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From the President's Pen

By Nic Allen

As I close out my KOS presidency, I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve over the last 2 years in this capacity. You may have noticed several of my newsletter articles have focused on promoting birding in our youth. This is something I am passionate about as it really impacts the next generation of birders and therefore our future as a birding society. Studies repeatedly show that it is greatly beneficial for kids to spend time outside. Their overall health and creativity greatly benefits from outdoor exploration and play. Unfortunately, kids today are very targeted as consumers of electronic entertainment. While there is certainly a place for electronics in nearly every area of life, it cannot be our focus but rather should be used as a tool. If we want the younger generations to have the same adventures and experiences we have been able to enjoy, we need to promote such activities among them now.

With these thoughts, I would like to hear from you how you think we as an organization can better serve and attract younger birders and nature enthusiasts. For those with an ongoing interest, perhaps we can begin to enlist their help in leadership positions. Should we do more kid-focused bird walks? How can we advertise them better, make them more accessible, and find creative uses for the technology that seems to so easily draw them in? I would love to see our membership increase among youth and younger families. Please brainstorm with me if you have any other ideas how

we can improve as an organization in this capacity. I look forward to hearing your thoughts and will remain closely involved in KOS over the coming years.

I leave you with a picture I was able to capture recently of our almost 4 year-old son practicing with binoculars. Some day I hope his bird list far surpasses mine, especially if he lets me tag along on the trips.

- Nic Allen



From the Keyboard

By the Editor

Another year is moving along all too quickly and another Annual Meeting of KOS is on the horizon. This is the 70th time that this society has gathered for an annual meeting.

Technically, our official 70th Anniversary date is May 21, 2019. This may confuse a few members so let's clarify some of the history. On April 29, 1949, 36 men and women gathered at Kansas State College in Manhattan to discuss organizing a Kansas Ornithological Society. The group divided themselves into three committees (nominating, membership, and constitution/by-laws). It was also agreed to have a second meeting on May 21 and 22, 1949 this time at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. At the meeting on May 21st the Society was formally created with acceptance of a constitution and by-laws and the election of officers. (An excellent early history of KOS can be found in the June 1974 (Vol. 25 No.2) *Bulletin*.) Back issues of the *Bulletin* can be found at <http://ksbirds.org/kos/KOSindex.html> (click on Publications.)

In the beginning, since the first annual meeting was in the spring, that continued and the fall meeting was a weekend of field trips. This changed in 1979 when an annual meeting was held in April in Lawrence and then another annual meeting was held in October in Hays. It makes sense to us today to have the field trips in the spring, hopefully in the middle of spring migration, but that was not always the case. There was also a span of 18 years worth of fall meetings when KOS met at Cheyenne Bottoms 12 of those years! Regardless of all these subtle twist and turns, when we meet in Lawrence in early October it will be the 70th Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting is when we elect officers and board members. Some board members will be released from their service with our thanks for all they have done. New board members will be welcomed to the board to help in the planning and conduction of our two meetings per year, recruiting new members and other business of the board. When we were formed in 1949, KOS became the ONE place where birdwatchers in Kansas could gather, learn and share stories that was totally focused on birds. One could argue that KOS is now an antique. We have a myriad of "virtual" options what with Facebook, eBird and other social media outlets that this 60 something birder isn't even aware of.

But what I noticed at a recent gathering of birders at a rarity sighting was that birders appear to still be social creatures. Yes, the technology is great for knowing what is being seen where, but it doesn't replace the shared joy and excitement when someone sees a new lifer or even a new state bird. Everyone that was there with their cameras and binoculars understood the excitement. No one had to explain why people were excited.

Come and join us in Lawrence in October as we start our 70th year as THE place for birders in Kansas to gather!

- Chuck



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KOS Officers and Board Members

What do they do?

Every year we have to replace members of the KOS Board. Every year we ask for folks that are interested in serving and they invariably are curious about the responsibilities of the various board positions.

One can read our Constitution and Bylaws on the website: <http://www.ksbirds.org/kos/BCIndex.htm>, and it does go into the various duties, but in all honesty, there is probably some updating needed to this document. Page 2 of each issue of the Horned Lark has a listing of the positions and who is currently in them, but let's try to do the "Cliffs Notes" version for everyone's better understanding of what your KOS Board does!

