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President's message

This president's message is not as easy to write as others have been. It involves money.

We are at a point when dues no longer cover the cost of membership. How did this happen? Well there are several factors in answer to that question.

First, our dues have not increased for at least five years. Second, we have relied on our endowment to pick up the extra cost of running the society. It is true that the endowment is about \$119,000 (as of June 30, 2007) but unfortunately, much of that endowment is restricted and can only be used for the purposes for which it was designated.

Although the estimated annual income from the endowment is \$5,600 (based on the same rate of return we now earn), that

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From the field



Above: Dickcissel at the KCPL Gardner Wetlands. Photo by Matt Gearheart, © 2007.

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estimated income must be divided between the unrestricted and restricted parts of the endowment. The unrestricted portion of the earnings is not enough to support regular expenses for the long term.

The third factor is our small number of annually renewed memberships. We have 130 life members. Many of them joined when the life membership was only \$100. If our annual return on the endowment is approximately 5%, that gives us only \$5 to process each life membership.

The society's total membership as of May 2007 was 283. According to our business manager, **Pete Janzen**, it now costs us \$21.82 to service each member. If we had 450 members like we used to, it would be a little more than \$13 per person. If you figure income from the present membership, we have approximately \$2,255. It

doesn't take a CPA to figure that we are short about \$4,000 which must come out of the endowment. When you withdraw that much from an endowment that is pulling in about \$5,600 that doesn't leave much for covering expenses.

This problem isn't going away and your board will spend most of the October business meetings discussing the problem. Believe me, folks, this isn't a problem confined to KOS. Most of the organizations I belong to are having the same problem of funding and membership numbers.

If you have solutions to the dues and cost of membership problems, please don't hesitate to contact me by email: maxt@cox.net.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Manhattan this fall.

Max C. Thompson



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Meet a Kansas birder: Mark Land

By Jon Strong

Overland Park resident **Mark Land** started birding in late 1991, but got serious about the hobby when his oldest son joined the Boy Scouts the next year.

"During summer camp at Camp Naish I heard a really different song," said Mark. "When I asked about it, the Scoutmaster said it was a Yellow-billed Cuckoo. I thought he was pulling my leg until I looked it up in my guide. I then spent the rest of the week trying to find one in my spare time. When I finally found it I thought it was such an awesome bird."

Later that year the scout group went to Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge in northwest Missouri for Eagle Day. There they saw hundreds of Bald Eagles and hundreds of thousands of migrating Snow Geese. Mark said his participation in birding took off from there, but in the beginning he birded alone.

Then **Matt Gearheart** came along.

"I met Matt on a bird walk," Mark said. "He lived a few blocks away, and we hit it off and started birding together. Without his hearing and sharp eyes I would have missed a number of good birds."

When asked about his favorite bird sightings, Mark drew upon two memories.

"My best bird sighting was of the juvenile Cave Swallows on July 14, 2005, at Shawnee Mission Park (Johnson County). They were on a wire below the

dam with hundreds of other swallows. They allowed several minutes of observation before a Red-tailed Hawk spooked the entire flock. I can still picture the



Mark Land, right, and Matt Gearheart at the 2005 fall meeting in Wichita.

Cave Swallows to this day."

Mark's favorite group sighting was of a Smew in 2001, seen on a Burroughs Audubon Society field trip to the Riverlands in St. Louis. The Smew sighting came out of an attempt to find a male Barrow's Goldeneye.

"We were trying to get people on the Barrow's which was among thousands of Common Goldeneyes," Mark said. "It was like finding a needle in a haystack with a spotting scope. A young girl saw a white bird and asked her dad what it was, and he called it as a Long-tailed Duck. Matt went to a scope and eventually re-found the bird. He started yelling for Roger McNeill, our trip leader, because he knew it was a great bird."

"Roger nonchalantly came over, looked at the bird, and proclaimed 'it's a Smew,' said Mark. "The scramble for scopes

was on. A lady next to me said 'Is he kidding?' and her friend said 'What's a Smew?' The bird wasn't in the field guides (including Sibley's, which was new on the

market). We started calling hotlines and friends and by the time we left for lunch there were probably 200 people looking at this bird. We started calling ourselves the Smew Crew. Matt even made a T-shirt to commemorate the sighting."

