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### From The Keyboard -

Summer, like every season anymore, has flown by. Sure, as I write this we are still dealing with those classic 95 degree Kansas August afternoons. But many of the Upland Sandpipers have left already. Purple Martins are staging up and drifting away and all those songs I have been listening to since May are falling quiet.

Singer songwriter Don Henley had a hit song several years ago called the Boys of Summer. Okay, he was writing it about baseball and a longing for many things lost, but I always seem to hear the song a little differently from everyone else. I always hear the line, "after the "birds" of summer have gone. For me, late summer is a melancholy time and yet it is an exciting time as we go rolling through shorebird migration into hummer migration and then hear come the winter residents! It is a season of "loss" and yet with each loss we stand to "gain" something else.

The Internet, and its countless discussion groups such as KSBIRD-L, have been a big boon to rapid dispersal of exciting news on bird sightings, conservation alerts and other tidbits of interest. But just as fast as it spreads good news, it also brings us bad news. Such was the case in early August when the news of the untimely passing of Richard "Mobe" Rucker came across the list....

It reminded me of the day that Roger Tory Peterson passed away. Whatever else was being discussed on BirdChat ceased and everyone shared what RTP had meant to them, whether they'd met him or not. Several years before that, a well liked Colorado birder, Wally Collins passed a way following a brief illness. When we lose one of our own, everything else suddenly drops to a lower priority as we start to deal with our grief and share in our memories of the recently lost. Several Kansas birdwatchers shared very eloquent and touching messages about Mobe and the impact that he had had on their, and all of our, lives.

It has been a year touched with grief in many different ways. And yet one of the ways that we deal with grief is through the support and camaraderie of our family and friends. Meade may seem like a long ways away from wherever you are in Kansas. But don't let that slow you down. Load up the car with friends and come on down to the Fall KOS Meeting. Tom Flowers has teamed up with his local Economic Development Office and they have a dandy weekend planned. I'm going to be there and it'll be good for you to be there too. See you in Meade!

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!

**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.

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## 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 2708 South 23rd, Leavenworth, KS 66048 (913) 772-0077, or via e-mail at DaveWmsKS@aol.com

## We Need You!

There are a lot of activities and events that KOS does, or could do, if we had the volunteers to do it. Every year we have a need for a couple of new board members either as directors or officers. We need people to serve and chair local committees for spring and fall meetings. The KOS board has had to turn down numerous requests for participation or manning a booth at different events because there weren't interested people. If it seems to you that 10% of the people are doing 90% of the work, then you are just about right. Those 10% don't really want to do all that work, it's just that they feel it needs to get done and nobody else is stepping up to do it. We need more volunteers for many activities. Be brave, step forward and become more involved in your Kansas Ornithological Society. Contact any board member if you are interested in help out.

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

Details and registration form inside this issue.

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

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## Discovering Birds

by Chet Gresham

I get the call. There is a Curlew Sandpiper at Quivira! What? I quickly start to devise plans to get me up there without making someone I know angry, and somehow I convince myself that I can be there at the crack of dawn. So there I was the next morning at 3:30 a.m., wide awake, and out the door.

The story here isn't really about if I saw the bird or not (which I didn't) but about that gravitational pull that rare birds have on some people like myself. What possesses us to want to see a bird outside of its normal range? Isn't it just a glitch, an abnormal weather pattern, a genetic defect? Should we celebrate a bird's inability to stay on course?

I so distinctly remember seeing a Chestnut-sided Warbler for the first time in my own back yard. To think that something so beautiful and exotic could be out in the elm trees I had so often watched the House Sparrows fighting in completely floored me. This revelation made me want to see more. I realized then that I was missing something beautiful in the world and quickly I became a birder.

But still, why would I drop everything just to see one bird? Aren't there more important things to do with my time? I ask myself this question often. I suppose it could be just to say I've seen it, to tell the story of how I saw it or what I'm doing now - telling the story of why I wanted to see it. I think it is so many things - it's the anticipation, the thrill of just getting up, dropping everything and hitting the road. It is also the thought that I may never see this bird in this spot ever again. Once in a lifetime opportunities are just that - once in a lifetime opportunities. I think we like to document the rare things

in life. We want to prove to ourselves that they can really happen which in turn might show us that we can be anywhere tomorrow, that on a second's notice we could be in a car or on a plane or even the side of the road heading somewhere we have never been just for the simple fact that we can.

All of these feelings birding gives us come from so many aspects of birding, not just chasing rarities. We don't have to limit the ways in which we enjoy birds. You can sit in a deep eastern forest all day and just close your eyes and listen to all the birds and never identify one, you can sit at your kitchen table and watch the goldfinch and house finches cracking open thistle and sunflower seeds, you can get a phone call and head out the door at breakneck speed and drive twelve hours to see a Slaty-backed Gull, you can be driving to work and count the number of red-tails you see each day, you can maintain a bluebird trail, do a big day for each month, do a big year for a county or a state or the whole world. It doesn't matter. Birding allows us a freedom that our day to day lives probably wouldn't give us. We are allowed to discover and not miss out on what is going on in a world where it feels as if there isn't much left to discover.

Birding isn't the only activity that allows discovery, but it is what we love and do and no matter how we are birders we will always be birders, and know that when that phone rings or when we are scanning with our scopes across the salt flats of Quivira that anything can happen.

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### Richard "Mobe" Rucker

1952 - 2002

The Kansas birding world was stunned by the announcement of Mobe Rucker's untimely passing. Mobe was vacationing with his family in Wyoming when a heart attack claimed him on August 8th. Mobe was well known and well respected by the Kansas birding community. The news hit the KSBIRD-L list on Friday afternoon, the 9th, and the kind words started flowing. Everyone kept using the same words that I had in my mind for Mobe - a kind and gentle man who loved birds and nature. He was always willing to help a new birder with infinite patience. Mobe truly never grew tired of helping the beginner "discover birds". He had worked as a park ranger for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Perry Lake for 24 years. He was active in KOS and Jayhawk Audubon and was a regular fixture at many Christmas Bird Counts. He is survived by his wife Roseanne, daughters Genevieve and Sarah, his mother and a brother, Robert. He will be missed by everyone.....

## What to Look For

by *John Rakestraw*

On Oregon Birders On Line recently a new birder reported a probable male Smith's Longspur in Portland. Now we don't get Smith's Longspurs in Oregon, even in the winter, so the report of a breeding-plumaged male in July caused many in the birding community to simply roll their eyes. But was the identification that illogical? Like many new birders, this person was relying solely on "field marks." If you look at the color pattern on a male Smith's Longspur, it appears strikingly similar to that of a young male Black-headed Grosbeak, a common bird in this area. Based on color alone, Smith's Longspur was not a bad call. But in this case, color alone was not enough to make a correct identification.

So what characteristics should we consider when we are trying to identify a bird? The first thing to notice about a bird is a combination of size, shape, and proportion. This is the first impression you get, how you instantly determine whether the bird is a hawk or a songbird or a swan. Many species can be identified by silhouette alone. Get a rough idea of the bird's size. If the bird is a songbird, is it small like a warbler or chickadee, medium sized like a robin or grosbeak, or large like a jay or grackle? What is the bird's overall shape? Is it long and lean or short and chunky? What are the bird's proportions? Does it have a large head, long tail, thick bill or thin? Where do the wing tips fall in relation to the tail? Are the wings rounded or pointed? These characteristics are very consistent among individuals of a species.

Next, consider the bird's coloring. Color patterns are important, but by themselves are not always reliable (hence the confusion between Smith's Longspur and Black-headed Grosbeak). Individual birds show a lot of variation. Color is also affected by feather wear, age, diet, and lighting conditions. But combined with size/shape/proportion, color patterns will often clinch an ID. A small yellow songbird with black wings is very likely an American Goldfinch. A medium sized yellow songbird with black wings is more likely a Western Tanager.

Notice the bird's behavior and choice of habitat. These traits alone are not conclusive, but provide important clues to a bird's identity. A small brown songbird climbing a tree trunk strongly suggests a Brown Creeper. A warbler in cattails is probably a Common Yellowthroat.

