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From The Keyboard -

As I was putting this issue together I was changing the masthead (that's what you see at the top of this page. Changing Volume 29 to Volume 30 caused me to pause and I'm not sure why. I didn't make anything special out of the 25th Anniversary of the *Horned Lark*, and I imagine, therefore, that I won't do anything out of the ordinary for the 30th Anniversary. Well, other than call it to your attention here.

I don't have all the issues from all 30 years of the *Horned Lark*. Several years ago a dear friend, and past president of KOS, passed away and I was given all of his back issues of the *Horned Lark* and *The Bulletin*. While almost complete, there are gaps. Prior to the *Horned Lark* there was another KOS Newsletter dating well back into the 1960s. But all of that history will have to wait for a while. (This serves as a "heads up" to past newsletter editors, I will be contacting you for information!)

Many of you know Gene Young. He has long been involved with KOS. We elected him as KOS President in October in Meade. Unfortunately for Kansas, Gene had a job opportunity that he couldn't pass up which has taken him to the East Coast. His letter of resignation, and brief details of his new job, is on page 3. Gene may hold the record for the shortest term of President for KOS. If not, someone please correct me.

Gene's resignation sent several of us scrambling to the KOS By-laws to find out what we needed to do! Tom Shane, who was just elected to KOS Vice-president, is now President, as directed by the by-laws. Marvin Kuehn was selected to move from his board member position to Vice-President and Lowell Johnson has been selected to fill out the remainder of Marvin's term on the Board of Directors. Tom, from Garden City, Marvin, from Emporia, and Lowell, from Manhattan have all been long time KOS members and supporters. Between them they have over 110 years of KOS membership. They may not be familiar to all of you, but these folks know KOS. A lot of changes in a few weeks, but a lot of stability in those changes. We are in good hands!

Spring is upon us again, in one form or another. Being out of the country last April, I felt like I missed spring, so I am really looking forward to spring 2003. At the end of this issue you will find details and the registration form for the spring KOS Field Trip in Leavenworth. I have a couple of nemesis birds (life and state) that I hope to deal with in Leavenworth County in early May. I hope to see you there and you will know if I find them!

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!

- May 2 - 4, 2003 - Leavenworth
- October 3 - 5, 2003 - Winfield
- Spring 2004 - Washington Co.
- Fall 2004 - Baker University, Douglas County
- Spring 2005 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. 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 dwilliams104@kc.rr.com

Wings 'N Wetlands Weekend in Great Bend

KOS will be one of the sponsors of the 2003 Wings 'N Wetlands Weekend, April 25 - 27, 2003. This is the 3rd year for this growing event and every indication is that this event will just get bigger. What we need from the membership is bodies! There are many different roles that volunteers can perform, but we need to know if you are interested and available. Please contact the editor, Chuck Otte, or Mike Rader, mike_rader@hotmail.com, 785-658-2595 if you are willing to help! Look for more information on this event in the March *Horned Lark*.

Correction & Apology

Correction - Mark Robbins contact us to indicate that in Summer Birding Roundup in the December 2002 issue of *The Horned Lark* (Volume 29, Issue 4) the date for the Curlew Sandpiper should have been 12 July not 12 June. We apologize for that error.

Apology - Sometimes the best laid plans go awry. I won't even enumerate all the reasons why the December 2002 issue of *The Horned Lark* arrived so late. Ultimately the blame belongs to this editor and you may chastise me at your earliest opportunity. I wish to apologize to all the Christmas Bird Count compilers and those who may have wanted to participate in those CBCs, but received the information too late. I am sorry! *chuck*

Time To Pay Your 2003 Membership Dues

Annual KOS membership dues are payable January 1st of each year. A form to facilitate this activity is on Page 20. Please help save the Society postage fees and send in your dues without us sending you a special mailing. This will likely be the last mailing you receive if you do not pay your dues. If you haven't done this, DO IT NOW! Find the December Horned Lark and look for the yellow sheet of paper that was stuck in with that issue. Be sure to pay close attention to the information regarding the Membership Directory and if or how you wish to be listed. The KOS Membership Directory will be printed and distributed to KOS members only. This information WILL NOT be put on the web. Thank you for paying your 2003 dues!

31 December 2002

Dear KOS Members and Board of Directors:

I regret to inform you that I will be stepping down as President of the Kansas Ornithological Society effective 1 January 2003. I have accepted a position with Colorado State University (CSU), Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML) as the Endangered Species Program Manager and Integrated Pest Program Manager for the National Guard. This position will require my moving to the Washington, D.C. area after the first of the new year. Our Vice-president, Tom Shane, will step in as President.

As a lifetime member of KOS I will continue to support the group in any capacity possible. KOS is a great organization and I've enjoyed my tenure on the board the past few years. Any organization is only as good as its members and we've been fortunate to have tremendous leadership, thus a successful organization. There are some exciting challenges ahead for KOS to consider including: what we should do with current land holdings, status of ad hoc committees, and especially the ever changing dynamics of the World Wide Web. Wouldn't it be nice to search for your favorite subject in KOS Bulletins on the web?

With this letter of resignation I wish the current board and the new President, Tom, good luck next year and well into the future. It has been a tremendous pleasure serving KOS.

Sincerely,
Gene Young

Editor's note: The Board of Directors reluctantly accepted Gene's letter of resignation. In keeping with the By-laws of the organization, Tom Shane moved from Vice-president to President, the board elected board member Marvin Kuehn to Vice-president, and long time KOS member Lowell Johnson, of Manhattan, was elected to finish Marvin's term as a Board Member.

We regret that this photo is not available on this electronic version of the newsletter.

Nancy Harness, Tom Shane and Debra Bolton stop to rest at the ruins of the 19th Century home of the Lenihan family, during the 6 mile hike on the Canyonlands: S.E. Logan County Winter Bird Count held December 15, 2002. The first Rock Wren had just been found singing on the rock peaks in the background.

Photo by Sara Shane

Birding Resources

by John Rakestraw

In birding, as in most activities, experience is the best teacher. Just getting out and observing birds will teach you much about their identification and behavior. But unless you have several decades with nothing else to do but bird (sounds good to me), you should invest some time in studying some basic resources to hasten your learning curve.

Virtually everyone with more than a passing interest in birds probably owns at least one **field guide**. The field guide is the basic reference for identifying birds to species.

There are many field guides to choose from, and each birder has his or her favorites. I am currently using two, the National Geographic and the Sibley Guide. The Sibley guide goes into the greatest detail, showing all species in flight and in various plumages, and the artwork is consistently good. The National Geographic guide uses the work of many different artists, so some plates are wonderful while others are not. The strength of the National Geographic guide is its completeness. It includes many more vagrants than does the Sibley guide. You probably won't find a Common Crane or Long-toed Stint on your next trip to Quivira. But if you do, the Sibley guide, while wonderful in many respects, will not help you.

Despite the title, a field guide should actually be used primarily at home. Study every page, making notes of which species are most likely to occur in your area. Don't wait until a bird is in front of you to start madly flipping through the guide in an attempt to find and name that bird. Spend your time watching the bird, and then consult the field guide if needed.