Mark's Kansas life is at 366 species. He does most of his birding at Shawnee Mission Park because it is near his work place and has diverse habitat. He has recorded 220 species at that location. Another of his favorite birding areas is Quivira National Wildlife Refuge in central Kansas. His favorite place to bird outside of Kansas is Texas where his bird watching brother Fred resides. His life list is 547 species, and he is looking forward to an upcoming trip to the Olympic Peninsula.

Mark was born in Kansas City, Missouri and raised in Shawnee, Kansas. He is a Lead Pharmacy Technician for Apria Healthcare. He is also the Membership Development Coordinator for KOS. He and his wife Eileen have been married 32 years and have three sons.



KOS fall meeting itinerary

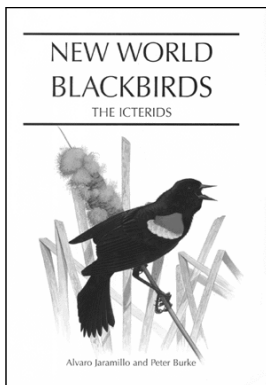
September 28 – 30, 2007

Kansas State University, Manhattan

Please join us for the 59th annual meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society at Kansas State University in Manhattan, September 28–30, 2007.

An informal reception and registration will be held Friday evening in Chalmers Hall. Paper sessions on ornithological studies in Kansas will be held Saturday in Ackert Hall.

The banquet Saturday night will feature **Alvaro Jaramillo** and his presentation, "Birding in Chile:



The Other West Coast." Alvaro is a professional birding guide for Field Guides, Inc., and is author of

Field Guide to the Birds of Chile and *New World Blackbirds: The Icterids*.

Field trips to local birding destinations in the Manhattan area will be held on Sunday and led by local birding enthusiasts **Doris Burnett, Ted Cable, Chuck Otte, David Rintoul, and Brett Sandercock**.

Friday, September 28

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Registration and informal reception – Main Foyer of Chalmers Hall.

Saturday, September 29

6:30 - 8:00 a.m. Bird walk.

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Welcome.

8:45 - 9:00 a.m. Business meeting.

9:00 a.m. - noon Paper session.

Noon - 1:30 p.m. KOS board meeting, Room 107, Ackert Hall.

Lunch on your own.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Birdwatchers' Hour.

2:30 - 5:00 p.m. Paper session.

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Business meeting.

6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Banquet – Main and West Ballroom of the Student Union Building.

Sunday, September 30

6:30 a.m. Field trips to local birding locations may include Tuttle Creek Reservoir, Milford Wildlife Area, the backroads of Riley County, and the Konza Prairie Biological Station. All field trips will depart from the parking lot south of Ackert Hall.

1:00 p.m. Compilation. Location to be announced.

Lodging options

- Tuttle Creek State Park, (785) 539-7941;
- Comfort Inn, (785) 770-8000;
- EconoLodge, (785) 539-5391;
- Fairfield Inn, (785) 539-2400;
- Super 8, (785) 537-8468;
- Holiday Inn, (785) 539-5311;
- Guest Haus B & B, (785) 776-6543;
- Morning Star B & B, (785) 587-9703;

- Shortridge House B & B, (785) 565-0086;
- Scenic Valley Inn B & B, (785) 776-6831.

Please note there is no home game scheduled for K-State football; however, fall is a busy time in Manhattan. We encourage you to make accommodations early.

Low-cost housing for students and post-docs

A limited number of low cost rooms (\$12-\$18 double occupancy) will be available at the Konza Prairie Biological Station for the nights of September 28-29. Housing will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis for up to 20 students and post-docs who register early and submit an abstract. Contact Brett K. Sandercock at bsanderc@ksu.edu for more information.

Silent auction

We strongly encourage members and guests to bring donated items for the Silent Auction. Suitable donations include birding-themed equipment, field guides, bird houses, bird baths, and optics. All proceeds go to the KOS Student Research Fund.

Fall meeting website

For more information, visit: www.k-state.edu/bsanderc/kos2007/.



Call for papers!

KOS Paper Sessions Saturday, September 28, 2007

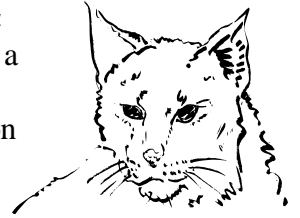
The KOS fall meeting traditionally features papers given by scientists, students and birders. **Brett Sandercock** is the coordinator for this fall's meeting.

