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President's message

By the time late February rolls into early March, there are changes in the air. The first migrants have started to move. It may just be from southern Kansas back to northern Kansas, or perhaps Oklahoma to Kansas, but movement has started.

The amount of daylight has started to increase significantly from when we were all doing our Christmas Bird Counts. The increase in daylight signals hormonal changes in birds and birders alike. Something is starting to happen and it is evidenced by the increasing level of activity. Just like northbound shorebirds getting ready to leave the most recent fueling stopover point, birders are on the move trying to find the next arriving migrant before it is gone to points further north.

March can also be a very cruel month. It can be a spring-like 70 degrees one day and a

blizzard-like 20 degrees the next. The anticipation and joy of an early spring day is crushed by the weight of wind-driven snow. But spring will arrive and birders will be out at every opportunity to find that next wave of migrants.

I find this coming spring to be filled with excitement. In early May, many of us will gather in Elkhart for our annual KOS spring field trips. I've never been to Morton County in the spring. All of my trips have been in late summer, fall, or winter, so I find this spring meeting to be most exciting. KOS last visited Elkhart in 2000, making this trip is overdue.

Recently, I was trying to explain to a non-birder why anyone would go to Elkhart and joyfully spend several days tramping around the area from sunup to sundown. I don't think

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From the field



A Snow Bunting chose Quivira National Wildlife Refuge as its temporary residence. First reported on November 7, 2010, the bird was still in residence in late January. © Matt Gearheart, 2010.

President's message, *cont.*

they ever "got it." That's the great thing about a KOS spring field trip: everybody who is there "gets it," no explanation required. You can be your own crazy, gonzo birder and everyone understands. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the cemetery, sewer lagoons, shelterbelt, Point of Rocks, or (insert your favorite spot here) in just a few weeks!

The new year has brought us several new state legislators. Many of these folks have very little knowledge of the natural world that we birders hold so dear. There's an old phrase that

says all politics are local. State legislators need to hear from us. Take advantage of local events where legislators are gathering input from constituents and become a voice for the natural world. If you are unsure you can do this, trust me, you can. But if you need some words of advice, or a pep talk, just give me a call and I'll be happy to visit with you.

Good birding to you all and I hope to see you in Elkhart!

Chuck Otte

President

Kansas Ornithological Society Balance Sheet

12/31/10

Assets

Investment Fund	135,255.63
Checking	7,869.77
Sub Total	<u>143,125.40</u>
Dingus Land	56,000.00
Total	199,125.40

Liabilities and Fund Balances

General Fund	12,447.31
Endowments	68,653.24
Life Membership Account	26,220.00
Book Royalty Fund	21,514.49
Dingus Nature Area Fund	7,967.58
Dingus Nature Area Land	56,000.00
Student Research Fund	6,322.78
Total	199,125.40

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Spring KOS meeting: May 6-8, 2011

Elkhart, Kansas

Hit the Sante Fe Trail to Elkhart for the KOS spring meeting May 6-8 in extreme southwest Kansas. Shortgrass and sandsage prairies are host to southwestern bird species such as Lesser

Prairie-chicken, Scaled Quail, Rock Wren, Sage Thrasher, Canyon Towhee and Cassin's Sparrow.

Registration for the event costs \$5.00.



trips. View a map and driving tour: <http://tinyurl.com/4rgmh3f>.

Lodging

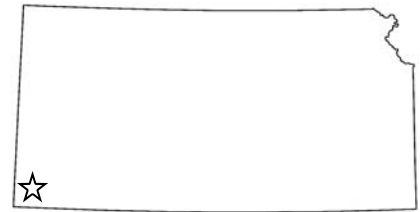
•El Rancho Motel, (620) 697-2117, 604 Highway 56. Twenty rooms will be held until April 1. When making a reservation, tell them you are with KOS. Rooms rent for \$58-74 per night. www.elranchomotel.biz

•Cimarron Bed & Breakfast, (580) 696-4672, 3.5 miles west of Elkhart on State Line Road. www.cimarronbedandbreakfast.com

•Camping is available at Cimarron National Grassland, (620) 697-4621. Camping fees are required. <http://tinyurl.com/4b3ercy>

Meals and general itinerary

•Friday, May 6, 7:00 p.m. Evening gathering at Big C's Café, 969 Highway 56. Catch up with friends and make new ones



while enjoying finger foods.

