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From The Keyboard -

It's April 10th. I walk out of the hotel where I am staying and am immediately greeted by a calling Common Bulbul. Overhead the gull like cry of a Black Kite is heard as it joins others in the morning sky. Off in the distance, the raven like kwarck of a couple of Pied Crows joins in the Black Kite chorus. Both species then join the silent Hooded Vulture in the warming morning air. No, I'm not in Kansas anymore!

I had the incredible opportunity to spend the month of April in Senegal (West Africa) as a member of a Rotary International Group Study Exchange team. While bird watching wasn't foremost on the list of things the team was to do, I certainly took advantage of every opportunity to do so. I returned with a new appreciation for the United States, Kansas and all the things we take for granted.

We get in our cars and travel 25, 50 maybe 200 miles, or more, to go birdwatching, or to chase a rarity, and just assume that we will have good roads and safe traveling. We assume that there will be eating establishments along the way and plenty of opportunity to purchase gasoline at a reasonable price. We assume so much that we begin to consider these luxuries as rights.

We all too often take for granted laws that protect wildlife and natural areas. If there's a natural catastrophe, we inherently know that the government will dig into its deep pockets to "fix" it. We trust that the government will protect sensitive areas and the entire population from pollutants and contamination.

I spent a month in a country where none of these assumptions hold. The people were wonderful and I left with many fond memories and many new friends. But so much of what we take for granted is a luxury most of the Senegalese, and much of the world, will never know. I watched farmers "on the edge" try to halt the advancing desert. It wasn't their government that was helping them, it was international groups and agencies providing the support. The government would like to help, but they simply don't have the resources.

We live in a wonderful state and a wonderful country. Next time you take advantage of one of the many luxuries we have, take the time to think about it and how fortunate we truly are! Have a good summer and I'll see you in Meade in October!

Chuck

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Upcoming Meeting Locations

Please note the upcoming tentative spring and fall meeting locations. Mark your calendars, look for more information in coming issues and plan to attend!

Fall 2002 - Meade County

Spring 2003 - Stay tuned!!!!

Probably Leavenworth.

Fall 2003 - ??????? Cowley

County been mentioned as a possibility. Local committee??

Spring 2004 - Washington County

Fall 2004 and Beyond - Volunteers and locations needed!

Start thinking of where you'd like to go, or if you would be willing to host a spring or fall meeting. It really isn't THAT hard to host a meeting. Spring meetings simply need some good bird watching areas as well as sleeping and eating establishments. Fall meetings require some place to hold meetings of around 75 to 100 people plus a location for a banquet. Contact any of the officers or board members if you have an invitation or idea for an upcoming meeting.

KOS Items Available

If you would like to purchase KOS T-shirts, sweatshirts, window stickers, etc. then you need to contact the KOS Business Manager, Dave Williams, at 1100 W. 21st St., Lawrence, KS 66049, (785) 843-1159, or via e-mail at DaveWmsKS@aol.com

Do You Have An Interesting Story To Tell?

Some issues, like this one, end up being a little skimpier than this editor would like. While it certainly saves on printing costs, I'd rather use up all my allotted budget! Many of you have done some really interesting things in your birdwatching experiences and are certainly worth sharing. The more scientific papers obviously belong in *The Bulletin*, but many of you have other interesting tales to share or ideas to put forward so why not give writing a try? I never guarantee to print everything submitted, and it doesn't have to be perfectly written. We can help you polish it up, if needed. All it takes is a little time and effort. While I'd prefer to have it submitted in electronic format, I'll accept handwritten documents and type it in myself. The front page tells you how to get a hold of me, so contact me if you have any questions! *Chuck Otte - Editor*

Fall Meeting 2002 October 4, 5 & 6, 2002 Meade, Kansas

Details and registration form will be in the
September issue

Registration information will also available at <http://ksbirds.org>

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Call for Presented Papers

Preliminary

In the September issue will be the real call for papers to be presented at the annual meeting in Meade. But don't wait until then to start preparing your presentation. Students have some special awards to work for, but we enjoy hearing from anyone with an interesting presentation. If you have any questions, contact KOS Vice-president Gene Young.

KOS Spring Field Trip Report

May 3 - 5, 2002

37 KOS members and birdwatching friends ventured to Junction City in early May for a great birding weekend. 157 species were tallied in Geary, Clay, Riley and Dickinson counties. Highlights included 4 nightjar species on Konza at dusk, the Pet Cemetery Trail and Painted Buntings on Walla Walla Road. The species list follows this narrative.

While 16 species of warblers were sighted, it was generally felt that warblers were not overly abundant with the possible exception of Orange-crowned and Tennessee Warblers of which there were plenty! Sparrow numbers were also a little on the light side which was sort of the tone through much of late winter and early spring in the Geary County area.

