



# The Horned Lark

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## President's message

Do you remember what it was like, as a youngster, as Christmas approached? Your level of excitement grew almost exponentially as each day passed. As you got a couple of days out, you just about couldn't stand it anymore. You knew that there would be big gatherings of people you hadn't seen for awhile and you knew you were going to get something good, you just didn't know what.

The past few years, as the KOS spring meeting has approached, I've felt the same way. I couldn't wait for Friday to arrive so we could pack up and go. I got to see a lot of folks I hadn't seen for a while. We got some good birds and had some fun times birding, and then it was over all too fast! A big thank you to Mark Land for organizing this spring meeting and to Matt Gearheart, Nic Allen, Carolyn Schwab, Mark Corder and everyone else who helped out. We had a good turnout, good birding and great times with

friends and fellow birders.

With that still fresh in our minds, let's all mark the fall meeting on our calendars, September 28–30 in Winfield. That's a week earlier than our normal meeting time. This is necessary to fit around college sports schedules. I know Max Thompson will have a fine meeting lined up for us. He always does every time we visit Southwestern College. The details for the Spring 2013 meeting aren't decided yet, so if you have an idea, let me know!

By now, spring migration has become a memory and many of us are working on Breeding Bird Surveys and other summer activities. It was a strange spring that to me, at least, seemed all out of sequence. Across much of Kansas, spring seemed to arrive early with plants looking like June 1 when it was only early May, which then made the spring

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## From the field



A Ruddy Turnstone forages on a mud flat at the Big Salt Marsh, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, May 19, 2012. © Patty Marlett.

## President's message, *cont.*

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migrants seem late, although many of them weren't late at all. Ultimately, the "ahead of normal" foliage made birding a real challenge.

Some very generous KOS members donated funds to allow students to join essentially for free. I want to thank those anonymous, forward-thinking individuals. While giving a program in Hutchinson in April, I had a chance to meet some of these young birders. It's so thrilling to see these youth with so much enthusiasm about birds and birding. In fact, at this fall's KOS meeting we will have some folks who will work on a special

program for these young birders. If you know young students who are interested in birds, there are still some funds left to give them a KOS membership. Just contact me for details on how to make this happen.

It looks like it's about time for me to head out the door and do some birding. Have a great summer. I hope to see many of you in Winfield at the end of September, if not before while out and about birding!

Good birding,

*Chuck Otte*

President

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## Award nominations sought

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### **Avian Conservationist of the Year**

Nominations for the Kansas Ornithological Society's Avian Conservationist of the Year Award should be made for outstanding work in bird conservation through the management or preservation of habitats, education or research. The accomplishment should reflect a long-time commitment to bird conservation and/or education within the state of Kansas. 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. Send the nominations to Robert L. Penner, 593 NE 130 Avenue, Ellinwood, KS 67526, or to [rpenner@tnc.org](mailto:rpenner@tnc.org).

### **Dr. Ivan L. Boyd Recognition Award**

The Kansas Ornithological Society recognizes one of its members with this award for outstanding contributions and service to the society. Nominations for the award should be submitted to the KOS president and include a list of the nominee's contributions to KOS.

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](mailto:otte2@cox.net).

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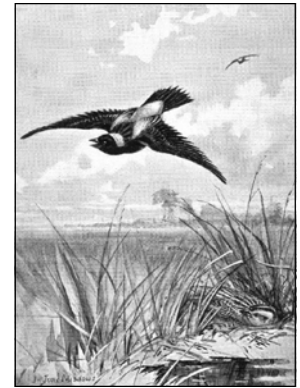
# Spring KOS species compilation list

KOS spring meeting participants recorded the following 154 species in Allen, Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Linn and Osage counties during the spring meeting, May 4-7, 2012.

Canada Goose  
Wood Duck  
Gadwall  
Mallard  
Blue-winged Teal  
Northern Shoveler  
Green-winged Teal  
Ring-necked Duck  
Hooded Merganser  
Northern Bobwhite  
Greater Prairie-Chicken  
Wild Turkey  
Common Loon  
Pied-billed Grebe  
Neotropic Cormorant  
Double-crested  
Cormorant  
American White Pelican  
American Bittern  
Great Blue Heron  
Great Egret  
Cattle Egret  
Green Heron  
White-faced Ibis  
Turkey Vulture  
Bald Eagle  
Cooper's Hawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Swainson's Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
American Kestrel  
Peregrine Falcon  
Common Gallinule  
American Coot  
Killdeer  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Solitary Sandpiper

Greater Yellowlegs  
Willet  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Upland Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper  
White-rumped Sandpiper  
Baird's Sandpiper  
Pectoral Sandpiper  
Stilt Sandpiper  
Long-billed Dowitcher  
Wilson's Phalarope  
Ring-billed Gull  
Forster's Tern  
Rock Pigeon  
Eurasian Collared-Dove  
White-winged Dove  
Mourning Dove  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
Barred Owl  
Common Nighthawk  
Chuck-will's-widow  
Eastern Whip-poor-will  
Chimney Swift  
Ruby-throated  
Hummingbird  
Belted Kingfisher  
Red-headed Woodpecker  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Hairy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Pileated Woodpecker  
Eastern Wood-Pewee  
Acadian 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  
Blue-headed Vireo

Warbling Vireo  
Red-eyed Vireo  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Fish Crow  
Horned Lark  
Purple Martin  
Tree Swallow  
Northern Rough-winged  
Swallow  
Cliff Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
Carolina Chickadee  
Black-capped Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Carolina Wren  
House Wren  
Sedge Wren  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Eastern Bluebird  
Swainson's Thrush  
Wood Thrush  
American Robin  
Gray Catbird  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
Cedar Waxwing  
Louisiana Waterthrush  
Black-and-white Warbler  
Prothonotary Warbler  
Tennessee Warbler  
Orange-crowned Warbler  
Nashville Warbler  
Mourning Warbler  
Kentucky Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
American Redstart  
Northern Parula  
Blackburnian Warbler  
Yellow Warbler  
Blackpoll Warbler  
Palm Warbler



Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Black-throated Green  
Warbler  
Wilson's Warbler  
Yellow-breasted Chat  
Eastern Towhee  
Chipping Sparrow  
Clay-colored Sparrow  
Field Sparrow  
Lark Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
Grasshopper Sparrow  
Henslow's Sparrow  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Summer Tanager  
Northern Cardinal  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
Blue Grosbeak  
Indigo Bunting  
Painted Bunting  
Dickcissel  
Bobolink  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Eastern Meadowlark  
Western Meadowlark  
Common Grackle  
Great-tailed Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Orchard Oriole  
Baltimore Oriole  
House Finch  
American Goldfinch  
House Sparrow

# Kansas fall season roundup

August 1 – November 30, 2011

Mark Corder, compiler

A well-documented (photographed) Crested Caracara, a probable first state record, gets top billing for the fall 2011 roundup reporting period. Relatively dry conditions in the southern Plains states probably contributed to this bird's excursion well north of its normal range. Unfortunately, too few birders were able to observe the much-anticipated appearance of this falcon because it could not be relocated after the initial sighting. Notably, another report, albeit second-hand, of the same species was made approximately two months later in southcentral Kansas.

A somewhat, but not too distant second-place species, Long-billed Murrelet, was reported in late November from Trego County. Long-billed Murrelet is currently on the Kansas list as "hypothetical" because of the lack of physical evidence. There has been only one previous record in the state from Russell County 14 years ago. The Trego sighting this year was by a single observer.

Cheney Reservoir had a spectacular mid-November hosting a Pomarine Jaeger, Surf and Black scoters, Red-throated and Pacific loons, impressive numbers of Red-breasted Mergansers, Clark's and Western grebes and a Prairie Falcon. Surf Scoters also popped up at Shawnee Mission Park and Augusta City Lake. Another Black Scoter put in an appearance at Wilson Lake. Pacific Loons were found at the LaFarge sandpits and at Wilson Lake. Showing up in ten counties during the period, Western Grebes appear to be increasing their presence in the state. Suffice it to say that

November was a terrific month for unusual water birds.

Good raptors reported during the period included Northern Goshawk in Wichita, possible Harris's Hawk in Topeka, Broad-tailed Hawks in seven counties, and Merlins in eleven. Seven rare-to-unusual gulls graced Kansas lakes and reservoirs and five uncommon species of hummingbirds filled up at Kansas residents' feeders. Shorebirds and waders that lingered longer and later included 12 Black-bellied Plovers at Cheyenne Bottoms on November 14, a lone American Golden-Plover at Cheney Reservoir on November 25, 43 Least Sandpipers in Kingman County on November 25, and Dunlin as late as November 20 at Clinton Lake.

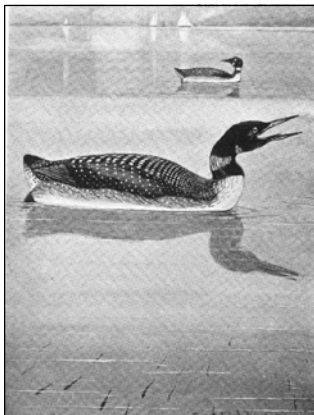
A Varied Thrush was a first record in Edwards County. Scott Seltman reported a second county record of Snow Bunting in Rush County. Connecticut and Townsend's warblers were discovered in Riley and Morton counties, respectively. Morton County also attracted Western Tanagers and a Black-headed Grosbeak. And, six Snowy Owls seen the last 15 days of November were the first wave of a huge influx that materialized in successive months. There'll be more to come on that in the 2011–2012 winter roundup.

In sum, it was an incredible fall with loads of species, individual numbers and rarities evidencing the continued dedication of resident and visiting birders to Kansas. Keep up the good work!

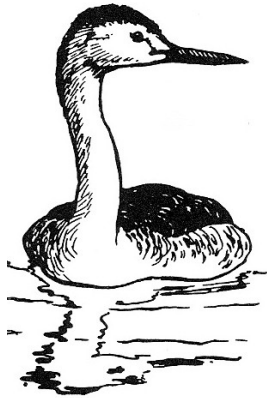
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<u>Species</u>	<u>Number and location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Observers(s)</u>
Snow Goose	1, Horsethief Reservoir	Hodgeman	8/13	PJ, MG, WCT, TE
Wood Duck	Ads. with imms., Russell Springs	Logan	8/1	PJ, MG, WCT, TE
<u>Mottled Duck</u>	4, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/1	JW
	1, Winfield Gun Club	<u>Sumner</u>	8/5	GY, MT
	1, Slate Creek Wetlands	<u>Sumner</u>	8/15	GY, MT
	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	9/5	MG, NA, WCT, CF
Cinnamon Teal	1, eclipse plumage, on stock pond	Logan	8/12	PJ, MG, WCT, TE

