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## From the President's Pen

By Jenn Rader

Greetings KOS Members! I hope this finds you all well and staying cool as we transition into the Kansas summer heat. I don't know about you, but I sure had a busy spring and it went by fast!

After two years of no field trips or limited trips with pandemic precautions, the little nature center I direct finally got a more normal-looking field trip season with area schools this spring. It was wonderful to share about birds and other organisms with a wide age range of participants in person again. And rather exhausting, but in a good way!

One activity we did with several groups is called Fill the Bill (pictured). At one station, for example, students figure out whether chopsticks, a tiny pair of tweezers, or a big fishing net would be the best way to catch popcorn in the air meant to represent flying insects. Does the hummingbird, flamingo, swallow, pelican, cardinal, toucan, warbler, or ibis have the best beak built for catching insects on the fly? An excellent activity for elementary-age participants.

Birds are such a fantastic gateway to appreciating our natural resources. They bring joy to many who see and hear them. They can also be a great unifier in a time that may often focus more on what divides us. If you've ever helped someone find a new bird for their life list, taught an amateur bird watcher how to identify a bird song, or sparked an interest in birds with a member of our youth, you know what I'm talking about. You know how rewarding passing along even just a small part of your birding hobby can be for you, for someone else, and the conservation of the birds themselves.

I'm willing to bet that most if not all of our KOS members have made a positive impact on others with their appreciation for birds, and for that, I want to thank you. Thank you for your patience. For sharing your knowledge. For donat-

ing that old field guide or pair of binoculars to the next generation. For supporting bird-related environmental education, organizations, and conservation. Keep up the good work!

If you ever have ideas on how to reach more youth through birding or have inspiring birding mentor stories, please reach out. I'd love to hear from you! Have a wonderful, birdy summer!

- Jenn



# From the Keyboard

By the Editor

First of all, KOS has been blessed to have received a generous gift from the estate of Wallace Champeny. These funds have been put into the Research Fund which has been renamed in Wally's memory. It means that there will be a regular source of funds to provide support for research on birds, especially birds in Kansas. Details and an application can be found at: <https://www.ksbirds.org/kos/StuResearch.html>. Contact any board member if you would like more details.

This was a very hard issue to put together. Not for material to fill the pages; that is usually quite easy. It was a struggle to complete this column. In March of this year, KOS, the Topeka and Kansas birding communities were rocked by the loss of two Topeka area birders who were KOS members. The tragic loss of both of these folks is the result of mental illness. Period. There's no way to rationalize it or explain it. It's easy to try to assign labels of victims and perpetrators but in the end, they were both victims of mental illness. They were both good people and personally, I considered them friends of mine. But ultimately they became the victims of mental illness.

The past 30 months have been hard on everyone. Isolation brings out problems that may have laid dormant. Humans are a social creature. Some of us may claim to be introverts and loners, but in reality, we still need contact with other humans. I find myself waffling between being a social gadfly and a hermit. At the end of the day, I need interaction with people as much as I need "Chuck time".

We are sadly understaffed when it comes to people trained to deal with mental illness. I have several friends in the field of mental health and they are overwhelmed. We have no safety net. The prisons are filled with people who aren't criminal, they are merely in need of mental health assistance.

We all have a common connection with the natural world, specifically with birds. We find them fascinating, amazing, calming, and wonderful. That is why we are members of KOS. But we are also members of the human race and most of us care, often very deeply, about each other. Everyone, EVERYONE, faces challenges of some kind. Oft times we cover it, we mask it, we downplay it, but we are all fighting battles.

So here's the deal. Most of us aren't trained to be mental health professionals. But we are all human beings and often all it takes is to ask those around how they are doing. We don't have to understand what they are dealing with, but sometimes we just need to listen to someone. We don't need to say anything, we don't need to try to solve their problems, we just need to sit there and listen.

The most crucial part of being a human is to care. We don't have to understand, we don't have to fix anyone, we just have to listen and care. Hugs and love to all of you.

- Chuck



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# 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 2022 Meeting will be held in Atchison at Benedictine College, September 30 - October 2, 2022. Paper presentations are on Saturday, October 1.

**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 Dave Rintoul 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 23; please send, in MS Word, to Dave Rintoul at [drintoul@ksu.edu](mailto:drintoul@ksu.edu). In the subject line of the e-mail, please indicate the meeting and give your surname: "KOS 2022: 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.