I do not recommend regional or beginner field guides. You will inevitably find a bird that is not included in these abbreviated guides.

In addition to the traditional field guides, consider some of the many **family specific identification guides**. These books concentrate on a single group of birds, such as shorebirds, gulls, sparrows, hummingbirds, or warblers, and provide much more detailed information than is available in a pocket-sized field guide.

Your library should include at least one book on **birding techniques**, a reference that teaches you how to find birds

and what to look for once you do find them. [The Complete Birder](#), by Jack Connor, is a wonderful introduction to many aspects of birding. [Sibley's Birding Basics](#), by David Sibley, provides great detail about the structure and arrangement of feathers and the process of molt, important concepts to grasp if you need to study fine details in order to identify a difficult species.

Bird distribution guides tell you what birds have been recorded in an area and when. These references help you learn what birds to expect during different seasons. Examples in this category include [Birds in Kansas \(vol. 1 and 2\)](#), by Thompson and Ely, [Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas](#), by Busby and Zimmerman, and [Birds of Cimarron National Grassland](#), by Cable, Seltman, and Cook (U.S. Forest Service General Technical Report RM-GTR-281).

Knowing how to identify birds is one thing, but you also need to know where to find them. **Site guides** give you directions to specific birding areas and tell you what to expect once you get there. While some of the information is out of date, the most detailed site guide for Kansas is [A Guide to Bird Finding in Kansas and Western Missouri](#), by Zimmerman and Patti. [Watching Kansas Wildlife](#), by Gress and Potts, is a concise site guide for finding a variety of wildlife species.

One of the most valuable resources for a birder is the company of other more experienced birders. The solitude and quiet found while birding alone are wonderful experiences, which I highly recommend. But if you want to learn your way around a new site or learn to identify new species, seek out other birders. Those who have a lot of experience with a species can give you identification tips not found in any field guide. You can even learn a lot by arguing with other birders about bird identification. If you have to justify your identification, you will be forced to carefully study the finest details of plumage and behavior. Even if your companions are not any more experienced than you are, extra sets of eyes will increase the number of species you find.

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<http://ksbirds.org> - Your source for Kanas Bird info

Statewide Shorebird Survey – 2002 Preliminary Results

by Helen Hands

We have completed the first year of the statewide shorebird survey. Over 50 people volunteered to survey 51 sites. As you may recall, I asked volunteers to select a site to conduct shorebird surveys. Sites should have potential to attract shorebirds and be convenient enough for volunteers to visit several times. I asked volunteers to count shorebirds at their sites twice monthly between March 16 and May 31 and July 1 through October 31. Frequent surveys are needed to describe migration chronology and are necessary to detect shorebird use of ephemeral habitats. Although it would be better to survey sites more frequently, perhaps as often as twice a week, it probably isn't feasible for many volunteers.

So far I have received data for 39 sites (78%) surveyed in spring and 34 sites (68%) surveyed in summer-fall. Below I summarize the results from these sites plus Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area, which I have been surveying since 1992.

In spring, 30 species of shorebirds and 97,342 individuals were recorded. "Peeps" (28%) were the most common shorebirds reported, followed by Wilson's phalaropes (20%), dowitchers (17%), and stilt sandpipers (14%). Of the small calidrids (i.e., peeps) identified, Baird's, semipalmated, and white-rumped sandpipers were reported most often.

During summer-fall, fewer individuals (75,393) were observed than in spring, but number of species was the same. "Dowitchers" (34%) were the most common species reported, followed by "peeps" (19%), stilt sandpipers (10%), killdeer (9%), and lesser yellowlegs (8%). Semipalmated and Baird's sandpipers were the most common peeps identified.

Not surprisingly, number of shorebirds reported in spring was highest at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area (CBWA), Quivira National Wildlife Area (QNWR), and The Nature Conservancy Preserve at Cheyenne Bottoms. After these traditional hotspots came Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Area, Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge (FNWR), and Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge. During summer-fall, shorebird numbers were again highest at CBWA and QNWR, followed by FNWR and Fort Riley.

Shorebird numbers in spring peaked during the first and second weeks of May (62% of shorebirds) followed by the third and fourth weeks of April (16%) and the first and second weeks of April (13%). During summer-fall, shorebird numbers were highest during

September (24%), but the peak was much less dramatic than in spring.

As you can see from the map, sites for which I have received data in spring and/or summer-fall are concentrated in northeast Kansas. I have not yet received data for several sites that people volunteered to survey. These sites include a few state-owned marshes; large reservoirs; small, private lakes; and small private marshes. I still hope to receive 2002 data from those who volunteered for these sites. Reservoirs like Milford and Tuttle Creek can have extensive shoreline habitat, so several people working as a team would make surveying these areas more feasible. There also are other sites that have potential for shorebird use for which no one has volunteered. So if you didn't volunteer last year and would like to volunteer this year, call me at 620-793-3066 or e-mail me at helenh@wp.state.ks.us. Volunteers will receive a shorebird identification book and video.

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Bald Eagle by Matt Gearheart

Best Birds of the Year

Best birds of the year is a report that everyone looks forward to at the KOS Fall Meeting Banquet. Anyone can nominate candidates for this list and a committee, that wishes to remain anonymous, determines the final list and ranking. It is important to note that the list does not necessarily represent records submitted or approved by the Kansas Bird Records Committee (KBRC), although we encourage everyone to submit records to same. The list, as reported by Max Thompson in Meade, follows along with Max's comments. Enjoy!

11. Rufous-crowned Sparrow. First state nesting record, Barber Co., Sebastian Patti et al.

10. Golden-crowned Sparrow. Linn County 3/29/02 Mick McHugh (around 13 state records).

9. Ash-throated Flycatcher. Scott Co., 8/14/00, Tom and Sara Shane (northern most record for state).

8. Common Ground-dove, December 2001- March 2002. Mark Corder. Northeast Kansas record.

7. Fish Crow. 02/03/02, Douglas Co., Mark Robbins (winter record and northern most record for state).

6. Roseate Spoonbill. John Redmond Reservoir, Coffey County, 6 previous records.

5. Anhinga, Linn Co., 6/23/02, David Seibel (6th state record).

4. Lesser Nighthawk. Cherokee Co., 5/4/02, Elkhart - Morton Co. 9/1/02, 5 or fewer state records.

3. Curlew Sandpiper, 6/12/02, Quivira. Less than 5 state records.

2. Gull-billed Tern, 9/21/02, Gregg Friesen, Liberal sewer ponds, Seward Co., 2nd state record.

1. Brambling, Washington Co., January 22-23, 2002 Warren Buss. (This record was submitted to KBRC, along with video tape evidence and accepted. It will be a new species on the next KOS State Checklist.)

Honorable Mention: Vermillion Flycatcher, Lewis's Woodpecker, White-winged Crossbill, Snowy Owls, Brown Pelicans

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The December 19, 2002 Cedar Bluffs CBC crew, Mike Rader, Pete Janzen, Sara Shane, Scott Seltman, Larry Hesel and Gregg Friesen, are ready with their afternoon assignments after lunching on top of the dam.