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number and location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Observers(s)</u>
Redhead	2 (pair?), Wilson sewage ponds	Ellsworth	<u>8/2</u>	MR
	<u>186, Wilson sewage ponds</u>	Ellsworth	10/28	MR
	<u>3000+</u> , Wilson Lake	Ellsworth	10/30	MR,ER
<u>Surf Scoter</u>	1 imm., Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	10/19	ML
	1, Augusta City Lake	Butler	10/29	KG
	1, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	11/20	PJ
<u>Black Scoter</u>	1, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	11/20	PJ
	1, Minooka Park, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/20	MR
<u>Long-tailed Duck</u>	1 f., LaFarge sandpits	Sedgwick	11/22	PJ
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	1, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	11/20	PJ
	1, Minooka Park, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/20	MR
	1, Sedgwick County Park	Sedgwick	11/23	KG (rep.)
	1, ad. m., Winfield City Lake	<u>Cowley</u>	11/29	MT
Hooded Merganser	<u>365</u> , LaFarge sandpits	Sedgwick	11/8	PJ
Common Merganser	1, Antelope Lake	<u>Graham*</u>	11/27	HA
Red-breasted Merganser	1, Fort's Cedar View	<u>Grant*</u>	10/31	SG,KH
	impressive numbers, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	11/20	PJ
	<u>168</u> , Clinton Lake	Douglas	11/25	JK,CF,MG
Ruddy Duck	1, Slate Creek Wetlands	Sumner	8/15	GY,MT
Scaled Quail	Reliably present, Finn ranch house	Morton	8/7	TC
	Covey, rural area	Stanton	9/4	PJ,KG
Red-throated Loon	1, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	11/13	SS (rep.), PJ
<u>Pacific Loon</u>	1 possible, LaFarge sandpits	Sedgwick	11/8	PJ
	1, Minooka Park, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/11	MR,DKI
	1, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	11/13,20	PJ
	1-2, Minooka Park, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/20,23	MR
Common Loon	2, southeast area of Tuttle Creek	Pottawatomie	<u>8/12</u>	DB
	1, East end Tuttle Creek dam	Pottawatomie	9/10	JR,m:obs
	1, Wilson Lake	Ellsworth	9/30	JK,MA,CW
	2, near Jeffrey Energy Center	Pottawatomie	10/16	BM
	1, LaFarge sandpits	Sedgwick	10/30	PJ
	2, Wyandotte County Lake	Wyandotte	11/3	JB
	2, LaFarge sandpits	Sedgwick	11/3	TE
	5, LaFarge sandpits	Sedgwick	11/8	PJ
	<u>23</u> , Wyandotte County Lake	Wyandotte	11/8	JB
	<u>21</u> , Minooka Park, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/11	MR,DKI
	1, West Rolling Hills Public Use Area	Geary	11/19	JR,m:obs
	7, Minooka Park, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/20	MR
	3, Clinton Lake	Douglas	11/20	JK
	5, Kanopolis State Park	Ellsworth	11/22	MR



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Common Loon	6, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/23	MR
	4, LaFarge sandpits	Sedgwick	11/23	KG,m:obs
	1, Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	11/26	TE
Horned Grebe	1, Sabetha Lake	<u>Nemaha*</u>	10/13	RR
	<u>50+/-</u> , Wyandotte County Lake	Wyandotte	11/3	CH
Red-necked Grebe	1, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	11/14	MH
	1, probable, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/23	MR
<u>Western Grebe</u>	6, Wilson Lake	Ellsworth	9/30	JK,MA,CW
	6, Wilson Lake	Ellsworth	10/10	MR
	1, Jeffrey Energy Center	<u>Pottawatomie</u>	10/28	CMo,BM
	2, Wilson Lake	Ellsworth	10/30	MR,ER
	1, seen from Broken Bridge	Reno	10/30	PJ
	2, perhaps 3, Clinton Lake	Douglas	11/7	JK
	<u>9</u> , Minooka Park, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/11	MR,DKI
	<u>9</u> , Cheney Reservoir	Reno	11/13	SS (rep.), PJ
	2, Clinton Lake	Douglas	11/13	JK,ER
	4, Perry Lake	Osage	11/13	JK,ER
	3, West Rolling Hills Public Use Area	Geary	11/19	JR,m:obs
	2, Minooka Park, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/20	MR
	2, Clinton Lake	Douglas	11/20	JK
	2, Winfield City Lake	Cowley	11/22	MT
	5, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/23	MR
	1, on pond, northwest of St. Francis	Cheyenne	11/24	HA
7, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	11/25	PJ	
<u>Clark's Grebe</u>	1, Minooka Park, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/11	MR,DKI
	1, Elkhart sewage ponds	Morton	11/11	GC
	1, Minooka Park, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/20,23	MR
	1, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	11/25	PJ
Neotropic Cormorant <D>	1, appropriate habitat	Rooks	9/3	JVK
	1, Jeffrey Energy Center	<u>Pottawatomie</u>	10/28	CMo,BM
Egret (multiple sp.)	<u>5,000</u> estimated at I-235 rookery	Sedgwick	8/25	PJ
American Bittern	1, Wetlands Education Center	Barton	11/3	JRa
Little Blue Heron	<u>18</u> , Baker Wetlands	Douglas	8/2	DL,RB
	1 ad. with 4 imm., flooded area	Leavenworth	8/9	JB
	1 imm. with 1 ad., Oak Park	Sedgwick	8/10	PG
Cattle Egret	<u>300+</u> , Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/2	MR
	<u>200+</u> , in pasture near Milford Lake	Clay	9/3	CO
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Ad. and imm., Tribune lagoons	<u>Greeley*</u>	8/13	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
	2, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>11/10</u>	MR
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	1 imm., Milford Lake	<u>Geary*</u>	8/27	CO



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<u>Crested Caracara</u> <D>	1, rural area <i>(Probable 1st state record)</i>	Washington	8/2	WB,DT
	1 possible, rural area	Sedgwick/Reno?	9/27?	MT (rep.)
Black Vulture	1, near Derby, Arkansas River	<u>Sedgwick</u>	8/30	JC
Mississippi Kite	2, <u>nesting</u> , suburban Shawnee	Johnson	8/8	NC
	15, soaring + more in trees	Grant	8/9	KH (rep)
	7, residential area, Lawrence	Douglas	8/14	DC
	3, Fredonia	Wilson	8/25	DMi
Ferruginous Hawk	2, first of season, southwest of Ulysses	Grant	10/21	SG
Bald Eagle	1 ad. with 1 imm., east of Howard	Elk	8/2	GW
	1 imm., Slate Creek Wetlands	Sumner	8/5	GY,MT
	1 ad., Calhoun backyard	Sedgwick	8/5	JC
	1 ad., west of Udall	Cowley	8/7	LHi
	1 ad., flooded areas	Leavenworth	8/9	JB
	1 ad., 1 imm., Milford Lake	Clay	9/2	CO
	1, migrating near Ft. Scott Lake	Bourbon	9/7	DKe
Northern Harrier	1, rural area	Logan	<u>8/12</u>	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
	1, rural area	Wallace	<u>8/12</u>	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1, near Russell Springs	Logan	<u>8/12</u>	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
	1, Wilson Lake	Ellsworth	10/10	MR
Cooper's Hawk	2 imm., Calhoun backyard	Sedgwick	8/5	JC
	Family group, Elkhart	Morton	8/6	TC
	Scolding ads., Russell Springs	Logan	8/12	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
	Scolding ads., Sharon Springs	Wallace	8/12	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
	1, with <u>Common Nighthawk as prey</u>	Ellis	9/6	TM
<u>Northern Goshawk</u>	1, <u>Broadway and 37th Street North</u>	Sedgwick	11/28	JN
<u>Harris's Hawk</u>	1, possible, Kansas History Museum	Shawnee	11/20	JK (rep.)
Red-shouldered Hawk	1 imm., Slate Creek Wetlands	Sumner	8/5	GY,MT
	1imm., Calhoun backyard	Sedgwick	8/5	JC
	1, DeWeese Park, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	8/6	KG,CM
	1, Beech Lake environs	Sedgwick	8/30	GS
	1, possible nest, Larson residence	Shawnee	9/15	DL
	1 possible, Wilson County Lake	<u>Wilson</u>	10/8	DM
Broad-winged Hawk	1, Pratt fish hatchery environs	Pratt	9/15	MR (rep.)
	1, Ernie Miller Nature Park	Johnson	9/16	JW,IW
	1 imm., city park	Johnson	9/17	JW
	1, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	9/18	DL,RB
	1, Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	9/19	ML,JO
	2, over River Pond area	Riley	9/25	DR
	1, Elkhart shelter belt	Morton	9/25	TC,MHu
	1, north rural area of the county	Sumner	10/2	LHi

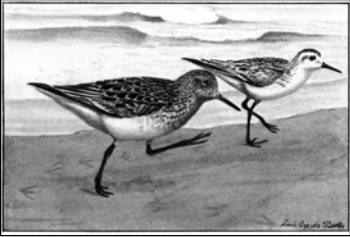


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Broad-winged Hawk	1, Pratt fish hatchery environs	Pratt	10/6	MR (rep.)
Swainson's Hawk	<u>75+</u> , southwest area of county	Saline	10/2	KF
	<u>98</u> combined, in two flocks	Cowley	10/2	GY
	<u>50</u> +/-, south of Great Bend	Barton	10/2	KM
	<u>70</u> +/-, east of Great Bend	Barton	10/2	JR
Rough-legged Hawk	1, first of season, rural area	Norton	10/22	HA
Golden Eagle	1, ranch land, west part of county	Gove	11/4	MP (rep.)
	1 ad., 1 imm., Haverfield Ranch	Logan	11/5	PJ,ER
	1, rural area	Scot	11/11	GC
Peregrine Falcon	2, appropriate habitat, Elkhart	Morton	8/6	TC
	2, migrating over Derby	Sedgwick	9/4	JC,CM,TE
	1 ad., 1 imm., Cheney Reservoir	Reno	9/11	PJ
	2, rural area	Morton	9/25	TC,MHu
	1, near St. Mark's	Reno	10/1	PJ
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Barton/Stafford	10/1,02	KOS
	1, Armknecht residence	<u>Osborne*</u>	10/4	HA
	1, Sandcreek Station Golf Course	Harvey	10/9	GF
	1 juv., Spearville sewage ponds	<u>Ford*</u>	10/10	SS
	1, Lake Olathe	Johnson	10/20	RR,RWR
	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	10/24	MR
	1, Slate Creek Wetlands	Sumner	11/17	MT,GY
Merlin	1, near Metcalf South Mall	Johnson	<u>8/6</u>	ML,EL
	1, Stockdale Cove	Riley	9/24	DR
	1, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	9/25	CM,KG
	1, rural area	Morton	9/25	TC,MHu
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Barton/Stafford	10/1,2	KOS
	1, rural area	Labette	10/15	RT
	1, near Jeffrey Energy Center	Pottawatomie	10/17	BM
	1, Stockdale area, Tuttle Creek	Riley	10/22	ER
	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	11/4	MR
	1, around Iuka	Pratt	11/17	MR
	1, West Rolling Hills Public Use Area	Geary	11/19	JR,m:obs
	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	11/23	JW
	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	11/25	PJ
	1, west of Latimer, Haden farm	Morris	11/27	GH
Prairie Falcon	1, appropriate habitat, Elkhart	Morton	8/6	TC
	1, Leoti	Wichita	8/12	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
	1, Liberal	Steward	9/4	KH, SG
	1, northwest part of the county	Pawnee	9/21	SS
	2, rural area	Morton	9/25	TC,MHu
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Barton/Stafford	10/1,2	KOS
	1, I-35 near Wellington exit	Sumner	10/16	PJ
	1, Stockdale area, Tuttle Creek	Riley	10/22	ER
	1, John Redmond Reservoir	Coffey	11/13	MG,m:obs
	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	11/17	BJ
	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	11/17	MR





