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NEW MEMBERS (Since January 1, 1993), HOW TO GET THEM AND HOW TO KEEP THEM

Doris Burnett, Chad Hedinger, both of Manhattan; Kelsey Crist, Bennington; Alyce Dyck, Newton; Phyllis Hinkle, Judy Marsh of Emporia; Joy Holt, Kansas City, KS; Linda Wilbanks, Hutchinson; and Harold and Wilma Larson of Hoisington.

Please make these new folks feel welcome! Why not give them a call if they're in your neck of the woods, and invite them on your next outing. In fact, if any member would like a list of the other members in their area, please give me a call. It's a great way to get a local group started and may lead to participation in other projects such as Breeding Bird Atlas Blocks and Christmas Counts.

Another way to boost membership is by sponsoring a "birding friend" to a year's membership. Not only does your friend benefit from this gift but KOS does as well.

And after these persons become members, keep them interested with regular outings and social gatherings. The Membership Committee is looking for persons interested in organizing such local groups. Please take the time to complete and return the questionnaire in this issue. Roy Beckemeyer, our newly appointed Membership Committee Chair, has come up with some great ideas that you will be hearing more about in upcoming issues.

Note: For clarification, according to the KOS Bylaws, September 1 is the cutoff date for a new year's membership. In other words, new members joining prior to that date receive all back mailings for that year and are due to renew on the next January 1. Members joining after September 1 receive mailings for the remainder of the current year plus the entire following year, with dues payable the following January 1st.

Diane Seltman, Membership Secretary

SPRING MEETING ALERT!!

Registration forms are included in this issue of
The Horned Lark
—be sure to find it and send your registration in
BY APRIL 24, 1993

send to:
Gene Young, KOS Spring Meeting Coordinator
805 Boyer
Arkansas City, KS 67005

KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING

February 27, 1993

Room 324, Ackert Hall
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS

Members present: Jim Mayhew, Dwight Platt, Galen Pittman, Diane Seltman, Scott Seltman, Mike Rader, Joanne Brier.
Non-voting: John Schukman, Chuck Otte.

Jim Mayhew opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jim Mayhew presented an operations format for 1993 (see attachment B). Each Director will be responsible to relate to one of the four areas of operations - organizational, membership, finances and events. Last fall Jim toured the Dingus Natural Area with Marvin Schwilling, a representative from the Kansas Nature Conservancy. There are a number of improvements that need to be done. We also need to make other arrangements for oversight since Bob Weese has difficulty getting out to the natural area. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requested that we help with surveying the new part of the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Refuge. However they did not fund this project. KOS has been asked to help with a bluebird trail from Iola to Humboldt. We have also been asked to contact people to write their Senators and Representatives to urge continued support of the Cheyenne Bottoms project. The Kansas Herpetological Society has asked KOS for help in opposing rattlesnake roundups in Kansas.

Jim would like to accomplish the following goals for 1993: *a)* accomplish the goals of the Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas project; *b)* restore the Dingus Natural Area to its potential; *c)* maintain a balanced budget; *d)* respond to the needs of KOS members.

Jim has appointed the following committee chairs: **Conservation** - John Schukman; **Publicity** - Chris Hobbs; **Membership** - Roy Beckemeyer.

MINUTES: Dwight Platt corrected the minutes of the October 3, 1992 Board Meeting to include Rose Fritz as Treasurer in the report of the Nominating Committee and the slate of officers. Mike Rader moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Scott Seltman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Galen Pittman reported that he made 4 bulk mailings in 1992. The December Bulletin was late and so was not sent until February 1993. He has been holding publications so that he can send the Bulletin and the Newsletter together because we can send both for the same rate as one—16.4¢ per envelope. He has 38 T-shirts left. He requested Diane Seltman to remove the expiration dates from the address labels since a postal worker had questioned that as an individual message which is not allowed in bulk mailings. She will remove them next time.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Chuck Otte reported that he was starting to work on the next issue. He will be writing the Seasonal Roundup until someone else volunteers to do it. Scott Seltman was thanked for his contributions in writing this summary of birding observations. Jim Mayhew suggested that we put out 4 issues of the Newsletter this year with deadlines for submission of material of 10 March, 10 May, 10 August and 10 November.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: Jim Mayhew reported that Max Thompson was in need of manuscripts. Jim suggested the same deadline dates as listed for the Newsletter in submitting manuscripts to the *KOS Bulletin*.

KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Galen Pittman reported for the committee. They published a report of 1991 activities in the June 1992 *Bulletin*. They plan to publish reports of annual activities in the June Bulletin each year. Sixty-six reports were submitted to the Bird Records Committee. Twenty-nine of these were circulated to committee members and twenty-four records were accepted. Galen decides what should be circulated to the committee and maintains files of all reports. He has acknowledged all of those reports that were circulated but is behind in acknowledging reports that were not circulated to committee members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Since Rose Fritz could not attend the meeting, Jim Mayhew presented the Treasurer's report for fiscal year 1992. Jim reported that in examining a number of annual reports he found that the income had been staying about the same but expenses increase each year. He pointed out that we had to make a \$300 deposit in 1992 on facilities for the 1993 Spring Field Trip. KOS received a memorial gift all of which was put in the Student Research Fund. However some money will need to be used for purchases of two bird books for libraries (as requested by the family of Charles Edwards) and the rest will be left in the research fund. Mike Rader moved to accept the Treasurer's report (attachment C). Scott Seltman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT: The report of the Auditing Committee (chaired by C. Pamela Wilson) was, by mistake, not brought to the meeting. Jim Mayhew stated that the committee had found the accounts in good order. A few corrections were made in assigning expenses to the correct account. They suggested that there should be better control over inventory. Joanne Brier moved that the Auditing Committee's report be sent to each Board member and that the approval of the report be handled by mail. Diane Seltman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Auditing Committee's report (attachment E) was sent to all voting KOS Board members and was approved by a mail ballot sent to the President. The ballot was completed by March 8.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Diane Seltman reported that 37 new members had joined KOS since October bringing the total membership to 479 (this includes approximately 100 1992 members who have not renewed yet for 1993). She will send reminders in March to those members who have not renewed for 1993. There are 112 fully paid life members and 15 partially paid. Galen Pittman stated that we presently print 500 copies of publications and with 479 members we might not have sufficient extra copies. He will increase the print run for March to 550 and then adjust it when we see how many members do not renew.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike Rader reported that not much had been brought to this attention. He had received a mailing on Cheyenne Bottoms and would be sending letters on this issue.

Hotline: Scott Seltman reported that the Treasurer's Report does not include \$217.49 of expenses for the Hotline in 1992 because he had not yet submitted the expenses to the Treasurer. The equipment is working okay but he has no backup. The backup equipment has been in for repairs but the repair business appears to have closed. The Board already authorized the purchase of a new machine at the last meeting. It was suggested that Scott buy a new machine if he is not able to get the old machine out of the repair shop.

DINGUS NATURAL AREA: Jim Mayhew reported that there has been some encroachment on the area and that deer hunters have built stands. The boundaries were not all marked and some fencing needs to be done. Mike Rader moved that Jim Mayhew develop a cost estimate for the Dingus Natural Area improvement project and bring it for consideration by the Board at the Spring Meeting. Galen Pittman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OAKWOOD FARM: Oakwood Farm is a historical site near Topeka with buffalo wallows and native prairie. The proposed route of an expressway goes through it. A change in the route is being considered. Joanne Brier moved that the KOS Board of Directors support an alternate route for the expressway at Oakwood Farm by a letter sent to the Department of Transportation and by a notice in the Newsletter informing KOS members of this issue. The motion was seconded by Scott Seltman. The motion passed.

Jim Mayhew will send a letter to the Department of Transportation and then will send the information on this issue to John Schukman, Conservation Committee Chair.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY: Diane Seltman asked if institutions could become life members of the Kansas Ornithological Society. The Board decided by consensus that only persons can be life members. Rose Fritz will be asked to return the payment made by an institution for a life membership.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: Diane Seltman asked if a membership directory should be published every year. The Board decided that a new directory should be published only every few years. The Membership Secretary should update the old directory with address changes and new members printed in the Newsletter.

