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From the Keyboard -

What a summer! I had to keep calling Scott just to make sure that, in fact, birding was *really* that slow all over Kansas and that the Rare Bird Alert machine was not on the blink. Fortunately, even as I write this, fall migration is showing some good signs. Reports from the fall meeting site, Garden City, are coming in at a good pace. Make sure you read all about the Fall Meetings. The local committee has an excellent program lined up. If you've ever wanted to bird extreme western Kansas, this will be your chance!

I made a big push during June to get my atlas block nearly wrapped up after last year's washout! I've given myself 2 more weeks to find that Sedge Wren, though, and then everything is in the mail to my Regional Coordinator. Mike R. has already sent me a block to do in Republic County next year!

Unfortunately after getting most of my KBBAT work done, the birding was so slow that I haven't gotten out much since. On top of slow birding, I've been helping paint my in-laws' house, a project my wife and I truly are enjoying! Being on top of a 16-foot scaffolding while bluebirds, chimney swifts and barn swallows go zipping by (plus a few wasps!) makes

for some of the more interesting birding this summer. And of course, there was the inimitable county fair--an annual event for any county extension agent and I'm no different.

But the fair is behind me, and while there is still painting to do, I can paint and bird at the same time. And now fall migration is starting! Getting an issue of the *Horned Lark* together is always a busy couple of days and it always gets me in the mood to do some serious birding. I'm getting anxious for fall. I know those silly Red-breasted Nuthatches are going to be back in cemetery any day now, and the pines at the lake have a great cone crop so maybe we'll get the crossbills back this year, and with all the juniper berries one would think that the Mountain Bluebirds should be abundant this winter to be sure...and maybe even a Townsend's Solitaire for the Christmas Bird Count.... But until that time I'm still looking for that late summer Laughing Gull that always seems to show up around Milford Lake. Now don't you forget to finish up that KBBAT block and get your Fall Meeting registration in the mail within the week!

-chuck

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Return yours TODAY!

**ANNUAL FALL MEETING OF KOS
GARDEN CITY KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2, 1994**

The Fall Meeting of the KOS will be held on the Garden City Community College (GCCC) Campus on the east side of Garden City. Arriving from the east on Business Highway 50, turn north at the first stop light on Campus Drive and go about 5 blocks north to the GCCC. Arriving from the northeast on Highway 156, turn south at the first stoplight after passing a shopping center onto Campus Drive and go south about 4 blocks. **Please return the pre-registration form by September 23 or call 316-275-5192 by September 29.** (Letters refer to locations on map.)

Friday, September 30 - Osterbuhr Residence--
7:00 - 12:00 p.m. - Informal reception at the home of Ron & Marie Osterbuhr, 1103 Gillespie Place. From the east on Business Highway 50, go 3 blocks past the second stoplight, turn north on Center Street and go about 6 blocks north, then turn west onto Gillespie. From the northeast on Highway 156 turn left at the third stoplight and go south on Center Street, then go about 4 blocks south to Gillespie. See map "A".

Saturday, October 1 - Warren Fouse Math-Science Building, GCCC Campus Science Lecture Hall "B".

8:00 - 9:00 Registration. Orange juice, rolls & coffee

9:00 - 11:30 Paper Session
11:30 - 12:00 Business Meeting
12:00 - 1:15 Lunch on your own. (Dozens of restaurants 4 blocks north on Kansas Ave. Location of noon board meeting will be announced).
1:15 - 2:00 Birdwatchers Hour. Bring your slides to share. Also bring your home videos (birds only!), we will try to get a TV-VCR set up.
2:00 - 4:00 Paper Session
4:00 - 5:00 Business Meeting
5:00 - 6:30 Free Time
6:00 - 7:00 Social Hour (Cash Bar) at Wheatlands Convention Center, 1408 East Fulton, about 5 blocks south and 7 blocks west of GCCC Campus on south side of Fulton St. "C". Parking in rear of building where the convention center is located.
7:00 - Banquet - Wheatlands Convention Center. Guest Speaker: Bob Jennings, "*Birding from one End of the Continent to the Other.*"

Sunday, October 2 - On your own for breakfast

6:30 - 9:00 Field Trips from GCCC Campus parking lot
1:00 Lunch - location to be announced

Garden City Lodging. All area codes 316. Numbers refer to locator map. Prices do not include appropriate taxes.

