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### From the Keyboard

Just a few short weeks ago I sat with the 80 some KOS members in attendance at the Annual Meeting in Hays. It was quite an event, and as you can tell from other articles in this issue, a great time was had by all. Start making plans now to attend next year's annual meeting in Garden City, and start looking for information in the next issue regarding the spring meeting.

Well, here we are (as I write this) just a few short weeks before that hectic month of December! Once again this year we've got a full slate of Christmas/Mid-Winter Bird Counts. Take advantage of these fun occasions and get in on a little friendly competition! I set a goal to make it to a "new" Count every year. It's a great way to meet other birders and find new birding hot spots (which you can then write up and submit for the *Horned Lark*!).

I want to thank those of you who have written me lately with bits and pieces of information, advice and encouragement. Carolyn Schwab had a good summer of birding news (in spite of the rain) with Cedar

Waxwings and Tree Swallows nesting in her neighborhood! And a big thanks to Ray Schulz of Great Bend who shared with me his efforts to halt the Sandhill Crane hunting season. Letters like these make it all the easier to get another addition of this newsletter together and out to you the members! Your good work and hard work are noticed, appreciated and in the long run bring in dividends in many different ways.

Another year is about to whiz by at ever increasing speeds. I know that a lot of you, like Jaye (my birding spouse) and myself have had a good year with lots of good birds and a lot to be thankful for. I'm thankful for this opportunity to share these newsletters with all of you and all the encouragement you give back to me. So as we wrap up issue 4 and forge on to a new year, let me paraphrase that great author, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good Christmas Count!"

Happy Holidays everyone,

Chuck

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## FALL MEETING A HUGE SUCCESS

The 46th Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society was held October 1 - 3, 1993, at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. Most everyone in attendance felt that it was very successful. Included in this issue of the Horned Lark are numerous articles dealing with that meeting including: attendees, Sunday Field Trips bird list, abstracts of papers given, the listing of the 10 best birds of the past year, etc. etc.

If it looks like we had a good time, we did. If you

weren't in attendance and feel bad about missing the fun, simply mark down that next October we will be going out to Garden City (the Varied Thrush - Phainopepla - Lesser Goldfinch - Inca Dove capital of Kansas) for our 47th Annual Meeting. The Garden City hosts have promised that we will have a great meeting, and I'm already excited about it. Plan to attend and start watching future Horned Larks for details about our Spring Meeting as well!

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### ABSTRACTS OF PAPERS

Following are the abstracts of the papers presented at the Annual Meeting in Hays, October 2, 1993. There were a total of 15 papers presented and they were all great! If you find a paper that interests you and would like more information, I would encourage you to contact the author(s) of that paper directly and I am sure that they would be more than willing to provide you with more information. If you have problems tracking down a particular author get in touch with the Horned Lark editor and he will assist you in your search. The papers are listed in the order that they were presented and the presenter of the paper is the first author listed.

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#### WEIGHT AND FEATHER GROWTH IN NESTLING EUROPEAN STARLINGS AND HOUSE SPARROWS

**Authors:** *Douglas White and Dale Kennedy*  
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Rate of weight gain and maximum weight are regularly used as indices of nutritional status or quality of nestlings in comparative studies. We examined the potential of an alternative index based on ptilochronology, the study of the widths of daily growth bars on tail feathers. A potential advantage of ptilochronology in field studies is that growth rates could be determined from a single visit to the nest. For two nestlings each from 35 European Starling nests and 37 House Sparrow nests, we recorded nestling mass every other day and collected a single rectrix near the day of maximum nestling mass. We compared the growth rate constant and asymptotic mass with the mean width of daily growth bars. Correlation between results of the two methods was poor, raising doubts about the biological relevance of current indices of nestling quality.

#### DIET AND BODY CONDITION OF LESSER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN ON TEBUTHIURON-TREATED SHINNERY OAK RANGELANDS

**Author:** *Craig D. Olawsky, 1125 Union, #13, Emporia, KS 66801, 316/342-5063*

Lesser prairie-chicken (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*) in west Texas and eastern New Mexico are associated with sand shinnery oak (*Quercus havardii*) rangelands. Shinnery oak is treated with the herbicide tebuthiuron by many landowners to improve grass production for cattle. Comparisons of body condition were made for lesser prairie-chicken collected from untreated and tebuthiuron-treated shinnery oak rangelands in 1984 and 1985. In addition, crop contents were examined and guts measured to compare diet and gut morphology between prairie-chicken from treated and untreated sites. Lesser prairie-chicken collected from untreated sites had higher fat levels than birds from tebuthiuron-treated sites ( $P < 0.05$ ). Summer diets differed between treatments. During 1984, total plant matter was greater ( $P < 0.05$ ) in diets of birds from treated plots than in un-treated plots. In both years, foliage made up the bulk of plant matter consumed by prairie-chicken in treated plots, while shinnery oak acorns were the dominant food item in untreated plots. Consumption of shinnery oak acorns was greater ( $P < 0.01$ ) in untreated pastures during both years. Acorns were a major food item during both years for birds in untreated sites, but were absent from diets of birds in treated sites. Small intestine and caeca lengths were longer in prairie-chicken collected from tebuthiuron-treated sites than from untreated sites ( $P < 0.05$ ). Because lesser prairie-chicken appear to find a higher quality diet in untreated sites, maintaining areas of untreated sand shinnery oak is recommended.

*for information on*

**Christmas Bird Counts**

*in your area and surrounding areas*

**See the CBC Calendar**

**on Pages 9 and 15**

**WEIGHT LOSS IN BREEDING BIRDS: A CONSEQUENCE OF REPRODUCTIVE STRESS OR AN ADAPTATION STRATEGY?**

**Author:** John F. Cavitt

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Adult passerines commonly lose mass during the course of breeding. This loss has historically been interpreted as the result of reproductive stress, but recently, an adaptational hypothesis has been proposed. The wing-loading hypothesis states that adults actively reduce mass in order to increase flight efficiency.

These hypotheses were tested by providing food supplements to House Wrens (*Troglodytes aedon*) breeding on a study area in central Illinois during the 1990-1992 breeding seasons. According to the stress hypothesis, supplementing adults should reduce the stress of procuring food and reduce the energetic cost to the parent, resulting in increased mass. The wing-loading hypothesis predicts that an increase in the food supply should have no effect on adult mass.

Additional food had no effect on mass except during the 1992 late season. Females that were given additional food during the late young stage had significantly higher mass than controls, but mass did not increase above the levels normally obtained by females during the early season. Supplemented adults potentially received 94% of their daily energy requirement in the supplements, but they obtained the same mass as controls throughout most of the experiment. These results suggest that mass loss in House Wrens may be an adaptation to increase flight efficiency.

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**HARRY W. MENKE AND FINNEY COUNTY, KANSAS BIRD POPULATIONS DURING THE FOLLOWING CENTURY**

**Authors:** Thomas G. Shane and Marvin D. Schwillig  
Garden City, Kansas and Emporia, Kansas

A brief biography of Harry W. Menke, his bird records and the habitats of Finney County are considered. Then a comparison of the bird populations of the periods 1890, 1950 and 1990 of Finney County are made. Populations of 30% of the recorded bird species have remained constant, 29% have increased, while 41% have decreased during the last one hundred years. The major decrease in populations was experienced by aquatic species.

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**GROWTH RATE OF BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD (MOLOTHRUS ATER) NESTLINGS PARASITIZING FOUR SPECIES OF GRASSLAND-NESTING BIRDS**

**Authors:** Kelly Conrad, Stephanie Brown\*, & Elmer Finck  
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The impact of Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) nestlings on the growth rate of Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*), Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*), Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*) and Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) nestlings was assessed. Growth rates from 250 nestlings found in Chase and Lyon counties, Kansas, were analyzed. The data showed that Brown-headed Cowbird nestlings grew at a greater rate than parasitized and nonparasitized Grasshopper Sparrow nestlings and nonparasitized Dickcissel nestlings. Further, there was a significant difference in the growth rates between parasitized and nonparasitized Eastern Meadowlark nestlings. While a few differences in growth rate are significant, no clear trend has appeared which would indicate an major impact of Brown-headed Cowbird nestlings on their host nestling counterparts during the nestling stage.

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**RESTORATION OF THE MCPHERSON VALLEY WETLANDS AND THE EFFECT ON SHOREBIRD USE**

**Authors:** Kristen J. Mitchell, Dwight W. Moore, and Todd W. Pesch\*, Division of Biological Sciences, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS 66801, \*McPherson Valley Wetlands, Box 91, McPherson, KS 67460

At the turn of the century, McPherson Valley Wetlands was an important wetland area for migratory water birds, however it was drained in the early 1900's for agriculture. Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is currently trying to reestablish the area into a thriving wetland habitat. The restoration of the wetlands will make it an important stop over site in the central flyway and provide an alternate stop over site to Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge to the west. Our research at this time will establish baseline data that will be used for future comparisons to evaluate the wetland. Specifically, we are examining the use of the wetlands by shorebirds and how that use changes as the restoration proceeds through the fall of 1994. Preliminary data indicate a seasonal pattern to shorebird use with water levels greatly affecting use by shorebirds. With these data we hope to establish possible techniques for managing the wetland.

**NESTING SUCCESS IN NEWLY FORMED MARSH COMMUNITY IN THE BAKER WETLANDS**

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No Abstract

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**NESTING OF HENSLOW'S SPARROW IN OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS**

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Henslow's Sparrows (*Ammodramus henslowii*) were censused at Melvern Reservoir in Osage County, Kansas during the summer of 1993. Twenty-five singing males were distributed among four unburned grassland sites. One nest was found 26 May by G. L. Horak. The nest, which contained 4 eggs, was located in a standing dead clump of Little Bluestem, (*Andropogon scoparius*). Breeding habitat on 14 survey sites, including a 1 x 1 square meter area around the nest, was described and measured. Habitat requirements appear to be the presence of standing dead grasses, protective live grass cover, an accumulation of litter, and enough room to move freely between the grass clumps and beneath the litter cover.

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**AVIAN DENSITY AND DIVERSITY IN RIPARIAN AREAS AND SHELTERBELTS**

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Shelterbelts and riparian areas are the primary habitats for many woodland species of birds in eastern Kansas. A comparison of these two habitats provides a basis for evaluation of woodland habitat quality for birds. Ten km of each of the two habitat types were surveyed to determine avian diversity, density, and species richness. To assess habitat five under story and four over story vegetation variables were measured, including: grass cover, forb cover, percent bare ground, shrub canopy, percent canopy, tree diversity, stem density, and diameter at breast height. Two-way analysis of variance was used to detect significant differences between habitat type and site location. There was no significant difference in bird diversity between habitats. However, there were significant differences in density, and species richness between habitats and locations. There were also significant differences in grass cover, bare ground, forb cover, and

tree diversity. Several interactions between habitat and location were found.

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**COMPARATIVE AVIAN USAGE OF ROWCROP, BURNED AND UNBURNED CRP FIELDS, AND GRAZED PASTURES IN EASTERN KANSAS**

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The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) was authorized in 1985 primarily to reduce soil erosion on agricultural lands by removing highly erodible cropland from production and establishing permanent vegetative cover on it. An added benefit of the program has been an increase in habitat for wildlife. In an effort to evaluate the suitability of this habitat for wildlife we monitored avian usage of row crop fields, and burned and unburned CRP fields in 1991-1993 and on grazed pastures in 1993. Avian relative abundance was highest in unburned CRP fields with burned CRP and row crop fields exhibiting lower avian abundance. Grazed pastures had a higher relative abundance of avian species than did burned CRP fields. Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferous*) and mourning doves (*Zenaidura macroura*) were the most common avian species in row crop fields. Burned and unburned CRP fields were dominated by dickcissels (*Spiza americana*). Grasshopper sparrows (*Ammodramus savannarum*) and dickcissels were the most common avian species in grazed pastures. Estimates of avian productivity revealed low nesting success and a high degree of brown-headed cowbird (*Moluthrus ater*) parasitism.

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**HOW GOOD ARE ANNUAL CENSUSES IN REPRESENTING ANNUAL VARIATION IN WINTER BIRD POPULATIONS?**

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Annual means of weekly winter bird censuses over a 14 year period are compared with Christmas Bird Counts for the same area around Manhattan, Kansas. The rank order of variability in annual censuses among 18 species of birds on both types of censuses correlates significantly. However, when the values for the two censuses are correlated for one species of bird at a time, only five show significant correlations. The failure of the two censuses to match for some of the species with the most variable annual populations probably results from regional population movements during each winter.

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### POPULATION TRENDS OF WINTERING LOGGERHEAD SHRIKES IN KANSAS

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Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*) populations have been decreasing in several states over the past twenty years. They are on the threatened species list in several states and on the endangered species list in eastern Canada. We hypothesized that the population of wintering Loggerhead Shrikes would decrease in Kansas similar to other states. Christmas bird counts were surveyed to assess the population trends of the five regions in Kansas. The regions in the central and western part of Kansas were slightly increasing, although not significantly. One region in eastern Kansas was decreasing, yet insignificantly. These data showed that the population was not decreasing significantly, unlike other midwestern states.

### MICROBES IN NESTS OF OPEN- AND CAVITY- NESTING BIRDS

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Microbes may have unappreciated effects on avian nesting success as agents of disease or transformers of waste products. Differences in light, microclimate and nesting material between open and cavity nests may influence microbial communities. We surveyed microbe diversity and abundance in nests of seven cavity-nesting and six open-nesting species. Significantly more microbes occurred in cavity nests. Microbial levels may be low in open nests because of exposure to sunlight or low moisture levels.

### GOLDEN EAGLES IN MEADE COUNTY, KANSAS

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Several Golden Eagle nests have been located in Meade County, Kansas. Nest locations show a decided preference for north-facing cliff sites and all nests located are in close proximity to Black-tailed Prairie Dog towns. This is an update of the December 1992 article in the Kansas Ornithological Society Bulletin.

### KBBAT: YEAR TWO AND COUNTING

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The Kansas Breeding-Bird Atlas Project has completed the first two seasons of a five year effort. Over 150 volunteers have accepted responsibility to complete 556 blocks. That's 74% of the total 752 blocks and exceeds our goal for the end of 1993. The number of completed blocks, however, is only 155, just 21% of the total, and falls well below our goal. The state is divided into seven geographic regions. The three eastern regions (NE, EC, SE) average between 63 to 67 species per block. The two central regions average 52 species per block, and the two western regions average between 31 and 34 species per block. The average time spent in completing a block ranges from 26 hours in the NE region to 9 hours in the NW region and reflects the decrease in habitat diversity from east to west in the state.

