



The Horned Lark

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From the President's Pen

By Cheryl Miller

Birds are impressive creatures. They fascinate us with their songs, behaviors and migrations. They entertain us with their acrobatics and warn us with their alarm calls. They provide pest control.

Birds also teach us about music, geography and history.

Early this summer I was in Europe as part of a group invited to sing in Prague's Smetana Hall. I didn't have any time to seriously bird that week, but I made the most of my limited time outdoors.

Not surprisingly, I saw European Starlings, House Sparrows and Rock Pigeons everywhere I went. Even though they were in their native historical habitat, it was hard to shake my American attitude that they were pests. However, I was reminded that Mozart kept a starling (named Starling) when he lived in Vienna, and he wrote the Piano Concerto No. 17 to include the melody sung by his pet bird. Is one person's pest another's inspiration?

Shortly after the trip I learned about a 20th Century French composer, Olivier Messiaen, who transcribed birdsong into his compositions. One of his later works, "Réveil des oiseaux," incorporates 38 bird calls into a time sequence that begins at midnight and ends at noon. Part of the piece includes his interpretation of dawn song, the early morning chorus which many of us enjoy, especially in the spring.

What I knew was possible, but had not anticipated, was seeing bird species native to North America also at home in Central Europe. I was delighted to see Barn Swallows and Bank Swallows, and instantly recognized their ecological importance worldwide. As I watched Barn Swallows gliding over lawns and nesting in cells at the Terezin concentration camp, I wondered if the birds had brought Gestapo prisoners moments of joy by distracting them from the horrors of their incarceration during World War II. The swallows reminded me that everything is connected globally, whether directly or through a ripple effect.

As we begin bidding adieu to our avian neighbors as they start south for their winter homes, I encourage you to think of their place in human events and artistic expressions. They enrich our lives in many ways beyond our feeders and water features.

I'll see you soon on the birding trails.

- Cheryl

(Turn to page 5 to see one of Cheryl's photos from her trip)

From the Keyboard

By the Editor

From the Keyboard is the last thing that goes into this newsletter. I like to see where everything else falls into place, including the President's column and then try to tie everything together here. Writing a regular column can be tedium sometimes. For my job I write a newspaper column and ten one minute radio spots every week. You may be amazed at how many times I find myself sitting at a keyboard staring at a blank screen for inspiration.

Sure, I could talk about the fall meeting, of which there is information sprinkled throughout this issue but mainly on pages 10 through 12. I could talk about the rapidly approaching Christmas Bird Count season. But those are all things that you might expect me to write about.

Literally on the day, as I was preparing to write this, I received the news of the passing of Dan Gish. Dan was a long time KOS member and Topeka Audubon Society member. Dan was a friend of mine. He had family around Junction City, so we had a bond from that, but our bond went beyond that.

I first met Dan in December 1991. Thayer's Gulls (now Iceland Gull) were starting to become regular in Kansas. Dan and I met at Milford Lake and spent half a day looking at a lot of gulls and figuring them out. We looked at gulls until our eyes and brains hurt and we laughed, a lot!

In April 2001 Dan brought a group of birders from Topeka out to bird the Pet Cemetery Trail at Ft Riley. It was a simpler easier time then and you could drive right on to the Fort without having to go through security. It was a beautiful clear morning but it had rained over two inches the night before. The trail was muddy. We saw some great birds that day, including a White-eyed Vireo. But working our way back to the parking lot was a challenge because of the mud. Dan was wearing khaki slacks and before we made it back he wound up sliding down an incline making his khakis a muddy mess. We were all laughing until our sides hurt but nobody was laughing harder than Dan!

I'll miss Dan. Many of us will. When I heard that Dan had passed it got me thinking about this thing that bonds us together called birding. I think it is easy to get caught up in the optics, or the technology or the field guides or the life lists. But at the end of the day, that's not what bonds us together.

What bonds us together is the memorable days and trips we've made with others of this family. We may not remember birds we saw, but we remember each other. We remember who made what funny comment, who mis-identified what bird, we remember who slid down the trail on their bottom-side. And we laugh and we remember and we wished we'd spent more time with someone like Dan.

