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## From the field

They'll soon be on their way. With strong wings, our avian neotropical migrants move north, guided by changes in the length of days and nights, the food supply, and hormone levels.

They're as anxious to get to their breeding grounds as many of us are to see them in passing: the flash of an American Redstart's tail pattern; the teetering walk of the Northern Waterthrush; the fiery burst of red sported by a Summer Tanager; the striking plumage of an American Golden Plover.

In his book "Living on the Wind: Across the Hemisphere with Migratory Birds," Scott Wiedensaul writes that during migration, they "cross the Gulf of Mexico each night, arriving on the U.S. coast at a rate that may exceed a hundred thousand songbirds per mile of shoreline, with tens of millions making landfall each day." He later states these birds "are not residents of any single place but of the whole, and their continued survival rests almost entirely in our hands."

A few KOS members have participated in banding studies of these migrants. Others have birded in Central and South America, visiting our migrants in their winter homes and spending money there, indirectly supporting the birds. A good number of us, though, may not have had either of those opportunities.

One way each of us may help support our neotropical migrants is to

contribute to the American Birding Association's Birder Exchange program. BEX participants donate new and used optics, field guides, laptops and cameras to scientists, educators and conservationists working on behalf of migrants in Latin America and the Caribbean. Since 1990, BEX has served more



than 500 organizations in 30 countries and territories. The program also welcomes financial donations; when available, matching grants increase the total amount given.

If you'd like more information on the exchange program, visit the Web site: [www.americanbirding.org/bex/](http://www.americanbirding.org/bex/)

—CKM

# The Eagle's Roost: Message from the president

It's that time of the year again. No, I'm not talking about spring migration, but your consideration of potential candidates for the prestigious KOS awards: Avian Conservationist of the Year Award and the Dr. Ivan L. Boyd Recognition Award. Current KOS members must make nominations.

Who deserve the awards this year? Certainly for the Boyd Award there are many potential candidates, especially long-time members who have made highly productive contributions over the years. If you know of someone deserving, please nominate him or her by submitting details per the information found on page four. Remember, current board members are ineligible.

For the conservationist award, consider individuals who may or

may not be members of KOS. We want to celebrate accomplishments that might include contributions toward habitat enhancement and protection, provision of important data for management of rare or endangered species, or perhaps education efforts concerning Kansas birds. You may nominate an organization or a group of individuals who may be extremely active in avian conservation efforts. If you know of qualified candidates please submit details per the information found on page six.

Last of all, I hope to see you at the annual spring meeting, which will be in the Cross Timbers region May 5-7. Spring meetings are always fun and we usually gain several new county records. It's also a time for the general membership to interact with board

members, and hopefully through some stimulating dialog, we will generate new ideas for KOS activities, projects, and meetings. Some of the best bird watchers in the state attend this meeting. It is a tremendous opportunity for the beginning or novice birding enthusiast to learn and spend some time with a great group of folks.

Please join us. I look forward to seeing you there.

*Eugene A. Young*

President

## Kansas Native Plant Society will explore Dingus Natural Area

Join the Kansas Native Plant Society at Dingus Natural Area. 10:30 a.m., Sunday, May 8, 2006, to explore this KOS-owned property. This diverse habitat includes mixed sugar maple-basswood and oak-hickory forests with rocky prairie openings on the ridges. Wear long pants and sturdy footwear, as there are no developed trails. Caleb Morse, collection manager for the McGregor Herbarium will lead the field trip.

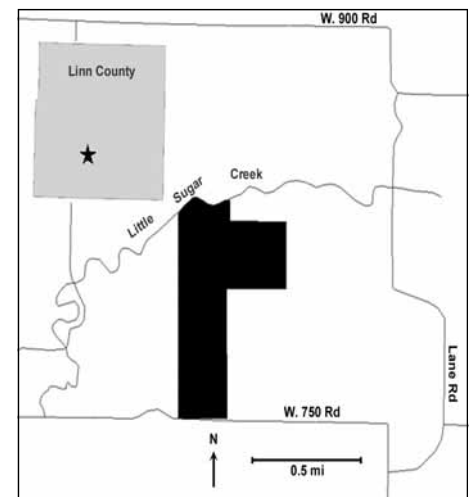
To carpool from Lawrence, meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot for the McGregor Herbarium, Constant

Avenue and Crowell Drive, at the University of Kansas, west campus.