The Pet Cemetery Trail, on Ft. Riley Army Base, was a popular field trip for all participants. Sightings of Summer and Scarlet Tanagers, as well as Yellow-throated Vireos made the trek through this wonderful "old growth" Kansas riparian forest very worthwhile. Thanks to Jeff and Alan from Ft. Riley's Department of Environment and Safety for helping secure access and passage to the Ft. Riley birding sites.

Sunday morning provided exceptional views of Henslow's Sparrow and a male Painted Bunting west of Junction City. Participants were able to view prairie-chickens from the hastily reassembled viewing blind on Konza Prairie. High winds during an April thunderstorm had tried to dismantle the blind. Thanks to everyone who helped put the blind back together and host the visitors!.

It was enjoyable to be able to share this intriguing mix of forest and grassland species in such a small area.

Start planning now for October in Meade County!

Chuck Otte, KOS Spring Meeting co-chair

Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Eared Grebe, American White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Cattle Egret, Green Heron, Turkey Vulture, Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Green-winged Teal, Redhead, Lesser Scaup, Ruddy Duck, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Ring-necked Pheasant, Greater Prairie-Chicken, Wild Turkey, Northern Bobwhite, Virginia Rail, American Coot, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Upland Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Wilson's Phalarope, Franklin's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Forster's Tern, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Black-billed Cuckoo, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Screech-Owl, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Common Nighthawk, Common Poorwill, Chuck-will's-widow, Whip-poor-will, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Acadian Flycatcher, Willow Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Eastern Phoebe, Great Crested Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Eastern Kingbird, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Bell's Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo,

Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Horned Lark, Purple Martin, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Bank Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Bewick's Wren, House Wren, Winter Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Swainson's Thrush, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, Tennessee Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Palm Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Black- and-white Warbler, American Redstart, Prothonotary Warbler, Ovenbird, Louisiana Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler, Summer Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Spotted Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Henslow's Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Painted Bunting, Dickcissel, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, Western Meadowlark, Common Grackle, Great-tailed Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, House Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow

The Dog Days of Summer

by John Rakestraw

Spring migration has been exciting. In the past week I have participated in a 48-hour birdathon and led three morning bird walks. On the bright side, I have seen 10 new lifers and added 40 species to my state list. On the down side, I have aches and dizziness from “Warbler Neck” and I can’t remember the last time I got more than five hours of sleep in a night.

So I am really looking forward to the slower pace of birding one finds in the summer months. Most birders, myself included, usually bemoan the lack of exciting rarities and decreasing species diversity associated with the “dog days.” But summer presents unique birding opportunities.

LOCAL NESTERS

Take some time this summer to study the nesting birds in your area. Finding a bird on territory gives you the chance to study that bird over several weeks. You can observe details of behavior, song, and plumage, and note how these change with time and various conditions. Immature birds can present their own identification challenges. Viewing young birds repeatedly during the summer eliminates some of that confusion.

Study any species of *Empidonax* flycatchers that nest in your area. Becoming very familiar with one or two members of this confusing group will help you identify other empids in migration.

SHORT LISTS AND A SLOW PACE

Realize from the start of any summer birding trip that your species list is going to be much shorter than it was during spring migration. There is an advantage to this. You can actually take the time to thoroughly enjoy the few birds you do find. Now is the time of year to take a birding trip to see a specific bird.

Go to Quivira just to see the Least Terns and Snowy Plovers. Those two species are worth the trip if you spend some time with them. Spend a day looking at meadowlarks. Rumor has it that you can actually distinguish Eastern from Western by sight. Now is your chance to try.

With the birding a little slow, it is all right to take a little time to look for fossils, flip over a rock to find a lizard or snake, or stop to appreciate the summer wildflowers.

CHASING RARITIES

Vagrants may not occur as often during the summer as they do during other seasons, but this is a good time to chase rarities. During spring migration, birds are driven to keep moving. But if a summer vagrant finds an area he likes, he may stick around for a while, giving you a better chance at seeing him. You are also less likely to miss a good bird close to home while you are off chasing the vagrant. Water birds from the south are among the most likely birds to wander into Kansas during the summer.

“FALL” MIGRATION

Southward migration for many species begins earlier than you might think. The numbers of migrants in July and August are not as great as those in September, but don’t let yourself miss out on the birds that are trickling south throughout the summer.

By the first of July, start checking good shorebird habitat on a regular basis. The earliest shorebirds to head south are the adults, and many of these birds are still in breeding plumage. In addition to the central Kansas marshes, shorebirds can be found at the upper ends of reservoirs and at drying farm ponds.

Midsummer also brings the beginning of the hummingbird migration, with Ruby-throats in the east, Rufous in the central part of the state, and possibly anything in the west.