President - The president is the chief executive officer of the corporation (yes, KOS is a corporation, a non-profit corporation in fact). It's the president's job to oversee all of the activities of KOS, be the official spokesperson (if needed) and preside at all official meetings.

Vice President - The vice president stands ready to fill in for the president as needed and is responsible for working with the local committee for the fall meeting and preside over the presented papers session. While not a requirement of our bylaws the vice president frequently moves up to serve as president. Both the president and vice president serve one year terms and can be re-elected to a second one year term.

Corresponding Secretary - Keeps minutes of all official meetings and transactions of the society. Is responsible for any official correspondence that needs to be done.

Membership Development Coordinator - In some organizations this would be the membership secretary. They work with the treasurer to maintain the official list of dues paying members and life members. They also provide a current mailing list to distribute the publications of the corporation.

Treasurer - The treasurer has the responsibility to collect the dues and write the checks to pay the bills. The treasurer also works with the investment firm to manage the endowed funds of the corporation.

Business Manager - The Business Manager is in charge of merchandise that the society may periodically have for sale. This may include items of clothing, publications, various paraphernalia (like binocular harnesses). They are also responsible for the mailings but currently this is handled through the printer.

Editor of *The Bulletin and Horned Lark* - The editors are responsible for collecting information for and seeing to the printing of the society's two quarterly publications.

All of the above positions (other than president and vice president) serve one year terms with no limit to how many consecutive terms they can serve.

Directors at Large - These four positions are two year terms with two of them being elected every year. The directors serve in a capacity to be additional liaisons between the membership and the board. They serve as membership recruiters encouraging existing members to stay members, and to try to help gain new members. Many future officers start off as directors which gives them valuable insight into how the society operates.

So there you have a quick run down of what we all do. Several of the board members have served for several years and would be more than happy to pass the torch to someone new. So feel free to contact a board member if you are interested or if you have any further questions on what the board members do!

- Chuck Otte



Have you considered including KOS in your estate? Contact Treasurer Max Thompson for details on how to make this happen.

70th Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society
October 5 - 7, 2018
University of Kansas, Lawrence

Join KOS members for a weekend of paper presentations and birding in northeast Kansas as we celebrate our 70th Annual Meeting!

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 5

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Social at the Biodiversity Institute, University of Kansas. Tours of the bird collection will begin at 6 p.m. and are limited to 15 people per tour. The event will be held in the Panorama Gallery on the Fourth Floor of Dyche Hall. Enter the main entrance on the east. Parking is available in the lot across the street or in the Mississippi Street Parking Garage to the north of the Kansas Union.

Saturday, October 6 (times tentative)

8 a.m. - Registration at Forum A, Burge Union, University of Kansas

9 a.m. - Welcome and paper session. (All Saturday daytime sessions will be in Forum A, Burge Union. Parking available in lot 72 immediately east of Burge Union.)

11:30 a.m. - KOS Business Meeting

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch. KOS Board meeting: location will be announced.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Birdwatcher's Hour - an opportunity for you to show your bird photos from the past year. Please bring photos on a flash drive.

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Paper Session.

4:30 p.m. - KOS Business Meeting.

6:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Banquet at The Jay, University of Kansas Union

7:30 - 9 p.m. - Awards and speaker

Banquet Speaker - Bob Gress, professional nature photographer and retired director of the Great Plains Nature Center, Wichita.

Sunday, October 8

7:00 a.m. - Half day field trips will include areas around Lawrence and in surrounding counties. Gather in the parking lot of the Hampton Inn.

Noon - Compilation at Baker Wetlands Discovery Center, 1365 N. 1250 Road, Lawrence
Compilation will include birds seen in Douglas and surrounding counties starting at noon on Friday the 6th, through the compilation on Sunday.

Lodging in Lawrence

While there are many motels in Lawrence, two have been recommended for KOS. Be sure to mention KOS to see if there are still rooms in the housing block.