1. Red Baron Motor Inn	Single	\$38.00	5. Winchester Inn	Single	\$32.00
Highway 50 East	Double	\$44.00	1818 Commanche	Double	\$38.00
275-4164	1-800-333-4164		275-5095	1-800-336-0063	
1. Budget Host Village Inn	Single	\$36.00	6. Super 8 Motel	Single	\$35.88
123 Honeybee Court	Double	\$38.00	2308 Taylor Ave (US 83)	Double	\$41.88
275-0677	1-800-333-4164			2 beds	\$43.88
2. Wheatlands Motor Inn	Single	\$37.00	275-9625	1-800-800-8000	
1311 East Fulton	Double	\$51.00 - \$53.00	7. Flamingo Motel	Single	\$29.00
276-2387	1-800-333-2387		1612 Jones Ave	Double	\$34.00
3. National 9	Single	\$33.00	276-7601		
1502 East Fulton	Double	\$38.00	8. Continental Inn	Single	\$31.00
	2 beds	\$40.00	1408 Jones Ave	Double	\$39.00
276-2394	1-800-333-2387		276-7691	1-800-621-0318	
4. Garden City Plaza Inn	Single	\$48.00	9. Garden Motel	Single	\$25.00
1911 East Kansas	Double	\$58.00	1202 West Kansas	Double	\$28.00
	Main floor	\$ 2.00 add'l		2 beds	\$32.00
275-7471	1-800-875-5201		276-2394		
			10. K O A Kampground		
			East Highway 50		
			276-8741		

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

At the winter board meeting on February 26, 1994 the KOS Board of Directors voted to forward the following two By-laws changes to the membership to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in Garden City in October.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the following parts of Article II, Section 3 of the KOS by-laws be amended to read:

- A. Regular members: \$15.00 per year.
- B. Sustaining members: \$25.00 per year
- D. Family regular members: \$20.00 per year
- E. Family sustaining members: \$30.00 per year
- F. Contributing members: \$40.00 or more per year
- G. Student members: \$5.00 per year (elementary through college, including full time undergraduate or graduate students).
- H. Any foreign category or subscription add \$5.00 per year.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the following parts of Article II, Section 3 of the KOS by-laws be amended to read:

- C. Life members: a lump sum payment of \$300 or \$150 each year in two (2) consecutive years.

These proposed changes would take affect January 1, 1995. Members who are currently paying on life memberships would be allowed to finish their payments. Sections A, B, D, and E are all \$5.00 increases. Section F was changed by adding the words "or more". Section C is currently a lump sum payment of \$150 or 4 consecutive annual payments of \$37.50. Section G, student memberships, was left unchanged. Section H is a new section, added to help defray the expense of foreign mailings.

If you have any questions about these proposals, feel free to contact any one of the Board members or the *Horned Lark* editor.

WELCOME BACK!

Ted Cable, a.k.a. the luckiest rare bird finder in northeast Kansas, has recently returned from a year's sabbatical in Africa. Those of us in northeast Kansas have missed his enthusiasm and birding reports and are glad to have him and his family back to liven up this doldrum birding summer. We also look forward (with humorous reluctance) to being regaled with tales of African birding. Welcome back Ted!

HELP WANTED!

Many of you have seen this editor refer to the National Birding Hotline Cooperative (NBHC) "BirdChat" on the Internet before. One of the pieces that makes up the NBHC is the transcription area for the Rare Bird Alerts across the country. For over a year now I have been recording and transcribing the Kansas Rare Bird Alert (RBA) and posting it on "BirdCenter". I enjoy doing this and intend to keep on doing this.

However there are now a total of 3 rare bird alerts operating in the state of Kansas. KOS' RBA which Scott Seltman has done so well with these past 5 years or so is familiar to most all of us. But we also have the *Burrugui's Audubon Kansas City area alert* (913-342-2473) and now an alert for the *Wichita area* as well (316-681-2266). I would like to find a volunteer(s) in the Kansas City and Wichita areas who have access to the Internet either directly through an institution or through an on-line service like America-On-Line, Compuserve, etc. who would be willing to transcribe these 2 alerts and post them to BirdCenter. It takes me about 20 to 30 minutes for every update. During peak birding times I may spend 1 1/2 hours a week. Lately, though, it's been more like half an hour every other week.

If you are interested, contact me via phone, mail or, preferably, send me an e-mail message at cotte@oznet.ksu.edu. I will give you the information on how to subscribe to BirdCenter and how to post your RBA. If you don't want to subscribe to BirdCenter but can e-mail me the information, I'd be happy to turn around and post it for you. It is a very rewarding experience!

**Don't forget to register RIGHT AWAY for the Fall KOS Meeting
Garden City, Kansas, September 30 - October 2, 1994
(see registration form at back of newsletter)**

***BE WATCHING at the Fall KOS Meeting for the--shhh--
SILENT AUCTION of "Bird Stuff"!
Check the registration table in Garden City for details.***

WRAP UP THOSE KBBAT BLOCKS!