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Prairie Falcon	1, county line road	Reno/Rice	11/25	PJ
<u>Yellow Rail</u>	1, below Clinton Lake Dam	Douglas	10/9	MA,WCT,MO
Virginia Rail	4-6 in marsh, rural area 5, Wilson Lake	Wallace Ellsworth	8/13 10/10	PJ,MG,WCT,TE MR
Sora	1, <u>Elkhart Cemetery</u>	Morton	9/5	PJ,KG
Sandhill Crane	1, Clinton Lake	<u>Douglas</u>	10/15	JK,m:obs
Whooping Crane	1, first arrival, Quivira NWR 2, Waconda Lake, Boller Point 6, causeway, south of Cawker City <u>19</u> , Cheyenne Bottoms 1, last of season, Quivira NWR	Stafford <u>Mitchell</u> <u>Mitchell</u> Barton Stafford	10/19 11/8 11/10 11/11 11/26	BJ HA (rep.) HA CWo BJ
Black-bellied Plover	2, Slate Creek Wetlands 1, Jeffrey Energy Center <u>60+</u> , Cheyenne Bottoms 1, Cheyenne Bottoms 12, Cheyenne Bottoms	Sumner Pottawatomie Barton Barton Barton	8/5 8/12 9/2 <u>11/10</u> <u>11/14</u>	GY,MT BM MR MR MR
American Golden-Plover	<u>200</u> , estimated, Milford Lake <u>839</u> , Cheyenne Bottoms 5, Cheyenne Bottoms 1, Cheyenne Bottoms 1, Cheney Reservoir	Geary Barton Barton Barton Kingman	9/25 9/30 11/1 <u>11/10</u> <u>11/25</u>	DW,EW MT,GY MR MR PJ
Snowy Plover	10, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge 15, Cheyenne Bottoms 11, Cheyenne Bottoms 1, Goose Refuge, Cheney Reservoir	Stafford Barton Barton Reno	8/1 8/1 9/2 <u>9/18</u>	JW JW MR PJ
Semipalmated Plover	6, Cheney Reservoir 5, Clinton Lake 7, Goose Refuge 10, Cheyenne Bottoms	Reno Douglas Reno Barton	8/6 8/28 9/18 <u>10/13</u>	KG,CM JK,WCT PJ SS
Piping Plover	2, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge 1, Cheyenne Bottoms 1, Goose Refuge, Cheney Reservoir 2, Cheyenne Bottoms 1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Stafford Barton Reno Barton Barton	8/1 8/1 9/18 <u>10/13</u> <u>10/15</u>	JW JW PJ SS MR
American Avocet	300, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge <u>500+</u> , Cheyenne Bottoms <u>450+</u> , Cheyenne Bottoms	Stafford Barton Barton	9/5 10/15 <u>11/1, 5</u>	MG,NA,WCT MR MR,PJ,ER
Solitary Sandpiper	Unreported number, rural area	<u>Logan*</u>	8/12	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
Willet	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Barton/Stafford	10/1,2	KOS

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Upland Sandpiper	1, rural area northeast of Udall	Cowley	<u>9/23</u>	MT
Long-billed Curlew	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge 1, fish hatchery ponds	Stafford <u>Pratt*</u>	9/5 9/6	MG,NA,WCT,CF MR (rep.)
Marbled Godwit	1, Cheney Reservoir 1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Reno Barton	9/18 <u>10/13</u>	KG SS
Ruddy Turnstone	2, Clinton Lake 2, Cheyenne Bottoms	Douglas Barton	8/28 9/2	WCT, MG, NA MR
<u>Red Knot</u>	1, Bloomington area, Clinton Lake 1 imm., small lake west of Burrton	Douglas Reno	8/28 8/28,29	JK,WCT PJ
Sanderling	3, Cheney Reservoir 1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge 2, Clinton Lake 1, Preisser Road, Cheney Reservoir 6, Baker Wetlands 2, Cheyenne Bottoms 1 imm., west side of Clinton Lake 6, Clinton Lake 4, DeWeese area, Cheney Reservoir 2, Cheyenne Bottoms <u>9</u> , Cheney Reservoir 1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge 1 juv., Bloomington Beach, Clinton Lake <u>14</u> , Cheyenne Bottoms	Reno Stafford Douglas Reno Douglas Barton Douglas Douglas Reno Barton Reno Stafford Douglas Barton	8/6 8/26 8/28 8/28 9/1 9/2 9/10 9/10 9/11,18 9/16 9/18 9/23 10/2 10/15	KG,CM GP WCT,MG,NA,JK KG RB,DL MR JK JW,IW PJ,KG MR PJ BJ JW MR
				
Western Sandpiper	<u>30+</u> , at Cheyenne Bottoms 1, west side of Clinton Lake	Barton <u>Douglas</u>	9/2 9/10	MR JK
Least Sandpiper	Several, appropriate environs 6, Clinton Lake 2, Clinton Lake <u>43</u> , Cheney Reservoir	<u>Logan*</u> Douglas Douglas Kingman	8/12 <u>11/20</u> <u>11/25</u> <u>11/25</u>	PJ,MG,WCT,TE JK JK,CF,MG PJ
White-rumped Sandpiper <D>	1, appropriate habitat	Reno	<u>10/21</u>	SF
Pectoral Sandpiper	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>11/17</u>	MR
<u>Dunlin</u>	Unreported number, rural area(s) 1, Cheyenne Bottoms 2, Cheyenne Bottoms 1, appropriate habitat 6, Cheyenne Bottoms 1, Clinton Lake	Barton/Stafford Barton Barto Kingman Barton Douglas	10/1,2 <u>11/1</u> <u>11/4,14</u> <u>11/16</u> <u>11/17</u> <u>11/20</u>	KOS MR MR MR MR JK
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	13, wet field 6, sod farm, north of Belle Plaine 10+, Pine Family sod farm 1, sod farm east of St. Marys	Sedgwick Sumner Douglas Pottawatomie	8/6 8/7 8/7 8/12	KG,CM LHi GP BM

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Buff-breasted Sandpiper	2, Clinton Lake	Douglas	8/28	JK,WCT
	2, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	8/28	PJ,KG
	3, small lake west of Burrton	Reno	8/28	PJ
	2, Preisser Road, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	8/28	KG
	8, sod farm west of Rossville	Shawnee	8/30	BM
	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/2	MR
	Unreported numbers, near Anthony	Harper	9/3	TE
	Unreported numbers, north of Harper	Harper	9/3	TE
	3, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	9/5	MG,NA,WCT
	1 imm., west side of Clinton Lake	Douglas	9/10	JK
	2, Clinton Lake	Douglas	9/10	JW,IW
	2, Goose Refuge area	Reno	9/11	PJ
	1, DeWeese area	Reno	<u>9/18</u>	KG
	Short-billed Dowitcher	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Barton/Stafford	10/1,02
Long-billed Dowitcher	<u>62</u> , flooded areas, east of Wathena	Doniphan	10/15	DC,BG
Wilson's Snipe	2, Tribune	<u>Greeley*</u>	8/13	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
American Woodcock	1, near Cullison	Pratt	<u>11/14</u>	SSO (rep.)
Wilson's Phalarope	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>11/1</u>	MR
	2, Cattle Empire feedlot pond	Haskell	<u>11/6</u>	PJ,ER
<u>Red-necked Phalarope</u>	2, Bloomington, Clinton Lake	Douglas	8/30	BM,CMo
	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	9/5	MG,NA,WCT
	2, near dairy farm	Riley	9/17	DR,DR
	<u>11</u> , Cheney Reservoir	Reno	9/18	KG
<u>Black-legged Kittiwake</u>	1, Clinton Lake	Douglas	11/5	JK
<u>Sabine's Gull</u>	1, Tuttle Creek dam area	Riley	9/15	ER
	2, near dairy farm	Riley	9/17	DR
	2 imm., Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/17	TC (rep.)
	1, Tuttle Creek dam area	Riley	9/25	DR
	1, Wilson Lake	Russell	9/30	JK,MA,CW
	1 imm., Pratt County Lake	Pratt	10/11	MR
	1, Marion Reservoir	Marion	10/22	KG,m:obs
	1, Clinton Lake	Douglas	11/5	JK
<u>Laughing Gull</u>	1, Clinton Lake	<u>Douglas</u>	10/15	JK, m:obs
	1, first cycle, Clinton Lake	<u>Douglas</u>	10/21	JK,WCT
<u>Mew Gull</u>	1 ad., Cheney Reservoir	Reno	11/20	PJ
<u>California Gull</u>	1 ad., Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	11/5	PJ,ER
<u>Thayer's Gull</u>	1, first cycle, I-35, Holiday Drive	Johnson	11/27	MG
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	1 possible, Webster Reservoir	Rooks	10/8	JVK

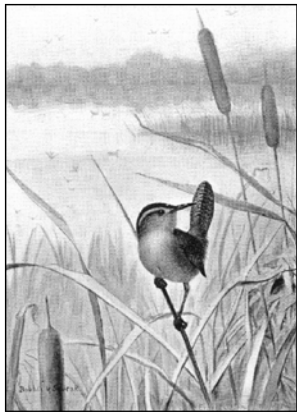
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Least Tern	2, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	8/1	JW
	2, Jeffrey Energy Center	Pottawatomie	8/12	DM
Common Tern	2, Wilson Lake	Ellsworth	9/30	JK,MA,CW
	1, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	10/9	PJ
	2, Clinton Lake	Douglas	10/13	JK,MA,MO
<b><u>Pomarine Jaeger</u></b>	1, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	11/13	PJ
<b><u>Long-tailed Jaeger &lt;D&gt;</u></b>	1, dead, on dike, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	9/30	ML (rep.)
<b><u>Long-billed Murrelet &lt;D&gt;</u></b>	1, possible, Cedar Bluff	Trego	11/25	LA
White-winged Dove	1, Row residence, Manhattan	Riley	8/4	JR,DR
	1, Janzen residence, Wichita	Sedgwick	9/15	PJ
<u>Inca Dove</u>	1, Hugoton	Stevens	9/3	PJ,m:obs
	1, Miller residence	<u>Barton*</u>	10/28	JM,RG
Barn Owl	Adults with young, Wilson	Ellsworth	8/2	MR
	1, near Lehigh	Marion	9/23	TW, m:obs
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Barton/Stafford	10/1,2	KOS
Eastern Screech-Owl	1, rural area	<u>Wichita*</u>	10/29	HA
<u>Snowy Owl</u>	1, north of Abilene	Dickinson	11/15	KR (rep.)
	1, west part of county	Dickinson	11/22	MBR
	1, 3/4 mile east of Tuttle Creek Bridge	Pottawatomie	11/27	RLH
	1, Jeffrey Energy Center environs	Pottawatomie	11/28,30	BM
	1, TNC land, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	11/28	CWO (rep.)
	1, Marion Reservoir	Marion	11/30	PJ (rep.)
Burrowing Owl	1, along highway, north of St. John	Stafford	<u>11/1</u>	MR
Long-eared Owl	1, hooting, northwest of Manhattan	Riley	9/10	JR
	1, near <u>Griffin residence</u> , Wichita	Sedgwick	9/29	PG
	1, rural area	Lyon	11/13	MG,m:obs
Short-eared Owl	1, Clinton Lake	Douglas	10/13	JK,MA,MO
	1, northwest part of county	Saline	11/6	KF
	1, west of Derby	Sedgwick	11/13	JC
Common Nighthawk	<u>100</u> , estimated, parking lot	Sedgwick	9/11	CM
	<u>100</u> , estimated, 19 <sup>th</sup> and Tyler Road	Sedgwick	9/19	GS
	<u>200</u> , estimated, Derby	Sedgwick	9/20	JC,KK
Common Poorwill	1 possible, <u>Oak Park</u> , Wichita	<u>Sedgwick</u>	10/13	PG
Chimney Swift	<u>770</u> , estimated, roost in Galena	Cherokee	9/11	LH
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1, McHenry residence, Wichita	Sedgwick	<u>11/22</u>	PG (rep.)