Photo by Tom Shane

KANSAS FALL SEASON ROUNDUP

August 1, 2002 through November 30, 2002

By Lloyd Moore

The 2002 Fall Season was an exciting period for Kansas birders. Western hummingbirds began arriving in late July and continued through August and September with even a few reports in October and one in November. The extreme drought in the west, which undoubtedly had an effect on flowering plants, apparently caused this movement of large numbers of hummingbirds through the plains states. These conditions may also have been the cause for the arrival of Lewis's Woodpecker, Steller's Jay, Western Scrub-Jay and Pinyon Jay as well as other western species not normally found in the state. Western Scrub-Jays were especially numerous and were reported from seven counties. Other species of note this fall include, only

the third record of **Yellow-billed Loon** and the second record of **Gull-billed Tern**. Also reported this fall were Brown Pelican the third reported for the year, Roseate Spoonbill, Gyrfalcon, a Parasitic Jaeger made an appearance at the KOS fall meeting in Meade, a Common Raven heard calling south of Goodland and two early arriving Snow Buntings at Perry Lake. Among the waterfowl reported were all three species of scoter, with Surf Scoter being the most numerous (reported from 11 counties). Shorebirds put on a good showing at the usual locations in Barton and Stafford Counties as well as other locations where there was water. Buff breasted Sandpiper was numerous during their migration window of 1

August through the first week of September. Far east of its normal migration route was a Mountain Plover found at Cheyenne Bottoms on 2 September.

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>
Red-throated Loon	1 at Hillsdale Lake	Miami	11/09	NL,JS
	<D> 1 at Winfield City Lake	Cowley	11/27	MT,KG
Pacific Loon	2 at Scott Lake	Scott	11/01	T&SSh
	<D> 2 at Meade State Lake	Meade	11/10	SP,CH
	1 at Wilson Lake	Russell	11/17	MR
Common Loon	<u>32</u> at Cheney Rs.	Sedgwick/Reno	11/02	PJ
Yellow-billed Loon	<D> 1 at Clark Co. State Lake	Clark	11/10-19	SP,CH,m:ob
Horned Grebe	<u>50</u> at Milford Lake	Geary	11/03	CO
<u>Red-necked Grebe</u>	1 at Winfield City Lake	Cowley	11/12	SM,MT
Eared Grebe	<u>60</u> at Milford Lake	Geary	11/03	CO
Western Grebe	2 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>8/13</u>	CG
	2 at Clinton Lake	Douglas	11/02	AP
	1 at Wilson Lake	Russell	11/04	MR
	1 at Milford Lake	Geary	11/03	CO
	1 at "The Cloisters" ponds	Sedgwick	11/05	DV
	1 at Shawnee Mission Lake	Johnson	11/03	TSw
	2 at Melvern Lake	Osage	11/09	BF,BAS
	1 at Lovewell Rs.	Jewell	11/09	HA
2 at Wilson Lake	Russell	11/11	M&ER	

Western Grebe, <i>cont</i>	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	11/11	MR,SP,CH
	1 at Perry Lake	Jefferson	11/13	C&JO
	1 at Kingman State Fishing Lake	Kingman	11/16	KG
	1 at Ritchie Sand Pit, Wichita	Sedgwick	11/17	B&NB
	1 at Cheney Rs.	Kingman	11/17	PJ,WAS
<u>Clark's Grebe</u>	1 at Wilson Lake	Russell	11/11	M&ER
	1 at Scott Lake	Scott	11/15	CG,MG
	1 at Ritchie Sand Pit, Wichita	Sedgwick	11/23	CG,PJ
<u>Brown Pelican</u>	<D> 1 at Marion Lake	Marion	10/23-31	TR,m:ob
Neotropic Cormorant	1 at Lake Afton	Sedgwick	10/13	DV,FV
	2 at John Redmond Rs.	Coffey	11/30	AS
American Bittern	1 at Wilson Lake	Russell	10/29	MR,JD,JV
Great Egret	300+ at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/19	MR
	100+ at Marais des Cygne WA	Linn	8/18	MC,MM,GP
Snowy Egret	250+ at Cheyenne Bottoms B	arton	8/19	MR
Green Heron	1 at Shawnee Mission Lake	Johnson	<u>11/01</u>	WCT
Blk-crnd Night-Heron	61 on playa lakes survey	Finney	8/01	T&SSh
<u>Glossy Ibis</u>	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	8/13	CG
White-faced Ibis	125+ at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/19	MR
<u>Roseate Spoonbill</u>	2 at Flint Hills N.W.R.	Coffey	8/11	TM
Snow Goose	<u>180,000</u> at Lovewell Rs.	Jewell	11/09	HA
Ross's Goose	20 in a field	Marion	11/10	CG
Trumpeter Swan	2 on farm pond near Onaga (1 wearing red neck collar)	Pottawatomie	11/24	CA
	2 at Wilson Lake (Both with red neck collars as well as red bands on right leg.)	Russell	11/27	M&ER
American Black Duck	1 below Melvern Lk. Dam	Osage	11/09	BF,BAS
	1 at Glen Elder Rs.	Mitchell	11/09	HA
Greater Scaup	3 at Lone Star Lake	Douglas	11/03	AP
	4 at Clark Co. State Lake	Clark	11/16	SS,HA
Surf Scoter	1 at Scott Lake	Scott	10/22	T&SSh
	1 at Tuttle Creek river pond area	Riley	10/26	KKo
	4 at Pott. State Fishing Lake #2	Pottawatomie	10/26	DR
	3 at Shawnee Mission Lake	Johnson	10/28	ML
	2 at Lake McCoid in Liberal	Seward	10/28	SS,JD,JV
	11 at Shawnee Mission Lake	Johnson	10/30	ML
	1 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/08	B&NB
	1 at Elkhart Sewer Ponds	Morton	11/09	SP,CH
	1 on a pond	Harvey	11/15	RW,BD
	1 at Butler Co. State Lake	Butler	11/19-30	LH,m:ob
	1 at Winfield City Lake	Cowley	11/27	MT
White-winged Scoter	1 at Elkhart Sewer Ponds	Morton	11/05	L&RS
	1 at Clinton Lake	Douglas	11/16	GP
Black Scoter	1 at Shawnee Mission Lake	Johnson	10/30	ML
Long-tailed Duck	2 at Farnum Creek, Milford Lake	Geary	11/29	CO

