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2026 KOS Spring Meeting

Sunny skies and cool morning weather prevailed for the Spring Meeting in Neosho (weekend based in Chanute), Allen, Greenwood, Montgomery, Wilson, and Woodson Counties. Much appreciation to Pete Janzen, Kevin Groeneweg, and Jennifer Jones for organizing. Thank you to our field trip leaders: Andrew Burnett (Neosho WA), Malcolm Gold (Fall River Lake and Wilson SFL), Jennifer Jones, Ed Miller, Andy George (Choteau Creek property, Elk City Lake and Elk City Wetlands), and Kevin Groeneweg (Toronto Lake and Woodson SFL). Many thanks to Dr. Phil Eastep for his hospitality and access to Choteau Creek.

Our meet up Friday evening at Union Works Brewing Co. in Humbolt was lively & delicious. After a fried chicken dinner, the Saturday night banquet at the SEK Impact Center in Chanute was highlighted by our speaker Brian Obermeyer, Great Plains Grasslands Strategy Director for the Nature Conservancy. Spring 2026 Meeting t-shirts were picked up - organized & designed by Malcolm Gold.

Following is the **Preliminary Compiled Sightings List from the KOS 2026 Spring Meeting**. Sightings were collected from the compilation on Sunday noon, the “big board county check-lists” and eBird reports that were shared with KSOmnSociety from May 1–3 for the following counties: Allen, Greenwood, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson. After checking, scrutinizing and vetting, a final listing, sorted out by county, will be available at: https://ksbirds.org/kos/Spring2026/Spring_Meeting,_2026_list.htm as well as ebird.org/tripreport/509314. Thank you to Malcolm and Chuck for compiling the list.

Snow Goose
Greater White-fronted Goose
Canada Goose
Trumpeter Swan
Wood Duck
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
Green-winged Teal
Lesser Scaup
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser

Northern Bobwhite
Wild Turkey
Ring-necked Pheasant
Pied-billed Grebe
Mourning Dove
Eurasian Collared-Dove
Rock Pigeon
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Common Nighthawk
Chuck-will's-widow
Eastern Whip-poor-will
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Virginia Rail

Sora
American Coot
American Avocet
Killdeer
Semipalmated Plover
Stilt Sandpiper
Dunlin
Baird's Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Semipalmated Sandpiper

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From the Keyboard

By the Editor

In the June 2025 issue I mentioned the North American Breeding Survey (BBS) and was wondering about the routes in Kansas. Kevin Groeneweg from Wichita graciously answered the call letting us in on his experience with his two routes since 2008 (p.3 & 4). Lets fill more routes!

Wanted: KOS Paper Abstracts and Award Nominations (p. 5,6, & 7) to be presented at the **Fall Meeting in Winfield held at Southwestern College September 25-27**. Thank you to Chuck Otte for the August-November 2025 Fall Kansas Bird Roundup (p. 8-11). Lots of activity! See Micky Louis's inspiring multi-generational "How I Got Started Birding "(p. 4).

Below: Photos from the Spring Meeting. Left: Doc Eastep talking to Dan Larson & the group about Choteau Creek. Right: Sunday noon species compilation with Sue Newland, Chuck Otte, Malcolm Gold, & Henry Armknecht



My Birding Blurb: Just received significant rain. Was very dry. Before this a hummingbird would fly over and "sit" on the ground near Chad taking a bath & preen in the outside spray while he was watering some newly planted plants. Happened multiple times. Will it now continue with moisture, we will see.

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***Birding With a Purpose – The BBS and Me ***

Kevin Groeneweg

After the excitement of spring migration fades, my attention is drawn to the birds going about the business of producing the next generation of their species. As I write this, Purple Martins and Northern House Wrens are making great use of the nest boxes I provide in my backyard. While I try to contribute in my own little way, what about the bigger picture? Are the common birds I take for granted still as common as they once were? One way that I contribute to that understanding is by running two breeding bird survey (BBS) routes.