Hampton Inn

2300 West 6th Street, Lawrence, KS

785-841-4994

Holiday Inn Express and Suites

3411 S.W. Iowa, Lawrence, KS

785-749-7555

Registration

The meeting registration fee is \$20. (The registration fee is waived for students.) The Saturday evening banquet is \$25. (Meal fees are not waived for students.) The Sunday box lunch is \$10. If your abstract for presenting a paper is accepted, you still have to register. Registrations have to be received by September 27th to be included in the meal counts. No refunds for cancellations after September 28th. Registrations received after September 27th will have a \$10 surcharge per person.

The registration form may be found on page 12 and as a PDF form on line. **All participants must sign the liability release in order to participate in any portion of this meeting.**

Mail completed registration form and payment to:

Max Thompson

1729 E 11th Ave,

Winfield, KS 67156

Best Bird of the Year

Nomination for unusual or rare birds observed since September 30, 2017. Please refer to the nomination form on page 11. Nominations can be mailed or emailed to Eugene Young: EUGENE.YOUNG@noc.edu

KOS Research Fund Fundraiser

There are pending developments on a Research Fund Fundraiser. Regardless, you may, send a donation to KOS Treasurer, Max Thompson. There is also a PayPal donate button at the bottom of the online registration payment page.

<http://ksbirds.org/kos/Fall2018/OnLineMeetingRegistration.htm>

A good map of the KU Campus can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/yck7wxs8>

On this map:

Dyche Hall is code *DYC (Friday evening reception)*

Burge Student Union is code *BURG (Saturday daytime events)*

University of Kansas Union is code *KSUN (Saturday evening banquet)*

Mississippi Street Parking Garage code is *MSPK (parking for both evening events)*

Kansas Birding Roundup, Spring 2018, (March – May) Chuck Otte, compiler

This is the report of the spring birding season in Kansas, March through May. March and April experienced normal to colder than normal temperatures. May warmed up quickly and was well above average temperatures. Dry weather continued across much of the state but towards the end of the season the western portion of the state started receiving above average rainfall.

Many species like waterfowl, appeared to linger because of cooler weather during April. Even after the fast warmup in the weather in May, many species stayed beyond expected departure dates. Lingering waterfowl are a challenge. Are they injured? Many duck species, while not regular breeding species, have been recorded staying the summer and nesting. Confirming breeding can be challenging as preferred nesting areas are well hidden. Whatever the case, many reports were received to the end of the season of waterfowl that would normally be expected to have migrated.

The Snowy Owl irruption, that started strong in November and December, faded faster than past irruptions. A few were reported in March with the last report being made in early April. The fate of the birds that travel as far south as Kansas is still a mystery. A number of the reports from the winter of 2018 were birds that had already died and were picked up by wildlife biologists. Much research has been done in states well north of Kansas where Snowy Owls are seen annually. The survivability of these birds is well documented and good. To try to apply those results to birds that travel hundreds of miles further south is likely inappropriate. Since irruptions that reach Kansas are unpredictable it is difficult to perform research and we may never know the fate of many of the Snowy Owls that enter Kansas air space.

As one watches the sightings reports over the seasons and years, certain transient patterns emerge. Following are some observations that were noted this season. In early April Lesser Goldfinches were noted at several locations within a few days of each other. There was a surge of late Brown Creepers in eastern KS in late April. Purple Finches lingered into April later and in greater numbers than in recent years. In early May there were numerous sightings of “eastern” warblers much further west in the state. Blue-winged Warblers were confirmed for new county records in four counties. An unusual fallout of warblers occurred at the Hugoton stormwater runoff ponds. Over a dozen species were reported with no less than seven warbler species being new county records. Most certainly all of these occurrences were the result of weather patterns of some sort, either long term or short term.

Let’s close out this narrative with comments about some of our irruptive finch species. Red Crossbills continued across the state as did Pine Siskins. The regularity that both species were reported and the dates of those sightings are a strong indication that both species likely nested in several locations. Some observers were reporting likely recently fledged individuals yielding even more probable breeding records of these irruptive finch species.

Any report marked as having been turned in to the Kansas Bird Records Committee (KBRC) should be considered tentative until review by the Committee is completed. Thank you to everyone who reports and contributes sightings for this report. Please forward any noteworthy sightings to me at cotte@ksu.edu or mailed to 613 Tamerisk Dr., Junction City, KS 66441.