•Saturday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. Buffet dinner at Jim-N-I's, next to the El Rancho Motel. The cost is \$11.00 each.

•Sunday, May 8, 12:30 p.m. Compilation with Subway boxed lunches at the campground on K-27. The cost is \$6.00 each.

Participants will need to bring their own lunch for field trips on Saturday. Each person is also responsible for his or her own snacks and water.

Check the KOS website for more details as the meeting date draws near: www.ksbirds.org.

Field trips

Cimarron National Grassland, which covers 110,000 acres in Morton and Stevens counties, will be the site of one or more field

Avian Conservationist of the Year nominations sought

The Kansas Ornithological Society's Avian Conservationist of the Year Award is given to an individual for making 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 nominee does not have to be a member of KOS, but the nominator must be a current member of KOS. The accomplishment should reflect a long-time commitment to bird conservation and/or education within the state of Kansas. This award will be presented during the fall annual meeting. Nominations will be accepted until July 1.

To make a nomination, send a typed description of no more than two pages, giving 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. Nominators must include their name, address, phone number and e-mail address. Send the nominations to Robert L. Penner, 593 NE 130 Avenue, Ellinwood, KS 67526, or to rpenner@tnc.org.

Kansas Fall Season Roundup

August 1 – November 30, 2011

Mark Corder, compiler

A Magnificent Frigatebird, seen and photographed at Clinton Lake Dam, is the best bird from this past fall. Typical of previous records, the appearance of this pelagic species this far inland was extremely brief. Unfortunately, but not surprisingly, no reports were made in the days immediately following the initial find by Michael Andersen, Pete Hosner and Jon King on September 14.

November was a sensational month for birds associated with Kansas' larger bodies of water. Of particular note, six Surf Scoters, an unusually large number at any one time at any one place in Kansas, were seen at Melvern Reservoir on November 14 by William Falk. Black Scoters were at Lake Quivira and at Cheney Reservoir with a Barrow's Goldeneye putting in an appearance at the latter location three days later. Nine Western Grebes were reported over three dates in November. These sightings were preceded by seven other reports for a total of 28 birds in the prior months, including one as far east as Pony Creek Lake in Brown County. A Clark's Grebe at Wilson Lake was reported by Mike Rader on November 13.

Observers were treated to good numbers of raptors throughout the period. Fairly recently considered a rare transient, Bald Eagles now breed at many sites in Kansas. At Quivira National Wildlife Refuge,

23 adults and 60 juveniles were located by Barry Jones in late November. All three accipiters, including a Northern Goshawk in Johnson County, appear in this period's roundup along with an equivalent number of falcon species (Merlin, and Peregrine and Prairie falcons). More than 300 Swainson's Hawks were reported by Scott Seltman in Gray County on September 17.

Encouraging numbers of Whooping Cranes, perhaps in excess of 90, were seen at Quivira over a period of nearly a month starting in late October. Fifteen species of shorebirds are also included in the roundup. Highlights include a Red Phalarope (Cheyenne Bottoms), an American Woodcock (Reno County) and amazing numbers of Buff-breasted Sandpipers at multiple locations.

Two Laughing, two California and one Lesser Black-backed top the list of gulls. Resilient, range-expanding Greater Roadrunners continue to increase in the state with the nesting pair in Great Bend fledging young in June and successfully raising three more in September. Six species of hummingbirds are on the list for the period as are three unusual



Snow Bunting, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge.
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species of flycatchers (Gray, Cordilleran and Hammond's). A Snow Bunting was first reported at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge in early November.

Warbler species in the data reported for fall are discouraging with only two Pine, one Blue-winged, one Black-throated Green and one Yellow-breasted Chat. By contrast all of the longspurs are on record. Refer to the list for unusual dates, numbers and locations of other birds not mentioned in the narrative.


