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President's Message

What do you do when it is -11 degrees and snowy out? Travel to northern Minnesota in search of cold weather birds! Luckily, my three hearty companions and I missed the -45 degree weather by a day. We had two days to bird so we hired a local guide to help us find Spruce Grouse and Boreal Owl. It was the first visit to the northwoods for two in our party, but Helen Hewins and I felt like old pros returning to bird the boreal wilderness.

On the first day, we met our guide at the motel and jumped into his Yukon to search for Spruce Grouse in Lake County. Unfortunately, it had snowed six inches the night before and the local plowman must have slept in. New snow on the road does not bode well for seeing Spruce Grouse as they like to search for roadside grit. Fortunately, our morning was not a complete dud as we found lots of Common Redpolls, White-winged

Crossbills and Pine Grosbeaks.

After a morning of searching for birds in Lake County, we headed back towards Two Harbors and Duluth in hopes of finding a Boreal Owl. We searched all along the north shore of Lake Superior and came away empty-handed. Boreal Owls seen the night before were now nowhere in sight. For the next few hours before dark we also searched for and bombed on seeing Snowy Owls. Our poor guide felt badly we didn't get our target birds that day, but we didn't want to be too easy on him. We needed his knowledge about the area and where he'd had luck with our targets.

The next day we birded Sax-Zim Bog and found our target birds: Sharp-tailed Grouse, Boreal Chickadee, Great Gray Owl, Northern Hawk Owl, and Three-toed and Black-backed Woodpeckers.

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From the field



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From the edge of the turf something runs on to the sand, to the edge of the pure water, and some small grey dots with it. It is a hen sandpiper. As the birds run they look like grey stones moving about, when they are reflected in the water; so closely do they fall in with their surroundings that even with a glass, at very short range, we are barely able to follow them.

—Jordan Denham, *From Spring to Fall*, 1894.

President's Message

Would I do another trip to the cold and frozen land way up yonder? You betcha! Not only did we have fun seeing birds not found in our neck of the woods, but we were able to support a local economy in trouble. As we move into this recession, we need to continue to do what we can to stimulate the economy. Although we tried to save money by carpooling and bringing our own food for lunches, we supported the local guide, motel and dining establishments. In these precarious times, I urge you to

keep a sense of normalcy in your lives. By continuing to do what we love to do, such as birding, it not only energizes the economy, it exhilarates our souls. So keep on birding, traveling and doing the things you enjoy, without guilt. Do what all patriotic Americans should—energize our economy and help everyone in the process. Magee Marsh in May, anyone?

Nancy Leo

President

Kansas Ornithological Society Balance Sheet

12/31/2008

Assets	
Investment Fund	101,077.62
Certificate of Deposit	0
Checking	3,215.73
Business Manager	0
Sub Total	<u>104,293.35</u>
Dingus Land	56000.00
Total	160,293.35
Liabilities and Fund Balances	
General Fund	23,611.74*
Business Manager Advance	500.00
Endowments	68,653.24
Life Membership Account	23,222.00
Book Royalty Fund	21,514.49
Dingus Nature Area Fund	7,967.58
Dingus Nature Area Land	56000.00
Student Research Fund	6047.78
Total	160,293.35

*The negative balance is due to the loss in investments the last year.

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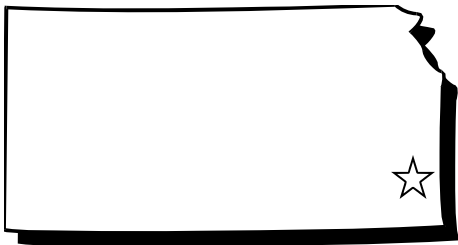
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KOS spring meeting, May 1-3, 2009

Pittsburg, Crawford County

Join KOS members for a great weekend of birding in one of the most unique parts of the state where tallgrass prairies yield to eastern deciduous forests, making way for a wide diversity of birds. Participants will have opportunities to visit Schermerhorn Park and the Southeast Kansas Nature Center in Galena, Neosho Wildlife Area, and the Prairie State Park in Missouri. Other locations include the 200-acre Ford Farm, a property restored to woods and wetlands, and Pittsburg State University's Natural History Reserve, 80 acres of un-reclaimed mined land.



Schedule of Events

Friday, May 1

6:00 p.m.—Informal welcome and finger foods at PSU's Natural History Reserve. From the intersection of U.S. Highways 69 and 400, drive west on 400 to 180th Street /Weir Road. Turn right and go approximately 2.5 miles to 1053 S. 180th. Take the left fork of the driveway.