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<u>Black-chinned Hummingbird</u>	2, Elkhart shelterbelt	Morton	8/6	TC
	1, unreported residence location	Barton	8/29	RP
	1 f., Larned residence	Pawnee	8/29	DK
	1, Giddens feeder, Elkhart	Morton	9/3	PJ, m:obs
	1 f., feeding juv. in Elkhart	Morton	9/5	PJ,KG
	1 possible f., Wedel residence	<u>Harvey*</u>	9/15	RW
<u>Anna's Hummingbird</u>	1 possible, Row residence	Riley	8/20	JR
<u>Calliope Hummingbird</u>	1 imm. m., Seltman residence	Pawnee	8/3-07	SS, DS
	1, Kazmaier residence	Pawnee	8/4	DK
	1, imm. m., convent gardens	<u>Barton*</u>	8/13	JM,KE
	1, imm. m., Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	8/20	PG
	1 imm./f., at Seltman residence	Pawnee	8/27	SS, DS
	1, residence in Hays	Ellis	8/29	TM
	1, Giddens feeder, Elkhart	Morton	9/3	PJ, m:obs
	1 f.,feeder in Wilson	Ellis	9/4	MR
	1 f.,at feeder in Satana	Haskell	9/17	MR (rep.)
	1 imm., Armknecht residence	Osborne	9/20	HA
	<u>Broad-tailed Hummingbird</u>	1 ad. f., Larned residence	Pawnee	8/30
1 f., Pratt Education Center		Pratt	9/6	MR
1 possible f., Armknecht residence		Osborne	9/6	HA
1 ad. m. Pratt fish hatchery		Pratt	9/15	MR,AA
2,feeder in Satana		Haskell	9/17	MR (rep.)
<u>Rufous Hummingbird</u>	1 imm. m., Seltman residence	Pawnee	8/4-7	SS, DS
	1 imm. m., Larned residence	Pawnee	8/20	DK
	1 ad. m., McDavitt residence	Sedgwick	8/25	BM,TM
	1 imm. m., Minneola farm	Clark*	8/24-26	GP
	1 imm. m., Thompson residence	Cowley	8/27	MT
	1 imm., Rader residence	Ellis	8/27	MR
	1 imm., Armknecht residence	Osborne	8/28	HA
	1 m., unreported residence location	<u>Geary</u>	8/29	CO (rep.)
	1, unreported residence location	Sedgwick	8/29	PG (rep.)
	1, unreported residence location	Barton	8/29	RP
	1, Pratt fish hatchery	Pratt	8/30	MR
	1 imm. m., Larned residence	Pawnee	8/29	DK
	1, Giddens feeder, Elkhart	Morton	9/3	PJ.m:obs
	1 f., Seltman residence	Pawnee	9/7	SS
<u>Hairy Woodpecker</u>	1, rural area, <u>Rocky Mountain race</u>	Morton	8/6	TC
<u>Pileated Woodpecker</u>	2, DeWeese area, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	8/6	JC
	2, Ashland Bottoms	Riley	9/12,23	JR
	1, near Panek residence	<u>Kingman</u>	9/10	MR (rep.)
<u>Hammond's Flycatcher</u>	1 probable, Tribune	Greeley	8/12	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
<u>Cordilleran Flycatcher</u>	1, Hugoton	Stevens	9/3	PJ, m:obs
<u>Eastern Phoebe</u>	1, northeast of Ulysses	<u>Grant</u>	10/31	SG,KH



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Say's Phoebe	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	8/2	MR
	3, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	9/23	BJ
	1, Schwab residence	Harvey	9/23	CS
Cassin's Kingbird	1, near recreation area	Morton	9/5	PJ,K
Loggerhead Shrike	<u>Unusually high numbers</u>	Morton	9/5	PJ,KG
Northern Shrike	1, first of season, south part of county	Graham	10/27	SS
	1, rural area	<u>Wichita*</u>	10/29	HA
	1, Wilson Lake	Ellsworth	10/30	MR,ER
	1, rural area	Graham	11/6	SS
	1, Minooka Park, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/20	MR
	1, Eisenhower Park area	Osage	11/20	ML,EL
	1, along Peace Road	Reno	11/25	PJ
<u>Cassin's Vireo</u>	1, Elkhart shelter belt	Morton	9/25	TC,MHu
Philadelphia Vireo	1, Pratt fish hatchery offices	Pratt	9/15	MR,AA
	1, rural area	Leavenworth	9/20	JB
<u>Western Scrub-Jay</u>	5, work station area	Morton	9/25	TC,MHu
	1, Fort's Cedar View	Grant	11/4	SG,KH
	2-3, Fort's Cedar View	Grant	11/6,29	PJ,ER,SG,KH
American Crow	<u>100,000+</u> , estimated, Wichita roost	Sedgwick	11/30	PJ
Fish Crow	Unreported numbers, south of Piqua	Woodson	8/1	MM
Common Raven	2, Manter	Stanton	9/4	PJ,KG
	2, work station area	Morton	9/25	TC,MHu
Purple Martin	2, rural area	<u>Greeley*</u>	8/13	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
<u>Mountain Chickadee</u>	1, Fort's Cedar View	<u>Grant</u>	10/31	SG,KH
	<u>3, perhaps more</u> , Fort's Cedar View	<u>Grant</u>	11/6	PJ,ER
	<u>20</u> , Fort's Cedar View	<u>Grant</u>	11/11	SG,KH
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6, Elkhart Cemetery	Morton	9/4	PJ, m:obs
Rock Wren	1, appropriate environs	Wallace	8/13	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
	1, appropriate environs	Greeley	8/13	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
	<u>2</u> , Schwab residence, Newton	<u>Harvey</u>	10/16	CS
	1, Inspiration Point, Camp Horizon	<u>Cowley</u>	10/31	JC
Bewick's Wren	1, Nolan residence	Butler	11/30	AN
Winter Wren	1, first of season, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	10/30	PJ
Sedge Wren	1, rural area	Jackson	8/21	CO
	<u>22</u> , model airplane area, Clinton Lake	Douglas	8/25	JK
	1, Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge	<u>Phillips</u>	9/11	GC,JM

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Sedge Wren	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Barton/Stafford	10/1,2	KOS	
	<u>22</u> +/-, Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	10/3	ML	
	2, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	10/6	DL,RB	
	Unreported number, Clinton Lake	Douglas	10/8	JW,MA	
	3, Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	10/11	ML	
	6+, model plane area, Clinton Lake	Douglas	10/14	WCT	
	1, southeast of Wilson	<u>Ellsworth*</u>	<u>11/6</u>	MR,JeR	
	1, dam area, Wilson Lake	Russell	<u>11/13</u>	MR	
	Marsh Wren	1, Black Hoof Park, Lenexa	Johnson	9/17	JW
3, Baker Wetlands		Douglas	9/18	DL,RB	
1, St. Marys area		Pottawatomie	10/1	BM	
2, Peace Road marsh		Reno	10/1	PJ	
Unreported number, rural area(s)		Barton/Stafford	10/1,2	KOS	
Unreported number, Clinton Lake		Douglas	10/8	JW,MA	
4, Shawnee Mission Park		Johnson	10/11	ML	
3, model plane area, Clinton		Douglas	10/14	WCT	
10+, sewage lagoon, Ulysses		Grant	11/6	PJ,ER	
4+, Frazier Park		Grant	11/11	SG,KH	
1, Wilson Lake dam area		Russell	11/13	MR	
6+, North of Arlington		Reno	<u>11/25</u>	PJ	
<u>20</u> , wetlands near Ulysses		Grant	<u>11/29</u>	SG,KH	
<u>Mountain Bluebird</u>		5, rural areas	<u>Harvey</u>	10/23	RW
		25, extreme east part of county	Ford	10/25	SS
	20+, south of Dorrance	Russell	10/26	BB	
	18, Wilson Lake	Ellsworth	10/30	MR,ER	
	2 small flocks, rural area(s)	<u>Graham*</u>	11/6	SS	
	<u>60</u> , Minooka Park, Wilson Lake	Russell	11/20	MR	
Townsend's Solitaire	1, rural area	Morton	9/25	TC,MHu	
	1, Hart residence, Ulysses	Grant	<u>9/26</u>	KH	
	1, drinking from stock tank	Rush	<u>10/5</u>	SS	
	1, Hart residence, Ulysses	Grant	10/8	KH	
	1, south of Kinsley	<u>Edwards*</u>	10/30	HA	
	1, rural area	Logan	11/5	PJ,ER	
	3, Fort's Cedar View	Grant	11/6,29	PJ,ER,SG,KH	
Hermit Thrush	1, Pratt fish hatchery offices	Pratt	9/15	MR,AA	
	1, Hart residence, Ulysses	Grant	9/21	KH	
	<u>3</u> , near Bollin residence	Leavenworth	10/22	JB	
	A few, Oak Park	Sedgwick	10/25,26	PG	
<u>Varied Thrush</u> <D>	1, south of Kinsley	<u>Edwards*</u>	10/30	HA	
<u>Sage Thrasher</u>	1, south of Jaqua	<u>Cheyenne*</u>	10/22	HA	
Brown Thrasher	1, Wetlands Education Center	Barton	<u>11/3</u>	JRa	
<u>Curve-billed Thrasher</u>	1, along state line road	Morton	9/25	TC,MHu	
	Still present, Hugoton Cemetery	Stevens	9/25	TC	



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Cedar Waxwing	4, southeast corner Milford Lake	Geary	8/26	CO
	" <u>Flocks</u> ," Wyandotte County Lake	Wyandotte	9/10	CH
American Pipit	1, Elkhart sewage ponds	Morton	<u>9/25</u>	TC,MHu
Sprague's Pipit	1, Indianola Road, rural area	Butler	9/29	PJ
	1, Wilson Lake	Ellsworth	9/30	JK,MA,CW
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Barton/Stafford	10/1,2	KOS
	1, rural area	Rush	10/13	SS
<u>Smith's Longspur</u>	1, Wilson Lake	Ellsworth	9/30	JK,MA,CW
	5-6, rural area	<u>Allen</u> *	10/18	MR
	1, Kansas Land Trust property	Geary	10/21	SR
	Several in rural areas	<u>Elk/Chautauqua</u>	10/31	JC
	Unreported number, Clinton Lake	Douglas	11/7	JK
	<u>200+</u> , grassy areas	Lyon	11/13	MG, m:obs
	Unreported number, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	11/13	PJ
	4, flyover, Perry Lake	Osage	11/13	JK,ER
<u>McCown's Longspur</u>	4, playa	<u>Sherman</u> *	10/23	HA
	1, perhaps more, Goodman Lake	Ness	11/5	PJ,ER
	20+, county line road near Ryus	Haskell/Grant	11/6	PJ,ER
<u>Snow Bunting</u>	1, southeast part of county	Rush	11/26	SS (rep.)
Ovenbird	1, Overland Park Arboretum	Johnson	<u>9/17</u>	RR
Northern Waterthrush	1, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	<u>10/31</u>	MHe,KHa
<u>Blue-winged Warbler</u>	1, Seltman residence	<u>Pawnee</u> *	8/29	SS
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1, Yoder Point entrance road	<u>Reno</u>	9/18	PJ
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	1, possible, Outlet Park	Riley	8/14	JR
Mourning Warbler	1, Wichita residence	Sedgwick	9/6	LM
Hooded Warbler	1, Elkhart shelterbelt	<u>Morton</u>	9/5	PJ,KG
	1, Sycamore Park	McPherson	9/8	TW
Magnolia Warbler	1, banded in Hays	<u>Ellis</u>	9/14	TM (rep.)
Blackburnian Warbler	1, east Clinton Lake area	Douglas	8/25	JK
	1, appropriate habitat	Leavenworth	8/26	JB
	1, Clinton Lake	Douglas	8/30	DL
Blackpoll Warbler <D>	1, east Clinton Lake area	Douglas	<u>8/25</u>	JK
Palm Warbler	1, Baker Wetlands	Douglas	10/9	NL,HH
<u>Pine Warbler</u>	1, Seltman residence	<u>Pawnee</u> *	9/13	SS