## KOS Annual Meeting

### Back in person!!!!!!

**Tentative Date of September 30 - October 2, 2022**  
**Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas**

Details are still pending, but after two long years of pandemic caution, the KOS Board is planning an in-person meeting. As soon as details are confirmed they will be posted at <https://ksbirds.org/>. The September issue of the Horned Lark, which should be out by late August, will have the information as well. We are excited to see everyone in person, not on Zoom, and can't wait for the meeting! Get excited and stay tuned!

# Kansas Birding Roundup, Winter 2021-22 (December – February) Chuck Otte, compiler

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This is the report of the winter birding season in Kansas, December thru February. Winter. The season when birders thoughts turn to Christmas Bird Counts, big white owls, and an assortment of irruptive northern finches. Some of these magical birds appear and others remain a magical memory. Which will be which is never known until spring returns.

Lingering nice weather into December enticed many birds to temporarily halt migration. A very large and strong weather system swept the state on December 15<sup>th</sup>, classified as a derecho, caused a lot of damage and impacted everything with 100+ mph winds. It is always a struggle to know how many birds perish in extreme weather events and how they disrupt normal avian activities.

This season again proved that when it comes to winter season geese and ducks in Kansas, anything goes. If open water remains, many species will remain and little seems to be a surprise any longer. For the second year in a row, at least a few Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks stayed in the state through the season.

Gulls were plentiful but few unexpected appearances. Good number of uncommon gulls always helps make the winter more tolerable. There were more overwintering Franklin's Gulls than some years which begs the question of whether it's climate change or simply more birders. It's always enjoyable when uncommon gulls stick around. The Clinton Lake kittiwake was one example of a very cooperative individual.

Migration is an enormous energy expense for birds. Many birds go no further south than they have to, to survive the winter thus minimizing energy needs in both directions. Turkey Vultures need carrion to feed on so once cold weather slows natural "decay" processes, they have to move south to where it's warm enough to have a readily available food supply. Their return north will be dictated by warming conditions. Turkey Vultures returned to many locations on February 18 which is noticeably earlier than most of us typically expect.

Snowy Owls irrupted into the state in the early part of the period. The first reported Snowy Owl was around November 26 when one was taken to a rehab facility. A couple of additional reports in very late November led to a flurry of reports through December but only one new report was received after December 29<sup>th</sup>. As is usual a number of birds were found deceased or needing to be taken to rehab facilities. While few new reports arrived after December, Snowy Owls lingered at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area through most of the reporting period. By late December Snowy Owl reports at Cheyenne Bottoms were from the 7 to 10 individuals with it not being uncommon to be able to see 4 or more from one location. Best estimate is that between 50 and 60 unique Snowy Owls were reported during the period with few reports outside of Cheyenne Bottoms after December. It should be noted that Cheyenne Bottoms held a number of Snowy Owls, conservatively at least 6 and some estimates pushed it closer to 10. Due to the number of owls reported this report will not detail them. There were no new county records for Snowy Owls in this irruption. Snowy Owls have now been confirmed in 90 Kansas counties.

What I have come to call "the Lyon County kingbird" continued in to the start of the winter season. Ultimately the Kansas Bird Records Committee decided that there were simply too many unanswered questions to confirm that this was a Couch's Kingbird and not an aberrant Western Kingbird or even a hybrid. While the record was not accepted, it continues to be researched and may be reconsidered in the future.

The Brown-headed Nuthatch saga in Garden City continued throughout the period (and into the spring season). Fortunately, this gave many birders the opportunity to view this second state record for this species. Thank you to Sara and Tom Shane for being such wonderful hosts to the nuthatch and the birders.