SPRING MEETING 1993: Max Thompson will be gone at the time of the Spring Meeting so someone else will need to organize it. Mike Rader will try to get field trip leaders.

BIRD FEEDER SURVEY MAILING: We received 34 new members from the Bird Feeder Survey mailing last year. Galen Pittman was asked to try to get a list of persons who asked for more information about KOS on the survey reports this year. He should send out information to those persons if the list warrants it.

KANSAS NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL: Ted Cable is the KOS representative to KNWAC. We have been informed that KOS will be dropped from membership if we don't have someone in attendance at the next meeting. Jim Mayhew will contact Elmer Finck to find out when the next meeting will be.

KANSAS BREEDING BIRD ATLAS PROGRAM: We need to keep encouraging people to volunteer to help with this program. In areas of the state where there aren't many KOS members, we might consider "block busting" trips by a number of members to complete blocks. We will discuss this at the Spring Meeting.

FALL MEETING 1993: The Fall Meeting will be in Hays on October 2-3. Chuck Ely will be in charge.

SPRING MEETING 1994: The Spring Meeting in 1994 will be in the Mound City area to visit the Dingus Natural Area and the Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Refuge.

FALL MEETING 1994: KOS was invited to North Newton for the Fall Meeting in 1994. Kauffman Museum at North Newton is tentatively scheduled to have an exhibit on the Great Plains Flyway in 1994.

NATIONAL BIRDING DAY, MAY 8: Many people across the country are taking part in a National Birding Day on May 8. It is proposed to be an activity like the Christmas Bird Count. It will be organized to cover county-wide areas. The count will be repeated on a yearly basis to find out where migratory birds are on the second Saturday of May each year. It was decided that KOS will advertise it in the Newsletter and KOS members will be encouraged to organize Birding Day counts.

The Board adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

MAILING LIST: The American Birding Association has requested to use the KOS mailing list. The Board decided that we would not make the membership list available to other organizations.

PARTNERS IN FLIGHT: The Conservation Chair, John Schukman, was asked to contribute Kansas news to Partners in Flight whenever he thought it useful.

AMENDMENTS TO KOS BYLAWS: Dwight Platt's memo of November 8, 1992, to the KOS Board (see attachment D) with drafts of amendments to the KOS Bylaws was discussed. These amendments would make the KOS Bylaws consistent with the Kansas Bird Records Committee Rules of Procedure. The memo also raised some other issues with regard to rules and procedures. Galen Pittman will discuss these issues with the Kansas Bird Records Committee and report back to the Board at the Spring Meeting. The Board will consider action on amendments to the Bylaws at the Spring Meeting.

KOS BULLETIN: Jim Mayhew proposed that we might consider combining the four quarterly issues of the KOS Bulletin into one annual issue. This would make it a larger and more impressive publication and might save on printing and mailing costs. Others favored the four issues per year. No decision was made.

KOS DUES: Jim Mayhew stated that our expenses in KOS have been larger than our income in the last few years. There was concern that we need to change the dues structure. It was also suggested that life memberships were not paying their share of expenses. Joanne Brier moved that the president appoint a committee to propose changes in the dues structure to the Spring Board Meeting. Diane Seltman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jim Mayhew appointed Joanne Brier, Scott Seltman and Allen Jahn to this committee.

Mike Rader moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Joanne Brier. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Dwight R. Platt, Corresponding Secretary.

KBBAT VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

The Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas (KBBAT) project had a good first year in 1992, but we have a long way to go. Volunteers are still desperately needed in various parts of the state. Southeast Kansas still has a lot of unassigned blocks and there are even some good blocks still to be had in potential "hot spots" like Stafford County.

If you don't feel like you can tackle a block by yourself, get a couple of friends to help you..."tag team blocking" is perfectly acceptable and probably even more fun! If you have not yet volunteered and are interested, contact KBBAT Coordinator, John Zimmerman, or better

yet, one of the regional coordinators--*Pete Janzen, SC 316/832-0182; Mick McHugh, EC 913/677-1436; Mike Rader, NC 913/658-2595; Richard Rucker, NE 913/842-3845; Scott Seltman, SW 913/372-5411 and Sara Shane, NW 316/275-4616.*

Bill Gilges is a KBBAT volunteer from Leawood who also has experience with the Missouri Breeding Bird Atlas project. Bill wrote a wonderful article about his experiences last year with the KBBAT project which he has agreed to share with us so be sure to read his "Friends in the Territory."

KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
1/1/92 THROUGH 12/31/92

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
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GENERAL FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/92		3,947.90
RECEIPTS:		
DUES - '92	2,766.00	
DUES - '93, '94, '95, '96, '97	730.00	
SALE OF CHECKLISTS	102.35	
SALE OF T-SHIRTS AND DECALS	664.00	
SALE OF BULLETINS	127.50	
INTEREST - PASSBOOK SAVINGS	91.58	
INTEREST - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	984.97	
CONTRIBUTIONS - RBA	110.00	
CONTRIBUTIONS - KBBAT	20.00	5,596.40

DISBURSEMENTS:		
PRINTING - BULLETINS	(1,704.01)	
PRINTING - NEWSLETTERS	(1,162.36)	
PRINTING - MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY	(174.55)	
PRINTING - STATIONERY	(167.60)	
BULK MAILING FEES	(675.00)	
ICBP ANNUAL FEE	(100.00)	
BANK CHARGES	(69.07)	
SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENTAL	(25.00)	
ANNUAL CORPORATION FEE	(5.00)	
EXPENSE OF BUSINESS MANAGER	(455.61)	
EXPENSE OF PRESIDENT	(73.67)	
EXPENSE OF MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	(180.94)	
EXPENSE OF TREASURER	(29.00)	
EXPENSE OF KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE	(269.08)	
EXPENSE OF KBBAT	(312.25)	
SPRING MEETING EXPENSE - CAMP HORIZON DEPOSIT	(300.00)	
COST OF DECALS	(285.02)	
COST OF T-SHIRTS	(750.00)	(6,738.16)

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/92		2,806.14

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE (CHECKLIST MAILING)

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/92		137.79
CHECKLIST SALES		53.75
POSTAGE & COPYING EXPENSE		(50.23)

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/92		141.31

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 12/31/92		2,947.45
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RESTRICTED FUNDS

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/92	13,709.50	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES RECEIVED	675	
DELETION OF PARTIALLY PD MEMBERSHIP	(37.50)	

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/92		14,347.00

KOS STUDENT RESEARCH FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/92	560.60	
INTEREST EARNED	23.14	
MEMORIAL FUNDS RECEIVED	711.00	

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/92		1,294.74

DINGUS NATURAL AREA ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/92	7,152.85	
INTEREST EARNED	222.25	
LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM	(157.00)	

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/92		7,218.10

BOOK ROYALTY ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/92	2,795.70	
ROYALTIES RECEIVED	481.23	
INTEREST EARNED	100.75	

ENDING BALANCE 12/31/92		3,377.68

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS 12/31/92		26,237.52
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MEMBER SKILLS, INTEREST, NEEDS INVENTORY

After volunteering to be a "volunteer coordinator" for KOS last fall, I got to thinking that what I really needed to do that job was a lot of information about YOU, the KOS members. We now have a membership committee composed of the KOS Membership Secretary, Diane Seltman, myself and Allen Jahn of McPherson. We are sincerely interested in making KOS work for you, and in convincing you that you can work for KOS by offering your unique and valuable skills and knowledge to share with us all.

To begin, we are asking you to volunteer a few minutes of your time to fill out the questionnaire enclosed in this issue of *The Horned Lark*. Tell us what you would like to get out of your membership in KOS, but also about the skills and knowledge that make you uniquely capable of helping others get what they want out of KOS. Do you

have experience at fund raising? Can you speak well in public? Are you a whiz at photography? Do you know how to interest youngsters in nature and the outdoors? Do you have a special recipe for suet that has the woodpeckers standing in line at your feeders? Do you need help building bird house? Do you have spare books about birds that you no longer need? Are you interested in getting together with other "birdy" folks over a cup of coffee and a doughnut every month or so and sharing tales?