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Yellow-throated Warbler	1, Wyandotte County Lake	<u>Wyandotte</u>	8/21	CH,RJ
	3, rural area	Leavenworth	8/23	JB
	1, rural area	Leavenworth	9/10	JB
<u>Townsend's Warbler</u>	1, North Fork area	Morton	9/3	PJ, m:obs
	1, work station area	Morton	9/3	PJ, m:obs
Black-throated Green Warbler	1, Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	8/10	PG
	1, rural area	Leavenworth	8/30	JB
	1, Seltman residence	Pawnee	9/9,21	SS
	1, rural area	Leavenworth	9/10	JB
	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	9/12	BJ
	1, Ernie Miller Nature Park	Johnson	9/16	JW,IW
	1, near Klema residence	Russell	9/17	DKI
	1, rural area	Leavenworth	9/20	JB
	1, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	9/25	CM,KG
	1, north rural area in the county	Sumner	10/2	LHi
	1, northeast part of county	Leavenworth	<u>10/8</u>	JB
Canada Warbler	1, Wyandotte County Lake	Wyandotte	9/3	CH
	1, Missouri River bottoms	<u>Atchison</u> *	9/7	JB
Eastern Towhee	1, <u>singing</u> , Jeffrey Energy Center	Pottawatomie	<u>8/16</u>	BM
Cassin's Sparrow	<u>Singing/displaying males</u>	Wallace	<u>8/13</u>	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
	<u>Singing/displaying males</u>	Greeley	<u>8/13</u>	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
	1, <u>singing</u> , rural area	Marion	9/10	TW
Chipping Sparrow	1, <u>feeding cowbird at nest</u> , Newton	Harvey	8/15	CS (rep.)
Lark Bunting	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	9/5	MG,NA,WCT,CF
	2, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	9/23	BJ
Baird's Sparrow	1, Smith Center sewage ponds	<u>Smith</u>	9/24	MR
	1, Nature Conservancy land	<u>Barton</u>	10/2	MG,NA,JG
	1, Crider Road, north of Highway 18	<u>Geary</u>	10/2	MA,CW,JK
Henslow's Sparrow	<u>9</u> , model airplane area, Clinton	Douglas	8/25	JK
	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Barton/Stafford	10/1,2	KOS
	1, Shawnee Mission Park	<u>Johnson</u>	10/3	ML
	2, model plane area, Clinton	Douglas	10/14	WCT
	1, Slate Creek Wetlands	Sumner	10/16	PJ
Le Conte's Sparrow	<u>9</u> , Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	10/3	ML
	<u>25+</u> , model plane area, Clinton	Douglas	10/14	WCT
	<u>12+</u> , Shawnee County State Lake	Shawnee	10/15	DM, m:obs
	<u>20</u> , along Crider Road	Geary	10/15	JR, m:obs
	<u>8</u> , Baker Wetlands	Douglas	10/30	RB,DL
	1, southeast of Wilson	<u>Ellsworth</u> *	11/6	MR,JeR,DKI
Nelson's Sparrow	1, below dam, Clinton Lake	Douglas	10/8	JW,MA



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Nelson's Sparrow	1, model plane area, Clinton	Douglas	10/14	WCT
	1, Slate Creek Wetlands	Sumner	10/16	PJ
Lincoln's Sparrow	<u>20+</u> , along Peace Road	Reno	10/1	PJ
	<u>20</u> +/-, north rural areas in the county	Sumner	10/2	LHi
Swamp Sparrow	2, sewage lagoon, Ulysses	<u>Grant</u>	11/6	PJ,ER
	<u>25+</u> , north of Arlington	Reno	11/25	PJ
Scarlet Tanager	1 f., River Pond State Park	Pottawatomie	9/10	JR, m:obs
	1 possible f., Oak Park	Sedgwick	9/10	PG
	1, northeast part of county	Leavenworth	<u>10/8</u>	JB
<u>Western Tanager</u>	1, Middle Spring, CNG	Morton	9/4	PJ,m:obs
	1, rural area	Morton	9/25	TC,MHu
<u>Black-headed Grosbeak</u>	1, work station, CNG	Morton	9/3	PJ & Others
<u>Lazuli Bunting</u>	1 f./imm., DeWeese, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	9/11	PJ
	1 imm., Larned residence	Pawnee	9/16	DK(rep.)
	1 along Peace Road, Arlington	Reno	10/9	PJ
Bobolink	1, flyover, <u>Clinton Lake</u>	Douglas	8/25	JK
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2, Tribune lagoons	Greeley	8/13	PJ,MG,WCT,TE
	2, flyover, Clinton Lake	<u>Douglas</u>	8/25	JK
Brewer's Blackbird	Unreported number, rural area(s)	Barton/Stafford	<u>10/1,02</u>	KOS fm
Baltimore Oriole	1, Roy residence, Minneapolis	Ottawa	<u>11/27</u>	DRo,KR
Pine Siskin	1, southeast corner, Milford Lake	Geary	<u>8/26</u>	CO
	1, Basehor	Leavenworth	10/17	CH

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- 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.

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KOS welcomes birders of all ages, and now something special will be offered for youth at the fall KOS meeting in Winfield, September 28-30.

Birders ages 6-17 may participate in a program designed for their interests while adults attend the Saturday paper session. Activities will be age appropriate. The parent of a young birder will pay a \$5 registration fee, which includes the Friday reception and Sunday field trips. Meals are not included. Parents aren't required to attend the youth program, but may join others for the adult program.

Young birders are also welcome to join KOS. Generous donors have contributed some money for youth memberships. Contact Chuck Otte (otte2@cox.net) for more information.

## Horned Lark editor needed

It's been a fun eight years, but Cheryl Miller is ready to let someone else edit the Horned Lark. Her last issue will be December 2012. Contact Cheryl (avian67226@gmail.com) or Chuck Otte (otte2@cox.net) for more information.



# Kansas winter season roundup

December 1, 2011 – February 29, 2012

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It was the winter of the Snowy Owl. Kansas, like many northern U.S. states, enjoyed an invasion of these impressive, ghost-like owls. At the time of this writing, the Kansas Snowy Owl invasion map on the Kansas Ornithological Society's website had 131 records. Allowing for some duplications, this total far surpasses the 81 sightings made during the last invasion winter of 1974–1975. Also widespread, these owls appeared in more than one-half of the 105 counties in the state.

Tundra and Trumpeter Swans showed in good numbers during the period. A flock of up to 41 Trumpeters was present in rural Shawnee County for more than a month. As many as 10 Tundras were seen together in Geary County on January 26 and three were seen much farther west in Rush County on January 13. All three North American scoters were recorded during the period. An even greater rarity—a Yellow-billed Loon found in late January at Tuttle Creek Reservoir—stayed around long enough to be seen by many observers. And, probably a result of the incredibly mild weather, American White Pelicans were seen in every month with a flock of 217 found in Cherokee County on a single day in February.

Merlins and Prairie Falcons were in the state in impressive numbers. However, the best find in the falcon group was a Gyrfalcon in late December in Russell County. Single bird reports of Golden Eagle came from seven counties with one bird wandering as far east as Douglas County. Ninety-

two Bald Eagles were reported during the Great Backyard Bird Count weekend in mid-February. A total of 117 Ferruginous Hawks was compiled on the combined Christmas Bird Counts, as were 112 Rough-legged Hawks during the same period.

Three Whooping Cranes lingered at Cheyenne Bottoms into mid-January. Seven species of shorebirds made the data list including two Greater Yellowlegs in the Derby area in mid-February—further attestation of the effect of the extremely mild weather conditions. Six unusual gull species wandered into the state including one each of Black-legged Kittiwake and Great Black-backed Gull. Good numbers of Glaucous and Thayer's Gulls were reported from multiple locales.

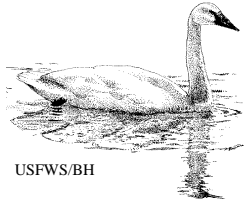
Other notables include an over-wintering Rufous Hummingbird in Johnson County, a Say's Phoebe in Ellsworth County, more than 1,000 American Robins on the Webster Reservoir Christmas count, a Sage Thrasher in Elkhart, a Green-tailed Towhee in Wyandotte County, a documented Rufous-crowned Sparrow in Russell County and nine Common Redpolls from six counties.

Finally, the observer list this past winter exceeded 110 dedicated Kansas birders. Many thanks to all and keep on birding.

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<b>Species</b>	<b>Number and location</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Observers(s)</b>
Greater White-fronted Goose	<u>218</u> , Wichita CBC	Sedgwick	12/17	KG (rep.)
	<u>5,150</u> , Derby/Belle Plaine CBC	Sedgwick	1/8	JC (rep.)
Cackling Goose	<u>577</u> , Winfield City Lake	Cowley	12/1	MT,GY
	<u>1,050</u> , Winfield City Lake	Cowley	12/6	MT
	<u>5,768</u> , Derby/Belle Plaine CBC	Sedgwick	1/8	JC (rep.)
<u>Trumpeter Swan</u>	5 ads., Shawnee Mission Park	Johnson	12/8	ML
	1, extreme south part of county	Sedgwick	12/11	TH
	6, east of Rossville	Shawnee	12/11	MG,NA
	4, in field south of Perry Lake	Jefferson	12/11	MG,NA

**Species****Trumpeter Swan****Number and location**

2, near Lecompton exit, I-70  
 3, Perry CBC  
31-41, east of Rossville  
 2, Red Hills CBC  
 4, north of Strong City  
 1, Derby/Belle Plaine CBC  
 5, Kill Creek Park  
 3, west of Clay Center  
 4, rural area, north of St. Marys  
 8, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge  
 3, Lassiter Marsh

**County**

Douglas  
 Jefferson  
 Shawnee  
Barber  
Chase\*  
 Sumner  
 Johnson  
 Clay  
 Pottawatomie  
 Stafford  
 Jefferson

**Date**

12/13  
 12/18  
 12/21,1/28  
 12/29  
 1/4  
 1/8  
 1/27  
 2/9  
 2/10  
 2/11  
 2/17

**Observers(s)**

RJ  
 MC,EC  
 CMo  
 PJ (rep.)  
 BSa,AE  
 JC (rep.)  
 MG  
 CWo  
 BM  
 HA  
 BM

**Tundra Swan**

3, Baker Wetlands  
 2, Udall/Winfield CBC  
 3, Perry CBC  
 3, rural area  
 2, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge  
10, Grandview Plaza sewage ponds  
 2, Cheyenne Bottoms  
 1, rural area, north of St. Marys  
6, 3 miles south of Quivira NWR

Douglas  
 Cowley  
 Jefferson  
Rush  
 Stafford  
 Geary  
 Barton  
 Pottawatomie  
 Stafford

12/13  
 12/18  
 12/18  
 1/13  
 1/25  
 1/26  
1/29,2/14  
 2/10  
 2/19

RB  
 MT (rep.)  
 MC,EC  
 SS  
 BJ  
 CO  
 SS,DB  
 BM  
 KG,PJ

**Wood Duck**

2, Webster Reservoir CBC  
 3, southwest of Hays

Rooks  
 Ellis

12/28  
1/1

MR (rep.)  
 TM

**Gadwall**

71, Webster Reservoir CBC

Rooks

12/28

MR (rep.)

**American Wigeon**

79, Webster Reservoir CBC

Rooks

12/28

MR (rep.)

**American Black Duck**

1, Wyandotte County Lake  
 1, Baldwin CBC  
 1 probable, LaFarge sandpits  
 1, Perry Lake  
 1, Wyandotte County Lake  
 1, Shawnee Lake  
 2, Wyandotte County Lake  
 1, Clinton Lake

Wyandotte  
 Douglas  
 Sedgwick  
 Jefferson  
 Wyandotte  
 Shawnee  
 Wyandotte  
 Douglas

12/12  
 12/18  
 12/27  
 1/1  
 1/4  
 1/22  
 1/23  
 2/5

JB  
 m:obs  
 PJ  
 ML,MG,NA,CF  
 JB  
 CMo  
 MG  
 JK

**Blue-winged Teal**

2, Quivira CBC

Stafford

12/14

MR (rep.)