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@twinvalley.net](mailto:cotte@twinvalley.net) or mailed to 11319 Dundon Rd, Milford KS 66514.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Number and Location</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Observer(s)</b>
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	1 apparently wintering in Wichita Still present 01/19	Sedgwick	12/13	ALC
Tundra Swan	3 easterly at Neosho WA	Neosho	01/11	ABu
Tundra Swan	16 on pond near Matfield Green	<u>Greenwood</u>	01/31	ACRT
Barrow's Goldeneye	1 adult male at Tuttle tubes Continuing 02/21	Riley	02/05	SMi, FMi, MMi
Western Grebe	1 at Melvern Lake 2 on 12/31	Osage	12/27	KMD
Western Grebe	1 at LaFarge Sandpits Still present 02/28	Sedgwick	02/21	TyM
Clark's Grebe	1 at LaFarge Sandpits	Sedgwick	02/07	TE
Sandhill Crane	<u>600</u> in flight north of CBWA	Russell	12/25	MR
Sandhill Crane	<u>15</u> in flight over Neosho WA	Neosho	01/03	TR
Sandhill Crane	1 flying overhead near old ammo plant	<u>Labette</u>	01/21	CG
Sandhill Crane	1 at Tuttle Creek SP	Pottawatomie	01/29	DMz
American Avocet	1 lingering at QNWR	Stafford	12/23	MR
Dunlin	2 at QNWR 1 present on 01/22	Stafford	01/04	LSw
Least Sandpiper	1 lingering at CBWA 21 on 12/20, 17 on 12/28	Barton	12/02	LT, NSk
Least Sandpiper	15 at Cheney SP 17 on 12/05, 10 on 12/17, 5 on 12/31, 1 on 01/17	Kingman	12/04	BP
Least Sandpiper	14 at QNWR	Stafford	12/14	MR
Least Sandpiper	26 at Slate Creek Wetland WA 1 on 01/17	Sumner	12/14	SQ
Least Sandpiper	2 southwest of Anthony	Harper	12/16	KG
Least Sandpiper	2 at Pratt Hatchery Ponds	Pratt	12/17	MR
Least Sandpiper	6, Cheney SP, east shore area Likely same birds that had been in Kingman County at Cheney, 1 on 01/28	Reno	12/31	SSHo
Least Sandpiper	3 along Arkansas River	Reno	01/02	JM
Long-billed Dowitcher	4, lingering at CBWA	Barton	12/02	LT, NSk
American Woodcock	1 in backyard	Montgomery	02/18	EdM
Spotted Sandpiper	1 at Sedan City Lake	Chautauqua	12/21	TE, RW
Greater Yellowlegs	6 at CBWA 9 present on 12/27, 12 on 12/30, 6 on 2/10	Barton	12/23	MR
Greater Yellowlegs	6 still present at QNWR Still present 12/24, 12 on 12/31, 2 on 01/04	Stafford	12/23	HB
Greater Yellowlegs	1 at Perry Lake Dam	Jefferson	01/13	MMH
Black-legged Kittiwake	1 seen at Clinton Lake Still present 01/29	Douglas	12/18	RB
Black-legged Kittiwake	1 at Hillsdale Lake Still present 02/21	Miami	01/29	MGo
Black-legged Kittiwake	1 at John Redmond Res Still present 02/22	Coffey	02/12	DMK, MP
Little Gull	1 at Linn County Park	Linn	12/03	MJDK
Glaucous Gull	1 near Reno County Landfill Still present in area 02/04	Reno	01/01	FMi, MMi
Glaucous Gull	1 at Cheney SP, East Shore Still present 01/20	Reno	01/02	AM
Glaucous Gull	1 at Clinton Lake	Douglas	01/18	MYB
Glaucous Gull	1 at Pomona Lake	Osage	01/19	DMK, MP
Glaucous Gull	1 at Tuttle Creek Continuing 02/20	Riley	02/06	TC