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Number and Location</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observer(s)</u> |
|------------------------------|---|------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | 5 at Baker Wetlands | Douglas | 03/24 | PA |
| Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | 2 in Lenexa | Johnson | 04/08 | AJ |
| Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | 2 at Pittsburg State Campus lake | <u>Crawford</u> | 04/22 | AG, DH |
| Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | Several returned to Larned Sandpit | Pawnee | 05/06 | m.ob. |
| Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | 1 at Alma WTP | <u>Wabaunsee</u> | 05/11 | STM |
| Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | 2 flying near Ellinwood | Barton | 05/28 | AM |
| Surf Scoter | 1 late at Clinton Lake | Douglas | 04/07 | JW |
| Surf Scoter | 1 at Cheney SP | Reno | 04/09 | MN |
| Surf Scoter | 2, Veteran’s Memorial Lake, Arkansas City | Cowley | 04/30 | FSQ |

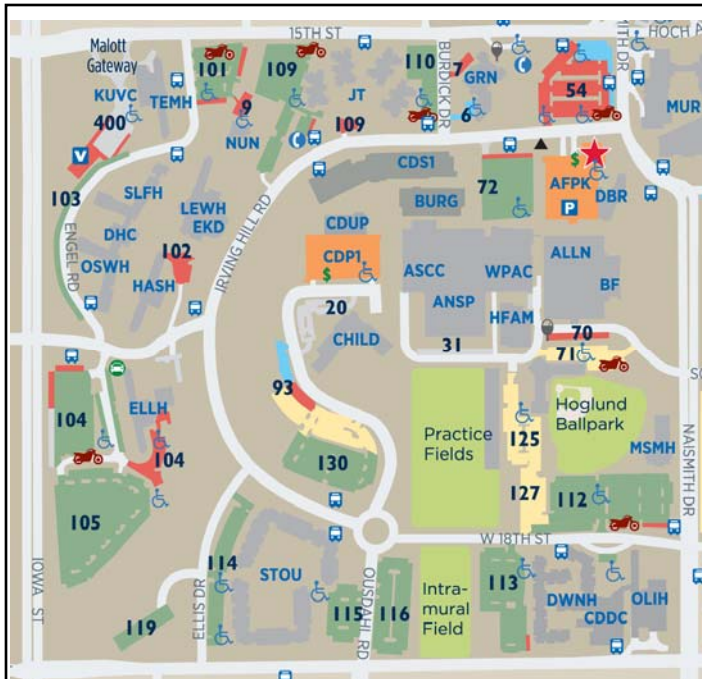
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| Black Scoter | 1 at LaFarge Sandpits, Wichita | Sedgwick | 04/28 | TE |
| White-winged Scoter | 1 late at Lake Wabaunsee Still present 04/27 | Wabaunsee | 04/04 | KMD, CS |
| Red-necked Grebe | 1 at LaFarge Sandpits, Wichita | Sedgwick | 04/25 | SH |
| Inca Dove | 1 at feeder in Pittsburg | Crawford | 05/08 | DH |
| Greater Roadrunner | Northeast of Carneiro | <u>Ellsworth</u> | 03/18 | RSz, DK |
| Common Nighthawk | 1 early near Hugoton | Stevens | 04/08 | HS |
| Yellow Rail | 1 at Baker Wetlands | Douglas | 04/30 | RB |
| Sandhill Crane | 30 near Muscotah | Atchison | 03/07 | DMr |
| Sandhill Crane | 3 at Baker Wetlands | Douglas | 03/11 | DBr |
| Sandhill Crane | 1 heard flying over, easterly | Shawnee | 04/26 | DL |
| Sandhill Crane | 6 flying over Horse Thief Res. | Hodgeman | 05/06 | GC, GF, RW |
| Sandhill Crane | Heard calling overhead in Wilson | Ellsworth | 05/16 | MR |
| Whooping Crane | 11 at QNWR | Stafford | 03/23 | BJ |
| Whooping Crane | 2 at CBWA | Barton | 03/25 | CW |
| Black-necked Stilt | 1 at Neosho WA | Neosho | 05/12 | ABu |
| American Avocet | 2 at QNWR, somewhat early | Stafford | 03/09 | JRo |
| Snowy Plover | 1 early at QNWR | Stafford | 03/14 | SS |
| Snowy Plover | 1 easterly at Neosho WA | Neosho | 04/19 | ABu |
| Piping Plover | 1 at KCP&L Wetlands | <u>Johnson</u> | 04/18 | Aba, WC, SMD |
| Long-billed Curlew | <u>521</u> in field in northeast portion of county | Grant | 03/25 | SSh, TS |
| Long-billed Curlew | 1 easterly just north of county line | <u>Elk</u> | 04/17 | KG |
| Dunlin | 1 at CBWA, early | Barton | 03/03 | JE |
| Least Sandpiper | 1 at Cowskin Creek Water Reclamation | Sedgwick | 03/03 | JBi, SH |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | 1 at CBWA, early | Barton | 03/03 | JE |
| Pectoral Sandpiper | 4 at Neosho WA | Neosho | 03/04 | ABu |
| Short-billed Dowitcher | 1 at Jamestown Marsh | <u>Republic</u> | 04/23 | JF |
| Long-billed Dowitcher | 2 at Neosho WA | Neosho | 03/04 | ABu |
| Red Phalarope | 1 at Big Salt Marsh, QNWR Still present 05/10 | Stafford | 05/04 | AGk, DKh, WKh |
| Black-legged Kittiwake | 1 at Clinton SP – continuing bird Continuing 03/08 | Douglas | 03/04 | CE |
| Laughing Gull | 1 somewhat early at Cheney Res. | Kingman | 03/13 | SS |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | 1 2 nd winter, Lake Parsons | <u>Neosho</u> | 03/06 | ABu |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | 1 st year bird at Hillsdale Lake | Miami | 03/18 | MMH |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull | 1 at CBWA | Barton | 03/20 | AaN, CS |
| Neotropic Cormorant | 2 at John Redmond Res. Neotropic Cormorants have become a regular sighting at this location | Coffey | 03/14 | MMH |
| Neotropic Cormorant | 1 at Clinton Lake | Douglas | 04/08 | Aba |
| Neotropic Cormorant | 1 in wetlands straddling county line | Johnson/Miami | 04/13 | MGo |
| Neotropic Cormorant | 1 at Elm Creek Lake | Bourbon | 04/15 | KC, MGo |
| Neotropic Cormorant | 2 at Harvey County East Lake | Harvey | 04/25 | DB |
| Neotropic Cormorant | 1 at Pratt County Lake | Pratt | 05/24 | MR |
| Black Vulture | 1 westerly at Veterans Memorial Lake | Cowley | 03/12 | FSQ |
| Swallow-tailed Kite | 1 soaring over Reading KBRC | Lyon | 04/22 | DMK |

