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The Eagle's Roost: Message from the president

She did it again... I'm pleased to announce our *Horned Lark* editor, **Cheryl Miller**, won two awards in the Kansas Professional Communicators 2005 Contest with her submissions of *The Horned Lark*. Cheryl won first place for page layout and design (June 2005, center pages) and second place for editing (March and June 2005 issues). Her first place win goes on to the national competition. Congratulations, Cheryl!

I've said this before, but it's worth repeating: KOS is fortunate to have many experienced and professional individuals who donate considerable amounts of time to the organization. However, unfortunately for KOS, one of those persons, our current *KOS Bulletin* editor, Cal Cink, indicated at our winter meeting that he has the opportunity to do some exciting things over the next few years and will be stepping down from his position. I want to thank Cal for his work on the *Bulletin* and wish him the best with his new endeavors.

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Snowy Plover Research Update

By Matt Sexon

Population data suggest that Western Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*) numbers are declining throughout North America; a similar decline is suspected in populations in Kansas. As such, the species was listed as threatened in the state in 1987. In addition, critical habitat was designated at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and on the Kansas portions of the Cimarron River. Due to the current status of the Western Snowy Plover in the Midwest, information regarding habitat requirements, habitat use, and, when possible, reproductive success are valuable in guiding management and conservation activities at state and regional scales.

In 2005, I located and monitored a total of 263 Western Snowy Plover nests at Quivira NWR (n = 232) and Cheyenne Bottoms WA (n = 31). I assessed nest-site characteristics after the breeding season. My analysis suggests that nests were more successful when located in areas with gravel substrate. This might be because gravel camouflages the speckled eggs from predators.

Additionally, gravel might reduce the chance of flooding by promoting water runoff away from the nest. Furthermore, I found nests were less depredated when located within a predator control fence, and less flooded when located on elevated nest pads. Finally, I learned nests were less successful when located in areas

where human disturbance was possible. These findings suggest the use of management practices to increase nest success by constructing artificial nest pads and predator control

fences, and to inform visitors to the presence of nesting shorebirds.

A total of 162 Western Snowy Plover adults and chicks were captured and banded during this project. Two individuals, a chick captured at one day old at Quivira NWR, and an adult captured while incubating a nest at Quivira NWR, were sighted in 2006 at wintering locations on the Gulf coast of Texas. As of 2 June 2006, 12 individuals—nine adults and three chicks—banded at Quivira NWR in 2005, have been sighted at Quivira NWR.

For photos from Matt's research, please turn to page 3.



From the field

Well, golly gee, and aw, shucks! I was very surprised by the awards I won in the recent statewide contest. I won't go into a lot of detail about the production and editing of each issue of *The Horned Lark*, but suffice it to say I like to do a good job for all of you. It's a labor of love, and as say about my daytime work, "it's my job to make you look good." Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to make KOS look great!

In this *Horned Lark*, **Matt Sexson** gives us an update on his research involving the western race of the Snowy Plover. Matt recently completed his graduate degree in biology at Fort Hays State University. He is continuing his work with Snowy Plovers by conducting surveys for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. He

is also working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma in preparation for a continent-wide Snowy Plover survey to be conducted in 2007. KOS partially funded Matt's Snowy Plover research at Quivira and Cheyenne Bottoms.

On page 5, **Bob Regier** shares a story some may find familiar: not always respecting our avian neighbors when we were young. **John Schukman** contributes an historical brief on Kansas birds on page 11. Turn to page 7 for the species compilation list from the spring KOS meeting.

—CKM



The Eagle's Roost, *cont.*

Therefore, it's time for KOS members to think about filling positions and making nominations at next fall's meeting. There will be a few positions available, including the *Bulletin* editorship, and I encourage individuals who are interested in a position to contact a board member. We will provide your name to the nomination committee.