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Glaucous Gull	1 at Hillsdale Lake Still present 02/13	Miami	02/10	MLd
Great Black-backed Gull	1 at field near Reno Co Landfill	Reno	01/26	SMi
Red-throated Loon	1 at La Cygne Lake Still present 02/26	Linn	02/05	MGo
White-faced Ibis	2, lingering at CBWA	Barton	12/02	LT, NSk
Black Vulture	Several near PSU Natural History Area Likely expanding their wintering range in Kansas	Crawford	01/23	DL
Golden Eagle	2 easterly at Atchison SFL	Atchison	12/11	LSw
Golden Eagle	1 somewhat easterly near Lyon SFL	Lyon	01/02	KCr
Golden Eagle	1 near Onaga	Pottawatomie	01/17	BMg
Golden Eagle	1 near Eureka	Greenwood	02/12	MN
Ferruginous Hawk	1 at Zac Hudec Wetlands	Clay	01/07	DR
Burrowing Owl	1 lingering at prairie dog town	Haskell	12/04	JC
Burrowing Owl	1 southeast of Sublette	Seward	01/10	JT
Long-eared Owl	At least 4 near Tecumseh	Shawnee	01/08	JMa
“Kingbird”	1, Lyon SFL, last report	Lyon	12/02	m.ob.
Eastern Phoebe	1 along Emma Creek, calling	Harvey	01/17	CMi
Eastern Phoebe	1 at Celery Fields Bird Boardwalk	Brown	02/12	RMi
Say’s Phoebe	1 east of Climax	Greenwood	01/11	VCK
Blue-headed Vireo	1 at Celery Fields Bird Boardwalk	Brown	02/12	RMi
Fish Crow	1 heard in Derby, late	Sedgwick	12/17	PJ
Fish Crow	Somewhat early, Clinton SP	Douglas	02/08	KS
Chihuahuan Raven	1 near Colorado line	Hamilton	01/10	HA
Common Raven	1 near Colorado line	Hamilton	01/10	HA
Brown-headed Nuthatch	Continued in Garden City through the period	Finney	02/28	SSh
House Wren	1 uncommon winter record, Baxter Springs	Cherokee	01/08	JCl
Curve-billed Thrasher	1 in Holcomb backyard 2 present on 01/22 – likely wintered there	Finney	12/22	AZ
Gray Catbird	1 in Newton backyard	Harvey	12/18	LHd
Gray Catbird	1 at Wyandotte County Lake	Wyandotte	12/30	SvS
Gray Catbird	1 on Red Hills CBC	Barber	01/02	HCM, PJ
Gray Catbird	1 in Dodge City	Ford	01/02	JC
Brown Thrasher	1 at Wyandotte County Lake	Wyandotte	12/30	SvS
Brown Thrasher	1 on Red Hills CBC	Barber	01/02	HCM, PJ
Brown Thrasher	1 at Scott SP	Scott	01/06	MMi, SMi
Brown Thrasher	1 at Lee Richardson Zoo	Finney	01/16	QN
Brown Thrasher	1 in north Lawrence	Douglas	01/17	JyM
Common Redpoll	1, Dyck Arboretum, Hesston	Harvey	12/02	DZ
Common Redpoll	1 at feeder, northwest of Lawrence	Leavenworth	12/18	GP
Common Redpoll	1 at feeder near Partridge	Reno	01/22	DwM, FMi
Common Redpoll	1 at Welton Grove, Topeka	Shawnee	01/30	RC
Common Redpoll	2 at feeder in Muscotah	Atchison	01/31	DMz
Common Redpoll	1 at feeders in Prairie Village	Johnson	02/01	KC
Common Redpoll	1 at feeder in Winfield	Cowley	02/17	MT
Common Redpoll	2, male and female, at feeders in yard Continuing 02/28	Leavenworth	02/24	KC, DP
Common Redpoll	1 at backyard feeder, Kansas City	Wyandotte	02/28	SvS
Red Crossbill	1, fly over, Burcham Park	Douglas	12/02	PG
Lesser Goldfinch	1 in east Manhattan	Pottawatomie	12/15	KW
Lesser Goldfinch	1 at feeder, Leawood	Johnson	12/18	CE

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Lesser Goldfinch	1 at feeder in Manhattan Continuing 02/27	Riley	01/17	MMF
Lesser Goldfinch	1 at backyard feeders	Johnson	02/19	CE
Eastern Towhee	1 in Newton, west from expected winter range Continuing 1/09	Harvey	01/02	RW
Common Yellowthroat	1 at Wellington Lake	Sumner	02/01	SQ
Pine Warbler	1 at Glen Elder SP	<u>Mitchell</u>	12/14	HA
Pine Warbler	1 in Lawrence backyard, good winter record Still present 02/18	Douglas	01/21	RB
Summer Tanager	1 female at feeder in Shawnee Still present 01/05	Johnson	12/17	JR

**Locations and notes:** CBWA – Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area, CBC – Christmas Bird Count, NWR – National Wildlife Refuge, QNWR – Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Res – Reservoir, SFL – State Fishing Lake, SP – State Park, WA – Wildlife Area

**Underlined county name indicates new county record. Underlined number indicates an exceptionally high count. County name followed by an asterisk (\*) indicates a new confirmed breeding record.**