For this reporting period, an effort has been made to rearrange species on the data list in the order that they appear on the KOS revised checklist, published September 2010. For example, longspurs now appear before warblers. If there are any species misplaced per that checklist, please bring them to my attention at buddesystem@msn.com. Previous period lists serve as templates for future reports.


<u>Species</u>	<u>Number and location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Observer(s)</u>
Tundra Swan	10, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	10/20	JC,CM,KG
<u>Mottled Duck</u>	1, dam, John Redmond Reservoir 1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Coffey Stafford	8/8 8/29	JK,MG BJ
Greater Scaup	2, Wyandotte County Lake 1, Wellington Lake	Wyandotte Sumner	10/28 11/21	CHe SS
<u>Surf Scoter</u>	1 f., Milford Lake 6, Melvern Lake	Geary Osage	11/6 11/14	JR BF
<u>Black Scoter</u>	1 f., Cheney Reservoir 1, Lake Quivira 1, Cheney Reservoir	Reno Johnson Reno	11/7 11/21 11/24	KG MCo MG,JK
<u>Long-tailed Duck</u>	1, sewer lagoons, Satanta 1, sewer lagoons, Elkhart	Haskell Morton	11/25 11/25	JK JK
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	1, state park area, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	11/27	KG,CM
Lesser Prairie Chicken	6, near median, K-156 highway 26, northeast Gray County 24, southwest Hodgeman County	Hodgeman Gray Hodgeman	9/5 10/30 10/30	SS SS SS
<u>Pacific Loon</u>	1, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/13-24	MR
Common Loon	1, Wyandotte County Lake 10, Wilson Lake 2-3, Melvern Lake 15, dam, Tuttle Creek Lake	Wyandotte Russell Osage Riley	10/26 11/13 11/20 11/24	CHe MR MG,BAS DB
<u>Red-necked Grebe</u>	1, John Redmond Reservoir	Coffey	11/20	TAS,BAS
Western Grebe	1, Cheyenne Bottoms 1, Clark County State Lake 1, Pony Creek Lake 1, Frazier Park, Ulysses 2, Antelope Lake 12+, Keith Sebelius Reservoir 10+, Cedar Bluff Reservoir 3, Wilson Lake 1, Lake Afton 5, Winfield City Lake	Barton Clark <u>Brown</u> Grant Graham Norton Trego Russell Sedgwick Cowley	8/28 9/5 9/29 10/9 10/29 10/29 10/31 11/13 11/23 11/26	GF,LHe KG,JC RR KHa, SG PJ,TM,KG,RG PJ,TM,KG,RG PJ,TM,KG,RG MR MG MT,GY
<u>Clark's Grebe</u>	1, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/13	MR
<u>Magnificent Frigatebird</u> <D>	1, Clinton Lake	Douglas	9/14	MA,PH,JK
Neotropic Cormorant	1, Cheyenne Bottoms 1 ad., 1 juv. on pond, Arkansas City 1, dam, John Redmond Reservoir 3, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton Cowley Coffey Barton	8/4 8/6 8/8 8/13	JW GY JK,MG GY