Well, please get out a pencil, fill out the form, put it in an envelope and get it in the mail to me now before you put the newsletter down and forget! I'm looking forward to hearing from every one of you!

Roy Beckemeyer, 957 Perry, Wichita, KS 67203

BIRDING HOTSPOT

Junction City's Highland Cemetery, Geary County
by Dan LaShelle

Founded in 1870 as the city's first public cemetery, this beautiful 16-hectare hillside tract overlooking the lower Smoky Hill valley contains scores of tall junipers and exotic pines, and quite an assortment of deciduous trees and shrubs. Although it lacks a pond or permanently-flowing stream, the birds' requirement for bathing and drinking water is partially met by large plastic buckets placed beneath the many spigots located along the lanes. (I habitually rinse and fill a few of these as I birdwatch). And although the back yards of new residences have encroached upon two sides of the cemetery, plenty of cover, including a wooded ravine on the south side and weedy areas on the south and east sides, remains available for the birds.

At least one hundred species of birds have been observed here. Many common species, such as Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Western Kingbird, American Crow, House Wren, American Robin, Northern Cardinal, Chipping Sparrow, Common Grackle and Northern Oriole, nest here regularly. Uncommon nesters have included Red-breasted Nuthatch (1974), Painted Bunting (1983) and Lark Sparrow (late 1950's); Red Crossbills possibly nested here in the summer of 1991. House Finches have resided here since 1990. Rare migrants observed include White-throated Swift (November 1990) and Pine Warbler (April 1976 and September-October 1992). Rare winter visitors include Pygmy Nuthatch (December 1985-February 1986), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (most recently December 1992), Brown Thrasher (December 1974), Bohemian Waxwing (January 1986) and "White-winged" Junco (December 1972 and

March 1986). A few Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers reside here in most winters, and large flocks of American Robins, Cedar Waxwings and Pine Siskins have been found here during the colder months.

Each October, a flock of small songbirds, including Black-capped Chickadees, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Brown Creepers, Golden-crowned Kinglets and Yellow-rumped Warblers, forms and remains until early spring. Its location is unpredictable, but often it is found in the pines about a hundred meters north of the southwest corner, along the east side, or in the center south of the Anderson obelisk. However, it is often scattered, at least temporarily, by an *Accipiter* hawk or Merlin that takes up residence in the area. During spring and fall migrations, sparrows and other small songbirds can be found in the weedy areas south of the mausoleum on the east side, and south of the row of junipers along the south side.

Open daily from sunrise to sunset, the cemetery is located on the southwest corner of Ash and Webster streets on the south side of town, and is easily visible from Interstate 70 (take Exit 296). This locality can be covered thoroughly by birders spending an hour or two; avoid very windy weather. Though it is adequately birded in the colder months, observations data from spring (April-June) are lacking (but attend to your atlas blocks and survey routes first!). Field work at this season should produce a good variety of flycatchers, vireos, *Dendroica* warblers and sparrows. Please report unusual species found to Chuck Otte and the Kansas Rare Bird Alert.

PARTICIPATE--COMPLETE the Member Skills/Interests/Needs Inventory--it's after the Birding Highlights!

FRIENDS IN THE TERRITORY

by Bill Gilges

Anyone who has surveyed a sector for KBBAT has no doubt made several friends in the territory. You come to know them, and look forward to seeing them again on every subsequent trip. It may be the pair of mockers that reside in the roadside hedgeapple tree and who take turns leading you down the lane—white insignia flashing—away from their home. Or perhaps the Yellowthroat that always comes to check you out when you pause by the brush willow thicket where the spring rill runs through the culvert under the road. Maybe the cock pheasant that you heard on previous trips before you finally saw him and his 3 hens make a mad dash across the young bean field, or the Red Tail you can always find hawking from his favorite dead branch high in the bur oak tree.

You almost get the feeling that they are as glad to see you as you are to find them well and happy in their chosen piece of habitat.

But I mean a different set of friends. I mean the farmer who lets you walk his ground, the little lady with the bird feeders and the purple martin house, the hunter conservationist with the great duck habitat who listens to a strange voice on the end of the phone and breaks his rules on strangers to let you make a single pass down the length of his dam, and the schoolboy who tells you about the location of the Barn Owl nest. These are not migrants who will head south in the fall, or even friends that you will leave behind when you start next year in a new territory. These are people who can become true friends, for years to come, and may bring you back to the old patch even after it has been gleaned of every species you can find.

And in the process, they help you build your list and may even become enamored of their surrounding birds for the first time. Here's how it happened to me.

On my first early spring pass through one of my two sectors in Jefferson County I was impressed by a neat, clean farmstead with pasture, ponds, fencerows and woods that offered habitat for a wide variety of species. I stopped and was met in the driveway by John Dunn who was farming the old family farm. Upon understanding my objectives he readily granted permission, asking only that I call each time before I walked the property so as not to surprise his 14 year old son Scott, who spent much of his time in the fields with his Brittany and his .22.

Was his son interested in birds, I asked. Perhaps he could help me by locating nests while he roamed his fields. John said he would see if Scott was interested. Thus began my acquaintanceship with the remarkable Dunn family, a relationship that blossomed into mutual respect and friendship. Scott became my partner on visits to the sector, and helped me find many additional nests and species. To his father's surprise and to my delight, he was already

interested in birds and knew most of the common species on sight. He had been moonlighting with a bird book on visits to his Grandmother's. One evening I was invited to dinner and then taken to a beautiful hidden meadow where I spent a mystical full-moon night in the back of my truck amidst waist-high grass with night sounds of katydid, coyote and coon coming from the woods surrounding me.

That night I got a Crested Flycatcher, a Whip-poor-will, a Barred Owl, a Screech Owl and a Nighthawk, and the next morning was greeted by a Bewick's Wren, a first on my life list. Scott told me about the Barn Owl, found my Phoebe on young under a bridge, just where I thought she would be. He was impressed, and I was more than a little proud. He watched the Barn Swallows until the young hatched and spotted the Black-crowned Night Heron. Together we found the female Baltimore Oriole who had gotten trapped in the loose strands of some nylon rope and perished trying to build the world's toughest hanging basket. It was in their front cedars that I found the Chipping Sparrow nest with eggs, and it was in their kitchen that I found John cooking the best breakfast sausage I ever ate.

I met Mrs. Dunn, Dorothy, "supermom" if there ever was one, the older son, and the youngest, a daughter who is destined to play the piano someday at Carnegie Hall. The bottom line was great new friends, an increased neighborhood awareness of KBBAT and its objectives, and a list that was 163% of target with 61% probable or confirmed. That is a combination I would recommend to anyone.

Even though my patch for next year is up in Atchison County, I'm sure I'll be passing through the old territory. I want to see if the mockers are back, say hi to my Yellowthroat, and wave at the old Red Tail. But more than that, I want to see Scott's new bird book and say hello to John and Dorothy. That Mockingbird makes beautiful music, but so does a little girl on a piano.

SPRING MEETING 1993

May 1 -2, 1993,

Camp Horizon, Arkansas City

*Cabins and Camping Available
Field Trips, Friends and Fun!!!*

*Complete and return your
Spring Meeting Registration Form
to Gene Young
by April 24, 1993*

BIRD OF SPECIAL INTEREST

by Pete Janzen

One of the things that I like most about birding is the way you keep discovering surprises in unexpected places. This is especially true when the surprise is virtually in your own backyard, and you realize that it was probably there all along.

A bird that epitomizes this for me is the LeConte's Sparrow. I would venture to guess that many of our members have not seen this bird. LeConte's has a sort of mystique. Many field guides use descriptions like "secretive" or "little known" when discussing this bird. Several years ago, while going through some old KOS newsletters from the early 1970's, I found a short article by Kenn Kaufman, who lived in Wichita at that time. In that article, he mentioned having found LeConte's in several consecutive years in the large flood control canal known locally as the "Big Ditch."