What does it take to be a KOS board member? How much work is required? It's really about what you as an individual want to put into it. I've been fortunate to serve as a board member, vice president, and president, and have always found meetings to be an opportunity to learn about the

organization, discuss our past, prepare for the future, and most importantly visit with a great group of individuals. In a few weeks I will ask current board members of their intentions. I will provide this information to the nomination committee to begin their process of identifying people willing to serve. Therefore, if you are considering a board position but are a little hesitant or have questions concerning the amount of time it takes feel, free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Eugene A. Young

President

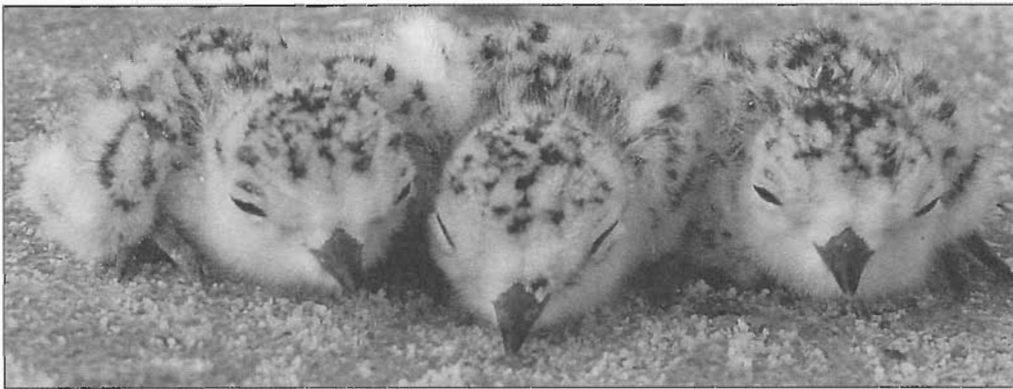
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Snowy Plover nesting and survival

Photos by Matt Sexson, © 2006.
Text by Cheryl Miller.



Nesting populations of Snowy Plovers have declined across the United States, usually due to habitat loss and nesting disruption because of human activities. These sparrow-sized birds seek sandy, coastal areas or alkaline flats for their nest scrapes. In Kansas, Snowy Plovers nest at Quivira and Cheyenne Bottoms; the

Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas indicates one possible breeding record for Seward County.

Adults normally lay three eggs. The chicks are precocial and adults attend to them for approximately four weeks. Their diets include insects and small aquatic invertebrates.

The photographs above are from

field work Matt Sexson conducted in 2005 and 2006. In addition to the front page article in this issue of *The Horned Lark*, Matt gave a report of his study at the fall 2005 KOS meeting. His paper abstract appears in the December 2005 *Horned Lark*.



KOS Winter Board Meeting February 11, 2006, Junction City

The KOS Board of Directors met at the Geary County Fairgrounds, Junction City, in February. Below are minutes from that meeting.

KOS Board Meeting

Present: Gene Young, Patty Marlett, Max Thompson, Mark Land, Matt Gearhart, Pete Janzen, Cal Cink, Chuck Otto, Dan Larson, Tom Shane, Cheryl Miller, Gregg Friesen.

The meeting was called to order by Gene Young, KOS president, at 9:34 a.m.

President Gene Young welcomed the board and quickly reviewed the agenda of the meeting and the timetable for the morning.

The board approved the minutes of the fall board meeting held in conjunction with the fall meeting of the KOS on October 1, 2006 in Wichita. Approval was by voice vote. Chuck Otto made the motion to accept the minutes and Max Thompson gave a second to the motion.

Committee reports

Membership: Mark Land presented. Mark noted that many members are late with renewals of membership. A current report of membership is submitted with this verbal report (attachment). Current membership is at 266, which is down from the 314 recorded in September 2005. Again, the late renewals account for much of this. Discussion also focused on a new membership brochure. A variety of venues to promote membership were reviewed. Mark will work on a new brochure.

Publicity: Gene Young reported. This committee is currently vacant. Gene noted that numerous people pick up the tasks of the committee despite this.

Kansas Bird Record

Committee: Chuck Otte reported. New committee members include Mark Land (full member), Jackie Nooker (has been offered the second alternate position), and Kevin Groeneweg (has been offered a full committee position). Jackie and Kevin have yet to formally reply to invitations. Chuck Otte moved to accept these members pending acceptance. Pete Janzen gave a second to the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote. There has been some discussion on dissemination of submissions. This will be reviewed and changes to the bylaws have been recommended to the committee to deal with the issue. Submissions to the KBRC were voted on and the 2005 report will be published in the June 2006 *Bulletin*. The current state bird list stands at 468 species.

Finance Committee: Max Thompson reported. Recently bonds in General Motors were divested at a loss of \$4,000. The committee will meet on a yearly basis to review holdings with the trust officer at the Home National Bank to try to keep on top of investment issues. In spite of the loss, our interest from the past year was \$3,000. The committee will meet to allocate these funds to restricted funds and the general endowment.

Conservation: Gene Young presented. Information for the Conservation Award will be in the June copy of *The Horned Lark*.