**Northern Pintail**

92, Webster Reservoir CBC  
 2, southwest of Hays  
5,955, on GBBC  
10,000 +/-, Cheyenne Bottoms

Rooks  
 Ellis  
 multiple  
 Barton

12/28  
 1/1  
 2/17-20  
 2/29

MR (rep.)  
 TM  
 m:obs  
 RP

**Green-winged Teal**

53, Webster Reservoir CBC

Rooks

12/28

MR (rep.)

**Canvasback**

7, Wilson Lake CBC  
17, State Park Cove, Wilson Lake  
14, near Benton  
180, LaFarge sandpits  
 8, south of Cawker City


Russell  
 Russell  
 Butler  
 Sedgwick  
 Mitchell

12/18  
1/1  
1/5  
1/14  
1/19

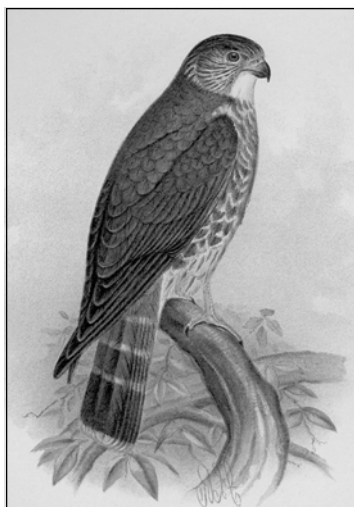
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Canvasback	3, rural area	Ellis	<u>1/21</u>	TM,SM
	6, LaFarge sandpits	Sedgwick	<u>1/22</u>	GS
	300, Milford Lake	Geary	2/16	CWo
Redhead	34, Wilson Lake CBC	Russell	12/18	MR (rep.)
	54, Holton CBC	Jackson	1/3	DL (rep.)
	1, Blackwolf CBC	Ellsworth	1/7	MR (rep.)
	22, Lenexa Lake	Johnson	1/23	MG
	15, Patterson Marsh	Harvey	<u>2/8</u>	PJ
	<u>350+</u> , Wilson Lake area	Russell	<u>2/18</u>	MR,ER,JR
Ring-necked Duck	<u>45</u> , Webster Reservoir CBC	Rooks	<u>12/28</u>	MR (rep.)
	1, southwest of Hays	Ellis	<u>1/1</u>	TM
	2, Blackwolf CBC	Ellsworth	<u>1/7</u>	MR (rep.)
	<u>180+</u> , LaFarge sandpits	Sedgwick	<u>1/14</u>	PJ
	<u>75</u> , south of Cawker City	Mitchell	<u>1/19</u>	MR
<u>Greater Scaup</u>	<u>10</u> , LaFarge sandpits, Wichita	Sedgwick	12/4	JK,MA
	<u>3</u> , Council Grove CBC	Morris	<u>1/8</u>	GC (rep.)
<u>Surf Scoter</u>	1 f., Cheney Reservoir	Reno	12/4	PJ
<u>White-winged Scoter</u>	1 juv., Cheney Reservoir	Reno	12/4	PJ
	1, Wilson State Lake	Russell	12/24	MR
<u>Black Scoter</u>	2, Wilson State Lake	Russell	12/24	MR
<u>Long-tailed Duck</u>	1, LaFarge sandpits, Wichita CBC	Sedgwick	12/17	KG (rep.)
	2, Wilson Lake CBC	Russell	12/18	MR (rep.)
	1, Kanopolis Lake marina	Ellsworth	1/14	TM
	1, Wyandotte County Lake	Wyandotte	2/1	JB
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>	1, northwest Wichita	Sedgwick	12/14	TE,CS
	1, Wichita CBC	Sedgwick	12/17	KG (rep.)
Hooded Merganser	<u>175</u> , Winfield City Lake	Cowley	12/6	MT
	73, Arkansas City CBC	Cowley	12/24	GY (rep.)
	<u>185</u> , LaFarge sandpits	Sedgwick	12/27	PJ
	<u>328</u> , Webster Reservoir CBC	Rooks	12/28	MR (rep.)
Red-breasted Merganser	<u>18</u> , Melvern Reservoir	<u>Osage</u>	12/23	MG
	3, Webster Reservoir CBC	<u>Rooks</u>	12/28	MR (rep.)
	1, lakes at Jeffrey Energy Center	<u>Pottawatomie</u>	2/27	BM
Ruddy Duck	5, Wilson Lake CBC	Russell	12/18	MR (rep.)
	1, Slate Creek Wetlands CBC	Sumner	12/21	MT (rep.)
	15, LaFarge sandpits	Sedgwick	12/27	PJ
	2, Webster Reservoir CBC	Rooks	12/28	MR (rep.)
	1, Wyandotte County Lake	Wyandotte	<u>1/4</u>	JB
	<u>27</u> , LaFarge sandpits	Sedgwick	<u>1/4</u>	PJ
Wild Turkey	<u>518</u> , Quivira CBC	Stafford	12/14	MR (rep.)



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<u>Pacific Loon</u>	1, LaFarge sandpits, Wichita 1, Wilson Lake CBC	Sedgwick Russell	12/4 12/18	JK,MA MR (rep.)
Common Loon	1, LaFarge sandpits, Wichita CBC 2, Perry CBC <u>12</u> , Wilson Lake CBC 4, Council Grove CBC 2, near Cable residence 1, Clinton Lake	Sedgwick Jefferson Russell Morris Riley/Pottawatomie Douglas	12/17 12/18 12/18 1/8 1/30 2/12	KG (rep.) DL MR (rep.) GC (rep.) TC JK
<u>Yellow-billed Loon</u> <D>	1, near Cable residence	Riley*/Pottawatomie	1/30-31	TC, m:obs
Pied-billed Grebe	1, LaFarge sandpits	Sedgwick	1/4	PJ
Horned Grebe	2, Winfield City Lake <u>6</u> , Wichita CBC 2, Perry Lake 1, Clinton Lake	Cowley Sedgwick Jefferson Douglas	12/1 <u>12/17</u> <u>1/5</u> 2/25	MT,GY KG (rep.) GP MG,JK
Eared Grebe	1, Emporia CBC	Lyon	12/18	m:obs
<u>Western Grebe</u>	2, Winfield City Lake 6, Minooka Park	Cowley Russell	12/1,06 12/4	MT MR,DK1
<u>Clark's Grebe</u>	2, Minooka Park	Russell	12/4	MR,DK1
American White Pelican	1, Lawrence CBC 1, Wilson Lake CBC <u>15</u> , John Redmond Reservoir 2, Junction City CBC 2, River Pond area, Tuttle Creek 1, Perry Lake 2, Stone sandpit 14, Clinton Lake 1, Cheney Wildlife Area 8, Milford Lake <u>125+</u> , Missouri River bottoms 2, near Lyndon <u>270</u> , Riverton area	Douglas Russell Coffey Geary Pottawatomie Jefferson Barton Douglas Reno Geary Atchison Osage Cherokee	12/18 12/18 <u>12/23</u> <u>12/26</u> <u>1/1</u> <u>1/5</u> <u>1/8</u> <u>1/12</u> <u>1/29</u> <u>2/2</u> 2/12 2/13 2/17	GP (rep.) MR (rep.) MG CO (rep.) JR GP RG MA,JK PJ CWo JB BBu LH
				
American Bittern	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>12/17</u>	RG
Great Blue Heron	<u>30</u> , <i>Cheyenne Bottoms</i>	Barton	12/2	MR
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1 imm., Cheyenne Bottoms 1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton Barton	<u>12/2</u> <u>12/9</u>	MR RG
Turkey Vulture	1, north Lawrence	Douglas	2/12	MRO
Osprey	1, Lyon County State Lake	Lyon	12/3	PJ
Bald Eagle	92, GBBC	multiple sites	2/17-20	m:obs

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Northern Harrier	120+, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	1/3	MR
	1,281, combined CBCs	multiple sites	Dec.–Jan.	m:obs
	50+, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	1/18	MR
<u>Northern Goshawk</u>	1, Olsburg CBC	Pottawatomie	12/16	m:obs
	1, Manhattan CBC	Riley/Pottawatomie	12/17	DR (rep.)
Ferruginous Hawk	11, Ulysses environs	Grant	12/12	SG,KH
	117, combined CBCs	multiple sites	Dec.–Jan.	m:obs
Rough-legged Hawk	112, combined CBCs	multiple sites	Dec.–Jan.	m:obs
<u>Golden Eagle</u>	1, northeast of Ulysses	Grant	12/16	SG
	1, Lawrence CBC	<u>Douglas</u>	12/18	GP (rep.)
	1, east of Maple Hill	Wabaunsee	12/30	JKe
	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	1/2	EP,LM
	1, near Ford	Ford	1/18	MR
	1, between Minooka and Hell Creek	Russell	2/5	TM,SM
	1, south of Schulte	Sedgwick	2/15	JC
<u>Merlin</u>	4, rural areas, Quivira NWR and CB	Stafford/Barton	12/4-5	JM
	1, Ulysses environs	Grant	12/12	SG,KH
	5, Quivira CBC	Stafford	12/14	MR (rep.)
	1, rural area	Seward	12/17	SG,KH
	1, Lawrence CBC	Douglas	12/18	GP (rep.)
	2, Wilson Lake CBC	Russell	12/18	MR (rep.)
	1, Waconda CBC	Mitchell	12/22	HA (rep.)
	1, rural area	Osborne	12/22	SS
	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	12/22	SS
	1, residential area, Wichita	Sedgwick	12/26	SSe
	1, rural area	Russell	12/30	MR,ER
	1, east of Webster	Rooks	1/7	TM,SM
	2, Marion CBC	Marion	1/7	TE (rep.)
	3, Blackwolf CBC	Ellsworth	1/7	MR (rep.)
	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	1/18	MR
	1, near Newton airport	Harvey	1/18	PG
	1, near Heritage Park	Johnson	1/21	JW, m:obs
	1, rural area	Ellis	1/21	TM,SM
	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	1/25	BJ
	1, Tuttle Creek	Riley/Pottawatomie	2/1	TB
	1, rural area	Osborne	2/11	MR
1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	2/17	MR	
1, Wilson Lake area	Russell	2/18	MR,ER,JR	
<u>Gyrfalcon</u> <D>	1, north of Wilson	Russell	12/30	MR,ER
<u>Peregrine Falcon</u>	1, Ulysses CBC	<u>Grant</u> *	12/31	KH (rep.)
	4, combined CBCs	multiple sites	Dec.–Jan.	m:obs
<u>Prairie Falcon</u>	1, Slate Creek Wetlands	Sumner	12/2	MT
	1, Marion Reservoir	Marion	12/4	GF
	1, East Lake Park	Harvey	12/11	KG