Some aspects of summer birding are not pleasant. Thick foliage in the trees can make it very difficult to see small songbirds. Mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, and Poison Ivy are all at their peak. Then, of course, there is the heat. Long pants and long sleeves will do a lot to keep your summer itch-free. Get out early in the morning when the birds are most active, and before the shimmering heat waves blur your view.

Summer birding lacks the fast pace and long lists of migration. But if you sit by the air conditioner waiting for the waves of autumn migrants to arrive, you will miss out on the great birding to be found during the Dog Days of summer.

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Ecotourism and Cheyenne Bottoms

by Helen Hands

The second Wings 'n Wetlands Weekend was held at Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira May 3-5. Approximately, 175 people attended this year, up from the 86 attending last year. Birders came from as far away as California, New York, West Virginia, and Ohio. Participants saw 179 species, including such rarities as Black Rail, Common Moorhen, Piping Plover, and Whimbrel. Next year's Wings 'n Wetlands Weekend will be April 25-27, so hopefully it won't conflict with the KOS meeting.

For several years, many individuals and organizations have expressed the need for a visitor center at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area. Unfortunately, there hasn't been much progress toward that need in the 12 years I've been working at the Bottoms. Lack of money has always been the major impediment to developing a visitor center. During my first 9 years at the Bottoms, fundraising for Cheyenne Bottoms was oriented toward renovating and improving wetland-management structures (e.g., the water storage pool, pump stations) to improve management capabilities. The need for a visitor center was not forgotten during the renovation. In fact, one aspect of the renovation, the Mitigation Marsh, resulted in a location for a visitor center. When the Mitigation Marsh was designed, a site for a visitor center was identified and excess dirt was placed there to raise the elevation of the site.

Several years ago (about 5-10?) the Kansas Audubon Council and the state Legislature funded some preliminary architectural drawings. These drawings provided guidance as to approximate costs (about \$1 million) and stimulated thinking as to what were necessities in a visitors center and what would just be "nice to have," but not critical. For \$1 million it was thought that a modest visitors center with an

auditorium, a couple of offices for staff, and a classroom/lab could be constructed. Cost estimates for interpretive displays and trails were not generated.

Funding for a Cheyenne Bottoms visitors center seemed closer than ever a few years later when several conservation groups started lobbying for legislation to create a tax or to tap other funding sources to benefit nongame wildlife and nature education. The Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA), a bill to use royalties from offshore oil and gas drilling, received considerable debate in Congress and probably had enough votes to pass the House and Senate in 2000. However, it was never brought to a vote and its progress has stalled since September 11, 2001. CARA seemed close enough to passing in 2000 that many states, including Kansas, developed plans for how to spend the money. In Kansas, the Cheyenne Bottoms visitors center was going to be one of the top three priorities.

This past April, there was even more discussion of the Cheyenne Bottoms visitors center. The City of Great Bend and Barton County commissioned preliminary architectural drawings for a more-ambitious visitor center, costing approximately \$9.5 million dollars, including exhibits, landscaping, and trails. This center would be designed to be the state wetland interpretive center, rather than just oriented toward Cheyenne Bottoms. Because Cheyenne Bottoms is already a world-class destination, both for wildlife and people, it is thought that it warrants such a facility. Currently, the City and County are in the process of securing local, state, and federal support.

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Spring Meeting Thank You!

Although I may have been chair of the spring meeting committee, most of the work was done by the wonderful volunteers and team members who took care of everything while I was running around Africa during April. I will try to list everyone, with apologies to anyone I forgot! Doris Burnett, Chod Hedinger, Hoogy and Carol Hoogheem, Alan Hynek, Jeff Keating, Celia Markum, Jim Mayhew, Dave Rintoul, Brett Sandercock, and especially to my wife Jaye who encouraged and supported my trip to Senegal and took care of **everything** while I was gone! Thank you also to everyone who attended and made the spring meeting weekend so much fun!

Chuck Otte

KANSAS WINTER SEASON ROUNDUP

December 1, 2001 through February 28, 2002

By Lloyd Moore

Another winter has come and gone. The weather with the exception of a handful of periods of extreme cold and small amounts of snow was quite mild and very dry. One exception was the severe ice storm in the eastern third of the state. Trees and woodlands from Cowley County to Doniphan County were decimated. Power outages were extensive and lengthy. Damage to and repair of power lines as well as the cleanup in the KC metro area alone was in the tens of millions of dollars.