Summer is waning all too rapidly, which means that we all should be wrapping up those KBBAT blocks and getting them in to our regional coordinators. Dr. Zimmerman is getting nervous about getting this done in 5 years, so let's show him how much we've gotten done this summer--and the *only* way to show him is to turn in your completed blocks to your regional coordinator. Get it wrapped up and in the mail this week. If you don't have another block assigned to you yet, include a note to your regional coordinator and ask for another one or two! Remember--we only have 2 more summers to go, so let's get busy.

WHAT ARE THOSE SURVEYS SAYING??

We're still getting surveys in and there is still time to grab a back issue of the *Horned Lark*, fill out your survey and send it in. We've had respondents from age 10 who were first year members to some who have been members for over 40 years. One even indicated that they missed being a charter member by one year. One of the more consistent remarks on the surveys so far has been the request to keep both the *Horned Lark* and *KOS Bulletin* focused on birds, not environmental issues. Although it can sometimes be difficult to separate the two, we will continue to strive do just that. There have been many suggestions about wanting the issues larger, maybe combining the two publications, etc. These are good ideas and are being investigated. One of the limiting factors is often the cost. So we are investigating many possibilities. It looks like we have some people lined up to write some regular features (other than me) which we hope to get started by issue 4 this year or the first issue of next year. But like I said we are still evaluating comments and ideas and we could use more food for thought. Fill those surveys out and send them in!

CALL FOR PAPERS KOS ANNUAL MEETING, 1994

*Abstracts/Summaries (approx 150 words) due
by*

September 17, 1994

to: Mike Rader
Box 395

Wilson, KS 67490
(913) 658-2595

See Form later in this newsletter!

WHY I BIRD

Several months ago there was an interesting conversation occurring on BirdChat--that big birders gab session existing in the virtual reality known as the Internet. It concerned birders who were avid listers (to the point of obsession) and whether they bird for the pleasure of birding or merely to get one more species on their life list, etc., etc. As happens with these ongoing conversations, they sometimes go on for entirely too long and such was the case with this one. Everything that needed to be said had probably been said 4 or 5 times. After about a week it came to an end when fellow birder and Birdchatter Carol Schumacher from Winona, Minnesota (southeast Minnesota on the Mississippi River) posted the following eloquent bit of verse. Carol graciously granted permission for it to be reproduced here.

Why I Bird

by Carol Schumacher

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I don't bird to list but I list
I don't bird to submit Seasonal Reports and
Nest Records but I do
I don't bird to chase but I do enjoy seeing birds I've never
seen before and those I've never seen before
I bird to challenge my eyes, ears, spirit and perspective
I bird to add my observations to the big picture
I bird for the exercise....I much prefer walking
I bird for the rhythm of the seasons that I've come to tune
to, and that represent seasons of my spirit too
I bird for the spiritual sense that requires me to slow down,
be quiet with to enjoy
I bird to be in the stunning river bluffs that are
the cradle of Winona
I bird for peak experiences...I never know what this day
will bring...but I'll never forget the first nest I
documented and the awe of watching the female
Broadwing blend with her nest
I bird for the connections and dear friends I've made
I bird for the sheer excitement that the first record Curlew
Sandpiper allowed me to express (first in MN)
I bird for the joy of standing in poison ivy watching a
stunning male Prothonotary feed three virtually
hidden gray young and alternately sing
I bird to see all the parts of Minnesota and the
diversity of this state
I bird to see the world...what an excuse to see Costa Rica,
Manzanillo, all the places I've never been
I bird...an uncommon love I share with all I can,
helping them connect with a world of knowledge
unknown to them

WHEN WAS THAT?

A big thank you to Roger Boyd, Amelia Betts and Katherine Kelley. No sooner did the last issue of the *Horned Lark* hit the mailboxes, than I received letters from Katherine and Roger indicating that the first meeting of the KOS was in 1949, meaning that the 1998 meeting should, in fact, be the 50th anniversary. Katherine indicates that Amelia has a wonderful collection of group pictures (how long has it been since we've done that at a spring or fall meeting?!) from some of those early meetings. Likewise Roger has been accumulating material from his parents archives on KOS history as well. He sent me some copies of a couple of letters that are quite fascinating! Thank you and full speed ahead to the 50th (with detours along the way for the 46th, 47th, 48th and 49th. For dates and locations of said detours, see the June issue of the *Horned Lark*!).

CHRISTMAS COUNT PLANNING TIME

Nobody wants to think about it, but Thanksgiving isn't that far away. And then before we can even think about Christmas, we have to make plans for Christmas bird counts. The December issue of the *Horned Lark* will be going to press before Thanksgiving (hopefully) so I need the information on your count by early November. Don't tell me you have no idea when you're going to do your count, because I know that you are already thinking about it and probably have a pretty good idea of when.

Send a short note to me: Chuck Otte, 613 Tamerisk, Junction City, KS, 66441 so we can get the information in. I will be sending notices out soon to all the compilers from 1993 asking for information. Save me the postage! Send me the information first!

THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA

Most of us have probably seen some of the announcements regarding the recent mammoth undertaking by the American Ornithologists Union and the Academy of Sciences of Philadelphia, to produce "The Birds of North America." Most of us have probably already determined that the price of this wonderful resource is out of our reach. Fear not! Bill Busby of the Kansas Biological Survey recently wrote me with the following wonderful news.

Bill writes, "I would like to announce in the newsletter that the Kansas Natural Heritage Program is receiving The Birds of North America.... This publication will consist of profiles (biographies) for each of the roughly 700 breeding species in the United States and Canada. Profiles for each species are published as they are completed; I have received about 100 profiles so far and they estimate all will be finished over the next 10 years...."

The biographies were donated to all State Natural Heritage Programs to be used in conservation planning. They will also be available to KOS members. Anyone interested should contact: Bill Busby, *Kansas Biological Survey, The University of Kansas, 2041 Constant Ave., Lawrence, Kansas, 66047-2906, telephone (913) 864-7692.*"

I have had occasion to see one of the species accounts. It was well written and with more detail than I could have imagined! Thank you Bill for that good news!

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

by Gregg Friesen

For the entire membership--A quick look at the financial situation of the KOS as of mid summer shows restricted funds of \$30,908.59 and unrestricted funds of \$3,533.65. Recall that only the unrestricted funds are available for the day-to-day operation of the organization, including newsletter and *Bulletin* publication and mailing. Of the unrestricted funds, approximately \$300 is already spent but not yet logged on the ledger. Another \$333 is committed to the KBBAT project leaving about \$2,900 available through the end of the year. Currently, accounts payable totals about \$250 and remaining printing and mailing costs for the year should come to a little over \$1,800. This leaves approximately \$850 to cover other expenses including officer expenses based on past years records. If you are in a position to charge expenses to the organization please do so with the above in mind. I will present a full balance sheet at the fall meeting.

Account List	Balance
Unrestricted Funds	
Business Manager Account	432.42
General Fund	3,066.61
Southwest College Fund	34.63
	3,533.65
Restricted Funds	
Dingus Natural Area	7,169.85
Future Dues	147.50
Book Royalty Account	6,120.35
Life Membership	16,022.00
Student Research Fund	1,448.89
	30,908.59
Total Assets	34,442.25

For officers, Business Manager, etc.--Beginning in 1995 we are going to attempt to track inventory held by the KOS. This includes, for the most part, items held for sale including T-shirts, sweatshirts, decals and checklists. I will follow up with specifics on this at the Fall Meeting. Please note any KOS-owned items you may have in the above categories at the end of the year (1994) and send me a total. Thanks!

IS YOUR LANDSCAPE FOR THE BIRDS?

Part III - Finalizing the Plan - Selecting Plant Material

(This is the third of a four-part series)

by Chuck Otte

I have intentionally left plant selection until the latter portions of this series. All too often I run into homeowners who landscape in reverse. They purchase their plants first and then worry about where they'll fit them into the landscape, if they even will. If you get a good basic plan down first it is much easier to select your plants. If you want a large deciduous shade tree with rounded form for the front yard, you can immediately narrow your selection down to 5 or 6 species.

Of course, finding information about plant materials is always a challenge. Catalogs can be (but not always) nothing more than a walk down fantasy lane. Those fancy books on landscaping you see in the bookstores are usually written by people east of the Mississippi River who have no idea of what Kansas weather is like. Half the plants they would recommend for a hot, sunny location would wither and cook in a Kansas landscape!

Of course, I tend to be just a little prejudiced, but I feel that some of the best information is going to come from the Extension Service and the Land Grant College in the state that you live in. In Kansas the Extension Service has many good, free(!) bulletins on plants for your landscape. These bulletins detail form, size, color, adaptation and potential problems for many of the more common (and quite a few uncommon) plant materials available. One that I would strongly recommend for those wanting to attract birds to their property is a bulletin titled "Trees and Shrubs That Attract Songbirds and Wildlife," KSU Extension Bulletin L-845. Make sure you read all the information about any species you are thinking about planting.

I like to see a variety of plants in a landscape. A good mix of evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs provides the shelter, food and perching locations that birds need. If there was one thing that I would change in my landscape, it would be to include more evergreens. Keep that in mind!

What are some of the trees and shrubs that I strongly encourage people to use? Cedars (with the exception of Wichita Blue - just use the good old Kansas pasture cedar, and try to get female trees so you get good berry crops for

the robins!). Hawthorns, nut trees of any kind including the walnuts, hickory and oaks (use the Pin Oak with care, it is only adapted to the more acid soils of eastern Kansas). The more, the better of wild fruit trees like mulberry, black cherry, flowering crabapple (make sure you get one that retains the fruit), osage orange russian olive (this one is short lived, plant it anyway and plan to replace them every 10 to 15 years), and persimmon. Pine trees are okay, but be aware that Kansas is the only state without a native pine tree--there's a reason for that and more. Any pine tree species may have problems, but plant them anyway!