**Observers - Individuals:** Henry Armknecht, Hunter Bohn, Roger Boyd, Andrew Burnett (ABu), Ted Cable, Jeff Calhoun, Jeff Cantrell (JCl), Randy Carman, Kathy Carroll, Kyle Carsen (KCr), Henry Castro-Miller (HCM), AiLeng Chen (ALC), Vickie Cikanek (Vck), Corey Enriken, Tom Ewert, Chad Gardner, Malcolm Gold (MGo), Kevin Groeneweg, Peter Grund, Lorna Harder (Lhd), Steve & Sarah Hofhine (SSHo), Pete Janzen, Mark Land (MLd), Delia Lister, Joey Magerl (JyM), Brandon Magette (BMg), Jim Malcom (JMa), Mark Mayfield (MMf), Kathy McDowell (KMD), Mick McHugh (MMH), Debra McKee (DMK), Don Merz (DMz), Anthony Miller, Cheryl Miller (CMi), Dwight Miller (DwM), Edwin Miller (EdM), Franklin Miller (FMi), Joseph Miller, Michael Miller (MMi), Rebecca Miller (RMi), Seth Miller (SMi), Ty Montanna (TyM), Quentin Nolan, Mark Nolen, Diane Persons, Barbara Peterson, Mark Pheasant, Galen Pittman, S. Queen, Mike Rader, Travis Ratliff, Dave Rintoul, Janet Rossbach, Kim Sain, Luke Schawe (LSw), Steven Seltman (SvS), Sara Shane (SSh), Nathan Shinkle (NSk), Max Thompson, Jeff Tibbits, Lesley Tullis, Rodney Wedel, Kimberly With, Melissa Yates-Bruce (MYB), Dick Zerger, Anthony Zukoff **Groups:** ACRT – Atcha Nolan, Carolyn Schwab, Rodney Wedel, Tom Ewert, MJDK – Malcolm Gold, JC Avena, Diane Persons, Kathy Carroll, m.ob. – many observers

### Jean Schulenberg 1934—2022

Jean (Hurley) Schulenberg passed away on 5 June 2022. Jean was a long time KOS member and friend to many. Jean was a role model for many women in science, long believing that women could and should do anything that they wanted to. She loved horses and dogs and was a very successful dog handler especially working with English setters. She loved to travel and her daughter, in eulogizing her, spoke fondly of over 20 spring trips to Yellowstone National Park. Jean was inspired by Steve Fretwell to obtain her bird banding license and once she obtained it she spent considerable time banding and studying Harris's Sparrows. In time, Jean became president of the Inland Bird Banding Association. Following her husband's death in the 1990s, already in her 60s, she went back to school and earned an MS in biology at Emporia State University. Jean was an active KOS board member serving on the board as a board member from 1972-73, Secretary from 1973-74, Vice President from 1974-76 and then President from 1976-78. Jean served as the organizer and compiler of the Emporia Christmas Bird Count from 1973 through 2015. She was a regular at KOS meetings and loved to visit with everyone about birds. In a fitting tribute, her daughter, Margaret, wrote, "While other kids were visiting Disney Land, we took summer vacations to every National Park in the Lower 48 and I used to complain that I have been in the town dump of every place in America that harbors a different species of crow!" In recent years Jean was absent from Kansas birding activities having moved to South Carolina to live with her daughter Margaret. Jean will be missed by all of us who had the privilege to know her.

-Chuck Otte

## Birding Blitz, May 7, 2022

In place of our traditional KOS Spring Field Trips we held a one day “birding blitz”, challenging birders to visit as many Kansas Counties as possible. We then ended the day with a Zoom social hour where about two dozen participants swapped stories of the day and shared their best, or favorite, sightings of the day. While we only managed to get about 1/3 of the counties covered, we did manage to collectively see 209 species on May 7th. Hopefully this will be the last virtual meeting that KOS has to hold. Plans are underway for a traditional, in-person fall meeting in Atchison (page 12.) Thank you to everyone who participated in the Birding Blitz! Following is the compiled list of birds seen.