Osprey	1 at Clinton Lake	Douglas	8/12	JP
Mississippi Kite	1 at 75 th & Lamar OP KS	Johnson	8/01	MG
	1 in Smith Center	Smith	8/13	MR
	63 at Scott City	Scott	8/24	T&SSh
	80 th & Santa Fe, OP, KS	Johnson	8/24	MG
	I-35 & Roe Ave.	Wyandotte	8/28	MG
Cooper's Hawk	95 in 2 kettles at Garden City	Finney	9/16	T&SSh,MRa
	1 adult female	Linn	8/16	MM
	1 pair	Miami	8/18	MC,MM,GP
Northern Goshawk	1 flew thru yard in Olathe	Johnson	8/18	MC
	1 at Elkhart shelterbelt	Morton	9/22	SS,MR,DK
	<D> 1 at Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City	Finney	10/03	DB,T&SSh
	1 imm. NW of Larned	Pawnee	10/14	SS
	1 adult in S. Olathe	Johnson	10/25	MC
Broad-winged Hawk	1 imm. NW of Larned	Pawnee	11/06	SS
	1 7mi SW of Nekoma	Rush	11/17	SS
	2 at Wilburton Crossing	<u>Morton</u>	9/21	PJ,CG,KG
	1 juv. in Elkhart shelterbelt	<u>Morton</u>	9/22	SS,MR,DK
	1 at Garden City	Finney	9/22	T&SSh
	1 at Wilson Lake	Russell	9/28	MR
Swainson's Hawk	1 southern Meade Co.	Meade	10/06	SS,DS,SSt
	2 along I-70	Wabaunsee	10/05	MG,WCT
	1 over KCKs	Wyandotte	10/21	MC
	409 in tilled field 2 mi S. of Morton/Stanton county line along K-27. Additionally 200+ were seen in another field about ½ mi further north. Morton		9/22	C&JO
	150-200 E. of Meade State Lake	Meade	9/23	GP,MC,MM
2 kettles of 100+ each	Seward & Stevens	9/19	PJ,CG,KG	
(Also a very large group in Ford Co.)				
	150 in a kettle over Elk Falls	Elk	10/01	GW
	100+ in kettle N. of Winfield	Cowley	10/01	MT
Rough-legged Hawk	1 early in Rush Co.	Rush	<u>10/02</u>	DS,SSt
	1 in southern Gray Co.	Gray	<u>10/01</u>	TF
Gyrfalcon	1 imm. 2mi S. of Nekoma	Rush	11/06	SS
	<D> 1 at Sundance Area, Melvern Lk.	Osage	11/09	BF,BAS
Peregrine Falcon	2 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/19	MR
	1 at Milford Lake	Geary	9/26	CO
	1 in Topeka	Shawnee	9/29	DL
	1 a fly by at NESAs	Jefferson	10/02	GP
Prairie Falcon	1 near Dunavent	Jefferson	11/11	SS
Greater Prairie-Chicken	6 in pasture E. of Lenora	Norton	8/04	SS
Sora	1 on playa lakes survey	<u>Finney</u>	8/01	T&SSh
Whooping Crane	4 at Waconda Lake	Mitchell	10/18	HA
	2 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	10/19	BG,MBu
	2 at Lovewell Rs.	Jewell	11/09	HA
Black-bellied Plover	8 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/13	CG
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/23	MR
	20+ at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	10/26	SS

American Golden-Plover	250+ at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/23	MR	
	2 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	10/26	SS	
Piping Plover	1 at Clinton Lake	Douglas	8/02	GP	
Mountain Plover	3 n of K-51 & E of Gas Plant Rd.	Morton	8/14	SS,MR	
	<D> 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/02	JN	
American Avocet	350+ at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	10/06	MR	
Solitary Sandpiper	23 on playa lakes survey	Finney	8/01	T&SSh	
Upland Sandpiper	1 calling over Wilson	Ellsworth	<u>10/02</u>	MR	
	1 at Junction City	Geary	<u>10/02</u>	JO	
Marbled Godwit	3 at Milford Lake	Geary	8/24	CO	
	1 at Satanta sewer ponds	Haskell	8/25	MR	
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/15	BF,GJ	
Ruddy Turnstone	2 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/13	CG	
Red Knot	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	10/06	MG,WCT	
Sanderling	8 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/13	CG	
	3 at Quivira NWR	Stafford	8/13	CG	
	12 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/15	CG	
	1 at Scott Lake	<u>Scott</u>	9/15	T&SSh	
	1 at Playa	<u>Cheyenne</u>		9/15	HA
	35 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/19	HH	
White-rumped Sandpiper	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/15	BF,GJ	
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	10/26	SS	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	7 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/01	HH	
	2 at a playa lake	Harper	8/03	B&NB	
	119 at Colwich sod farms	Sedgwick	8/03	DV	
	3 at Lawrence sod farms	Douglas	8/04	GP	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1 at Antioch sod farms	Johnson	8/08	ML	
	157 at Colwich sod farms	Sedgwick	8/07	JQ	
	80 at Colwich sod farms	Sedgwick	8/10	DV,FV,ST	
	4 at Lawrence sod farms	Douglas	8/10	MM	
	40 at Flint Hills NWR	Coffey	8/12	CG	
	2 at Lawrence sod farms	Douglas	8/31	MM,GP,DSe	
	3 at Clinton Lake	Douglas	8/31	MM,GP,DSe	
	25 at Bloomington Beach, Clinton Lk.	Douglas	9/06	DG	
	8 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/07	WAS	
	7 at Clinton Lake,m Wakarusa arm	Douglas	9/09	AP	
Short-billed Dowitcher	3 on playa lakes survey	Finney	8/01	T&SSH	
	1 calling at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/19	MR	
Long-billed Dowitcher	5000+ at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	10/06	MR	
Red-necked Phalaropes	8-12 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/15	BF,GJ,CG	
Red Phalarope	1 at Lake McCoid, Liberal	Seward	9/18	SP	
<u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>	1 KOS fall meeting at Meade	Meade	10/06	MT, m:ob	
Laughing Gull	1basic adult, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/13	CG	
	1 1 st yr at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/19	MR	
	1 1 st yr at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/15	BF,GJ	

Franklin's Gull	50,000-100,000 at Junction City	Geary	9/25	CO
California Gull	1 1 st winter at Cheney Rs.	Reno	9/19	PJ,CG,KG
	1 imm. at Wilson Lake	Russell	10/13	MR
	1 1 st winter at Clinton Lake	Douglas	11/09	MG,MC,MM,WCT
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1 at Winfield City Lake	Cowley	11/19	GY
Gull-billed Tern <D>	1 at Lake McCoid, Liberal	Seward	9/21	GF,RW,KS
Common Tern	2 at Rocky Ford	Pottawatomie	10/12	DR
<u>Least Tern</u>	1 1 st yr bird at Marion Reservoir	Marion	8/17	CG
	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/19	MR
Black Tern	<u>200+</u> at Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/19	MR
Eurasian Collared-Dove	1 in Minneola	Clark	8/10	GP
	1 in Smith Center	Smith	8/13	MR
	1 in Felker Park, Topeka	Shawnee	8/26	DG
	3 at St. Francis	Cheyenne	8/31	HA
	3-4 in Newton	Harvey	9/07	RW
	2 in Sublette	Haskell	9/22	BM
	3 in Dwight	Morris	10/14	C&JO
	1	Anderson	10/13	CS
	16 in Kinsley	Edwards	11/01	SS
	15 in Great Bend	Barton	11/07	MR
	2 in Lebo	Coffey	11/09	BF,BAS
	1 in Gardner	Johnson	11/09	MG,MC,MM,WCT
	35 in Cimarron	Gray	11/17	T&SSh
	2 at Conover res., Satanta	Haskell	11/29	MR
White-winged Dove	1 at Garden City res.	Finney	8/13	L&BR
	1 in Elkhart	Morton	8/31	TH,CG
Inca Dove	1 in Elkhart	Morton	8/31	TH,CG
	10 in Hugoton	Stevens	9/22	SS,MR,DK
	1 at Big Sampson rest area on US54	Seward	11/10	SP,CH
Common Ground-Dove <D>	1 at res. In Wichita	Sedgwick	10/08	RG,DKi,ST,DV
Black-billed Cuckoo	3 near Perry Lake	Jefferson	<u>9/30</u>	MW
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Pair nest building at NESA	Jefferson	<u>8/27</u>	GP
Greater Roadrunner	7 chicks seen crossing hwy K-49	Sumner	8/03	LM
Eastern Screech Owl	3 at Bear Creek	<u>Stanton</u>	9/15	SS,MR
Burrowing Owl	<u>40</u> N of K-51, ½ mi E of CO line	Morton	9/14	SS,MR
Common Nighthawk <D>	1 at Eisenhower State Park	Osage	<u>11/12</u>	EW
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1 at Finrock residence	Finney	8/07	
	1 adult female	Meade	8/09	TF
	1 female at residence in Wilson	Ellsworth	8/09-10	MR
	4 at Schartz res. Larned	Pawnee	8/22	SS
	3 at Conover res., Satanta	Haskell	8/24	M&ER,J&NC
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1 adult male at Shane res.	Finney	9/11	T&SSh
	2 at Conover res., Satanta	Haskell	9/14	SS,MR
	1 at NESA	Jefferson	10/02	GP
	1 at res. Near Wilson Lake	Lincoln	10/02	MR,JZ
	1 at Thompson res., Winfield	Cowley	10/02	MT