Student Research Committee: Gene Young reported for John Schukman. The report on awards and presenters at the meeting was noted. It is noted that students receiving funding need to either publish in the *KOS Bulletin* or present at a meeting. Students have held to this stipulation. Note that the fund is not

limited to graduate or undergraduate college students.

Editor's Reports: *The Horned Lark*: Cheryl Miller reported. Note the vote per Internet (email) listserv to allow Cheryl Miller to submit a copy of *The Horned Lark* for competition as a newsletter. The vote passed. *The Horned Lark* is now accessible through the KOS web page.

KOS Bulletin: Cal Cink reported. Cal plans to retire from this position after the winter meeting next year (2007) but will edit the March 2007 *Bulletin*. The next issue this year involves the CBC results. Cal notes some difficulty getting documentation of rare or unusual species. Only KBRC material now exists for the June issue. Some discussion focused on the fact that short pieces on new species or other records would be appropriate. Some of this has stopped as reports are now filed with the KBRC.

Business Manager Report: Pete Janzen reported. See Attachment. Pete proposed the purchase of an ad in *Winging It* (ABA publication) to sell shirts or hats. The ad is \$40 and could potentially bring in some moderate income. Max Thompson moved to have Pete proceed with this. Chuck Otto gave a second to the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Pete also commented on the spring meeting to be held in Yates Center, KS. He noted that the group lost \$250 on the fall meeting in Wichita in part because of reservations for meals not kept (people did not show). Advanced payment will be required in the future.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Larson presented. See attachment. We did make money this year thanks in part to interest earned. As is noted above, the finance committee will meet to allocate this gain. The treasurer did

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not have to draw funds from investments to pay bills this year. Note that Tom Shane will obtain the plaques for the Ivan Boyd awards.

Non-game Advisory Board Report: Dan Larson presented. Dan attended the recent meeting and will get notes on the meeting to the board. The next meeting is on 7 March 2006.

Items discussed since October

Meetings: The spring meeting will be in Greenwood and Wilson Counties. Pete Janzen is the coordinator. The fall 2006 meeting will be in Hays and the meeting will be 6,7, and 8 of October 2006 as Elmer Fink and Greg Farley have conflicts earlier in the month. Upcoming meetings may be in Manhattan or Winfield.

Status of manuscript on Sedgwick County Birds: Pete has the manuscript ready to go. He will do a first printing of 500 copies with a projected cost of \$1800. Sale price is not yet set. The cost will be out of the Book Royalty fund as approved in an email vote by the board earlier this year. This brought up the issue of selecting items for publication. Topics can range from county annotated lists to items too large for the *Bulletin*. Formerly, Max Thompson and Chuck Ely made decisions on publication. Discussion on formalizing the process was tabled. Currently the process is rather informal and Max Thompson has handled the editing.

KOS Sponsored Projects

Walk-in-birding: KOS has not sponsored anything in this area due to liability issues. We do support the idea.

Checklist Database for KDWP lands: There is some interest in allowing a forum to report birds seen on KDWP lands. Discussion focused on funding issues and accuracy concerns.

Long-term Surveys: Helen Hands works with a shorebird survey and a rail project has been suggested.

Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas:

A projected date for the second round is 2013. The work involved is noted to be an issue to be managed.

Habitat Change studies: There is some interest in looking at the way in which urban sprawl affects habitat and species present.

Winter Bird Atlas: Some interest in this was noted with a look at the Oklahoma project that uses breeding bird atlas blocks (an early and a late survey of 4 hours each). This is seen as more usable data than one obtains on a CBC.

Sewage Lagoon Location Guide: An unnamed board member has been working on this issue. More submissions on lagoon sites are welcome. Submissions can be sent to Gregg Friesen

Communication Towers: More interest on this comes up from time to time with the possible projects to include surveying under towers for birds.

Bird Finding Guide: An option of an update or revised guide to bird finding in Kansas may be in line. Possible formats for this are varied.

Birding/Ecotourism: Some requests for information have been sent to members. One thing that may be needed is information of what format for presentations or specific birds will be utilized. This would help organizers promote specific events or birding opportunities.

Web page: Chuck Otte presented. Note a gradual increase in web page hits. This provides a good venue to tell others of birding options in the state. To avoid a repeat of the page problem noted this winter (page shut off due to a contact problem for billing) a contact name has been added to the home page.