## Fall Meeting Attendance

Over 80 person attended the Fall Meeting at Hays, October 1 - 3, 1993. They were:

Chuck & Jan Ely, Greg Wilson, Katherine Mermis, Earl Carlson, Hays; Scott & Diane Seltman, Nekoma; Mike Rader, Wilson; James & Jean Piland, Waldo; Mike & Janice Speers, Paul Schowalter, Larned; Ray & Karen Ganoung, Hoisington; Joyce Davis, Dodge City; Tom & Sara Shane, Barbara Campbell, Leonard Rich, Garden City; Art Nonhoff, Holcomb; Tom Flowers, Meade; Allen Jahn, McPherson; Chuck & Jaye Otte, Junction City; Chris Smith, John Hughes, David Klute, John Zimmerman, Dale Kennedy, Doug White, Jim Mayhew, John Cavitt, Lowell & Wanda Johnson, all of Manhattan; Rose Fritz, Gregg Friesen, Bob Regier, Tim Wagner, Newton; Henry Pelzl, Roy & Pat Beckemeyer, Dennis Zehr, Wichita; Mike Dwyer, Andover; Bill

Welch, Mulvane; Gene Young, Max Thompson, Winfield; Jean Schulenberg, Admire; Gerald Horak, Craig Olawsky, Terri Abbett, Marvin Schwilling, Kelly Conrad, Dwight Moore, Brenda Schleicher, Kate McGrath, Elmer Finck, all of Emporia; JoAnn Brier, Topeka; Galen Pittman, Stan & Janet Roth, David & Emily Seibel, Lawrence; Amy & David Rose, Eudora; Bill Busby, Roger & Jan Boyd, Calvin Cink, Kristen Mitchell, Baldwin; Chris Hobbs, Bonner Springs; David & Linda Bryan, Overland Park; Mick McHugh, Kansas City; John Schukman, Leavenworth; C.J. Ochs, Hiawatha; David Pantle, Denver; Ferdinand & Jo Dirckx, Broomfield, Colorado.

## KOS Fall Meeting Field Trips Checklist

On Sunday morning, October 3rd, 40 plus KOS Fall Meeting participants enjoyed birding field trips in and around Hays, including Cedar Bluff Reservoir (where several of us finally were able to add Barn Owl to our life lists!). A total of 95 species were seen.

**Pied-billed Grebe**, White Pelican, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Black-crowned Night-heron, Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Widgeon, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Northern Harrier, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, American Kestrel, Ring-necked Pheasant, Wild Turkey, Northern Bobwhite, American Coot, Killdeer, Wilson's Phalarope, Ring-billed Gull, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Common Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Red-

bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker.

Say's Phoebe, Horned Lark, Barn Swallow, Blue Jay, Black-billed Magpie, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, House Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire, American Robin, American Pipit, Cedar Waxwing, Loggerhead Shrike, European Starling, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Northern Cardinal, Rufous-sided Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Lark Bunting, Savannah Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Le Conte's Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, Western Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, House Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

## KOS TOP TEN BIRDS OF THE YEAR

October 1, 1992 - September 30, 1993

The "Top Ten Birds of the Year" is always a fun announcement at the Annual Meeting Banquet. Max Thompson announced this year's list and compiled the list with the help of numerous other KOS members. The information for the list is drawn from hotline reports, first hand reports, records from the Kansas Bird Records Committee, etc. Keep in mind that this list does not constitute acceptance by the Kansas Bird Records Committee, and records will first have to be submitted and then accepted by the Committee before they can become "official" records. As in past years, consideration is given to previous state records or specimens; geographic location in the state, season of sighting, nesting, etc. and the judgment of the individuals involved in compiling the list. So if your "best bird" didn't make the list, keep in mind that this is all in fun!

1. **Phainopepla** - September 8, 1993 - Garden City (Finney County) - Leonard and Betty Rich
2. **Costa's Hummingbird** - Summer 1990 (?) - Sharon Springs (Wallace County) - Mrs. Shirley Chisum, J. D. Dick, J. D. Rising
3. **Pyrrhuloxia** - January 2, 1993 - Elkhart (Morton County) - JoAnn Garrett, Evelyn Johnson, Nanette Johnson, Sebastian Patti
4. **Common Black-headed Gull** - December 8, 1992 - Perry Lake (Jefferson County) - Chris Hobbs
5. **White-winged Dove** - September 15, 1993 - Colby (Thomas County) - At a sunflower processing plant
6. **Virginia's Warbler** - May 9, 1993 - Overland Park (Johnson County) - Barbara Buehler
7. **Black-throated Sparrow** - December 5, 1992 - Overland Park (Johnson County) - Chris Hobbs
8. **White-throated Swift** - April 8, 1993 - Arkansas City (Cowley County) - Gerald Wiens
9. **Rufous-crowned Sparrow** - November 1, 1992 - Morton County - Mick McHugh
10. **Golden-crowned Sparrow** - December 22, 1992 - Jefferson County - Richard Rucker

### HONORABLE MENTION

Hammond's Flycatcher  
Groove-billed Ani  
Red-throated Loon  
Connecticut Warbler

### Items of Special Interest

- Franklin's Gull nesting at Cheyenne Bottoms, Summer 1993
- Inca Dove nesting in Garden City, Summer 1993

## Special Species . . .

## CASSIN'S SPARROW

*by Roy Beckemeyer*

Two of my favorite places are the prairie and the alpine tundra. Though fundamentally different ecosystems, they share some remarkable similarities: unlimited views of vast expanses of sky, tough plant life clinging tenaciously to the sod, frequent and awesome thunderstorms and nearly constantly blowing wind.

Although I've always been interested in the outdoors and for many years have made an avocation of studying the ecology of prairies and alpine tundra, I've really been a birder for only the past two years. In that time I have come to realize that the birds living there are part of the reason for my fascination with the prairie.

Prairie birds seem to be so much more a part of the sky! Whether it's a cloud of Larkspurs and Horned Larks billowing up out of a frozen field, or a single Upland Sandpiper whistling its plaintive call as it flutters to earth like a falling leaf, prairie birds seem to revel in the open sky.

The wonderful breeding displays of grassland birds remind me of a daytime version of fireworks going off. A field of Cassin's Sparrows resemble a barrage of rockets, zooming up to crest and then floating down, their song an audible analog for the visible cascade of

light that fireworks produce. In fact, Cassin's Sparrow is the special species that seems to characterize the prairie avifauna for me. With no treetops from which to advertise their availability, they swoop up into the open air and back down, their stylized song intricately choreographed to their flight maneuvers.

My wife's mnemonic for their song: "Up in-the Aaaaaa, Tweeeet Tweeeet," although probably closer to reality, isn't dramatic enough for me. I prefer to conjure up an image of myself as a conductor on stage, the sparrows a choral troupe swirling around me, their voices repeating the opening strains of a symphonic movement: "Daa Daa Duuuuuuuuuu, Dumm Dumm!"

Surely Tchaikovsky would have written a "Cassin's Symphony" to finish off this overture if he had ever had the opportunity to stand on the short grass prairie amidst a colony of Cassin's Sparrows in May. But since he didn't, I'll have to continue to imagine my own version.

So, if you happen some spring upon an apparent madman in a field of Cassin's Sparrows swinging a sagebrush baton, don't worry—it's probably just me taking my annual refresher course in "Prairie Bird Music Appreciation 101."

## A FORTNIGHT INTO AUTUMN, DREAMING

*by Roy Beckemeyer*

Sometime before dawn  
in the shivering-clear morning,  
I'll climb from my bag  
of feathery down,  
metamorphosis complete.  
Then, all hollow bones,  
all round eyes,  
all wings,  
I'll flap up to join  
the horned owl returning  
to his perch in that old sycamore.

Sitting side by side,  
we'll watch the moon's pale light

illuminate facets  
of crystalline frost  
(a false image, below,  
of the glitter above),  
then together we'll hold court  
on the night's hunting success.  
(Perhaps we'll cough up pellets,  
the weft and warp  
of interlocked bones  
giving mute testimony  
to keen, practiced skill.)

While all around us  
October will hang,

suspended between  
summer and winter  
between south wind and north,  
like Orion the Hunter,  
straddling the meridian,  
halfway between  
rising and falling,  
like the owl and I,  
perched between the sky  
and its icy, tarnished reflection.

(1976, in a central Kansas pasture)

**KOS T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE**

There is still time to purchase them as holiday gifts for your special birding friends

For more information, see page 8

## Costa Rica - A Tropical Adventure

Roger and Jan Boyd will be guiding a tour to Costa Rica June 19 - July 3, 1994. This will be their 14th tour of the tropics and their 5th to Costa Rica. While a major emphasis of this tour is the birds (Costa Rica has over 850 species of birds) they will make every effort to look at all aspects of tropical nature including plants like orchids and bromeliads, butterflies and other animals like monkeys.

If you didn't attend the Fall Meeting at Hays, you need to see a copy of this trip itinerary! The tour, which starts and ends in San Jose, Costa Rica, costs \$1795.00, plus approximately another \$650 for air travel to San Jose. This tour is limited to 12 participants plus the Boyds. If you are interested, or just would like more information, contact Roger or Jan at: 520 Third Street, PO Box 379, Baldwin City, Kansas, 66006, 913/594-3172

### Please Welcome the Following New Members Who Have Joined Since 5-1-93

Linda Baker, Overland Park; W. Lee Bond, Hays; Ken and Jean Butler, Leawood; John Cavitt, Manhattan; Ferdinand & Jo Dirckx, Broomfield, CO; Linda and Erica Elliott, Hays; Dick Galbraith, Wichita; Kathy Laizure, Columbus; George Leff, Kansas City; Bert McClard, Wichita; Kate McGrath, Emporia; Dorothy Morgan, Lakin; The Nicholas Family, Derby; Art and Karen Nonhoff, Holcomb; Amy Rose, Eudora; Brad, Karen and Jay Sadler, Great Bend; Christopher Smith, Manhattan; and Bill Welch, Mulvane.

## Just A Friendly Reminder

1994 Membership Dues are payable January 1. You should receive a renewal card and return envelope in the mail in December. Please fill in the category, name and complete address and return it along with your check in the return envelope to our new treasurer:

**Gregg Friesen**

**515 East 4th**

**Newton, KS 67114**

**Thank you for your continued support of KOS!**

## Miscellaneous Notes

- The Fall Board Meeting Minutes and the Fall Meeting Minutes will be in the next issue of the *Horned Lark*.
- While you've got your checkbook out writing that check for 1994 dues, include a second check to help support the *Rare Bird Alert Fund*.
- Thank you Rose Fritz for all your hard work as KOS Treasurer the past several years, we appreciate your diligence and dedication!

**HELP WANTED:** Lynda Berendsen is a first grade teacher in LeCompton. She is interested in help with information she could use in teaching her class as well as to use in giving talks and demonstrations in schools. She is particularly interested in the themes: Kansas Birds, Saving Bird Habitats, Migration, and Owls in Kansas. Her mailing address is RR1, LeCompton, KS 66050.

## KOS T-Shirts and Sweatshirts for Sale

The KOS has ordered more "Horned Lark" T-shirts and has also had the same design printed on long-sleeved sweatshirts! The T-shirts are pre-shrunk 100% cotton and are white. The sweatshirts are also white and are 50% cotton/50% polyester. Both shirts are only available in white so as to enhance the beautiful true-to-life colors of the lark's design. T-Shirts are available in sizes form S to XL for \$10 each and XXL for \$11 each (there are limited numbers of the S and XXL sizes). The sweatshirts are available in M to XL for \$15 each and XXL for \$18 each. These shirts are available by mail (if ordered pre-paid) from KOS Business Manager, *Galen Pittman, 12042 258th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044*. Please make checks payable to the Kansas Ornithological Society, NOT the Business Manager.

Postage and handling charges are as follows:

1 shirt (any size or type) = \$2.50

2 shirts " " " " = \$3.25

3 shirts " " " " = \$3.50

(add \$0.25 for each shirt over 3)

If you bought one of these T-shirts in the past and like it, you will love the same design on our new sweatshirts! These shirts would make excellent gifts for all of your family members and friends and don't forget that Christmas and Hanukkah are just around the corner. KOS membership decals are also available by mail for \$1.00 (postage and handling included).

## KOS YOUNG NATURALIST AWARD

You may recall that in June we had a brief note titled "Know a Good Kid?". The idea is to recognize those youngsters who are interested and involved in birds and nature. We will be getting certificates made up and plan to have a write-up featured in the *Horned Lark* to tell everyone about the young people recognized in this program. Attached in this newsletter (the last page) is a nomination form. Join in and take this opportunity to encourage our youngsters' fledgling interest in the natural world.

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## Birding Hotspot

Since no one submitted a Birding Hotspot for this issue, let me just suggest one. Your local (or nearest) Christmas Bird Count. We included in this issue as

complete a list as we could muster at press time, as well as others from past years and who you may want to contact regarding that count.

Christmas (or Mid-winter if you prefer) Bird Counts are a lot of fun for those who have never participated in one. You get to meet other birders and often learn good birding areas that may even be in your own area. Birding skill doesn't matter—the compiler will match up rookies with experienced counters and everyone benefits.

There are usually around 40 counts across the state and anywhere from 400 to 600 people participate. There should be at least one new count this year (Flint Hills NWR), and everyone is always trying to de-throne Manhattan in the friendly rivalry to see who will have the most species on their count! Join in the fun and participate in a Count this holiday season!

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## Christmas Bird Counts - 1993

Last year there were 39 Christmas/Mid-Winter Bird Counts (CBC), the year before that 42. These are a lot of fun, and a chance to meet other birders and learn new birding locations. Following is a list of the CBC's that we are aware of at press time. Following that is a list of CBC's from last year and who compiled that count in case you are interested in trying to contact them to see about this year's count.

A couple of the counts have question marks after them indicating a tentative date has been set, but not necessarily confirmed. Contact the compiler or listed contact person for more details. The *Kansas Rare Bird Alert* (913-372-5499) usually has regular updates of upcoming CBC's as we move into that season, so that is also a source of information. Have fun this holiday season and participate in a couple of these annual events!

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### Friday, December 17

- *Quivira NWR*, Meet at the headquarters building around 7:00 a.m. and if it is like past years bring your lunch.