As it turned out this was a “winter finch” year. With Purple Finch, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill, Common Redpoll and Evening Grosbeak all making a good showing. White-winged Crossbill seemed especially numerous with a total of nine reports from across the state. There were also many reports of them from surrounding states. Pine Siskins were quite numerous in a few places in the state. The winter highlight “zootie” was the male **Brambling** that made a brief two-day visit in late January to a residence in Washington County. This is the first ever record of the species for the state. Unfortunately the homeowner’s reluctance to be overrun by birders wanting to see it prevented the announcement of the bird’s presence until well after it had departed. He did however provide the KBRC with documentation and a short video of the bird. Another species that made a very strong showing both in Kansas and elsewhere was the Snowy Owl. The first two appeared in late November with an additional nine (plus three more possible) from mid-December through the end of January. Diurnal raptors were

extremely numerous in the western half of the state through the winter months and were reported by many observers. Species numerous in the west were Ferruginous Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Northern Harrier, Prairie Falcon, all were reported in very good numbers. Sharp-shinned and Cooper’s Hawks as well as Merlin’s were fairly common statewide. Exceptional were the 200+ raptors, representing 6 species seen by Seltman in the Cheyenne Bottoms basin, Barton Co. on 6 February. In mid January, 8 species were seen hunting a harvested cornfield in Morton Co.

Other interesting sightings this winter were Gyrfalcon, Iceland Gull, “dickie” the Common Ground-Dove that spent almost the entire winter at the Corder residence in Johnson Co., a Fish Crow in Douglas Co. unusual for both time and place, a Cape May Warbler that spent a week during mid-January in Lawrence, a Pine Warbler in Wakefield, Orange-crowned Warbler in Manhattan and a Dickcissel in Wichita the first part of January.

Now Tom Shane will give us his thoughts about the winter in his part of the state.

Southwestern Kansas:

It seemed strange to live in a Kansas town where you had seen Mountain but no Black-capped Chickadees. That spell was broken this winter, however, both species remain rare in Garden City. The winter months remained extremely dry with only two significant snows the entire season. During one snowy evening only a handful of Lapland Longspurs were

heard seeking the lights of town. During the past decade Merlins have been fairly routine for southwest Kansas towns with 5 sightings this year during January and 2 during February in Garden City. A noticeable difference in behavior was recorded this winter season for another falcon. Prairie Falcons were observed on three different occasions and locations in Garden City. One was perched on a utility pole on the southeast side of town, one was soaring over some vacant lots on the west side, and a third was observed eating a Rock Dove next to a convenience store on the north side. Large numbers of American Goldfinch were not observed until about the third week of February, with Pine Siskin numbers remaining very low the entire winter. Our new kid on the block, the Eurasian Collared-Dove, made some significant population increases with 5 southwest Winter Bird Counts reporting 28 or more.

Tom Shane

Thanks to all who have contributed their bird sightings. Keep on reporting and remember to send documentation of rare or unusual species to the KBRC. Use either the electronic form on the KOS web site or regular mail to Dave Rintoul at Kansas State University.

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<u>Species</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Observers</u>
<u>Pacific Loon</u>	1 at Wilson Lake	Russell	12/01/01	MR
	1 at Waconda Lake	Mitchell	12/16/01	SS
Common Loon	3 at Wilson Lake	Russell	12/01/01	MR
	5 at Marion Lake on Marion Lake CBC	Marion	12/16/01	CG
	1 at Wyandotte Co. Lake	Wyandotte	12/30/01	GP
	1 at Hillsdale Lake	Miami	02/21/02	BF
	2 at Wilson Lake	Russell	02/28/02	MR
Western Grebe	1 at Wilson Lake	Russell	12/01/01	MR
	1 on Manhattan CBC	Riley	12/15/01	DR
	7 at Milford Lake	Geary	<u>01/25-27/02</u>	B&NB, C&JO
	1 at Tuttle Creek Lake	Riley	<u>02/01/02</u>	DBu
American White Pelican	40 at Wilson Lake	Russell	12/01/01	MR
	17 on Marion Lake CBC	Marion	12/16/01	CG
	52 at Lake McKinney on Lakin CBC	Kearny	12/15/01	TS, ANo
	57 at Perry Lake CBC	Jefferson	12/16/01	RR
	44 on Linn County CBC	Linn	12/22/01	RB
	45 at Melvern Lake	Osage	02/09/02	DL, TAS
American Bittern	1 at Baker Wetlands in Lawrence	Douglas	<u>12/10/01</u>	GPa
Great Blue Heron	<u>34</u> on Lakin CBC	Kearny	12/15/01	TS, ANo
Ross's Goose	<u>120</u> on Waconda Lake CBC	Mitchell	12/15/01	SS
Trumpeter Swan	4 on Cedar Lake	Leavenworth	01/03-15/02	BY
	<i>(2 with red neckbands, 1 with green neckband and 1 with orange wing tag)</i>			
	2 at a Wichita sand pit <i>(both with red collars)</i>	Sedgwick	01/09/02	BG
	2 at sand pit in Dodge City	Ford	01/11/02	JD
	<i>(Both wore red neck collars.)</i>			
	5 at Montgomery Co. State Lake	Montgomery	01/17/02	EM
	<i>(4 had yellow neck collars.)</i>			
<u>Tundra Swan</u>	1 adult 7 mi NE of Holyrood	Ellsworth	12/08/01	T&SSh
	1 at "Oldsquaw Pond", Wichita	Sedgwick	02/17/02	LHi, PJ
American Black Duck	1 at Waconda Lake	Mitchell	12/02-15/01	HA
	1 at Perry Lake	Jefferson	12/28/01	RR
	1 at Wyandotte Co. Lake	Wyandotte	01/05/02	GP
	1 at Wilson State Fishing Lake	Wilson	01/12/02	MG
	1 at Fall River Lake	Greenwood	01/12/02	MG
	2 at Wyandotte Co. Lake	Wyandotte	01/21/02	MG
<u>Mottled Duck</u>	1 seen on Little Arkansas River	<u>Sedgwick</u>	<u>01/20/02</u>	DV
Greater Scaup	4 at Melvern Lake	Osage	12/01/01	MC, MM, GP
	5 on sewage ponds E. of Perry Lake	Jefferson	12/21/01	RR
	Several at Lone Star Lake	Douglas	12/28/01	DG
	4 on sandpit near Garden City	Finney	01/05/02	BC, DF, DLS
	<u>100</u> at Lone Star Lake	Douglas	01/26/02	DG
	2 at Hillsdale Lake	Miami	02/21/02	BF
Long-tailed Duck	2 (male & female) on Marion Lake CBC	Marion	12/16/01	CG
	2 on Kirwin CBC	Phillips	12/29/01	MR
	3 at "Oldsquaw Pond", Wichita	Sedgwick	01/26-02/28/02	PJ, m: ob