Kansas Vertebrate Checklist: Comments on this list can be sent to Gene Young who will forward them on to the appropriate people. Some issues on a current format for listing

bird species prompted concern.

KOS Archives: Bill Busby has been working to file papers in appropriate places. Past secretary Ruth Fahl put papers in the Spencer Library. This appears to be the most secure setting but access is more limited. Pete moved to have Bill place all records on archive quality paper and store one copy at the Spencer Library at KU and the other copy at the library of the museum of Natural History at KU. This would include KOS and KBRC papers. Cal Cink offered a second to the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Dingus Natural Area: Bill Busby found an old master plan for the property. The board needs to address further the issue of a master plan for this property. This past plan did not appear in minutes. Gene and Bill will work on this further and make a document on this for the web page. Ornithological Society.

New Business

Cheryl received a copy of Kenn Kaufman's bird guide written in Spanish. She is not fluent in this language and is willing to donate the book to a school in the name of the KOS. The board supported this move.

There is some interest in material on non-consumptive wildlife activities by publications.

Adjournment: At 12:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned. The group acknowledged Chuck Otte's 50th birthday this week. Respectfully submitted this 13th day of February 2006. Gregg Friesen, Secretary.



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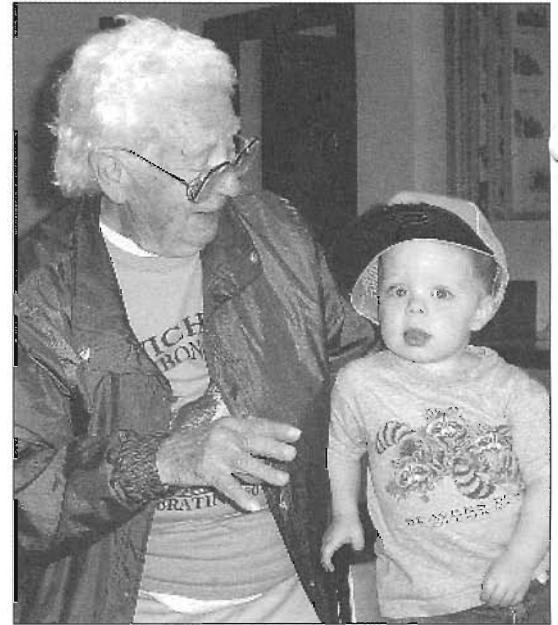


KOS Spring Meeting, May 5-7 Yates Center

It rained most of the week before the KOS spring meeting in Yates Center and continued during the weekend. Despite this, birders found 178 species in Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Neosho, Wilson and Woodson counties. Some of the more interesting birds included Snow Goose, Caspian Tern, Yellow-throated Vireo, Golden-Winged Warbler, Baird's Sparrow, and Lazuli Bunting.

Pete Janzen undertook the majority of the preparation for this meeting, and **Gregg Friesen, George Lippert, Matt Gearheart, Aaron Mitchell, and Kevin Groeneweg** led the field trips. Gary Weisenberger gave the banquet address, "Native Plants and Ancient Uses."

At right **Joyce Davis** gives **Micah Bonds** some tips on identifying birds. Photo by Pete Janzen, © 2005.



Katie's Woods: From BB guns to binoculars

By Bob Regier

The little town of Mr. Lake, Minnesota was my childhood playground—all of the town. I assumed that every neighborhood sandbox was in the public domain. And when our road building, mining, and sifted sand enterprises became a bit tedious, there were the railroad tracks, the stockyards, the lakeshore, the locker plant, Schroeder's Pond, Marten's Creek, the dump ground, the cemetery, Reimer's barn and Katie's Woods.

Katie's Woods particularly intrigued me: between and behind the trees were so many things that moved! But we were prepared. One of my favorite friends was the proud owner of a BB gun—an item my parents did not allow me to possess. Most of the movement, greatly exaggerated through the application of imagination, was generated by an assorted number of woodland birds common to

southwestern Minnesota. We were without conscience and took aim at those winged creatures whenever the supply of rats in Reimer's barn waned.

The reason such sordid activity was gradually replaced by a lifelong interest in bird identification and bird behavior surfaced many years later. In one of our quick trips back to my home soil, a frail old gentleman in his 90s asked me if I still enjoyed bird study. (He happened to be the husband of the deceased Katie, to whom the woods belongs.) After assuring him that birding was still an enormous source of pleasure in my life he asked me the painful question: "Do you remember the times when you and your friend spent hours in our woods stalking birds with a BB gun?"