From Mound City take K-52 southwest about 3 miles to the top of the hill. Turn right at the Dingus Natural Area sign and follow the road north 1.5 miles and then west. There is a large sign on the southeast corner of the property.

For more information about the field trip, contact Caleb Morse at [cmorse@ku.edu](mailto:cmorse@ku.edu); (785) 864-4493.

Visit the KNPS Web site at: [www.kansasnativeplantsociety.org/](http://www.kansasnativeplantsociety.org/).



Dingus Natural Area

# What *is* that bird?

**Bob Gress and Cheryl Miller** found this probable Hooded Merganser x Common Goldeneye hybrid (right) during the Wichita Christmas Bird Count, Saturday, December 17, 2005, at the South Lakes apartment complex. Photo by Bob Gress, © 2005.



## Favorite birding spot: Southwest Kansas

*By Matt Gearheart*

Every Labor Day weekend, I usually participate in an annual pilgrimage to Morton County along with many other Kansas birders. For me, a northeastern Kansan, this is a long eight-hour-plus one-way trek, but the trip always proves well worth the effort.

Morton County is a magnetic oasis for migrant birds. It has a very unique habitat, compromised mainly of dry, short-grass sand-sage prairie. It is especially attractive to birders yearning for the chance of a stray rarity wandering down from the Rockies. We usually bird along the Cimarron River corridor and the Elkhart sewage ponds in search of unusual birds. However, this past fall we decided to break routine: our strategy was to still explore southwest Kansas, but this time we would branch out beyond our usual haunts.

Our team (**Kevin** and **Laura Groeneweg**, **Tyler Hicks**,

**Pete Janzen**, **Dave Williams** and me) formalized a theory that if such great birds could be found in Morton County, we could also find them in some of the surrounding areas. Our main plan of attack was to bird small southwestern towns, searching any shelterbelt or sewage pond to find birds attracted to these oases.

Our first destination was Ulysses, Grant County. Arriving late in the evening, we stayed at the Fort Cedar Bed and Breakfast which was home to last year's Pine Grosbeaks. This proved to be a good decision, as not only was the price extremely reasonable, but the owner made a wonderful home-cooked breakfast—and we got to bird around the property! Local birder **Kellye Hart** served as our Grant County guide. At Fort Cedar, we found several empids, including Dusky and Cordilleran flycatchers, a Bay-Breasted Warbler, and glimpses of a Curve-Billed Thrasher. In other

parts of the county, including the sewage ponds, we located a Virginia Rail, several shorebirds, an Inca Dove, a juvenile Yellow-Crowned Night-Heron and a Western Wood-Pewee. In the afternoon, we spent much time hiking Bear Creek in Stanton County. The habitat here looked great, but due to the time of day, strong wind, and extremely dry conditions, we didn't find much new for our efforts. We ended the day in the town of Syracuse, Hamilton County.

Syracuse offered superb habitat for birding along the Arkansas River. We found a few more local and migrant birds during our hikes, including more empids, Orange-Crowned Warblers, a Prairie Falcon, and an Eastern Screech-Owl. But our most notable bird came from the sewage ponds—a Cave Swallow perched along a culvert's barbed wire fence.

During the afternoon, we headed to the town of Tribune,  
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# Dr. Ivan L. Boyd Recognition Award

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KOS founding member **Ivan Boyd** was the first president of our organization and the first editor of the *Bulletin*. A professor at Baker University, he was active in KOS from 1949 until his death in 1982.

In honor of Dr. Boyd, the Kansas Ornithological Society recognizes one of its members for outstanding contributions and service to the Society. The Board may choose to recognize more than one recipient per year, or may choose not to name a recipient in a given year. Winners receive a plaque.

KOS members must nominate individuals for the award. Nominations should be submitted to the President and include a list of the nominee's contributions to KOS. This could entail number of years of offices held,

committee involvement, papers presented at KOS, papers published in the *Bulletin* or *Horned Lark*, number of CBCs compiled, and years of membership. This is not an exclusive list and other contributions to the Society may be provided. Current KOS Board members are not eligible to receive this award.