| Species | Number and Location | County | Date | Observer(s) |
|-------------------------|--|----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Northern Goshawk | 1 near Shawnee SFL | Shawnee | 03/27 | ScW |
| Ferruginous Hawk | 1 immature easterly at MDC | Linn | 04/21 | NL |
| Golden Eagle | 1 juvenile easterly at Clinton WA | Douglas | 03/03 | DDR |
| Golden Eagle | 1 juvenile soaring over Tuttle Creek Res. | Riley | 04/10 | DR |
| Snowy Owl | 1 at CBWA, early Continuing 03/13 | Barton | 03/03 | JE |
| Snowy Owl | 1 near Goff | Nemaha | 03/10 | MaL |
| Snowy Owl | 1 near Lees seen during survey | Logan | 03/15 | FM |
| Snowy Owl | 1 along the shore of Glen Elder Res. | Mitchell | 04/04 | KMD, CS, MP |
| Northern Saw-whet Owl | 1 calling at Shawnee SFL | Shawnee | 03/09 | PJ, KG |
| Say's Phoebe | 2 near Elkhart | Morton | 03/03 | KC, JH |
| Say's Phoebe | 1 westerly on Blue River Hills Rd. | Riley | 04/04 | LM |
| Ash-throated Flycatcher | 1 SE of QNWR Headquarters | <u>Reno</u> | 05/05 | PB, WKp, JV |
| White-eyed Vireo | 1 at Elkhart Cemetery | Morton | 05/04 | MG |
| White-eyed Vireo | 1 at Clark SFL | <u>Clark</u> | 05/05 | DT, JSt |
| White-eyed Vireo | 1 at Finnup Park | Finney | 05/08 | SSh |
| Plumbeous Vireo | 1 at Elkhart Shelterbelt, KBRC | Morton | 05/05 | DW |
| Philadelphia Vireo | 1 westerly in Cimarron | <u>Gray</u> | 05/06 | KOS |
| Philadelphia Vireo | 1 at KDWPT Headquarters, Pratt | Pratt | 05/15 | MR |
| Steller's Jay | 3 at CNG Cottonwood Picnic Area (KBRC) Continuing 05/04 | Morton | 03/01 | JM |
| Woodhouse's Scrub Jay | 5 at CNG Cottonwood Picnic Area Continuing 03/04 | Morton | 03/01 | JM |
| Fish Crow | 1 calling at Rocky Ford SFA, early | Pottawatomie | 03/01 | SWi, DyS |
| Fish Crow | 1 calling in Arkansas City | Cowley | 03/03 | DS |
| Purple Martin | 1 at houses near St. Paul, FOS | Neosho | 03/03 | ABu |
| Tree Swallow | 1 somewhat early, Baker Wetlands, FOS | Douglas | 03/02 | RB |
| Cliff Swallow | 1 early in mixed flock Pratt County Lake | Pratt | 03/26 | MR |
| Brown Creeper | 2 late at Tomahawk Park | Johnson | 04/25 | KC, IL, AT |
| Canyon Wren | 1 at rural farmstead, KBRC | <u>Stevens</u> | 05/12 | HA, JC |
| Townsend's Solitaire | 1 at Perry Lake, likely lingering bird | Jefferson | 04/26 | STM |
| Curve-billed Thrasher | 1 at feeder in Bison | <u>Rush</u> | 04/16 | DL |
| Curve-billed Thrasher | 1 at residential feeders near Dodge City | Ford | 04/16 | MU |
| Curve-billed Thrasher | 1 at rural residence | Hodgeman | 04/27 | JC |
| Evening Grosbeak | 1 at feeder east of Topeka | Shawnee | 03/11 | GC |
| Evening Grosbeak | 1 female at feeders NE of Topeka | Jefferson | 04/01 | TM |
| | These two Evening Grosbeaks were less than a mile apart. Same bird? Still present on 4/14 | | | |
| White-winged Crossbill | 1 continuing at feeder in Larned | Pawnee | 03/01 | DK, MR |
| White-winged Crossbill | 1 adult male at feeder in Wilson Continuing 04/21 | Ellsworth | 03/25 | MR |
| Lesser Goldfinch | 1 at Winfield feeder | Cowley | 04/07 | MT |
| Lesser Goldfinch | 1 at Junction City feeder | Geary | 04/08 | JO, CO |
| Lesser Goldfinch | 1 at Garden City feeder | Finney | 04/09 | SSh |
| Lesser Goldfinch | 1 at Shawnee Mission Park | Johnson | 04/24 | ML |
| Lesser Goldfinch | 1 male at Elkhart Shelterbelt | Morton | 05/22 | MR, TC |
| Rufous-crowned Sparrow | 1 at Point of Rocks | Morton | 05/22 | MR, TC, SS |