Take the time this coming weekend to go birding with friends. Take some time at the KOS Fall Meeting in Wichita to laugh a little, make some new friends and strengthen friendships with old friends. Because you never know when someone else will be gone, and then it's too late. Godspeed Dan...

- Chuck



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Kansas Ornithological Society
Winter Board Meeting
March 9, 2019
Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by President Cheryl Miller.

Attendance: Cheryl Miller, Chuck Otte, Nic Allen, Max Thompson, Henry Armknecht, Dave Rintoul, Nick Varvel, and Malcolm Gold attended the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the KOS Annual Meeting and the KOS Fall Board Meeting had been emailed out for review. **Nic moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.** Chuck also handed out a listing of the actions taken by email during the 2017-18 KOS year. There were no questions regarding those motions.

Treasurer's Report: Max handed out a treasurer's report as of February 15, 2019 and updated it to current status. Max commented that the Dingus Natural Area has to remain on our balance sheet at the value that it was when we took possession of the property even though the county records show it at several times that value on their books. KOS does not pay property tax on this property and can never sell it. Total assets of the Society were down slightly from October 2018 simply due to volatility of the investment account. The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Vice President: Jenn was unable to attend the meeting. She and Chuck have been working on the Spring Meeting and Chuck will update the board on that under unfinished business.

Membership: Nic reported that we had 21 new members but that the total was down which is not uncommon at this time of year. He passed around a membership report that showed numbers by category comparing the current year to the past three years. He also commented on some trends and new ideas for membership recruitment. He pointed out that the KOS Facebook page has over 800 people following it so why aren't people joining?

Bulletin Editor: Gene had emailed a report as he wasn't able to be at the meeting. The March issue is the Christmas Bird Count (CBC) issue, and probably won't be ready in March, so the Horned Lark will be sent by itself. The March and June issues can go together in June with the Horned Lark. The June issue will have the Kansas Bird Record Committee's annual

report. He reported that he had a manuscript that was just submitted this month, and will be sending it out for review ASAP. He encouraged everyone to beat the bushes for manuscripts. The Oklahoma Ornithological Society is passing us on number of manuscripts submitted. KOS always has more total pages than Oklahoma because of the CBC issue.

Horned Lark Editor: Chuck handed out draft copies of the March Horned Lark and said it was almost ready to go as soon as a few final details for the spring meeting were settled. He and Gene work closely on the two publications and with the printer in Hays to coordinate printing and mailing. Nic had had to fill out a new form for the Post Office for mailing.

Business Manager: Malcolm handed out a page with lots of merchandise ideas. Board members weren't too keen on mugs or water bottles but felt that lip balm and a cleaning cloth with KOS logos on it looked pretty good. There was discussion on the calendar which everyone felt was a good idea. 148 calendars were sold for \$1,344 of income. Expenses for production, shipping, PayPal fees were \$902.53. Malcolm felt it would be good to have it done earlier in the future to facilitate sales. There was also discussion of items that we could have listed in the calendar like spring and fall meeting dates if we could lock those in early enough. Malcolm is already working on the 2020 calendar.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship/Research Committee: John Schukman had sent a report. He felt that some form of permanent funding needed to be established through sales or merchandise, auctions or something. He also wondered if posters could be developed and sent to professors to post on bulletin boards to help possible scholarship recipients know that funds were available.

Kansas Bird Records Committee (KBRC): In Gene's absence Chuck reported for the KBRC. They had met in Lawrence on February 9th. The terms of Eugene Young and Cheryl Miller had expired and they were both eligible for re-election. The KBRC had elected both to second terms and Gene to continue as Chairman of the KBRC. **Chuck moved to accept the recommendation from the KBRC to reappoint**

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Gene and Cheryl. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A Bronzed Cowbird record had been accepted based on photographs and multiple observers from Seward County. With that acceptance the committee had re-evaluated a 2009 Bronzed Cowbird record that had not been accepted at that time and upon further consideration it was also accepted to the KOS Checklist with a hypothetical status. The Seward County bird, with physical evidence, removed Bronzed Cowbird from hypothetical status.

Conservation Committee: Dave Rintoul had attended one Kansas Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee meeting. He indicated it was an interesting group.