Snow Goose	Dunlin	Great Horned Owl
Canada Goose	Baird's Sandpiper	Burrowing Owl
Wood Duck	Least Sandpiper	Barred Owl
Blue-winged Teal	White-rumped Sandpiper	Belted Kingfisher
Northern Shoveler	Pectoral Sandpiper	Red-headed Woodpecker
Gadwall	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Mallard	Western Sandpiper	Downy Woodpecker
Northern Pintail	Long-billed Dowitcher	Hairy Woodpecker
Green-winged Teal	Spotted Sandpiper	Northern Flicker
Redhead	Solitary Sandpiper	Pileated Woodpecker
Lesser Scaup	Lesser Yellowlegs	American Kestrel
Ruddy Duck	Willet	Peregrine Falcon
Northern Bobwhite	Greater Yellowlegs	Great Crested Flycatcher
Wild Turkey	Wilson's Phalarope	Western Kingbird
Greater Prairie-Chicken	Franklin's Gull	Eastern Kingbird
Ring-necked Pheasant	Ring-billed Gull	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Pied-billed Grebe	Herring Gull	Eastern Wood-Pewee
Western Grebe	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Acadian Flycatcher
Rock Pigeon	Black Tern	Alder Flycatcher
Eurasian Collared-Dove	Forster's Tern	Willow Flycatcher
White-winged Dove	Double-crested Cormorant	Least Flycatcher
Mourning Dove	American White Pelican	Eastern Phoebe
Common Nighthawk	American Bittern	Say's Phoebe
Chuck-will's-widow	Great Blue Heron	White-eyed Vireo
Eastern Whip-poor-will	Great Egret	Bell's Vireo
Chimney Swift	Snowy Egret	Yellow-throated Vireo
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Little Blue Heron	Blue-headed Vireo
Virginia Rail	Cattle Egret	Philadelphia Vireo
Sora	Green Heron	Warbling Vireo
Common Gallinule	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Red-eyed Vireo
American Coot	White-faced Ibis	Loggerhead Shrike
Black-necked Stilt	Black Vulture	Blue Jay
American Avocet	Turkey Vulture	American Crow
Killdeer	Osprey	Fish Crow
Semipalmated Plover	Northern Harrier	Carolina Chickadee
Piping Plover	Cooper's Hawk	Black-capped Chickadee
Snowy Plover	Bald Eagle	Tufted Titmouse
Upland Sandpiper	Mississippi Kite	Horned Lark
Hudsonian Godwit	Red-shouldered Hawk	Bank Swallow
Marbled Godwit	Broad-winged Hawk	Tree Swallow
Red Knot	Swainson's Hawk	N. Rough-winged Swallow
Stilt Sandpiper	Red-tailed Hawk	Purple Martin
Sanderling	Barn Owl	Barn Swallow

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



Barn Swallow  
 Cliff Swallow  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
 Cedar Waxwing  
 Red-breasted Nuthatch  
 White-breasted Nuthatch  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
 House Wren  
 Sedge Wren  
 Marsh Wren  
 Carolina Wren  
 Gray Catbird  
 Curve-billed Thrasher  
 Brown Thrasher  
 Northern Mockingbird  
 European Starling  
 Eastern Bluebird  
 Gray-cheeked Thrush  
 Swainson's Thrush  
 Wood Thrush  
 American Robin  
 House Sparrow  
 House Finch  
 Pine Siskin  
 American Goldfinch  
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 Harris's Sparrow  
 White-throated Sparrow  
 Savannah Sparrow  
 Song Sparrow  
 Lincoln's Sparrow  
 Spotted Towhee  
 Eastern Towhee  
 Yellow-breasted Chat  
 Yellow-headed Blackbird  
 Bobolink  
 Eastern Meadowlark  
 Western Meadowlark  
 Orchard Oriole  
 Baltimore Oriole  
 Red-winged Blackbird  
 Brown-headed Cowbird  
 Common Grackle  
 Great-tailed Grackle  
 Ovenbird  
 Louisiana Waterthrush  
 Northern Waterthrush  
 Black-and-white Warbler  
 Prothonotary Warbler

Tennessee Warbler  
 Orange-crowned Warbler  
 Nashville Warbler  
 Mourning Warbler  
 Kentucky Warbler  
 Common Yellowthroat  
 American Redstart  
 Northern Parula  
 Magnolia Warbler  
 Yellow Warbler  
 Chestnut-sided Warbler  
 Blackpoll Warbler  
 Palm Warbler  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler  
 Yellow-throated Warbler  
 Prairie Warbler  
 Black-throated Green Warbler  
 Wilson's Warbler  
 Summer Tanager  
 Scarlet Tanager  
 Northern Cardinal  
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
 Black-headed Grosbeak  
 Blue Grosbeak  
 Indigo Bunting  
 Painted Bunting  
 Dickcissel

## BEST BIRD OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Since we haven't had an in-person meeting since the fall of 2019, best bird of the year is going to be best bird of the YEARS this time around. There's been a couple of new state species since the 2019 Annual Meeting so you may want to submit a numbered list of what you consider to be the five or ten best birds, or whatever number you feel like. Regardless, start getting those sent in to Gene so he can start sorting through the list and get it put together.