<u>Black-chinned Hummingbird</u>	1 imm male at Osterbuhr's	Finney	8/04	MO, TSh
	1 adult male	Meade	8/09	TF
	1 female at Kazmaier's	Pawnee	8/09	S&DS,D&KK
	1 at Conover res., Satanta	Haskell	8/24	M&ER,J&NC
	1 at Kazmaier res., Larned	Pawnee	9/08	D&KK
	1 female at Shane res.	Finney	10/01-12	T&SSh
	1 at Shane res.	Finney	10/14-18	T&SSh
<i>'Archilochus' Hummingbird</i>	2 imm/female in Satanta	Haskell	8/09	J&NC
<u>Calliope Hummingbird</u>	2 at Osterbuhr's residence	Finney	8/04	MO, TSh
	1 imm. male at Shane's	Finney	8/08	T&SSh, GP
	3 at a Goodland residence	Sherman	8/09	JP
	3 imm male, 1 imm female@Shane's	Finney	8/09	T&SSh
	1 6mi N. Garden City	Finney	8/07-09	M&PR
	1 imm/female at Wichita residence	Sedgwick	8/08-09	NC
	1 at residence in Satanta	Haskell	8/09	J&NC
	2 female/imm. at Osterbuhr's	Finney	8/12	S&DS,D&KK,MO
	1 imm. at Medicine Lodge res.	Barber	8/13	DA
	2 female/imm. at Shane's	Finney	8/14	T&SSh
	2 at Ramsey res. Garden City	Finney	8/20	M&PR
	2 imm. male at Shane's	Finney	8/20	T&SSh
	2 at Shane res. Garden City	Finney	8/22	T&SSh
	(not same 2 as on 8/20)			
	4 at Conover res. Satanta	Haskell	8/24	M&ER,J&NC
	1 in Elkhart	Morton	8/31	BP,CW
	3 at Shane res, Garden City	Finney	9/09	T&SSh
	1 at Shane res, Garden City	Finney	9/10	T&SSh
	1 at Conover res., Satanta	Haskell	9/11	J&NC
	3 at Shane res., Garden City	Finney	9/13	T&SSh
	2 at Conover res., Satanta	Haskell	9/14	SS,MR
	1 at Seltman res.	Rush	9/14	S&DS,SSSt
	1 in El Rancho parking lot	Morton	9/20	PJ,CG,KG,m:ob
<u>Broad-tailed Hummingbird</u>	1 imm at Shane residence	Finney	8/01	T&SSh
	2 imm M&F at Osterbuhr's	Finney	8/04	MO, TSh
	1 adult male at Osterbuhr's	Finney	8/08	MO, T&SSh,GP
	1 imm female at Shane's	Finney	8/08-09	T&SSh
	1 female at Wichita residence	Sedgwick	8/09	NC,PJ,CG
	1 adult female at Wilson residence	Ellsworth	8/09	MR
	1 at residence in Satanta	Haskell	8/09	J&NC
	1 adult & 1 imm male at Osterbuhr's	Finney	8/12	MO,S&DS,D&KK
	1 imm. male at Shane's	Finney	8/20	T&SSh
	2 imm. females at Shane's	Finney	8/20	T&SSh
	1 adult female at Schartz	Pawnee	8/22	SS
	3 at Shane res. Garden City	Pawnee	8/22	T&SSh
	1 female at Seltman res.	Rush	8/23	S&DS
	1 ad. Female at Conover res.	Haskell	8/24	M&ER,J&NC
	1 at CNG work station	Morton	8/31	BP,CW
<u>Broad-tailed Hummingbird</u>	1 at Shane res, Garden City	Finney	9/09	T&SSh
	3 at Shane res., Garden City	Finney	9/13	T&SSh
	1 adult female at Conover res.	Haskell	9/14	SS,MR
<u>Rufous Hummingbird</u>	1 adult male at Shane's (first seen on 7/31)	Finney	8/01	T&SSH

1 imm. female at Shane's	Finney	8/01	T&SSh
2 imm, M&F at Osterbuhr's	Finney	8/04	MO, TSh
5+ imm/female at Osterbuhr's	Finney	8/08	MO,T&SSh,GP
2 at Finrock residence	Finney	8/08	T&SSh,GP
1 female at Larned residence	Pawnee	8/09	D&KK
1 adult male at Winfield	Cowley	8/13	MT
1 female,1 male imms. At Shane's	Finney	8/15	T&SSh
1 female/imm at Lone Star res.	Douglas	8/16	PW
1 imm. at Salina res.	Saline	8/18	NH
2 at Cawker City res.	Mitchell	8/19	HA
1 imm. male at Manhattan	Riley	8/19	DR
1 female at Ramsey res.	Finney	8/20	M&PR
1 imm. male	Finney	8/20	T&SSh
1 adult & 1 imm. male at res.	Sedgwick	8/20-22	TH
7+ at Schartz res. Larned	Pawnee	8/22	SS
5 at Shane res. Garden City	Finney	8/22	T&SSh
1 at Rich res. Garden City	Finney	8/22	L&BR
1 adult male at Cawker City	Mitchell	8/23	HA
3 at Conover res. Satanta	Haskell	8/24	M&ER,J&NC
2 at Ogden res.	Riley	8/31	C&HHo
4 at Shane res., Garden City	Finney	9/10-11	T&SSh
1 at Conover res., Satanta	Haskell	9/11	J&NC
7 at Shane res., Garden City	Finney	9/13	T&SSh
2 adult female at Conover res.	Haskell	9/14	SS,MR
1 in Johnson	Stanton	9/15	SS,MR
1 in El Rancho parking lot	Morton	9/21	PJ,CG,KG,m:ob
1 at Shane res. Garden City	Finney	9/21	T&SSh
2 imm M&F at Shane res.	Finney	10/02-18	T&SSh
1 at res. In Olathe	Johnson	10/02-04	MC
1 imm. male at res. In Larned	Pawnee	10/14-11/06	D&KK
<D> 1 at res. In Prairie Village	Johnson	11/09	NL,JL

The following are comments from Don Kazmaier of Larned about hummingbirds that were seen at his residence from 8/01-9/03.