### Saturday, December 18

- *Wichita*, meet at Lawrence-Dumont Stadium at 7:30 a.m. Wallace Champeny compiler, 316/455-3543
- *Lawrence*, Galen Pittman compiler, 913/842-7105.
- *Manhattan*, John Zimmerman compiler, 913/537-0238(h) or 532-6659(w).
- *Dodge City*, meet at Inn Pancake House, 1610 W. Wyatt Earp Blvd for breakfast at 7:00 a.m., Joleen Fromm compiler, 316/227-6342.
- *Wilson Reservoir*, Mike Rader compiler, 913/658-2595.

- *Flint Hills NWR*, meet at Refuge Headquarters, call Dave Wiseman for more information, 316/392-5553.
- *Halstead/Newton*, call Dwight Platt for more information, 316/283-6708.
- *Topeka*, Joanne Brier compiler, 913/232-4317.

### Sunday, December 19

- *Garden City*, Marie Osterbuhr compiler, 316/276-8145.
- *Udall-Winfield*, Max Thompson compiler, 316/221-1856.
- *Wacanda Lake (Glen Elder)*, Mike Rader compiler, 913/658-2595.
- *Baldwin*, Roger Boyd compiler, 913/594-3172.
- *Oskaloosa/Perry Lake*, Richard Rucker compiler, 913/842-3845.

**Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!**

**Be Careful on the roads, whether driving a CBC or to and from a Holiday Party!**

**We need your help on KBBAT blocks next year!**

**Monday, December 20**

- *Camp Naish*, Wyandotte County, Stan Roth compiler, 913/843-4764.

**Tuesday, December 21**

- *El Dorado Lake*, meet at McDonalds in El Dorado at 7:30 a.m., Pete Janzen compiler, 316/832-0182.
- *Wakefield*, meet at Lakeview Restaurant (west side of town on K-82) at 7:30, Chuck Otte compiler, 913/238-8800.

**Wednesday, December 22**

- *Kirwin Reservoir*, Mike Rader compiler, 913/658-2595.
- (?) *Olsburg*, Dave Rintoul compiler, 913/532-6663(w), 537-0781(h).

**Thursday, December 23**

- *Webster Reservoir*, Mike Rader compiler 913/658-2595.
- *Linn County*, Roger Boyd compiler, 913/594-3172.

**Sunday, December 26**

- *Arkansas City*, meet at Newman Park on Hwy 77 at 8:00 a.m., Don Vannoy compiler, 316/838-4062.
- *Cedar Bluff*, Scott Seltman compiler, 913/372-5411.
- *Leavenworth*, John Schukman compiler, 913/727-5141.

**Monday, December 27**

- *Junction City*, meet at Denny's Restaurant on the south side of Junction City just off I-70 Exit 296 at 7:30, Chuck Otte compiler, 913/238-8800.

**Thursday, December 30**

- *Scott Lake*, Sara Shane compiler, 316/275-4616.

**Friday, December 31**

- *Morton County*, Sebastian Patti compiler, 312-886-6840(w), 312-248-0570(h).

**Saturday, January 1**

- *Black Mesa OK*, Sebastian Patti compiler, 312-886-6840(w), 312-248-0570(h).
- *Barber County*, meet at the city park on Hwy 160 in Medicine Lodge at 8:00 a.m. Pete Janzen compiler, 316/832-0182.

**Sunday, January 2**

- *Liberal*, Sebastian Patti compiler, 312-886-6840(w), 312-248-0570(h).
- *Baxter Springs* - Jim Rising is doing this CBC again but isn't sure when. If you are interested call Jim in Toronto (Canada) 416/485-0110(h), 416/978-3482 before Dec 10th. This CBC will probably be done within a few days of Christmas but not on Christmas. In Baxter Springs Jim will be at his mother-in-laws, 316/856-5057.

Counts held in 1992, that we don't have information for at press time (and the 1992 compiler): *Byron Walker Wildlife Area* - Byron Walker; *Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area* - Helen Hands; *Emporia* - Jean Schulenberg; *Hays* - Donna Cooper; *Hillsdale Lake* - Jim Bell; *Meade County* - Thomas Flowers; *Olathe* - Steve Crawford; *Pomona Lake* - Bunnie Watkins; *Salina* - Harold Lear; *Sawyer* - Bob Wood; *Southeast Kansas Mined Land* - Steven Ford; *Yoder* - Jim Smith.

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## EARLY FALL ROUNDUP / September - October 1993 / by Chuck Otte

It didn't take very long for the birding to pick up once we finally got into September. In fact a very dismal summer of birding turned around very dramatically within just a few days of Labor Day. The weather finally started to get itself somewhat straightened out with more normal temperatures and some short periods of dry weather. However several large cold fronts came sweeping in to the state by mid-September and with it perhaps the harbingers of a good winter of birding. On September 14th a strong cold front moving across the state was probably the culprit that grounded many Sora and Virginia Rails inside the city of Wichita.

Numerous birders were witness to huge waves of migrants. Dozens of kinglets, nuthatches, Yellow-rumped Warblers and sparrows were often observed in close company with each other. Scott Seltman was birding a Rice County cemetery and found 30 Golden-

crowned and 50 Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and in 1 single tree had 10 Red-breasted Nuthatches and 50 Yellow-rumped Warblers. Max Thompson had a good wave of passerine migrants move through Cowley County on October 10 with good numbers of sparrows, warblers, kinglets and vireos.

The already mentioned Red-breasted Nuthatches again moved into the state in very early September (I had one on the 3rd), and then the numbers just kept building and building. By late October in the Junction City area Red-breasted Nuthatches had become as common as chickadees in pine plantings. This invasion has been reported in most of the state to the point that everyone pretty well quit reporting them! Throughout the eastern US Red-breasted Nuthatches were early and many. Following on their heels to points east have been many of the other winter species including many of the highly desired winter finches.

Such reports leave many of us heading into December with birding presents like grosbeaks and redpolls at the top of our wish lists! (And larger winter visitors have already started teasing us as most of you are aware and will read about in the next issue of the *Horned Lark*!)

As my luck would have it, just about the time Jaye and I headed to New Mexico for a week of birding, the southwest birds moved north! The second state record of *Phainopepla*, and the first that will have documentation, was found in Garden City on the 8th of September. This shouldn't be a surprise though, as New Mexico birders told us that they were showing up much further north than normal in their state this year! Who knows what other southern denizens may show up before winter finally sets in!

Ospreys and eagles were showing up in virtual hordes, with osprey being reported from virtually every large reservoir in Kansas. Scott Seltman reported that over 30 sightings of Osprey were called in to the Hotline in September. KOS Fall Meeting participants saw 3 at Cedar Bluff Reservoir, and Jaye and I had 5 at one time off the face of the dam at Milford Reservoir, where we will usually see 1 or maybe 2 at a time in the fall! Other raptors were showing up in good numbers throughout the state. For proof just check out the Peregrine and Prairie Falcon sightings.

Pipits and Longspurs were also showing up "fast and furious" around the state with virtually all Kansas species of these making appearances during September or October except the McCown's Longspur.

Whooping Crane migration was very good this year in Kansas. Whoopers were an almost daily occurrence at Quivira for a 2 week period with as many as 19 being present at one time. Fortunately, it appears that they all moved on south before Kansas' first ever Sandhill Crane season opened November 6th.

Seemingly late and in low numbers (even at press time in mid-November) have been waterfowl. A few geese

have been moving in, and an occasional glimmer of good duck numbers, but nothing like I would expect by this time of year. A fall of real mixed signals to be sure!

While Kansas only came close in the great Northern Wheatear invasion of 1993 with one being reported from St. Joseph, MO, it did bring a very good comment from one well respected ABA committee member. When an inquiry was made as to why there were so many Northern Wheatears in the US this year, he responded by saying that it was because there were so many birders out looking, which probably explains why there were so many good reports from Morton County in this report, and in so many reports, period. After a dismal summer most everyone was ready for some good fall birding, and many of us grabbed every chance that came along to get out. And as well we all know, the best place to find birds is outside, and we were all there--a lot!

This brings to mind something that we can all start thinking about as we read the results of 2 great months of birding. As the number of birders continues to increase, and the communication capabilities/birding networks improve, and the optics and field guides improve there will be a great burden placed on tracking not only state and county records, but seasonal occurrence records as well. If we are all doing our job of recording and reporting rarities, the Birds Record Committee will have its job cut out for itself as well! But the most important piece of the puzzle is each of us as individual birders. We need to keep good records and report what we see. That will be the driving force that keeps the previous mentioned mechanisms forging ahead and improving!

Remember to call the Hotline (913-372-5499) with your sightings, and be sure to fill out a Bird Records Committee Report Form for appropriate sightings. Of course, all of the following entries are subject to consideration by the Kansas Bird Records Committee.

## BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS / September 1993 through October 1993

Species	Location and number	Observers	Date	County
Pacific Loon	1 at Lone Star Lake	PW	10-24-93	Douglas
Common Loon	1 at Hillsdale	LM	10-14-93	Miami
Common Loon	1 at Wilson Lake	MR,SS	10-23-93	Russell
Common Loon	3 at Milford Res	CO	10-23-93	Geary
Common Loon	1 at Wyandotte Co Lake	LM	10-24-93	Wyandotte
Common Loon	5 at Hillsdale Lake	LM,GP	10-31-93	Miami
Common Loon	2 on Arkansas River, Ark. City	GY	10-28-93	Cowley

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Horned Grebe	1 at Elkhart Sewer Ponds	SS,MR	09-25-93	Morton
Western Grebe	2 at Perry Lake	LM	10-08-93	Jefferson
	1 still present	CH	10-24-93	
large Grebe,		LM	10-12-93	Jefferson
intermediate between Western and Clarks				
Western Grebe	1 at Melvern Res	MM,BF	10-16-93	Osage
Western Grebe	1 at Milford Res	CO	10-23-93	Geary
Western Grebe	2 at Unit #2 MDC	LM,GP	10-31-93	Linn
Brown Pelican	1 imm at Marion Res	NW	09-13-93	Marion
	still present		09-16-93	
Neo-tropic Cormorant	1 at CB	SC,RP	09-06-93	Barton
Great Egret	52 near the town of Perry	LM	09-23-93	Jefferson
Tri-colored Heron	1 at CB	RR	10-02-93	Barton
White-faced Ibis	300+ at QNWR, Wildlife Drive	GF	09-04-93	Stafford
Mottled Duck	1 male at QNWR	LM,GG	09-06-93	Stafford
Ring-necked Duck	3 very early at Elkhart Sewer Pond	SS,MR	09-25-93	Morton
Red-breasted Merganser	5 at Hillsdale Lake	LM,GP	10-31-93	Miami
Turkey Vulture	149 at Geary Co Landfill	CO	10-07-93	Geary
Mississippi Kite	2 in Topeka	JB	09-01-93	Shawnee
Broad-winged Hawk	1 adult s of Ellinwood	SS,LV	09-17-93	Barton
Merlin	1 at Wyandotte Co Lake	LM	09-25-93	Wyandotte
Merlin	1 e of Lincoln	MR,SS	10-23-93	Lincoln
Merlin	1 in Greenwood Cemetery, Newton	GF	10-26-93	Harvey
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Liberals Sewer Lake	SP	09-06-93	Seward
Peregrine Falcon	1 imm n of Great Bend	SS,LV	09-17-93	Barton
Peregrine Falcon	2 at Clinton Res	MM,GP	09-25-93	Douglas
Peregrine Falcon	1 at QNWR	GS	09-24-93	Stafford
Peregrine Falcon	1 flying over Bonner Springs	CH	10-24-93	Wyandotte
Prairie Falcon	1 at Liberals Sewer Lake	SP	09-06-93	Seward
Prairie Falcon	1 at QNWR	GS	09-24-93	Stafford
Prairie Falcon	1 e of Lincoln	MR,SS	10-23-93	Lincoln
Prairie Falcon	1 s of La Cygne Lake	LM,GP	10-31-93	Linn
Common Moorhen	1 at QNWR	SS,LV	09-17-93	Stafford
Sandhill Crane	3,000 overhead Finney/Kearny	SSh,TSh	10-24-93	
Whooping Crane	3 adults at QNWR		10-14-93	Stafford

Whooping Crane numbers were good at Quivira this year with 19 being reported on 10-23-93.

They also lingered for a considerable length of time with cranes being present through 10-27-93 when the last 2 apparently left.

Black-bellied Plover	25 at QNWR	SS	10-16-93	Stafford
Golden Plover	4 at QNWR Big Salt Marsh	JR	09-27-93	Stafford
Mountain Plover	200 along Hwy 51	SS	09-17-93	Morton
Mountain Plover	122 late w of Lakin	TSh,SSh	10-24-93	Kearny
Black-necked Stilt	51 at QNWR, Wildlife Drive	GF	09-04-93	Stafford
Upland Sandpiper	3 very late at Point of Rocks	SS,MR	09-25-93	Morton
Red Knot	4 at QNWR	JR	09-02-93	Stafford
Red Knot	1 at Liberal Sewer Lake	SP	09-02-93	Seward
Red Knot	1 at QNWR	SS,LV	09-17-93	Stafford
Dunlin	1 at Slate Creek Marsh	MT	10-20-93	Sumner
Dunlin	4 at QNWR	JR	10-27-93	Stafford
Red-necked Phalarope	3 at QNWR	MM,BF,GP	09-03-93	Stafford
Red-necked Phalarope	4 at Elkhart Sewer Ponds	??	09-21-93	Morton
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1 at QNWR	JR	09-02-93	Stafford
Franklin's Gull	30,000 at Clinton Lake	LM	10-07-93	Douglas
Little Gull	1 at Hillsdale Res	LM	10-14-93	Miami
Thayer's Gull	1 at Perry Lake	LM	10-12-93	Jefferson
Thayer's Gull	2 first winter, Perry Lake	LM	10-21-93	Jefferson
Thayer's Gull	1 first winter, Kanopolis Res	SS,MR	10-23-93	Ellsworth



Sabine's Gull	1 imm, Elkhart Sewer Ponds	wa	09-18-93	Morton
	still present		09-22-93	
Caspian Tern	19 at Bloomington Beach, Clinton Res	MM,GP	09-25-93	Douglas
Common Tern	1 at Melvern Res	MM,BF	10-16-93	Osage
White-winged Dove	2 at Colby	?	09-14-93	Thomas

These birds had evidently been at a sunflower processing plant for some time before they were reported by employees of the plant. September 14th was the last day they were seen.