Saturday, May 2

6:30 a.m.—Leave for field trips.

6:30 p.m.—Evening Dinner at Pichler's Chicken Annie's.

Sunday, May 4

6:30 a.m.—Half-day field trips depart.

Noon—Compilation at Gorilla Village, behind PSU's football stadium. Box lunches provided.

Lodging

- Lamplighter Inn— 4020 Parkview Drive, (866) 478-4660. Ask for the KOS discounted group rate, which includes hot breakfast.
- Econo Lodge—2408 South Broadway, (620) 231-8300
- Super 8—3108 N. Broadway, (620) 232-1881

Camping

Limited camping is available for \$5.00 per person per night at PSU's Natural History Reserve. Contact Delia Lister (620) 235-4727 for more information.

Dining options

- Mall Deli, 620-231-7590
- Chili's, 620-232-9933
- Café del Rio, 620-232-5895
- El Charro, 620-232-5763
- Sweet Greens Salad Bar, 620- 235-1510
- Napoli's Italian Restaurant, 620-232-9494
- Yummy's Buffet and Sushi, 620-231-8838
- Chicken Annie's, 620-231-9460
- Chicken Mary's, 620-231-9510

Registration

Please mail registrations no later than April 18, and include full payment for registration and included meals. See page 12 for the registration form. Cancellations may be made with a full refund until April 18.

Other than the Friday reception, Saturday banquet and Sunday lunch, participants are responsible for meals, water and snacks. All participants must sign the liability release on the registration form in order to participate in any portion of this meeting.

Please e-mail meeting coordinator Delia Lister at dalister@pittstate.edu with any questions.

Quivira manager has prairie at heart

As the manager of Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Dan Severson is in a position to shape the wetlands and prairies under his supervision. Severson came to Kansas from North Dakota in early August 2008, following the retirement of former manager Dave Hilley. A career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave Severson the opportunity to leave his native California in the 1980s and live on the openness of the plains.

“I’m a prairie person at heart,” Severson says. “The ecosystem is so dynamic and diverse. Where I grew up in California, there was the ocean and the redwood forest. I’m not an ocean person, and the redwood forest species aren’t that diverse.”

His introduction to the outdoors began when his father took him duck hunting in the Klamath refuge basin. However, growing up in Crescent City and later attending Humboldt University exposed him to the plight of the endangered Aleutian race of the Canada Goose, *Branta canadensis leucopareia*. As a seasonal biotechnician with USFWS, he trapped, collared, banded and counted the birds. At the time of his involvement, approximately 1,200 birds existed; recent USFWS reports indicate there are now more than 37,000, and the bird was delisted in 2001.

Hands-on jobs such as these supported him in earning his master’s and bachelor’s degrees in wildlife management and prepared him to join the USFWS for the long-term. These experiences also fueled his work ethic to approach

his job as wildlife biologist first and manager second.

Early in his career, Severson worked at several refuges in California—including Kern, San Luis and the Sacramento refuge complexes—focusing on the management of these wintering waterfowl grounds in the Pacific Flyway. Experience with the combination of wetlands, grasslands and ephemeral pools prepared him for positions in the Midwest. He soon headed to the Dakotas.

“I’d already worked with the birds in their wintering areas, and I wanted to work with them in their breeding habitat,” he says. It also provided the opportunity to raise his three daughters, now in their 20s, away from California.

After spending three years at Lacreek NWR in South Dakota, Severson moved to Des Lacs NWR near Kenmare, North Dakota, where he was refuge manager for 16 years. Since arriving in Kansas, he’s spent a lot of time exploring the refuge and learning about the property.

“Some of the most productive habitats are brackish marshes, which we have at Quivira,” he says, “as well as salt marshes, salt flats, freshwater areas and prairies.”

As the primary steward, he’s discovered that some of the problems he dealt with in the Dakotas are also at Quivira.



Dan Severson

“Kansas is very similar to the Dakotas. We’re fighting the same battles here with tree and brush invasion as we did there. It’s the same issues, but with different species. Cedars, salt cedars, Russian olives and *Phragmites*—a reed-like plant—are a big problem, and are increasing, spreading from the Little to the Big Salt Marsh.”

Severson will likely address these issues in one of the major projects on his plate—the comprehensive conservation plan for the refuge, which will determine management protocol for the next 15 years. Additionally, he’ll work to resolve water rights issues within the Rattlesnake Creek/Quivira Partnership, a consortium of four organizations dedicated to cooperatively develop and implement solutions to the water resource problems of the sub-basin.