"By my unofficial count, we've had 39 hummers in the yard this year. Of those, all but fourteen have been Rufous!! (7 Calliope, 4 Ruby Throat, 2 Broadtails, and 1 Black Chin.). This evening we had 6 birds here-----4 Rufous, 1 Ruby Throat and 1 Calliope. Until 2 weeks ago all the birds were using flowers. At that point a couple Rufous began using the feeders. Also reporting hummers in Larned were Joe Twitchel, Jan Gleason, Omar Schartz, Ron & Patti Connery and Ed & Donna Meyers."

<u>Lewis' Woodpecker</u>	<D> 1 at Clinton State Park	Douglas	10/12	GPa
	1 at Cheney Rs.	Reno	11/04	DV,FV
	<D> 1 in Liberal	Seward	11/10	SP,CH
<u>Red-naped Sapsucker</u>	1 east of K-27 bridge	Morton	9/14	SS,MR
	<D> 1 at Elkhart Cemetery	Morton	9/23	GP,MC,MM
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	3 along Cimarron River	Morton	9/19	GF,RW,KS
Western Wood-Pewee	1 at Shane res.	Finney	9/13	T&SSh
<u>Hammond's Flycatcher</u>	1 well seen at Satanta	Haskell	8/25	MR
	1 at Elkhart Cemetery	Morton	9/01	BP,CW
	1 at North Fork of Cimarron R.	Morton	9/21	PJ,CG,KG
<u>Gray Flycatcher</u>	1 at North Fork of Cimarron R.	Morton	9/21	PJ,CG,KG

Dusky Flycatcher	1 at Garden City res. 1 at CNG Boy Scout Area	Finney Morton	8/12 9/01	S&DS,D&KK,MO BP,CW
<u>Cordilleran Flycatcher</u>	1 heard calling, Garden City res. 1 at Elkhart shelterbelt	Finney Morton	8/12 9/21	S&DS,D&KK,MO SS,MR,DK
Say's Phoebe	12+ in CRP field E. of Meade	Meade	9/08	TF
Ash-throated Flycatcher <D>	1 at Big Spring, Scott State Park	<u>Scott</u>	8/14	T&SSh
Cassin's Kingbird	1 at K-27 bridge 3 on road north of Cimarron R. 1 at Beymer Ponds	Morton Morton Kearny	8/30 9/21 9/22	BP,CW PJ,CG,KG T&SSh
Western Kingbird	1 at golf course in Garden City	Finney	<u>10/11</u>	T&SSh
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1 in Great Bend 1 on Melvern Lake dam	Barton Osage	<u>11/07</u> <u>11/16</u>	MR MM
Northern Shrike	1 at Seltman res. 1 at Quivira NWR 1 N. of Larned 1 at Cheney Rs. 2 at Lovewell Rs. 1 at Winfield City Lake 1 N of Eisenhower St. Park	Rush Stafford Pawnee Reno Jewell Cowley Osage	10/25 10/26 10/30 11/2 11/09 11/12 11/16	SS MG,WCT SS PJ HA SM MM
<u>Cassin's Vireo</u>	1 at CNG Work Station 1 at Elkhart shelterbelt <D> 1 at North Fork of Cimarron R.	Morton Morton Morton	8/31-9/01 9/20 9/22	BP,CW PJ,CG,KG GP,MC,MM
<u>Steller's Jay</u>	1 at CNG Boy Scout Area 1 at North Fork of Cimarron R.	Morton Morton	9/22 9/22	SS,MR,DK GP,MC,MM
<u>Western Scrub-Jay</u>	60+ seen in several areas 1 at Conover res., Satanta 2 at Conover res. 1 at west crossing Cimarron R. 2 at golf course NE of Johnson 1 at Big Sampson bridge 5 at Hugoton & 1 W on US-56 15 at Point of Rocks CNG 2 at CNG Boy Scout Area 6 at North Fork of Cimarron R. 15 at west crossing of Cimarron R. 21+ at K-27 bridge 1 at Clark Co. State Lake 1 at farm 5mi S. of Satanta 5 in Hugoton 4 at feeder in southern Meade Co. 3 at North Fork of Cimarron 3 at Conover res., Satanta	Morton Haskell Haskell Morton Stanton Seward Stevens Morton Morton Morton Morton Morton Clark Seward Stevens Meade Morton Haskell	8/31-9/1 9/11 9/14 9/14 9/15 9/18 9/18 9/18 9/18 9/21 9/21 9/22 9/22 9/27 10/28 10/31 11/10 11/29	m:ob J&NC SS,MR SS,MR SS,MR SP SP SP SP PJ,CG,KG PJ,CG,KG SS,MR,DK PJ,CG,KG JC SS,JD,JV TF SP,CH MR
<u>Pinyon Jay</u>	6 at Cimarron R. west crossing (On 9/19, while at the Boy Scout Area, PJ et al observed a group of 50+ birds flying along the river. Shape and flight style indicated they could be Pinyon Jays however they were to distant to be sure.) 6 or so at K-27 Bridge (As these birds were flying west along the river they may well have been the same birds that PJ et al observed an hour or two later.)	Morton Morton	9/21 9/21	PJ,CG,KG GP,MC,MM