Unfinished Business:

Fall 2019 Meeting: Cheryl reported that the Sedgwick County Zoo had been secured for the Saturday sessions and the banquet would also be catered there as well. There would be no charge to attend the meeting but if attendees wanted to see the zoo there would be the normal zoo admission fee. Sunday lunch and compilation would be at Chisholm Creek or Sedgwick County Parks.

Spring 2019 Meeting: Chuck reported that everything was pretty well lined up. He had some concerns about the Saturday evening meal location but had friends in Fort Scott that were following up to confirm that the reservation existed. **Chuck moved to set a spring meeting registration fee of \$15. Henry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

New Business:

Merchandise: Following up on discussion during Malcolm's Business Manager report there was general discussion about different merchandising ideas, especially items that could promote KOS and maybe gain membership through awareness. Good quality tumblers were discussed but everyone felt that most people had too many already. The microfiber optics cleaning cloth rated highly. Shirts always seem to be popular. Canvas totebags were also specifically mentioned. There was general discussion of distribution of items especially beyond KOS meetings and having them available at Kansas Wetlands Education Center. **Malcolm moved to purchase 500 lip balms to give to Wings 'N Wetlands Festival participants and to people in the Kansas Birding competition. Chuck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Request to lease Dingus during archery deer season: KOS had been contacted by an individual in Linn County about letting himself and his son archery hunt one deer each on the Dingus property and in return they would monitor the property to make sure that there wasn't hunting occurring on the property. Several board members had recently visited the property and had seen no evidence of hunting stands or trespassing for unauthorized purposes. There was extensive discussion and review of documents that dated from when KOS accepted the property. Several members felt that allowing hunting would run contrary to the purpose of the acquisition. The Nature Conservancy (the original owners of the property) had been contacted and essentially indicated that it was up to KOS to decide this issue. Many different options and ideas were discussed. By consensus it was decided to decline the offer and then get in touch with KDWP Conservation Officers in that area to see if anything should or needed to be done.

Eco-Meet Sponsorship: KOS has been financially supporting the Kansas Eco-Meet competition for the past two years. In 2019 and 2020 one of the sections of the competition will be ornithology and the state Eco-Meet committee had asked if KOS would support the two scholarships for the winners of the ornithology test. The scholarships are \$200 for first place and \$100 for second place. **Max moved to support the ornithology state winners scholarships for \$300 for 2019 and 2020 and also provide KOS branded lip balm for participants at the state meet. Chuck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Revised Definition of Waters of the United States:

There is currently an effort to again revise the definition of waters of the United States and several conservation groups were asking for organizations to write letters of support to not change the definition and keep protections in place. It was felt that Gene was the most qualified to write something on behalf of KOS. He would be contacted and asked to respond for KOS.

Malcolm suggested also purchasing a supply of the microfiber optics cleaning cloth and also providing those along with the lip balm at the various events coming up. By consensus it was decided that this was a good idea and he was instructed to go forward with the idea.

Dave Rintoul moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. Cheryl adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Call for Papers, KOS Fall Meeting

How to Submit KOS Paper Abstracts

The KOS fall meeting traditionally features papers given by scientists, students, and birders. The Fall 2019 Meeting will be held in Wichita at the Sedgwick County Zoo, October 4 - 6, 2019. Paper presentations are on Saturday, October 5 at the Cargill Learning Center at the Sedgwick County Zoo, 5555 W. Zoo Boulevard, Wichita, KS.

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 the following additional pieces of information:

- 1) The multimedia equipment you will need (computer and projector are provided);
- 2) Papers will be 15 min, including questions. If you need a shorter or longer time slot, please let Jenn Rader know;
- 3) Whether you are eligible and would like to be considered for a student presentation award. If so, what stage of program (undergraduate, MS, or Ph.D.).
- 4) Full and complete mailing address including zip code
- 5) Students having abstracts accepted for presentation **MUST** register for the meeting. **Registration fee is waived for all students but you MUST register. Submitting an abstract is NOT registering.**

Paper abstracts are due by September 27; please send, in MS Word, to Jenn Rader at jennrader34@gmail.com. In the subject line of the e-mail, please indicate the meeting and give your surname: "KOS 2019: 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 chalcii*) 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.



Barn Swallows nest in a former prison cell at the Terezin concentration camp, Czech Republic.