Species	Number and location	County	Date	Observer(s)
<u>White Ibis</u>	1 juv., Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/16	RP
White-faced Ibis	1, Milford Wetlands	Clay	11/22	JKe
Black Vulture	2, Schermerhorn Park	Cherokee	10/18	LH
Northern Goshawk	1, Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	10/2	MG
	1, east Wichita	Sedgwick	10/28	JN
Broad-winged Hawk	1, Hugoton	Stevens	<u>10/3</u>	CH
Swainson's Hawk	<u>300+</u> , northwest of Cimarron	Gray	9/17	SS
Ferruginous Hawk	<u>20+</u> , Haverfield Ranch	Logan	10/30	PJ,TM,KG,RG
Golden Eagle	1, I-70, Alma exit	Wabaunsee	10/4	CH
	1 juv., Pomona Lake	Osage	11/13	DL
	1 juv., Stockton	Rooks	11/18	MZ
	1, 10 miles northeast of Cimarron	Gray	11/19	SS
Merlin	3, farmstead, southwest of Ulysses	Grant	11/24	KHa,SG
Peregrine Falcon	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/28	GF,LHe
	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	8/29	BJ
	1, Elkhart sewage lagoons	Morton	9/4	PJ
Prairie Falcon	1, Marsh of the Swans, Melvern Lake	Osage	11/20	MG,BAS
King Rail	1, flushed from flooded area	Sedgwick	8/1	PJ
	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	8/13	GY
	1, Slate Creek Wetlands	Sumner	8/14	GY,MT
	1, Greenfield Marsh	Harvey	8/15	PJ
Virginia Rail	4, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	8/13	GY
Sandhill Crane	2, Stockdale area, Tuttle Creek Lake	<u>Riley</u>	11/27	JR
Whooping Crane	2, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	10/22	CW
	2, LSM, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	10/25-30	BW
	14, BSM, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	10/30	ML
	3, Wilson Wildlife Area	Russell	11/17	ST
	2, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	11/21	SS
Black-bellied Plover	5+, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	10/2	SS
	80-90, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	10/25	MR
Am. Golden-Plover	24+, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	10/2	SS
Piping Plover	1, Quimby Creek Wetlands	Clay	8/4	ER
Mountain Plover	15, plowed field, rural area	Morton	9/4	KG



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American Avocet	18, Fall River State Park 19, wetlands area, U.S.36 300+, Cheyenne Bottoms 3, Wyandotte County Lake 2, Clinton Lake	Greenwood Doniphan Barton Wyandotte Douglas	10/20 10/22 10/25 10/28 10/30	MR DC MR CHe MA,JK
				
Long-billed Curlew	3, Quimby Creek Wetlands	Clay	8/2	ER
Marbled Godwit	2, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	10/10	BJ
Ruddy Turnstone	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/4	JW
Least Sandpiper	<u>5,000-10,000</u> , Quivira NWR	Stafford	10/2	SS
Dunlin	3, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	10/2	SS
Buff Breasted Sandpiper	5, Quimby Creek Wetlands 9, Zach Hudec Wetlands 9, Quimby Creek Wetlands 9, Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge 44, Zach Hudec Wetlands 16, Slate Creek Wetlands 9, burned field 7-8, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge 12, flying north of Cimarron	Clay Clay Clay Lyon Clay Sumner Sedgwick Stafford Gray	8/2 8/3 8/4 8/8 8/9 8/14 8/15 8/29 8/26	ER ER ER JK,MG ER GY,MT PJ BJ SS
Long-billed Dowitcher	2,000+, Cheyenne Bottoms 100+, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge 1,200, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton Stafford Barton	10/25 10/31 11/10	MR M &EL MR
American Woodcock	Multiple reports, southcentral areas 1, 2-3 miles east of Sylvania, U.S. 50	various <u>Reno</u>	October <u>10/31</u>	m:obs SS
Red-necked Phalarope	4, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge 1, sewer lagoons, Elkhart 2, sewer ponds, Rolla 2, Clinton Lake 8, sewer ponds, Elkhart	Stafford Morton Morton Douglas Morton	9/4 9/4 9/5 9/14 9/23	MA KG KG, JC MA, PH MR,KB,RP
<u>Red Phalarope</u>	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	11/11	SS,LHe,BGl
Bonaparte's Gull	656, Perry Lake 300, Clinton Lake 100, Milford Lake 670+, Clinton Lake	Jefferson Douglas Geary Douglas	10/30 10/30 11/7 11/20	MA, JK MA, JK ER JK
<u>Laughing Gull</u> <D>	1, rural/water environs 1 ad., Tuttle Creek Lake	McPherson Riley	10/4 10/21	TW LJ
<u>California Gull</u>	1, 1st cycle, Wilson Lake 1 ad., Webster Reservoir	Russell Rooks	11/13 11/28	MR M&EC