	1 at res. In S. Garden City	Finney	10/03	MS
Black-billed Magpie	1 E. end Tuttle Creek Dam	Pottawatomie	10/09	DBu
<u>Common Raven</u>	1 heard calling at Sherman Co. Wildlife Area south of Goodland	Sherman	8/04	TC
Violet-green Swallow	1 at Elkhart sewer ponds	Morton	9/01	BP,CW
N. Rough-winged Swallow	50 in Unit G Marais des Cygne	Linn	11/09	MG,MC,MM,WCT
Mountain Chickadee	1 E of K-27 campground CNG	Morton	11/09	SP,CH
Rock Wren	1 on Cheney Rs. Dam	Sedgwick	11/29	JB
House Wren	1 at Baker Wetlands	Douglas	10/21	DKI,GS
Winter Wren	1 near res. In Pittsburg	Crawford	10/13	RM
	1 at Maple Grove Cem., Wichita	Sedgwick	10/27	CM,WAS
	4 at North Fork of Cimarron	Morton	11/10	SP,CH
	1 near Hillsdale Lake	Miami	11/11	SS
	2 in Durham Cove, Marion Lk.	Marion	11/16	PJ,BD
	1 at Janzen res., Wichita	Sedgwick	11/16	PJ
	3 at Cheney Rs. On nature trail		11/17	PJ,WAS
	3 at Burcham Park, Lawrence	Douglas	11/28	BA
Mountain Bluebird	2 near Clark Co. State Lake	Clark	10/06	SS,DS,SSt
	8 along Arkansas River road	Finney	10/19	T&SSh
	2 W. of Elkhart	Morton	10/28	SS,JD,JV
	Several small groups	Pawnee	11/04	SS
	4 at Lovewell Rs.	Jewell	11/09	HA
	45 at Wilson Lake	Russell	11/11	M&ER
	4 at Clark Co. State Lake	Clark	11/11	B&NB
	20 at Cedar Bluff Rs.	Trego	11/15	CG,MG
Townsend's Solitaire	1 at Shane res. Garden City	Finney	10/19	T&SSh
	1	Morton	10/14	CG,MG
	1 at Cedar Bluff Rs.	Trego	11/15	CG,MG
	1 at Clark Co. State Lake	Clark	11/25	CA
Gray Catbird	1 in Elkhart	Morton	11/09	SP,CH
Sage Thrasher	3 at "Patti Canyon"	Morton	9/20	PJ,CG,KG
Curve-billed Thrasher	2 at "goat pens" N. of Elkhart	Morton	10/28	SS,JD,JV
	1 at res. in Meade	Meade	11/13	TF
Sprague's Pipit	1 NW of West. Crossing	<u>Morton</u>	10/28	SS,JD,JV
Yellow Warbler	1 at Mom Seltman's	Pawnee	10/30	SS
<u>Virginia's Warbler</u>	1 CNG Work Station	Morton	9/01	BP,CW
Black-throated Gray Warbler	2 in Elkhart	Morton	9/01	TH,CG
	1 in Maple Grove Cem. Wichita	Sedgwick	9/15	PJ
Yellow-throated Warbler	1 in Linn Co.	Linn	<u>9/07</u>	MM
	1 at Marais des Cygne WA	Linn	<u>9/16</u>	TSw
Pine Warbler	1 in Maple Grove Cem. Wichita	Sedgwick	9/07	PJ
	1 at Maple Grove Cem.	Sedgwick	9/15	CG
	1 at Tuttle Cove Park	Riley	9/21	TC
	1 at Tuttle Cove Park	Riley	9/24	TC
	1 at Wilson State Park HQ	Russell	10/08	MR

	1 at Pott. State Fishing Lake #2	Pottawatomie	10/26	DR
Prairie Warbler	1 at Burcham Park, Lawrence	Douglas	9/15	BA
Palm Warbler	1 western ssp. At Baker Wetlands	Douglas	10/12	AP,MP,AN
Mourning Warbler	1 at Felker Park, Topeka	Shawnee	9/11	DG
	1 at OP Arboretum	Johnson	9/15	GP,DSe
Canada Warbler	1 in Elkhart	Morton	8/31	BP,CW
	1 at Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	9/06	DV, FV
Summer Tanager	1 at Middle Spring CNG	Morton	9/18	SP
Scarlet Tanager	1 at North Fork of Cimarron R.	<u>Morton</u>	9/21	PJ,CG,KG
Western Tanager	1 female at Shane res.	Finney	9/13	T&SSh
	1 along "turkey trail" Cim. R.	Morton	9/14	SS,MR
	2 at K-27 Campground	Morton	9/18	SP
	1 at Elkhart shelterbelt	Morton	9/20	PJ,CG,KG
	1 at Salina	Saline	9/22	MB,m:ob
Green-tailed Towhee	1 E. of Wilburton Pond	Morton	8/31	BP,CW
	1 at "Patti Canyon"	Morton	9/20	PJ,CG,KG
	2 at North Fork of Cimarron R.	Morton	9/21	PJ,CG,KG
<u>Rufous-crowned Sparrow</u>	1 4mi NW of Clark State Fishing Lk.	Clark	<u>10/26</u>	GP
<u>Brewer's Sparrow</u>	1 at Elkhart sewer ponds	Morton	9/14	SS,MR
Lark Sparrows	100+ in pasture E. of Lenora <i>(Mostly juveniles, indicating a good nesting season despite the extreme dryness of the area.)</i>	Norton	8/04	SS
LeConte's Sparrow	60+ at Baker Wetlands, Lawrence	Douglas	10/13	AP,MP,AN
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sp.	1 at Baker Wetlands, Lawrence	Douglas	10/12	AP,MP,AN
	5 at Baker Wetlands, Lawrence	Douglas	10/13	AP,MP,AN
	1 at Wilson Lake	Russell	10/13	MR
	2 at Baker Wetlands	Douglas	10/21	DKI,GS
Smith's Longspur	75 at Lyon Co. State Lake	Lyon	11/09	BF,BAS
Snow Bunting	4 flying along Perry Lake dam	Jefferson	11/08	SP,CH
Purple Finch	4 at Pott. State Fishing Lake #2	Pottawatomie	10/26	DR
	4 East side Tuttle Creek Lake	Pottawatomie	10/26	DBu
Pine Siskin	10+ at K-27 bridge	Morton	9/22	SS,MR,DK
Lesser Goldfinch	1 at K-27 bridge	Morton	9/22	SS,MR,DK
Evening Grosbeak	1 at Janzen res., Wichita	Sedgwick	11/01	PJ

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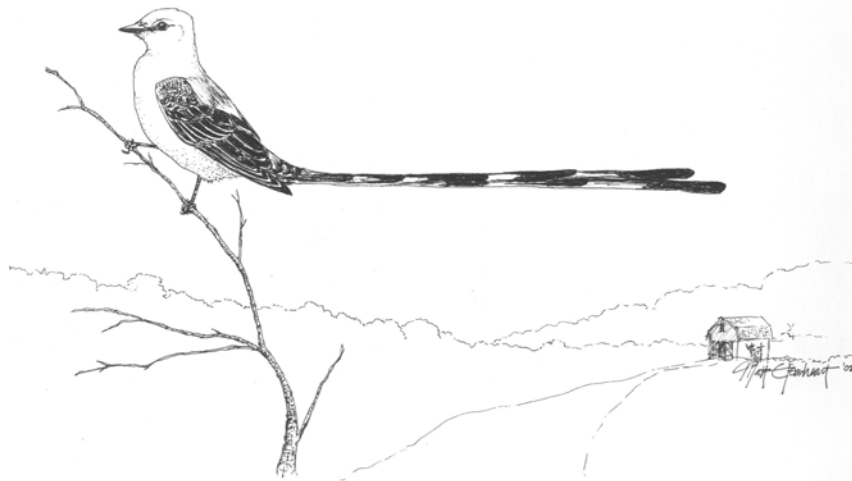
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Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
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Book Review -

The Cooper's Hawk: A Cross Timbers Chronicle

Author: Vic McLeran

Review by Edwin J. Miller

Let me begin this book review with a quote from Aldo Leopold. "The hawk, as a lethal agent, is a perfect flower of the utterly mysterious alchemy – evolution. No living man can, or possibly ever will, understand the instinct of predation that we share with our raptorial servant."