Inca Dove	3 in Garden City	LBR	09-08-93	Finney
Inca Dove	confirmed nesting in Garden City	SS,MR	09-26-93	Finney
Inca Dove	1 in Liberal	LE	10-16-93	Seward
	still present		10-21-93	
Barn Owl	3 during day at CBR	KOS	10-03-93	Trego
Burrowing Owl	25 e of CO border on K-51	SS,MR	09-25-93	Morton
Lesser Nighthawk	1 calling at Point of Rocks	SS,DS,LV	09-18-93	Morton

This species has not been documented in Kansas before.

Whip-poor-will	1 possible at Work Station	JN	09-19-93	Morton
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	at Boy Scout Area	SC,RP	09-05-93	Morton
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	2 n of River Road e of highway	wa	09-19-93	Morton
Olive-sided Flycatcher	3 at Perry Lake	LM	09-16-93	Jefferson
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1 at MDC	LM	09-06-93	Linn
Hammond's Flycatcher	at Boy Scout Area	SC,RP	09-05-93	Morton
Dusky Flycatcher	1 at Cimarron Grasslands	MR	09-18-93	Morton
Cordilleran Flycatcher	at Boy Scout Area	SC,RP	09-05-93	Morton
Cassin's Kingbird	8 at Cimarron Grasslands	wa	09-18/19-93	Morton
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	30 very late near Ark City	GY	10-28-93	Cowley
Bushtit	at Boy Scout Area	SC,RP	09-05-93	Morton
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1 at Junction City Cemetery	CO	09-03-93	Geary
Rock Wren	1 near Junction City	CO	10-14-93	Geary
Rock Wren	1 at Hillsdale outlet area	LM,GP	10-31-93	Miami
Winter Wren	1 near Junction City	CO	10-14-93	Geary
Sedge Wren	15 at Chisholm Creek Park	PJ	10-03-93	Sedgwick

Sedge Wrens maintained a strong presence in the Wichita area (Chisholm Creek Park and Big Ditch areas) throughout the month with numerous individual birds being reported as late as 10-27-93.

Sedge Wren	20 at Slate Creek Marsh	MT	10-06-93	Sumner
Mountain Bluebird	10 along shore, Wilson Lake	MR,SS	10-23-93	Russell
Mountain Bluebird	16 near Camp Horizon	GY	10-28-93	Cowley
Townsend's Solitaire	1 at Point of Rocks	SC,RP	09-05-93	Morton
Sage Thrasher	along K-51 Hwy	SS,MR	09-25-93	Morton
Curve-billed Thrasher	1 at Work Station	SC,RP	09-05-93	Morton
Curve-billed Thrasher	along K-51 Hwy	SS,MR	09-25-93	Morton
Curve-billed Thrasher	1 in Garden City	TSh,SSh	10-24-93	Finney
Sprague's Pipit	3 early near Lenora	SS	09-24-93	Norton
Sprague's Pipit	10	SS	10-01-93	Pawnee
Sprague's Pipit	2 near Lyon Co State Lake	MM,BF	10-16-93	Lyon
Phainopepla	1 female in Garden City	LBR	09-08-93	Finney

This bird represented the second state record and the first fully documented record.

Golden-winged Warbler	1 at Chisholm Creek Park	ST	09-29-93	Sedgwick
Northern Parula	1 late at Wyandotte Co Lake	LM	09-25-93	Wyandotte
Magnolia Warbler	at Boy Scout Area	MR	09-18-93	Morton
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1 at Work Station	MR	09-18-93	Morton
Townsend's Warbler	2 in Elkhart alleys	SP	09-04-93	Morton
Townsend's Warbler	Elkhart, alleys w side of town	SC,RP	09-05-93	Morton
Townsend's Warbler	2 at Elkhart Cemetery	MR	09-18-93	Morton
Townsend's Warbler	at work station	MR	09-18-93	Morton
Black-throated Green Warbler	1 at North Fork Area	MT	09-07-93	Morton
Blackburnian Warbler	1 at North Fork Area	MT	09-07-93	Morton

Pine Warbler	2 at Overland Park Arboretum	GG	09-12-93	Johnson
Pine Warbler	1 at Elkhart Cemetery	MR	09-18-93	Morton
Pine Warbler	1 at Clinton Res	MM,GP	09-25-93	Douglas
Pine Warbler	1 at Wyandotte Co Lake	LM	09-25-93	Wyandotte
Pine Warbler	1 at Chisholm Creek Park	PJ	10-02-93	Sedgwick
Palm Warbler	1 at Boy Scout Area	MR	09-18-93	Morton
Palm Warbler	3 at Chisholm Creek Park	PJ	10-07-93	Sedgwick
Palm Warbler	1 at John Redmond Res	MM	10-10-93	Coffey
McGillivray's Warbler	1 n of Elkhart Cemetery	SC,RP	09-05-93	Morton
McGillivray's Warbler	1 at work station	MR	09-18-93	Morton
Canada Warbler	MDC	LM	09-06-93	Linn
Summer Tanager	1 m at Boy Scout Area	SS,DS,LV	09-18-93	Morton
Western Tanager	1 f in Garden City	LBR	09-08-93	Finney
Western Tanager	1 f at Boy Scout Area	SS,DS,LV	09-18-93	Morton
Green-tailed Towhee	4 at Cimarron Grasslands	SS,MR	09-25-93	Morton
Brewer's Sparrow	2 at Patti Canyon	SS,MR	09-25-93	Morton
LeConte's Sparrow	near Lyon Co State Lake	MM,BF	10-16-93	Lyon
LeConte's Sparrow	13 at QNWR	MR	10-17-93	Stafford
LeConte's Sparrow	4 at Sandhills Wildlife Area	JR	10-19-93	Reno
LeConte's Sparrow	14 near Camp Horizon	GY	10-28-93	Cowley
Sharp-tailed Sparrow	1 at QNWR	MR	10-17-93	Stafford
White-throated Sparrow	early migrant at CBR	JS	09-05-93	Trego
Smith's Longspur	30 at Eisenhower State Park	MM,LM,GP	10-30-93	Osage
Chestnut-collared Longspur	30 record early along K-51	SS,MR	09-25-93	Morton
Chestnut-collared Longspur	2 near Lyon Co State Lake	MM,BF	10-16-93	Lyon
Pine Siskin	1 early	M	09-23-93	Douglas
Lesser Goldfinch	1 m at Boy Scout Area	DK,JN	9-19-93	Morton

**ADDENDUM TO SUMMER ROUNDUP**

Redhead	5 at State Lake	SR	06-09-93	Sherman
Prairie Falcon	1 N of Walkinghood	SR	06-18-93	Greeley
Golden Eagle	1 nestling	SR	06-19-93	Wallace
Ruffed Grouse	1 se of Russell Springs	SR	06-22-93	Logan
Cattle Egret	1 se of Dixon	SR	07-09-93	Gove

CB = Cheyenne Bottoms

CBR = Cedar Bluff Reservoir

MDC = Marais des Cygnes

m.ob. = many observers

QNWR = Quivira National Wildlife Refuge




Res = Reservoir

WMA = Wildlife Management Area

**LIST OF OBSERVERS:** Wichita Audubon (wa), Joanne Brier (JB), Steve Crawford (SC), Lisa Edwards (LE), Bob Fisher (BF), Greg Friesen (GF), Pete Janzen (PJ), Greg Griffith (GG), Chris Hobbs (CH), Dan Kilby (DK), Lloyd Moore (LM), Mick McHugh (MM), John Northrup (JN), Chuck Otte (CO), Richard Parker (RP), Sebastian Patti (SP), Galen Pittman (GP), John Rakestraw (JR), Mike Rader (MR), Leonard & Betty Rich (LBR), Stan Roth (SR), Richard Rucker, (RR) John Schuckman (JS), Diane Seltman (DS), Scott Seltman (SS), Tom Shane (TSh), Sara Shane (SSh), Guy Smith (GS), Max Thompson (MT), Sandra Tollin(sp?) (ST), Linda Vidal (LV), Phil Wedge (PW), Neil Whitacre (NW), Gene Young (GY).

# Kansas Christmas Bird Counts

*December 12, 1993 - January 08, 1994*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>Dec 13</i>	<i>Dec 14</i>	<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Dec 16</i>	<i>Dec 17</i> Quivira NWR	<i>Dec 18</i> Dodge City Flint Hills NWR Halstead/Newton (?) Lawrence Manhattan Topeka Wichita Wilson Reservoir
<i>Dec 19</i> Baldwin Garden City Waconda Lake Winfield Perry	<i>Dec 20</i> Camp Naish	<i>Dec 21</i> El Dorado Lake Wakefield Winter begins 	<i>Dec 22</i> Kirwin Reservoir Olsburg (?)	<i>Dec 23</i> Linn County Webster Reservoir	<i>Dec 24</i>	<i>Dec 25</i>  Christmas
<i>Dec 26</i> Arkansas City Cedar Bluff Leavenworth	<i>Dec 27</i> Junction City	<i>Dec 28</i>	<i>Dec 29</i>	<i>Dec 30</i> Scott Lake	<i>Dec 31</i> Morton County  New Year's Eve	<i>Jan 1</i> Barber County Black Mesa, OK  New Year's Day
<i>Jan 2</i> Liberal	<i>Jan 3</i>	<i>Jan 4</i>	<i>Jan 5</i>	<i>Jan 6</i>	<i>Jan 7</i>	<i>Jan 8</i>

All dates subject to change, contact compiler for last minute changes OR call the Kansas Rare Bird Alert, 913-372-5499

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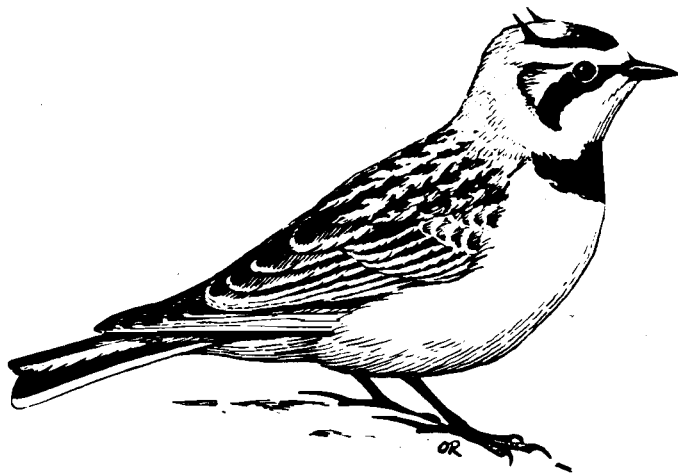
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### DO YOU ENJOY THE HOTLINE?

There's no doubt that a lot of us use the KOS Rare Bird Alert on a fairly regular basis. That's what makes it work! We go birding, we call in our good birds, Scott posts them on the Hotline, and we all go back out looking for more good birds, or the birds that someone else has seen.

But just like everything else it costs to keep this service going. There's phone line charges, plus the expense of keeping the occasionally temperamental answering machines answering and talking. So far donations to the Hotline Fund have been able to cover most of the costs associated with the Hotline. Oh, you didn't know there was a Hotline Fund? Well, it may not be called exactly that, but I'm an editor not a treasurer.

Anyway, if you are one of those who use it on a regular basis (like I do) then why not help support it. Go ahead and post reports about good birds you've seen while birding. More than likely not everything you post will make it onto the report, but it helps us know what's going on around the state. Secondly, show how much you appreciate the Hotline and pull out your checkbook and send a donation marked KOS Hotline to: *Rose Fritz, KOS Treasurer, 1816 Cypress Lane, Newton, KS 67114.*

By the way we're not the only state that has a Rare Bird Alert. In fact there are many Hotlines around the country. If you are interested in a particular location and what hotlines are available give me a call or drop me a line and I'll let you know what's available in that area.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN . . . ?

From time to time the KOS Board receives requests from other birdwatching and ornithology

associations and/or magazines asking for our membership list. The KOS Board has taken the position that KOS members should feel that they are "safe" from being bombarded by other groups looking for memberships or subscriptions and therefore do not supply our membership list to other groups. When possible we try to post a notice in the Horned Lark about some of these opportunities. But we can't possibly hope to cover all the bases.

If you are trying to find out how to contact a particular association or magazine please drop me a note and I will get you the information IF it exists. For example there is a newly forming group called the Backyard Birding Association from somewhere "back east". I'm still gathering information on that one and will pass it on when I get it. So if you're interested, remember that it never hurts to ask!

### TIME TO START PLANNING FOR THOSE CHRISTMAS COUNTS!

Believe it or not it's time to start thinking about those Christmas Bird Counts. Especially if you happen to be a compiler! I know some of you compilers tend to wait until the last minute to set your date to see what the weather may be like, which may explain why you only have 4 people make it to your count. The next issue of the *Horned Lark* will be coming out in early December and, like last year, I would like to have as complete a listing as possible of the Kansas (and nearby) Christmas Bird Counts.

To get those included I need to have the information for your count by Thanksgiving. All I need is the name of your count, the date of your count, where to meet, and the name of the compiler/organizer and where they can be reached. Do your part and make the plans, and I'll get notice out to the members! Send those cards and letters to: *Chuck Otte, KOS Editor, 613 Tamerisk, Junction City, KS 66441, or FAX# 913-238-7166.*

## Special Species . . .

### Painted Bunting

by Chuck Otte

I can remember as a young boy of 4 or 5 riding out to the fields with my mother while she took lunch or a coffee break to my father. My mom always took her bird book and "field glasses" with her just in case something showed up while she was out there. I remember that the bird book was one of the earlier Peterson Western editions with the plates scattered throughout the book.

I would spend hours on end going through the book and looking at the pictures. I dearly loved the page of the hummingbirds, all lined up in rows, the bright males at the top of the page and the drabish, but still fascinating, females at the bottom. That any bird could have such colors amazed me. (And people wonder why I became a bird watcher!)

I also remember the first time my mother and I saw an Indigo Bunting. A blue that was just incredible beyond belief and how could so much sound come out of such a little bird. Several years later my wife, Jaye, and I would have the fortune to come upon our first Lazuli Bunting in southern Idaho at a rest stop built among an old lava flow. We heard this incredible song that had a familiar ring to it. We eventually tracked down the source of that song to find it belonged to a sprightly male Lazuli Bunting.

As we checked our references and learned a little more about the Lazuli Bunting I realized how much I wanted to see a Painted Bunting. That combination of brilliant, nearly gaudy colors, reminded me in many ways of those hummingbirds I had spent hours observing as a youth.