Armed with this information, Joe Yoder and I ventured into the thick grasslands of the ditch on an October day in search of this bird. Standing in a huge patch of Johnson grass, I gave a spishing sound. Up from the matted grass jumped about 15 LeConte's Sparrows! Some of them were only a few feet away! I am always struck by the bright orange facial plumage of this species. On this occasion, they were very tame and allowed us to look them over at our leisure.

I couldn't believe that I had overlooked a bird new to my life list for so many years. This part of the ditch is only a mile from my house. Later that day we also found a Sedge Wren in the ditch. As the years have passed, I have found LeConte's to be a regular migrant in October and November, in this area. Sedge Wrens seem to often be associated with them. They would probably be found there in the spring also, but the City of Wichita always mows the ditch in the winter, eliminating most of their favored habitat.

LeConte's like sandy prairie areas, especially those with a wetland influence. Large stands of marsh grasses, surrounded by areas of sparser prairie grasses are the best places to seek them, at least in the Big Ditch. I am sure that they are a much more widespread migrant than we might currently be aware. Other reliable places to look for them are Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and the Sand Hills State Park, located near Hutchinson. This past fall, Bill Langley and others found good numbers of them in the prairies surrounding El Dorado Lake. You could probably find this species in suitable habitat anywhere in the eastern and central parts of Kansas. Thompson & Ely consider it an uncommon migrant, principally in April and October. A few linger in the winter. They have been found on the Baldwin Christmas Bird Counts several times.

So if you can't get away to Cheyenne Bottoms or Morton County, try birding the nearest wet meadow

during migration. Maybe you will add the beautiful, enigmatic LeConte's Sparrow to your bird list.

THE SECOND ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT, MAY 8, 1993

by Scott Seltman

I imagine that every regular participant on Christmas Bird Counts here on the Great Plains has had the experience of standing in the snow in cold boots, snow pants and parka, fumbling with a frozen focus wheel through thick gloves, bracing against a gale force wind, trying to identify a flying speck before it disappears over the horizon, and meanwhile thinking aloud: "Why can't we do these things in May?" Well, now we can.

Many bird clubs across the nation have been sponsoring spring bird counts and birdathons for many years, but now an attempt is being made to coordinate these activities on a national basis. The seven goals of the North American Migration Count are:

- To obtain a "snapshot" of the progress of Spring Migration.
- To obtain information on the abundance and distribution of each species.
- Initiate more participation among birders within states and between states.
- Create challenges and goals while collecting useful information.
- Aid in organization and centralization of data.
- Have Fun!
- Establish the second Saturday in May as "National Birding Day."

A Spring Migration Count is conducted much like a Christmas Bird Count except that an entire county is covered and all counts are taken on a single day (May 8 in 1993). Participants keep track of the number of all birds seen during the day and results are compiled and mailed in for analysis. There are no fees. A primary objective of the count is the mapping of the migration routes of the numerous neotropical migrants that move across North America in early May. Determining the relative abundance of the various species may be a valuable aid in conservation efforts.

Kansas has no state coordinator for The North American Migration Count, but you may contact *Scott Seltman, Nekoma, KS 67559, phone 913/372-5411* for help in establishing a count. A list of counts will be available on the KS RBA beginning in late April. The national coordinator is *Jim Stasz, P.O. Box 71, North Beach, MD 20714, phone 410/257-9540*.

SPRING MEETING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

At the end of this newsletter is the registration form for the 1993 Spring KOS Meetings, May 1st and 2nd at Camp Horizon just outside of Arkansas City. For those who have not been to Camp Horizon before, go east out of Arkansas City on Kansas Highway 166. About 3 miles out of town, 166 will turn left, and here you will turn right and follow the signs to the camp. Total distance out of Arkansas City is between 6 and 7 miles.

There are both cabins and camping available at Camp Horizon. The camping fee is \$4.50 per person per night ages 12 and over, \$2.50/person/night for ages 6-12. There are two large cabins/lodges available. Renewal Cabin sleeps a maximum of 32 people (4 per room, 1 restroom per room) at a fee of \$18.50 per person per night. Cedar Cabin sleeps a total of 64 people (8 per room, 1 restroom for every 2 rooms) at a cost of \$16.50/person/night. You will need to bring your own bedding, linen, towels, etc.

Field trips are still in the planning stages so nothing is definite just yet. Some of the strongest contenders at this time are Slate Creek Marsh, Winfield City Lake, a walk in the woods in Arkansas City and Chaplain Nature Center. The trips going further out will probably leave around 6:30 a.m.; those closer to Camp Horizon will probably leave a little later. All in all this is going to be a great Spring Meeting/Field Trip, so plan to attend. After this long winter, we could all use a good weekend get away!

On the registration sheet, please indicate which cabin, how many people, how many nights, etc. Meals are also available for all day Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Please get those forms filled out and returned to Gene Young, Spring Meeting Coordinator as soon as possible and by April 24th at the latest!

UPCOMING KOS MEETINGS

For those of you who are long range planners and want to get upcoming Fall and Spring Meetings marked down on your calendars, here are the tentative dates, but be sure to watch for upcoming newsletters for the final word!

Fall 1993 October 2 & 3, Hays
Spring 1994 April 30, May 1 OR May 7 & 8, Mound City/Marais des Cygnes
Fall 1994 October 1 & 2, Bethel College, Newton

And if a local group is interested in hosting a meeting after that, please let a member of the Board of Directors know your desires!

SPRING FIELD TRIPS

Several KOS members who look for any excuse to go birding with friends have volunteered to lead the following trips during April and May.

April 17 (Saturday) - Dave Bryan will lead birders through prime locations in Chase County. Call Dave for details at 913/341-9584.

April 25 (Sunday) - Chuck Otte will hit some of the Geary County hotspots such as Highland Cemetery, Walla Walla Road and Milford Lake. Meet at Shoney's Restaurant (right off I-70) parking lot at 7:30 a.m. This will be a morning trip only. Call Chuck for more details at 913/238-8800.

May 8 (Saturday) - David Seibel will head into the Baldwin Woods to see what passerines may be hanging around. Call David for details and meeting place at 913/841-7932.

May 22 (Saturday) - John Schukman will lead a group up to Ft. Leavenworth. (Those of you who made the Fall 1991 meetings know what a great place this can be!) Call John at 913/727-5141 for details.

These folks may not *really* need an excuse to go birding in these areas, but they certainly do appreciate birding with friends, so plan now to attend at least one of these trips. Any of you who would like to lead other field trips in your area, please give Mike Rader a call! Even if you've never led a field trip before, there's no better teacher than experience! Give it a try.

GET INVOLVED!

Write a letter - As a general rule, the KOS Board of Directors has historically taken a stand of being in support of Conservation Issues, both statewide and nationally. But the Board (and the *Horned Lark* editor) feel that the real support of issues needs to be made by the KOS members themselves. There is little that can compete with sincere letters written by real people (not lobbyists, organizations and associations) to state and federal lawmakers!

We will try to make you aware of some of the current and important issues that may be coming up. It is then your decision, either as an individual or through other organizations that you belong to, as to how involved you get. But if you feel strongly about an issue, PLEASE get involved. Write a letter or make a phone call.

Cheyenne Bottoms - Cheyenne Bottoms is near and dear to most KOS members. Who hasn't had a memorable birdwatching experience at the Bottoms. In spite of all that has been said, there is still an ongoing, strong undercurrent trying to take away already promised funding and support for the Bottoms. A trend that, unfortunately, will probably continue for quite some time. Consider writing to Senators Dole and Kassebaum as well as your representative to let them know how much you've appreciated their support of the Bottoms in the past and encourage them to continue to see that the Bottoms continues to get the support AND the funds that it deserves!

Oakwood Farms - Topeka - Oakwood Farms is a wonderful 155 acre farm on the northeast corner of Topeka. It still contains a wonderful assortment of ecosystems, including native tall grass prairie, tall grass prairie savannah and natural woodlands with 200 year old trees. The significance of this site has already caused the Kansas Board of Historic Review to place the **entire farm** on the Register of Historic Kansas Places! If you really want to know how wonderful this place is for birds, ask Joanne Brier. She had a KBBAT block that included the farm.