A federal property, Quivira is open to public use for both consumptive and non-consumptive activities. The responsibility of caring for the refuge and its inhabitants is one Severson takes seriously.

“All visitors, whether hunting, birding, fishing or engaged in other activities,” he says, “must limit the disturbance of endangered species, and be careful of wildlife disturbances in general.”

At one time an avid birder, Severson now spends his free time duck hunting, golfing, and renovating his house. He has a lifelong passion for black Labrador retrievers and shares his home with his two-year old dog, Jake.

Kansas fall season roundup

August 1 – November 30, 2008

Mark Corder, compiler

From the top of the Kansas checklist to the bottom, fall 2008 was all about numbers—some very big numbers and some very interesting numbers. Scott Seltman reported an unbelievable “several million” geese at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge in late November. Mike Andersen tallied 105 Wood Ducks at Baker Wetlands a month earlier and, at about the same time, Andersen and others observed approximately 800 Canvasbacks at Quivira. Observers counted more than twenty Osprey at various locations in the state from mid-September to late November, suggesting that Kansas may soon have evidence of breeding by this magnificent raptor.

Andersen and others saw 37 Black-bellied Plovers at Quivira at the beginning of November. Nearly the same number of American Avocets were a bit off course in Douglas County a few days earlier. Observers reported flocks of 34, 55 and 24 Buff-breasted Sandpipers in Sumner, Sedgwick, and Shawnee counties, respectively, in the first week of August.

Matt Gearhart and others reported more than 100,000 Franklin’s Gulls in mid-October at Clinton Lake. Cheryl Miller reported 250,000 at Marion Reservoir on October 17. Two days later, Pete Janzen, Jeff Calhoun and Kevin Groeneweg saw more than 20,000 in Dickinson County at Herington Reservoir.

Perhaps with the same relative abundance for the species, 156 Caspian Terns graced Clinton Lake in Douglas County in mid-September and 81 Black Terns gathered in the same area a day earlier. Fourteen Forster’s Terns put in appearance at Wilson Reservoir in early October.

White-winged Doves seemed to be on the increase in and around Larned in Pawnee County. Observers made six individual reports of Greater Roadrunner during the roundup period.

Pawnee County is on the cusp of becoming the state’s center for Calliope (seven reports) and Rufous hummingbirds (four reports). Loggerhead Shrikes are becoming more rare, in terms of reports to the listserv, than Northern Shrikes at approximately a one-to-three ratio during the fall period.

Kat Farres observed a flock of approximately 70 Black-billed Magpies in Saline County on August 2 and Groeneweg estimated a flock of 25,000 Purple Martins roosting in Wichita eight days later.

Pinyon Jays started their incursion into Kansas, an indication of events to come, with Tom Flowers reporting two birds at Meade State Lake in early September. Winter Wren reports started in the middle part of October and continued unabated throughout the fall. Mike Rader reported approximately 200 American Pipits in Stafford

County in early November. Sixteen species of warblers warranted inclusion in this report with sightings of large flocks of Yellow-rumped Warblers from several locations. American Robins congregated in large numbers, unparalleled in recent memory and perhaps likely the result of an abundant food supply.

At the rarer end of the spectrum, reliable reports were made of Surf Scoter (6); Mottled Duck, Black Scoter, Red-throated Loon, Barrow’s Goldeneye, Red Phalarope, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Northern Goshawk, and Reddish Egret (1 report each), Whooping Crane (as many as 15), Mew Gull (3), and Common Raven (2). In November, Gearhart reached 400 species on his Kansas list with a solo Bohemian Waxwing in the Scott City Lake vicinity.

In all, nearly one-third of the bird species currently on the KOS checklist are included in this report. More than 80 individuals reported sightings to the listserv or otherwise during the period. Thank you for making these reports.