The North American BBS is led by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and is the primary source for long-term, large-scale data used to evaluate the status and population trends of continental bird species. It significantly contributes to the periodic State of the Birds Report. Although the results reported are generally rather grim, it is one of the best sources of information for the general public to understand what is happening with our birds. Launched in 1966 east of the Mississippi and expanded to the great plains in 1967, there are currently 61 BBS routes in Kansas. Each route has 50 stops no closer than a half mile apart and the observer visits each stop in sequence, counting all birds heard or seen during a 3-minute stationary count period at each stop. The start time is one-half hour before local sunrise (5:38 AM for my routes) and takes about 4.5 hours to complete. The survey is to be completed within the period of May 27 to July 7.

I run the Dalton and Wellington routes. Both begin in Sumner County and have a starting point near their respective towns. The Dalton route runs generally east to highway 77, then primarily south, ending in Arkansas City. The Wellington route runs generally north, eventually going through Haysville and ending in south Wichita. To account for noise that might hinder detection, cars are counted and excessive noise is noted. One annoying aspect of the Wellington route once I get into Haysville and beyond is that I count far more cars than birds! Both routes were started in 1968 by K. Slaughter, then conducted by C. Holmes, then by Wallace Champeney in 1993, followed by Carolyn Schwab in 2000. When Carolyn retired from the routes after 2007, I couldn't resist the opportunity given their proximity to my home in Wichita and have been running them ever since.

Both routes have similar habitats, with a similar mix of species found on each. As with many of the routes in Kansas, there are significant agricultural areas where Dickcissels and Horned Larks rule, but other brushy and wooded areas keep things interesting. There is a significant river crossing on each route; the Arkansas on the Dalton route and the Ninnescah on the Wellington route. The Dalton list is currently at 111 species while the Wellington list is at 109, and I average about 57 species on the Dalton route and about 62 species on the Wellington route. Looking at the data over the decades, certain trends emerge that should be no surprise to long-time Kansas birders. Here are a few of them:

On the Dalton route Loggerhead Shrike was common in the early years, observed every year for the first 20 years with an average of 6 per year, but now observed only once in the last 20 years. Similarly, on the Wellington Route this species was observed every year for the first 24 years (averaging nearly 4 per year), but now observed only once this century. On the flip side, Canada Goose was first observed in the 90s, as was Wild Turkey.

Certain species have been expanding their range for a variety of reasons, but one of the significant contributing factors as it pertains to these routes is increasing woody encroachment and the ever-maturing timber along creeks and rivers. Pileated Woodpecker and Cooper's Hawk began to show up on both routes in this century, and Red-shouldered Hawk only during my tenure. Fish Crow was first observed on the Dalton Route in 2008 and in 2025 on the Wellington route. Some species came onto the Kansas scene for other reasons; with House Finch first observed on both routes in 1994 and Eurasian Collared-Dove on both routes in 2008. Western Cattle-Egret first showed up in the early 80s.

Finding species that are new for the routes makes for exciting moments. Since 2008, I've added 15 species to the Dalton route and 13 species to the Wellington route. 2014 was a wet year, and I added Louisiana

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Waterthrush and Prothonotary Warbler to the Dalton route. Even after significant rain, mudflats and puddles can hold late shorebirds and the like, with the most significant findings on the Dalton route being two Least Terns in 2008 and 12 Black-bellied Plovers in 2021. On the Wellington route I sometimes get late migrants if I run the route somewhat early in the period, with Mourning Warbler and Olive-sided Flycatcher (twice) being good finds.

As I reflect on nearly 20 years of running these routes, I know the time will come when I will need to turn over these routes to someone younger. So far, I am blessed to still have good hearing, so as long as I am able, I will continue to run these routes. As volunteers retire from their routes for whatever reason, I encourage others who have the necessary skills and ability, especially younger birders, to take the reins and continue this important contribution to conservation. I know that there are many capable birders out there. At the beginning of this year, only about half of the routes were assigned. Recent efforts have added a few more assignments. eBird has made tremendous contributions to our understanding of birds in space and time but really can't take the place of the BBS program. Perhaps other technologies will someday render human volunteers obsolete in this endeavor, but until that time comes, this citizen science effort provides enormous conservation value and is worth our effort. Contact Chuck Otte, our state coordinator if you wish to take up the challenge!