Unfortunately, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has a plan for an Expressway that would cut a swath right through the middle of the property. While KDOT has identified several alternate routes that would leave Oakwood Farms untouched, they have so far indicated their strongest desire to go with their original plan. Consider writing a letter to the *Kansas Secretary of Transportation, Michael L. Johnston, Docking State Office Building, Topeka, KS 66612-1568*, encouraging KDOT to use an alternate route that would leave Oakwood Farms intact. For up-to-date information on this project I would encourage you to contact Joanne Brier, 913/232-4317.

Get Some Blisters! - Of course letter writing is just part of the involvement you can get in on. Details are still being worked out and announcements are yet to be made, but there will be some opportunities coming up for you to put in some time and effort at the newest Kansas National Wildlife Refuge, Marais des Cygnes and the Dingus Natural Area. There may even be some opportunities to help with bird surveys for a proposed wetland area at the north end of Milford Lake near Wakefield. As they say, "Stay turned for more details!"

MISCELLANEOUS ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Bulletin Articles Needed!

One thing about being an editor, you get some interesting requests for assistance of all sorts. While a few of these requests definitely come from left field--and

beyond--most are very sincere and worthwhile requests. Following is the latest round of requests. Please read and help out where possible.

The Kansas Ornithological Society has 2 publications. This Newsletter and the slightly more technical publication *The Bulletin*, edited by Max Thompson. One of the hardest aspects of being an editor is getting material to be published. For me it's a little easier (a *lot* easier) to obtain the kind of material we include in the *Horned lark*, than to obtain the kind of articles Max needs for *The Bulletin*.

There is a lot of good work being performed by many of our KOS members (and others) that would be very appropriate to be written up for *The Bulletin*. But those involved just don't think that they can do it or that they are qualified to write "that kind of article." Well, to be right honest, you're wrong. There is help out there to get those articles written so they can be published in *The Bulletin*, but more importantly, we need those articles because we **MUST** maintain a record of the activities and research that are performed in regard to Kansas birds. As my advisor always told me when I was a graduate student, "All the research, knowledge and wisdom in the world is worthless until it is recorded and shared." Are you willing to accept the challenge?

Piping Plover Information Needed

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has requested help for more information on Piping Plovers. Basically what they would like is any information, including even casual sightings, on Piping Plovers seen in Kansas. Just make some copies of the latest KBRC Report Form (*Horned Lark*, June 1992 issue), fill one out whenever you see a Piping Plover in Kansas and send it to: *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 315 Houston Street, Suite E, Manhattan, KS 66502*.

Avian Symbols

David Blomstrom from Seattle, Washington is in the process of gathering information for an upcoming book about state birds and other North American avian emblems, and has requested our help.

Quoting from his letter, "...are you aware of additional 'avian symbols.' Communities nicknamed for birds, or which utilize bird symbols are of special interest. So are monuments (e.g., Salt Lake City's gull monument) and commemoratives (e.g., a plaque in a Wisconsin State Park commemorating the passenger pigeon)."

If you can help Mr. Blomstrom, please send any information to *David Blomstrom, c/o Loyal Heights School, 2511 NW 80th Street, Seattle, WA 98117, 206/527-1690*.

FROM THE KEYBOARD

This newsletter thing is getting out of hand! If it gets any bigger, typist/layout wizard Dawn will revolt and ask for a raise!!! Anyway there is a LOT of information on that issue. Most importantly, *get that Spring Meeting registration form filled out and mailed!* April will be gone and May will be here before you know it.

It seems that once spring finally gets here every year, we birders just can't keep our minds on work and our binoculars out of the field. Even a mid-winter trip to south Texas hasn't been able to abate my annual round of Warbler Fever. To help along those lines, there are several field trips coming up in addition to the Spring Meeting...partake and enjoy.

There are several pages of Birding Highlights as we get caught up in the transition from Scott to myself. I personally want to thank Scott for all his time and effort over the past years in writing up the Highlights and for his ongoing time and effort to keep the KOS Birding Hotline going. It takes a collaboration of Scott, myself and all of your reports to keep it all going. And speaking of Hotlines...for those of you who have access to the

computer network *Internet*, you can subscribe to a "Chat Group" known as BirdChat or a birding hotline group like BirdWest or BirdCntr (BirdCenter) and receive a transcribe of the KOS hotline. If you need more information on this, drop me an electronic mail (e-mail) message. My e-mail address is COTTE@OZ.UMB.KSU.EDU. And if all of that makes no sense—don't worry!

I do encourage you to consider getting involved in some of the various aspects and activities of the Kansas Ornithological Society. The KOS can only be as good as you, the members, make it. So along those lines, also take time to fill out the Member Skills Inventory for our Volunteer Coordinator. Get involved and make a difference!

And now it's time for me to wrap up this issue of the *Horned Lark* and get out to my KBBAT block. Good spring birding to you all!

Chuck

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE--CALL A REGIONAL COORDINATOR AND STAKE OUT YOUR NEXT KBBAT BLOCK!

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE CAREFULLY?

How can you know??!!

Are you going to the Spring Meeting? Have you filled out the form that follows the Birding Highlights? Don't forget to send it to Gene Young by April 24!

If you haven't completed and returned the Member Inventory, then you're not done yet (See page 7)...

How about another KBBAT Block...you know it was a lot of fun last year! Why not double the pleasure in your life and ask for another one. You NEVER know what you'll find riding the winds of Kansas. Regional Coordinators are waiting to hear from YOU! (See page 4 for a list of coordinators).

And don't forget to check out this month's Hotspot (p 7) or this issue's "special species" (p 9) or any of the other news and KOS information provided in this issue.

**WHEN YOU'VE CHECKED OUT ALL OF THIS EXCITEMENT,
YOU'VE LOOKED OVER THIS ISSUE CAREFULLY...**

--see you next time...Dawn

FALL AND WINTER ROUNDUP / August 1992 - February 1993/ by Chuck Otte

With the transition from Scott writing this column to my taking it over we got a little bit behind. Consequently we have 7 months worth of records following, which means that we will keep the narrative portion of this report to a minimum this time. We are in the process of evaluating everything that we do in this newsletter, including the birding roundup. I would like feedback from you, the reader, as to whether we should keep this report in a combination narrative report with table, as follows here, or do we go to a strict narrative report as is done in American Birds? Let me know what you think!

It was an interesting late summer and fall...until winter set in. The number of reports coming in to the hotline really dwindled off after the snow started flying in late November. But that bad fall and winter weather also brought in some interesting birding! Bad weather on the 9th of October grounded many migrants. Scott Seltman reported 50 Orange-crowned Warblers and 50 Ruby-crowned Kinglets in his yard. Mike Rader found over 500 Yellow-rumped Warblers at Wilson Lake's Otoe Park on the same date.

Common Loons are becoming more and more common with many summer reports coming in the past couple of years from the larger eastern reservoirs. Also increasing (at least the reports are) are the numbers of vagrant gulls. Species such as Laughing, California, Thayer's and Glaucous Gull are all receiving more reports from around the state. Whether the species themselves are increasing in numbers or whether the birders are simply feeling more comfortable identifying them--for any number of reasons--is the proverbial never ending debate!

After 2 years of near total absence, Pine Siskins returned in great numbers this winter. It wasn't uncommon for CBC compilers and birders in general to have reports of siskin flocks numbering in the hundreds of individuals. Another welcome return to the winter scene was the Pine Grosbeak. There were 2 individuals reported from around the state this winter (Anderson and Geary county), both being single birds. Rough, winter weather probably prevented many birders from getting out and finding more! Varied Thrushes also popped up in greater numbers than normal. Garden City seemed to be THE Varied Thrush capital of Kansas with amazingly regular (for Kansas) sightings occurring from September through January!

Three species from this report probably deserve special mention. The Allen's Hummingbird and the Canyon Wren will both be new state records if accepted by the Kansas Bird Records Committee. The Pyrrhuloxia found at Elkhart in the shelterbelt north of the cemetery (and probably seen by every birder in the state except this editor!) was only the second record for this species in Kansas. It, along with the Canyon Wren, made a nice addition to many KOS members' state lists!