To submit an abstract: Please prepare your abstract using the format of the example below. Include the title of the presentation, the list of authors (use an asterisk to indicate the speaker), the institutional affiliation of the authors (if applicable), and a brief abstract of up to 250 words. Abstracts will be printed in the KOS meeting program. When you submit the abstract, please provide **five** additional pieces of information: 1) the multimedia equipment that you will need; 2) whether you would prefer a shorter time slot; 3) whether you are eligible and

would like to be considered for a student presentation award; 4) stage of program (undergraduate, graduate, or doctorate) if you are eligible for a student presentation award; and 5) whether you want to take advantage of low-cost student housing at Konza Prairie. Send abstracts **by e-mail** to Brett K. Sandercock at bsanderc@ksu.edu. Place the abstract either in the body of the e-mail message or send as an e-mail attachment in a Word, WordPerfect, or Rich Text Format file. In the subject line of the e-mail, please indicate the meeting and give your surname: "KOS 2007: Wildcat."

Example abstract:
Interspecific competition with wildcats limits populations of jay-hawks in northeast Kansas.
Willie T. Wildcat (*), *Division of Biology, Kansas State University.*
Ongoing declines in autumn populations of jay-hawks

(*Cyanorufa chalkii*) are a topic of conservation concern in Kansas. To assess the role of interspecific competition with wildcats (*Felis purpula*) as a factor contributing to observed population trends, I conducted three-hour observation bouts of captive animals in large enclosed arenas. In competition trials, jay-hawks demonstrated a strong aversion to environments saturated with royal purple. Thus, interspecific competition from wild felids may be a limiting factor that controls foraging and reproductive success of jay-hawk populations in the state of Kansas. Effective conservation strategies for jay-hawks should include keeping cats indoors.



The deadline for submitting abstracts is September 21.

Migration of Birds: A review

By *Thomas G. Shane*
Migration of Birds, by Frederick C. Lincoln, Steve R. Peterson, and John L. Zimmerman. U. S. Department of the Interior, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C. Circular 16. 1998: 113 pp (paper).

This third edition of the old classic *Migration of Birds*, published by Lincoln in 1935, is a very elusive publication that

appears to have been lost in the chasms of government bureaucracies. I first located it published online at the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center home page.

Much of the book remains the same from the first two editions. However, considerable changes and additions were made on the topics of evolution of migration; stimulus for migration; orientation and

navigation; and the influence of weather.

This long-standing publication is supplied as a government-printed paperback at no charge. Send an e-mail request to dee_captain@fws for the *Migration of Birds Circular 16*, and supply your postal address. The book is mailed from Albuquerque.

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Kansas spring roundup

March 1, 2007 – May 31, 2007

By Mark Corder

The 2007 Kansas spring birding season was a bit lackluster compared to previous springs. As of the date of this report, only four 2007 spring records were submitted to the Kansas Birds Records Committee and no reported birds fell into the “fewer than 10” (records) category.

Lowell Johnson and **Cory Gregory** reported a Golden-crowned Sparrow in early March from Riley County. The other three rarity reports were the Canyon Towhee, Glossy Ibis and Laughing Gull records described below. Birds of interest were primarily uncommon species, early birds or those reported in unusually high numbers.

Scott Seltman estimated that he saw 2,000 Sandhill Cranes at Quivira in very early March and more than 200 Western Sandpipers in mid-April also at Quivira. **Leon Hicks** had a nice surprise when he found a single Northern Saw-whet Owl at his Mulvane residence in mid-March.

A very early Yellow-throated Warbler made a late March appearance in Leavenworth County. **Tom** and **Sara Shane** counted more than 3,000 Long-billed Curlews headed towards a roost late in the day on March 29. More than 200 Smith’s Longspurs were in Linn County on April 10.

Pete Janzen reported a Glossy Ibis, 41 Buff-breasted Sandpipers and more than 300 White-rumped Sandpipers at separate locations along 183rd Street in Sedgwick County, all on a single fortuitous day in late May. **Mike Rader** tallied more than 100 Black-necked Stilts at Quivira earlier in the month. A very few but notable Cape May, Black-throated Blue, Golden-winged, Worm-eating, and Bay-breasted Warblers made welcome additions to the May warbler totals.

The only gull to make the roundup was a single Laughing Gull found in Douglas County. Thanks to **Pat Valentik**, the state now has a record for Canyon

Towhee outside of Morton County. He saw a single bird at Monument Rocks in Gove County and also reported the only sighting of a Green-tailed Towhee this spring.