Before that month was out Jaye and I would have the good fortune to discover Painted Buntings virtually out our back door, on Walla Walla Road just northwest of Junction City, where we have found them every year since.

A male Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) is nearly impossible to miss or to mistake for anything else. The orangish-red of the belly and rump glows like a fireball when it catches the morning light. In fact, that first one we saw I tried to turn into an oriole from a distance. But the indigo-blue head and the green back quickly separate the Painted Bunting from any other Kansas species.

The female and young males seem drab in comparison, but the bright green that predominates their plumage is still quite distinctive. A first spring male in Oklahoma this spring gave us a go for a while, but most doubts were removed when he sang.

The song of the Painted Bunting is best summed up by saying that it is very "bunting like." I like to describe it as a languid warbling, with a very thin sweet quality, but without the paired phrases that I associate with the Indigo Bunting. It is often the song that we identify first and then follow to the find the singer sitting atop a fairly high perch from which he can defend his territory.

Painted Buntings prefer what I would call scrubby/brushy locations. The areas around Junction City where we find them have a good mix of dogwood and sumac bushes, medium sized junipers and scattered larger deciduous trees interspersed with open grassy areas. Painted Buntings are primarily seed eaters. Thompson and Ely indicate that they appear to be quite fond of foxtail seed (they should be doing well this year!).

The Painted Bunting is common to uncommon in southeastern Kansas, becoming less plentiful as you travel north and west in the state. Extreme western records in Kansas are from Stevens County in the south and Sherman County to the north. They have been conspicuously absent from the northernmost tier of counties all across the Nebraska border. There are breeding records for as far west as Clark County and as far north as Riley County. Based on behavior and activity, I am sure that they are a Geary County breeder though I have yet to find a nest.

I usually expect to see Painted Buntings by Mother's Day in May. In fact this year I had one in very late April, and there was a report from Russell County of a male Painted Bunting at a feeder on May 6. By mid-August I have very little luck in finding them, and Thompson and Ely report a late date of September 21st. There are also a couple of winter feeder records from Reno and Douglas Counties.

Painted Buntings are probably more abundant than we realize, but unless we happen to catch them singing from their perches in the morning they are easy to miss. Spend a little time learning their song, then take the time to start checking those scrubby hillsides in the southeastern half of the state. You will probably be surprised one day when a flash of hummingbird colors lands on top of a hedge tree and gives you that first breathtaking look at a rainbow on the wing—a Painted Bunting!



## From The Keyboard

This will be brief this month since I took up all that space for the editorial. I want to encourage everyone to plan to attend the Fall Meeting in Hays October 2nd and 3rd. If you've never attended a Fall Meeting, make this one your first. Besides being a lot of fun, you get a chance to meet birdwatchers from all over the state.

Thanks to John Rakestraw for accepting the challenge and submitting a *Birding Hotspot*, and thanks to Dave Rintoul for his efforts in trying to stop a Kansas Sandhill Crane season from becoming reality.

Christmas Bird Count compilers there's a special notice for you, and for all you "techies and cyber-birders" we've got the first of what will probably be periodic installments in how technology is changing this thing we call birding.

Lastly, let me just say that I really prefer not to write "true editorials" BUT because of recent events I felt that something had to be said. All too often anymore I notice fewer and fewer individuals getting involved in anything. We are on the verge of becoming a society of passive observers. Let's not let that happen to "us." Let's get involved, get active, get more KOS members, volunteer for events and projects, participate in KOS (and local) birding trips and Christmas Bird Counts, and attend KOS Meetings starting with Hays. I'll see you there!

Chuck

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## PRAIRIE FALCON RUFFLES PRAIRIE CHICKENS

by Edwin Miller - Independence, KS

On a late winter morning Jerry Horak and Ed Miller were in a viewing blind early to witness the dance of the Greater Prairie-chicken. Located in an open prairie just north of Emporia, the blind offered an excellent seat to the chicken arena. The stomping feet, vertical jumps, raised neck tufts and tail, inflated orange throat sacs and sparring were the expected reward for the loss of sleep.

This year, however, another prairie bird tried to steal the show. While sitting in the blind, we noticed something had spooked the chickens. Some flew from the lek while others squatted low and froze. After a period of silence, the chickens returned and resumed their activities. Again it happened. The booming ground became silent as some birds scattered and some hunkered. This time we spied the culprit.

It was a Prairie Falcon. As the falcon flew over, the prairie chickens were like soldiers hitting the dirt to avoid enemy fire. They relied on their camouflage to blend in as they tried to disappear in the short grass and turned into brown lumps. But it wasn't enough to hide from the falcon, who dove down and knocked feathers into the air from three of the chickens. It all seemed to be a game to the falcon. None of the chickens appeared injured and the falcon flew away to park on a fence post.

Again, a memory was made by getting up early to go birding or to paraphrase Horak, "If you snooze you lose!"

## Amendment to KOS Bylaws Sought

The following piece of business was brought up at the Spring KOS Board of directors meeting and will be voted on at the KOS Annual Business Meeting in October in Hays.

Amendment to the KOS Bylaws: The KOS Board of Directors has approved the following amendment to the KOS Bylaws and will be submitting it to a vote of the membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

Moved that Article II, Sec. 3C of the KOS Bylaws be amended to read: **C. Life members: a lump sum payment of \$300 (\$150 until January 1, 1995).**

Current reading of this section is: **C. Life members: \$150 in a lump sum or \$37.50 in each of four consecutive years.**

This amendment is being proposed because the current payment of \$150 does not earn sufficient interest to defray the expenses of membership. This is particularly true of those who have only made partial payment. Life members who have currently made partial payment would be allowed to complete their life membership payments on the present schedule although they will be encouraged to complete payment by January 1, 1995.

**CBC Compilers...**

***Be sure to get your plans made and report your plans to Chuck Otte.***

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## Technology and Birding

*by Chuck Otte*

This interest of ours, birdwatching, is a fairly young one as activities go. Prior to Roger Tory Peterson's first field guide in the 1930's there were very few true "birdwatchers." In fact, a great deal of the "birding" was done with a dead bird in hand. With the advent of better optics and the first really useful field guide, this has really changed.

The past 50 years has shown major leaps in birding as in many other facets of life: better and better optics, improved field guides, more field guides, even "group specific" field guides with marvelous color plates. With all that has happened during the past 10 years with electronics, though, one really has to wonder what the next 50 years, or even the next 10 years have to offer!

### MAXIMUM "CYBER-BIRDING"

Consider the following hypothetical situation. It's mid-September 1998 - I'm birdwatching south of Junction City when I notice a black bird dropping out of a brush pile into the grass, then back up into the brush pile. It doesn't move like a grackle or blackbird, and closer examination reveal it to be, yes, a Groove-billed Ani. The first one in Kansas in 6 years.

I spend a few more minutes observing the Ani and scribble a few notes on my digital notepad, which I then hook up to my laptop computer, which digests the information and stores it in my word processor. While this is happening I pull out my digital camera with zoom lens and shoot about 20 shots of the Ani. Wanting to make sure that others can find the location, I pull out my Global Positioning System unit and get my location to within 20 feet.

Next, I pick up my cellular phone and call the KOS Hotline to report the find and exact location so Scott can get it posted so others can find it. Then I pick up my computer, hook it into the cellular phone and fax the information to Scott along with a simple map. With that done, I can pull the diskette out of the camera, pop it in the computer and view the pictures I just took and select the one that looks the best. Finally, I dial up the Kansas Birders Computer Bulletin Board, via my laptop computer and cellular phone, and post this information in the recent findings category along with the picture that I just took. As word spreads of the sighting, others can dial up the bulletin board to find not only the details of the sighting, but to view a picture of the bird as well.

Back to 1993. As far fetched as this scenario may sound, all of the technology and gadgets that I described exist today! Some isn't inexpensive, and some still needs some improvement, but it exists (that is with the exception of the Kansas Birders Computer Bulletin Board, but I'm working on that!).

There's no doubt that technology has changed not only our lives, but our birdwatching as well. Technological improvements have allowed binoculars and spotting scopes to improve in power and clarity. The models available today are superior even to those we could purchase 10 to 15 years ago. The prices have maintained or, in many cases, decreased, allowing someone with even a modest budget to have quality optics.

Improved tape recorders, digital recorders and better microphones have allowed us to obtain better and better reproduction of bird songs. Improvements in printing and color plate reproduction have allowed us to have many reasonably priced field guides of a quality we could only dream of several years ago.

### BIRDER BEEPERS

Common telephone answering machines are employed all over the country for rare bird alerts, allowing birders in an area the chance to find out very rapidly of rare sightings. In Finland and other parts of Europe, birders have employed advances in communication technology allowing birders (or twitchers as they are called in Europe) to literally stay up to the minute with rare sightings.

Around 200 people participate in a pager system that utilizes text pagers. Most of Finland can be reached by this system. When someone finds a good bird it is called in and immediately put out on the pager. Messages can be up to 400 characters long and the pager holds approximately 40 of the most recent messages for retrieval. So if Rader and Seltman were birding at Quivira and found a Tricolored Heron they could call it in immediately and within 5 minutes all "subscribing" birders in the state would know what bird was seen when and where.

Birders subscribing to this system pay an annual fee of around \$37 plus the price of the pager, which runs approximately \$340. Britain and Holland have similar systems and Sweden has one in the works.

## COMPUTERS

When all said and done it seems that it's the computer that produces the most changes. Many of the advances in other areas such as optics and publishing are the result of computing advances. For those of us who are compulsive organizers, listers, compilers, etc., computers have been a god-send. It is interesting how so many have found so many different ways to utilize these electronic tools.

Dan LaShelle, who like myself goes back to when computing was mainframes and punchcards, uses the computer to process his extensive bird observation data. Dan has developed his own set of codes for species, location, etc. and has entered his records into a machine readable database for further processing. Dan hopes that over time he will be able to analyze his data to detect and prove trends in populations and species.

Along with the individual observations Dan has collected a lot of species accounts detailing behavior, nesting, plumages, etc. He uses a word processor to organize all of this additional information.

Dave Rintoul uses a more conventional database program to keep track of his sightings. Many database programs are available, ranging from the very rudimentary to the highly sophisticated. Virtually any of these will allow you to keep track of what was seen when and where and how many of them were there. Dave is also an active "Bird-Chatter" which I will explain later.

## SOFTWARE WITH THE BIRDER IN MIND

It didn't take long for programmers to realize that there was a market out there for database programs specifically designed for birders. Pick up any of the popular birding magazines and you will find numerous advertisements for these products, including programs such as Plover, BirdBase 3, BirdBrain, AviSys, DataHawk, BirdCount+, and Aves. There's even a birding program for kids called Snipe Hunt, and computer programs to help you learn bird songs or analyze recorded bird songs and produce Sonagrams.

Each of these programs have pluses and minuses. I use Aves because it was one of the first I came across, it was easy to use, and it was fairly inexpensive. I supplement my records with a simple database program to help keep track of my life list, my year list and my state list. Aves does allow me, as do most of the programs, to generate all sorts of different lists. And while listing fever has gotten out of hand for some birders, even us every day type birdwatchers like to know what we've seen and

when. There are new and improved programs continually coming out. If you are considering purchasing one, check back issues of most any birding magazine for reviews of any or all of these programs.

## YOU'VE GOT CONNECTIONS

One of the more rapidly growing areas of computer use is in the area of communications. While it is sometimes hard to consider the computer as a communication tool, it is the coming thing.

I'm sure most of you have heard of computer bulletin boards. These are simply a single computer set up so that anyone can call in and exchange messages, information or computer files/programs. These have often been fairly simple, localized and organized with a specific interest. There are several birding bulletin boards out there which I have phoned in to, but unless you are on one of the big commercial systems like CompuServe or America-On-Line, etc. these bulletin boards are fairly localized.

Enter Internet. The Internet system was originated several years ago by the National Science Foundation as a high-speed computer communications system spanning across the United States and then around the world. Member colleges, universities and commercial institutions could then gain access to Internet which would then give these members access to the "super-computers" to execute large and complex problem solving programs.

Almost as an offshoot of this came the capability for people at different institutions to send electronic messages back and forth to each other. These messages are what we now refer to as E-mail. Member institutions have the computers in different groups (departments, buildings, etc.) networked together. These local area networks (LAN's) are then connected to Internet. What you wind up with is networks-connected to networks-connected to networks and so on and so on.

As the E-mail capability continued to spread, individuals at different institutions started to send messages back and forth about bird watching interests. One enterprising fellow from Arizona by the name of Chuck Williamson got together with another birdwatcher from the Washington, D.C. area and decided that there should be a way to utilize this fantastic network and connect hundreds of birdwatchers at the same time. Thus was born the National Birding Hotline Cooperative (NBHC), or BirdChat.

The NBHC works like a round table discussion of sorts. Anyone who has access to Internet (or Bitnet - another wide area network similar to Internet and connected to Internet) can send a "subscription message" to a certain computer at a certain location. Your electronic address is then added to the list. Then whenever someone sends a message to BirdChat the serving computer turns right around and very quickly passes the message on to everyone that is on the list. One needs to be careful though with what one sends to BirdChat as everyone will see it. Consider it a giant party line telephone system. You can, however, also respond privately to individuals as well on particular subjects.

The NBHC is made up of several separate parts. First of all is BirdChat itself, which is where discussions are passed, bantered and a little friendly kidding from time to time, that deal with bird related topics. We may have discussions of squirrel proof feeders, biodiversity, notes on migration, requests for information on equipment or birding locales and even reports of birding trips. When the first ever North American sighting of a Whiskered Tern occurred this summer on the East Coast, there were numerous reports posted regarding "Whisker's" movements and latest locations.

When Dave Rintoul was gathering information to work against the Sandhill Crane season as well as on the Great Blue Herons vs. speed boats discussion at Tuttle Creek Dam back in May, he was able to put out a request for information across BirdChat and receive input from all over the US as well as overseas.

The other major component of the NBHC is the transcription of various rare bird alert hotlines from across the country. Individuals transcribe the hotlines from their area and post these in BirdEast, BirdCntr (BirdCenter), or BirdWest. One can subscribe to these just like to BirdChat. I regularly transcribe the KOS Rare Bird Alert and post this to BirdCntr. When I was getting ready to go to New

Mexico and Arizona this year for vacation I was made copies of those respective rare bird alerts daily until I left so I would know if there were any rarities to look for.