Listen for any vocalizations the bird may give. Sound is sometimes the most important clue to a bird's identity. A small drab flycatcher singing "che-BEK, che-BEK" is probably a Least. A small drab flycatcher singing a sneezy "fitz-bew" is likely a Willow.

Consider which species of birds are most likely to be seen at any given season and location. To the great delight of us birders, birds do sometimes wander off course, but those are the exceptions. A brown stripey finch at your feeder is probably a House Finch. It could be a Cassin's, but that should not be your first guess. As the old saying goes, when you hear hoof beats, think horses, not zebras. Probability supports calling the bird a House Finch, and that is where you should start. If you are familiar with the common species, you will quickly recognize something unusual when it appears.

Years ago, I found a large dark hummingbird at my feeder in St. John and finally, reluctantly, labeled the bird a Magnificent Hummingbird. Scott Seltman and Mike Rader were parked in front of my house the next morning to see and video this bird. After about two seconds of observation, it was obvious to these more experienced birders that the bird was NOT a Magnificent Hummingbird. So let's apply these characteristics to my greatest identification *faux pas* to see where I went wrong.

**PROBABILITY:** I knew that it was very unlikely to find a Magnificent Hummer in Kansas, but nine species of hummingbird, including Magnificent, have been seen in the Sunflower State. **VOICE:** none heard. **BEHAVIOR:** typical hummingbird behavior, visiting flowers and the humming-bird feeder; no special "quirks" noted. **COLOR:** consistent with immature female Magnificent, but many female/immature hummers show similar patterns.

So did the **SIZE/SHAPE/PROPORTION** of my hummingbird support my guess of Magnificent? When I first saw the bird, it was flying around in an autumn snowstorm. Hummingbirds in the snow tend to fluff up quite a bit, making this bird look quite large, much larger than the Rufous Hummer I had hosted a few weeks before. (As the sun came out, the temperatures warmed, and the light improved, the bird became increasingly smaller.) The shape of the bird was obviously that of a hummingbird. The proportion, however, was not right for Magnificent. Magnificent Hummingbirds, I was told, have big floppy tails. This bird's tail was too short. Oh well.

Thus I learned to notice as many different aspects of unfamiliar birds as possible, instead of relying on one or two. This cautious approach forces me to be a better observer and vastly improves my credibility.

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## Sandhill Crane Update

by Helen Hands

A few years ago, I wrote about the status of Sandhill Cranes and how they weren't endangered by hunting. Since then, a major study on the Platte River in Nebraska has increased our knowledge of Sandhill Crane ecology. This study is being conducted by Gary Krapu of U.S. Geological Survey's Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center and involves on-the-ground assessments of food availability and condition of the birds plus remote sensing of cranes via satellite telemetry. The on-the-ground assessments will provide data to compare current conditions to those 25 years ago when a similar study was done. This comparison is needed because there has been concern expressed that conditions on the Platte River, where over 90% of the Sandhill Cranes in the Mid-Continent Population stop during spring migration, have deteriorated during the past 25 years. Concern has been expressed that Sandhill Cranes are not accumulating as much fat on the Platte as they did in the 1970s because of a combination of factors including: 1) vegetation encroachment has narrowed river channels and concentrated cranes in smaller areas thereby increasing competition; 2) efficiency in corn harvest has decreased waste grain availability to cranes, and 3) increases in numbers of geese and other wildlife have increased competition for waste grain.

Data collected during spring 1998 were similar to those collected in the 1970s: large cranes were depositing more fat than small cranes. However, as a proportion of body size, fat deposition was similar between small and large cranes. In spring 1999, corn availability declined dramatically and large cranes had more trouble depositing fat than small cranes. It has been hypothesized that the Mid-Continent population of Sandhill Cranes has continued to increase despite increases in harvest because high rates of fat deposition allowed the birds to reach their Arctic nesting areas in better condition. When Gary Krapu has completed his study, we should have a much better idea how decreases in corn availability are affecting fat deposition by Sandhill Cranes on the Platte River. More study will probably be necessary to determine if this will affect reproductive success.

The second part of Gary Krapu's study involves telemetry, using both satellite and radio transmitters attached to cranes. The objectives of this portion of the

study are to: 1) identify sites used during the nesting season, migration, and winter; 2) identify sites used and length of stay of the 3 subspecies and 2 subpopulations within the Central Platte and North Platte river valleys in Nebraska; 3) evaluating the effectiveness of the annual March survey by estimating the percent of the population within the survey area during the survey period; and 4) estimate the exposure of the 3 subspecies to hunting. Data from objective 1 from the 1998-2000 field season can be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/perm/cranemov/cranemov.htm>. One surprise has been the number of cranes that have gone to Siberia to nest. As for objective 3, to date, the radio telemetry data within the Central and Platte River valleys have shown that over 90% of the cranes with radio transmitters are present at the time of the annual March survey. This indicates that the date selected for the annual survey is appropriate.

Gary Krapu's study has also yielded some unexpected data. DNA samples were collected from the birds marked with satellite transmitters. So far, these samples have shown that genetically there is no difference between the moderately-sized subspecies, commonly called the Canadian subspecies, and the greater subspecies. Similar results have come from genetics sampling of museum specimens collected on the breeding grounds and birds collected in Texas during winter. Thus, it appears that despite 3 morphometric groups of Sandhill Cranes, genetically only 2 subspecies are distinct. This means that instead of estimates of the percentage of greater in the Mid-Continent Population being in the 9% range, they are actually more in the 40% range.

Because this study has been providing new and important information, the Central Flyway has postponed its long-promised revision of the Management Plan for Mid-Continent Sandhill Cranes. The last satellite and radio transmitters were attached in spring 2002. Thus, the Management Plan probably won't be revised until 2004, when results from this study become available in final form.

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# Key to the Common Female and Immature Hummingbirds of Kansas

by Thomas G. Shane

*(Editor's note: In recent years, Tom and Sara Shane have had a wonderful opportunity to study those "common" hummingbirds that visit Kansas. Tom shared the following quick identification guide with the subscribers of the Kansas Internet discussion group, KSBIRD-L and allows it to share it with the KOS readership!)*

This key is designed to help identify those hummingbirds other than the adult males at your feeders and flowers. This includes 90 - 95% of our migrants. An entirely different set of characters is used when banders identify hand held hummingbirds.

**Hummingbird characters of little use in determining species:** Do not worry about size, it is very deceptive. Do not worry about the shade of the green on the back. Do not worry about the white around the eye, it is highly variable. Do not worry about the color of the under tail coverts. Do not worry about the density of small to medium green spots on the throat. Do not worry about the white tips to tail feathers, all 5 species have them.

**If you have only seconds at a hummingbird observation:** Do look for the rust color or lack of on the sides/flanks. Do look at the tail for size, shape and color patterns.

## **A. HUMMINGBIRD SHOWS CONSIDERABLE RUFOUS/RUST ON SIDES/FLANKS.**

### **1. RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD**

- a. Generally has medium rust color on flanks, occasionally a breast band.
- b. Considerable rust in the tail feathers at the base, usually apparent in a side view of perched bird.
- c. Tail wedge shaped, central feathers green, some rust often shows around upper tail coverts.
- d. Tail longer than wings.
- e. Some rusty flecks in upper tail coverts and on back, "Important character". Immature males often have a considerable amount of rust in same area.
- f. Very aggressive and territorial.

### **2. BROAD-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD**

- a. Varies from a medium to light rust color on flanks, occasionally shows a breast band.
- b. Small area of rust at base of tail feathers, harder to see in a side view.
- c. Tail large and squared, central feathers green, tail looks green when perched.
- d. Tail longer than wings.

- e. Upper tail coverts and back green, no rust.
- f. Wing beats often appear slower in this species.

### **3. CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD**

- a. Always a light rust color on flanks which extends in a narrow band across breast.
- b. Almost no rust in tail feathers at the base.
- c. Tail squared off, central feathers end in black making a noticeably small black tail in flight or perched. --d. Tail shorter than wings, "Important character".
- e. Upper tail coverts and back green
- f. When observed at close range bill appears short and needle like.