Finally, on May 29, “Linda,” a female Peregrine Falcon, left a roost in Lubbock, Texas and, without stopping, flew over 500 miles to a location along the Nebraska/Kansas state line. She averaged 57 miles per hour on this journey. You may find more information on the Kansas listserv archives (<http://listserv.ksu.edu/archives/ksbird-l.html>) under “Peregrine Falcon,” entry number 032347, June 2, 2007.



You may reach **Mark Corder** at buddesystem@msn.com.

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Number and location</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observers</u> |
|----------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Trumpeter Swan | 2, flooded field SW of Alexander 2 imm., Quivira NWR | Rush Stafford | 3/08 3/10-4/01 | TSw SS |
| Tundra Swan | 2 ad., 3 juv., Quivira NWR | Stafford | 3/03-4/01 | SS, M:ob |
| Cinnamon Teal | 1, Neosho WA 1 along U.S.-156 | Neosho Finney | 3/06 4/01 | MG SS |
| Greater Scaup | 3-4, Pratt Co. Lake 2, LaFarge sand pit, Wichita | <u>Pratt</u> Sedgwick | 3/27 <u>4/15</u> | KB PJ |



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| Surf Scoter | 1, flooded field along U.S.-160 | Harper | 4/1 | PJ, CGs, KG |
| Long-tailed Duck | 1 female, LaFarge sand pit, Wichita | Sedgwick | <u>4/15</u> | PJ |
| Greater Prairie Chicken | 12 males, Konza Prairie lek | Riley | 3/26 | DB |
| Lesser Prairie Chicken | 15, lek near Nekoma | Rush | 3/07 | SS, StS |
| Common Loon | 1, Lake Shawnee | Shawnee | 4/29 | DG |
| Horned Grebe | <u>34</u> along Clinton Lake dam | Douglas | 4/01 | L&JZ |
| Western Grebe | 1, Pool 1C, Cheyenne Bottoms | Barton | 5/02 | KGv |
| | 2, Pool 1B, Cheyenne Bottoms | Barton | 5/03 | KGv |
| Neotropic Cormorant | 1 below dam, John Redmond Res. | Coffey | 3/11 | M&EL |
| | <u>11+</u> , sand pits E. of Arkansas City | Cowley | 4/12 | GY |
| American Bittern | 13, Quivira NWR | Stafford | 5/16 | HH |
| Tricolored Heron | 1, Kansas R. S. of Manhattan | Riley | 4/29 | CG |
| <u>Glossy Ibis</u> | <D> 1, wet field, 183 rd Street | Sedgwick | 5/20 | PJ, WAS |
| White-faced Ibis | 17, Texas Lake WA | Pratt | 4/30 | B&NB |
| Mississippi Kite | 1 flying over residence, Olathe | <u>Johnson</u> | 4/20 | MC |
| Black Vulture | 1, Ninnescah Br. S. of Belle Plaine | Sedgwick | 3/31 | GY |
| | 2, Schermerhorn Park | Cherokee | 4/21 | LHe |
| | 3 leaving roost, Baxter Springs | Cherokee | 5/03 | MG |
| Turkey Vulture | 1 flying over Lawrence | Douglas | 3/07 | MB |
| Cooper's Hawk | Nesting, Oak Park, Wichita | Sedgwick | 3/10 | PG |
| | Nesting, Burcham Pk., Lawrence | Douglas | 4/15 | BA |
| Northern Goshawk | 3 adults, E. of Wichita | Sedgwick | 3/18 | MG, AM |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | 1, <u>Burcham Park</u> , Lawrence | Douglas | 4/25 | BA |
| | 2, Dry Creek, Derby | Sedgwick | 5/10 | LH |
| Broad-winged Hawk | 1, Fancy Ck. St. Park | Riley | 4/21 | CG,LJ |
| | 1, shelter belt, Elkhart | <u>Morton</u> | 4/19 | DW |
| | 1, Wichita | Sedgwick | 4/22 | BG |
| Peregrine Falcon | 1, Minneapolis | Ottawa | 4/18 | D&KR |