How I Got Started Birding.....Micky Louis

People often say they got started birding due to a 'spark' bird—a unique bird that made them pursue birding as a hobby. Any such sighting only led me to frustration. I couldn't figure out a systematic way to find new birds and ID them. So, rather than a spark bird I got started birding due to a spark person: Nick Varvel.

I met Nick in the summer of 2012 as he was pointing out a Painted Bunting to another lady. He was enthusiastic and knowledgeable. I naively assumed he was her bird guide. I asked him if I could hire him for a day to take me to find birds. He refused the money but agreed to help me locate birds but I would have to drive. He was not yet old enough to have a driver's license!

Thus began a mutually beneficial relationship. I traded occasional fast food and transportation for Nick's iffy navigational skills and growing knowledge of birds and birding hotspots. We were an odd duo: a fifteen year old birding prodigy and a fifty-nine year old slow learner who refused to use eBird.

But it worked! We went to a lot of places and saw a lot of birds. Nick made birds fun and accessible. I have since had many birding mentors but if it wasn't for my 'spark person' there would be no Micky Louis with an eBird account. Thank you, Nick!

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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 2026 Meeting will be held in Winfield, Kansas at Southwestern College September 25 - 27, 2026.** Paper presentations are on Saturday, September 26 in Darbeth Fine Arts Centers on the Southwestern College 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 Dr. Andrew George 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 18; please send, in MS Word, to Dr. Andrew George at adgeorge@pittstate.edu. In the subject line of the e-mail, please indicate the meeting and give your surname: "KOS 2026: 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.

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



**Official Nomination Form
2026 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.

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Official Nomination Form 2026 Kansas Ornithological Society Avian Conservationist of the Year

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Kansas Birding Roundup

Fall 2025 (August-November 2025)

Chuck Otte, compiler

This is the report of the fall birding season (August-November 2025) in Kansas. A concerted effort is made to scour all reports from eBird, KSBIRD-L and private messages, for new county records and to reflect them in this report. The fall season is a rather protracted period with southbound migration often starting in mid to late July and continuing into December. August through November is used so as to include the majority of the fall season sightings. Weather is taken into consideration for what is noteworthy, as early cold weather may push many species south ahead of average departure times. Conversely, extended warm and dry weather may encourage species to linger longer than “normal”.

Speaking of the weather, August, statewide, was slightly cooler than average, but September, October and November were all well above average. In fact, November was the 6th warmest on record for the entire state. We all know that a warm fall invariably leads to delayed migration and we saw that, especially in shorebirds, herons and egrets! Precipitation across the state seemed to bounce around from near normal to above normal with the exception of the northeast which has seen lingering abnormally dry conditions. Without a doubt, though, the abnormally warm weather was the story for the season.

For the fall season it's hard to decide which is the bigger story: a Fulvous Whistling-Duck at Cheyenne Bottoms or the King Eider at Perry Lake? While a Fulvous Whistling-Duck would normally be phenomenal, there have been more sightings and more recent sightings of them than King Eider. Since this was only the second record of King Eider, and the first one was in 1947, it makes the eider a “no-contest” winner! During its stay in Kansas from November 11th, 2025 until the lake froze in the middle of January 2026, the King Eider amassed 484 eBird entries. Nearly 80% of these were public reports. Certainly, some of these were repeat visits, with one couple reporting this bird ten times during its stay! There were likely many people that saw the eider that never filed eBird reports as well. It was THE bird celebrity for late 2025. The Reddish Egret at Tuttle Creek Lake would also normally be pretty exciting news, but once again, this is the fifth record for Kansas, with all the records being since 1999.

The annual Morton County September Birder Pilgrimage called a lot of birders to the southwest corner of the state resulting in many reports of desired western species. Many of those species are on the Kansas Bird Records Committee (KBRC) review list, but few reports were actually filed causing the KBRC to rely on eBird records that are often without good documentation. Expect to hear more on this in the coming months. That aside, there was an excellent passerine migration in western Kansas during this period with many warblers and flycatchers reported during September and on into October.