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number and location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Observer(s)</u>
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	1 probable 2nd winter, Wellington Lake	Sumner	11/21	SS
White-winged Dove	3, northwest Manhattan 2, yard, Ulysses 4, yard, Ulysses 2, residence, Manhattan 2, feeder, Hays	Riley Grant Grant Riley Ellis	8/15 8/23 9/1 9/3 10/29	J&DR SG SG RG GPr
Greater Roadrunner	5, 3 locations Pair with 3 young, Great Bend 1, residence, north of Claflin 1, south of Pratt 1, north of Nekoma	Pawnee Barton Barton Pratt Rush	8/20 9/7 9/11 9/11 10/17	SS m:obs R&SJ SS BSe
Barn Owl	 9, various locations	Morton	9/4	GF
Burrowing Owl	12+ with juvs., northwest of Cimarron	Gray	9/3	SS
Short-eared Owl	2, northwest of Larned	Pawnee	10/5	SS
Common Nighthawk	<u>175+</u> migrating, residence, Olathe <u>Large flocks</u> , various locations <u>157</u> , over residence, Garden City	Johnson Johnson Finney	9/1 9/1 10/6	MC m:obs T&SSh
Common Poorwill	13+, Smoky Valley Ranch	Logan	10/2-06	BG, m:obs
Chimney Swift	<u>657</u> , Galena High School <u>370</u> , Wathena High School	Cherokee Doniphan	8/25 10/2	LH DC
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1, residence, Wilson 1, residence, Junction City 2, residence, Olathe 1, residence, Hays	Ellsworth Geary Johnson Ellis	10/1 10/3 10/3 <u>10/11</u>	MR C&JO SE TM
<u>Black-chinned Hummingbird</u>	1, residence, Garden City	Finney	9/25	T&SSh
<u>Anna's Hummingbird</u> <D>	1, Shane residence, Garden City 1, (same?), residence, Garden City	Finney Finney	9/3 9/4-25	DW T&SSh
<u>Calliope Hummingbird</u>	1, f., residence, Ulysses 1, f., Conover's, Satanta	Grant Haskell	9/20 9/21	KHa MR,KB,RP
<u>Broad-tailed Hummingbird</u>	1, residence, Hays 1, imm., Garden City 1, imm., Garden City	Ellis Finney Finney	8/11 8/15-16 8/17-20	MS T&SSh T&SSh
Rufous Hummingbird	1 f., residence, St. Mary's 1, Conover's, Satanta 1, residence, Hays	Pottawatomie Haskell Ellis	8/3 9/21 <u>10/27-11/23</u>	BM MR,KB,RP TM
<u>Red-naped Sapsucker</u>	1, Elkhart Cemetery	Morton	10/3	CH

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number and location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Observer(s)</u>
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	2, north of Topeka	Shawnee	10/1	PW
<u>Hammond's Flycatcher</u>	1, Elkhart Cemetery	Morton	9/4	DW, m:obs
<u>Gray Flycatcher</u>	1, K-27 picnic ground, CNG	Morton	9/4	DW, m:obs
<u>Cordilleran Flycatcher</u>	1, farmstead, northwest of Larned	Pawnee	9/1	SS
Eastern Phoebe	1, dam, Walnut River, Winfield	Cowley	<u>11/26</u>	MT,GY
Eastern Kingbird	<u>500</u> , migrating, Quivira NWR	Stafford	9/3	BS
Northern Shrike	1 juv, northeast Gray County	Gray	10/8	SS
	2, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	10/21	BJ
	4, rural areas		10/29-31	PJ,TM,KG,RG
	<i>(these birds were seen in Norton, Decatur and Rawlins counties)</i>			
	1, northwest of Argonia	Sumner	11/14	SS
	1, 9 miles northwest of Luka	Pratt	11/23	SS
Fish Crow	5, Canoe Launch, Derby	Sedgwick	8/3	JC
	<u>34</u> , Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge	<u>Lyon</u>	8/8	JK,MG
	<u>35</u> , Slate Creek Wetlands	Sumner	8/22	GY
Chihuahuan Raven	2, CNG work station	Morton	9/22	MR,KB,RP
Common Raven	2, Point of Rocks, CNG	Morton	9/22	MR,KB,RP
Purple Martin	<u>20,000</u> , Wichita roost	Sedgwick	8/11	KG
	<u>100,000</u> , Wichita roost	Sedgwick	8/12	CM,HG
Bushtit	1, Tescott	Ottawa	11/28	M&EC
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Multiple reports, state-wide	various	Oct./Nov.	m:obs
Townsend's Solitaire	Multiple reports, generally western counties		Oct./Nov.	m:obs
Hermit Thrush	Multiple reports, generally south, central		Nov.	m:obs
Gray Catbird	1, residence, northwest of Larned	Pawnee	<u>11/18</u>	SS
Sage Thrasher	1, 10 miles north of Lake Scott	Logan	9/28	BJ
Curve-billed Thrasher	1, cemetery, Hugoton	Stevens	9/6	PJ
	1, residence, Ulysses	Grant	9/11	KHa
	2, Hugoton	Stevens	10/3	CH
Sprague's Pipit	1, 8 miles northwest of Larned	Pawnee	<u>9/13</u>	SS
Lapland Longspur	<u>2000+</u> , north of Cimarron	Gray	<u>11/6</u>	SS
Chestnut-collared Longspur	2, rural areas	Gray	<u>10/1</u>	SS