Of course nothing stays static in technology. Chuck Williamson has recently created a computer program that will extract and archive the information from the various hotline transcriptions. All I have to do is use a standardized format that Chuck established and then each RBA update that I post is entered into a database. The potential long-run impact of a system like this is incredible. Someone interested in the apparent expansion of the Inca Dove range could tap into a database like this and very quickly document where, when and how many Inca Doves are showing up outside of their traditional range.

### **HEADED FOR THE FUTURE**

So where is all of this headed? Just recently some of the larger private bulletin board systems like CompuServe and America-On-Line have arranged access to Internet, allowing more individuals access to this wealth of information. There are also plans in the works to take the Internet itself up to faster, more powerful and more widespread areas. As these changes occur, we very quickly start to approach true global interconnectivity. And as more and more people obtain computers at home and at work, and thus gain access to some of these wide area networks, the potential is limited only by ones' imagination.

The beauty of all this technology is that you don't have to be a techno-wizard to enjoy birdwatching. You will probably still benefit from many of the advances whether you are an active user or not. We plan to keep *Horned Lark* readers up to date on new advances of interest. But we also plan to keep things interesting for those of you who don't really care about computers, LAN's and modems! Isn't birding wonderful!

*Be watching for more installments of*

*Technology and Birding  
by Chuck Otte*

**KOS Fall Meeting at Hays, October 2-3. Are you registered? There may still be time. Call Chuck for details if you didn't receive your registration forms in the mail last week.**

## SUMMER ROUNDUP/June 1993 - August 1993/ by Chuck Otte

To say that birding was slow during the summer of 1993 would probably be an understatement! It will be hard to say whether it was the monsoonal rains that kept birds out of sight and birders indoors, or whether it was because most of the active Kansas birders were trying to work Breeding Bird Atlas Blocks in between downpours rather than birding the standard hotspots, but reports to the hotline were s-l-o-w. It is a pretty general opinion, though, that the weather and subsequent flooding really messed up a lot of activities.

Reservoirs throughout Kansas, especially in the northern half of Kansas saw record or near record levels. As one Corps of Engineer official said in late July, "it's not that one or two of the lakes in the Republican/Kansas River drainage area is full, it's that the whole system is utterly saturated!" Many Kansas birders will find fall birding at their favorite reservoir to be an all new experience. Flood levels 20, 30 and even 40+ feet high washed away vegetation, landmarks, and entire stands of trees at many lakes, forcing birds and birders to find new locations. Several reservoirs will be plagued(?) with high water for months to come. It may take Wilson another 6 months to return to normal levels. Even the ever suffering Cedar Bluffs saw inflows good enough to raise the level over 25 feet by late August, and possibly more increases with fall rains. So if this issues highlights seem slim, it's because a lot of the summer birding season was basically a "rain-out."

Common Loons are summering in Kansas in increasing numbers every year, although mid-summer flooding disrupted some of the increases of past years. Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira NWR received their fair share of heavy rains and high water. Cheyenne Bottoms was good habitat but darn tough birding due to high waters and incredible vegetation growth. Outstanding numbers of wading birds could be found around the perimeters though, roads allowing. Quivira suffered through several floods in July and experienced severe road damage, but birding was still good. Herons and egrets were in abundance with evidence of a good breeding season for many species. Cattle Egrets took over the southeast corner of the wildlife loop with Scott Seltman counting (actually counting!) over 1,250 in mid-August with somewhere in the vicinity of 500 nests! There was good evidence at Cheyenne Bottoms that Franklin's Gulls nested in 1993. Adult birds carrying nesting material in mid-June followed by juveniles begging food from adults in early August is pretty convincing.

Many of the normal southbound migrants started showing up in mid-July and once flood waters started to recede in August there was plenty of good habitat for southbound shorebirds. Buff-breasted Sandpipers made a good showing around Kansas this year with sightings from Marais des Cygnes, Milford, and Sedgwick county. Common Moorhens were more apparent this year than in past years, but sightings had to be worked for. In the northern Flint Hills Painted Buntings may be returning to better numbers with sightings and possible breeding locations increasing.

Other species that are oft times rarer than birders would like were showing up in uncommon numbers. Several Tree Swallow and Cedar Waxwing nests can probably be attributed to increased activity due to the KBBAT project (do you have your blocks lined up for 1994?). On the Konza Prairie (and elsewhere) Henslow's Sparrows were abundant in June and Sedge Wrens showed up in good numbers in August.

As August drew to a close bird activity was starting to pick up but rarities were just that-rare. However, sightings of Mississippi Kites and a Connecticut Warbler in Topeka at the very end of August brings hope that the fall will certainly pick up and lead into a great winter!

Remember to call the *Hotline* (913-372-5499) with your sightings, and be sure to fill out a Bird Records Committee Report Form for appropriate sightings. And of course, all of the following entries are subject to consideration by the Kansas Bird Records Committee.

### BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS / June 1993 through August 1993

Species	Location and number	Observers	Date	County
Common Loon	1 at Webster Res, calling	SS	6-03-93	Rooks
Brown Pelican	1 juv at Wilson Res	KP	6-12-93	Russell
	Last seen	TB,LH	6-24-93	
Olivaceous Cormorant	1 at QNWR	MR	7-12-93	Stafford
Tri-colored Heron	1 at QNWR	PJ,JN	7-17-93	Stafford
Little-blue Heron	300 at QNWR	SS	8-14-93	Stafford

## 10 (Birding Highlights, contd)

Cattle Egret	2000 at QNWR	MR	7-12-93	Stafford
The Cattle Egret heronry at the SE corner of the wildlife drive at Quivira's Big Salt Marsh was quite active in 1993. Even in late August there were well over 1,000 birds still present and actively feeding young.				
White Ibis	1 imm at MDC	??	8-08-93	Linn
Mottled Duck	1 at QNWR, Big Salt Marsh	SS	8-14-93	Stafford
Mississippi Kite	1, n of St Francis	SR	6-09-93	Cheyenne
Bald Eagle	Clinton Res nest fledged 3 young		6-20-93	Douglas
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1 at Wilson Res	MR	6-11-93	Russell
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1 south of Quinter	SS	6-12-93	Gove
Broad-winged Hawk	1 early at MDC along Oxbow Rd	BF	8-29-93	Linn
Ferruginous Hawk	Nesting near Elkhart	MR		Morton
	storm destroyed nest, 2 young found dead	TC,SS	7-14-93	
Golden Eagle	2 adults & 2 nestlings	SR	6-08-93	Cheyenne
Peregrine Falcon	1 imm along south edge of CB	SS	8-11-93	Barton
Common Moorhens	1 at Lassiter Marsh	DLS	7-17-93	Jefferson
Moorhens had been present in this area since May				
Common Moorhens	several off Wildlife Drive	SS	8-07-93	Stafford
Seen fairly regularly during August				
Black Rail	QNWR nw of Big Salt Marsh	PJ	6-26-93	Stafford
Piping Plover	1 at Milford Lake	CO,JO	7-17-93	Geary
Mountain Plover	In Point Rock Pasture	LRS	6-08-93	Morton
	pair with 2 downy chicks			
Mountain Plover	30 south of 51 Hiway near Colo	SS	8-29-93	Morton
Lesser Yellowlegs	40 at QNWR	PJ	6-26-93	Stafford
Pectoral Sandpiper	65 at QNWR Big Salt Marsh	JN,DK	8-22-93	Stafford
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	20 near Goddard 13 near Colwich	DV	7-31-93	Sedgwick
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1 near Mt Hope	PJ	8-02-93	Sedgwick
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1 below Milford Res	CO,JO	8-09-93	Geary
Long-billed Curlew	20 in flight near Monument Rocks	SR	7-02-93	Gove
Short-billed Dowitcher	50+ at QNWR	??	8-02-93	Stafford
Laughing Gull	1 at QNWR	PJ	6-26-93	Stafford
Laughing Gull	1 juv at QNWR	MR	7-12-93	Stafford
Franklin's Gull	Carrying nesting material at CB	TSh,SSh	6-12-93	Barton
Juveniles were seen in the CB area by Seltman in early August begging food from adults.				
This would probably confirm that nesting did take place.				
Common Tern	1 at Quivira	JN,DK	8-08-93	Stafford
Common Tern	1 at MDC	MI,GK	8-14-93	Linn
Inca Dove	3 being seen sporadically	LBR	7-17-93	Finney
Inca Dove	1 nw of Nickerson	JN,DK	8-08-93	Reno
Rufous Hummingbird	A male and female 2 days apart	LBR	7-17-93	Finney
Least Flycatcher	1 in Wilson State Park	MR	7-13-93	Russell
Dusky Flycatcher	1 n of Elkhart Cemetery	SS	8-28-93	Morton
Dusky Flycatcher	1 near the Boy Scout area	SS	8-28-93	Morton
Ash-throated Flycatcher	2 pair using nest boxes along the Cimarron River.	MS	6-07-93	Morton
	With chicks		6-22-93	
Tree Swallow	nesting in NE Harvey County	PJ	6-01-93	Harvey
Tree Swallow	nesting near Maize	BG	6-21-93	Sedgwick
Chihuahuan Raven	several near Rolla	TC,SS	7-14-93	Morton
Cedar Waxwing	nesting near Melvern Res	LM	6-26-93	Osage
Cedar Waxwing	nesting in NE Harvey County	??	6-26-93	Harvey
Black-billed Magpie	nesting in NE Harvey County	PJ	6-01-93	Harvey
Connecticut Warbler	1 at Warren Park, Topeka	GK	8-31-93	Shawnee
Yellow-breasted Chat	nesting along Cimarron River	MS	6-22-93	Morton

Painted Bunting	S of Junction City on Red Road	LM	6-26-93	Geary
These birds were first found on Memorial Day weekend by Dan LaShelle and were seen regularly through July. This is the second reliable Painted Bunting location in Geary County showing up in the past several years. Could this indicate an increase in the Kansas breeding population?				
Henslow's Sparrow	7 singing n of Melvern Res	LM	6-26-93	Osage
Harris Sparrow	1 singing in Chisholm Creek Park	JN	6-17-93	Sedgwick

#### ADDENDUM TO SPRING ROUNDUP

Lazuli Bunting	1 at Geary State Fishing Lake	CN	5-16-93	Geary
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CB = Cheyenne Bottoms  
MDC = Marais des Cygnes  
m.ob. = many observers  
QNWR = Quivira National Wildlife Refuge  
Res = Reservoir  
WMA = Wildlife Management Area

LIST OF OBSERVERS: Tracy Beech (TB), Ted Cable (TC), Bob Fisher (BF), Pete Janzen (PJ), Bob Gress (BG), Leroy Holt (LH), Dan Kilby (DK), Maxie Irwin (MI), Glen Koontz (GK), Dan LaShelle, Lloyd Moore (LM), Cliff Nickle (CN), John Northrup (JN), Chuck Otte (CO), Jaye Otte (JO), Kevin Patterson (KP), Mike Rader (MR), Leonard & Betty Rich (LBR), Stan Roth (SR), Marvin Schwilling (MS), Scott Seltman (SS), Tom Shane (TSh), Sara Shane (SSh), Lawrence & Ruth Smith (LRS), Don Vannoy (DV)

#### Attention All Potential Contributors!

We encourage any and all KOS members to contribute articles, topics, bits and pieces for consideration and use. (The more you contribute, the less I have to write!!) Special Species and Birding Hotspot are just a couple of suggestions and are really just the tip of the iceberg, so let your imagination run wild! Send your material to: *Chuck Otte, KOS Editor, 613 Tamerisk, Junction City, KS 66441. Deadlines for the next 4 issues are: November 15, February 15, May 15 and August 15.*

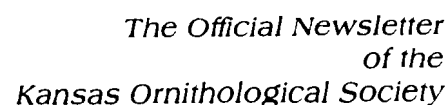
#### Fall Field Trips?!?!?

Because of the crazy weather this summer, there are a lot of schedules that are all messed up. Included in this are the Fall KOS Field Trips. I know a lot of our regular field trip leaders just haven't had the opportunity to line anything up yet. If you decide that you want to lead a field trip, call and leave it on the Hotline so Scott can announce it. If you can get it planned by Fall Meeting time we can announce it in Hays as well. *Mike Rader (913-658-2595)* has indicated that he will be making some trips to southwest Kansas this fall. Give him a call if you are interested in doing some birding in that area. Chuck Otte will be leading a tour of the "newly renovated" Milford Lake area on Saturday, October 30. Meet at the Junction City Shoney's Restaurant around 7:30 a.m., call Chuck for more details (913-238-8800).

*Good birding this fall! Go out and enjoy yourself, but don't forget to call the*

**KOS Rare Bird Hotline**  
**913/372-5499**

*(Donations to support the hotline will always be gladly accepted by Treasurer Rose Fritz--  
1816 Cypress Lane, Newton, KS 67114)*



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**ATTENDANCE AT KOS SPRING FIELD TRIP AT CAMP HORIZON, MAY 1 & 2, 1993**

The annual KOS spring meeting was held May 1 and 2 at Camp Horizon near Arkansas City. Less than wonderful spring weather is probably what held attendance down. However, the following people deserve the "Amphibious Survival Award" for dealing with nearly 5 inches of rain over the weekend, yet still seeing some darn good birds (see the list later in this newsletter). Thanks to those attending and let's all start making plans NOW for the fall meeting in Hays, October 2 & 3, 1993.

**Attendees:** Gene Young, Gerald Wiens, Arkansas City Pete & Gus Janzen, Mike & Iva Raw, Eddie Stegall all of Wichita Rose Fritz, Dwight Platt, Bob Regier, Newton Jerry Horak, Marvin Schwilling, Emporia; Jean Schulenberg, Admire; John Schukman, Leavenworth; David Seibel, Lawrence; Joanne Brier, Topeka; Jim Mayhew, Manhattan; Mike Rader, Wilson; Paul Schowalter, Larned; and Scott & Diane Seltman, Nekoma for a total of 21.

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**KOS SPRING BOARD MEETING 1993 May 1, 1993**  
**Camp Horizon, near Arkansas City**

**Members present:** David Seibel, Mike Rader, Jim Mayhew, Diane Seltman, Joanne Brier, Scott Seltman, Dwight Platt, Rose Fritz.