For shrubs go for some of the more uncommon ones. You may have to work a little harder to find the material in nurseries, but it is available. Highbush blackberry, buckthorn, choke cherry, coralberry, golden currant, and dewberry. Gray, redosier, rough-leaved and swamp dogwood are all much preferable to that over-rated eastern variety that simply bears those big showy flowers! Elderberry is seldom used, but over 100 species of birds utilize its fruit. Wild gooseberry, american or sandhill plum and black raspberry are also good food sources.

To attract hummingbirds, go with plants that have large trumpet shaped flowers. Trumpetvine is a good perennial, although somewhat aggressive in habit. Use annual flowers as accents and additional attractants for hummers. Petunia, nicotiana, salvia and snapdragons will all help get the hummers into the yard first, then they'll find your feeders! Incorporate a bird bath into your landscape as well--the birds will love it.

Take some time to go to parks, gardens and arboretums to look at real live growing plants under real conditions. Take a notepad with you and write down the names of plants that you like, then do your research to see whether you've got a chance with those plants. Then give yourself 15 to 20% of your landscape budget to experiment and play. You will find some uncommon successes and some failures, but you will have fun trying some of those catalog fantasies.

Next issue: *Getting it in the ground and keeping it alive!*

KBBAT REPORTS ARE DUE!!

Have you completed your paperwork yet???

Be sure and send your completed paperwork to your regional coordinator ASAP.

AND DON'T FORGET TO ASK FOR NEXT YEAR'S BLOCK...

(First come, first served...you don't want to miss out on a favorite area by speaking up too late, do you?)

SUMMER ROUNDUP/ May 1994 - July 1994/ by Chuck Otte

Spring migration during May was intense, but brief. The first several weeks of May could bring reports of 20, 21, 22 or more warbler species. There were good numbers of migrants throughout the state with extraordinary distribution and many new county records. But as is always the problem of birding in the Great Plains, the weather changed around the 15th of May and strong southerly winds for days on end apparently blew all the migrants on out of the state, but not before Scott Seltman found a Swainson's Warbler at his home for probably only the fourth state record if accepted by the Kansas Bird Records Committee (KBRC).

Reports from Ft. Riley indicated Henslow's Sparrows were quite common in unburned prairie areas, almost too numerous to get an accurate count in some locales.

After an unsuccessful attempt in 1993, the Topeka Peregrines were successful in 1994. I was lucky enough to be in Topeka at the end of June and got good looks at the young male. As of press time there was no update from Jerry Horak regarding the young female that had been in the care of a rehabilitator for several days. Hopefully Jerry will bring us an update of that in the near future. With this first successful nesting of the Peregrine in Kansas this century (coupled with the increasing number of Bald Eagle nests) it brings a certain hint of optimism for other species!

1994 was also a banner year for Bald Eagle nests. Six nests were started and after the Stafford County nest was abandoned it left 5 nests that fledged 12 young. Two nests each fledged 3 young and 3 nests each fledged 2 young. And still I wait for some activity at Milford Reservoir!

A year ago I commented on the apparent increase of Painted Buntings around the state. Whether it was a

"real" increase or merely an improvement in detection may never be decided. The two established Geary county locations again showed nesting activity. Additionally, KBBAT activity in Comanche and Barber counties turned up surprising numbers of Painted Buntings, and Joanne Brier found a good location in Osage county. The buntings may have been there for years, but until a project like the KBBAT comes along to evenly distribute our eyes and ears across the state, they go undetected. Just another good reason to be involved with the KBBAT project! When it's all said and done it would be interesting to know how many new county records resulted from the KBBAT!

And speaking of distribution, any birder in western Kansas should be distributing goodly numbers of hummingbird feeders around their yard! With late July sightings of Black-chinned, Calliope and Rufous Hummingbirds in Garden City, it just reinforces what Thompson and Ely said in *"Birds in Kansas, Vol. 1"* that ". . .if additional feeders were available in the western part of the state, more individual sightings might be recorded."

As July waned into August, hope for another good migration came in on the wings of a good early fall migration. As summer winds down and school gets started again we sometimes lack the enthusiasm to get out and go birding. But we should remember that migrations get started when the birds are ready, not the birders. If you wait for better weather in the Great Plains, you might as well sell your binoculars and field guides!

Remember to call the Hotline, (913) 372-5499, with your sightings, and be sure to fill out a Bird Records Committee Report Form for appropriate sightings. And of course, all of the following entries are subject to consideration by the Kansas Bird Records Committee.

BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS / May 1994 through July 1994

Species	Location and number	Observers	Date	County
Common Loon	1 in basic plumage, Harvey Co East Lake	BD	5-01-94	Harvey
Common Loon	1 at QNWR	SCMC	5-14-94	Stafford
Common Loon	1 at Pratt Fish Hatchery	KB	5-15-94	Pratt
Brown Pelican	1 adult at QNWR Big Salt Marsh	MR,JN	6-01-94	Stafford
Double-crested Cormorant	33 nests with 17 young, QNWR		7-15-94	Stafford
Neo-tropic Cormorant	1 imm at Lawrence Sandpit still present	m.ob.	7-18-94 7-30-94	Douglas
Ring-necked Duck	1 male at QNWR	HG	5-30-94	Stafford
Lesser Scaup	1 male at QNWR	HG	5-30-94	Stafford
Mississippi Kite	1 out of range	MC,LM	5-14-94	Linn

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Bald Eagle	6 Kansas nests in 1994 fledged 12 young			
	Stafford County nest abandoned, successful nesting at Wolf Creek (Coffey County), Perry Res, Clinton Res, Hillsdale Res, and in Hodgeman County.			
Bald Eagle	1 imm, n end of Tuttle Creek Res	GS	7-31-94	Riley
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1 out of season, Buttermilk KBBAT	??	6-11-94	Comanche
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1 in Lenora	SS	6-17-94	Norton
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1 territorial bird s of Augusta	PJ	7-10-94	Butler
Cooper's Hawk	2 young in nest at Ft. Leavenworth	JS	7-01-94	Leavenworth
Cooper's Hawk	1 territorial bird s of Augusta	PJ	7-10-94	Butler
Cooper's Hawk	sitting on nest, QNWR	MR	7-19-94	Stafford
Peregrine Falcon	1 in downtown Garden City	MO	4-30-94	Finney
	still present		5-10-94	
Peregrine Falcon	1 on migration count	KCMC	5-14-94	Kearny
Peregrine Falcon	1 along Arkansas River	PJ	5-14-94	Sedgwick
Peregrine Falcon	nesting in downtown Topeka	as of	7-01-94	Shawnee
	3 eggs hatched, 1 chick fell from nest and died in June, 1 male successfully fledged, the remaining chick, a female, had a rough first flight, but survived, was rescued from the sidewalk and was cared for by a rehabilitator for a couple of days and then was to be returned to the nest. This is the first successful Peregrine Falcon nest in Kansas this century!			
Gambel's Quail	1 singing male	TSh,SSh	7-09-94	Logan
	This bird was in an area of Logan County that regularly gets shipments of exotic gamebirds. May be the same area that a Ruffed Grouse was seen in in 1993.			
Black Rail	2 heard, 1 seen, Bobolink Field QNWR	SCMC	5-14-94	Stafford
Black Rail	several singing	RB,PB	5-22-94	Stafford
Black Rail	3 at nw side of Coldwater Lake	PJ	5-28-94	Comanche
King Rail	s of Protection on Cimarron River	DV	6-11-94	Comanche
King Rail	2 adults with 3 downy young at Peace Creek ne of Stafford	JR	6-28-94	Stafford
Virginia Rail	1 adult with 4 downy chicks	LBR	5-10-94	Finney
	These rails were seen along Pawnee Creek in eastern Finney county for one of only a few confirmed nestings for this bird in the state of Kansas.			
Common Moorhen	4 at QNWR	SCMC	5-14-94	Stafford
Piping Plover	1 at n end of Tuttle Creek Res	GS,DK		
Mountain Plover	1 at QNWR	RB,PB	5-22-94	Stafford
Whimbrel	28 at QNWR	SCMC	5-14-94	Stafford
Hudsonian Godwit	35 at Kaw Valley Fish Farms	LM,GP	5-11-94	Douglas
Hudsonian Godwit	2 late birds at QNWR	MR	6-01-94	Stafford
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1 at QNWR	SCMC	5-14-94	Stafford
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	3 on Ark River s of K-96	PJ,DV	5-24-94	Sedgwick
Short-billed Dowitcher	25 at QNWR	PJ	5-06-94	Stafford
Short-billed Dowitcher	40 at Kaw Valley Fish Farms	LM,GP	5-11-94	Douglas
Laughing Gull	1 adult, Tuttle Res Outlet tubes	DH	5-03-94	Riley
Caspian Tern	flock of 18 at MDC refuge	KOS	5-08-94	Linn
Common Tern	1 at Harvey County East Lake	PJ	5-06-94	Harvey
Least Tern	1 at Kaw Valley Fish Farms	LM,GP	5-11-94	Douglas
Least Tern	Probably courtship/nesting behavior	JH	7-10-94	Pottawatomie
Greater Roadrunner	1 in downtown Elkhart	AS	6-19-94	Morton
Short-eared Owl	1 at QNWR	SK	5-29-94	Stafford
Pileated Woodpecker	1 at El Dorado Lake	PJ	5-06-94	Butler
Black-chinned Hummingbird	1 male in Garden City	LBR	7-11-94	Finney
Calliope Hummingbird	1 adult female (probably)	TSh,SSh	7-20-94	Finney
	This hummingbird was coming to the Shane's feeder quite regularly through the 22nd. If accepted by the KRBC it would be the third report of this species for Kansas.			

