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2025 KOS Spring Meeting

The KOS annual May 2-4 Spring Meeting was held in a six county area of SW Kansas (Grant, Hamilton, Kearny, Morton, Stanton, and Stevens). Thank you to Jeff Calhoun for organizing. Fields trip were led by Pete Janzen, Tom & Sara Shane, Jeff Calhoun, Ted Cable & Jacob Riggs. The weather was beautiful. The birds were plentiful. The birders were ready.

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing Scaled Quail so closely. I also really appreciated the opportunity to bird on private land. I've been to some of these counties many times and did not see the volume of species that we saw on the private property.

***Glen Caspers

My favorite birds were the Canyon Towhee and Rufous-crowned Sparrow that we saw at Point of Rocks! They were both very active especially the Rufous-crowned sparrow which let Andrew get extremely close to it. We also had great views of Burrowing Owls and a Long-billed Curlew that flew in on a random stop on the road. I also enjoyed the Black-chinned Hummingbirds at the shelterbelt in Elkhart. We even found a nest.

***Jacob Riggs

After getting milli-second views of the Scaled Quail, it sat on the fence while all 5 cars drove by and got wonderful views and photos.

***Marie Plinsky

For my wife, Sam and I, as always, the highlight was seeing and visiting with old friends. The entire weekend was filled with good birding locations and birds. However, our favorite stop was Manter Dam in Stanton County, an oasis in the dry southwest. We were also delighted to see both species of ravens; species we probably have seen before but couldn't identify without the help of more accomplished birders. Looking forward to next spring get together.

***Terry Mannell

How fun it was to go birding with Tom & Sara. They are great leaders!

***Carol Morgan



Left Photo:
Elkhart Shelterbelt
Morton county
(Photo: Ted Cable)

Right Photo:
Johnson City WTP
Stanton County
(Photo: Morgan Mink)



From the Keyboard

By the Editor

Oh my neck hurts! Bet you know why. Yes, from looking up working to find warblers as they bounce from branch to branch and then fly off just as you get a look at them. I'm not very good at this warbler thing, but I am going to keep trying. It would also help if I could hear!

Over the years, we have always had a farm list, but Chad and I decided we should keep a list of all nesting species. Of course, we've always intuitively kept tabs of what and where, but making it more official has been fun and made us more observant.

The resident Barred Owls have been talking morning, noon, and night. For us, the hummingbirds, orioles, red headed woodpeckers, and even the house wrens arrived a few days later this year. Seems I always worry, and then they always arrive! And last but not least, I don't know what it is, but I just so enjoy the ramping up of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo song & calls when working in my gardens.

The KOS early May Spring Meeting was held in the six county area of SW Kansas. A total of 187 species were seen and there were over 50 participants (pg 1,8 & 9) Seeing some countryside I had never been to before was a treat and plan to go back to again in the future. A forward to the Spring Meeting Field Trip Bird Species List are a few reflections from some of the participants on what they enjoyed & appreciated as well as some photos sprinkled in (thank you to all who contributed).

Our KOS Vice President & K-State Professor, Dr. Alice Boyle is going to be leaving Kansas. I asked if she might have some parting comments. Read her original and poignant poem—"Who will count the birds?" As well as her wisdom and future plans (pg 3 & 4).

It is that time of year to solicit KOS Paper Abstracts and Award Nominations (pg 5,6,7). A call out to KOS members who conduct the North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS)(pg 9). Chuck has put together the December 2024-February 2025 Winter Kansas Birding Roundup (pg 10-12). Always interesting to read an overview, see the numbers, locations, and dates. Truly, thanks to all the observers out there birding everyday that contribute this data and help to give a more accurate account of birds in Kansas..

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Who will count the birds?

Who will wake bleary-eyed, clutching coffee in the raw dark?
Who will take the young people to see this ritual?

Grass crunching with frost, heavy breaths
as they match my brisk pace. Ahead, a wooden box,
obvious to all, but somehow it fools the birds.
Hushed and awkward, we shuffle onto benches,
peering out in vain for movement in the dark.

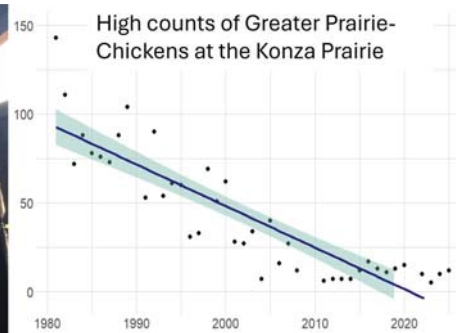
And then they are with us,
summoned by an implacable force, a need, a desire,
maybe an obsession, and with only light
from the promise of a future sunrise,
they begin.