Vic McLeran in his book *The Cooper's Hawk: A Cross Timbers Chronicle* was able to move me to at least a higher plane of understanding this "instinct of predation." His vehicle is the Cooper's Hawk, the bird Leopold may well have been thinking about when he scribed the above sentences.

McLeran is a falconer, a naturalist, and a word-meister. He has condensed decades of Cooper's Hawk observations into a book that chronicles a year in the life of this amazing raptor. He weaves the bird's lore with the natural history and folklore of the Cross Timbers region of southeast Kansas and northeast Oklahoma. Few people have more respect for raptors in general, and the Cooper's Hawk, in particular than McLeran.

I overheard a friend say that it was a lot of book for one bird (463 pages). If it were just about the Cooper's Hawk, I'd have to agree, but McLeran has added vignettes about plants, insects, spiders, fish, snakes, mammals, songbirds, and other raptors encountered in his Cross Timbers ramblings.

My only criticisms are that some of the scenarios seem redundant, and I'm a bit incredulous that someone has experienced so many encounters in the wild with the Cooper's Hawk. However, I had to remember that I am reading about someone's lifetime fascination with the Cooper's Hawk and that McLeran sees what most observers would miss. A colleague remarked that after reading this book, he has noticed more Cooper's Hawks in the wild than he thought existed in southeast Kansas. McLeran's writing has a knack for opening your eyes to the realities of this raptor's survival; always as predator but sometimes as prey.

Following is one of my favorite sentiments in the book and an example of McLeran's writing: "There's a sort of quiet joy, for instance, in knowing that the mushrooms which spike the woodland loam are morels, and the small falcon which hovers over the bluestem is a kestrel, or that the butterflies weaving through willows are swallowtails. The beauty of the Cross Timbers and its inhabitants has always been more subtle, less awesome than that of say, Yellowstone or Yosemite. But the beauty is here nonetheless; you just have to tighten your focus a tad."

Medical Alert

From your Editor

I was recently scanning through a little known journal, *The Journal of Medical Diagnoses by non-Physicians*, published, I believe, in Skiddy, Kansas. I came across the following that I excerpt without permission!

There is a condition, among birdwatchers, that we call migration fever. It usually shows up twice a year with the spring occurrence seeming to be much more intense and disruptive. The late summer/early fall outbreak generally is not quite as acute, although it can occur over a longer period of time. There is no medication for this condition. We can only treat the symptoms. It does appear that a great deal of time in the fresh air will help, especially early morning exposure. It seems to be worse following a winter when unusual visiting winter birds have been scarce. Mild spring like days in late winter can make the condition more acute but average winter time temperatures don't seem to have a consistent correlated effect on the intensity of migration fever.

KOS Spring Field Trip

May 2, 3, and 4

Leavenworth County and adjacent areas

The Spring Field Trip of the Kansas Ornithological Society will be held in Leavenworth and surrounding counties. Leavenworth County is one of the most forested counties in the state. Of primary interest is the bottomland forest along the Weston Bend, Missouri River at Fort Leavenworth. Additional areas of interest include the Benedictine Bottomland restoration (marsh) area in Atchison County and Weston Bend Park, MO (great views of Kansas).

As with the Fort Riley trip last year, be prepared to have a current ID such as a driver's license, insurance verification, and car registration to enter Fort Leavenworth. Carpooling will be encouraged.

Notes: The primary north-south route, Highway K-7 (also US 73), is 4th Street in Leavenworth and Main St. in Lansing. The east-west "main" street downtown Leavenworth is Delaware St., Metropolitan St., which divides Leavenworth and the Fort, starts at the Centennial Bridge over the Missouri River on the east. The entrance to the Fort is at 7th Street & Metropolitan (7th St. becomes Grant Ave. on the Fort). Eisenhower Rd. divides Leavenworth and Lansing.

Housing: all rates plus tax

Super 8 - 303 Montana (behind Taco Bell)

\$39.99, 1-4 per room (ask for "KOS" group rate), phone 913-682-0744

Ramada Inn - 3rd & Delaware in downtown Leavenworth, close to High Noon Saloon

\$50.00 single, \$55 double (ask for "KOS" group rate), phone 913-651-5500

Commander's Inn - North 6th & Metropolitan (close to Park & Ride, and Fort LV)

\$37.50 single, \$45.00 double (ask for "KOS" group rate), phone 913-651-5800

Holiday Inn Express - 120 Express Dr. (behind Pizza Hut in Lansing)

\$84 single, \$90 double, phone 913-250-1000

Riverfront Campground - On the banks of the Missouri River under and north of the Centennial

Bridge. Directions: North on 4th St. (K-7) to Dakota (2 blocks south of Metropolitan), turn right 4 blocks east over RR tracks, left under bridge to campground.

Schedule:

Friday, May 2 - 7:00-9:00 PM - Registration and socialization- Riverfront Community Center at Delaware & Esplanade in the "Men's Waiting Room," downtown Leavenworth. There is also a Riverwalk Park to the south of the Center with good views of the river. Directions: north on 4th Street (K-7) to Delaware, which is the middle traffic light of 3 consecutive lights in the downtown area of Leavenworth, turn right 3 blocks to the Riverfront at the end of the street.

9:00 PM - Nighttime birding for owls and nightjars at Ft. Leavenworth.

Saturday, May 3 - 5:30 AM - Optional breakfast at Santa Fe Depot Diner located at 781 Shawnee (1 block north of Delaware and 4.5 blocks west of 4th St.).

6:30 AM - All field trips will depart from Park & Ride on the north side of Metropolitan between 4th and 5th Streets. Directions: follow K-7 (4th St.) north through Leavenworth to Metropolitan, turn left ½ block.

7:30 PM - No host dinner at the High Noon Saloon & Brewery, 206 Choctaw (2 blocks south of Delaware just west of 2nd St.). A room has been reserved for KOS. The KOS board will meet here during and/or after dinner.

Sunday, May 4 - 6:30 AM - All field trips will depart from Park & Ride

11:30 AM - Noon lunch and compilation - Fort de Cavagnial picnic area (a map and directions will be available at registration or during field trips)

**KOS Spring Field Trip
 May 2, 3, and 4, 2003
 Leavenworth County and adjacent areas
 Registration Form**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Registration: \$5.00/person X _____ = _____

Sunday Noon Lunch \$5.50/person X _____ = _____

Total \$ _____

I *intend* or *do not intend* to have breakfast at the Santa Fe Depot Diner at 5:30 AM (circle one).

Mail to: John Schukman
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 Leavenworth, KS 66048
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RELEASE	
Please read and sign. This release must be signed before the registration can be accepted.	
Each registrant named, both adult and minor, desires to participate in the field trips and other activities at this meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS). Therefore, each registrant knowingly and voluntarily grants to the KOS and their officers, committee members, and any other persons engaged in activities in connection with this meeting, a full release from any claim, liability, or cost of any nature on account of personal illness or bodily injury, loss of life, or loss or damage to property directly or indirectly arising out of the registrants participation in this meeting.	
Name (print) _____	Name (print) _____
Signature _____	Signature _____
Date _____	Date _____
<i>(attach additional names and signatures as necessary)</i>	