## **B. HUMMINGBIRD SHOWS LITTLE OR NO RUST ON SIDES/FLANKS, GENERALLY LIGHT BREASTED, SMALL HEAD AND NECK, AURICULAR AREA OFTEN DARK, TAIL LONGER THAN WINGS WHEN PERCHED, AND HAS NO RUST IN TAIL.**

### **4. RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD**

- a. Green cap and forehead.
- b. Straight bill.
- c. Does not pump tail when bill is in feeder or flower while feeding.
- d. Forked tail observed while perched. NOTICE: If you observe all four of the characters above on same bird then you will be about 80% sure of a Ruby-throat.

### **5. BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD**

- a. Grayish to grayish green cap and forehead.
- b. Slightly decurved bill.
- c. Pumps tail when bill is in feeder or flower while feeding.
- d. Squared or rounded tail observed while perched. NOTICE: If you observe all four of the characters above on same bird then you will be about 80% sure of a Black-chin.

**C.** If you see a large dark spot or two on the throat try and get a reflection of the iridescent color. It will nearly cinch the id for you.

**RUFOUS.....Golden Orange Note:** First iridescent spots are often on side of neck on the immature male Rufous.

**BROAD-TAILED....Rose Red**

**CALLIOPE.....Garnet Red**

**RUBY-THROATED...Flame Red**

**BLACK-CHINNED...Purple**

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# KANSAS SPRING SEASON ROUNDUP

March 1, 2002 through May 31, 2002

By Lloyd Moore

Another spring has come and gone and we're left to enjoy our breeding birds for a couple of months until the southward fall migration starts. This spring, bird wise, was apparently one to remember. At least that's what many of you seemed to think judging from your comments. I read and heard many comments that this was the best spring migration in years. Especially, it seemed for warblers and other Neotropical migrants. This was caused, as it usually is, by the weather. Cold fronts and storms not only caused the migrants to stop but pile up in unusual numbers. However, these weather events seemed to split the state east to west. The west was and still is experiencing severe drought conditions while in the east there was above normal rainfall ...at least during May. However, the west did experience some spill over of the eastern abundance. Several species of warblers and others found their way further west than usual. The North American Migration Count (NAMC) and birdathon's tallied excellent numbers of both species and individuals. The best of these was the University of Kansas Museum of Natural History "Big Day" birdathon.

The team of three (Mark Robbins, Mike Rader and Roger McNeill) totaled a new Kansas "Big Day" record of 225 species in a single 24 hour period. An amazing record for a land locked state in the middle of the country. This record ties Kansas for third in the nation for most species seen/heard on a single day in one state. The other three states are Texas, California and New Jersey. Other events or outings that benefited from this "bird abundance" were the Wings & Wetlands Festival at Great Bend, KOS's spring meeting at Junction City as well as a large number of birders that birded the Red Hills of Barber and Comanche Counties. In addition to these official or semiofficial events there were the trips taken to all parts of the state by groups of birders both large and small. All in all a terrific spring of birding.

As usual there were some "zooties" found during the period. These ranged from **Brown Pelican** in Phillips Co. to **Lesser Nighthawk** in Cherokee Co. Other unusual finds were; Lesser Black-backed Gull, Common Ground Dove, Broad-tailed

Hummingbird, Snowy Owl, Lewis' Woodpecker, Pinyon Jay, Virginia's Warbler, an unusual number of Cape May Warblers, Connecticut Warbler, nesting Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow and Lesser Goldfinch. Breeding of Rufous-crowned Sparrow was confirmed in Comanche Co. and the range expansion of Eurasian-collared, White-winged and Inca Doves continues to move forward.

Well! Enough of my jabbering on to the spring report.

Thanks once again 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 <http://www.ksbirds.org> 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> |
|----------------|---|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| Common Loon    | 1 at Douglas Co. SFL  | Douglas       | 4/03        | DO               |
| Western Grebe  | 2 near dam at Milford Lake  | Geary         | 3/24        | C&JO             |
|                | 1 at Barber Co. State Lake  | Barber        | 3/27        | DA               |
|                | 20+ at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton        | 4/27        | SS               |
|                | 15-20 at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton        | 05/04       | MR               |
| Clark's Grebe  | 1 in Pool 1, Cheyenne Bottoms                                       | Barton        | 4/20        | SS               |
|                | <i>(Mated with a Western Grebe and doing "waterdance" display.)</i> |               |             |                  |
|                | 3 at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton        | 4/28        | H&SG             |
|                | 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton        | 5/03        | MR               |
|                | 1 at pond S. of Lakin   | Kearny        | 5/06        | BP, CW           |
|                | 2 at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton        | 5/06        | BP, CW           |

|                            |     |   |           |             |              |
|----------------------------|-----|---|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>Brown Pelican</b>       | <D> | 1 at Kirwin NWR   | Phillips  | 4/23        | SR           |
| <u>Neotropic Cormorant</u> |     | 2 below John Redmond Dam  | Coffey    | <b>3/05</b> | DG           |
|                            |     | 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton    | 5/06        | BP, CW       |
|                            |     | 2 in Pool 2 at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton    | 5/13        | MRo, MR, RMc |
| American Bittern           |     | 1 at Marais des Cygne W.A.  | Linn      | 3/05        | MC           |
|                            |     | 2 in Unit A, Marais des Cygne W.A.  | Linn      | 4/21        | MM, DSe, GP  |
| Tricolored Heron           |     | 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton    | 5/06        | BP, CW       |
| Yellow-crowned Night-Heron |     | 9 in Unit C, Marais des Cygne W.A.  | Linn      | 4/19        | M&EC         |
| <u>Glossy Ibis</u>         |     | 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton    | 5/07        | BP, CW       |
|                            | <D> | 1 at Quivira NWR  | Stafford  | 5/17        | EW,SH,JG,BH  |
| White-faced Ibis           |     | 12 flying over 95 <sup>th</sup> & I-435   | Johnson   | 4/04        | DS           |
|                            |     | 40 at Meade State Lake  | Meade     | 4/19        | TF           |
|                            |     | 12 at Clinton Lake Wetlands   | Douglas   | 5/03        | PW           |
| Snow Goose                 |     | <b>250,000</b> est. at Milford Lake   | Geary     | 3/03        | C&JO         |
| Ross's Goose               |     | 4 at Elkhart sewer ponds  | Morton    | 4/05        | DK, GS       |
|                            |     | 2 on pond N of Odin   | Barton    | <b>5/07</b> | MRo, DK      |
|                            |     | <i>(Were with 2 probable "Richardson's" Canada Geese.)</i>  |           |             |              |
| Black Duck                 |     | 2 at Marsh of the Swans   | Osage     | 3/05        | DG           |
|                            |     | <i>(A pair has been seen at this location since about the mid 90's during winter and early spring.)</i> |           |             |              |
| Cinnamon Teal              |     | 2 on Ark. River in Wichita  | Sedgwick  | 3/28        | RB           |
|                            |     | 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton    | 4/06        | SS, DB       |
|                            |     | 3 at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton    | 4/06        | DK, GS       |
|                            |     | 1   | Greenwood | 4/12        | CG, TH       |
|                            |     | Pair at MdCWA, Unit A   | Linn      | 4/28        | MC, MM       |
|                            |     | 1 at Baker Wetlands   | Douglas   | 4/29        | SM           |
| Greater Scaup              |     | 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton    | 3/18        | MR           |
|                            |     | 1 at Tuttle Creek Res.  | Riley     | 3/22        | TC, CA       |
|                            |     | 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton    | 4/19        | MR           |
|                            |     | 1 at Quivira NWR  | Stafford  | <u>5/13</u> | MRo, MR, RMc |
| Long-tailed Duck           |     | 3 at "Oldsquaw" Pond, Wichita   | Sedgwick  | 3/03-4/12   | PJ, m:ob     |
|                            |     | <i>(Present since January 26 – 4 seen on 3/13)</i>  |           |             |              |
| Common Goldeneye           |     | 1 at Quivira NWR  | Stafford  | <u>5/13</u> | MRo, MR, RMc |
| Hooded Merganser           |     | 1 female, 7 chicks at Marais des Cygne  | Linn      | 5/04        | MC           |
|                            |     | <i>(Chicks appeared to be 7-10 days old.)</i>   |           |             |              |
| Osprey                     |     | <u>12</u> at Kirwin NWR   | Phillips  | 5/23        | SR           |
| Bald Eagle                 |     | Pair nesting  | Osborne   | 4/01        | HA           |
|                            |     | Pair nesting Tuttle Creek Lake  | Riley     | 4/06        | TC, CA, AF   |
|                            |     | 1 adult, Unit G, Marais des Cygne   | Linn      | 4/19        | M&EC         |
|                            |     | Pair nesting at Perry Lake  | Jefferson | 4/21        | RR           |
|                            |     | 4 migrating over MdCWA  | Linn      | 4/21        | MM, DSe, GP  |
|                            |     | 1 imm. at MdCWA   | Linn      | 4/28        | MC, MM       |
|                            |     | 1 on nest at Wolf Creek   | Coffey    | 4/27        | JH,PM,MK     |
|                            |     | 1 adult N. of Milford ( <i>the town</i> )   | Geary     | 5/04        | DR, M:ob     |
|                            |     | Pair nesting at Clinton Lake  | Douglas   | 5/13        | MRo, MR, RMc |