Warbling Vireo has now been split into two different species, Eastern and Western Warbling-Vireo. While the expected range of Western Warbling-Vireo is still being examined we do know that it reaches into western Kansas and the KBRC accepted one record for 2025 from Morton County making it the 492nd species on the all time Kansas check-list. It is, however, a challenging identification that is likely best done by voice. If you will be birding in western Kansas, in season, spend some time before hand learning the call and then please record their call and file it with your eBird list. The KBRC will be evaluating each and every filed report for Western Warbling-Vireo.

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. Records that have been accepted by the time this report is written will include the KBRC record number. 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.

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Species	Number and Location	County	Date	Observer(s)
Fulvous Whistling-Duck	1 at CBWMA, possibly same one from July Continued until 11/20	Barton	11/14	MKw, m.ob.
King Eider	1 at Rock Creek PUA, Perry Lake Continued until 1/21/2026, KBRC #2025-45	<u>Jefferson</u>	11/11	TCR, m.ob.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1 in WaKeeney	Trego	8/08	MK
Anna's Hummingbird	1 first year male, KBRC #2025-54 Still present 10/08	<u>Reno</u>	9/29	AdM
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1 female in Topeka	Shawnee	8/21	GH
Limpkin	1 at CBWMA, KBRC #2025-44 Continued until 11/02	Barton	10/22	SSh, m.ob.
Limpkin	1 at near Emporia, KBRC #2025-44	Lyon	11/16	DC
Sandhill Crane	1 at Lake Parsons, east of expected range	Neosho	10/12	ABu
Sandhill Crane	8 flying over Rossville	Shawnee	10/13	DMK, MP
Sandhill Crane	1 near Perry Lake	Jefferson	11/07	TSM
Black-necked Stilt	1 at QNWR Stilts lingered at QNWR until 11/17	Stafford	11/01	SMi
Snowy Plover	4 along 2 nd Road near QNWR	<u>Rice</u>	8/30	CMi
Upland Sandpiper	1 late	Marion	10/02	RyG
Long-billed Curlew	1 at QNWR, late Continued until 11/17	Stafford	10/18	AdM, m.ob.
Hudsonian Godwit	36 at Bloomington Beach, Clinton Lake	Douglas	9/03	NK
Red Knot	1 at QNWR	Stafford	8/09	AdM
White-rumped Sandpiper	2 at QNWR	Stafford	10/01	TSc
Short-billed Dowitcher	3 at QNWR At least 2 continued through 10/24	Stafford	10/13	ByW
Willet	1 late at Geary SFL	Geary	10/18	RW
Wilson's Phalarope	2 at Liberal WTP	Seward	10/26	AdM
Wilson's Phalarope	1 at QNWR, late	Stafford	11/24	DwM
Red-necked Phalarope	1 at Wilson Res	Russell	8/17	MR
Red-necked Phalarope	1 at Clinton Lake Continuing 8/28	Douglas	8/27	JMg
Red-necked Phalarope	1 at Hoxie WTP	Sheridan	9/05	KG, PJ, TE
Red Phalarope	1 at QNWR Continuing 8/24	Stafford	8/22	MR
Red Phalarope	1 at QNWR	Stafford	9/19	MR
Sabine's Gull	1 at QNWR Numerous sightings through 10/22	Stafford	8/25	AdM
Sabine's Gull	1 at Lovewell Res.	Jewell	9/04	JSu, JCS, LS
Sabine's Gull	1 at Wilson Lake	Russell	9/14	MR
Sabine's Gull	1 at Cheney SP	Reno	9/17	BPn
Sabine's Gull	1 at Council Grove Res.	<u>Morris</u>	9/21	RyG
Sabine's Gull	1 at Liberal WTP	Seward	9/21	HS, KKr
Sabine's Gull	1 at Clinton Lake	Douglas	10/13	MRb
Sabine's Gull	1 at Kirwin NWR	Phillips	10/19	MR
Black-legged Kittiwake	1 at Council Grove Res	<u>Morris</u>	10/30	RyG
Black-legged Kittiwake	1 at Cheney SP	Reno	11/16	AdM
Black-legged Kittiwake	1 at Perry Lake Continuing 11/23	Jefferson	11/19	JSg
Little Gull	1 at QNWR	Stafford	10/13	ByW
Iceland Gull	1 at CBWMA	Barton	10/26	MR
Iceland Gull	1 at CBWMA Re-found on 11/25	Barton	11/23	KKr
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1 early at Perry Lake Continuing 9/13	Jefferson	9/05	ML
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1 at Hillsdale SP	Miami	9/14	MGo
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1 at QNWR	Stafford	10/21	AH, AMr
Lesser Black-backed Gull	2 at different locations - Wilson Lake	Russell	10/22	AH, AMr
Great Black-backed Gull	1 at Wilson Lake	Russell	11/11	MK