Out from the safety of tall grass,
airing up for their ritual of rivalry, heads bowed low
ear tufts up, white underskirts exposed,
silly little stomping feet

and as if that weren't enough, they make their own music.
Air sacs inflate, puffy orange neck balloons—
who cares that these evolved to serve
the most efficient lungs on the planet?
They call it booming, but clearly
Dr. Zeuss was not on duty that day.
Maniacal cackles, flapping attacks, feathers ruffled
in the relentless prairie wind.

From a bench in a wooden box, these already-jaded souls
briefly see the world as it is,
a capricious play, at once ridiculous and sublime, and maybe
they begin to grasp what the world once was.

I too wonder, but I also count.
How many birds?
How many fewer than last year?
Is this the last time?
Who will get up in the dark to count them when I'm gone?



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(Dr. W. Alice Boyle, Continue from page 3)

I have been a faculty member in the Division of Biology at Kansas State University since 2012. In that role, I have taught ornithology and devoted much of my time to conducting research and training students. My work, which spans wet tropical forests to temperature grasslands, focuses on understanding the causes of different bird migration and dispersal patterns, the reasons why bird populations are affected by rain, and increasingly, how to save declining grassland birds. Starting this summer, I will begin a new phase of my life and career as a Canada Research Chair and professor at the University of Western Ontario (London, Canada). I will miss many things about living and working in Kansas, foremost among them the many wonderful people who make this place a true home, and the incredible tallgrass prairies of the Flint Hills.

The above poem is the only poem I have ever written. Theo Michaels, a post-doc in my lab, inspired me to give it a try (thanks, Theo!). It came out, all in a rush, during a late-night drive back to Manhattan from Kansas City. I have never felt so worried about the future of the natural world, and so motivated to try to inspire others to care. It is cliché to state how much our lives depend on healthy ecosystems in very tangible and economically-measurable ways. What I see as the greatest power of our collective love of birds is that we depend on them for so much more: for our mental health and for release from the stressors of everyday life. Birds are our first and foremost connection to the natural world; they are accessible to everyone, all the time, and wherever you are. Of course, the birds depend on us too, now more-so than ever. **Thank you** to you all; for caring about birds and for helping to pass this love onto others. I hope that the study, joy, and preservation of birds is something that the KOS will support and grow for a very, very long time.

Make Note: **KOS Fall Meeting**
September 26-28, Pittsburg, KS
(Details coming in September issue.)

There is Still Time to Order:

The Guide to Kansas Birds and Birding Hotspots
2nd Edition by Pete Janzen and Bob Gress

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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 2025 Meeting will be held in Pittsburg, Kansas at Pittsburg State University September 26 - 28, 2025. Paper presentations are on Saturday, September 27 in Yates Hall on Pittsburg State University Campus.

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) A PC and projector will be provided. Please bring your presentation on a thumb drive.
- 2) Papers will be 15 min, including questions. If you need a shorter or longer time slot, please let Chuck Otte 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 19; please send, in MS Word, to Chuck Otte at cotte@twinvalley.net. In the subject line of the e-mail, please indicate the meeting and give your surname: "KOS 2025: Smith."

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 purpura*) 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.

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



Official Nomination Form 2025 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 continuously 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.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL AUGUST 1ST.

To make a nomination send this form, with attachments, to Kurtis Meier, kurtis.meier@ks.gov

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 2025 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 1ST.

Nomination Form

To make a nomination, send this form with attachments to:
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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.**

2025 Spring Meeting Species Compilation

By Chuck Otte



Left Photo:
Elkhart Cemetery
Morton County

(Photos: Jacob Riggs)

Right Photo:
Cheyenne Bottoms
(on way to KOS)
Barton County



Snow Goose
Greater White-fronted Goose
Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
Green-winged Teal
Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup
Ruddy Duck
Northern Bobwhite
Scaled Quail
Wild Turkey
Ring-necked Pheasant
Pied-billed Grebe
Eared Grebe
Rock Pigeon
Eurasian Collared-Dove
White-winged Dove
Mourning Dove
Common Poorwill
Chimney Swift
Black-chinned Hummingbird
American Coot
Black-necked Stilt
American Avocet
Killdeer
Upland Sandpiper
Long-billed Curlew
Baird's Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher

Wilson's Snipe
Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Willet
Greater Yellowlegs
Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope
Ring-billed Gull
Forster's Tern
Double-crested Cormorant
American White Pelican
Black-crowned Night Heron
Great Blue Heron
White-faced Ibis
Turkey Vulture
Osprey
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Bald Eagle
Mississippi Kite
Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Ferruginous Hawk
American Barn Owl
Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl
Barred Owl
Long-eared Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker
American Kestrel
Merlin
Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon
Ash-throated Flycatcher
Great Crested Flycatcher
Cassin's Kingbird
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe
White-eyed Vireo
Bell's Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Loggerhead Shrike
Blue Jay
Black-billed Magpie
American Crow
Chihuahuan Raven
Common Raven
Horned Lark
Bank Swallow
Tree Swallow
N. Rough-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Rock Wren
Northern House Wren
Marsh Wren

Gray Catbird
 Curve-billed Thrasher
 Brown Thrasher
 Northern Mockingbird
 European Starling
 Eastern Bluebird
 Veery
 Gray-cheeked Thrush
 Swainson's Thrush
 Hermit Thrush
 Wood Thrush
 American Robin
 House Sparrow
 American Pipit
 Sprague's Pipit
 House Finch
 Pine Siskin
 Lesser Goldfinch
 American Goldfinch
 Cassin's Sparrow
 Grasshopper Sparrow
 Black-throated Sparrow
 Lark Sparrow
 Lark Bunting
 Chipping Sparrow
 Clay-colored Sparrow
 Field Sparrow
 Dark-eyed Junco

White-crowned Sparrow
 Vesper Sparrow
 Savannah Sparrow
 Song Sparrow
 Lincoln's Sparrow
 Canyon Towhee†
 Rufous-crowned Sparrow
 Green-tailed Towhee
 Spotted Towhee
 Yellow-breasted Chat
 Yellow-headed Blackbird
 Eastern Meadowlark
 Western Meadowlark
 Orchard Oriole
 Bullock's Oriole
 Baltimore Oriole
 Red-winged Blackbird
 Brown-headed Cowbird
 Brewer's Blackbird
 Common Grackle
 Great-tailed Grackle
 Ovenbird
 Northern Waterthrush
 Black-and-white Warbler
 Tennessee Warbler
 Orange-crowned Warbler
 Nashville Warbler
 MacGillivray's Warbler

Common Yellowthroat
 Northern Parula
 Bay-breasted Warbler
 Yellow Warbler
 Chestnut-sided Warbler
 Black-throated Blue Warbler
 Pine Warbler
 Yellow-rumped Warbler
 Wilson's Warbler
 Summer Tanager
 Western Tanager
 Northern Cardinal
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak
 Black-headed Grosbeak
 Blue Grosbeak
 Lazuli Bunting
 Dickcissel

187 species total

Entire list showing county of occurrence can be found at: https://ksbirds.org/kos/Spring2025/Spring_Meeting,_2025_list.htm

North American Breeding Survey (BBS)

The North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) is a long-term, large-scale monitoring program that tracks the population trends of North American bird species. Experienced birders survey pre-determined routes with designated points and time periods once a year during the breeding season and record all birds seen or heard. The data is used to analyze population trends and bird numbers.

A few more details. There are already thousands of established survey routes. Observers generally stop every half mile and conduct a three minute "point count" - all birds heard or seen in a 1/4 mile radius. Data collected includes species, number of individuals, and how they were detected (sight or sound). The data provides estimates of population trends and abundance. These numbers are then used to assess bird conservation priorities.

The BBS is a cooperative effort between the USGS (United States Geological Survey) and the Canadian Wildlife Service and relies on the participation of thousands of community scientists.

For a Kansas birding slant on this, I invite any of you who have done this survey (and I know there are several of you who have for many years, THANK YOU!) to send in any thoughts, trends, experiences that you have seen or are seeing over the years in our state. Hopefully we will find out how many routes there are in Kansas, how many people are participating, and again some of the trends being seen. Please send any correspondence to grasslangardens@gmail.com from which I will pass on to our membership in a future issue.

Kansas Birding Roundup

Winter 2024-25 (December 2024 – February 2025)

Chuck Otte, compiler

This is the report of the winter birding season in Kansas, December to February. Some of the state had a somewhat colder and snowier winter than recent years, especially in January and February. This likely limited some birders birding excursions during those months! Temperatures plummeted around January 5 and winter arrived with a vengeance! Temperatures were a yoyo through end of February. eBird reports plummeted in perfect correlation to Arctic cold fronts rolling across the state and account for the fairly short nature of this report.