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| Northern Harrier       | <u>82</u> at Cheyenne Bottoms<br>(All but 12 seen in pool #2)  | Barton        | 3/06        | MR           |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk     | 1 at Wilson State Park   | Russell       | <u>5/26</u> | MR           |
| Cooper's Hawk          | Pair nesting 8 mi. NW of Larned<br>(Scott believes there has been Cooper's Hawks nesting at this location for the past ten years.) | Pawnee        | 3/12        | SS           |
|                        | Nesting at McPherson SFL   | McPherson     | 4/16        | CG           |
|                        | 1 at Winfield Mall   | Cowley        | 4/17        | MT           |
|                        | (Being harassed by a Western Kingbird.)  |               |             |              |
|                        | 1 at River Pond area, Tuttle Creek   | Riley         | 5/02        | KSUFOC       |
|                        | 1 at Burcham Park, Lawrence  | Douglas       | 5/31        | BA           |
|                        | (Territorial, seen at same location for over two weeks.)   |               |             |              |
| Northern Goshawk       | 1 seen in flight   | Barber        | 4/11        | DA           |
| Red-shouldered Hawk    | 5 at Marais des Cygne W.A.   | Linn          | 3/26        | MC, MM       |
|                        | 5 N. of Elk Falls on Elk River   | Elk           | 4/08        | PJ, TH, CG   |
|                        | 1 at Toronto Res.  | Woodson       | 4/12        | CG, TH       |
|                        | 1 at Clinton Lake  | Douglas       | 5/13        | MRo, MR, RMc |
| Broad-winged Hawk      | 1 at Oak Park, Wichita   | Sedgwick      | 5/01        | CG           |
| Swainson's Hawk        | 100+ soaring over Cottonwood Falls   | Chase         | 4/22        | SD           |
|                        | 35 in burned field SW of Neosho Rapids   | Lyon          | 4/27        | JH,PM,MK     |
| Ferruginous Hawk       | 1 south of Cheyenne Bottoms  | Barton        | 5/05        | MR & Others  |
| Golden Eagle           | 1  | Osborne       | 3/31        | CA           |
| Merlin                 | 1 speeding down the street   | Finney        | 3/24        | T&SSh        |
|                        | 1 "taiga" race   | Rush          | 4/19        | SS           |
|                        | 1 female "richardsoni" at CB   | Barton        | 5/06        | MRo, DK      |
|                        | 1 flyby of Max's house, Winfield   | Cowley        | <u>5/19</u> | MT           |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 1 in Topeka  | Shawnee       | 3/29        | DL           |
|                        | 1 at Quivira NWR   | Stafford      | 3/30        | TH, CG       |
|                        | 1 at Marais des Cygne W.A.   | Linn          | 4/13        | MC, MM       |
|                        | 1 3 mi E of Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton        | 4/11        | MR           |
|                        | 1 at Marais des Cygne W.A.   | Linn          | 4/19        | MM           |
|                        | 1 at Alcove Springs  | Marshall      | 4/21        | TP           |
|                        | 1 migrating over MdCWA   | Linn          | 4/21        | MM, DSe, GP  |
|                        | 1 near Elwood  | Doniphan      | 4/22        | D&HC         |
|                        | Pair in downtown Wichita   | Sedgwick      | 4/26-5/14   | D&FV         |
|                        | 1 at Quivira NWR   | Stafford      | 4/27        | SS           |
|                        | 2 at Cheyenne Bottoms  | Barton        | 4/27        | SS           |
|                        | 2 at MdCWA, Units A & G  | Linn          | 4/28        | MC, MM       |
|                        | 1 at Elkhart sewage lagoons  | Morton        | 5/03        | CG, SP       |
|                        | 2 at Cheyenne Bottoms  | Barton        | 5/13        | MRo, MR, RMc |
| Prairie Falcon         | 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms  | Barton        | 3/30        | SS           |
|                        | 1 at Alcove Springs  | Marshall      | 4/21        | TP           |
|                        | 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms  | Barton        | 4/27        | DR, m:ob     |
| Scaled Quail           | 5 N. of Elkhart  | <u>Morton</u> | 05/03       | CG, SP       |
| Lesser Prairie Chicken | 8 at west lek CNG  | Morton        | 4/05        | DK, GS       |
|                        | 34 on 4 leks SE Garden City  | Finney        | 4/09        | TS           |
|                        | 10 SE of Fowler  | Meade         | 4/19        | TF           |
|                        | 20 displaying on lek CNG   | Morton        | 5/20        | BBe          |

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| <u>Black Rail</u>       | 4 at Coldwater Lake<br>3 at Quivira NWR   | Comanche<br>Stafford                                     | 4/19<br>5/13                                 | M:ob<br>MRo, MR, RMc                         |
| King Rail               | 1 at Marais des Cygne W. A.   | Linn   | 4/13   | MC, MM                                       |
| Virginia Rail           | 1 at Marais des Cygne W.A.<br>3 at Marais des Cygne W. A.<br>7 at MdCWA<br>4 at Coldwater Lake  | Linn<br>Linn<br>Linn<br>Comanche                         | 3/29<br>4/13<br>4/28<br>5/19                 | MC<br>MC, MM<br>MC, MM<br>M:ob               |
| Sora                    | 2 at Marais des Cygne W. A.<br>12 at MdCWA<br>1 at Coldwater Lake   | Linn<br>Linn<br>Comanche                                 | 4/13<br>4/28<br>5/19                         | MC, MM<br>MC, MM<br>M:ob                     |
| Sandhill Crane          | 3 over Junction City<br>7000+ at Quivira NWR<br>2000 migrating<br>15 in flight over Derby<br>4 over Derby ( <i>a bit late</i> )   | Geary<br>Stafford<br>Barber<br>Sedgwick<br>Sedgwick      | 3/10<br>3/13<br>3/13<br>4/11<br>5/06         | C&JO<br>B&BM<br>DA<br>LH<br>LH               |
| Black-bellied Plover    | <u>75+</u> at Cheyenne Bottoms  | Barton   | 5/05   | MR   |
| American Golden-Plover  | <u>700</u> around Texaco Hill   | Chase  | 4/19   | MRo  |
| Snowy Plover            | 1 Elkhart sewer lagoons   | Morton   | 5/04   | SP   |
| Piping Plover           | 2 at Cheyenne Bottoms, Pool 1<br>1-3 at Quivira NWR<br>13 at DeWeese Park, Cheney Res.<br>1 at Harm's Pond near Peabody<br>1 at Cheyenne Bottoms<br>4 at Cheyenne Bottoms | Barton<br>Stafford<br>Reno<br>Marion<br>Barton<br>Barton | 4/20<br>4/27<br>4/28<br>4/30<br>5/05<br>5/06 | SS<br>SS, AP<br>PJ, LE<br>KK<br>MR<br>BP, CW |
| Whimbrel                | 1 at sandpit in Wichita<br>1 at Quivira NWR<br>6 at Cheyenne Bottoms<br>12 along Redwing Rd. at CB  | Sedgwick<br>Stafford<br>Barton<br>Barton                 | 4/28<br>5/03-04<br>5/06<br>5/16              | PJ<br>DG & others<br>BP, CW<br>AP            |
| Long-billed Curlew      | 30 So. of Garden City<br>1 at Cheyenne Bottoms  | Finney<br>Barton   | 3/26<br>4/08                                 | CS<br>HH                                     |
| Marbled Godwit          | 13 at El Dorado Lake<br>45 at Cheyenne Bottoms  | Butler<br>Barton   | 4/22<br>4/27                                 | DWe<br>SS                                    |
| Ruddy Turnstone         | 1 at MdCWA<br>1 at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Linn<br>Barton   | 4/29<br>5/13                                 | MC<br>MRo, MR, RMc                           |
| Sanderling              | 4 at Cheyenne Bottoms<br>5 in field W of Pratt  | Barton<br>Pratt  | 5/05<br>5/11                                 | MR<br>LL                                     |
| White-rumped Sandpiper  | 2 at Quivira NWR<br>No.? at K-96 bridge, Wichita<br>1 at Grant School Slough  | Stafford<br>Sedgwick<br>Douglas                          | <u>4/27</u><br><u>4/28</u><br><u>5/03</u>    | SS<br>PJ<br>GP                               |
| Dunlin                  | 6 at Cheyenne Bottoms   | Barton   | 5/05   | MR   |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | 1 near Texaco Hill  | Chase  | 4/19   | MRo  |
| Short-billed Dowitcher  | 50 at Cheyenne Bottoms  | Barton   | 5/06   | BP, CW                                       |
| Long-billed Dowitcher   | 2000 at Cheyenne Bottoms  | Barton   | 4/19   | MR   |