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| Black Rail | 2, Quivira NWR | Stafford | 5/16 | HH |
| | 1, Quivira NWR | Stafford | 5/26 | CG |
| Virginia Rail | 1, Ninnescah R. bridge, Pratt | Pratt | 3/06 | MR |
| Sandhill Crane | <u>2000</u> , Quivira NWR | Stafford | 3/03 | SS |
| Whooping Crane | 18, Red Jaw Marsh | Reno | 4/11 | MRO, M:ob |
| | 2 flying N. over Great Bend | Barton | 4/29 | SS, M:ob |
| | 4 SE of Mullinville | Kiowa | 4/07-13 | DM |
| | 2 SE of Mullinville | Kiowa | 4/15-5/03 | DM |
| Snowy Plover | 1 banded, Quivira NWR <i>(This bird had a red ring over the silver band on the left leg and a blue ring on the right leg. Matthew Sexson banded this bird as a chick at Quivira on June 16, 2005.)</i> | Stafford | 4/07 | SS, M&ER |
| Piping Plover | 5-10, marsh road Quivira NWR | Stafford | 4/29 | DF |
| Black-necked Stilt | <u>100+</u> , Quivira NWR | Stafford | 5/03 | MR |
| Willet | 30-40, Fancy Ck. St. Park | Riley | 4/21 | CG, LJ |
| | 30 just off U.S.-69, S. of Miami Co. | Bourbon | 5/03 | MG |
| Long-billed Curlew | <u>3000+</u> coming into a roost | Finney | 3/29 | T&SSh |
| | 1, Nature Conservancy land | Barton | 4/14 | SS, DK |
| Hudsonian Godwit | 250+, Nature Conservancy land | Barton | 4/14 | SS, DK |
| Marbled Godwit | 15, Nature Conservancy land | Barton | 4/14 | SS, DK |
| Ruddy Turnstone | 1, KCPL Wetlands | Johnson | 5/15 | MG |
| | 2, Clinton Lake Marina | Douglas | 5/17 | GP |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | <u>41</u> , wet area, 183 rd Street | Sedgwick | 5/20 | PJ, WAS |
| Western Sandpiper | <u>200+</u> , Quivira NWR | Stafford | 4/21 | SS |
| White-rumped Sandpiper | <u>300+</u> , wet field, 183 rd Street | Sedgwick | 5/20 | PJ, WAS |
| Dunlin | 14+, Quivira NWR | Stafford | 4/21 | SS |
| | 2, Clinton Lake Marina | Douglas | 5/17 | GP |
| Laughing Gull | <D> 1, Clinton Lake Marina | Douglas | 5/21 | GP |
| Eurasian Collared-Dove | 1, <u>Burcham Park</u> , Lawrence | Douglas | 4/25 | BA |
| | 2 ad., 3 juv., feeder, Garden City | Finney | 5/04 | T&SSh |
| White-winged Dove | 1, residence, Pittsburg | Crawford | 4/20 | RM |

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| White-winged Dove | Pair, residence, Salina | Saline | 5/04 | RP |
| | <u>21</u> , Garden City residence | Finney | 5/04 | T&SSh |
| | 1, residence, Larned | Pawnee | 5/07 | DK |
| | 1, residence, Wilson | Ellsworth | 5/13 | MR, JG |
| | 1, residence, Abilene | Dickinson | 5/20 | DH |
| Greater Roadrunner | 2, 1.5 mi N. of Kiowa St. Lake | Kiowa | 3/12 | MR |
| | 1, Pratt Sandhills WA | Pratt | 3/12 | LQ |
| | 1, Southwestern College, Winfield | Cowley | 4/16 | MT |
| | 1, Derby | Sedgwick | 4/22 | RF |
| | 1, 3 mi E & 3 mi S. of Matfield Green | Chase | 4/30 | JP |
| | 1, NE of Cheney | Sedgwick | 4/30 | MBu |
| | 2, residence SW of St. John | Stafford | 5/31 | SSv |
| Burrowing Owl | 1 near I-70, Junction City | Geary | 3/22 | C&JO |
| | <u>30+</u> , Nature Conservancy land | Barton | 4/14 | SS, DK |
| <u>N. Saw-Whet Owl</u> | 1, a residence, Mulvane | Sedgwick | 3/17 | LH |
| Eastern Phoebe | 1, residence | <u>Pawnee</u> | <u>3/02</u> | SS |
| | 5, different bridges | Ellis | 3/23 | JS |
| Eastern Kingbird | 1 NW of Manhattan | Riley | <u>3/23</u> | CG |
| Fish Crow | 1, Ft. Scott Lake | Bourbon | 5/03 | MG |
| | 19, Derby | Sedgwick | 5/07 | LH |
| Common Raven | 1 near CNG Work Station | Morton | 4/12 | SS,TC |
| Sedge Wren | 1, Ninnescah Riv. E. of KDWP HQ | Pratt | 5/02 | MR |
| Veery | 1, Antioch Park | Johnson | 5/10 | MG |
| Sprague's Pipit | 2, Nature Conservancy land | Barton | 4/14 | SS, DK |
| Golden-winged Warbler | 1, Severance | Doniphan | 5/06 | SS, MR |
| | 1, Mill Creek Park | Johnson | 5/09 | DS |
| Northern Parula | 1, Middle Springs, CNG | Morton | 4/21 | DW |
| Black-thrtd Gray Warbler | 1, Middle Springs, CNG | Morton | 4/21 | DW |
| Yellow-thrtd Warbler | 1, Fort Leavenworth | Leavenworth | <u>3/29</u> | JS |
| | 1, KDWP HQ, Pratt | <u>Pratt</u> | 4/16 | MR, KB |
| | 2-3, Bonner Springs area | Wyandotte | 4/12 | DS |
| | 1, Schukman residence | Leavenworth | 4/28 | JS |
| | 1, Sycamore Springs | Brown | 5/05 | JS |