Rufous Hummingbird	1 adult female in Garden City	TSh,SSh	7-20-94	Finney
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1 west of State Line Road	MM	5-17-94	Wyandotte
Ash-throated Flycatcher	CNG, at nestbox with 5 eggs	JH,DM,BB	5-24-94	Morton
Vermillion Flycatcher	1 reported in Dornwood Park in southeast Topeka.	BT	5-04-94	Shawnee

This fairly convincing report was received on the Kansas City Rare Bird Alert.

This bird was not found by other birders and it's acceptance is subject to review of any records submitted to the KBRC.

Chihuahuan Raven	CNG, nest with 3 eggs	JH,DM,BB	5-23-94	Morton
Carolina Wren	1 out of range still present	SS	5-21-94	Hodgeman
Winter Wren	1 record late at OPA	MM,BF	5-07-94	Johnson
Sprague's Pipit	2 near Harvey Co East Lake	BD	5-01-94	Harvey
Curve-billed Thasher	Northeast of Boy Scout area	JH,DM,BB	5-24-94	Morton
Red-eyed Vireo	100 at Wyandotte County Lake	LM	5-15-94	Wyandotte
Blue-winged Warbler	1 in Garden City	MO	5-07-94	Finney
Golden-winged Warbler	1 at Wichita's Oak Park	RB	5-03-94	Sedgwick
Golden-winged Warbler	at OPA	MM,BF,GP	5-07-94	Johnson
Golden-winged Warbler	1 in JS's backyard	JS	5-08-94	Leavenworth
Tennessee Warbler	1 on migration count	HCMC	5-14-94	Hamilton
Tennessee Warbler	60 at Wyandotte County Lake	LM	5-15-94	Wyandotte
Cape May Warbler	1 at Overland Park Arboreteum	MC	5-04-94	Johnson
Black-throated Blue Warbler	2 during Migration Count	MC,LM	5-14-94	Linn
Yellow-throated Warbler	KBBAT block	BB	6-08-94	Wilson
Yellow-throated Warbler	KBBAT block	BB	6-23-94	Labette
Yellow-throated Warbler	1 s of Paola on MDC River	JS	7-03-94	Miami
Yellow-throated Warbler	14 at Ft. Leavenworth	JS	7-09-94	Leavenworth
Palm Warbler	2 at Wichita's Oak Park	PJ	5-02-94	Sedgwick
Palm Warbler	at OPA	MM,BF,GP	5-07-94	Johnson
Bay-breasted Warbler	1 on migration count	HCMC	5-14-94	Hamilton
Blackpoll Warbler	1 on migration count	HCMC	5-14-94	Hamilton
Cerulean Warbler	5 at Ft. Leavenworth	JS	6-27-94	Leavenworth
American Redstart	25 at Wyandotte County Lake	LM	5-15-94	Wyandotte
Prothonotary Warbler	1 slightly out of range, Ft. Riley	SH	6-15-94	Geary
Worm-eating Warbler	1 in Garden City	MO	5-07-94	Finney
Worm-eating Warbler	1 at MDC	LM	7-09-94	Linn
Swainson's Warbler	1 at SS home sw Rush County	SS	5-09-94	Rush

This bird was seen from May 9 through May 10. It was videotaped and photographed by Seltman and Shane. If accepted by KBRC it will be only the 4th documented sighting of Swainson's Warbler and several hundred miles further west than the other 3 records which come from Cherokee, Johnson and Montgomery counties.

MacGillivray's Warbler	1 singing, St. Francis WA			
Summer Tanager	1 in Garden City	MO	5-07-94	Finney
Scarlet Tanager	1 in Garden City	FCMC	5-14-94	Finney
Western Tanager	1 male 3 miles w of Elmdale	MM	6-24-94	Chase
Lazuli Bunting	1 at QNWR	SCMC	5-14-94	Stafford
Painted Bunting	s of Pomona Res	JB	6-04-94	Osage
Painted Bunting	numerous Comanche KBBAT blocks		6-11-94	Comanche
Painted Bunting	high numbers sw of Medicine Lodge	PJ,JR	6-13-94	Barber
Henslow's Sparrow	Rather common on Ft. Riley	JK,BB	6-15-94	Riley
White-crowned Sparrow	1 out of season, Lake Wilson	SH	7-18-94	Russell