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| American Woodcock               | 4 displaying at NESAs<br>1 at Lone Star<br>Displaying at Tuttle Cove Park<br>1 on nest  | Jefferson<br>Douglas<br>Riley<br>Washington  | 3/08<br>3/11<br>4/08<br>4/20   | GP<br>PW<br>TC<br>DT   |
| Red-necked Phalarope            | 1 at Quivira NWR<br>1 at Cheyenne Bottoms<br>2 at Elkhart sewer lagoons<br>1 at Quivira NWR   | Stafford<br>Barton<br>Morton<br>Stafford   | 5/03-04<br>5/06<br>5/09<br>5/13  | DG & others<br>MRo, DK<br>BP, CW<br>MRo, MR, RMc   |
| Laughing Gull                   | 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> year at Wilson State Park<br>1 adult at Cheyenne Bottoms  | Russell<br>Barton  | 5/09<br>5/06   | MR<br>BP, CW   |
| California Gull                 | 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> year at Cheyenne Bottoms  | Barton   | 5/06   | BP, CW   |
| <b>Lesser Black-backed Gull</b> | 1 "probable" 2nd year at CB   | Barton   | 5/05   | MR   |
| Glaucous Gull                   | 1 imm. at Clinton Lake  | Douglas  | 3/10   | AP   |
| Least Tern                      | 1 very early at fish ponds in Lawrence  | Douglas  | <b>4/16</b>  | MRo  |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove          | 3 at/near Shane res. Garden City<br>1 in Hays<br>6 at a residence<br>1-2 at Gardner<br>1 at farmstead in NW Pawnee<br>1 in Greensburg<br>2 at residence in Caney<br>2 at Garden City residence<br>Nesting in Arma<br>1 at Yates Center<br>2 in Ellinwood<br>4 in Blue Rapids<br>1-14 in Ness City since winter<br>2 at Palmer residence, Topeka<br>1 at residence in E. Harvey Co.<br>1 in Macksville, 5 in St. John<br><D> 1 at residence in Anthony<br>4 1.5 miles W of Chetopa<br>3 pair in Linn | Finney<br>Ellis<br>Sedgwick<br>Johnson<br>Pawnee<br>Kiowa<br>Montgomery<br>Finney<br>Crawford<br>Woodson<br>Barton<br>Marshall<br>Ness<br>Shawnee<br>Harvey<br>Stafford<br>Harper<br>Labette<br>Washington | 3/04<br>3/14<br>3/05<br>3/17-25<br>3/20<br>3/22<br>3/14-28<br>3/30<br>4/04<br>4/12<br>4/20<br>4/21<br>4/26<br>4/27<br>5/07<br>5/11<br>5/12<br>5/25<br>5/27 | TS<br>GF<br>MA<br>MS, JA<br>SS<br>DL<br>LD<br>T&SSh<br>RM<br>CG, TH<br>SS<br>TP<br>MD<br>DP<br>JSo<br>SS, DK<br>J&DV<br>EW, JL<br>DT |
| White-winged Dove               | 1 at Presbyterian Manor, Wichita<br>1 at feeder in Topeka<br>1 at Wichita residence<br>1 near Barnes residence, Wichita<br>1 in Clinton State Park<br>1 at McClard residence, Wichita<br><D> 1 at Mangile residence, Pittsburg<br>1 at farm<br>1 pair in Larned<br>1 9 S & 3.3 W of Holcomb   | Sedgwick<br>Shawnee<br>Sedgwick<br>Sedgwick<br>Douglas<br>Sedgwick<br>Crawford<br>Pratt<br>Pawnee<br>Finney  | 4/15<br>4/18<br>4/22<br>4/23<br>4/27<br>5/05<br>5/06<br>5/07-09<br>5/25<br>5/26  | AE<br>GK, DG<br>WJ<br>JB<br>GPa<br>BMc<br>RM<br>LL<br>LEr<br>CS  |
| Inca Dove                       | 2 returned to Flowers residence<br><D> 1 at residence in McPherson<br>1 in S. Olathe<br>1 at Wichita residence all winter<br>Several calling on farm<br>(Have been heard since early April.)  | Meade<br>McPherson<br>Johnson<br>Sedgwick<br>Pratt   | 3/08-30<br>3/31<br>4/09<br>4/15<br>5/09  | TF<br>RD<br>MC<br>DWa<br>LL  |