## Previous Recipients:

2005 **Dwight Platt**  
2004 **Katharine E. Kelly**  
2003 **Charles A. Ely, Marvin D. Schwilling, and Max C. Thompson**

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**NOMINATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1.** Please send nominations by August 1 to Eugene (Gene) Young, Northern Oklahoma College, 1220 East Grand Ave., Tonkawa, OK 74653-0310; [eyoung@north-ok.edu](mailto:eyoung@north-ok.edu), [youngg6264@yahoo.com](mailto:youngg6264@yahoo.com)

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Attach a typed description of no more than two pages. Give specific examples of contributions to KOS the nominee has made.



## 2006 Kansas Ornithological Society Avian Conservationist of the Year Nomination Form

The Kansas Ornithological Society's Avian Conservationist of the Year Award is given to an individual who makes significant contributions to bird conservation and/or education. Nominations should be made for outstanding work in bird conservation through the management or preservation of habitats, education, or research. A nominee may be any professional, volunteer, educator, or other person who has accomplished significant contributions in any of the areas listed. The accomplishments should reflect a long-time commitment to bird conservation and/or education within the state of Kansas. This award will be presented at the annual fall KOS meeting.

**NOMINATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1.** Send this completed form and attachments to Robert L. Penner, 1490 East Highway 56, Ellinwood, KS 67526.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Attach a typed description of no more than two pages. You may use both sides of the paper. Give a detailed account of specific work the nominee has accomplished. Past and current achievements, organization membership, or any other

# KOS spring meeting May 5-7, 2006

## Cross Timbers: Yates Center, Woodson County

Now whittled down to fragmented forests on rocky, sandstone outcrops in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, the Cross Timbers region is home to centuries-old post and blackjack oaks, slow-growing trees unsuitable for timber harvest because of their short height and twisted and gnarled characteristics. The Cross Timbers area is characteristic also for its diversity of habitat that includes riparian woodlands, prairies, and clear, flowing waterways. Wear durable long pants and sturdy hiking boots for the KOS field trips as the understory is thickly matted with grape vines and green brier.



**Registration:** Please mail your registrations no later than May 1, and include full payment for the catered meals. Meal prices include beverages, dessert, and gratuity. Cancellations may be made with a full refund until May 1. There is no registration fee for participation in the field trips. Other than the Saturday banquet and Sunday lunch, participants are on their own for meals and snacks.

### Schedule of events

#### Friday, May 5

**6:00 p.m.**—Informal reception at Cross Timbers State Park (Toronto Point area). We'll listen for owls and nightjars after dark.

#### Saturday, May 6

**6:00 a.m.**—Field trips depart from the parking lot of the Townsman Motel in Yates Center.

- **Trip 1:** Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge and John Redmond Reservoir
- **Trip 2:** Neosho Wildlife Management Area
- **Trip 3:** Fall River Wildlife Area and northwest Wilson County
- **Trip 4:** Woodson County State Lake and Toronto Wildlife Area

**6:30 p.m.**—Evening banquet and program at the Bressner Building in Yates Center. Gary Weisenberg will present the program "Native Plants and Ancient Uses." The Bressner Building is located on the Woodson County Fairgrounds, about four blocks south of the intersection of U.S. 75 and U.S. 54.

#### Sunday, May 7

**6:00 a.m.**—Field trips depart from the parking lot of the Townsman Motel in Yates Center.

- **Trip 1:** Woodson County State Lake
- **Trip 2:** Fall River Wildlife Area
- **Trip 3:** Toronto Wildlife Area
- **Trip 4:** Wilson County

**Noon**—Compilation. Meet at the picnic pavilion at Woodson County State Lake for a catered lunch.

All participants must sign the liability release on the registration form in order to participate in any portion of this meeting.

**Lodging:** There are two motels in Yates Center. Both are located at the intersection of U.S. 75 and U.S. 54. Please make your reservations early.

- Townsman Motel, (620) 625-2131
- Star Motel, (620) 625-2175

There also are campgrounds at Toronto, Fall River, and Woodson County State Lakes.

**Eating Establishments:** This is the complete list of restaurants in Yates Center:

- Tip Top—7:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
- Pizza Hut—Monday-Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
- Smokey Ben's Barbecue—Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 11:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
- Subway—Monday-Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Woody's Restaurant—Serves breakfast. Call for hours: (620) 625-2844.