CNG = Cimarron National Grasslands
 KBRC = Kansas Bird Records Committee
 MDC = Marais des Cygnes
 m.ob. = many observers
 OPA = Overland Park Arboretum
 QNWR = Quivira National Wildlife Refuge
 Res = Reservoir
 WA = Wildlife Area

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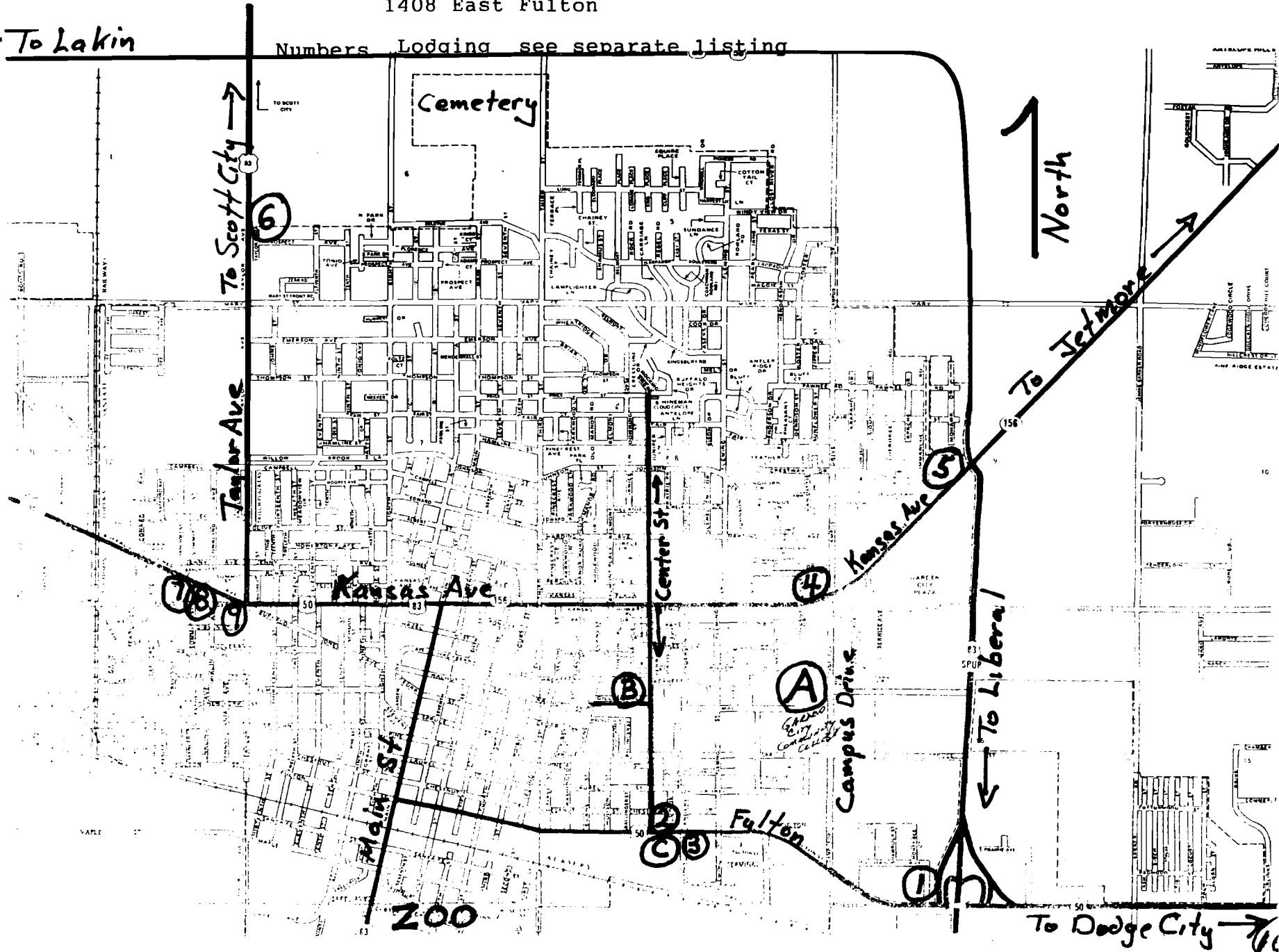
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K.O.S. ANNUAL MEETING, 1994

The Kansas Ornithological Society will meet October 1 and 2, 1994 at Garden City. The contributed paper sessions will be on Saturday, October 1. The only requirement is that the papers deal with birds in some way. We especially encourage graduate and undergraduate students to present the results of their studies. The most interesting papers are often by people who consider themselves amateurs, but nevertheless have considerable expertise. We encourage you to share your experiences with the group. Both long and short presentations are welcome.

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

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