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Red-throated Loon	1 at Melvern Lake Dam	<u>Osage</u>	11/28	MG
Pacific Loon	1 at Lake Parsons	Neosho	11/16	JCA, MGo
Wood Stork	1 at MDCWA, KBRC 2025-50 Continued until 8/21	Linn	8/03	CKf
Tri-colored Heron	1 at QNWR – present since 5/26 Continued to be seen until 8/09	Stafford	8/01	m.ob
Reddish Egret	1 at Tuttle Creek Res. KBRC 2025-42/43 Pottawatomie County Bird seen 11/27 by JP	<u>Riley/Pottawatomie</u>	10/31	LM
Swallow-tailed Kite	1 in Derby, KBRC #2025-31	Sedgwick	8/14	ALC
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1 early near Tuttle Creek Res	Riley	8/17	TC
American Goshawk	1 at CNG West Bend	Morton	9/21	DB
Western Screech-Owl	1 at CNG RA	Morton	8/30	MN, ByW, MGo
Burrowing Owl	1 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium	Riley	9/27	DRg
Barred Owl	1 near Plainville	<u>Ellis</u>	10/30	TgS
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1 along Cowpe Creek, County Road 3	Cheyenne	9/27	BG, LP
Red-naped Sapsucker	1 at CNG Cottonwood Picnic Area Still present 9/29	Morton	9/20	m.ob.
Red-naped Sapsucker	1 west of Russell Springs	<u>Logan</u>	10/03	DSf
Red-naped Sapsucker	2 in Garden City	Finney	10/07	SSH, KM
Prairie Falcon	1 early migrant, south of Clyde	Cloud	9/01	LMh
Prairie Falcon	1 at Tallgrass Prairie NPRES	Chase	9/13	PH
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	60–70 staging on power lines, Arkansas City	Cowley	9/09	GY
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1 near Alta Vista	Morris	11/01	DaB
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1 west of Dodge City	Ford	11/02	JC
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1 near Thayer	Neosho	11/03	JnR
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1 on Road 17	<u>Elk</u>	829	TE
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1 at Middle Creek Crossing	<u>Chase</u>	8/23	RyG
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1 northwest of Larned	<u>Pawnee</u>	8/30	JyP
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1 west of expected migrant range, CNG	Morton	8/31	CJMNW
Alder Flycatcher	1 north of Russell Springs	<u>Logan</u>	8/25	KG
Hammond's Flycatcher	1 at CNG West Bend, KBRC #2025-37 Continuing 9/14	Morton	9/13	AdM
Hammond's Flycatcher	1 at CNG Boy Scout area, KBRC #2025-38	Morton	9/13	AdM
Hammond's Flycatcher	1 at CNG West Bend Still present 9/20, may not be the same bird	Morton	8/31	m.ob.
Hammond's Flycatcher	1 at CNG Cottonwood Picnic Area	Morton	9/20	m.ob.
Gray Flycatcher	1 at CNG West Bend, KBRC #2025-53	Morton	9/06	RyG
Dusky Flycatcher	1 at Hamilton SFL	Hamilton	8/31	HA
Dusky Flycatcher	1 at CNG Boy Scout Area	Morton	9/02	JMI
Western Flycatcher	1 at John Kriss Natural Area	<u>Thomas</u>	9/06	KG, PJ, TE
Western Flycatcher	1 at CNG Middle Spring	Morton	9/27	HCM, LA, BP
Say's Phoebe	1 at Tallgrass Prairie NPRES	Chase	9/20	MF, EG, RyG
Say's Phoebe	1 at Pumphrey Prairie	Douglas	9/21	NP
Say's Phoebe	1 somewhat west of expected range	Marion	10/02	RyG
Vermilion Flycatcher	1 st year male, KBRC #2025-55 Continued through 11/18	Neosho	11/15	ABu, m.ob.
White-eyed Vireo	1 late at Pracht Wetlands, Wichita	Sedgwick	10/15	AML, m.ob.
Blue-headed Vireo	1 slightly early	Jefferson	8/20	KVB
Red-eyed Vireo	1 somewhat late, Overland Park	Johnson	10/24	DvS
Fish Crow	1 at Hillsdale Lake	Miami	11/06	MYB
Fish Crow	2 north of Oswego	Labette	11/15	MW
Violet-green Swallow	12 at Elkhart Sewer Ponds, KBRC #2025-40	Morton	9/14	AdM
Barn Swallow	1 late at Clinton Lake	Douglas	11/07	MRb
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1 in Garden City Continuing 8/25	Finney	8/15	SSH
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1 in Olathe	Johnson	8/29	CE
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1 quite late, Pracht Wetlands	Sedgwick	11/22	JMy
Rock Wren	1 at Konza Prairie Nature Trail	Riley	9/21	CR, LB
Veery	1 early at Tuttle SP, rare fall migrant	Riley	8/24	LA
Evening Grosbeak	1 in back yard, Goodland	Sherman	11/06	CK
Redpoll	1 west of Mt. Hope	Reno	11/07	AdM