#### Helpful resources:

- [www.woodsoncounty.net/](http://www.woodsoncounty.net/) Includes lots of maps and general information about the area.
- [www.uark.edu/misc/xtimber/](http://www.uark.edu/misc/xtimber/) An in-depth discussion of the unique Cross Timbers habitat.
- [www.kdwp.state.ks.us/news/state\\_parks/locations](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us/news/state_parks/locations) A good general site for state park information.

# Kansas Fall Season Roundup

August 1 – November 31, 2005

Mark Corder, compiler

This fall there were a few really good Kansas birds and the hummingbirds, as a group, stole the show. Outside of the hummingbird family, one of the really good birds for the fall period was an adult female Ruff, which was quite cooperative for nearly 10 days in early November at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. In early October, many birders got good looks at a White-throated Swift that hung around the dam area at Tuttle Creek for several days. The family group of three Whooping Cranes at Cheyenne Bottoms were seen by several Kansas birders in November.

An adult male Eurasian Wigeon proved most elusive. He was seen at Quivira only a few times among the much more numerous American Wigeon. Perhaps the most frustrating

bird of the period was a rare Gray Hawk, photographed by a “non-birder,” but not seen by any Kansas birders. A Swallow-tailed Kite—a species not reported in Kansas for more than 30 years—was seen and photographed by Gary Davis in late August.

Other rarities observed included a Long-tailed Jaeger at Tuttle Creek in late August, Cave Swallows in Ford and Hamilton counties, a Phainopepla in Morton County, and a Connecticut Warbler in Sedgwick County—all but the latter observed in early September.

The sweetheart for the period has to be the sub-adult, male Costa’s Hummingbird that came to a feeder at a home on the west side of Tuttle Creek. It was there for nearly two weeks in late September and early

October and was seen by many observers. A close second was the female Anna’s Hummingbird coming to feeders in Hays for nearly a month commencing in late October. During fall of 2005, birders reported a myriad of the rarer Kansas hummingbirds: Rufous (4), Calliope (5), Broad-tailed (9) and Black-chinned (2). This diversity of sightings justify the conclusion that this was an exceptional hummingbird fall in the state.



You may reach **Mark Corder** at [buddesystem@msn.com](mailto:buddesystem@msn.com) or 232 S. Cherry, Olathe, KS 66061.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number and Location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Observers</u>
<u>Eurasian Wigeon</u>	1 AM Quivira NWR	Stafford	10/29	TH
<u>Mottled Duck</u>	2 Quivira NWR	Stafford	09/05	DS,SP,GP,MM
Surf Scoter	5 Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	10/21	ML
White-winged Scoter	1 Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	10/21	ML
Pacific Loon	1 Pamaona Lake	Osage	11/12	MM,GP
Pied-billed Grebe	300+ Marais des Cygne WA	Linn	09/30	MG
Red-necked Grebe	1 Tuttle Creek Reservoir	Riley	10/14	LJ
<b>D</b>	1 Harvey Co. East Lake	Harvey	11/20	GF
Western Grebe	2 Wilson Lake	Russell	11/21	KG
Neotropic Cormorant	3 John Redmond Reservoir	Coffey	11/06	DG
<u>Anhinga</u>	1 N edge Manhattan	Riley	10/02	TC
	1 W of Lawrence	Douglas	10/14	RMa