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

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Species	Number and Location	County	Date	Observer(s)
Blk-blld Whstlg-Duck	1, N. Reno County	Reno	8/21	TH, SB
Geese, multiple sp.	Several million (<i>Geese were at and near Quivira NWR</i>)	Stafford	11/23	SS
Trumpeter Swan	1 ad., 1 juv., Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/1	MSt, MA, m:ob
Tundra Swan	2 ad., Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/21	MR
Wood Duck	105, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	10/24	MA
Canvasback	800+/-, Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/1	MA, m:ob
Mottled Duck	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	8/21	TH, SB
Cinnamon Teal	1, Jetmore City Lake	Hodgeman	9/11	PJ, KG
Surf Scoter	1, Atchison County Lake 2, Perry Lake, dam area	Atchison Jefferson	10/18 10/30	HA MG, ML, DS
<i>(These birds apparently stayed through mid-December as they were seen and counted on the 2008 Perry Lake CBC)</i>				
	1, Wilson Reservoir	Russell	11/1	MA, m:ob
	2, Wilson Reservoir	Russell	11/5	MG, ML, JK
Black Scoter	1 f., LaFarge sandpits	Sedgwick	11/23-30	PJ
Long-tailed Duck	2, Glen Elder Reservoir 1, near Wabaunsee Lake 1, Winfield City Lake	Mitchell Wabaunsee Cowley	11/8 11/9 11/24	HA DL, JK MT
Barrow's Goldeneye	1 m., St. Francis sewage lagoons	Cheyenne	11/22	HA
Red-throated Loon	1, Wilson Reservoir	Russell	11/1	MA, m: ob
Western Grebe	1, off I-70 on small pond	Gove	10/19	MEC
	2, Keith Sebelius Reservoir	Norton	11/8	MG, ML, JK
	1, Leavenworth State Lake	Leavenworth	11/19	JB
	1, Pratt Co. Lake	Pratt	11/19	MR
	2, Winfield City Lake	Cowley	11/24	MT
	3, Cheney Lake	Sedgwick	11/29	KG
Lesser Prairie Chicken	15, near lek S. of Nekoma 10, rural area	Rush Lane	8/13 8/16	SS, StS PJ, KG, CV
Neotropic Cormorant	1, Quivira NWR 2, Quivira NWR 1, bypass, Arkansas City	Stafford Stafford Cowley	8/9 9/6 10/21	SS SS, StS GY

Species	Number and Location	County	Date	Observer(s)
Great Egret	1 near Melvern Lake	Osage	11/17	MG
American Bittern	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	10/8	JCr
	2, Quivira NWR	Stafford	10/11	BTM, KMM
	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/1	KR
Tricolored Heron	1, 2 blks S. of Lincoln St. Bridge	Sedgwick	9/25	PJ
Reddish Egret	1 imm., Quivira NWR	Stafford	8/21	TH, MR, KB, SB
Osprey	1, Kinsley sandpits	Edwards	9/11	PJ, KG
	2, Jetmore City Lake	Hodgeman	9/11	PJ, KG
	1, Turkey Trail	Morton	9/13	TC, SS
	1, Glen Elder Reservoir	Mitchell	9/19	HA
	1, near Lewis and Clark Bridge	Atchison	9/21	GS
	2, sandpits SE of Larned	Pawnee	9/29	SS
	2, Canoe Launch, Derby	Sedgwick	10/2	JC
	1, Wilson Reservoir	Russell	10/5	GF
	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	10/11	BTM, KMM
	1, Lone Star Lake	Douglas	10/14	MG, TS, AM
	1, near Derby	Sedgwick	10/16	JC
	1, LaFarge sandpit	Sedgwick	10/18	BTM
	2, Pony Creek	Brown	10/18	HA, RR
	1, Lake Shawnee	Shawnee	10/20-27	BF
	1, I-35 and I-70, Salina	Saline	10/25	RP
	1, Antelope Lake	Graham	10/25	HA
	1, Blue Lake	Sedgwick	10/28	PJ
	1, Perry Lake	Jefferson	11/1	PJ, KG, CM
	1, near oxbow E. of Wathena	Brown	11/1	DC
	1, Tuttle Creek Reservoir	Pottawatomie	11/29	DB
Bald Eagle	1 ad., over Arkansas River	Sedgwick	8/7	JC
Northern Goshawk	1, near Wilson Reservoir	Russell	11/5	MG, ML, JK
Red-shouldered Hawk	1, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	9/17	PG
	1, Clinton Lake	Douglas	10/14	MG, TS, AM
	1, near Derby	Sedgwick	10/16	JC
Broad-winged Hawk	2, rural area	Morton	9/23	SP
	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	10/11	BTM, KMM
Swainson's Hawk	1, El Dorado Reservoir	Butler	10/28	CM
Rough-legged Hawk	1, Felker Park	Shawnee	10/17	DG, JM
Golden Eagle	1, rural NE Grant County	Grant	9/3	KH
	1 juv., in rural area	Grant	10/30	SG