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| <u>Common Ground-Dove</u>              | 1 at Corder's residence, Olathe<br>( <i>"Dickie" had visited the Corder's feeders daily for over two months and was last seen on 3/02 trying to weather the snowstorm.</i> ) | Johnson         | 3/02               | MC           |
| <b><u>Broad-tailed Hummingbird</u></b> | 1 adult male at Shane res., Garden City  | Finney          | <b><u>5/27</u></b> | T&SSh        |
| Greater Roadrunner                     | 1 South side of Meade  | Meade           | 4/01               | CV           |
|  | 1 on Swartz Mound  | Comanche        | 5/18               | PJ           |
| Barn Owl                               | 1 near Lone Star   | Douglas         | 5/01               | PW           |
| <u>Snowy Owl</u>                       | 1 found dead on K-156 3 mi SW I-70   | Ellsworth       | <u>3/04</u>        | LH           |
|  | 1 S of Latham  | Butler          | <b><u>5/20</u></b> | BB           |
|  | 1 in SW Topeka   | Shawnee         | <b><u>5/19</u></b> | DH           |
| Burrowing Owl                          | 1 at Finney Bison Range  | Finney          | <u>3/12</u>        | KT           |
|  | 6 found at 3 small prairie dog towns   | Finney          | <u>3/20-21</u>     | TS, CH       |
|  | 9 on 2 dogtowns  | Finney          | 4/09               | TS           |
| Barred Owl                             | 1 near Artesian Well, Meade S.P.   | <u>Meade</u>    | 4/01               | MG           |
|  | 1 in Swartz Canyon   | Comanche        | 5/18               | CSc, BBU     |
| Long-eared Owl                         | 1 adult 2-3 juveniles at Scott Lake  | Scott           | 5/25               | T&SSh        |
|  | 1 calling on Elm Creek N of Medicine Lodge   | Comanche        | 5/19               | PJ,SP,CG,MC  |
| <b><u>Lesser Nighthawk</u></b> <D>     | 1 at cemetery Baxter Springs   | <u>Cherokee</u> | 5/09               | BP, CW       |
| Common Poorwill                        | 3 at Cimarron Nat'l Grassland  | Morton          | 4/06               | DK, GS       |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird              | 1 male at <u>Satanta</u>   | <u>Haskell</u>  | 5/08               | NC           |
| Red-naped Sapsucker                    | 1 male at Scott Lake SP  | Scott           | 3/17               | T&SSh        |
| <b><u>Lewis's Woodpecker</u></b>       | 1 10S & 1.5 W of Holcomb   | Finney          | 5/26               | CS           |
|  | 2 near Sun City  | <u>Barber</u>   | 5/19               | MC           |
| <u>Vermilion Flycatcher</u>            | 1 adult male at Winfield City Lake   | <u>Cowley</u>   | 4/02               | BL           |
|  | 1 8 miles E of Hays  | <u>Ellis</u>    | 5/12               | OK           |
| Cassin's Kingbird                      | 1 W. of Coolidge along 50 Hwy  | Hamilton        | 5/06               | BP, CW       |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher              | 1  | Elk             | <u>3/25</u>        | GW           |
| White-eyed Vireo                       | 1 at Bonner Springs  | Wyandotte       | 5/13               | MRo, MR, RMc |
| <b><u>Plumbeous Vireo</u></b>          | 1 at Elkhart Shelterbelt   | Morton          | 5/03-05            | CG, SP       |
|  | 1 at Crane Park, Derby   | <u>Sedgwick</u> | 5/16               | LH           |
| Philadelphia Vireo                     | 2 in Oak Park, Wichita   | Sedgwick        | 5/03               | DV           |
|  | 1 at Burcham Pk., Lawrence   | Douglas         | 5/09               | BA, DK       |
|  | 1 in SE Shawnee Co.  | Shawnee         | 5/11               | DG           |
|  | 1 at Antioch Park  | Johnson         | 5/12               | MG           |
|  | 4 at Ft. Leavenworth (NAMC)  | Leavenworth     | 5/11               | JS compiler  |
|  | 1 at Chisholm Creek Park   | Sedgwick        | 5/12               | PJ           |
|  | 1 Crawford Co. NAMC  | Crawford        | 5/11               | RM           |
|  | 1 on Chicken Creek   | Douglas         | 5/11               | PW           |
|  | 1 at Lone Star, Bonner Springs   | Wyandotte       | 5/13               | GP           |
|  | 2 at Burcham Park, Lawrence  | Douglas         | 5/18               | BA           |
|  | 1 at Overland Park Arboretum   | Johnson         | 5/24               | MM           |
|  | 1 at Wyandotte Co. Lake  | Wyandotte       | 5/27               | MM           |
| Red-eyed Vireo                         | <b><u>100+</u></b> at Wyandotte Co. Lake   | Wyandotte       | 5/27               | MM           |

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| <u>Pinyon Jay</u>       | 1   | <u>Comanche</u>  | 5/18   | MC  |
| Black-billed Magpie     | 2 S of Sun City   | <u>Barber</u>  | 5/18   | SS  |
| Fish Crow               | 2 S. of Fall River Res.<br>10 at Galena<br>5 at Riverton  | Greenwood<br>Cherokee<br>Cherokee  | 4/12<br>5/10<br>5/10   | CG, TH<br>BP, CW<br>BP, CW  |
| <u>Chihuahuan Raven</u> | 4 N. of Elkhart   | Morton   | 5/03   | CG, SP  |
| Purple Martin           | 1 at Winfield (1 <sup>st</sup> of the season)<br><i>(A few days later on 3/17 several were seen in Manhattan by TC.)</i>  | Cowley   | 3/14   | MT  |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch   | 1 on KU campus<br>2 at Rintoul's residence<br>1 at cemetery in Junction City  | Douglas<br>Riley<br>Geary  | 4/15<br>5/02<br>5/13   | BA<br>DR<br>MRo, MR, RMc  |
| Rock Wren               | 1 near Scott State Park<br>1 at Wilson State Park   | Scott<br>Russell   | 3/31<br>5/13   | T&SSh<br>MRo, MR, RMc   |
| Bewick's Wren           | 1 at Wolf Creek Education Center<br>Pair nesting in Mound City<br>1 on Walla Walla Rd.  | Coffey<br>Linn<br>Geary  | 3/05<br>3/31<br>5/13   | DG<br>LMi<br>MRo, MR, RMc   |
| Winter Wren             | 1 along a creek<br>1 at Cheney Res.<br>1 Pet Cemetery Trail, Ft. Riley  | Leavenworth<br>Reno<br>Geary   | 3/23<br>3/24<br>3/31   | DW<br>PJ, CG<br>C&JO  |
| Marsh Wren              | 1 in marsh below Tuttle Creek dam   | Pottawatomie   | 3/10   | LJ  |
| Veery                   | 1 at Crane Park, Derby<br>1 at Antioch Park<br>3 at Ft. Leavenworth (NAMC)<br>1 in flight near radio tower  | Sedgwick<br>Johnson<br>Leavenworth<br>Shawnee  | 5/09<br>5/12<br>5/11<br>5/13   | TH, LH<br>MG<br>RMc<br>MRo, MR, RMc   |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush     | 1 at "Boy Scout Area"   | <u>Morton</u>  | 5/03-05  | CG, SP  |
| Hermit Thrush           | 2 Elkhart shelterbelt & E. Richfield  | <u>Morton</u>  | 5/03-05  | CG, SP  |
| Blue-winged Warbler     | 1 at Burcham Pk., Lawrence<br>1 at Antioch Park<br>1 at Clinton Lake<br>2 at Bonner Springs   | Douglas<br>Johnson<br>Douglas<br>Wyandotte   | 5/07<br>5/12<br>5/11<br>5/13   | BA<br>MG<br>PW<br>MRo, MR, RMc  |
| Golden-winged Warbler   | 1 at MdCWA<br>1 at Antioch Pk., Overland Park<br>1 in Harvey Co.<br>1 at Oak Park, Wichita<br>1 at Lake Shawnee, Topeka<br>11 at Ft. Leavenworth (NAMC)<br>1 at Burcham Park, Lawrence<br>1 at Lone Star, Bonner Springs<br>1 at Antioch Park<br>1 at Roe Park, Leawood<br>3-4 at Ft. Leavenworth | Linn<br>Johnson<br>Harvey<br>Sedgwick<br>Shawnee<br>Leavenworth<br>Douglas<br>Wyandotte<br>Johnson<br>Johnson<br>Leavenworth | 5/05<br>5/09<br>5/09<br>5/09<br>5/10<br>5/11<br>5/13<br>5/13<br>5/14<br>5/14<br>5/13 | AG<br>MG<br>CSc<br>BR<br>MP, CSc<br>JS compiler<br>BA, DK, SF<br>GP<br>CG<br>SP<br>MRo, MR, RMc |
| Tennessee Warbler       | 1 at Shane res. Garden City<br><i>(Farther west than usual)</i><br>1 at Wilson State Park<br><i>(Also 2 in Wilson, Ellsworth Co. earlier)</i>   | <u>Finney</u><br><u>Russell</u>  | 5/13<br>5/23   | T&SSh<br>MR   |