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Kansas Birding Roundup, Spring 2019, (March – May) Chuck Otte, compiler

This is the report of the spring birding season in Kansas, March through May, 2019. The spring season can be summed up in one word for much of the state: wet! The weather is always the driving force of bird populations and migrations. Some species arrived early, others late. Some lingered, some never seemed to show up. Birds wandered, establishing new county records and creating excited birders.

Sandhill Cranes are being found with increasing regularity outside of their traditional migration corridor and even outside of their traditional migration time. Winter records, late spring records, summer records in the Rain Water Basin region of Nebraska. Does anyone care to venture what it means?

Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks are now blasé. I only mention new county records or new breeding records. Cinnamon Teal, noted wanderers turned up at a couple of eastern Kansas locations. Uncommon winter gulls were found later into the spring than we have traditionally expected. Neotropic Cormorants are being found further and further from their traditional haunts.

The ongoing conundrum of ravens continues with Common Ravens being found now regularly in our westernmost tier of counties (many reports not included below). Chihuahuan Ravens appear to be getting pushed out of the range they expanded in to in the 20th Century, but they aren't going quietly. Several reports came in from highly respected birders from extreme southwestern Kansas.

Lesser Goldfinches seem to be showing up more regularly this spring with new records from a couple of counties. Pine Siskins, while not as abundant as 2018 spring season, were still reported regularly well into the season. Warblers seemed to have been moved all around by the weather with “good” eastern warblers showing up in many western Kansas locations.

Finally, the ever popular buntings... Painted Buntings were reported earlier than normal in eastern Kansas. The ever popular and flashy Lazuli Buntings always make a birder's day, especially when they show up east of the Flint Hills, which they did on several occasions this spring. These sightings may not be unexpected, but certainly noteworthy!

Any report marked as having been turned in to the Kansas Bird Records Committee 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.

Species	Number and Location	County	Date	Observer(s)
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	9 at Santa Fe Lake 11 on 5/05	<u>Neosho</u>	5/03	ABu
Cinnamon Teal	1 at Elk City Lake, easterly	Montgomery	4/18	MGo, MiL
Cinnamon Teal	1 male at Bismark Slough, easterly Continuing 4/28	Douglas	4/20	KC, m.ob.
Eurasian Wigeon	1 adult male, Klotz Sandpits, photos, KBRC	<u>Kearny</u>	3/08	DT
American Black Duck	1 at Neosho WA Still present 3/16	Neosho	3/14	TR
Mottled Duck	1 at Lakeview Playa	<u>Meade</u>	5/04	JC, TE
Canvasback	1 late at Johnson City WTP Continuing 5/19	Stanton	5/16	TL
Surf Scoter	3 at Clinton Lake Continuing 4/7	Douglas	3/30	DB
Black Scoter	1 at Wilson Lake, Hell Creek Arm	Lincoln	3/30	DK
Red-necked Grebe	1 at Winfield City lake	Cowley	3/20	MT
Common Poorwill	1 somewhat early, south of Wilson	Russell	4/02	DK
Black-chinned Hummingbird	1 adult male at feeders in Dodge City	Ford	4/13	CCM