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| Fox Sparrow | <u>75</u> in the Ft. Leavenworth bottomlands | Leavenworth | 03/18 | JS, HA |
| Fox Sparrow | 1 somewhat late at Pratt fish hatchery | Pratt | 04/19 | MR |
| Fox Sparrow | 1 late along Smoky Hill River, Salina | Saline | 04/27 | BG, KK |
| White-throated Sparrow | <u>80</u> in the Ft. Leavenworth bottomlands | Leavenworth | 03/18 | JS, HA |
| Ovenbird | 1 at Hugoton Storm Runoff Ponds | <u>Stevens</u> | 05/07 | KG |
| Louisiana Waterthrush | 1 early at Stockdale Park | Riley | 03/18 | LJ |
| Golden-winged Warbler | 1 in Sublette | <u>Haskell</u> | 05/11 | HA, JC |
| Blue-winged Warbler | 1 near Ellsworth, westerly, KBRC | <u>Ellsworth</u> | 05/02 | DK, RS |
| Blue-winged Warbler | 1 at Hugoton Storm Runoff Ponds | <u>Stevens</u> | 05/07 | KG |
| Blue-winged Warbler | 1 at rural residence near Wilson, KBRC | <u>Russell</u> | 05/09 | DK |
| Blue-winged Warbler | 1 near Quivira NWR, KBRC | <u>Stafford</u> | 05/12 | BJ |
| Prothonotary Warbler | 1 at Hugoton Storm Runoff Ponds | <u>Stevens</u> | 05/07 | KG |
| Swainson's Warbler | 1 at Mill Creek Streamway, KBRC | Johnson | 05/15 | TSw |
| Connecticut Warbler | 1 at Mill Creek Streamway, KBRC | Johnson | 05/15 | MGo, MB, KC |
| MacGillivray's Warbler | 1 at Hugoton Storm Runoff Ponds | <u>Stevens</u> | 05/07 | KG |
| MacGillivray's Warbler | 1 at "Concrete Jungle", Tribune | <u>Greeley</u> | 05/08 | KG |
| Mourning Warbler | 1 at Hugoton Storm Runoff Ponds | <u>Stevens</u> | 05/07 | KG |
| Kentucky Warbler | 1 at Hugoton Storm Runoff Ponds | <u>Stevens</u> | 05/08 | JMy |
| Hooded Warbler | 1 along River Rd, SE of Syracuse | <u>Hamilton</u> | 05/08 | KG |
| Palm Warbler | 1 at Hugoton Storm Runoff Ponds | <u>Stevens</u> | 05/07 | KG |
| Prairie Warbler | 1 at Wichita Point, Cheney Lake | Reno | 04/25 | SS |
| Western Tanager | 1 at Deweese Park, Cheney Lake | Reno | 05/05 | AM |
| Northern Cardinal | 1 at Frazier Park, Ulysses | Grant | 05/05 | SG |
| Pyrrhuloxia | Continuing bird at Anthony Lake | Harper | 03/15 | MH |
| Painted Bunting | 1 at Kinsley City Park | Edwards | 05/04 | AaN, CS |