Red Crossbill	1 at CNG RA	Morton	8/30	HA, CM
Red Crossbill	1 at CNG Tunnerville Work Station	Morton	9/29	BP
Red Crossbill	1 at Pracht Wetlands	Sedgwick	11/17	SLr
Lesser Goldfinch	1 at CNG RA	Morton	9/01	AdM
	Continuing 9/06			
Lesser Goldfinch	1 near Grinnell	Gove	10/01	CF
Chestnut-collared Longspur	1 on eastern edge of expected range	<u>Marion</u>	10/27	RyG
Smith's Longspur	1 west southwest of Anthony	<u>Harper</u>	11/22	CE
White-crowned Sparrow	2 early at Ft. Leavenworth Bottomlands	Leavenworth	9/10	BK
White-throated Sparrow	1 slightly early near Lawrence	Leavenworth	9/20	GP
Vesper Sparrow	1 early migrant at Goodland WTP	Sherman	8/05	CK
LeConte's Sparrow	1 south of Kinsley	<u>Edwards</u>	10/14	AH
Nelson's Sparrow	1 south of Kinsley	<u>Edwards</u>	10/14	AH
Nelson's Sparrow	1 at Stranger Creek Bottoms	Leavenworth	11/02	MGo
Nelson's Sparrow	1 at Carnahan Creek Park	Pottawatomie	11/07	DMK, MP
Henslow's Sparrow	1 near St. John	Stafford	9/18	AH
Henslow's Sparrow	1 at Marlatt Park	Riley	10/07	MM
Swamp Sparrow	1 south of Kinsley	<u>Edwards</u>	10/14	AH
Canyon Towhee	1 at CNG, Point of Rocks	Morton	9/01	MGo, MN, ByW
	Continuing 10/25, 3 seen on 9/20 including one possible juvenile			
Green-tailed Towhee	1 at CNG – West Bend	Morton	8/31	CGNM
Bobolink	1 north of Florence	Marion	9/18	RyG
Baltimore Oriole	1 late in Russell Cemetery	Russell	11/14	DK
Nashville Warbler	1 early at Tomahawk Creek Trail	Johnson	8/19	BA
American Redstart	1 early migrant, Middle Creek	Chase	8/19	RyG
American Redstart	1 at "Gove L Trees"	<u>Gove</u>	8/25	KG
Magnolia Warbler	1 at Clements Stone Arch Bridge	<u>Chase</u>	9/06	JJ
Magnolia Warbler	1 at Sappa Park	<u>Decatur</u>	9/06	TE, KG, PJ
Yellow-throated Warbler	1 late and well west of expected range	<u>Graham</u>	11/16	RyG
Townsend's Warbler	1 at Cheney WA	<u>Reno</u>	9/06	SMi
Black-throated Green Warbler	1 southeast of Atwood	<u>Rawlins</u>	10/01	AR
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1 late	Leavenworth	10/11	JAM