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number and Location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Observer(s)</u>
Common Gallinule	1 in flooded grasslands on Ft . Leavenworth	<u>Leavenworth</u>	4/26	JS
Sandhill Crane	4 in flight followed through three counties Same group also seen in Johnson & Douglas Counties	<u>Miami</u>	3/11	ABa
Sandhill Crane	Flying over Topeka Audubon Bird Sanctuary	Jefferson	3/25	TSM
Sandhill Crane	1 at Wilderness Wetlands	Johnson	5/06	JLB
Sandhill Crane	3 at Crawford SP	Crawford	5/12	KOS
Sandhill Crane	1 flyover at Perry State Park	Jefferson	5/14	DM
Whooping Crane	25 present at QNWR 15 on 3/29,	Stafford	3/25	HA
Black-necked Stilt	Early arrival at Cheyenne Bottoms WA	Barton	3/23	MB
Black-necked Stilt	1 easterly at Neosho WA	Neosho	4/29	ABu
American Avocet	1 at Alcove Spring Park	<u>Marshall</u>	5/10	TE, KG, PJ
American Avocet	1 just north of Ottawa along Hwy 59	<u>Franklin</u>	3/29	MGo
American Golden-Plover	1 on playa south of Hugoton	<u>Stevens</u>	4/07	BrM
Whimbrel	2 at Lake Parsons	Neosho	4/29	ABu
Whimbrel	1 at Shawnee SFL	Shawnee	5/04	JMm
Whimbrel	1 at Flint Hills NWR	Coffey	5/10	TSS
Whimbrel	8 in fields north of Rantoul	<u>Franklin</u>	5/22	MGo
Whimbrel	1 at NRCS Playa	<u>Thomas</u>	5/24	JC
Long-billed Curlew	2 flushed from draw, NE of Oakley	<u>Thomas</u>	4/11	KC, DP
Long-billed Curlew	3, easterly at Neosho WA	Neosho	4/17	ABu
Red Knot	1 at QNWR	Stafford	5/04	MR
Dunlin	1 early, basic plumage at QNWR	Stafford	3/25	SS
Baird's Sandpiper	3 NW of Richmond	<u>Franklin</u>	4/29	MGo
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	5 at Jeep Rd Wetlands	<u>Dickinson</u>	5/15	HA
Short-billed Dowitcher	5 in flooded fields SE of Arkansas City	<u>Cowley</u>	5/12	DS
American Woodcock	Clutch of 5 young on Ft Riley, photo	Geary	4/13	CO - fide
American Woodcock	1 at Marlatt Park, likely a breeding bird	Riley	5/23	MMy
California Gull	1 at Johnson Co WTP	Johnson	3/03	ABa
California Gull	1 at Hillsdale Lake	Miami	3/11	MMH
Glaucous Gull	1 continuing at LaFarge Sandpits	Sedgwick	3/01	JBi
Glaucous Gull	1 at Cheney SP East Shore Still present 3/03	Reno	3/02	MN
Glaucous Gull	1 at Cheney SP West Shore Likely same bird as seen at East Shore area	Kingman	3/10	MN
Glaucous Gull	1 immature at Lovewell Res	Jewell	3/15	KC, MGo, MiL
Great Black-backed Gull	1 adult at Cheney SP Still present 3/03	Reno	3/02	MN
Great Black-backed Gull	1 still present at Wilson Lake Hell Creek	Lincoln	3/10	DK
Great Black-backed Gull	1 present at Hell Creek, Wilson Lake	Russell	3/16	MR
Great Black-backed Gull	1 present at Lucas Park, Wilson Lake All three above sightings likely same bird. Continuing 4/03	Russell	3/31	MR
Forster's Tern	<u>70</u> (<u>40</u> in one feeding flock), QNWR	Stafford	5/01	SS
Wood Stork	1 imm at Lindsborg housing lake, KBRC	<u>McPherson</u>	3/28	DD
Neotropic Cormorant	1 at Sedgwick County Zoo Still present 4/08	Sedgwick	3/19	JBi
Neotropic Cormorant	2 at Hillsdale Lake	Miami	3/20	MY
Neotropic Cormorant	1 at Cedar Lake Continuing 3/29	Johnson	3/26	DW
Neotropic Cormorant	1 at Neosho WA	Neosho	3/29	ABu
Neotropic Cormorant	1 flyover in Lenexa, with Double-crested	Johnson	4/06	MG
Neotropic Cormorant	1 at Baker Wetlands	Douglas	4/20	DMK, MPh
Cattle Egret	4 at feedlot pond SE of Oakley	<u>Gove</u>	4/29	NOK
Cattle Egret	1 at rural farmstead on Big Bow Grade	<u>Stanton</u>	5/19	HA, JC
White-faced Ibis	8, early returning, QNWR	Stafford	3/26	JRo