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| Cape May Warbler | 2, Beech Lake | Sedgwick | 5/08 | CL |
| | 1, Shadow Glen Golf Club | Johnson | 5/13 | MH,TF,SI,LS |
| Black-thrtd Blue Warbler | 1, Shadow Glen Golf Club | Johnson | 5/13 | MH,TF,SI,LS |
| | 1, Thompson Creek | Kiowa | 5/18 | MR,KB,MB,RPe |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | 1, Crane Park, Derby | Sedgwick | 5/03 | KG |
| | 1, Antioch Park | Johnson | 5/08 | NA |
| | 1, Riverside Park | Allen | 5/09 | MP, CS |
| Worm-eating Warbler | 1, rural area | Johnson | 5/05 | MH |
| | 1, Oak Park, Wichita | Sedgwick | 5/06 | PG |
| Hooded Warbler | 1, rural area | Riley | 5/03 | DR |
| Western Tanager | 1 male, sewage lagoons, Elkhart | Morton | 5/10 | LL |
| Green-tailed Towhee | 1, Point of Rocks | Morton | 5/12 | JPV |
| Canyon Towhee | <D> 1, Monument Rocks | <u>Gove</u> | 5/07 | JPV |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | 1, Moyer Ranch | Geary | <u>3/25</u> | BS |
| <u>Golden-crowned Sparrow</u> | <D> 1 near Manhattan | Riley | 3/07 | LJ, CG |
| Lark Bunting | Small flock Saline River | <u>Ellis</u> | 5/28 | TM |
| Smith's Longspur | <u>200±</u> , field S of LaCygne Lake | Linn | 4/10 | AM, TS |
| Black-headed Grosbeak | 1 female, Manhattan area | Riley | 4/16 | DR |
| | 1 female, residence, Larned | Pawnee | 5/07 | DK |
| | 1, Hays | Ellis | 5/08 | KK |
| | 3, rural area | Osborne | 5/12 | CA |
| | 2, Shane residence | Finney | 5/15 | T&SSh |
| | 1, Stoneybrook area, Tuttle Ck. | Riley | 5/09 | MM |
| Lazuli Bunting | 1, NW of Pony Creek Lake | Brown | 5/05 | MG,AM |
| | 1, Nemaha WA | Nemaha | 5/05 | MG,AM |
| | 1, Felker Park, Topeka | Shawnee | 5/06 | MG,AM |
| | 1, Oak Park, Wichita | Sedgwick | 5/08 | DV |
| | 1, E. of Wilson | Ellsworth | 5/11 | MR |
| Painted Bunting | 1 male, res., E. of Stull | Douglas | 5/01 | KR |
| | 2, Stockdale Park | Riley | 5/05 | CG |
| | 1, west side Junction City | Geary | 5/11 | C&JO |
| Pine Siskin | 2, farmstead NW of Larned | Pawnee | 3/22 | SS |
| | 1, Manhattan residence | Pottawatomie | 3/31 | DB |



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| Lesser Goldfinch | 1, residence, Ulysses | Grant | 3/28 | KH |
| | 1, residence, Ulysses | Grant | 4/11 | KH |
| | Pair, residence, Ulysses | Grant | 4/27 | KH |
| | 1 female, Garden City feeder | Finney | 4/26-27 | T&SSh |

Key:

- Underlined dates, locations or comments indicates unusual, late or early sightings.
- Underlined species indicates unusual species.
- Underlined species in bold** indicates species with no records or fewer than 10 records for Kansas.
- <D> indicates documentation was submitted to Kansas Bird Records Committee.