**Jim Mayhew opened the meeting at 8:30 am. He expressed appreciation to Mike Rader and Gene Young for organizing the Spring Field Trip.**

**MINUTES:** Jim Mayhew asked if there were any corrections for the minutes of the last board meeting which were distributed. Diane Seltman reported that she did not have to remove the expiration dates from the mailing labels as had been requested in the last meeting. Mike Rader moved that the minutes be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded by David Seibel. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rose Fritz reported that she has the bill for liability insurance on the Dingus Natural Area. Jim Mayhew suggested that he would review the policy with the insurance company and then authorize payment.

**DUES SCHEDULE:** The committee that was to recommend changes in the dues structure had not met. It was the consensus of the Board that there should be no change in the annual dues at the present time. There was discussion of the life membership payments which were insufficient to earn the expenses of a membership. David Seibel moved that the payment schedule for new life memberships be changed so that they must be paid in a lump sum effective immediately, and beginning January 1, 1995, the life membership payment be raised to \$300. Scott Seltman seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dwight Platt will prepare an amendment to the Bylaws to institute this change to be submitted to the membership at the Fall Meeting. If this change is adopted, it was suggested that we ask all life members who have only made partial payment to complete payment before January 1, 1995 if possible.



**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Diane Seltman reported that she had 75 old members to whom she will have to send reminders because they have not renewed for this year.

**HOT LINE:** Scott Seltman reported that there were no problems.

**DINGUS NATURAL AREA:** Jim Mayhew reported that he had visited the Dingus Natural Area and it was a very beautiful and unique area. He asked Bob Weese to repaint the signs and authorized payment for this expense. He found evidence of trespassing to mark a trail for a horse ride and he lodged a complaint with the sheriff. He reported that we need to proceed with a boundary survey and fencing. Jim will talk with The Nature Conservancy to see if they will help with the expenses for this.

**FALL MEETING:** The Fall Meeting will be in Hays on October 2-3. Mike Rader will work with Chuck Ely on this meeting.

**SPRING MEETING:** The Spring Meeting next year will be at the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Refuge and the Dingus Natural Area. It was decided to hold it on May 7 - 8.

**KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE:** David Seibel reported that the Kansas Bird Records Committee had approved changes in the Procedural Rules of the committee at their meeting on April 10. These rule changes would:

- 1) provide that members of the committee be elected by the Kansas Bird Records Committee from nominations made by the KOS membership and with approval of the KOS Board. This procedure would replace appointment by the KOS President;
- 2) provide that new members and new officers would take office at the annual KOS Spring Field Trip; and
- 3) provide that the annual meeting of the Kansas Bird Records Committee would be held after the KOS Winter Board Meeting and before the annual KOS Spring Field Trip. The procedure would work as follows: A call for nominations to be sent to the Secretary of the Kansas Bird Records Committee would be published in the June Newsletter. Members would need to determine a nominee's qualifications and willingness to serve before submitting a nomination. At the Fall Meeting, Kansas Bird Records committee members would hold an election to select new members from the nominees. The Board would vote on approving newly elected members at the Winter board Meeting and the KBRC could elect officers at the annual meeting of the committee.

David Seibel moved that the changes in the Procedural Rules of the Kansas Bird Records Committee be approved by the Board. Scott Seltman seconded the motion. Some members of the Board felt that the procedure was too cumbersome. It was also suggested that nomination by KOS members would probably not work very well. It was suggested that the Committee could better select qualified nominees and then the Board or the membership could elect new members from these nominees. Mike Rader moved that the motion be tabled and the procedure be referred back to the committee for reconsideration. Diane Seltman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**STUDENT RESEARCH FUND COMMITTEE:** Elmer Finck has asked to resign from the Student Research Fund Committee. Jim Mayhew asked for suggestions of names of persons who would be able to raise money for this fund.

**KANSAS NONGAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** We need to appoint a representative and an alternate to the Kansas Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee. Jim Mayhew will contact Elmer Finck to find out when the next meeting is and will appoint representatives.

**SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE:** Southwestern College has asked to apply the payment they made for a life membership (which was denied by the KOS Board) to annual dues. The Board approved this by consensus.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND:** Dwight Platt suggested that since interest from the life membership fund was not supporting memberships and since we were planning to try to raise money for the Student Research Fund, it might be wise to retain funds paid by life members who die in the life membership fund rather than transferring them to the Student Research Fund. This will be considered at a future meeting.

David Seibel moved that the meeting adjourn. Mike Rader seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Dwight R. Platt, Corresponding Secretary

## Birding Ethics *by Chuck Otte*

We birders frequently feel that we are pretty alert and aware environmentalists. But are we really? Over the past year some disconcerting events have occurred nationwide (all outside of Kansas to my knowledge) drawing attention to the saddening lack of ethical behavior among a few of our following.

- In Guadalupe Canyon, one of the prime birding areas in southeast Arizona/southwest New Mexico, the owners have had to ask for the help of several birding associations to reduce the impact of large groups of birders on fragile vegetation and ecosystems. Tour groups are no longer welcome at this location.
- A Dusky Thrush was present on private property in British Columbia for several months this winter. The non-birding homeowners were, at first, gracious hosts to the hundreds of birders that came to find the bird. But all too quickly things got out of hand with birders assuming that access to the bird was guaranteed and that permission need not be obtained. The owners finally had to post their property as off limits. The sad point is that the bird was clearly visible from public property with just a little patience. (We may have narrowly avoided a similar incident last fall with the Groove-billed Ani of Miami County.)
- In the Davis Mountains of west Texas property owners had a very reliable group of Montezuma Quail that visited them quite regularly. Once again, they were initially friendly and helpful to birders coming to see the quail. But as birding pressure grew with the increasing number of birders, these fine folk finally had to put their property off limits to birders. Imagine coming home to your yard and finding that people you didn't know had pitched their tent and set up camp in your front yard!

I don't bring up these events to point out what a malicious and thoughtless group birders are. On the contrary, 99.99% of all birders I've ever met or have been associated with are fine, thoughtful, conscientious people. BUT, problems can rapidly get out of hand, meaning each and every one of us must make sure things don't get out of hand in the first place!

Okay, so we don't camp out in the yard of someone that we don't know without asking permission. But how many times have we jumped a fence for just a few minutes to kick that warbler up out of that plum thicket? Surely none of us have ever played a tape perhaps just a little too long trying to get that blankety-blank bird to respond. And do we think about the potential impact of pursuing those life-list birds through fragile ecosystems right in the middle of breeding season?

If the ethic we should hold were to come down to one word then, that word would be **RESPECT**. If we all have some good old fashioned respect, then we won't have problems. Respect for private property, respect for public property, respect for the birds and respect for the environment.

We've all heard the phrase, "treat it like your own." My father, who knows me all too well, always used to tell me, "treat it better than your own." Perhaps that's not such a bad idea. Most of us probably take pretty good care of what we have, so if we treat other's property, privacy and wishes even better than our own, we will promote the positive image of bird watching that I know we all strive for.

The American Birding Association has an excellent code of ethics for birdwatchers which they have graciously allowed us to reproduce. Take the time to read it and then try to follow it. Consider it the "10 Commandments for Birders." Follow those ethics when you're birding. Follow them when you lead a group of birders. Follow them when you're with a group of birders. And if you are with birders who aren't following them, then leave and bird on your own. Don't be guilty merely by association.

We are all active and dedicated birders and share the love of birds. Let's never let a bad image of Kansas birders develop because of inappropriate actions or activities!

### *Know a Good Kid?*

I'm sure we all too often have complained about "those darn kids today," or have at least heard someone say something like that. But when you stop and think about it, we all probably know three "good kids" for every "bad kid." KOS President Jim Mayhew and I are toying around with some sort of Youth Nature Award or Spotlight on Youth article or something similar that will help focus on youth that are doing good things for birds, birding and nature or the environment in general.

But before we can make any awards or spotlight a young enthusiast, we need to know what youth are doing good things. So, anytime you find out about or are involved with a youth that's doing something good for birds or nature, write me a note and give me the details. Thanks for your support of birding and the youth of Kansas!

## American Birding Association Code of Ethics

We, the Membership of the American Birding Association, believe that all birders have an obligation at all times to protect wildlife, the natural environment, and the rights of others. We therefore pledge ourselves to provide leadership in meeting this obligation by adhering to the following general guidelines of good birding behavior.

**I. Birders must always act in ways that do not endanger the welfare of birds or other wildlife.**

*In keeping with this principle, we will*

- Observe and photograph birds without knowingly disturbing them in any significant way.
- Avoid chasing or repeatedly flushing birds.
- Only sparingly use recordings and similar methods of attracting birds and not use these methods in heavily birded areas.
- Keep an appropriate distance from nests and nesting colonies so as not to disturb them or expose them to danger.
- Refrain from handling birds or eggs unless engaged in recognized research activities.

**II. Birders must always act in ways that do not harm the natural environment.**

*In keeping with this principle, we will*

- Stay on existing roads, trails, and pathways whenever possible to avoid trampling or otherwise disturbing fragile habitat.
- Leave all habitat as we found it.

**III. Birders must always respect the rights of others.**

*In keeping with this principle, we will*

- Respect the privacy and property of others by observing No Trespassing signs and by asking permission to enter private or posted lands.

- Observe all laws and the rules and regulations which govern public use of birding areas.
- Practice common courtesy in our contacts with others. For example, we will limit our requests for information, and we will make them at reasonable hours of the day.
- Always behave in a manner that will enhance the image of the birding community in the eyes of the public.

**IV. Birders in groups should assume special responsibilities.**

*As group members, we will*

- Take special care to alleviate the problems and disturbances that are multiplied when more people are present.
- Act in consideration of the group's interest, as well as our own.
- Support by our actions the responsibility of the group leader(s) for the conduct of the group.

*As group leaders, we will*

- Assume responsibility for the conduct of the group.
- Learn and inform the group of any special rules, regulations, or conduct applicable to the area or habitat being visited.
- Limit groups to a size that does not threaten the environment or the peace and tranquility of others.
- Teach others birding ethics by our words and example.

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**WANTED:**

**A Story about your Favorite Bird or Birding Spot!**  
(We'll take a little more than  
"Just the facts, ma'am"—"sirs," too!!!)

**Still Time to Fill Out That Survey!** If that survey in the back of this issue looks familiar it's because you saw it in the March issue as well. Volunteer coordinator Roy Beckemeyer indicated that he got a pretty good response, but we'd still like to do a little better. So, if like this editor, you didn't fill out the survey in the last issue take a few minutes today to fill it out and send it to Roy. You'll be glad you did!

## Amendment to KOS Bylaws Sought

The following piece of business was brought up at the Spring KOS Board of directors meeting and will be voted on at the KOS Annual Business Meeting in October in Hays.

Amendment to the KOS Bylaws: The KOS Board of Directors has approved the following amendment to the KOS Bylaws and will be submitting it to a vote of the membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

Moved that Article II, Sec. 3C of the KOS Bylaws be amended to read: **C. Life members: a lump sum payment of \$300 (\$150 until January 1, 1995).**

Current reading of this section is: C. Life members: \$150 in a lump sum or \$37.50 in each of four consecutive years.

This amendment is being proposed because the current payment of \$150 does not earn sufficient interest to defray the expenses of membership. This is particularly true of those who have only made partial payment. Life members who have currently made partial payment would be allowed to complete their life membership payments on the present schedule although they will be encouraged to complete payment by January 1, 1995.

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## Where are *Hotspot* and *Special Species*?

You'll probably notice that we have no Birding Hotspot or Bird of Special Interest this issue. It's probably because everyone has been out on Atlas Blocks or running Breeding Bird Survey Routes or conducting Migration Counts (*keep up the good work!*) or just plain getting in some birding between mowing the lawn and pumping out the basement.

We **NEED YOUR INPUT** to make those regular features work! Don't wait for the editor to call and ask you to do one, just write one up and submit it. Okay, I can hear you saying right now, "Well, I would, but I'm just not a writer!" Don't worry about it! Get your thoughts down on paper, send it to me, and between Dawn and myself we'll turn you into a writer! Just think, if all KOS members would write just one article each, that would see us through the next 75 years at least! Let's get those typewriters whirring and those computers computing. Mail your articles to *Chuck Otte, KOS Editor, 613 Tamerisk, Junction City, Kansas, 66441*. Or if you'd prefer FAX me at 913-238-7166. If you're one of the many "computing birders" (our birding and computers issue will be the next issue) you can even send me your story

on a DOS disk (no Apples, please) on 5 1/4" or 3 1/2" disk, standard or high density. I'd prefer an ASCII file, but can convert almost any DOS or Windows based format if need be. And if you happen to be hooked up to Internet, or if you can access Internet through a commercial service like CompuServe or American-On-Line, etc., you can send me messages and text files at my e-mail address: *COTTE@OZ.UMB.KSU.EDU*. How you get me those articles doesn't matter, just start writing and get them to me!

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## Special Alert for Three Bird Species

Through a Chickadee Checkoff project, the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is interested in obtaining specific information on the following species: Chihuahuan (White-necked) Raven, Mississippi Kite and Curve-billed Thrasher. If you have sightings or knowledge of nesting of any of these species, please report this information in writing to the address below or to any Department of Wildlife and Parks employee.

Chihuahuan Ravens are known to nest in open situations such as lone trees, windmill towers, highline/telephone poles, etc. in western Kansas as far east as Kiowa County. Common crows also nest in this area but most nests are in tree groves or riparian habitat.

Mississippi Kites have been reported almost statewide. Most nesting records are west from Wichita and Salina. Kites most often nest in open parkland habitat such as city parks, golf courses, shelterbelts and less often in riparian habitat. Since these may be quite numerous in areas of southwest Kansas, we are particularly interested in just nesting records and especially for suspected new locations.

Curve-billed Thrasher records are scattered in Kansas with nesting restricted to cholla cactus plants in southwest Kansas. Written reports need to be sent to: *Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Threatened/Endangered Species Specialist, PO Box 1525, Emporia, KS 66801*.

*This year October is more than just  
ghosts and goblins and witches!*

*it's also the*  
**KOS FALL MEETING,  
October 2 & 3, Hays, KS**

Be there or beware...you might not get the option  
of giving a TREAT to avoid the TRICK!

## Sandhill Crane Season in Kansas?????

*by Dave Rintoul*

[Following is an article (letter) from Dave Rintoul, KOS member and newsletter editor for the Northern Flinthills Audubon Society in Manhattan. In keeping with last issue's article, "Get Involved," we pass Dave's article on to you and hope that if you have any feelings at all about this subject you WILL get involved and write those commissioners to let them know how you feel. If you want more information or background, contact Dave and he will be more than happy to oblige.]