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Black Vulture	1 at Johnson County Landfill	Johnson	4/11	ABa
Golden Eagle	1 easterly at Clement Stone Arch Bridge	Chase	3/10	DMK, MPh, MiL, JH
Golden Eagle	1 at Flint Hills NWR	Lyon	4/13	DMK, MPh
Broad-winged Hawk	1 at Merkey Cemetery	<u>Washington</u>	5/10	TE, KG, PJ
Merlin	1, getting late, near Silverdale	Cowley	5/02	DS
Say's Phoebe	1 easterly at Fancy Creek SP	Riley	3/30	LM
	Continuing 4/1			
Say's Phoebe	1 easterly, Polk Daniels Lake	<u>Elk</u>	4/05	CS, AN
Vermilion Flycatcher	1 adult male SW of Pratt	Pratt	4/10	MPn
Yellow-throated Vireo	1 at Merkey Cemetery	<u>Washington</u>	5/10	TE, KG, PJ
Fish Crow	4 in Shawnee, calling, slightly early	Johnson	3/20	EB
Fish Crow	1 at KSU Campus	Riley	3/21	BV, ES
Chihuahuan Raven	2 at Point of Rocks, CNG	Morton	5/26	DMK, MPh
Chihuahuan Raven	1 at prairie dog town near Elkhart	Morton	4/19	DT
Chihuahuan Raven	1 NW of Manter near state line	Stanton	5/16	TL
Common Raven	3 SW of Manter	Stanton	5/18	HA, JC
Cave Swallow	2 at Cottonwood Picnic Area, CNG	Morton	5/25	DMK, MPh
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1 late, possible breeder, in north Wichita	Sedgwick	5/25	PJ
Winter Wren	1 at QNWR, becoming a little late	Stafford	4/20	AM
Mountain Bluebird	1 westerly at Globe Prairie	Douglas	3/16	MMH
Curve-billed Thrasher	1 near Holcomb	Kearny	4/03	SSH, TS
Sprague's Pipit	2 at various CNG locations, westerly	Morton	4/19	DT
Evening Grosbeak	1 at feeders in Garden City	Finney	3/26	SSH
Red Crossbill	1 male and female at feeders, Ulysses	Grant	5/06	PA
Pine Siskin	2 at feeders, Newton	Harvey	5/27	GF
Pine Siskin	3 at feeders, Hays	Ellis	5/28	HA
Pine Siskin	3 in Shane yard, Garden City, 1 fledgling	Finney	5/30	SSH, TS
Lesser Goldfinch	1 at feeders in Garden City	Finney	3/14	SSH, TS
Lesser Goldfinch	1 at Clark SFL	<u>Clark</u>	5/15	MR
Lesser Goldfinch	1 at feeders, Hays	<u>Ellis</u>	5/31	HA
Eastern Towhee	1 westerly, Ford SFL	Ford	5/03	JC, CMM
Fox Sparrow	1 late in Lawrence	Douglas	5/03	KS
White-throated Sparrow	1 late south of Hoyt	Jackson	5/30	LZ
White-crowned Sparrow	1 late along Plum Creek	Cheyenne	5/28	MK
Bobolink	80, early, near Linwood	Johnson	4/24	BH
Orchard Oriole	1 male at Clinton Lake, somewhat early	Douglas	4/22	KC, DP
Baltimore Oriole	1 early at feeders	Douglas	4/07	CCG
Bronzed Cowbird	1 at Arkalon Park near Liberal	Seward	5/05	JN
Louisiana Waterthrush	1 slightly early at MDC	Linn	3/22	MMH
Northern Waterthrush	1 at Merkey Cemetery	<u>Washington</u>	5/10	TE, KG, PJ
Golden-winged Warbler	1 at Oak Park, Wichita	Sedgwick	5/07	CVB
Golden-winged Warbler	1 in Clay Center	<u>Clay</u>	5/10	TE, KG, PJ
Blue-winged Warbler	1 westerly in Great Bend	Barton	5/08	JG
Connecticut Warbler	1 at Fitch NHR	Douglas	5/12	SDH
MacGillivray's Warbler	1 at Northwest Research Extension Center	Thomas	5/24	JC
Hooded Warbler	1 at Greenwood Cemetery	<u>Neosho</u>	5/03	ABu
Hooded Warbler	1 at Lehigh Portland Trails	<u>Allen</u>	5/12	KOS
Hooded Warbler	1 westerly NE of St Francis	Cheyenne	5/16	MK
Cape May Warbler	1 on Flint Hills Nature Trail, Rantoul	<u>Franklin</u>	5/06	MGo, TSw
Blackpoll Warbler	1 at Arkalon Park	<u>Seward</u>	5/12	KC, DP
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1 female near Newton	Harvey	5/09	CS
Prairie Warbler	1 at Empire States Park	Johnson	4/14	DKh, WK
Prairie Warbler	1 at Neosho WA	<u>Neosho</u>	5/09	ABu
Black-headed Grosbeak	1 easterly at Nelson Island	Johnson	5/07	KC
Black-headed Grosbeak	1 south of Hoyt	Jackson	5/10	JZ, LZ