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Golden Eagle	1, near Odin	Barton	11/1	MA, m: ob
	1 S. of Wilson Reservoir	Russell	11/5	MG, ML, JK
Merlin	1, Elkhart sewage ponds	Morton	9/24	SP
	1, Felker Park	Shawnee	10/13	DG
	1, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	10/13	MG, AM, TS
	1, rural area	Marion	10/25	MG, JB
	1, near Globe	Douglas	10/25	MA
Peregrine Falcon	1, rural area	Morton	9/12	TC, SS
	1, Elkhart sewage ponds	Morton	9/23	SP
	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	10/11	BTM, KMM
	1, Clinton Lake	Douglas	10/14	MG, AM, TS
	1 possible, E. of Wathena	Brown	11/2	DC
Prairie Falcon	1, Wilson Reservoir	Russell	10/5	GF
	1, rural area	Rice	10/25	MG, JB
	1, rural area	Ness	10/11	TM
Whooping Crane	2, Quimby Creek Wetland	Clay	10/27	CO
	2, Shilo and Shipton Roads	Saline	10/28-30	KF
	2, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	11/1	KR
	6 ad., 3 juv., Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/5	MG, ML, JK
	15, Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/7	DaS
Black-bellied Plover	15, Quivira NWR	Stafford	10/16	SS
	37, Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/1	MA, m: ob
Semipalmated Plover	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/18	HH
	1, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	10/9	MA
	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/1	MA, m: ob
Piping Plover	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	9/22	JK, MG, ML, NA
American Avocet	36, Clinton Lake	Douglas	10/25	MA, JK
Greater Yellowlegs	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/23	LH
Willet	2, over Elkhart cemetery	Morton	9/13	PJ
	Several, Pony Creek	Brown	10/9	RR
	6, Quivira NWR	Stafford	10/8	JC
Spotted Sandpiper	1, Perry Lake, dam area	Jefferson	10/31	MA
Whimbrel	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	8/15	PJ, KG, CV
Hudsonian Godwit	1, Clinton Lake	Douglas	9/13	MA

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Marbled Godwit	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	10/11	BTM, KMM
Ruddy Turnstone	1, Slate Creek Wetlands 1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Sumner Barton	8/5 9/18	GY, MT, JC HH
Red Knot	2, Hargis Lake	Barber	8/3	PJ, GF, JC
Least Sandpiper	15, rural area	Atchison	10/10	JB
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	4, Hargis Lake 34, Winfield Gun Club 15, N. of Lawrence sod farms 55, Cranmer sod farms 5, Colwich sod farms 24+, along U.S. 24, E. of St. Mary's	Barber Sumner Douglas Sedgwick Sedgwick Shawnee	8/3 8/5 8/5 8/5 8/5 8/6	PJ, GF, JC GY, MT, JC GP BG BG BM
Short-billed Dowitcher	6, Slate Creek Wetlands	Sumner	8/5	GY, MT, JC
Red-necked Phalarope	1, Johnson City water treatment 1, Quivira NWR 3, Quivira NWR	Stanton Stafford Stafford	9/12 9/19 9/22	PJ MR JK, MG, ML, NA
Red Phalarope	1, Elkhart sewage ponds	Morton	9/24	SP
Laughing Gull	1, Winfield City Lake 1 ad., Cheyenne Bottoms 1, Wilson Reservoir 1, Winfield City Lake 1, Tuttle Creek Reservoir, tubes	Cowley Barton Russell Cowley Riley	9/14 8/09 10/5 10/9 10/23	MT SS MA MT TC
Franklin's Gull	100,000+, Clinton Lake 250,000, Marion Reservoir "Thousands", Baker Wetlands 20,000+, Herington Reservoir	Douglas Marion Douglas Dickinson	10/14 10/17 10/18 10/19	MG, TS, AM CM NL, m: ob PJ, JC, KG
Mew Gull	1 prob. 1st year, Wilson Reservoir 1 1st year, Perry Lake 1, Perry Lake 1, Clinton Lake	Russell Jefferson Jefferson Douglas	11/1 11/5 11/7 11/8	MR GP,MM MA, MR, PH, NA MA
California Gull	1 juv., Cheyenne Bottoms 1, Perry Lake, dam area	Barton Jefferson	10/25 11/7	MG, JB MA, MR, PH, NA
Thayer's Gull	1, Wilson Reservoir	Russell	11/1	MR
Lssr Blck-bckd Gull	1, 3rd year , Perry Lake 1 ad., Perry Lake	Jefferson Jefferson	10/29 11/05	MG GP, MM