<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	1 male at "Oldsquaw Pond", Wichita	Sedgwick	01/26-02/02	PJ, m: ob
Hooded Merganser	<u>250</u> below dam at John Redmond Res.	Coffey	01/09/02	DG
Bald Eagle	Pair nesting 3 mi of Kiowa	<u>Barber</u>	01/22/02	KB
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1 at Melvern Lake	Osage	12/08/01	MC, MM, GP
	4 on Quivira NWR CBC	Stafford	12.14.01	MR
	2 on Marion Lake CBC	Marion	12/16/01	CG
	1 on Canyon Lands CBC	Logan	12/20/01	TS
	1 on Cedar Bluff CBC	Trego	12/23/01	SS
	3 on Blue Rapids CBC	Marshall	12/30/01	TP
	2 on Meade Co. CBC	Meade	12/27/01	TF
	5 on Red Hills CBC	Barber	01/05/02	PJ
	1 at Wichita residence	Sedgwick	01/30/02	PM
Cooper's Hawk	2 on Marion Lake CBC	Marion	12/16/01	CG
	2 on Quivira NWR CBC	Stafford	12/14/01	MR
	1 on Wacanda Lake CBC	Mitchell	12/15/01	MR
	1 on Blue Rapids CBC	Marshall	12/30/01	TP
	2 on Red Hills CBC	Barber	01/05/02	PJ
	1 in Winona	Logan	01/20/02	SS
	1 at residence at Tuttle Creek Lake	Riley	02/01/02	TC
<u>Northern Goshawk</u>	1 along K-7 S. of Bonner Springs	Wyandotte	12/17/01	BY
	1 at Council Grove Lake	Morris	01/05/02	TC, DL, CA
Red-shouldered Hawk	2 on Linn Co. CBC	Linn	12/22/01	RB
Golden Eagle	1 on Perry Lake CBC	<u>Jefferson</u>	12/16/01	RR
	1 in Morton Co.	Morton	01/12/02	AP
	1 So. Of Wilson Lake	Lincoln	01/31/02	MR
	1 NW of Larned	Pawnee	02/17/02	SS
Merlin	1 "richardson's" race NW of Larned	Pawnee	12/03/01	SS
	5 on Wakefield CBC	Clay	12/16/01	C&JO
	1 on Marion Lake CBC	Marion	12/16/01	CG
	1 at 65 th & K-32, Kansas City	Wyandotte	12/20/01	BF
	1 on Cedar Bluff CBC	Trego	12/23/01	T&SSh
	1 on Linn Co. CBC	Linn	12/22/01	RB
	1 at Garden City (<i>Perched on a wire</i>)	Finney	01/05/02	T&SSh
	1 at Marion Lake	Marion	01/20/02	H&CH
	1 at Milford Lake	Geary	01/20/02	PJ, CS
1 at Milford Lake	Geary	01/25/02	B&NB	
<u>Gyrfalcon</u>	1 in NW Wichita	Sedgwick	01/09/02	B&NB
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Melvern Lake	Osage	12/08/01	MC, MM, GP
	1 in downtown Pratt	Pratt	01/23/02	J&LQ, CM
Wild Turkey	<u>350+</u> on Deep Creek Rd. near Pillsbury Crossing turnoff	Riley	02/23/02	DG, TAS
Sandhill Crane	4 flying over NESA	<u>Jefferson</u>	12/11/01	GP
	4000 on Lakin CBC	Kearny	12/15/01	TS
	2500 on Quivira NWR CBC	Stafford	12/14/01	MR
	100 So. Of Kiowa	Barber	02/17/02	DA
	30 migrating north	Pawnee	02/18/02	SS
	1000 wintered	Kearney	02/18/02	fide TS