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<u>Prairie Falcon</u>	1, Ulysses environs	Grant	12/12	SG,KH
	1, rural area	Grant	12/17	SG,KH
	1, Manhattan CBC	Riley	12/17	DR (rep.)
	1, Wilson Lake CBC	Russell	12/18	MR (rep.)
	1, Shawnee State Fishing Lake	Shawnee	12/21	CMo
	1, west of Quivira NWR	Stafford	12/24	SS
	1, north of Wichita	Sedgwick	1/1	DKe
	1, southeast corner of county	Saline	1/2	KF
	2, northwest part of county	Saline	1/6	KF
	1, extreme southwest part of county	Douglas	1/6	GP,MMc
	2, Marion CBC	Marion	1/7	TE (rep.)
	1, Blackwolf CBC	Ellsworth	1/7	MR (rep.)
	1, rural area	Ottawa	1/7	DRo,KR
	1, county line road	Harvey/Butler	1/15	GS
	3, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	2/16	RP
	1, 7 miles east of Wilson	Ellsworth	2/22	DKI
	Virginia Rail	1, Quivira CBC	Stafford	<u>12/14</u>
1, Wilson Lake CBC		Russell	<u>12/18</u>	MR (rep.)
Sandhill Crane	1, 135th and Gardner Road	<u>Johnson</u>	12/24	JW
<u>Whooping Crane</u>	1, lingering at Quivira NWR	Stafford	<u>12/11-19</u>	BJ,MR
	3, southwest of Holyrood	Ellsworth	<u>12/14-17</u>	MR,RP,CW,DKI
	3, south of Ellinwood	Stafford	<u>12/27</u>	JMi
	3, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>1/13-14</u>	RG,SS
Black-bellied Plover	2, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>12/2</u>	MR
Killdeer	<u>2</u> 1, Derby/Belle Plaine CBC	Sedgwick/Sumner	<u>1/8</u>	JC (rep.)
Greater Yellowlegs	<u>8</u> , Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	12/2	MR
	2, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	<u>12/16</u>	RG
	1, Calhoun residence, Derby	Sedgwick	<u>12/26,1/7</u>	JC
	1, Council Grove CBC	Morris	<u>1/8</u>	GC (rep.)
	2, near Calhoun residence, Derby	Sedgwick	2/16	JC
Least Sandpiper	<u>5</u> , Winfield City Lake	Cowley	<u>12/1</u>	MT,GY
	<u>6</u> , Wichita CBC	Sedgwick	<u>12/17</u>	KG (rep.)
	1, Hillsdale Lake	Miami	2/19	MG,CF
Baird's Sandpiper	1, Winfield City Lake	Cowley	<u>12/1</u>	MT,GY
Dunlin	1, Winfield City Lake	Cowley	12/1	MT,GY
	1, Udall/Winfield CBC	Cowley	12/18	MT (rep.)
Wilson's Snipe	3, Arkansas City CBC	Cowley	12/24	GY (rep.)
<u>Black-legged Kittiwake</u>	1, Perry Lake	Jefferson	2/19,23	JK,WCT
Bonaparte's Gull	1, Hillsdale Lake	Miami	<u>2/19</u>	MG,CF

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Franklin's Gull	1, Perry Lake	Jefferson	2/25	MG,JK
<u>California Gull</u>	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	12/2	MR
	1 ad., Wichita Point, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	12/4	KG
<u>Thayer's Gull</u>	1 juv., Wichita Point, Cheney Reservoir	Reno	12/4	KG
	1, Manhattan CBC	Riley	12/17	DR (rep.)
	1, Waconda CBC	Mitchell	12/22	HA(rep.)
	1, Webster Reservoir CBC	Rooks	12/28	MR (rep.)
	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	1/3	MR
	1, Clinton Lake	Douglas	1/12	MA,JK
	2, south of Cawker City	Mitchell	1/19	MR
	1, Cheney Wildlife Area	Reno	1/29	PJ
	1, Tuttle Creek	Riley/Pottawatomie	1/31	TC
	1, Clinton Lake	Douglas	2/5	JK
	1, Kaw Point Riverfront Park	Wyandotte	2/14	MG
	1, Tuttle Creek	Riley/Pottawatomie	2/25	MG,JK
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	1, Clinton Lake marina	Douglas	1/1	ML,MG,NA,CF
	1, Cheney Wildlife Area	Reno	1/29	PJ
	2, Tuttle Creek	Riley/Pottawatomie	1/31	TC,TB,CVB
<u>Glaucous Gull</u>	2, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	12/16	MR
	1, Melvern Reservoir	Osage	12/17	AN
	1, Waconda CBC	Mitchell	12/22	HA (rep.)
	1, Webster Reservoir CBC	Rooks	12/28	MR (rep.)
	1, south of Cawker City	Mitchell	1/19	MR
	1, Wilson Lake	Russell	1/23	DKI
	2, Waconda area	Mitchell	1/29	ERa,DBu
	2, Tuttle Creek	Riley/Pottawatomie	1/31	TC,CVB
	1, Perry Lake	Jefferson	2/5	ML, m:obs
	1, Tuttle Creek	Riley/Pottawatomie	2/10	ERa
	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	2/17	MR
<u>Great Black-backed Gull</u> <D>	1, Tuttle Creek	Riley/Pottawatomie	2/1	WCT, m:obs
<u>White-winged Dove</u>	2, Nondorf residence, Wilson	<u>Ellsworth</u>	1/2	MR (rep.)
	1, Derby/Belle Plaine CBC	<u>Sumner</u>	1/8	JC (rep.)
	1, Dickens and Seth Childs	Riley	2/8	LJ
<u>Greater Roadrunner</u>	1, Winfield, Southwestern College	Cowley	<u>2/6</u>	MT
	2, rural areas	<u>Barber</u>	<u>2/17</u>	JC
<u>Snowy Owl</u>	1, dam area, Marion Reservoir	Marion	12/1	TW,BH
	1, Jeffrey Energy Center	Pottawatomie	12/2	BM (rep.)
	1, Bolton Wildlife Area	Wabaunsee	12/6	TC (rep.)
	1, rural area	Butler	12/10	RW
	1, west side of Centralia Lake	Nemaha	12/10	THa (rep.)
	1, near 300 and C Road	Smith	12/17	MR (rep.)
	1, west of Centralia Lake	Nemaha	12/17	MP (rep.)
	2, flats north of Big Salt Marsh, QNWR	Stafford	12/18	BJ
	1, east of Newton	Harvey/Butler	12/18	KM,MM,BMc,TMc



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1, field west of St. John	Stafford	12/19	MPH
1, Waconda CBC	Osborne	12/22	HA (rep.)
1, south of Linn	Washington	12/22	DT (rep.)
1, west Silver Lake lagoons	Shawnee	12/23	DM
1, north of Glade	Phillips	12/24	HA (rep.)
1, near Gaylord	Phillips	12/24	HA (rep.)
1, south of Osborne	Osborne	12/25	MR
1, south of Webster Reservoir	Rooks	12/26	MR (rep.)
1, dam area, Milford Lake	Geary	12/28	RD
2, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	12/28	BS
1, south of Havensville	Pottawatomie	12/29	BM (rep.)
1, north of Collyer	Trego	12/29	TM (rep.)
1, Clinton Lake	Douglas	12/30	KW
1, northeast part of county	Dickinson	12/30	CO (rep.)
1, John Redmond CBC	Coffey	12/31	MG (rep.)
1, northwest of Hanston	Hodgeman	1/1	DS
1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	1/2	BB,PB
1, south of Cheney State Park	Reno	1/4	MR (rep.)
1, Coffey County State Lake	Coffey	1/4	MR (rep.)
1, Konza area	Riley	1/4	DR (rep.)
1, Clinton Lake (second bird)	Douglas	1/4	GP
2, rural area	Butler	1/5	PG
3, dam area, Clinton Lake	Douglas	1/6	MA
1, Kansas Speedway	Wyandotte	1/6	GP (rep.)
1, extreme southwest part of county	Douglas	1/6	GP,MMc
1, north of Kirwin Reservoir	Phillips	1/7	TM,SM
1-2, Pool 2, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	1/7	RG
1, north of Sylvan Grove	Lincoln	1/7	BM
2, Marion CBC	Marion	1/7	CM,KG
1, extreme southwest part of county	Stafford	1/7	CO (rep.)
1, northwest of Cheney Reservoir	Reno	1/8	BG (rep.)
2, east of Russell on I-70	Russell	1/9	MR
1, Konza area	Riley	1/12	BSa
1, east of Colyer	Trego	1/13	CO (rep.)
1, rural area	Saline	1/13	KF,DF
4, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	1/15-29	SS
1, rural area	Miami	1/15	VO,AO
1, 4 miles south of Hunter	Lincoln	1/15	MP
1, northwest area of Lawrence	Douglas	1/18	BBu
1, south of rodeo grounds	Ellis	1/19	TM (rep.)
1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	1/25	BJ
1, along Twin Mounds Road	Pottawatomie	1/29	DR
1, Maneuver Area D, Fort Riley	Riley	2/1	JK
1, near Colwich	Sedgwick	2/4	JC (rep.)
1, Lucas swim beach, Wilson Lake	Russell	2/5	TM,SM
1, rural area	Cherokee	2/9	RM
1, near Bourbon and 286th Streets	Atchison	2/18	DL
1, 7 miles east of Wilson	Ellsworth	2/22	DKI

**Long-eared Owl**

10, Arkansas City CBC	Cowley	12/24	GY (rep.)
1, Marion CBC	Marion	1/7	TE(rep.)
6, Blackwolf CBC	Ellsworth	1/7	MR (rep.)

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<u>Long-eared Owl</u>	3, Lucas Park, cedar grove	Russell	2/5	DKI,MMG,RS
Short-eared Owl	1, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	12/9	RG
	1, Lawrence CBC	Douglas	12/18	GP (rep.)
	1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Stafford	12/20,23	PG
	2, northwest part of county	Saline	1/6	KF
	1, on post, north of Melvern	Osage	1/6	GP,MMc
	8, Blackwolf CBC	Ellsworth	1/7	MR (rep.)
	1, Perry Lake	Jefferson	1/8	AM
	2, northwest of Oswego	<u>Labette</u>	1/17	RT
	7, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	2/11	HA
<u>Rufous Hummingbird</u>	1, over-wintering at residence	Johnson	<u>1/11</u>	DS (rep.)
<u>Ladder-backed Woodpecker</u>	1, Ulysses CBC	<u>Grant</u>	12/31	KH (rep.)
<u>Say's Phoebe</u>	1, Blackwolf CBC	<u>Ellsworth</u>	<u>1/7</u>	MR (rep.)
Loggerhead Shrike	<u>5</u> , rural areas	Coffey/Anderson	12/23	MG
<u>Northern Shrike</u>	1, along Sego Road	Reno	12/5	JMc
	1, Manhattan CBC	Riley	12/17	DR (rep.)
	3, Wilson Lake CBC	Russell	12/18	MR (rep.)
	1, Waconda CBC	Mitchell	12/22	DL
	1, rural area	Coffey	12/23	MG
	1, rural area	Anderson*	12/23	MG
	1, rural area	Nemaha*	12/31	RR
	1, Marion CBC	Marion	1/7	TE (rep.)
	1, Blackwolf CBC	Ellsworth	1/7	MR (rep.)
	1, 8 miles south of Frankfort	Marshall	1/22	BSa
	1, Cheney Wildlife Area	Reno	1/29	PJ
	1, southwest of Larned	Pawnee	1/31	SS
<u>Western Scrub-Jay</u>	2, Fort's Cedar View	Grant	12/12	SG,KH
	1, Ulysses CBC	Grant	12/31	KH (rep.)
	3, Cimarron National Grasslands	Morton	12/31	SP (rep.)
<u>Chihuahuan Raven</u>	3, Cimarron National Grasslands	Morton	12/31	SP (rep.)
<u>Common Raven</u>	2, work station, north of Elkhart	<u>Morton</u>	12/31	SP (rep.)
Bewick's Wren	1 possible, at Nolan residence	Butler	12/1	AN
Winter Wren	1, Overland Park Arboreteum	Johnson	12/1	RTR,RW
	1, Wilson Lake CBC	Russell	12/18	MR (rep.)
	1, Arkansas City CBC	Cowley	12/24	GY (rep.)
	1, Webster Reservoir CBC	Rooks	12/28	MR (rep.)
	3, Blackwolf CBC	Ellsworth	1/7	MR (rep.)
Marsh Wren	Unreported number, Slate Creek Wetlands	Sumner	12/2	MT
	<u>15</u> , Ulysses environs	Grant	12/12	SG,KH
	4, Wilson Lake CBC	Russell	12/18	MR (rep.)