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Glaucous Gull	1, Cheney Lake	Sedgwick	11/29	KG
Sabine's Gull	1 imm., Winfield City Lake	Cowley	9/14	MT
	1 juv., Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	10/25	MG, JB
	2, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	11/05	MG, ML, JK
Caspian Tern	156, Clinton Lake	Douglas	9/14	MA, DG
	1, Bloomington area	Douglas	10/14	MG, TS, AM
Common Tern	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	8/9	SS
	1, Clinton Lake	Douglas	9/11,13	MA
	1, Wilson Reservoir	Russell	10/5	MA
Forster's Tern	14, Wilson Reservoir	Russell	10/5	MA
Black Tern	Large flocks, Santana & Sublette	Haskell	9/12	PJ, KG
	Large flock near Johnson City	Stanton	9/12	PJ, KG
	81, Clinton Lake	Douglas	9/13	MA
Inca Dove	Small flock, Sublette	Haskell	9/12	PJ, KG
White-winged Dove	Increasing numbers, Larned	Pawnee	8/29	SS
	1, Wichita residence	Sedgwick	9/7	PJ
	1 juv., 1 ad., Lewis residence	Sedgwick	9/7	CL
	Small flock, Sublette	Haskell	9/12	PJ
Greater Roadrunner	1, NW Reno County	Reno	8/6	DS, StS
	2, NW of Larned	Pawnee	8/29	DS
	1, N of Larned	Pawnee	8/29	SS
	1, Maple Hill area	Sedgwick	10/10	PH
	1, Auburn Hills area	Sedgwick	11/1	BM
				
Barn Owl	2 ad., 2 juv., Wilson	Ellsworth	11/29	MR
Burrowing Owl	1, S. of Hutchison Mall	Reno	11/25	LQ
Long-eared Owl	8, Otoe area	Russell	11/1	MR
	1, rural area	Morton	11/6	MG, ML, JK
	1, rural area NW of Larned	Pawnee	11/23	SS
Short-eared Owl	Multiple reports	Multiple locations		m: ob
Common Poorwill	1, picnic area N. of Elkhart	Morton	9/13	ST
Rby-thrtd Hummngbrd	4-5, feeder	Pottawatomie	9/30	DB
Bck-chnnd Hummngbrd	1 m., feeder, Elkhart	Morton	9/23	SP

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Calliope Hummingbird	1 ad. f., Larned residence	Pawnee	8/3	SS
	1 imm., Larned residence	Pawnee	8/4	SS, StS
	1 f., residence NW of Larned	Pawnee	8/15	SS
	1 ad. f., Seltman farm	Pawnee	8/16	SS
	1 imm. m., Seltman farm	Pawnee	8/16	SS
	1, Larned residence	Pawnee	8/30	DW, m:ob
	1, Larned residence	Pawnee	9/3	SS
Rufous Hummingbird	1 imm. m., Larned residence	Pawnee	8/4	RG
	1 ad. m., Larned residence	Pawnee	8/4	SS, StS
	1 ad. f., Larned residence	Pawnee	8/4	SS, StS
	1 ad. f., 1 imm. m., Larned	Pawnee	8/7	SS
	1, residence, Ness City	Ness	8/16	PJ, KG, CV
	1, Heartland Farm, SE Rush Co.	Rush	8/27	SS
	1 imm. m, Seltman res. Larned	Pawnee	9/3	SS
Rd-blld Wdpckr	1 ad., 2 juv., feeder, Winfield	Cowley	9/8	MT
Western Wood-Pewee	1, work station N. of Elkhart	Morton	9/23	SP
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1, Lake Lenexa	Johnson	10/11	MG
Yllw-blld Flyctchr	1, Clinton	Douglas	9/20	MA
Cassin's Kingbird	1, picnic area N. of Elkhart	Morton	9/20	JK, MG, ML, NA
	2, Turkey Trail	Morton	9/25	SP
Loggerhead Shrike	1, in/near Parsons	LaBette	9/14	RT
	3, Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/23	JC
Northern Shrike	1, rural area near Larned	Pawnee	10/22	SS
	1, rural area	Grant	10/30	SG
	1 imm., N. of HQ, Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/5	CO
	1, Glen Elder Wildlife Area	Mitchell	11/9	MG, ML, JK
	1, near John Redmond Dam	Coffey	11/16	MS
	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/21	MR
	1, N. of Luray	Osborne	11/29	MR
1, Cheney Lake	Sedgwick	11/29	KG	
<i>(Scott Seltman observed several in Rush, Pawnee, and Barton counties in November.)</i>				
Plumbeous Vireo	1, near cemetery, Elkhart	Morton	9/20	JK, MG, ML, NA
Cassin's Vireo	1, near cemetery, Elkhart	Morton	9/20	JK, MG, ML, NA
Blue-headed Vireo	1, near Oak Mills Drive	Atchison	9/27, 29	JB
	1, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	9/28	PG
	1, Manhattan residence	Pottawatomie	9/30	DB
	1, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	10/1	PG