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Lazuli Bunting	1 easterly at Naismith Valley Park	Douglas	5/08	SDH
Lazuli Bunting	1 easterly on Flint Hills Nature Trail	Franklin	5/10	KOS
Lazuli Bunting	1 at Lake Garnett Park	Anderson	5/13	HA
Painted Bunting	1 somewhat early at Rock Springs Camp	Geary	4/23	MR
Painted Bunting	1 slightly early near Tuttle Creek Lake	Pottawatomie	4/23	DBu

Locations and notes: CNG - Cimarron National Grasslands, imm – immature, KBRC – Kansas Bird Records Committee report filed, MDC – Marais des Cygnes, NHR – Natural History Reservation, QNWR – Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Res – Reservoir, 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: Pam Annis, Henry Armknecht, Michael Bader, Aaron Batterbee (ABa), Jeremy Birket, (JBi), John & Laura Bosnak (JLB), Dan Broers, Emily Brosnan, Andrew Burnett (ABu), Doris Burnett (DBu), Jeff Calhoun, Kathy Carroll, Caryl Chacey-Guba (CCG), Stephen DeHart (SDH), David Duncan, Tom Ewert, Gregg Friesen, Matt Gearheart, Malcolm Gold (MGo), Kevin Groeneweg, Jan Groski, Bart Hall, Jennifer Hammett, Pete Janzen, Mark Keller, David Kirsch (DKh), Will Kirsch, Dave Klema, Nick & Oliver Komar (NOK), Tony Leukering, Micky Louis (MiL), Brandon Magette (BrM), Jim Malcom (JMm), Terry & Sam Mannell (TSM), Kathy McDowell (KMD), Mick McHugh (MMH), Debby McKee (DMK), Christi McMillen (CMM), Mark Mayfield (MMy), Andrew Miller, Dan Mulhern, Lynette Muller, James Nickel, Atcha Nolan, Mark Nolen, Chuck Otte, Diane Persons, Mark Peterson (MPn), Mark Pheasant (MPH), Mike Rader, Travis Ratliff, John Row (JRo), Kim Sain, Emily Samuels, Tom & Sam Schermerhorn (TSS), John Schukman, Carolyn Schwab, David Seibel, Scott Seltman, Sara Shane (SSh), Tom Shane, Terry Swope (TSw), Max Thompson, David Tønnessen, Curt VanBoening (CVB), Michael Vasi, Bram Verheijen, Dennis Wright, Melissa Yates, John Zempel, Linda Zempel

Observers - Groups: KOS – KOS Spring Meetings, m.ob. – multiple observers

Upcoming Dates to Remember!

Kansas Christmas Bird Counts, December 12, 2019 to January 12, 2020 - Compilers, please send information on your count to Chuck Otte (cotte@ksu.edu) once details are set!

KOS Spring Meeting, May 1 - 3, 2020: Concordia, Kansas

KOS Fall Meeting, October 2 - 4, 2020: Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas

BEST BIRD OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

(for period since September 30, 2018 - more than one bird can be nominated)

Mail to:

Eugene Young
Northern Oklahoma College
1220 E. Grand, PO Box 310
Tonkawa, OK 74653-0310

Or e-mail to Gene at: EUGENE.YOUNG@noc.edu

Species _____

Observers _____

Location _____

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

71st Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society

October 4-6, 2019

Wichita, Kansas

Schedule of Events

Friday-October 4

7:00 a.m. - County listing trips. These will depart from Sedgwick County Zoo parking lot, 5555 W. Zoo Blvd, Wichita. This is something new that we are trying this year. Please contact Pete Janzen (pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net) 316-519-1970, to let us know if you plan to participate on Friday and which counties within a 75 mile radius of Wichita are of interest to you. These trips will likely visit locations farther afield than the Sunday half-day trips.

5:30-7:30 p.m. - Social at the Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29th St. North, Wichita.