I confessed that I did. He followed with a second question: "Do you remember why you

stopped?" I confessed that I didn't.

He said, "You know, I didn't like what you were doing very much, and pondered the problems for a long time. Finally, I decided one day to walk to your house to give you my only bird book. (It was the Reed's Bird Guide, copyright 1906). You became involved in the book and never visited our woods with a BB gun again." A year later this perceptive gentleman died. Had this chance visit not occurred I would never have known of this mustard seed experience.

The sprouting hasn't stopped. Within recent years several friends, some who know vastly more about birding than I, have reminded me, to my surprise, that a chance outing together was their beginning. Reed's Guide, Katie's husband, chance encounters—sprouts that grew in ways I did not know.

Bob Regier lives in North Newton.



Spring KOS compilation list

Observers found 178 species during the spring KOS field trips to Toronto, John Redmond, and Fall River Reservoirs, and Wilson County and Woodson County State Lakes.

Snow Goose
 Canada Goose
 Wood Duck
 Gadwall
 Mallard
 Blue-winged Teal
 Northern Shoveler
 Green-winged Teal
 Ring-necked Duck
 Lesser Scaup
 Ruddy Duck
 Ring-necked Pheasant
 Greater Prairie-Chicken
 Wild Turkey
 N. Bobwhite
 Pied-billed Grebe
 Am. White Pelican
 Double-crested Cormorant
 Great Blue Heron
 Great Egret
 Snowy Egret
 Cattle Egret
 Green Heron
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
 Turkey Vulture
 Osprey
 Bald Eagle
 Northern Harrier
 Sharp-shinned Hawk
 Cooper's Hawk
 Red-shouldered Hawk
 Swainson's Hawk
 Red-tailed Hawk
 American Kestrel
 Merlin
 Sora
 American Coot
 Killdeer
 Lesser Yellowlegs
 Solitary Sandpiper
 Spotted Sandpiper
 Upland Sandpiper
 Hudsonian Godwit
 Willet
 Semipalmated Sandpiper
 Least Sandpiper
 Baird's Sandpiper
 Pectoral Sandpiper
 Long-billed Dowitcher
 Wilson's Snipe
 Franklin's Gull
 Bonaparte's Gull
 Ring-billed Gull
 Caspian Tern
 Forster's Tern



Black Tern
 Rock Pigeon
 Eurasian Collared-Dove
 Mourning Dove
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo
 Eastern Screech-Owl
 Great Horned Owl
 Barred Owl
 Common Nighthawk
 Chuck-wills-widow
 Chimney Swift
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird
 Belted Kingfisher
 Red-headed Woodpecker
 Red-bellied Woodpecker
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
 Downy Woodpecker
 Hairy Woodpecker
 Northern Flicker
 Pileated Woodpecker
 Olive-sided Flycatcher
 Eastern Wood-Peeewe
 Acadian Flycatcher
 Willow Flycatcher
 Least Flycatcher
 Eastern Phoebe
 Great Crested Flycatcher
 Western Kingbird
 Eastern Kingbird
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
 Loggerhead Shrike
 White-eyed Vireo
 Bell's Vireo
 Yellow-throated Vireo
 Warbling Vireo
 Red-eyed Vireo
 Blue Jay
 American Crow
 Fish Crow
 Horned Lark
 Purple Martin
 Tree Swallow
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow
 Bank Swallow
 Cliff Swallow
 Barn Swallow
 Carolina Chickadee
 Black-capped Chickadee
 Tufted Titmouse
 White-breasted Nuthatch
 Brown Creeper
 Carolina Wren
 House Wren
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
 Eastern Bluebird
 Veery
 Gray-cheeked Thrush
 Swainson's Thrush
 Wood Thrush
 American Robin