Abbreviations: adult (ad.); Cimarron National Grassland (CNG); County (Co.); Creek (Ck.); immature (imm.); juvenile (juv.); headquarters (HQ); Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP); mile (mi.); multiple observers (M: ob); Park (Pk.); National Wildlife Refuge (NWR); Reservoir (Res.); residence (res.); River (Riv.); state (St.); WAS (Wichita Audubon Society).

Observers: Nic Allen, Charles Anderson, Bob Antonio, Bill and Nancy Beard (B&NB), Mike Blair, Ken Brunson, Doris Burnett, Marissa Buschow, Mary Butel (MBu) Ted Cable,

Mark Corder, Dave Fischer, Richard Frankel, Tracy Freedman, Janie Gallart, Matt Gearheart, Dan Gish, Cory Gregory, Chet Gresham (CGs), Bob Gress, Kevin Groeneweg, Karl Grover (KGv), David Haight, Helen Hands, Kellye Hart, Leon Hicks, Monica Higgins, Lawrence Herbert (LHe), Susan Iverson, Pete Janzen, Lowell Johnson, Don Kazmaier, Ken Kinman, Mark and Eileen Land (M&EL), Catherine Lewis, Lori Lind, Devin McDonald, Robert Mangile, Terry Mannell, Aaron Mitchell, Marge Muenzenberger, Chuck and Jaye Otte (C&JO),

Jerrod Pearce, Rob Penner (RPe), Roger Plankhorn, Marie Plinsky, Gerry Parkinson, Lee Queal, Mike Rader, Mike and Ellen Rader (M&ER), Karyn Riney, Dave Rintoul, Mark Rogers (MRo), Dave and Kathie Roy (D&KR), Brett Sandercock, John Schukman, Carolyn Schwab, David Seibel, Scott Seltman, Steven Seltman (StS), Terry Seltman, Tom and Sara Shane (T&SSh), Shelby Stevens (SSv), Lisa Jo Sutherland, Terry Swope (TSw), Max Thompson, J Pat Valentik, Don Vannoy, David Wiggins, Gene Young, Linda and John Zempel (L&JZ).

Best Bird of the Year

Please nominate your pick for unusual or rare birds reported since October 1, 2006.

Species _____

Observers _____

Location _____

Mail or e-mail your nominations to **Max C. Thompson**, 1729 E. 11th Ave. Winfield, KS 67156; maxt@cox.net.



Registration Form

2007 KOS fall meeting
Manhattan, September 28 – 30



I/We plan to attend the 2007 KOS fall meeting:

Name/s _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Number _____ @ \$10 Registration fee \$ _____

Number _____ @ \$23 Saturday banquet \$ _____

Number _____ @ \$9 Sunday box lunch \$ _____

_____ Sandwiches

_____ Salads

Total \$ _____

Please pre-register by **September 21**. Mail this registration form and your check (payable to Kansas Ornithological Society) to: Brett K. Sandercock, KOS Organizer, Division of Biology, 116 Ackert Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

Late registrations will be accepted after the deadline and at the meeting, but we cannot guarantee that space will be available to include you at the banquet or on the field trips on Sunday.

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 2007 fall meeting.

Signatures

Date

Errata

Readers should take note of the following location corrections to the spring KOS species compilation list found in the June 2007 issue of *The Horned Lark*: **Red-breasted Merganser**, Kansas; **Double-crested Cormorant**, Missouri; **Semipalmated Sandpiper**, Kansas and Missouri; **White-**

rumped Sandpiper, Kansas and Missouri; **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**, Nebraska; **Black-capped Chickadee**, Kansas and Nebraska; **Black-throated Green Warbler**, Kansas and Nebraska; **Palm Warbler**, Kansas and Missouri; **Black-and-white Warbler**, Kansas and Nebraska; **Prothonotary Warbler**;

Missouri; **Dickcissel**, Kansas; **Yellow-headed Blackbird**, Kansas and Missouri.

Editor's note: These errors were made in the transfer of the document file from one software program into another. Many thanks to **Rosella Royer** for her sharp eye, and my apologies for any inconvenience this caused.