Saturday, October 5

All Saturday events will be in the Cargill Learning Center at the Sedgwick County Zoo, 5555 W. Zoo Boulevard, Wichita, KS.

8:00 a.m. - Registration in the lobby of the Cargill Learning Center, Sedgwick County Zoo.

9:00 a.m. - Welcome and morning paper session in the auditorium.

11:30 a.m. - KOS Business Meeting

11:45 a.m. - Lunch on your own. Many dining options are available near the zoo.

KOS Board Meeting: Location will be announced.

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

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Afternoon paper session.

4:30 p.m. - KOS Business Meeting

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Banquet at the North Boardroom, Cargill Learning Center.

7:30-9:30 pm. Awards and speaker. The banquet speaker is Ted Floyd, editor of *Birding* and Managing editor of *North American Birds* magazines, both published by the American Birding Association.

Sunday, October 6

7:00 a.m. - Half day field trips will include areas around Wichita and surrounding areas. Meet at the Sedgwick County Zoo parking lot.

Noon - Compilation at the new picnic pavilion next to the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot. The compilation will include all birds seen in Sedgwick and surrounding counties between 7 am on Oct. 4 and noon on Oct. 6

Lodging in Wichita

There are many lodging options in Wichita. We have reserved a block of rooms close to the zoo at The Marigold Grand Hotel & Suites, 2405 N. Ridge Rd in Wichita. Phone: (316) 729-5700. When making a reservation, tell them you are part of the KOS group block. Our group rate is \$95 for one king (some are king suites with a kitchenette at the same rate) and \$105 for 2 queen beds. The block will be held until September 20, after which you can still get our group rate if a room is available.

Registration

The meeting registration fee is \$20.00. This fee will be waived for all high school, undergraduate and post graduate students.

The Saturday evening banquet is \$22.00 per person.

The Sunday boxed lunches are \$10.00 ea.

Student fees are NOT waived for the banquet or the boxed lunches.

If your abstract for presenting a paper is accepted, you will still have to register.

Registrations must be received by Sept. 25 to be included in the meal counts. There are no refunds for cancellations after Sept. 27.

Registrations received after Sept. 25 will have a \$10.00 surcharge per person.

The registration form is available as a fillable PDF form at the KOS website:

http://ksbirds.org/kos/Fall2019/2019_Fall_Reg_Form.pdf

or on page 12 of this issue of the Horned Lark.

All participants must sign the liability release in order to participate in any portion of this meeting.

Mail your completed registration form and payment to:

Max Thompson
1729 E. 11th Ave.
Winfield, KS 67156

Online registration is available at: http://ksbirds.org/kos/Fall2019/kos_2019_fall_meeting.htm

Top 10 Best Birds of the Year - form and information on page 9

Call for Papers - information on Page 5 or <http://ksbirds.org/kos/Fall2019/2019Papers.htm>

Ted Floyd is our banquet speaker this year. Ted proudly serves as Editor of Birding magazine and as Managing Editor of North American Birds. He also contributes to The ABA Blog, The American Birding Podcast, and the ABA's young birder programs. Ted is the author of five bird books and more than 200 articles on birds and other aspects of nature, and he is a frequent speaker at bird festivals and ornithological society meetings. The Cal Ripken of eBird, he has submitted at least one complete eBird checklist per day for 3,862 consecutive days. Ted and his family live in Boulder County, Colorado.

**Registration Form, KOS Fall Meeting,
October 4 - 6, 2019
Wichita, Kansas**

I (we) plan to attend the 2019 KOS Fall Meeting

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration Fee \$20/person	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet \$22/person	_____	\$ _____
Sunday boxed lunch \$10/person	_____	\$ _____
Surcharge for payment received after September 25 th \$10/person	_____	\$ _____
Total Amount Due (Checks payable to KOS) Or pay online via PayPal -		\$ _____

Number of persons in party: _____

Special needs or requests: _____

Registrations received after September 25th will have a surcharge of \$10.00 per person.

No Cancellation Refunds after September 27th.

Please mail/email completed registration with full payment (even if paying online) to:

Max Thompson
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Winfield, KS 67156

e-mail: maxt@cox.net

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 2019 KOS spring meeting. (Registering on line, or submission of this form electronically indicates your acceptance of these conditions.)