Gray Catbird
 Northern Mockingbird
 Brown Thrasher
 European Starling
 American Pipit
 Cedar Waxwing
 Golden-winged Warbler
 Tennessee Warbler
 Orange-crowned Warbler
 Nashville Warbler
 Northern Parula
 Yellow Warbler
 Yellow-rumped Warbler
 Black-throated Green Warbler
 Palm Warbler
 Blackpoll
 Black & White Warbler
 American Redstart
 Prothonotary Warbler
 Ovenbird
 Northern Waterthrush
 Louisiana Waterthrush
 Kentucky Warbler
 Common Yellowthroat
 Hooded Warbler
 Wilson's Warbler
 Yellow-breasted Chat
 Summer Tanager
 Scarlet Tanager
 Eastern Towhee
 Chipping Sparrow
 Clay-colored Sparrow
 Field Sparrow
 Lark Sparrow
 Savannah Sparrow
 Grasshopper Sparrow
 Baird's Sparrow
 Henslow's Sparrow
 Song Sparrow
 Lincoln's Sparrow
 White-throated Sparrow
 White-crowned Sparrow
 Harris's Sparrow
 Northern Cardinal
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak
 Blue Grosbeak
 Lazuli Bunting
 Indigo Bunting
 Painted Bunting
 Dickcissel
 Bobolink
 Red-winged Blackbird
 Eastern Meadowlark
 Yellow-headed Blackbird
 Common Grackle
 Great-tailed Grackle
 Brown-headed Cowbird
 Orchard Oriole
 Baltimore Oriole
 House Finch
 American Goldfinch



Kansas Winter Season Roundup

December 1, 2005 — February 28, 2006

Mark Corder, compiler

What a difference a year makes. A year ago we were all wound up about the finches and other semi-rarities appearing in western Kansas. Not so this time. The contrast is pretty dramatic. In general terms, more than thirty species qualified last year for classification as unusual whether by species or date. The '05-'06 winter is only about one-half of that number.

Stealing the show this time were three Band-tailed Pigeons putting in an appearance at an elevator in Seldon (Sheridan County) in early December. This was only the third state record for this species and the only species having a status in this report of fewer than ten records. The Greater and Lesser Black-backed Gull

reports put both species over that mark, removing their status as hypothetical.

Trumpeter Swans dramatically increased in numbers and locales with 24 individuals reported from Brown, Coffey, and Butler counties. The KBRC accepted Kansas' 16th Barrow's Goldeneye record (Sedgwick County). Three Great Egrets spent most of December at Twin Lakes in Wichita and five Turkey Vultures remained in the state into January. Adding more cause to wonder about the effects of global warming were two displaying American Woodcocks reported in late February at (Shawnee Mission Park, Johnson



County).

Five Northern Goshawk reports from five different counties during the period mid-December to mid-February suggests that Kansas birders need be on the lookout for these large accipiters just about anytime during the winter months. White-winged Doves continue their intrusion into the state. Nearly 100 were observed at the Shane residence in Garden City on January 14, 2006. Two Curve-billed Thrashers on the Liberal CBC, more than twenty Smith's Longspurs in Lyon County in early January, and an out-of-place Yellow-headed Blackbird in Ellis County on New Year's Day round out this season's report.

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| <u>Species</u> | <u>Number and Location</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observers</u> |
|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Cackling Goose | 4,829 reported on CBCs | Statewide | 12/14-1/16 | M: ob |
| Trumpeter Swan | 3 Pony Creek Lake 4 Lake Shawnee 2 Wolf Creek Lake 2 near Cassoday 4 Wilson Lake 4 Benedictine Bottoms CBC 3 Syracuse 2 Lake McKinney | Brown Shawnee Coffey Butler Russell Atchison Hamilton Kearney | 12/02 12/12 12/13 12/15 12/16-01/15 01/07 02/13 02/13 | RR BF DW KB SS RT PJ, ML, MG PJ, ML, MG |
| Tundra Swan | 1 imm. Hays 4 Wolf Creek Lake 5 Quivira NWR | Ellis Coffey Stafford | 12/04 12/13 02/25 | TM DW B&NB |
| Cinnamon Teal | 8 Meade Co. CBC | Meade | 12/21 | CBC |
| Greater Scaup | 15 Lake Shawnee | Shawnee | 02/21 | DG |
| Lesser Scaup | 1 Wilson Lake | Johnson | 2/16 | CBC |
| Black Scoter | 1 1 st yr. male Melvern Lake | Osage | 02/08 | DG |