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Marsh Wren	18, Red Hills CBC	Barber	12/29	PJ (rep.)	
	2, Webster Reservoir CBC	Rooks	12/28	MR (rep.)	
	2, Wilson Lake dam area	Russell	1/15	MR	
	4, Ulysses sewage ponds	Grant	1/25	KH,SG	
	2, Cheyenne Bottoms	Barton	1/29	SS,DB	
	1, below dam, Wilson Lake	Russell	2/5	TM,SM	
<u>Mountain Bluebird</u>	1, Slate Creek Wetlands CBC	<u>Sumner</u>	12/21	MT (rep.)	
	60 +/-, rural areas	Barber	2/17	JC	
	55, Wilson Lake area	Russell	2/18	MR,ER,JR	
<u>Townsend's Solitaire</u>	1, Leo residence, Prairie Village	<u>Johnson</u>	12/21	NL	
	1, Webster Reservoir CBC	Rooks	12/28	MR (rep.)	
	2, Fort's Bed and Breakfast	Grant	1/25	KH,SG	
	1, below dam, Wilson Lake	Russell	2/19	DKI	
<u>Hermit Thrush</u>		2, Wichita CBC	Sedgwick	12/17	KG (rep.)
		3, Wilson Lake CBC	Russell	12/18	MR (rep.)
		1, Arkansas City CBC	Cowley	12/24	GY (rep.)
		1, Derby/Belle Plaine CBC	Sumner	1/8	JC (rep.)
		3, Cedar Lake dam area	Johnson	1/24	WE,RW
		1, Cheney Wildlife Area	Reno	1/29	PJ
		1, Caspers residence	Shawnee	1/29	GC
		1, Antioch Park	Johnson	2/28	NA
American Robin	824, Wilson Lake CBC	Russell	12/18	MR (rep.)	
	1,015, Webster Reservoir CBC	Rooks	12/28	MR (rep.)	
<u>Sage Thrasher</u>	1, near baseball park, Elkhart	Morton	12/31	SP (rep.)	
Brown Thrasher	1, Webster Reservoir CBC	Rooks	12/28	MR (rep.)	
	1, Butler State Fishing Lake	Butler	2/19	JK	
American Pipit	1, Manhattan CBC	Riley	12/17	DR (rep.)	
	1, Clinton Lake	Douglas	2/5,25	JK	
Chestnut-collared Longspur	2, Quivira CBC	Stafford	12/14	MR (rep.)	
	1, rural area	Ellsworth	2/27	CWd,BSu	
Smith's Longspur	8, <u>Blanchard Avenue</u>	Reno	1/8	JMi	
	2, Council Grove Lake	<u>Morris*</u>	2/25	MG,JK	
<u>Snow Bunting</u>	1, Lorraine area	Ellsworth	2/27	CWd,BSu	
Orange-crowned Warbler	1, Lawrence CBC	Douglas	12/18	GP (rep.)	
<u>Green-tailed Towhee</u>	1, Kansas City, Kansas residence	<u>Wyandotte</u>	2/16	MST (rep.)	
Spotted Towhee	27, Webster Reservoir CBC	Rooks	12/28	MR (rep.)	
<u>Rufous-crowned Sparrow</u> <D>	2, Red Hills CBC	Barber	12/29	PJ (rep.)	
	1, Wilson Lake	<u>Russell</u>	1/13-2/17	DKI	

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Chipping Sparrow	1, Wilson Lake dam area	Russell	<u>1/15</u>	MR
Vesper Sparrow	1, rural area	Barber	<u>2/26</u>	CWd,BSu
Lark Bunting	1, Ulysses CBC 1, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge 1, north of K-State campus, Manhattan	Grant <u>Stafford</u> <u>Riley</u>	<u>12/31</u> <u>1/15</u> <u>2/13</u>	KH (rep.) BJ TC,JS
Savannah Sparrow	<u>90</u> , Slate Creek Wetlands <u>35</u> , Quivira CBC <u>40+</u> , Lawrence CBC 8, Holton CBC 3, rural area 25, Cheney Wildlife Area 16, Baker Wetlands	Sumner Stafford Douglas Jackson Ellis Reno Douglas	12/2 12/14 <u>12/18</u> 1/3 1/21 1/29 2/1	MT MR (rep.) GP (rep.) DL (rep.) TM,SM PJ DL (rep.)
 Savannah Sparrow				
LeConte's Sparrow	<u>25+</u> , Lawrence CBC 2, Red Hills CBC 1, rural area 1, Baker Wetlands	Douglas Barber Harvey Douglas	<u>12/18</u> <u>12/29</u> 1/24 <u>2/17</u>	GP (rep.) PJ (rep.) JG DL (rep.)
Indigo Bunting	1, Mill Creek Streamway	Johnson	<u>12/18</u>	MG
Red-winged Blackbird	<u>1.5 million</u> (est.), Wilson Lake CBC <u>4.7 million</u> , combined CBCs	Russell multiple sites	12/18 Dec.–Jan.	MR (rep.) m:obs
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2, Lawrence CBC	Douglas	<u>12/18</u>	GP (rep.)
<u>Brewer's Blackbird</u>	35, Quivira CBC 1, Lawrence CBC <u>1,000</u> , Fall River CBC <u>762</u> , Blackwolf CBC	Stafford Douglas Greenwood Ellsworth	12/14 12/18 12/29 1/7	MR (rep.) GP (rep.) MT (rep.) MR (rep.)
Great-tailed Grackle	<u>2,000</u> +/-, mostly at landfill	Seward	12/17	SG,KH
Baltimore Oriole	1, Roy residence	Ottawa	<u>12/11-1/17</u>	DRo,KR
<u>Common Redpoll</u>	<u>4</u> , Penner residence, near CB 1, Holton CBC 1, King residence, Lawrence 1, Johnson residence, Manhattan 1, Oldfather residence 1, Gish residence, Topeka	Barton Jackson Douglas Riley Pottawatomie Shawnee	12/4 1/3 1/7 1/12 1/17 2/17	RP DL (rep.) JK LJ KO DG
Pine Siskin	1, Wilson Lake CBC 1, Liggett residence, Lawrence	Russell Douglas	12/18 1/7	MR (rep.) JL

### Key:

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- 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.



Flocks of migrating Long-billed Curlews pass through a narrow corridor near Garden City mid-March through early April. On March 30, an estimated 1,400 flew over or came to roost in fields with irrigation structures on the Kearny/Finney County line. The birds vocalized frequently and were mostly undisturbed by human gawkers. © Sara Shane.

**Abbreviations:** adult (ad.), Christmas Bird Count (CBC), estimate (est.), female (f.), first county record (\*), Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), immature (imm.), juvenile (juv.), male (m.), multiple observers (m:obs), National Wildlife Reserve (NWR) reporting (rep.), species (sp.).

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# Quivira National Wildlife Refuge update

By Dan Severson

When I arrived on the refuge in 2008, the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge staff began working on the new Comprehensive Conservation Plan. This document will guide refuge management and lay a framework for the next 15 years.

Presently, staff are focused on removal of invasive plants: cedars, Russian olives, salt cedars and other shrubs. Staff have also started work on the phragmites, an invasive reed-like plant, in the Little Salt Marsh. They have burned the unit, fenced it, and put cattle in to graze the phragmites and cattails. Staff will continue to work on the rest of east side of the marsh. All of the changes occurring at the refuge fall under the old plan, and we have made many habitat improvements to Quivira.

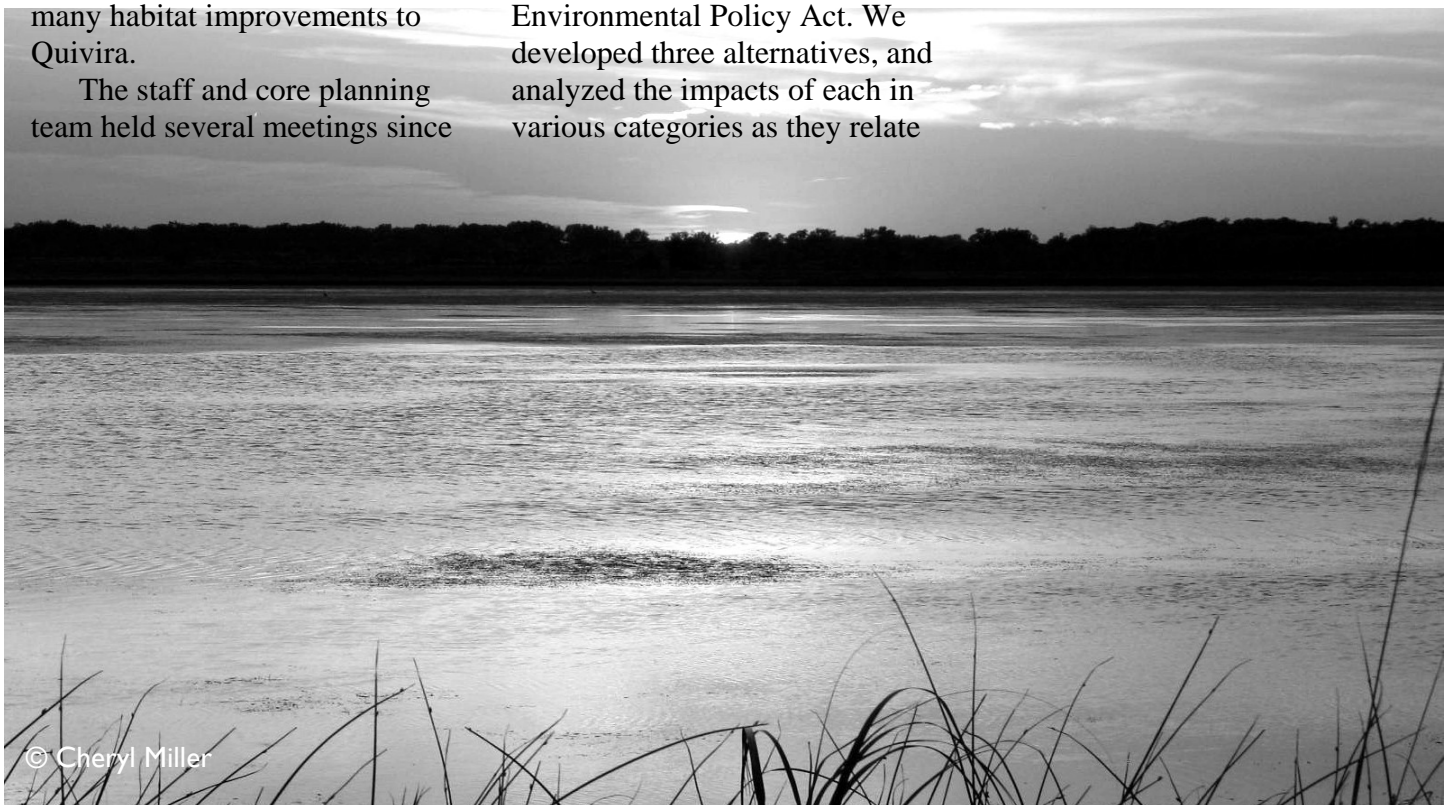
The staff and core planning team held several meetings since

starting on the new CCP, including three scoping meetings to solicit input from the public. We have worked with several groups to draft or complete reports including Water Resources Inventory and Assessment; HydroGeoMorphic Analysis; Invasive Species Inventory; and Quivira NWR Visitor Survey. Because water, both surface and groundwater, is the lifeblood of Quivira, we needed to fully understand how the ecosystem worked in order to develop alternatives and choose the right course of action for management.

We have held four planning team meetings to determine the vision, goals, alternatives, and impact analyses of refuge management, which is required under the National Environmental Policy Act. We developed three alternatives, and analyzed the impacts of each in various categories as they relate

to biological, social, economic, physical, cultural and historical resources. After reviewing the expected impacts of various management actions, we selected the proposed alternative for further development. This proposed alternative will be described in the draft CCP, detailing the goals and objectives we intend to meet for the various habitats, wildlife groups, visitor services, cultural resources, partnerships and refuge operations and facilities.

When completed, the draft CCP will go through an internal review within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and then out to the public for review, most likely in September. Quivira staff look forward to your comments and suggestions as we work to complete the plan.



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