Locations and notes: CBWMA – Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Management Area, CNG – Cimarron National Grasslands, KBRC – Kansas Bird Records Committee report filed or accepted report number, MDCWA – Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Area, NPRES – National Preserve, NWR – National Wildlife Refuge, PUA – Public Use Area, QNWR – Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, RA – Recreation Area, Res. – Reservoir, SFL – State Fishing Lake, SP – State Park, WTP - Water Treatment Plant, 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.

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Short-billed Dowitcher	Eastern Kingbird	White-crowned Sparrow
Long-billed Dowitcher	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Harris's Sparrow
Wilson's Snipe	Eastern Wood-Pewee	White-throated Sparrow
Spotted Sandpiper	Acadian Flycatcher	Vesper Sparrow
Solitary Sandpiper	Least Flycatcher	Savannah Sparrow
Lesser Yellowlegs	Eastern Phoebe	Song Sparrow
Willet	White-eyed Vireo	Lincoln's Sparrow
Greater Yellowlegs	Bell's Vireo	Eastern Towhee
Wilson's Phalarope	Yellow-throated Vireo	Yellow-breasted Chat
Caspian Tern	Blue-headed Vireo	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Black Tern	Eastern Warbling Vireo	Bobolink
Forster's Tern	Red-eyed Vireo	Eastern Meadowlark
Bonaparte's Gull	Loggerhead Shrike	Orchard Oriole
Franklin's Gull	Blue Jay	Baltimore Oriole
Ring-billed Gull	American Crow	Red-winged Blackbird
Common Loon	Fish Crow	Brown-headed Cowbird
Double-crested Cormorant	Carolina Chickadee	Common Grackle
White-faced Ibis	Black-capped Chickadee	Great-tailed Grackle
American White Pelican	Tufted Titmouse	Ovenbird
American Bittern	Horned Lark	Louisiana Waterthrush
Snowy Egret	Bank Swallow	Northern Waterthrush
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	Tree Swallow	Golden-winged Warbler
Black-crowned Night Heron	N. Rough-winged Swallow	Black-and-white Warbler
Green Heron	Purple Martin	Prothonotary Warbler
Great Egret	Barn Swallow	Tennessee Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Cliff Swallow	Orange-crowned Warbler
Black Vulture	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Nashville Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Cedar Waxwing	Kentucky Warbler
Osprey	White-breasted Nuthatch	Common Yellowthroat
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	American Redstart
Cooper's Hawk	Carolina Wren	Northern Parula
Bald Eagle	Northern House Wren	Bay-breasted Warbler
Mississippi Kite	Sedge Wren	Yellow Warbler
Red-shouldered Hawk	Marsh Wren	Blackpoll Warbler
Broad-winged Hawk	Gray Catbird	Palm Warbler
Swainson's Hawk	Brown Thrasher	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk	Northern Mockingbird	Black-throated Green Warbler
American Barn Owl	European Starling	Wilson's Warbler
Great Horned Owl	Eastern Bluebird	Summer Tanager
Barred Owl	Swainson's Thrush	Scarlet Tanager
Belted Kingfisher	Hermit Thrush	Northern Cardinal
Red-headed Woodpecker	Wood Thrush	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Red-bellied Woodpecker	American Robin	Blue Grosbeak
Downy Woodpecker	House Sparrow	Indigo Bunting
Hairy Woodpecker	House Finch	Painted Bunting
Northern Flicker	Pine Siskin	Dickcissel
Pileated Woodpecker	American Goldfinch	
American Kestrel	Grasshopper Sparrow	
Merlin	Lark Sparrow	
Peregrine Falcon	Chipping Sparrow	
Great Crested Flycatcher	Clay-colored Sparrow	
Western Kingbird	Field Sparrow	

A preliminary count for the weekend was **189 species.**