| Species | Number and Location | County | Date | Observers |
|------------------------------|---|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Long-tailed Duck | 1 below dam John Redmond Res. | Coffey | 01/02 | ML, AM |
| | 1 LaFarge sandpit, Wichita | Sedgwick | 01/24 | DV |
| | 1 AM Wilson Lake | Russell | 02/09 | MR |
| | 1 AF Melvern Lake | Osage | 02/09 | DG |
| <u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u> | <D> 1 Lincoln St. dam, Wichita (16 th record) | Sedgwick | 12/08 | BG |
| Horned Grebe | 1 John Redmond Res. | Coffey | 12/17 | CBC |
| Eared Grebe | 1 John Redmond Res. | Coffey | 12/17 | CBC |
| <u>Neotropical Cormorant</u> | 1 John Redmond Res. | Coffey | 12/17 | CBC |
| Great Egret | 3 Twin Lakes, Wichita | Sedgwick | <u>12/17-29</u> | PJ |
| Turkey Vulture | 2 SE Kansas Mined Land CBC | Cherokee | <u>01/01</u> | RM |
| | 2 El Dorado | Butler | <u>01/25</u> | DV |
| | 1 | Leavenworth | <u>01/24</u> | JS |
| Bald Eagle | <u>65</u> Wakefield CBC | Geary | 01/02 | CO |
| <u>Northern Goshawk</u> | 1 Scott Lake CBC | Scott | 12/18 | CBC |
| | 1 Webster Res. CBC | Rooks | 12/27 | CBC |
| | 1 SW corner of Larned | Pawnee | 01/11 | SS |
| | 1 E of Wichita | Sedgwick | 02/09 | D&LM |
| | 1 near Yocemento | Ellis | 02/11 | PJ, ML, MG |
| Ferruginous Hawk | 16 around Pierceville | Finney | 01/15 | T&SSh |
| Golden Eagle | 1 imm. Quivira NWR | Stafford | 01/02 | DKa |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1 John Redmond Res. | Coffey | 12/17 | CBC |
| | 1 Junction City | Geary | 12/19 | CBC |
| | 2 Cheyenne Bottoms | Barton | 12/19 | CBC |
| | 1 downtown Wichita | Sedgwick | 02/23 | PJ |
| Virginia Rail | 4 E of K-27 bridge | Morton | <u>12/31</u> | SP |
| Sora | 1 Lawrence | Douglas | 12/17 | CBC |
| Sandhill Crane | 30+ flying over Wilson Lake | Russell | 02/04 | MR |
| Greater Yellowlegs | 1 Udall/Windfield | Cowley | 12/18 | CBC |
| Least Sandpiper | 1 John Redmond Res. | Coffey | 12/17 | CBC |
| American Woodcock | 2 displaying Shawnee Mission Pk. | Johnson | <u>02/27</u> | ML |
| Thayer's Gull | 1 Lincoln St. dam, Wichita | Sedgwick | 12/11 | KG |
| | 2 Kansas River, Lawrence (Several of different ages present at this location into mid-January) | Douglas | 12/11 | DF, DS |



| Species | Number and Location | County | Date | Observers |
|---------------------------|---|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Thayer's Gull | 1 Wilson Lake CBC | Russell | 12/16 | MR, SS |
| | 2 Lawrence CBC | Douglas | 12/20 | GP |
| | 3 adults Cheney Res. | Sedgwick | 01/06 | B&NB |
| | 2 Kanopolis Res. | Ellsworth | 01/08 | MR, JR |
| Franklin's Gull | 1 alternate plumage, Perry Lake | Jefferson | 01/23 | TM |
| Lssr Blk-backed Gull | <D> 1 imm. Arkansas River, Wichita (11 th record) | Sedgwick | 12/23 | PJ, ML, MG |
| Glaucous Gull | 2 1 st yr. Lincoln St. dam | Sedgwick | 12/09 | PJ |
| | 1 1 st yr. Kansas River, Lawrence | Douglas | 12/11 | DF, DS |
| | 2 Lawrence CBC | Douglas | 12/20 | GP |
| | 1 Kanopolis Res. | Ellsworth | 01/08 | MR, JR |
| Grt Blk-backed Gull | <D> 1 Kansas River, Lawrence (11 th record) | Douglas | 2/21 | DF |
| Band-tailed Pigeon | <D> 3 grain elevator, Seldon (3 rd record) | Sheridan | 12/03 | MC |
| White-winged Dove | 98 Shane res., Garden City | Finney | 01/14 | T&SSh |
| Inca Dove | 2 feeder Ulysses | Grant | 12/09 | KH |
| Greater Roadrunner | 2 outskirts of Maize | Sedgwick | 12/29 | fide PJ |
| | 1 Cimarron Natl Grasslands | Morton | 12/31 | CBC |
| | 1 Sawyer | Pratt | 01/07 | CBC |
| Barn Owl | 1 old barn SW of Holcomb | Finney | 01/27 | T&SSh |
| Barred Owl | 1 K-27 bridge over Cimarron River | <u>Morton</u> | 2/31 | KG, MT |
| <u>N. Saw-whet Owl</u> | 1 S of Manhattan | Riley | 01/04 | RK |
| Loggerhead Shrike | 8 Quivira NWR CBC | Stafford | 12/14 | MR |
| | 1 Wilson Lake CBC | Russell | 12/16 | MR |
| Northern Shrike | 1 Cedar Bluff Res. | Trego | 12/11 | TM |
| | 2 Wilson Lake CBC | Russell | 12/16 | MR |
| | 2 Quivira NWR CBC | Stafford | 12/14 | MR |
| | 1 N of Lake Kahola | Morris | 01/29 | PJ, KG |
| Blk-capped Chickadee | 35 Wakofield CBC | Geary | 01/02 | CO |
| Rock Wren | 1 Wilson Res. | Russell | <u>12/31</u> | DK |
| | 1 Point of Rocks | Morton | <u>12/31</u> | SP |
| Curve-billed Thrasher | 2 Liberal | Seward | 01/02 | CBC |
| Orange-crwnd Warbler | 1 Wilson Res. | Johnson | <u>12/25-1/31</u> | PW |