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Blue-headed Vireo	1, rural area	Harvey	10/1	CM
	1, Lake Shawnee	Shawnee	10/1	DG
	2, Feller Park	Shawnee	10/2	DG
	1, 187th & Knapp Road	Leavenworth	10/11	JB
	1, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	10/12,16	PG
	1, residence, Berryton	Shawnee	10/16	DLr
	1, Felker Park	Shawnee	10/20	HA
	1, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	10/26	PG
Philadelphia Vireo	1, in Sublette	Haskell	9/12	PJ, KG
	1, near cemetery, Elkhart	Morton	9/20	JK, MG, ML, NA
	1, in Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	9/25	MG, NA
Red-eyed Vireo	1, near cemetery Elkhart	Morton	9/20	JK, MG, ML, NA
	1, near Oak Mills Drive	Atchison	9/27	JB
	1, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	9/28	PG
Pinyon Jay	2, Meade State Lake	Meade	9/6	TF
Black-billed Magpie	70, NW Saline County	Saline	8/2	KF
Fish Crow	8+, Fort Scott Lake	Bourbon	9/8	MG
Common Raven	2, flyover, Point of Rocks	Morton	9/26	CH, MT
Purple Martin	25,000, roost, Wichita	Sedgwick	8/10	KG
Rock Wren	1, rural residence	Harvey	10/18	CS
Winter Wren	Many, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	10/16	PG
	Multiple reports	Multiple locations		m: ob
Sedge Wren	10, rural area	Leavenworth	8/13	JS
Western Bluebird <D>	1 (heard only), N. of Elkhart	Morton	9/26	SP, CH, MT
	1 possible, Z-bar Ranch	Barber	10/23	SR
Mountain Bluebird	Multiple reports	Multiple locations		m: ob
Veery	1, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	9/15	MA
Swainson's Thrush	Small flock, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	10/24	PG
Hermit Thrush	Multiple reports	Multiple locations		m: ob
Wood Thrush	1 possible, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	10/26	PG
Am. Robin	Multiple reports/large flocks	Multiple locations		m: ob

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Gray Catbird	1, Wichita State University campus	Sedgwick	10/24	JC
Sage Thrasher	1, residence, Ulysses	Grant	9/7	KH
	2, near Manter	Stanton	9/12	PJ
Curve-billed Thrasher	1, Alamota	Lane	8/16	PJ, KG, CV
	2, near Manter	Stanton	9/12	PJ, KG
American Pipit	200+/- near Stafford	Stafford	11/5	MR
Sprague's Pipit	1, KOS fall field trip	Ellis	10/4	KOS
	Small flock, 83rd & Tyler Rd.	Sedgwick	10/18	BTM
	1, near Boy Scout camp, CNG	Morton	11/29	JN
Bohemian Waxwing	1, Scott City Lake vicinity	Scott	11/7	MG, ML, JK
Golden-winged Warbler	1, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	8/30	PH
	1, Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	9/7	TS
	2, Overland Park Arboretum	Johnson	9/9	NA
	1, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	9/21	SR
Magnolia Warbler	1, Elkhart cemetery	Morton	9/13	WAS
	1, Elkhart cemetery	Morton	9/24	SP
Black-throated Green Warbler	1, Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	9/25	MG, NA
	1, Lake Lenexa	Johnson	10/3	NA, MG
	1, 187th & Knapp Road	Leavenworth	10/11	JB
	1, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	10/15-18	PG
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Multiple reports	Multiple locations		m: ob
Blackburnian Warbler	1, Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	9/30	TS
Yellow-throated Warbler	1, Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	9/16	TS
Pine Warbler	1, KOS fall field trip	Ellis	10/4	KOS
Bay-breasted Warbler	1, Black Hoof Park Lake	Johnson	8/30	MG
Blackpoll Warbler	1, rural area	Morton	9/13	WAS
Ovenbird	1, near cemetery, Elkhart	Morton	9/20	JK, MG, ML, NA
Northern Waterthrush	1, rural area	Morton	9/13	PJ, KG
Louisiana Waterthrush	1, rural area	Morton	9/12	JNe
Mourning Warbler	1, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	9/07	MA