Least Sandpiper	3 at Melvern Lake	Osage	12/08/01	MC, MM, GP
Common Snipe	10 at Marsh of the Swans	Osage	12/01/01	SS
	1 on Bonner Springs/Lansing CBC	Leavenworth	12/30/01	GP
	2 on Red Hills CBC	Barber	01/05/02	PJ
Franklin's Gull	1 breeding plumaged adult at Tuttle Creek	Riley	<u>02/25/02</u>	TC, CA
Bonaparte's Gull	<u>400</u> on Marion Lake	CBC Marion	12/16/01	CG
California Gull	1 at "Oldsquaw Pond" on Wichita	CBC Sedgwick	12/15/01	PJ
Thayer's Gull	1 at Melvern Lake	Osage	12/01/01	MC, MM, GP
	1-2 at Melvern Lake	Osage	12/08/01	DG, TAS
	1 on Waconda Lake	CBC Mitchell	12/15/01	MR
<u>Iceland Gull</u>	<D> 1 at Melvern Lake	Osage	02/24/02	AP, AN, K&SSa
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	1 at Quivira Lake	Johnson	01/19/02	MCo
Glaucous Gull	1 on Kanopolis CBC	Ellsworth	01/05/02	M&ER
	1 at Melvern Lake	Osage	01/13/02	MSt, GP, MM
	2 at Quivira Lake	Johnson	01/18-19/02	MCo
	<i>(MG saw 3 at Quivira Lake on 01/21.)</i>			
	1 near Hell Creek Bridge, Wilson Lake	Russell	02/28/02	MR
Eurasian Collared-Dove	2 in Seneca on Seneca CBC	Nemeha	12/14/01	DLS
	1 on Wichita CBC	Sedgwick	12/15/01	PJ
	8 on Lawrence CBC	Douglas	12/15/01	GP
	12-15 in Phillipsburg	Phillips	12/24/01	RR
	6 in Cimarron	Gray	12/27/01	TS, SS
	5 on Meade Co. CBC	Meade	12/27/01	TF
	25 in Scott City on Scott Lake CBC	Scott	12/29/01	MO, L&BR
	40 in Elkhart on Morton Co. CBC	Morton	12/29/01	MT
	40 in Hugoton	Stevens	12/30/01	MT
	25 at Cimarron on Ingalls/Cimarron CBC	Gray	01/03/02	TS, SS
	47 at Ulysses on Ulysses CBC	Grant	01/04/02	DLS
	1 on Red Hills CBC	Barber	01/05/02	PJ
	25 on Garden City CBC	Finney	01/06/02	DB, T&SSh
	1 in Concordia	Cloud	01/20/02	HA
	1 in Leoti	Wichita	01/20/02	SS
	1 in Sharon Springs	Wallace	01/20/02	SS
	1 in Salina	Saline	02/06/02	PJ
5 at 33 rd & Burlingame, Topeka	Shawnee	02/17/02	DL	
1 in Pretty Prairie	Reno	02/16/02	KP	
12-30+ in Glen Elder, Beloit and Hunter	Mitchell	02/24/02	HA	
1 in Bavaria	Saline	02/22/02	TS	
<u>White-winged Dove</u>	1 at Cimarron on Ingalls/Cimarron CBC	Gray	01/03/02	TS, SS
Inca Dove	1 at Peter's residence on Lakin CBC	Kearny	12/15/01	APe, BP
	2 daily at feeder in Meade	Meade	12/21/01	TF
	1 in Syracuse	Kearny	01/12/02	SS, MO
<u>Common Ground-dove</u>	<D> 1 at Corder residence, Olathe	Johnson	01/02-02/28/02	M&EC, m: ob
Great Horned Owl	<u>16</u> on Marion Lake	CBC Marion	12/16/01	CG