Species	Number and location	County	Date	Observer(s)
Smith's Longspur	1, north of Cimarron 20+, Lyon County State Lake	Gray Lyon	11/6 11/20	SS MG, BAS
<u>McCown's Longspur</u>	12, rural areas	Gray	10/30	SS
<u>Snow Bunting</u>	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	11/7	SS
<u>Blue-winged Warbler</u>	1, Pomona Lake	Osage	<u>9/19</u>	MG, JK
Black-throated Green Warbler	1, Calhoun residence, Derby	Sedgwick	<u>10/24</u>	JC, KG
<u>Pine Warbler</u>	1, Maple Grove Cemetery 1, KSU Research Station, Colby	Sedgwick Thomas	9/11 10/30	PJ PJ,TM,KG,RG
Yellow-breasted Chat	1, residence, Satanta	Haskell	<u>10/6</u>	TB
Brewer's Sparrow	2, well seen, CNG 1, 15 miles northeast of Cimarron	Morton Gray	9/21 10/8	MR,KB,RP SS
Lark Bunting	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge 1, rural area	Stafford Wabaunsee	9/4 9/5	MA JS
Baird's Sparrow	1, west of Wilburton crossing	Morton	9/21	MR,KB,RP
Henslow's Sparrow	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	10/31	M&EL
Nelson's Sparrow	1, below dam, Clinton Lake 1, Hillside marsh	Douglas Sumner	10/2 10/16	JK, MA PJ
Dickcissel	1 f., Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve	Chase	<u>10/10</u>	CM
Bobolink	3, below dam, Clinton Lake	Douglas	<u>10/2</u>	JK,MA
Rusty Blackbird	<u>100+</u> , Wolf Creek Environmental 7, River Pond complex, Tuttle Creek Lake	Coffey Pottawatomie	11/20 11/27	MG,BAS DR
Purple Finch	1, west Wichita 1, Derby	Sedgwick Sedgwick	11/17 11/21	LL JC

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.), Big Salt Marsh (BSM), Cimarron National Grassland (CNG), female (f.), immature (imm.), juvenile (juv.), male (m.), Little Salt Marsh (LSM), multiple observers (m:obs), National

Wildlife Refuge (NWR).
Observers: Mike Andersen, Thomas Berry, Ken Brunson, Doris Burnett, Burroughs Audubon Society, Jeff Calhoun, Donna Chance, Mike Cooper (MCo), Mark

Corder, Mark and Elaine Corder (M&EC), Sarah Ellis, Bill Falk, Gregg Friesen, Matt Gearheart, Bruce Glick (BGI), Rob Graham, Harry Gregory, Bob Gress, Kevin
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Dr. Ivan L. Boyd Recognition Award nominations requested

Founding member Ivan Boyd was the first president of the Kansas Ornithological Society and the first editor of the Bulletin. A professor at Baker University, he was active in KOS from 1949 until his death in 1982.