Any scoter species or Long-tailed Duck was once quite noteworthy. Now days, at any large reservoir in central or eastern Kansas from November through February they are almost expected. MANY were reported but unless they are way out of geographical or temporal range, OR a new county record, we don't note them specifically. Likewise, Least Sandpipers, both yellowlegs species and a few other shorebirds seem to be waiting longer and longer into the winter season, almost daring Mother Nature to get harsh enough to push them further south.

On January 31st, Christi McMillen was in southern Ford County looking to photograph Short-eared Owls. Near a playa she found something much better than a Short-eared Owl, Kansas' second Ross's Gull!! Unlike the first state record, this one stuck around long enough for birders from all across the country to make the trip and view this extremely rare gull. Sadly, but not unexpectedly, the bird expired after about a week. The specimen was recovered by Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks staff in an attempt to determine cause of death and to save it for posterity. Sadly, whether we want to acknowledge it or not, this is an all too common end for far out of range vagrants. Not to be outdone, Mark Nolen took note of an OLG "odd looking gull" at Cheney Reservoir and documented it well enough for the Kansas Bird Records Committee to accept it as a state first Slaty-backed Gull (species #489 for the state list)! This species was not unexpected and someone finally took the time to sort through the myriad of gulls that can be found at Kansas Reservoirs in the winter.

In a testament to the changing climatic patterns, both Eastern Phoebes and Say's Phoebes are being found more and more commonly during the winter season. Chipping Sparrows are also following this same pattern. At one time a winter Chipping Sparrow drew a strong eye stare from the records committee, but now days they are almost expected to be found scattered around the central and eastern portions of the state through the winter season. This year was no different, in spite of the severe winter weather. Like Eastern Phoebes, Chipping Sparrows historically didn't winter that far south of Kansas so this shouldn't serve as a surprise to anyone. What was a pleasant surprise this winter were the numbers of Purple Finches that irrupted into the state. A few Red Crossbill reports raised hopes but they did not turn into a major irruption. Always enjoyable to see either of these finch species however!

Every once in a while, birds throw us curveballs . Hallie Kretsinger photographed a warbler at Rock Chalk Park in Lawrence (Douglas County) on December 27, 2024. At first it was identified as a Magnolia Warbler, which would be a very good late December bird for Kansas. Upon examination of the photos it was ultimately left as a possible hybrid. If you want to see the photos, visit eBird checklist S206809954!

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 or mailed to 11319 Dundon Rd, Milford KS 66514.

Species	Number and Location	County	Date	Observer(s)
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	35 at feedlot manure pits	Finney	12/15	SSh
	Continuing 12/22, 36 present on 1/01, 20 present on 1/10			
Tundra Swan	2 at East Pole Line Road Playa	Finney	12/03	SSh
Tundra Swan	2 near Anthony	Harper	12/07	CE
Tundra Swan	6 at Lucas Park, Wilson Lake area	Russell	12/15	MR
Tundra Swan	6 north of Marion Res.	Marion	12/30	CS, RW
Red-necked Grebe	1 at Wilson Lake, Minooka Park	Russell	12/21	MR, DK
	Re-found on 12/22			
Eared Grebe	1 lingering at Fall River SP	Greenwood	1/01	BJ