<u>Snowy Owl</u>	1 seen in BNSF rail yards in KCK <i>(Was seen off and on for about 3 weeks perched on top of boxcars east of I-635 overpass.)</i>	Wyandotte	12/19-01/11	fide MM
	2 in Pool 2 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	12/30 – 01/12	ST, m: ob
	1 on rip rap of Marion Lake Dam	Marion	01/14-17-02	MK,TH,NW,m:ob
	2 in Marion Lake area <i>(1 in a field below the dam and 1 south of US-56 in a field. One of these birds was probably the same bird seen on the rip rap of the dam)</i>	Marion	01/15/02	JW, ML
	1 on dam at Clinton Lake	Douglas	01/19-02/12	ML, m:ob
	1 at Glen Elder SP, Waconda Lake	Mitchell	01/25-29/02	HA
	1 east of K-15 on Dickinson/Clay Co. Line	Clay	01/29/02	C&JO
(There have been additional, unconfirmed reports of single Snowy Owls near Idana, Clay Co. near Brantford, Washington Co. and at Ft. Riley, Riley Co. All during late February.)				
Barn Owl	1 at 101 st & Connell, Overland Park	Johnson	12/01/01	M&EC
	1 on Perry Lake CBC	Jefferson	12/16/01	RR
Long-eared Owl	2 on Quivira NWR CBC	Stafford	12/14/01	MR
	1 on Cedar Bluff CBC	Trego	12/23/01	SS
	4 on Scott Lake CBC	Scott	12/29/01	TS
	2-3 found in pine grove	Cloud	01/11/02	HA
	2 at Lyon Co. State Lake	Lyon	01/14/02	DG
Short-eared Owl	4 on Scott Lake CBC	Scott	12/29/01	TS
<u>Lewis's Woodpecker</u>	1 along Ark. River., SE of Deerfield	Kearny	01/11/02	CH
Eastern Phoebe	1 on Mined-Land CBC	Cherokee	<u>01/02/02</u>	RM
<u>Northern Shrike</u>	1 near Stockdale Area of Tuttle Creek Res.	Riley	12/10/01	LJ
	1 in Rock Creek Park, Perry Lake	Jefferson	12/28/01-01/01/02	RR,MS, JA
	1 8 mi NW of Rozel	Pawnee	01/04/02	SS
	1 on Kanopolis CBC	Ellsworth	01/05/02	JR, JM
	1 2 mi W. Clay Co. line along US-24 Hwy.	Cloud	01/20/02	HA
	1 NE of Fall River Lake dam	Greenwood	01/12/02	MG
<u>Fish Crow</u>	<D> 1 near Fitch Natural History Reservation <i>(About 3 miles north of Lawrence)</i>	<u>Douglas</u>	<u>02/03/02</u>	MRo
Carolina Chickadee	<u>96</u> on Red Hills CBC <i>(A good number for this species at the western edge of its range in the state.)</i>	Barber	01/05/02	PJ
Black-capped Chickadee	1 at Shane's feeder, Garden City	<u>Finney</u>	02/16/02	T&SSH
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<u>19</u> on Wakefield CBC	Clay	12/16/01	C&JO
Rock Wren	1 at Melvern Lake	<u>Osage</u>	12/01/01	MC, MM, GP,SS
	1 below dam at Winfield City Lake	<u>Cowley</u>	12/16/01	MT
	4 on Canyon Lands CBC	Logan	12/20/01	TS
Bewick's Wren	1 at residence on Tuttle Creek, Manhattan <i>(The wren spent several hours exploring the inside of Ted's house before it was ushered out.)</i>	Riley	12/10/01	TC
	1 on Marion Lake CBC	Marion	12/16/01	CG
	1 at Milford Lake	Geary	01/20/02	HA
	1 at residence on Tuttle Creek Lake	Riley	02/01/02	TC
	1 at Carnahan Cemetery	Pottawatomie	02/23/02	DG, TAS
House Wren	1 at Woodland Park on Wichita CBC	Sedgwick	12/15/01	PJ
Winter Wren	1 on <u>Cedar Bluff CBC</u>	<u>Trego</u>	12/23/01	T&SSH