Locations and notes: CBWA – Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area, CNG - Cimarron National Grasslands, FOS – First of season, KBRC – Kansas Bird Records Committee report filed, MDC - Marais des Cygnes, QNWR – Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Res. – Reservoir, SFA – State Fishing Area, SFL – State Fishing Lake, SP – State Park, WA – Wildlife Area, WTP – Water Treatment Ponds. ***Underlined county name indicates new county record. Underlined number indicates an exceptionally high count.***

Observers - Individuals: Henry Armknecht, Pay Ayres, Aaron Batterbee (Aba), Jeremy Birket, (JBi), Roger Boyd, Melissa Bruce, Danielle Brunin (DBr), Peter Burked, Andrew Burnett (ABu), Doris Burnett, Ted Cable, Jeff Calhoun, Kathy Carroll, Glenn Caspers, Walter Cochran, Devon DeRaad (DDR), Jared Engelbert, Corey Entriiken, Tom Ewert, Joelle Feight, Gregg Friesen, Matt Gearheart, Andy George, Allison Godek (AGk), Malcolm Gold (MGo), Byron Grauerholz, Kevin Groeneweg, Sam Guy, Jennifer Hammett, Mary Herold, Steve Hofhine, David Hollie, Pete Janzen, Allen Jetmore, Lowell Johnson, Barry Jones, William Kaempfer (WKp), Mark Keller, David Kirsch (DKh), William Kirsch (WKh), Dave Klema, Kaleb Kroeker, Isaac Lamm, Mark Land, Dan Larson, Nancy Leo, Matt Longabaugh (MaL), Jim Malcom, John Mallery (JMy), Sam & Terry Mannell (STM), Frank Mayer, Steve McDaniel (SMD), Kathy McDowell (KMD), Mick McHugh (MMH), Debby McKee (DMK), Don Merz (DMr), Andrew Miller, Lynette Mueller, Atcha Nolan (AaN), Mark Nolen, Chuck Otte, Jaye Otte, Galen Pittman, Marie Plinsky, Mike Rader, Dave Rintoul, John Row (JRo), John Schukman, Roger Schultz (RSz), Carolyn Schwab, David Seibel, Scott Seltman, Sara Shane (SSh), Tom Shane, Faith Shapley-Queen (FSQ), Heather Shirley, Dylan Smith (DyS), Joshua Smith (JSt), Terry Swope (TSw), Ann Tanner, Max Thompson, David Tønnesen, Mike Umscheid, John Vanderpoel, Rodney Wedel, David Wiggins, Scott Wilson (ScW), Sarah Winnicki (SWi), Jeff Witters, Curtis Wolf: **Observers - Groups:** KDWP – Kansas Department Wildlife Parks and Tourism, KOS – KOS Spring Meeting m.ob. – multiple observers