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White Ibis <b>D</b>	1 imm Quivira NWR	Stafford	08/14	AM
<b><u>Roseate Spoonbill</u></b> <b>D</b>	1 Fancy Creek SP Tuttle Creek	Riley	08/17	DB, DR
<u>Black Vulture</u> <b>D</b>	1 Perry Lake	<u>Jefferson</u>	10/18	BW
<u>Swallow-tailed Kite</u> <b>D</b>	1 Slate Creek WA <i>(First report for this species since 1972)</i>	Sumner	08/27	GD
Northern Goshawk	1 NW of Larned	Pawnee	11/09	SS
<b><u>Gray Hawk</u></b> <b>D</b>	1 Wichita	Sedgwick	10/20-30	MB
Broad-winged Hawk	1 Fort Hays State University	Ellis	<u>10/20</u>	MR, JR
Merlin	1 Wichita 1 Fort Riley 2 Coolidge 1 Shawnee 1 Larned 1 NW of Rozel	Sedgwick Riley Hamilton Johnson Pawnee Rush	08/30 09/03 09/03 10/16 10/21 10/21	PJ RK PJ,TH,K&LG CH SS SS
Peregrine Falcon	1 imm S of Wilburton Crossing 2 Lake McKinney 1 pond W of Belle Plaine 1 S of Scott City	Morton Kearney Sumner Scott	08/03 09/04 09/14 10/05	MR, TC PJ,TH,K&LG TH T&SSh
Black Rail	3 calling Quivira NWR	Stafford	<u>11/08</u>	DG
<u>Whooping Crane</u>	2 adults and 1 juv. CB	Barton	11/10	HH
Piping Plover	1 Tuttle Creek SP	Riley	08/18	LJ
American Avocet	<u>176</u> on Tuttle Creek Reservoir	Riley	11/03	DB
Long-billed Curlew	1 Milford Lake dam	<u>Geary</u>	08/20	C&JO
Marbled Godwit	2 Fancy Creek SP, Tuttle Creek	Riley	08/21	C&JO
Ruddy Turnstone	2 imm sod farm N of Lawrence 5 Quivira NWR	Douglas Stafford	08/14 08/14	MM AM
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	6 sod farms S of Overland Park 33 sod farm 6 sod farm N of Lawrence	Johnson Sedgwick Douglas	08/06 08/07 08/14	ML, PS CA MM
<b><u>Ruff</u></b> <b>D</b>	1 AF Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/05-13	BP,SP, M:ob
Short-billed Dowitcher	1 along Cottonwood River	Chase	09/05	RS
Red-necked Phalarope	2 Quivira NWR 1 Lake McKinney	Stafford Kearney	09/05 09/04	DW,MG PJ,TH,K&LG





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<u>Red Phalarope</u> D	1 Elkhart sewer ponds 1 Quivira NWR	Morton Stafford	09/02 09/03	DS,GP,MM,SP D&FV
<u>Long-tailed Jaeger</u>	1 sub-adult Tuttle Creek Lake	Riley	08/28	TC
Laughing Gull	1 juv Tuttle Creek Reservoir 1 juv Milford Lake 1 Winfield City Lake	Riley Geary Cowley	09/19 09/24 10/21	LJ,JS CO,HA MT,GY
<u>Thayer's Gull</u>	1 Kansas River, Lawrence	Douglas	11/21	GP, M'ob
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	1 Cheyenne Bottoms 1 imm John Redmond Reservoir	Barton Coffey	09/17 11/12	KG MM,GP
<u>Glaucous Gull</u>	2 Kansas River, Lawrence	Douglas	11/21	GP, M:ob
Sabine's Gull	1 Clinton Lake 1 imm Cheney Reservoir 1 imm Elkhart sewer ponds 1 imm Clinton Lake 1 Quivira NWR	Douglas Reno Morton Douglas Stafford	08/15 08/31 09/08 09/22 9/23	JM TH DV,JN,WC ML DV,JN,WC
Caspian Tern	<u>15</u> Clinton Lake	Douglas	08/14	DG
White-winged Dove	1 feeder 5 Minneola 1 near Mulvane	Pottawatomie Clark Sumner	08/17 09/03 09/23	GS, DB SP,GP,MM,DS TH
Inca Dove	1 Slate Creek Wildlife Area 1 Pittsburgh residence 1 Baldwin City residence 1 Wellington City Lake 2 Ulysses residence	Sumner Crawford <u>Douglas</u> Sumner Grant	08/28 09/17 10/15 09/17 11/23	MT, GY RM CC TH KH
<u>Greater Roadrunner</u>	1 NW of Great Bend 1 farm N of Rozel 1 near Trousdale	Barton Rush Edwards	08/01 08/20 10/26	GC SS DK
Barn Owl	<u>4-5</u> during day	Morton	08/03	MR, TC
Common Poorwill	1 SE Rush County	Rush	<u>11/20</u>	LH
Chimney Swift	<u>415</u> roost Overland Park	Johnson	10/12	ML
<u>White-throated Swift</u> D	1 Tuttle Creek Dam	Riley	10/01-04	MMa,TC,DB
<u>Black-chinned H'mingbird</u>	1 Elkhart 1 AF Larned residence 1 Wichita residence	Morton Pawnee Sedgwick	08/03 08/02-10 08/13-28	MR, TC DK PG
<u>Anna's Hummingbird</u> D	1 Wichita residence 1 F Hays residence	Sedgwick Ellis	09/10 10/28-11/22	PG MS,GF,TM