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Eared Grebe	1 lingering at Marion Res	Marion	1/02	CS, GF, RW
Western Grebe	1 easterly at Elk City Lake	Montgomery	12/28	TE, FMi,
Rufous Hummingbird	1 in Wichita	Sedgwick	12/01	MN
Continuing from mid-November, still present 1/05				
Red-throated Loon	1 at Clinton Lake, Dam area	Douglas	12/01	DBr
Still present 12/09				
Sandhill Crane	8 from Clinton Lake area	Douglas	12/01	JG
Sandhill Crane	60 near Wilson Res	Russell	12/15	GF
65 present on 1/17				
Sandhill Crane	1 at Stockton WTP	Rooks	12/25	HA
Still present 1/03				
Whooping Crane	2 at Glen Elder WA	Mitchell	12/22	WRCBC
Ross's Gull	1 at playa south of Dodge City, KBRC	<u>Ford</u>	1/31	CMM, <u>m.ob</u>
Continued until 2/04				
Short-billed Gull	1 at Cheney SP East Shore Area, KBRC	Reno	2/07	KKr, HS
Continuing 2/16				
Slaty-backed Gull	1 adult at Cheney SP East Shore, KBRC	<u>Reno</u>	2/04	MN, m.ob.
Osprey	1 late at Nellie's Pond	Sedgwick	12/07	MN
Osprey	1 at Winfield City Lake	Cowley	12/15	FS
Golden Eagle	1 near Teter Rock	Greenwood	12/17	CM, SN
Golden Eagle	1 overhead I70, MM 347	Wabaunsee	12/25	TCn
Golden Eagle	1 near Rosalia	Butler	1/16	HA
American Goshawk	1 northwest of Winfield	Cowley	12/15	DS
Snowy Owl	1 near Reading	Lyon	12/15	ECBC
Snowy Owl	1 near Osawatomie	Miami	12/31	HH, m.ob.
Burrowing Owl	2 lingering near Scott City	Scott	12/05	SSh
Burrowing Owl	1 lingering east of Minneola	Clark	12/07	CR, TR
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1 at Clark SFL	Clark	12/01	JC
Continuing 2/01				
Eastern Phoebe	1 lingering at Riverside Park, Oswego	Labette	1/01	MWd
Eastern Phoebe	1 lingering at Gunn Park, Ft. Scott	Bourbon	1/03	DKr
Eastern Phoebe	1 lingering west of Columbus	Cherokee	1/10	HB
Say's Phoebe	1 lingering near Playa south of Dodge City	Ford	12/05	JC, EC, MMk
Say's Phoebe	1 in Erie	Neosho	12/16	ABu
Say's Phoebe	1 northwest of Dodge City	Ford	1/02	SSh
Say's Phoebe	1 in Bucklin	Ford	1/18	BSm
Fish Crow	1 in town of Eureka	Greenwood	12/17	CM, SN
Fish Crow	1 early at Craig Crossing Park	Johnson	2/24	MG
Fish Crow	1 early in Manhattan	Riley	2/28	LA
Chihuahuan Raven	2 north of Richfield, KBRC	Stanton	2/07	KCHJ
Common Raven	<u>Several</u> observed in various locations	Hamilton	1/11	SSh
Rock Wren	1 lingering at Clark SFL	Clark	12/01	JC
Still present 12/07				
Rock Wren	1 in town of Sylvan Grove	Russell	12/16	DK
Northern House Wren	1 lingering in Dodge City	Ford	1/01	JC
Still present 1/02				
Pacific Wren	1 at Riverside Recreation	Cheyenne	12/01	JK, MK
Continuing from late November, still present 12/12 – possibly two on that date				
Curve-billed Thrasher	1 at feeders in Inman	<u>McPherson</u>	1/06	KU
Sage Thrasher	1 at Pawnee Prairie Park	Sedgwick	12/05	ALC
American Pipit	40 near Liberal	Stevens	12/02	JCo
Sprague's Pipit	1 at Tallgrass Prairie NPRES	Chase	12/20	JSc, DC
Still present 1/03				
Red Crossbill	9 in Dodge City	Ford	12/27	JC
12 were found on 12/29 and identified as Type 2				
Continuing in Dodge City on 2/03				

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Observers - Individuals: Logan Anderson, Henry Armknecht, Hunter Bohn, Dan Broers (DBr), Andrew Burnett (ABu), Jeff Calhoun, Denise Cameron, Tom Cannon (TCn), Steven Case, Eva Cerventes, AiLeng Chan (ALC), Jennifer Coulson (JCo), Corey EntriKen, Tom Ewert, Gregg Friesen, Matt Gearheart, Janet Getgood, Hunter Hebenstreit, Barry Jones, Colby Karnei (CKr), John Keller, Mark Keller, Daniel Kerr (DKr), Dave Klema, Kaleb Kroeker (KKr), Mark Mayfield, Christi McMillen (CMM), Andrew Miller (AdM), Dwight Miller (DwM), Franklin Miller (FMi), Morgan Mink (MMk), Carol Morgan, Sue Newland, Mark Nolen, Mike Rader, Chad Remley, Trish Remley, Jack Rogers, Ben Sandstrom (BSm), Jordan Schmidt (JSc), Carolyn Schwab, David Seibel, Sara Shane (SSh), Faith Shapley, Hezekiah Swihart, Kelly Unruh, Rodney Wedel, Marion Weidemann (MWd), **Groups:** m.ob. – many observers, KCHJ – Kevin Groeneweg, Carol Morgan, Henry Armknecht, & Jeff Calhoun, ECBC – Emporia Christmas Bird Count, WRCBC – Waconda Reservoir Christmas Bird Count

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