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Parking is not restricted in lot 72 on Saturdays except for marked handicap spaces or spaces signed as 24 hour reserved.

Iowa Street on the left hand (west) edge of this map is US Highway 59.

University of Kansas Student Union is code KSUN. Dyche Hall is DYC. Parking is available in lot 16 and in the MSPK Parking Garage (Mississippi Street Parking Garage). Both of these parking facilities are available in the evenings.



On May 21, 1949 over 50 individuals interested in birds in Kansas gathered in the Pine Room of the Student Union Building at the University of Kansas for the first annual meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society. The meeting was occupied with adopting the constitution and bylaws of the new society. This was followed by election of officers with Ivan Boyd of Baldwin being elected to serve as the first president for KOS.

How to Submit KOS Paper Abstracts

The KOS fall meeting traditionally features papers given by scientists, students, and birders. The Fall 2018 Meeting will be held at Lawrence at the University of Kansas, October 5 - 7, 2018. Paper presentations are on Saturday, October 6 in Forum A at Bunge Union, University of Kansas.

To submit an abstract: Include the title of the presentation, the list of authors (use an asterisk to indicate the speaker), the institutional affiliation of the authors (if applicable), and a brief abstract of up to 250 words. Abstracts will be printed in the KOS meeting program. When you submit the abstract, please provide three additional pieces of information:

- 1) The multimedia equipment you will need;
- 2) Papers will be 15 minutes, including questions. If you need a shorter or longer time slot, please let Cheryl Miller know;
- 3) Whether you are eligible and would like to be considered for a student presentation award. If so, what stage of program (undergraduate, graduate, or doctorate).

Paper abstracts are due by September 28. Please send in Word format to Cheryl Miller at avian67226@gmail.com. In the subject line of the e-mail, please indicate the meeting and give your surname: "KOS 2018: Jones."

Example abstract:

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

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

BEST BIRD OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

(for period since September 30, 2017)

Mail to:

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Northern Oklahoma College
1220 E. Grand. PO Box 310
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Or e-mail to Gene at: EUGENE.YOUNG@noc.edu

Species _____

Observers _____

Location _____

**Registration Form, KOS Fall Meeting
October 5 - 7, 2018
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS**

I (we) plan to attend the 2018 KOS Fall Meeting

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Registration Fee \$20.00 x ____ = \$ _____

High school, college and graduate students are exempt from the registration fee.

Saturday Banquet \$25.00 x ____ = \$ _____

Sunday Box Lunch \$10.00 x ____ = \$ _____

Surcharge for payment received after September 27th \$10.00 x ____ = \$ _____

Total Amount Due (Checks payable to KOS) \$ _____

Number of persons in party: _____

Special needs or requests: _____

Registrations received after September 27th will have a surcharge of \$10.00 per person. Meals can not be guaranteed for registrations after the 27th!

Please mail completed registration with full payment to:

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1729 E. 11th Ave.,
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In submitting this registration form I (we) understand that KOS is not responsible or liable for any accidents or injury that might be associated with the 2018 KOS Fall meeting.

Signature(s)

Date