| <u>Species</u> | <u>Number and Location</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observers</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" | 1 Elkhart | Morton | <u>12/31</u> | SP |
| Field Sparrow | 1 res. rural area | Leavenworth | <u>02/21-25</u> | JS |
| Savannah Sparrow | Several NW of Larned 100+ near Elk City | Pawnee Montgomery | <u>01/26</u> <u>01/15</u> | SS SS |
| Smith's Longspur | 20+ Lyon Co. St. Fishing Lake 2 Kanopolis Res. | Lyon Ellsworth | 01/02 01/08 | ML, AM CBC |
| Snow Bunting | 1 Hays 2 John Redmond Res. | Ellis Coffey | 12/17 12/17 | CBC CBC |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | 1 SW of Hays | Ellis | <u>01/01</u> | TM |

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); National Wildlife Refuge (NWR); Christmas Bird Count (CBC); Many observers (M:ob); residence (res.); Reservoir (Res.); immature (imm.); immature male (IM), immature female (IF), adult female (AF); adult male (AM).

Observers: Ken Brunson, Bill

and Nancy Beard (B&NB), Michael Cross, Bill Falk, Dave Fischer, Matt Gearheart, Dan Gish, Bob Gress, Kevin Groeneweg, Kellye Hart, Pete Janzen, Don Kazmaier (DKa), Ron Klataske, David Klema, Mark Land, Don and Linda Mallonee (D&LM), Robert Mangile, Terry Mannell, Aaron Mitchell, Chuck Otte,

Sebastian Patti, Galen Pittman, Mark Rader, Rosella Royer, Jethro Runco, John Schukman, David Seibel, Scott Seltman, Tom and Sara Shane (T&SSH), Max Thompson, Roxana Tosterud, Don Vannoy, Daniel Williamson, Priscilla Wilson.

One hundred years ago in Kansas

By John Schukman

In 1906 two new species were added to the number found in Kansas. A farmer near Emporia (Lyon County) captured a **Goove-billed Ani**. This was thought to be the first record of this species north of the Lower Rio Grande in Texas. Also, Edward E. Brown, assistant secretary at the University of Kansas, collected a **Red Phalarope** at Thacher's Lake about four miles from Lawrence (Douglas County). Total species found in Kansas was then 349 (Snow, F. B. 1906. "Two birds new to the avifauna of Kansas." *Auk* 23:106).

Kansas Ornithological Society Balance Sheet

12/31/05

Assets

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|------------------------|------------------|
| Fund | 113062.51 |
| Certificate of Deposit | 6349.10 |
| Checking | 1867.00 |
| Business Manager | 300.00 |
| Subtotal | 121578.61 |
| Dingus Land | 56000.00 |
| Total | 177578.61 |

Liabilities and Fund Balances

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| General Fund | 1619.64 |
| Business Manager Advance | 300.00 |
| Endowments | 65835.60 |
| Life Membership Account | 21872.00 |
| Book Royalty Fund | 18112.31 |
| Dingus Natural Area Fund | 7967.58 |
| Dingus Natural Area Land | 56000.00 |
| Student Research Fund | 5871.48 |
| Total | 177578.61 |



2006 Kansas Ornithological Society Avian Conservationist of the Year Corrected 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 JULY 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 information the nominator feels pertinent will be considered.