And, of course, for the standard disclaimer: The following records simply represent that information forwarded to the KOS Rare Bird Alert and to this editor and are subject to consideration by the Kansas Bird Records Committee. (I encourage all birders to refer to Galen Pittman's article in the June 1992 Horned Lark and to follow his recommendations and requests to submit reports on the species listed therein!)

BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS / August 1992 through February 1993

Species	Location and number	Observers	Date	County
Red-throated Loon	1 at Clinton Reservoir	GP,MM	11-15-92	DG
Red-throated Loon	2 at Clinton Reservoir	MP	11-22-92	DG
Pacific Loon	1 at Hillsdale Lake	LM,GP	10-24-92	MI
Pacific Loon	1 at Hillsdale Lake	DB,CH	11-01-92	MI
Pacific Loon	2 at Cedar Bluff Lake	SS,DS	11-07-92	TR
Pacific Loon	1 at Coldwater Lake	GY	11-10-92	CM
Pacific Loon	1 at Kirwin Reservoir	SS,m.ob.	11-14-92	PL
Common Loon	2 at Wyandotte Co Lake	LM	8-13-92	WY
Common Loon	1 flightless juv Wilson Lake	MR	8-17-92	RS
(This bird later died and was probably an immature bird in heavy molt. Common Loons were frequently reported from eastern Kansas throughout the summer primarily from Milford and Wyandotte County Lakes).				
Common Loon	4 at Hillsdale Lake	LM	10-17-92	MI
Common Loon	8 at Hillsdale Lake	LM,GP	10-24-92	MI
Common Loon	31 at Clinton Reservoir	LM,MM,GP	10-25-92	DG
Common Loon	54 at Perry Lake	DB,m.ob.	10-31-92	JF

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Western Grebe	1 at Winfield City Lake	MT	11-04-92	CL
Western Grebe	1 at Cedar Bluff Lake	SS,DS	11-07-92	TR
Western Grebe	1 at Milford Lake	CO	11-15-92	GE
Brown Pelican	1 at Wilson Lake	MR	8-11-92	RS
	still present	m.ob.	9-20-92	RS
Double-crested Cormorant	Nesting in Pool 2 at Cheyenne Bottoms	SS	8-15-92	BT
Neotropic Cormorant	1 at Quivira	DR	8-01-92	ST
Neotropic Cormorant	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	MC	8-15-92	BT
Least Bittern	1 at Pool 2 Cheyenne Bottoms	SS	8-15-92	BT
White Ibis	1 imm at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	BF	9-06-92	ST
White-faced Ibis	1	MR	10-24-92	OB
Tundra Swan	3 at Coldwater Lake	SP,MT	12-31-92	CM
Tundra Swan	1 at Winfield City Lake	MT	1-17-93	CL
	still present	MT	1-24-93	CL
Hybrid Goose	Canada x White Front???	DG	2-21-93	PT
(This bird is described as having an orange bill and orange feet but also a white cheek patch and most other markings of a Canada Goose.)				
Ross' Goose	1 "blue phase" at Webster Reservoir	SS,m.ob.	11-14-92	RO
Ross' Goose	1 "blue phase" at Tuttle Creek	DR,m.ob.	12-12-92	RL
Ross' Goose	1 at Sewer Lake, Liberal	Liberal CBC	1-01-93	SW
Ross' Goose	1 at Tuttle Creek Reservoir	TC	1-03-93	RL
Black Duck	2 at Perry	Perry CBC	12-20-92	JF
Black Duck	2 at Milford Lake	DLS	12-24-92	GE
Black Duck	1 at Perry	LM	12-27-92	JF
Greater Scaup	3 at Cedar Bluff Reservoir	SS	1-16-93	TR
Greater Scaup	1 at Lake Afton	RB,PB	1-21-93	SG
Greater Scaup	1 at El Dorado Lake	RB,PB	2-20-93	BU
Oldsquaw	1 M below Milford Dam	DLS	11-15-92	GE
Oldsquaw	3 at Clinton State Park		11-21-92	DG
	later seen on Clinton Lake	MM,GP	11-29-92	DG
Oldsquaw	1 M at El Dorado Lake	RM	12-03-92	BU
Oldsquaw	3 at Wilson Lake	MR	12-22-92	RS
Oldsquaw	1 at Waconda Lake	MR	12-23-92	MC
Surf Scoter	1 F at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	PF,LF	11-08-92	ST
White-winged Scoter	5 at Winfield City Lake	WH	2-07-93	CL
Barrow's Goldeneye	1 M at Melvern Reservoir	GK	12-08-92	OS
Common Merganser	1 at Perry Lake	MM,MC	9-19-92	JF
Osprey	1 at Tuttle	TC	8-04-92	RL
Osprey	1 at Quivira Little Salt Marsh	SS	8-15-92	ST
Osprey	1 below Milford Dam	CO	8-15-92	GE
Osprey	2 at Sheridan Co Lake	GH	11-12-92	SD
Bald Eagle	1 adult at Hillsdale Lake	DG	8-15-92	MI
Bald Eagle	1 at Pomona Lake	BW	9-21-92	OS
Northern Goshawk	North of Elkhart Cemetery		9-12-92	MT
Northern Goshawk	1 at Bear Creak	SP	10-30-92	ST
Northern Goshawk	1 at Norton Wildlife Area	MR	11-12-92	NT
Northern Goshawk	1 nw of Larned	SS,DS	11-25-92	PN
Northern Goshawk	1 imm in Olathe	MC	12-22-92	JO
Northern Goshawk	1 in northern Pawnee County	SS	2-14-93	PN
Broad-winged Hawk	1 at Elkhart Cemetery	PJ	9-18-92	MT
Ferruginous Hawk(?)	1 albinistic 3 miles e of Kechi	PJ	12-07-92	SG
Golden Eagle	1 imm at Clinton Lake	PW	10-13-92	DG
Golden Eagle	1 adult near Kansas Turnpike	BG	10-24-92	GW
Merlin	1 N of Elkhart along highway	GF	9-12-92	MT
Merlin	1 at Elkhart sewer ponds	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-20-92	MT
Merlin	2	MR	10-24-92	OB