(for period since September 30, 2019 - 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](mailto:EUGENE.YOUNG@noc.edu)

Species \_\_\_\_\_

Observers \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_



**Official Nomination Form  
2022 Kansas Ornithological Society  
Dr. Ivan L. Boyd Recognition Award**

The Boyd Award is given to a member(s) of the Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS), usually each year, for outstanding contributions and service to the society. The Boyd Award is in recognition of the contributions of Dr. Ivan Boyd who was a KOS Founder, Charter Member, and the first president of KOS. He was also a Bulletin Editor and helped start the Baldwin Christmas Bird Count in 1942, which is the longest running CBC in the state.

Nominations should provide a list of the nominee's contributions to KOS. Contributions could include such things as number and years of offices held, committee involvement, papers presented at KOS, papers published in the Bulletin or Horned Lark, number of CBC's compiled, and years of membership; this is not an exclusive list and other contributions to the society may be provided. Current KOS Board members are not eligible to receive an award. The Board may select more than one recipient each year or may choose not to name a recipient in a given year. More information can be found at: <https://ksbirds.org/kos/BoydAward.htm>

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Nomination Form**

To make a nomination send this form, with attachments, to Jenn Rader, [jennrader34@gmail.com](mailto:jennrader34@gmail.com)

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Nominator's Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Attach a typewritten description of no more than two pages, both sides of paper may be used, giving a detailed account of specific work the nominee has accomplished for KOS. Contributions could include such things as number and years of offices held, committee involvement, papers presented at KOS, papers published in the Bulletin or Horned Lark, number of CBC's compiled, and years of membership; this is not an exclusive list and other contributions to the society may be provided.



**Official Nomination Form  
2022 Kansas Ornithological Society  
Avian Conservationist of the Year**

The Kansas Ornithological Society's Avian Conservationist of the Year Award is given to an individual for making significant contributions to bird conservation and/or education. Nominations should be made for outstanding work in bird conservation, through the management or preservation of habitats, education or research. A nominee may be any professional, volunteer, educator or other person that has accomplished significant contributions in any of the areas listed. The nominee does not have to be a member of KOS, but the nominator must be a current member of KOS. The accomplishment should reflect a long-time commitment to bird conservation, research and/or education within the State of Kansas. This award will be presented during the fall annual meeting. More information can be found at: <https://www.ksbirds.org/kos/AvianConservationist.html>

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

**Nomination Form**

**To make a nomination, send this form with attachments to:  
Bob Gress, 1409 W 35th N, Wichita KS, 67204 or to [bobgress@cox.net](mailto:bobgress@cox.net)**

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Nominator's Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Attach a typewritten description of no more than two pages, both sides of paper may be used, giving a detailed account of specific work the nominee has accomplished. Past and current achievements, organization membership or any other information the nominator feels pertinent will be considered.

# KOS Membership

New Member       Renewal

Please clearly mark your choice of membership category below.

- Student \$5
- Individual \$20
- Family \$25
- Sustaining Individual \$30
- Sustaining Family \$35
- Contributing \$45 or more
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Please remit check or money order, payable to KOS, and mail this form and your dues payment to:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone or email \_\_\_\_\_

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KOS is a non-profit organization committed to providing an environment that is inclusive and free from discrimination in our membership community and associated KOS activities because of race, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, disability, gender, sexual orientation or age.

### In-person fall KOS meeting in the works!

Details are far from finalized but the KOS Board is planning for an in-person fall meeting!!!

Registration and other information will be posted on the web just as soon as it all comes together. It will also be in the September Horned Lark which should be in mailboxes by late August.

But for now, know that we are headed to Atchison and Benedictine College on September 30 - October 2, 2022 for our first in person meeting since fall 2019!!