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

Winners receive a plaque.

KOS members must nominate individuals for the Dr. Ivan L. Boyd Recognition Award. Nominations should be submitted to the president and include a list of the nominee's contributions to KOS. This could entail number of years of offices held, committee involvement, papers presented at KOS, papers published in the Bulletin or Horned Lark, number of CBCs compiled and years of membership.

This is not an exclusive list and other contributions to KOS

may be provided. Current KOS Board members are not eligible to receive this award.

The nomination deadline is August 1. Provide a typed description of no more than two pages and give specific examples of contributions to KOS the nominee has made. Include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. Send nominations to Chuck Otte, 613 Tamerisk, Junction City, KS 66441 or e-mail to otte2@cox.net.

Observers, *cont.*

Groeneweg, Sam Guy, Kellye Hart (KHa), Kelvin Heitmann, Craig Hensley (CHe), Larry Herbert, Larry Hesel (LHe), Richard Hitchcock, Chris Hobbs, Pete Hosner, Pete Janzen, Ron and Susan Jensen (R&SJ), Lowell Johnson, Barry Jones, Jeff Keating (JKe), Jon King, Mark Land, Mark and Elaine Land (M&EL), Dan Larson, Nancy Leo, Larry Londagin, Brandon Magette, Terry Mannell, Cheryl Miller, John Northrup, Chuck and Jaye Otte (C&JO), Robert Penner, George Probasco (GPr), Mike Rader, Edward Raynor, Dave Rintoul, John Row, John and Diane Row (J&DR), Rosella Royer, John Schukman, Brian Seltman (BSe), Scott Seltman, Tom and Sara Shane (T&SSH), Marilyn Sim, Bill Sutton, Scott Thomasson, Max Thompson, Topeka Audubon Society, Bill Wallace, Phil Wedge, Tristan Weinbrenner, Dave Williams, Jeff Witters, Curtis Wolf, Gene Young, Michael Zajic.

Wings and Wetlands Festival

Great Bend will once again attract birdwatchers to central Kansas for the 2011 Wings and Wetlands Festival, April 29-May 1. The festival will offer participants a unique opportunity to bird Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, as well as other area hot spots. Beyond the great birding, weekend festivities will also include fun workshops, relaxing socials, and opportunities to experience area attractions along the Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway.

As Wetlands of International Importance, Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge provide thousands of birds a stopover along their north and south migration routes. Festival dates coincide with the historical peak of shorebird migration, and is sure to provide some excellent viewing of more than 150 species

of birds. Paid registration for the festival includes four guided birding fieldtrips with transportation, workshops and seminars, two breakfasts, two dinners, and snacks. Events will take place at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center and the Best Western Courtyard in Great Bend.

The Kansas Wetlands Education Center has organized this event in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, The Nature Conservancy and the Great Bend Convention and Visitors Bureau. Other sponsors of the festival include the City of Great Bend, Barton County and Barton County Community College. For more information and to access registration information, visit the Kansas Wetlands Education Center website, www.wetlandscenter.com, or call 1-877-243-9268.

Registration Form

KOS spring meeting

May 6-8, 2011

Elkhart, Morton County

I (we) plan to attend the 2011 KOS spring meeting.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Registration Number ___ @ \$5.00 each \$ _____

Saturday dinner Number ___ @ \$11.00 each \$ _____

Sunday lunch Number ___ @ \$6.00 each \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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 2011 spring field meeting.

Signatures

Date



Registration deadline is April 1. Please remit check or money order, payable to KOS, and mail this form with it to:

Terry Mannell
218 Northridge Dr.
Hays, KS 67601

Count season wraps up

Tom Shane and student Irma Ailon count birds on the 27th annual Scott Lake Christmas Bird Count, December 26, 2010. Irma participated in her first count and Tom his 195th; he reached his 200th (for CBCs and Winter Bird Counts) two weeks later at Syracuse. The birds and habitat were much different than those at Irma's former home in Guatemala. Photograph and caption by Sara Shane, © 2010.

