L&BR,TSh,SSh | 7-26-92 | Finney |
| (This male was in excellent plumage and gave typical shrill whistle in flight. Good photographs taken. Last seen on 7-28.) | | | | |
| Red-naped Sapsucker | 1 at I-70 rest area w. Colby | CO | 3-24-92 | Thomas |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher | 1 very early bird in Elkhart | SS,m.ob. | <u>4-25-92</u> | Morton |
| Yellow-bellied Fly. | 1 at Webster Wildlife Area | JS,MR | 5-08-92 | <u>Rooks</u> |
| Alder Flycatcher | <u>15</u> identified at Ft. Leavenworth | CH | 5-13-92 | Leavenworth |
| Eastern Phoebe | 1 early arrival | LM | <u>3-03-92</u> | Douglas |
| Eastern Phoebe | nest of 3 early young Antelope L. | JS | 5-08-92 | Graham |
| Say's Phoebe | 1 very early arrival | JN,DK | <u>3-03-92</u> | Stafford |
| Say's Phoebe | another early arrival | MR | 3-15-92 | Ellsworth |
| Ash-throated Flycatcher | 1 on territory e. Boy Scout area | TC | 7-01-92 | Morton |
| Eastern Kingbird | 1 early arrival in Manhattan area | DR | <u>4-11-92</u> | Riley? |
| Purple Martin | early arrivals in Winfield | MT | 3-07-92 | Cowley |
| Cliff Swallow | 15 at Wilson's Hell Creek bridge | MR | 3-31-92 | Russell |
| Black-billed Magpie | 1A,1I sw. of J.C. | DLS | 7-05-92 | <u>Geary</u> |
| Fish Crow | 6-7 seen along Spring River | SP | 5-01-92 | Cherokee |
| Fish Crow | several along Spring River | PJ,JN | 5-06-92 | Cherokee |
| Fish Crow | 2 seen 1/2 mi. ne. Lowell | LH | 7-14-92 | Cherokee |
| Chihuahuan Raven | windmill nest nw. Feterita | SS | 5-30-92 | Stevens |
| Rock Wren | 1 early arrival at Wilson St. Park | MR | <u>3-03-92</u> | Russell |
| Townsend's Solitaire | 1 at Perry | | 3-07-92 | <u>Jefferson</u> |
| | still present | JL | 4-01-92 | <u>Jefferson</u> |
| Townsend's Solitaire | 1 late bird in Maple Grove Cem. | PJ | 4-13-92 | Sedgwick |
| Wood Thrush | 1 record early report in Lawrence | MW | <u>3-19-92</u> | Douglas |
| Sprague's Pipit | 10 ne. of Udall | PJ,m.ob. | 4-25-92 | Cowley |
| Blue-winged Warbler | 1 at Upper Ferguson Marsh | DLS | 5-03-92 | Jefferson |
| (Same bird or another Blue-winged singing 5-30 and 5-31.) | | | | |
| Golden-winged Warbler | 1 at birdbath in Wichita | BM | 5-04-92 | Sedgwick |
| Golden-winged Warbler | 1 male singing at Perry WMA | DLS | 5-09-92 | Jefferson |
| (Same bird singing on 5-10.) | | | | |
| Tennessee Warbler | 1 male singing very late on BBS | DLS | <u>6-07-92</u> | Jefferson |
| Virginia's Warbler | 1 at Scott Lake St. Park | SS,MR,DB | 5-10-92 | Scott |
| Virginia's Warbler | 1 at Chisholm Park | PJ | 5-14-92 | Sedgwick |
| Northern Parula | 1 singing in St. Francis | KOS | 5-09-92 | <u>Cheyenne</u> |
| Cape May Warbler | 1 male singing at Perry WMA | DLS | 5-17-92 | Jefferson |
| Black-th. Blue Warbler | 1 at Galena | JN | 5-06-92 | Cherokee |
| Townsend's Warbler | 2 in Elkhart | m.ob. | 4-25-92 | Morton |
| Blackburnian Warbler | 1 late migrant at Lone Star | PW | 6-04-92 | Douglas |

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| Yellow-throated Warbler | 1 very early arrival at Ft. Leav. | JS | 4-11-92 | Leavenworth |
| Yellow-throated Warbler | 1 seen along Republican R. | KOS,m.ob. | 5-09-92 | <u>Cheyenne</u> |
| Pine Warbler | 1 at Wyandotte Co. Lake | LM | 5-14-92 | Wyandotte |
| Prairie Warbler | 1 at Chisholm Park | JN,m.ob. | 5-10-92 | Sedgwick |
| Prairie Warbler | 1 singing male | TC | 5-30-92 | Riley |
| Cerulean Warbler | 1 in Wathena atlas block | GP,RF | 7-19-92 | <u>Doniphan</u> |
| American Redstart | 100+ seen at Ft. Leavenworth | TC | 5-17-92 | Leavenworth |
| Prothonotary Warbler | 1 on territory below Tuttle dam | DR | 6-13-92 | Pott. |
| Worm-eating Warbler | 1 | PJ,JN | 5-06-92 | Cherokee |
| <u>Swainson's Warbler</u> | 1 sw. of Elk City Lake | EM,m.ob. | 6-14-92 | Montgomery |

(This warbler was inside an atlas block and was found by Ed Miller. It was photographed and was seen by about 20 observers. This is the first irrefutable record of Swainson's Warbler in many years and only about the sixth overall. It was last seen by Miller on 6-25.)

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| <u>Connecticut Warbler</u> | 1 singing male at Upper Ferguson still present | DLS | 5-23-92 | Jefferson |
| Canada Warbler | 1 late migrant at Lone Star | CH,DLS | 5-24-92 | Jefferson |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | 1 very early arrival at Ft. Leav. | PW | 6-04-92 | Douglas |
| Black-headed Grosbeak | 1 male at Schermerhorn Park | ?? | 4-11-92 | Leavenworth |
| Baird's Sparrow | 1 at Eldorado Lake | JN | 5-06-92 | <u>Cherokee</u> |
| <u>Golden-crowned Sparrow</u> | adult at Topeka feeder | PJ,IE,GGe | 4-25-92 | Butler |
| | | DL,m.ob. | 4-22-92 | Shawnee |
| | | | to 4-27-92 | |
| Harris' Sparrow | singing male at Fancy Creek | DR | 7-11-92 | Riley |
| McCown's Longspur | in Manhattan area | DR | 4-11-92 | <u>Riley?</u> |
| Smith's Longspur | 6 near Lyon Co. St. Lake | BF,GG | 3-15-92 | Lyon |
| Eastern Meadowlark | 1 singing in Elkhart | SP | 4-26-92 | <u>Morton</u> |
| Red Crossbill | 1 in McPherson | AJ | 3-01-92 | McPherson |


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| Monk Parakeet | pair roosting in barn at KSU | DR | July 92 | Riley |
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