Peregrine Falcon	1 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	LM	9-07-92	ST
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Perry Lake	MM,MC	9-19-92	JF
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Wilson Lake	MR	10-13-92	RS
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Wesley Medical Center	TT	11-05-92	SG
Prairie Falcon	1 at Lyon County State Lake	MM,BF	10-18-92	LY
Prairie Falcon	1 at Grandview Plaza sewer ponds	DLS	11-14-92	GE
Purple Gallinule	1 imm	??	9-09-92	RL
(This bird was found dead in the parking lot of a taco shop in Manhattan. Origin of bird was undetermined but could have been blown inland by Hurricane Andrew.)				
Sandhill Crane	25 early Migrants, Cheyenne Bottoms	SS	9-26-92	BT
Whooping Crane	2 at Pool 2, Cheyenne Bottoms	HH	10-19-92	BT
Whooping Crane	6, 3 miles n of HQ bldg, Cheyenne Bottoms	SP	11-01-92	BT
Black-bellied Plover	12 at Quivira	DG	8-09-92	ST
Black-bellied Plover	5 at Quivira	MR	8-10-92	ST
Lesser-golden Plover	8 at Johnson Co Sod Farms	BF,MM	11-07-92	JO
Ruddy Turnstone	3 at Quivira	DG	8-09-92	ST
Ruddy Turnstone	2 at Quivira	MR	8-10-92	ST
Ruddy Turnstone	1 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	SS	8-11-92	ST
Red Knot	2 at Quivira	MC	8-15-92	ST
Red Knot	Several at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	BF	9-06-92	ST
Red Knot	2 at Cheyenne Bottoms	BF	9-06-92	BT
Red Knot	4 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-20-92	MT
Sanderling	1 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	SS	8-11-92	ST
Sanderling	1 at Bloomington Beach, Clinton Lake	PW,LW	8-20-92	DG
Dunlin	1 at Quivira	DG	8-09-92	ST
Dunlin	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	BF	9-06-92	BT
Dunlin	1 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-20-92	MT
Dunlin	Clinton Reservoir	BF,MM	11-07-92	DG
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1 at Quivira	MR	8-10-92	ST
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	BF	9-05-92	BT
Red-necked Phalarope	12 at Cheyenne Bottoms	BF	9-06-92	BT
Red-necked Phalarope	4 at Elkhart sewer ponds	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-20-92	MT
Red-necked Phalarope	9 at Cheyenne Bottoms	SS	9-26-92	BT
Parasitic Jaeger	1 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	BF	9-06-92	ST
Laughing Gull	1 at Quivira	MC	8-15-92	ST
Laughing Gull	1 below Milford Dam	CO	8-16-92	GE
Laughing Gull	1 at Wilson State Park	MR	9-01-92	RS
Laughing Gull	1 imm at Milford Lake	DLS	9-06-92	GE
Laughing Gull	1 imm at ElDorado Lake	PJ	9-25-92	BU
Laughing Gull	1 at Perry Lake	MI,GK	9-28-92	JF
Laughing Gull	1 imm at El Dorado Lake	BL	12-06-92	BU
Common Black-headed Gull	1 at Perry Lake Tubers	CH	12-08-92	JF
	still present	m.ob.	12-18-92	JF
California Gull	1 imm at Clinton Reservoir	GP,MM	11-15-92	DG
California Gull	1 adult at Perry	MM	12-08-92	JF
California Gull	1 adult at Wilson Reservoir	MR	12-08-92	RS
California Gull	1 imm on Manhattan CBC		12-19-92	RL?
California Gull	1-2nd winter at Perry	Perry CBC	12-20-92	JF
California Gull	1 adult at Perry Lake	LM	12-27-92	JF
California Gull	1 adult Kaw River Lawrence	LM,MM,GP	1-24-93	DG
Thayer's Gull	1-1st winter at Perry	Perry CBC	12-20-92	JF
	still present	LM	12-27-92	JF
Thayer's Gull	1-1st winter at W. Landfill	PJ	12-27-92	SG
Thayer's Gull	1 imm at Milford Lake	CO	12-27-92	GE
Thayer's Gull	1-1st winter at Tuttle Reservoir	TC	1-01-93	RL
Thayer's Gull	1 imm at Kaw River Lawrence	LM,MM,GP	1-24-93	DG

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Glaucous Gull	1-1st winter, at W. Landfill still present	PJ PJ	12-13-92 12-27-92	SG SG
Glaucous Gull	1-1st winter at Waconda Lake	MR	12-23-92	RS
Glaucous Gull	1-1st winter at Tuttle Reservoir	TC	1-01-93	RL
Glaucous Gull	1-2nd winter at Milford Lake	JO,CO	1-03-93	GE
Glaucous Gull	2 imm at Kaw River Lawrence	LM,MM,GP	1-24-93	DG
Glaucous Gull	1 at Kirwin Reservoir	KDWP staff	1-26-93	PL
Black-legged Kittiwake	1 at Perry Lake Dam	JL,SB	9-30-92	JF
Sabine's Gull	2 at Perry Lake	MI,GK	9-28-92	JF
Caspian Tern	1 at Quivira	MR	8-10-92	ST
Caspian Tern	2 at Clinton Lake	PW,LW	8-20-92	DG
Common Tern	1 at Wilson Lake	MR	10-08-92	RS
Inca Dove	3 in Garden City still present	LR,BR,BC LR,BR,BC	10-09-92 1-23-93	FI FI
Inca Dove	1 along Cimarron River	Liberal CBC	1-01-93	SW
Common Ground-dove	1 M at Boy Scout area	SS	9-19-92	MT
Greater Roadrunner	1 adult, 2 imm nesting NE of Pratt	KB	8-25-92	PR
Greater Roadrunner	1 at Middle Springs	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-18-92	MT
Greater Roadrunner	1 n of KDWP offices, Pratt	KB	12-21-92	PR
Greater Roadrunner	1 se of Arkansas City	GW	1-24-93	CL
Greater Roadrunner	1 w of Hardtner	SMC	2-07-93	BA
Groove-billed Ani	1 se of Paola still present	MC,m.ob. m.ob.	10-31-92 11-05-92	MI MI
Snowy Owl	1 s of Pratt Co Lake	Sawyer CBC	12-19-92	PR
Burrowing Owl	1 e of Hickok still present	JR JR	11-30-92 2-23-93	GT GT
Long-eared Owl	2 at W Rolling Hills Milford	DLS	11-08-92	GE
Long-eared Owl	6 at s side of Lyon Co State Lake number increased to 12	MM LM,GP,MM	12-22-92 2-07-93	LY LY
Short-eared Owl	1 at Lyon Co State Lake	BF,m.ob.	11-14-92	LY
Black-chinned Hummingbird	1 at Velda Griffiths', Elkhart	VG	8-25-92	MT
Calliope Hummingbird	1 at Seltman Farm	SS,DS	8-15-92	RU
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1 F in Elkhart	MC	8-29-92	MT
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1 (not adult male) Elkhart	SP,LM,MM,GP	9-05-92	MT
Rufous Hummingbird	2 M in Elkhart	SP,LM,MM,GP	9-05-92	MT
Rufous Hummingbird	1 (very late) at Oxford still present	JD,ND JD,ND	11-10-92 11-21-92	SU SU
ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD	1 imm in Bonner Springs	CH	8-25-92	WY
(This bird was coming to a feeder at Chris Hobbs home and was netted and examined by a licensed hummingbird netter. This will be a new state record if accepted by the KOS Bird Records Committee).				
Red-naped Sapsucker	1 at Middle Springs	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-18-92	MT
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1 N of the River	SS	9-19-92	MT
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1 at Middle Springs	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-20-92	MT
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1	RB,PB	9-21-92	MT
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1 at Marais des Cygnes	MM, LM	8-23-92	LI
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1 in extreme east Rush County	GF	8-23-92	RU
Dusky Flycatcher	1 n of Elkhart Cemetery	GP	9-04-92	MT
Gray Flycatcher	1 at Point of Rocks	MM	9-05-92	MT
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1 at river	MC	8-29-92	MT
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1 in Liberal	SP,LM,MM,GP	9-04-92	SW
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1 at Boy Scout Area		9-10-92	MT
Cassin's Kingbird	1 at river	MC	8-29-92	MT
Cassin's Kingbird	1	SP,LM,MM,GP	9-05-92	MT
Cassin's Kingbird	1 at Wilburton Crossing	SS	9-19-92	MT
Scrub Jay	1	RB,PB	9-21-92	MT
American Crow	20 - 50,000 roosting se of Udall		1-24-93	CL