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| Orange-crowned Warbler             | 1 at feeder in Manhattan<br><i>(Has been visiting feeder since early February.)</i> | Pottawatomie    | 3/18    | GS, KW       |
| <u>Virginia's Warbler</u>          | 1 at Elkhart shelterbelt  | Morton          | 5/10    | CW           |
| Magnolia Warbler                   | 1 at Elkhart Shelterbelt  | <u>Morton</u>   | 5/03    | CG, SP       |
|                                    | 1 male, 1 female in Morton Co.  | <u>Morton</u>   | 5/10    | BP, CW       |
| <u>Cape May</u>                    | 1 at Mangile residence, Pittsburg   | Crawford        | 5/06    | RM           |
|                                    | 1 at Burcham Pk., Lawrence  | Douglas         | 5/09    | BA, DK       |
|                                    | 1 at Ft. Leavenworth (NAMC)   | Leavenworth     | 5/11    | JS, DS, GP   |
|                                    | 1 at Antioch Park   | Johnson         | 5/13    | Cho          |
|                                    | 1 at "Mom" Seltman's farm   | <u>Pawnee</u>   | 5/13    | SS           |
|                                    | 1 near Riley Co. Courthouse   | <u>Riley</u>    | 5/17    | DR           |
| <u>Black-throated Blue Warbler</u> | 1 at Kill Creek Park  | Johnson         | 5/03    | B, S & EW    |
|                                    | 1 at Crane Park, Derby  | Sedgwick        | 5/09    | TH, LH       |
| Yellow-throated Warbler            | 1 in Unit A, Marais des Cygne WA  | Linn            | 4/06    | DH           |
|                                    | 1 on Caney River E. of Elgin  | Chautauqua      | 4/08    | PJ, CG, TH   |
|                                    | 2 on river road at Marais des Cygne   | Linn            | 4/14    | MM           |
|                                    | Pair carrying nesting material  | Linn            | 4/19    | MM           |
|                                    | Pair at Ft. Leavenworth Bottoms   | Leavenworth     | 4/20    | JS           |
|                                    | 6-7 at Marais des Cygne W.A.  | Linn            | 4/19    | MM           |
|                                    | 1 at Burcham Pk., Lawrence  | Douglas         | 5/06    | BA, SF       |
|                                    | 4 at Ft. Leavenworth (NAMC)   | Leavenworth     | 5/11    | JS compiler  |
|                                    | 1 at Wyandotte Co. Lake   | Wyandotte       | 5/12    | MM           |
|                                    | 1 at Lone Star, Bonner Springs  | Wyandotte       | 5/13    | GP           |
| Pine Warbler                       | 1 singing in Burcham Pk.  | Douglas         | 3/30    | BA           |
| Bay-Breasted Warbler               | 3 at Ft. Leavenworth (NAMC)   | Leavenworth     | 5/11    | JS compiler  |
|                                    | 1 at Burcham Park, Lawrence   | Douglas         | 5/13    | SF           |
|                                    | 1 at Lone Star, Bonner Springs  | Wyandotte       | 5/13    | GP           |
| Cerulean Warbler                   | 1 singing male at MdCWA   | Linn            | 5/08    | BP, CW       |
|                                    | 2 at Ft. Leavenworth (NAMC)   | Leavenworth     | 5/11    | JS compiler  |
| Worm-eating Warbler                | 1 at Oak Park, Wichita  | Sedgwick        | 5/07    | CG           |
|                                    | 1 at Elkhart shelterbelt  | <u>Morton</u>   | 5/09    | CW           |
|                                    | 1 at Lone Star Lake   | Douglas         | 5/11    | PW           |
|                                    | 1 at Ft. Leavenworth  | Leavenworth     | 5/13    | MRo, MR, RMc |
| Kentucky Warbler                   | 1 at "Boy Scout Area"   | <u>Morton</u>   | 5/04    | CG, SP       |
| <u>Connecticut Warbler</u>         | 1 at Oak Hill Cemetery, Galena  | Cherokee        | 5/16    | DH           |
| MacGillivray's Warbler             | 3 in Morton Co.   | Morton          | 5/09-10 | BP, CW       |
|                                    | 1 at Oak Park, Wichita  | <u>Sedgwick</u> | 5/16    | CG           |
| Hooded Warbler                     | 1 male near Unit G, MdCWA   | Linn            | 4/21    | MM, DSe, GP  |
|                                    | 1 male at Maple Grove Cemetery  | Sedgwick        | 4/27    | CG           |
|                                    | 1 at Felker Park, Topeka  | Shawnee         | 5/02    | RF           |
|                                    | 2 singing at Bonner Springs   | Wyandotte       | 5/08    | BP, CW       |
|                                    | 1 at Barnes res., Wichita   | Sedgwick        | 5/20    | JB           |
| Summer Tanager                     | 2 females at "Middle Spring"  | <u>Morton</u>   | 5/03    | CG, SP       |
| Western Tanager                    | 1   | Cheyenne        | 5/27    | HA           |

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| Cassin's Sparrow              | "dozens" S of Kinsley<br>3 near Deerhead  | <u>Edwards</u><br>Barber                                       | 5/19<br>5/18                            | PJ<br>PJ                                 |
| <u>Rufous-crowned Sparrow</u> | 24 on the Merrill Ranch<br><i>(Included family group of four, 2 adult and 2 juveniles.)</i><br>1 at US-169 scenic overlook              | Comanche<br><u>Barber</u>                                      | 5/18-19<br>5/18-19                      | M:ob<br>SP, et al                        |
| Vesper Sparrow                | 1 in rural Barton Co.   | Barton   | <u>5/13</u>                             | MRo, MR, RMc                             |
| Henslow's Sparrow             | 12+ heard pre dawn  | Shawnee  | 5/13                                    | MRo, MR, RMc                             |
| <u>Golden-crowned Sparrow</u> | <D> 1 So. of LaCygne Lake   | Linn   | 3/29                                    | MM                                       |
| Chestnut-collared Longspur    | 50 NW of Larned   | Pawnee   | 3/31                                    | SS                                       |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak        | 5 Elkhart, shelterbelt, middle spring   | <u>Morton</u>  | 5/03-05                                 | CG, SP                                   |
| Black-headed Grosbeak         | 1 male at Lake Shawnee<br>1 at Chisholm Creek Park<br>1 male<br>1 female at Little Swartz Canyon<br>1 male                              | <u>Shawnee</u><br>Sedgwick<br>Comanche<br>Comanche<br>Cheyenne | 5/08<br>5/12<br>5/18<br>5/18<br>5/27    | RMa<br>PJ<br>BBu, et al<br>PJ<br>HA      |
| Lazuli Bunting                | 1 at Oak Park, Wichita<br>1 at residence in Lenexa<br>1 at "Point of Rocks"<br>1 at Elkhart Shelterbelt<br>1 on Jester Creek            | Sedgwick<br>Johnson<br>Morton<br>Morton<br>Harvey              | 5/01<br>5/03<br>5/03<br>5/04-05<br>5/14 | DV<br>NF<br>CG, SP<br>CG, SP<br>CSc      |
| Indigo Bunting                | 1 at Marais des Cygne W.A.  | Linn   | <u>4/19</u>                             | MM                                       |
| Painted Bunting               | 1 at Texas Lakes WA<br>1 at Cable res. Tuttle Creek<br>1 Wakarusa causeway, Clinton Lk.<br>1 on Finney Co. NAMC<br>1 at Shane residence | Pratt<br>Riley<br>Douglas<br><u>Finney</u><br><u>Finney</u>    | 5/11<br>5/11<br>5/11<br>5/11<br>5/22    | LL<br>TC<br>PW<br>CF<br>T&SSh            |
| Bobolink                      | 5 at Tuttle Creek<br>40 E. of Barnes<br>11 at Shawnee Mission Park  | <u>Riley</u><br>Washington<br>Johnson                          | 5/11<br>5/11<br>5/14                    | TC<br>DT<br>SM                           |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird       | 1 at feeder in Pittsburg<br>37<br>7 W of LaCygne Lake<br>100-200 W of Lawrence<br>30-40 W of K-7 in Olathe                              | Crawford<br>Barber<br>Linn<br>Douglas<br>Johnson               | 4/05<br>4/10<br>4/21<br>4/22<br>4/23    | EH<br>DA<br>MM, DSe, GP<br>MJM, DK<br>NF |
| Purple Finch                  | 1 at Garden City residence  | Finney   | 3/24                                    | T&SSh                                    |
| White-winged Crossbill        | 1 at Shane residence, Garden City   | Finney   | 4/16                                    | T&SSh                                    |
| Pine Siskin                   | 40 at Middle Spring CNG<br>12+ at Manhattan residence<br>30-40 at feeders in Elkhart  | Morton<br>Riley<br>Morton                                      | 4/05<br>4/26<br>5/03-05                 | DK, GS<br>DBu<br>CG, SP                  |
| <u>Lesser Goldfinch</u>       | 1 at Shane's res. Garden City<br><i>(Male green-backed form.)</i>   | Finney   | 5/10                                    | T&SSh                                    |

Underlined dates, locations or comments indicate unusual, late or early sightings.