Marsh Wren	2 at Wilson Lake	Russell	12/02/01	MR
	<u>12</u> on Scott Lake CBC	Scott	12/29/01	T&SSh, DF
	1 at Neosho W.A.	Neosho	01/05/02	RM
	1 on Red Hills CBC	Barber	01/05/02	PJ
	1 in Sedgwick Co. Park	Sedgwick	01/11/02	B&NB
	1 at Coldwater Lake marsh	Comanche	02/16/02	GF
	1 at Thompson Creek Marsh	Kiowa	02/16/02	GF
	1 in pool 5 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	02/24/02	TS
Mountain Bluebird	<u>20</u> on Red Hills CBC	Barber	01/05/02	PJ
	(All time low number for count.) 12 N. of Mt. Hope Cemetery	Sedgwick	01/22/02	GM
Townsend's Solitaire	1 on Wichita CBC	Sedgwick	12/15/01	PJ
	2 on Wakefield CBC	Clay	12/16/01	C&JO
	1 on Cedar Bluff CBC	Trego	12/23/01	SS
	<u>19</u> on Scott Lake CBC	Scott	12/29/01	T&SSH,DF,MO
	2 on Blue Rapids CBC	Marshall	12/30/01	TP
	2 on east side El Dorado Lake	Butler	02/17/02	BL
Hermit Thrush	3 on Perry Lake CBC	Jefferson	<u>12/16/01</u>	RR, MM
	(I was of the western race)			
	1 in riparian woods	Leavenworth	<u>02/14/02</u>	DW
	1 in woods along Kansas River	Geary	<u>02/26/02</u>	JK
Curve-billed Thrasher	2 on Morton Co. CBC	Morton	12/29/01	SP
Orange-crowned Warbler	1 at residence E. of Manhattan (OCWA was present for 6 weeks from early February to mid March)	Pottawatomie	02-03/02	KW, GS
<u>Cape May Warbler</u>	1 adult male at residence in Lawrence	Douglas	01/11-17/02	JC,PW
<u>Pine Warbler</u>	1 on Wakefield CBC	Clay	12/16/01	C&JO
Common Yellowthroat	1 N. of Bloomington Beach, Clinton Lk.	Douglas	<u>01/26/02</u>	AP, AN
Eastern Towhee	1 along Walnut Creek, SE of Waconda Lk.	<u>Mitchell</u>	12/02/01	HA
	1 at Melvern	Osage	12/08/01	MC, MM, GP
	1 on Lawrence CBC	Douglas	12/15/01	GP
	1 on Waconda Lake CBC	<u>Mitchell</u>	12/15/01	MR
	1 on Parsons/SE Kansas CBC	Neosho	01/05/02	RM
	2 on Kanopolis CBC	<u>Ellsworth</u>	01/05/02	M&ER, JR, JM
	1 at residence at Tuttle Creek Lake	<u>Riley</u>	02/01/02	TC
Field Sparrow	1 at Milford Lake	Geary	<u>01/20/02</u>	HA
Lark Sparrow	1 on Red Hills CBC	Barber	<u>01/05/02</u>	PJ
LeConte's Sparrow	2 at Lyon Co. State Lake	Lyon	12/01/01	SS
Smith's Longspur	20+ at Lyon Co. State Lake	Lyon	12/01/01	SS, m:ob
	50+ at Lyon Co. State Lake	Lyon	12/04/01	DD
	20 at Lyon Co. State Lake	Lyon	01/12/02	DO
	12 or so at Lyon Co. State Lake	Lyon	02/24/02	AP, AN, K&SSa
<u>Dickcissel</u>	<D> 1 at feeder in Wichita (Has been present for about a week.)	Sedgwick	01/15/02	D&MC

Brewer's Blackbird 910 on Red Hills CBC Barber 01/05/02 PJ
(This species has been reported on other CBC's this winter from around the state. Although not in as high numbers.)

Brambling <D> 1 male at a feeder for two days Washington 01/22-23/02 WB

Purple Finch 34+ at Perry Lake feeding on Red Cedar berries. Jefferson 02/07/02 JB
(There have been less than a dozen reports of Purple Finch from across the state this winter. Mostly 1's and 2's visiting feeders.)

Red Crossbill 8 at Stockdale Area of Tuttle Creek Riley 12/20/01 KG
 6 in Rolling Hills area, Milford Lake Geary 01/20/02 PJ, CS
 15-20 in Stockdale Park area at Tuttle Creek Riley 01/21/02 LJ
 15-20 in pines neat Tuttle Creek Res. Outlet Riley 01/24/02 DR & students
 8 at Headquarters feeders, Pomona Lake Osage 01/25/02 MM
 15 below the dam at Tuttle Creek Res. Riley 02/23/02 TW, TAS

White-winged Crossbill 1 in Great Bend on Cheyenne Bottoms CBC Barton 12/13/01 MR, LH
 1-3 at Boyd residence, Baldwin City Douglas 12/31/01-01/13/02 RB
 1 at residence on Tuttle Creek Lake Pottawatomie 01/09-11/02 DB, G&DSv,m:ob
(Appeared first at Burnett residence and then moved to Shavers residence)
 2 at residence in Syracuse Hamilton 01/12/02 SS, MO
 1 at Pittman residence Leavenworth 01/15/02 GP
 1 at Shane residence in Garden City Finney 01/16/02 TS
 2 in pines at West Rolling Hills, Milford Lk. Geary 01/19-22/02 C&JO
 1 at Topeka residence Shawnee 02/03/02 PWi
 3 at residence in Benton Butler 02/03/02 fide CO

Common Redpoll 2 on Manhattan CBC Riley 12/15/01 DR
 2 on Cheyenne Bottoms CBC near CB HQ Barton 12/13/01 fide MR
 1 at residence on Tuttle Creek Res. Riley 02/05-10/02 DBu, G&DSv

Evening Grosbeak 1 in Syracuse Hamilton 01/12/02 SS, MO
 1 in Lakin Kearny 01/07/02 BC

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