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Mourning Warbler	1, Wichita residence	Sedgwick	10/16	LM
Hooded Warbler	1, Overland Park Arboretum	Johnson	9/9	NA
Canada Warbler	1, rural residence	Leavenworth	8/30	JS
	1, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	9/03	PG
	2, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	9/04	JK
	4, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	9/04	BA
	1, Overland Park Arboretum	Johnson	9/10	TS
Yellow-breasted Chat	1, Middle Springs, CNG	Morton	9/13	WAS
Summer Tanager	1, Topeka residence	Shawnee	9/25	JBr
	1, Manhattan residence	Pottawatomie	9/30	DB
	1 f., Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	10/24	PG
Western Tanager	1 in Elkhart cemetery	Morton	9/13	WAS
	1 near Manter	Stanton	9/13	WAS
	3 in picnic area N. of Elkhart	Morton	9/25	SP
Brewer's Sparrow	4, Fort's Cedar View B&B	Grant	11/1	KH, SG
Baird's Sparrow	1, NE of Larned	Pawnee	9/29	SS
Le Conte's Sparrow	Several reports	Multiple locations		m: ob
Nlsn's Shrp-tld Sprrw	3, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	10/14	TS, AM, MG
	1, Felker Park	Shawnee	10/20	HA
	1, Quivira NWR	Stafford	11/01	MS
Swamp Sparrow	50+, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	10/4	JK
McCown's Longspur	1, rural area	Morton	11/6	MG, ML, JK
Smith's Longspur	60+ near Lyon County State Lake	Lyon	11/17	MG
Chstnt-cllrd Lngspr	10+/- near Stafford	Stafford	11/5	MR
	15+/- rural area	Morton	11/06	MG, ML, JK
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1, Elkhart cemetery	Morton	9/13	WAS
	1, Lake Lenexa	Johnson	10/11	MG
	1, rural area	Leavenworth	10/12	DW
Lazuli Bunting	1, Elkhart cemetery	Morton	9/24	SP
Orchard Oriole	1, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	10/4	JK
Baltimore Oriole	1 along Turkey Trail	Morton	9/13	TC, SS

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Red Crossbill	Several reports	Multiple	locations	m: ob
Pine Siskin	Several reports	Multiple	locations	m: ob

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: Christmas Bird Count (CBC), Cimarron National Grassland (CNG), Headquarters (HQ), Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS), National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), residence (res.), species (sp.), adult (ad.), female (f.), immature (imm.), juvenile (juv.), male (m.), multiple observers (m: ob).

Observers: Brian Addis, Nic Allen, Henry Armknecht, Mike Andersen, John Bollin, Sidra Blake, Joann Brier (JBr), Ken Brunson, Jenny Burgdorfer, Doris Burnett, Ted Cable, Jeff Calhoun, Joan Carr (JCr), Donna Chance,

Mark and Elaine Corder, Bill Falk, Kat Farres, Tom Flowers, Gregg Friesen, Matt Gearheart, Dan Gish, Rob Graham, Bob Gress, Paul Griffin, Kevin Groeneweg, Sam Guy, Helen Hands, Kellye Hart, Peggy Haukap, Larry Hesed, Tyler Hicks, Chris Hobbs, Pete Janzen, Jon King, Mark Land, Dan Larson (DLr), Dan LaShelle, Nancy Leo, Catherine Lewis, Brandon Magette, Jim Malcom, Linda Mallonee, Terry Mannell, Bert McClard, Billie and Tom McDavitt, Mick McHugh, Cheryl Miller, Kay and Max Miller, Aaron Mitchell, Jay Newton

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Bald Eagles nesting at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge has announced that a Bald Eagle nest has been located on the refuge—the first time for the property. Refuge Manager Dan Severson said, “It is really exciting to have a pair of Bald Eagles, once listed as an endangered species, nesting on the refuge.”

Bald Eagles were placed on the endangered species list in 1967 and are considered a success story, having been de-listed on June 28, 2007. Last

year, thirty-two nests were located in Kansas.

The discovery of the nesting pair of eagles has resulted in the temporary closure of some public access areas. The closures encompass lands north of 140th Street between 120th Avenue and 110th Avenue and south of the Big Salt Marsh. Visitors may view the nest from the Artesian Well on 140th Street looking northwest. Signs are posted prohibiting all entry in these particular public access areas.

The temporary closure will

remain in effect until it is determined the eagles have fledged the nest. Nesting eagles can be particularly sensitive to disturbances, which can lead to nest abandonment.



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KOS spring meeting

May 1-3, 2009

Pittsburg, Crawford County

I (we) plan to attend the 2009 KOS spring meeting.

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Signatures

Date



Please remit check or money order, payable to KOS, and mail this form with it to:

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A Ross's Gull made an unexpected visit January 14 to Tuttle Creek Reservoir. Observed by Ted Cable, Dave Rintoul and others, it apparently did not stay a second day. Photo by Dave Rintoul, © 2009.