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<u>Costa's Hummingbird</u> <b>D</b>	1 sub-adult male Cable residence (4 <sup>th</sup> state record)	Riley	09/27-11/07	TC
Calliope <u>Hummingbird</u> <b>D</b>	1 IF Garden City residence 1 AF Larned residence 1 F Garden City residence 1 F feeder 1 F Wilson residence	Finney Pawnee Finney Finney Ellsworth	08/13 08/14-22 08/25 08/25 09/07	T&SSh DK T&SSh M&PRa MR
<u>Broad-tailed Hummingbird</u>	2 Shane residence, Garden City 1 AF Schartz residence, Larned 1 Shane residence 4 IF Shane residence 1 F Wilson residence	Finney Pawnee Finney Finney Ellsworth	08/04 08/20-22 08/20 08.26 09/07	T&SSh OS, SS T&SSh T&SSh MR
Rufous <u>Hummingbird</u>	<i>(several reports, becoming fall regulars at western county feeders)</i>			
Ladder-backed W' dpecker <b>D</b>	1 Clark County State Lake	<u>Clark</u>	09/02	GP,MM,DS,SP
Hammond's Flycatcher <b>D</b>	1 Tribune	Greeley	09/04	PJ,TH,K&LG
Say's Phoebe	1 Slate Creek Wildlife Area	<u>Sumner</u>	08/28	MT,GY
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1 Middle Springs, CNG 2 Turkey Trail, CNG	Morton Morton	08/03 08/02	MR, TC TC
Northern Shrike	1 N of Sanford 1 Quivira NWR	Pawnee Stafford	10/24 11/03	SS TC
<u>Cave Swallow</u> <b>D</b>	2 Dodge City sewer ponds 1 juv Syracuse sewer ponds	Ford Hamilton	09/02 09/04	MM,GP,DS,SP PJ,TH,K&LG
Marsh Wren	<u>15</u> Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/06	PJ,KG
Townsend's Solitaire	1 Shawnee Mission Park 1 Olathe	<u>Johnson</u> <u>Johnson</u>	11/10 11/10	AM M&EC
Sage Thrasher	1 Hart residence, Ulysses 1 Fort's B &B, Ulysses	Grant Grant	08/21 09/14	KH KH
Curve-billed Thrasher	1 farm NE of Ulysses	<u>Grant</u>	09/13	SG
Sprague's Pipit	20 field NW of Larned Numerous fields NW of Larned	Pawnee Pawnee	09/27 10/17	SS SS
<u>Phainopepla</u> <b>D</b>	1 along Cimarron River E of K-27	Morton	09/22	SP
Orange-crowned Warbler	<u>200+</u> Santa Fe lake	Butler	10/07	TH
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1 singing Middle Springs, CNG 1 Leavenworth residence	<u>Morton</u> Leavenworth	08/03 <u>10/03</u>	MR, TC JSc

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Black-throated Blue Warbler	1 F Santa Fe Lake	Butler	09/28-10/07	TH
Black-thrtd Gray Warbler	1 F shelterbelt Elkhart 1 Fort's B & B, Ulysses	Morton Grant	<u>08/03</u> 10/04	MR, TC DW
Pine Warbler	1 Tuttle Creek State Park	Riley	08/18	LJ
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	1 F Mulvane residence	Sedgwick	<u>09/01</u>	TH
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	1 Point of Rocks, CNG	Morton	11/11	SP,CH
Painted Bunting	<u>5</u> Clinton Lake	Douglas	08/06	DG
Brewer's Blackbird	<u>500</u> feedlot N of Winfield	Cowley	11/04	MT

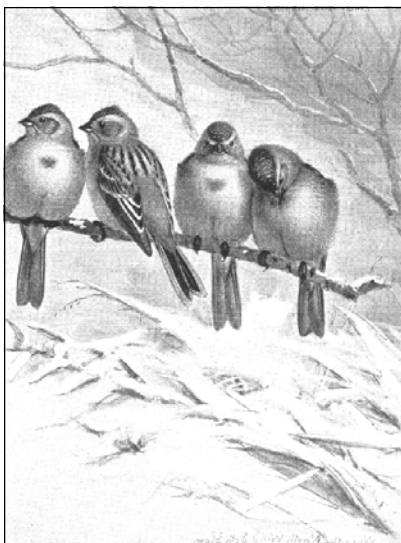
### Key:

- 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 documentation was submitted to KBRC (Kansas Bird Records Committee).