Underlined species indicates unusual species.

**Underlined species in bold** indicate species with no records or fewer than 10 records for Kansas.

<D> indicates that documentation was submitted to KBRC (Kansas Bird Records Committee).

**Abbreviations:** Cimarron National Grassland (CNG), Kansas Bird Records Committee (KBRC), Nelson Environmental Study Area (NESA), Quivira National Wildlife Refuge (QNWR), Cheyenne Bottoms (CB), Perry Wildlife Area (PWA), Marais des Cygnes W. A. (MdcWA),

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**- - Hummer ID Guide continued**

For those of you who have a copy of the National Geographic *Field Guide to the Birds of North America*, check the plates showing the spread hummingbird tails, they are good. Two new field guides with photos are a must in your library if you are serious about hummer identification: Sheri L. Williamson. 2001. *Peterson Field Guides - Hummingbirds of North America*. Houghton Mifflin; and Steve N. G. Howell. 2002. *Hummingbirds of North America*. Academic Press. Please send additional suggestions or corrections for this key at any time. You never stop learning about hummingbirds! Tom can be reached at: 1706 Belmont Place Garden City, KS 67846 shane@pdl.com Phone: (620) 275-4616

## West Nile Virus

Just ahead of press time, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment announced that West Nile Virus (WNV) had been confirmed in Kansas. Amazingly, to me anyway, the first reported case was not in a crow or Blue Jay, but in the other favorite victim of this virus, a horse. Most everyone acknowledged that it was just a matter of time before WNV was found in Kansas. As birdwatchers we often find ourselves birding in areas where there "may" be insects. We all know the risks associated with any of the myriad of insect borne diseases. WNV is no different than the others. It is a real risk, but it is present in fairly low concentrations. Use common sense, wear protective clothing and use insect repellent. There are several good world wide web sites on West Nile Virus. A good place to start for learning about the current status of WNV in Kansas, with links to many other good WNV sites is the K-State Web page for West Nile Virus at: <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/westnilevirus/>



# 54<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society

## Forst Center, Meade, Kansas

### Fall, 2002

The Kansas Ornithological Society will meet at the Forst Center, in Meade, Kansas, on October 4, 5, and 6, 2002. The Forst Center, is located in Meade at 500 W. Carthage (Catholic Church Hall), 5 blocks west of the only stoplight in the county on US highway 54.

**Members are encouraged to bring donated items for the Silent Auction.** All proceeds from this event go the KOS Student Research Fund.

Members are also encouraged to bring bird-related photos, videos, and/or recordings to share with other members during the informal birdwatchers hour after lunch. Let us know if you have material to share for the Birdwatcher's Hour. We request that presentations be limited to 10 minutes,

#### Program

##### *Friday, October 4*

7:00-9:00 p.m. Informal reception at the Forst Center. All events will be at the Forst Center.  
**(Meade county Economic Development Committee is picking up the expense of the meeting building.)**

##### *Saturday, October 5*

6:30-8:00 Bird walks to locations to be determined. Meet at the Forst Center.

8:00-10:00 Registration at the Forst Center. View Silent Auction items. (The Silent Auction will run throughout the day, with all bids final at the end of the Saturday session)

9:00-12:00 Morning Paper Session

12:00-1:00 Lunch on your own. There are a variety of restaurants in Meade; including Pizza Hut, Chuckwagon Restaurant, Bob's, Diner 54.  
KOS Board Meeting - location to be announced

1:00-2:00 Birdwatchers hour

2:00-4:30 Afternoon Paper Session

4:30-5:00 KOS Business Meeting following paper session

6:30-9:00 Banquet, Best Birds of the Year, Resolutions, and Guest Speaker **Dr. Jim Rising**. The banquet is included in your \$20 registration fee. Dinner will include rib-eye steaks provided by Hearthside Catering (you won't go away hungry!)

##### *Sunday, October 7*

6:30-12:00 Field Trips to local birding locations with possibilities including playa lakes (if it rains), Meade State Lake (KDWP park permit required), riparian woodlands and sand sagebrush prairie

12:00-1:00 Boxed lunches and compilation at location to be announced.

We request that registrations be received by September 25, if at all possible. This will help with meal planning.

**Fall Meeting Registration Form on Page 20**  
**Call for Papers Form on Page 19**  
**Lodging Information on Page 18**

## Lodging in the Meade Area

Circle Motel & RV Park  
E Highway 54  
Meade  
620-873-2543  
Motel \$28 (no phones)  
RV Park \$13-15  
(across from city park and Crooked Creek, lots of trees)

Creek Side Farm Bed and Breakfast  
26131 A Road  
Fowler  
620-646-5586  
\$40 and up  
(North of Fowler on Crooked Creek, lots of tall trees, 20-30 minute drive from meeting)

Dalton's Bedpost  
519 E Carthage  
Meade  
620-873-2131  
\$39.60 single \$41.60 double

Lakeway Hotel Bed and Breakfast Inn  
Carthage and Fowler  
Meade  
620-873-2004  
Rooms and Suites \$58 and up  
(an area historic landmark, newly remodeled)

Moon Mist Budget Inn  
W Hwy 54  
Meade  
620-873-2127  
\$34.94 single, \$39.66 double, \$50.00 4 people  
(walking distance to food and meeting)

Sunset Motel  
W Hwy 54  
Meade  
620-873-5229  
\$27 and up  
House with Kitchen sleeps 6 \$75-95  
(across the street from the Forst Center)

Star Crest Motel  
E Hwy 54  
Plains  
620-563-7252  
\$34 single, \$38 double  
(15 minute drive to meeting)

Meade City Park  
E Hwy 54  
Meade  
RV Parking, dump station but no hookups  
Lots of trees, Crooked Creek

Meade State Park  
13 miles SW of Meade  
620-873-2572  
Full hookups, Fees vary  
(The premier birding spot in Southwest Kansas)

For more information and links  
<http://www.meadecountyonline.com>

County bird list and history at  
[www.meadecountyonline.com/kbird.htm](http://www.meadecountyonline.com/kbird.htm)

Meade county Economic Development Committee is picking up the expense of the meeting building and has been a great asset in the planning of this meeting!

**CALL FOR PAPERS  
FALL 2002 MEETING  
KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5  
FORST CENTER  
MEADE, KANSAS**

The Fall meeting of the KOS for 2002 will be held in Meade. Paper sessions will take place in the morning and afternoon of Saturday, 5 October, at the Forst Center, 500 W Carthage in Meade. Audio/visual accommodations include 35mm slides, VHS video, and computer projection. Papers on any topic of interest to Kansas ornithologists and birdwatchers are requested. Our paper sessions traditionally include both technical and general interest presentations. Student papers will be judged and the best paper announced at the banquet Saturday night. All student presenters will receive a year's free membership in KOS.

Please submit your abstract by mail, or e-mail to:

Eugene A. Young  
1707 North 7th St.  
Arkansas City, KS 67005

Phone: 620-442-4165  
E-mail: [youngg6264@yahoo.com](mailto:youngg6264@yahoo.com)

Submissions should include:

Title of paper: \_\_\_\_\_

Authors & affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Estimated time in minutes: 10 \_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_

Audio/visual: Slides: \_\_\_ Video: \_\_\_ Computer projection: \_\_\_ Overhead: \_\_\_

If using computer projection: Bringing my own laptop: \_\_\_ Need a computer: \_\_\_

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**PLEASE SUBMIT ABSTRACTS NO LATER THAN 10 SEPTEMBER 2002!**