Chihuahuan Raven	1 west of Bucklin	MC	8-28-92	FO
Chihuahuan Raven	1 ne of Hugoton	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-20-92	MT
Mountain Chickadee	6 on the Cimarron Grasslands	CBC	1-02-93	MT
Bushtit	15 at Boy Scout area	SP	10-30-92	MT
Bushtit	12 in Elkhart Cimarron Grasslands	CBC	1-02-93	MT
Bushtit	1 in Garden City	TSh	1-14-93	FI
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1 at Junction City Highland Cemetery	DLS	9-06-92	GE
Pygmy Nuthatch	1 at Milford Lake	DLS	10-25-92	GE
(This bird, in a pine grove with 2 Red-breasted Nuthatches and 3 Golden-crowned Kinglets was heard only.)				
CANYON WREN	1 at Cimarron Grasslands	SC,RP	9-06-92	MT
(This bird was found at the sand cliffs on the north side of the Cimarron River at the Boy Scout Camp Area. This is the first record of this species in the state. Numerous photographs were taken of this bird during the ensuing months and was seen by many observers. Last reported Feb 6, 1993, at which point it had molted into adult plumage).				
Carolina Wren	2 at Wilson (west of range)	MR	8-19-92	EW
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1 at Milford Lake	DLS	12-05-92	GE
Mountain Bluebird		SS	10-17-92	FO
Mountain Bluebird	10 at Minooka Park Wilson Lake	MR	11-10-92	RS
Mountain Bluebird	West of Hardtner	SMC	2-07-93	BA
Veery	1 north of Elkhart Cemetery	GP	9-04-92	MT
Veery	1 at Ulysses	JR	9-19-92	GT
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1 at Ulysses	JR	9-18-92	GT
Varied Thrush	1 at Richardson's Zoo, Garden City	LR,BR	10-21-92	FI
Varied Thrush	3(!) in Garden City	VL	10-24-92	FI
Varied Thrush	1 at Lower Ferguson Marsh	GG	10-25-92	JF
Varied Thrush	1 in Garden City	BC	1-14-93	FI
Sprague's Pipit	10 W end of Redmond Reservoir	KOS m.ob.	10-04-92	CF
Sprague's Pipit	25 near Lenora	SS	10-09-92	NT
Sprague's Pipit	5 s of Lyon Co State Lake	LM,MM,GP	10-25-92	LY
Curve-billed Thrasher	1 at Satanta	MR,SS	1-24-93	HS
Bohemian Waxwing	1 on Manhattan CBC		12-19-92	RL
Cedar Waxwing	1 at Wyandotte Co Lake	LM	8-26-92	WY
Northern Shrike	1 in Elkhart	MR	9-26-92	MT
Northern Shrike	1 just east of Perry Dam	DH	12-11-92	JF
Northern Shrike	1 at Webster Lake	MR	12-27-92	RO
European Starling	1 albinistic bird in Wichita	PE	1-12-93	SG
Solitary Vireo	1 at Milford Lake	DLS	11-26-92	GE
Orange-crowned Warbler	1 at Milford Lake	DLS	11-26-92	GE
Orange-crowned Warbler	1 at Lake Afton	PJ	2-03-93	SG
Golden-winged Warbler	1 at Hillsdale Lake	DG	8-15-92	MI
Virginia's Warbler	1 in Shane's Backyard	SSh,TSh	9-20-92	FI
Chestnut-sided Warbler	at Marais des Cygnes	MM,LM	8-23-92	LI
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1 Audubon's form in Wichita	CG	1-04-93	SG
Blk-throated Gray Warbler	1 at Work Station	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-18-92	MT
Townsend's Warbler	1 at Richardson's Zoo, Garden City	MO	9-10-92	FI
Townsend's Warbler	1 M n of Elkhart Cemetery	SS	9-19-92	MT
Blk-throated Green Warbler	at Marais des Cygnes	MM,LM	8-23-92	LI
Yellow-throated Warbler	at Marais des Cygnes	MM,LM	8-23-92	LI
Pine Warbler	1 at Nelson Environmental Studies Area	GP	8-31-92	DG?
Pine Warbler	1 at Ft. Leavenworth	JS,CH	9-05-92	LV
Pine Warbler	4 at Junction City Highland Cemetery	DLS	9-06-92	GE
(Pine Warblers were seen at Junction City's Highland Cemetery quite regularly from early September up through October 24, 1992. Patti, Moore, McHugh, and Pittman had 1 Pine Warbler there as early as September 3, 1992).				
Palm Warbler	1 at Milford Lake Outlet	DLS	11-15-92	GE
Blackpoll Warbler	1 in Shane's Backyard	SSh,TSh	9-20-92	FI

18 (Birding Highlights, contd)

McGillivray's Warbler	1 at Elkhart	MC	8-29-92	MT
McGillivray's Warbler	1 at N end of Tuttle Creek	TC	8-29-92	PT
McGillivray's Warbler	1	RB,PB	9-19-92	MT
Canada Warbler	1 at Clinton Lake, Rockcrusher Rd	LM	8-29-92	DG
Canada Warbler	1 N of Elkhart Cemetery	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-20-92	MT
Western Tanager	1 at Middle Springs	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-18-92	DG
Pyrrhuloxia	1 M	m.ob.	1-01-93	MT

This bird was found New Years Day by Johnson and Garrett in the shelterbelt north of the Elkhart Cemetery. It was found on January 2nd for the Cimarron Grasslands CBC.

It was seen by many observers off and on through January and February often in the company of a female cardinal. This is only the second record for this species in Kansas.

Green-tailed Towhee	1	SP,LM,MM,GP	9-04-92	MT
Green-tailed Towhee	1 near Williamstown	Lawrence CBC	12-19-92	DG
Green-tailed Towhee	1 at Garden City Cemetery	LR,BR	1-03-93	FI
	still present	BC	1-23-93	FI
Brewer's Sparrow	20+ around Morton County	SS	9-19-92	MT
Black-throated Sparrow	1 at Boy Scout Area		9-12-92	MT
Black-throated Sparrow	1 at Overland Park	PBR	11-30-92	JO
	still present	m.ob.	12-31-92	JO
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	2 along Cimarron River	CBC	1-01-93	MT
Baird's Sparrow	1 n of Wilburton Crossing	BF	9-05-92	MT
LeConte's Sparrow	numerous in the Big Ditch	m.ob.	10-18-92	SG
LeConte's Sparrow	6 at El Dorado Lake	BL	10-24-92	BU
LeConte's Sparrow	6 at Curtis Creek, Milford Lake	DLS,CO	10-24-92	GE
Sharp-tailed Sparrow	2 at Flint Hills NWR	KOS m.ob.	10-04-92	CF
White-throated Sparrow	1 at Garden City	BC	9-16-92	FI
Golden-crowned Sparrow	1 near Williamsburg	RR	12-21-92	DG
Dark-eyed Junco	1 at Pawnee Prairie Park	BG	9-08-92	SG
"White-winged" Junco	1 at Perry Lake	MM,GP	11-29-92	JF
Pine Grosbeak	1 F at Milford Lake	JO,CO	1-03-93	GE
Pine Grosbeak	1 M near Welda	WEB	1-15-93	AN
Purple Finch	1 early female	LR,BR	10-13-92	FI
Red Crossbill	5 at Milford Lake	DLS	11-08-92	GE
	still present	DLS	11-26-92	GE
Red Crossbill	3 at Perry Lake	MM,GP	11-29-92	JF
Pine Siskin	30 at Clinton Reservoir	LM	10-09-92	DG
Lesser Goldfinch	1 M & 1 F in Garden City	BC	9-01-92	FI

Seen again on 9-6-92, a female with 2 fledged juveniles.

Last seen 9-20-92.

LIST OF OBSERVERS: Roy Beckemeyer (RB), Pat Beckemeyer (PB), Shelby Birch (SB), William & Eva Brecheisen (WEB), Ken Brunson (KB), Dave Bryan (DB), Ted Cable (TC), Barbara Campbell (BC), Mark Corder (MC), Jack Dennet (JD), Norma Dennet (ND), Bob Dester (BD), Penny Edwards (PE), Patty Field (PF), Bob Fisher (BF), Lynn Fredrickson (LF), Greg Friesen (GF), Dan Gish (DG), Chuck Gresham (CG), Bob Gress (BG), Velda Griffith (VG), Gladys Grisell (GG), Helen Hands (HH), Don Haley (DH), Greg Harris (GH), Chris Hobbs (CH), Wayne Hochstetler (WH), Maxie Irwin (MI), Pete Janzen (PJ), Glen Koontz (GK), Bill Langley (BL), Jane Leo (JL), Dan LaShelle (DLS), Virginia Long (VL), Rob Martini (RM), Lloyd Moore (LM), Mick McHugh (MM), Steve McConnell (SMC), John Northrup (JN), Marie Osterbuhr (MO), Chuck Otte (CO), Jaye Otte (JO), Sebastian Patti (SP), Mark Pheasant (MP), Galen Pittman (GP), John Rakestraw (JR), Mike Rader (MR), Leonard Rich (LR), Betty Rich (BR), David Rintoul (DR), Paul and Billy Rhudy (PBR), Richard Rucker (RR), Diane Seltman (DS), Scott Seltman (SS), Sara Shane (SSh), Tom Shane (TSh), Joe Sukup (JoeS), Max Thompson (MT), Tammy Troutman (TT), Linda Wedge (LW), Phil Wedge (PW), Gerald Wiens (GW), Gene Young (GY).

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