**Abbreviations:** Cimarron National Grassland (CNG), Quivira National Wildlife Refuge (Quivira NWR), Cheyenne Bottoms (CB), Reservoir (Res), residence (res), Female (F), Juvenile (juv), Immature (imm), Immature Male (IM), Immature Female (IF), Adult Female (AF).

**Observers:** Charles Anderson, Henry Armknecht, Doris Burnett, Mark Bryant, Ted Cable, Cal Cink, Greg Copeland, Wally Champeny, Mark and Elaine Corder (M&EC), Gary Davis, Gregg Friesen, Greg Farley, Dan Gish, Paul Griffin, Matt Gearheart, Kevin Groeneweg, Kevin and Laura Groeneweg (K&LG), Sam Guy, Kellye Hart, Tyler Hicks, Helen Hands, Chris Hobbs, Larry Hesel, Lowell Johnson, Pete Janzen, Don Kazmaier, Ron Klataske, Mark Land, Terry Mannell, Mark Mayfield (MMA) Aaron Mitchell, Mick McHugh, Jim Malcolm, Richard Martin (RMA), Robert Mangile, Jay Newton, Chuck Otte, Chuck and Jaye Otte (C&JO), Sebastian Patti, Brandon Percival, Galen Pittman,

Mike Rader, Jennifer Rader, Dave Rintoul, Mike and Pam Ramsey (M&PRA), David Seibel, Scott Seltman, Omar Schartz, Tom and Sara Shane (T&SSh), Gary Shaver, Ross Silcock, Jim Shroyer, John Schukman (JSc), Marilyn Sims, Pat St. John, Max Thompson, Don Vannoy, Don and Fran Vannoy (D&FV), Dave Williams, Bunnie Watkins, Gene Young.



## New KOS Members

Please welcome **Shaun Dunn**, Hays; **Steven Ford**, McCune; **Michael Pearce**, Newton; **David Ranney**, Lawrence; **Elsa Ferne Stalker**, St. John; **Gregory Stempien**, Atchison; **AJ Thomas**, Hays; **Penny Von Achen**, Eudora; **David Wiggins**, Oklahoma City; **Amy Zavala**, Hays.

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# Registration Form

2006 KOS spring meeting

Cross Timbers region, May 5-7

I (we) plan to attend the 2006 KOS spring meeting.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday dinner Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday lunch Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$4.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how many plan to attend the birding trips on Saturday and Sunday. See page six for details.

Saturday [ ] Trip 1 [ ] Trip 2 [ ] Trip 3 [ ] Trip 4

Sunday [ ] Trip 1 [ ] Trip 2 [ ] Trip 3 [ ] Trip 4

In submitting this registration I (we) understand that KOS is not responsible or liable for any accidents or injury that might be associated with the 2006 spring field meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signatures

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Please pre-register with full payment by **May 1**. Make checks payable to **Kansas Ornithological Society**. Mail your registration form and checks to **Pete Janzen, 3137 Mascot, Wichita, Kansas 67204**. KOS is unable to accept payment by credit card.

## Birding Southwest Kansas, *continued from page 3*

Greeley County, and found the migrant haven we had been hoping for. We spent the rest of the day birding in a small park and a wooded edge along the south side of town. Here we found a Townsend's Warbler, Ovenbird, Blackpoll Warbler (a rare-fall migrant), a Cassin's-candidate vireo, Hammond's Flycatcher, Lazuli Bunting, Broad-winged Hawk, Lincoln's Sparrow, and, of course,

many empids. The greatest compliment to us was having the 'regular' Morton County birders leave Morton to come see all our birds in Tribune!

The last stretch of the day was in Leoti, Wichita County. With a strong, 30-mile per hour wind, we still managed to find a few nice birds. We scored a few more shorebirds at the sewage ponds, picked through more empids, and ended with a nice

Western Tanager in the cedars behind the school. The grand finale of our western trek was getting to see a nice Red Phalarope at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge while en route home.

You definitely want to visit western Kansas. You may be surprised by what shows up! **Matt Gearheart** may be reached at [mgearheart@gwhm.com](mailto:mgearheart@gwhm.com).