On June 17, 1993, by unanimous vote, the seven KDWP commissioners requested the agency staff to prepare regulations for a Sandhill Crane season in the fall of this year. For those of us who fought to have this issue decided purely on the biological facts, it was a major disappointment. Even though the KDWP commissioners are not elected, and even though their only constituents are the wildlife and wildlife habitat of the state of Kansas, they voted to please what they perceived to be the majority, the few hundred Kansans who wish to experience Sandhill cranes "over the barrel of a gun." It is saddening to continually be reminded that politics and pressure are the primary determinants of management practices for the wildlife and habitat of the state; biological concerns and the welfare of the wildlife are well behind in this contest. This hunting season proposal was conceived in nonscientific supposition (hunters in the Great Bend area believe that there are more cranes now), fed by biological misrepresentations delivered by the waterfowl "biologist" who prepared the recommendations for the commissioners (there is only one population of cranes in the flyway, and it can be "managed" very easily based on that assumption), and brought to fruition by the woeful failure of staff and commission members to question some truly incredible claims put forward at that meeting (cranes not shot in Kansas will just be shot somewhere else on the flyway). And now we will probably have to live with a season that will contribute to the mismanagement of Sandhill cranes, and potentially set back the recovery of the whooping cranes.

Quite a charming package, all in all. But if you were opposed to the establishment of a Sandhill Crane season

and didn't write letters, make phone calls, or come to the meeting in Emporia, you are partially responsible for that package. The poor turnout by other Kansas conservation groups certainly didn't help the cause; only NFHAS, Topeka and Jayhawk Audubon members ventured to give their opinions to the commissioners. I suspect that many were lulled into complacency because of the fact that similar proposals were beaten back in 1982 and 1986, but I hope that this outcome can serve to extinguish that attitude and help us get back on track.

What can be done at this point? Obviously, this battle is not being fought on biological or scientific grounds. Petitions and public pressure should not decide such issues, but it seems that petitions and public pressure do make a difference to this non-elective body. If it is true that the commission responds to pressure, then we need to put more pressure on them. KDWP estimates (optimistically) that 500 people statewide want to shoot cranes; surely more than 500 people in Kansas want to watch cranes. Those people need to write or call the commissioners. Kansas Audubon members and others throughout the region who have contributed to the Platte River Crane sanctuaries have even more reason to write or call, since their funds, and not hunting license dollars, have helped to save the cranes. If it irritates you to think that you have been contributing to save birds so that they can be shot in Kansas, good. Get irritated, get some stamps, and get busy.

This is one case where conservation organizations have put up substantial funds; we need to remind the commissioners of that fact and make sure that they can't forget it. For too many years we have been told that our concerns about wildlife cannot be given priority because most wildlife conservation funds come from hunting and fishing licenses. Now that the reverse is true, and our concerns still come in second, we need to make some noise and ask why. This need not be an emotional issue, it is a biological issue and a fairness issue. Names, addresses and phone numbers of the commissioners are found on below; they need to hear from you. Call me if you need or want more information.

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(Watch in the next issue for more information on computerized birding from Chuck Otte!)

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## Spring Meeting Bird List May 1 & 2, 1993

**Cowley & Sumner Counties (Mostly Cloudy and Wet)**

***Thanks to Gene Young for compiling the sightings***

**Pied-billed Grebe, American Bittern, Great Blue Heron, Little Blue Heron, Green-backed Heron, Canada Goose, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Gadwall, American Widgeon, Turkey Vulture, Accipter species, Broad-winged Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Ring-necked Pheasant, Wild Turkey, Northern Bobwhite, Sora, American Coot,**

**Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Upland Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Common Snipe, Wilson's Phalarope, Franklin's Gull, Rind-billed Gull, Common Tern, Forster's Tern, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove,**

**Eastern Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Common Nighthawk, Chuck-will's-widow, Whip-poor-will, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted), Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Least Flycatcher, Eastern Phoebe, Great-crested Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Eastern Kingbird, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Horned Lark,**

**Purple Martin, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Blue Jay, American Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, House Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Swainson's Thrush, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher,**

**American Pipit, Sprague's Pipit, Cedar Waxwing,  
Loggerhead Shrike, European Starling, Warbling Vireo,  
Red-eyed Vireo, Tennessee Warbler, Orange-crowned  
Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow  
Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle), Palm  
Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Black-and-White Warbler,  
American Redstart, Prothonotary Warbler, Ovenbird,  
Northern Waterthrush, Louisiana Waterthrush,  
Common Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler, Summer  
Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak,  
Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Painted Bunting,  
Dickcissel, Rufous-sided Towhee,**

**Chipping Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Le Conte's Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Harris' Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Great-tailed Grackle, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Northern Oriole (Baltimore), House Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.**

**Plan now to attend the fall meeting in Hays, October 2 & 3, 1993. In late August/early September you will probably be receiving a separate mailing for your fall meeting registration. Mark it on your calendar now and send in your registration just as soon as it arrives. Start thinking about a paper that YOU could give on Saturday!**

Also get out your 1994 calendar and mark down the spring meeting for May 7 & 8, 1994, to be held at the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Refuge and the Dingus Natural Area in Eastern Kansas.



A Tri-colored Heron brought excitement to several birders at Quivira in late May, (although I missed it by 2 days!). Whooping Cranes appeared through south central Kansas in good numbers with a whopping 50 to 60 Whoopers at one time at Quivira, and others straggling slowly through Reno County. [ed. - at press time questions have been raised as to whether or not these were all Whooping Cranes. Some birders feel that it would be unlikely to have THAT many Whoopers at the same time that early in the year at Quivira.] Numerous species pushed beyond their normal spring limits, and several may be setting new county breeding records. Inca Doves seem to be quite comfortable in Garden City based on the regularity of their sightings. With many Kansas birders actively working KBBAT Blocks, we are all anxiously awaiting to see what the "Swainson's Warbler" kind of discovery will be this year!

Wet weather all across the state May 8th didn't deter those participating in the North American Migration Count. Stafford County led the state with 164 species, Linn County was next with an impressive 151, then Finney - 122, Scott - 110, Riley - 106, and Morton - 85 (but with only 2 observers). Dave Rintoul, participating in the Riley County count, lamented that given the wet conditions he was disappointed not to find a Dipper. Better luck next year, Dave!

Following Spring Roundup you will find a rather lengthy set of corrections to the fall/winter report. Please take note of these corrections. As is frequently the case when a rookie takes over from a seasoned veteran, a few "oops" happen. In an attempt to save space, and perhaps time, I tried to use the 2 letter county codes. Well, not only do most of us not remember what they are, I managed to perform the Herculean task of moving Quivira National Wildlife Refuge to Stanton County! Please note that the refuge is now back in Stafford County where it belongs. Along those lines, though, it would be of help to both Hotline Operator Scott Seltman and myself if, when you call in your reports, you give county locations when not obvious (and remember that what's obvious to you may not be obvious to me!). But seriously, people other than KOS members use these records, so when you do find an error, please call it to my attention so we can get it corrected in the next issue. By the way, just exactly where is the Nelson Environmental Area and is it in Douglas County or not?

#### BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS / March 1993 through May 1993

Species	Location and number	Observers	Date	County
Common Loon	1 in Breeding Plumage	MR	3-23-93	Russell
Common Loon	1 at Winfield City Lake	RB,PB	3-28-93	Cowley
Common Loon	1 at MDC	m.ob.	5-08-93	Linn
American Bittern	22 at QNWR	m.ob.	5-08-93	Stafford
Least Bittern	2 at West Lassiter Marsh	DLS	5-15-93	Jefferson
Least Bittern	1 at CB	JO,CO	5-23-93	Barton
Tri-colored Heron	1 at QNWR	SC,RP	5-15-93	Stafford
	still present		5-21-93	
White-faced Ibis	8 east of Clay Center	CHe	4-28-93	Clay
Tundra Swan (?)	3 over Lake Afton	JN,DK	3-26-93	Sedgwick
Trumpeter Swan	2 at Silver Lake	JB,DG	3-06-93	Shawnee
	still present		3-26-93	Shawnee
Greater White-front Goose	1 at QNWR	m.ob.	5-08-93	Stafford
Snow Goose	1 at QNWR	LM,GP	5-29-93	Stafford
Ross' Geese	3 at MDC	CH	3-20-93	Linn
Cinnamon Teal	8 in CB pool #2	SS,DS	3-20-93	Barton
Greater Scaup	5 at Paola sewage ponds	CH	3-20-93	Miami
Greater Scaup	4 at Milford Lake	DLS	3-16-93	Geary
Greater Scaup	Kaw Valley Fish Farms and at Clinton State Park	LM,MM,BF,GP	4-04-93	Douglas
Greater Scaup	45 at Perry WMA	DLS	4-04-93	Jefferson
Oldsquaw	1 at QNWR	WH	3-29-93	Stafford
Oldsquaw	1 m, Tuttle Reservoir swimming beach	DR	4-20-93	Pottawatomie
Black Scoter	1 m at El Dorado Lake	RM	4-01-93	Butler
Virginia Rail	2 near Milford Fish Hatchery	JO,CO	3-13-93	Geary



10 (Birding Highlights, contd)

Common Moorhen	2 at West Lassiter Marsh	DLS	5-16-93	Jefferson
	Still present at East Lassiter Marsh; showing breeding activity		5-26-93	
Sandhill Crane	700+ crossing Pawnee County	SS	3-05-93	Pawnee
Whooping Crane	50 - 60 at Quivira's Big Salt Marsh in with Sandhill Cranes	JNi	3-27-93	Stafford
Whooping Crane	south of Yoder	??	4-07-93	Reno
Whooping Crane	1 imm in western Reno County		4-19-93	Reno
	still present		4-25-93	Reno
Osprey	1 at Winfield City Lake	RB,PB	3-28-93	Cowley
Bald Eagle	Nesting Pair at Perry Lake		3-01-93	Jefferson
	Started nesting in February, abandoned nest March 12			
Bald Eagle	Nesting Pair at Clinton Reservoir		3-15-93	Douglas
Bald Eagle	Nesting Pair at Tuttle Creek Reservoir abandoned in mid-April		3-15-93	Pottawatomie
Bald Eagle	Nesting Pair at El Dorado State Park		3-15-93	Butler
Bald Eagle	Nesting Pair at Hillsdale Lake		4-11-93	Miami
Bald Eagle	Nesting Pair at John Redmond Reservoir		4-11-93	Coffey
Northern Goshawk	1 imm, KDOT ponds in Wichita	PJ	3-04-93	Sedgwick
Northern Goshawk	1 along N fork of Solomon River	??	3-27-93	Norton
Northern Goshawk	1 at Upper Ferguson Marsh	LM	4-09-93	Jefferson
Red-shouldered Hawk	1 near Manhattan Airport	DR	4-18-93	Riley
Broad-winged Hawk	2 migrating over Wichita	JN	4-10-93	Sedgwick
Golden Eagle	1 se of Alma	MI,GK	4-11-93	Shawnee
Peregrine Falcon	2 possibly nesting in downtown Topeka	JB	3-11-93	Shawnee
	egg laying is occurring but the eggs are falling to the ground		5-16-93	
	still present but no new eggs		5-30-93	
Peregrine Falcon	1 at QNWR	m.ob.	4-24-93	Stafford
	many observers reported a Peregrine Falcon from Quivira during the late winter and spring season.			
Prairie Falcon	1 at Jct US24 & US59	MM,BF	3-14-93	Jefferson
Piping Plover	1 at QNWR	GK	4-19-93	Stafford
Piping Plover	6 at QNWR	m.ob.	4-24-93	Stafford
Piping Plover	1 at MDC Unit F2	LM	4-24-93	Linn
Ruddy Turnstone	50 at QNWR Big Salt Marsh	KB	5-27-93	Stafford
Baird's Sandpiper	50 at Slate Creek Marsh	???	3-27-93	Sumner
Dunlin	2 in Morton County	LRS	5-08-93	Morton
Dunlin	48 at QNWR Big Salt Marsh	SS	5-15-93	Stafford
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	20+ w of Slate Creek Marsh	m.ob.	5-01-93	Sumner
Short-billed Dowitcher	2 at QNWR Big Salt Marsh	MR	5-12-93	Stafford
Parasitic Jaeger	1 at CB chasing gulls	EM	4-23-93	Barton
Laughing Gull	1 at QNWR	LM,GP	5-29-93	Stafford
California Gull	1 2nd winter at Perry	LM,MM,GP	3-06-93	Jefferson
California Gull	1 at Perry swimming beach	LM,GP	3-21-93	Jefferson
	still present		3-28-93	Jefferson
Thayer's Gull	1 adult at Perry Lake Dam	LM,MM,GP	3-06-93	Jefferson
Thayer's Gull	2 at Rock Creek Marina, Perry	MM,BF	3-14-93	Jefferson
Thayer's Gull	3 1st winter, Rock Creek area	LM,GP	3-21-93	Jefferson
Glaucous Gull	1 imm, Rock Creek area Perry	JL	3-17-93	Jefferson
Common Tern	4 at QNWR	LM,GP	5-29-93	Stafford
Inca Dove	3 in Garden City	LR,BR	3-25-93	Finney
	still being seen		4-20-93	
Inca Dove	0.5 m north of Thayer	RR	4-24-93	Neosho
Long-eared Owl	3 near KWP office, Wilson State Park	MR	3-09-93	Russell
Long-eared Owl	1 M roosting near completed nest	DLS	3-27-93	Jefferson
	evidence in late March showed this nesting attempt failed			
Long-eared Owl	Nesting, Wakefield Arboretum	DR,m.ob.	4-24-93	Clay
Whip-poor-will	1 roosting at Scott Lake	m.ob.	5-08-93	Scott

Dusky Flycatcher	KBBAT block ne of Manning	TSh,SSh	4-17-93	Scott
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1 at Frazier Park, Ulysses	JR	5-09-93	Grant
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	early arrival	MI,GK	4-11-93	Shawnee
Purple Martin	early arrivals in Winfield	MT	3-06-93	Cowley
Tree Swallows	First arrivals at MDC	CH	3-20-93	Linn
Winter Wren	1 near Milford Fish Hatchery	DR, m.ob.	4-24-93	Geary
Mountain Bluebird	Migrants east of Pt of Rocks	DG	3-16-93	Morton
Wood Thrush	1 at Kingman County State Lake	??	5-11-93	Kingman
Northern Shrike	1 in western Pawnee County	SS	3-21-93	Pawnee
Sprague's Pipit	2 near Lenora	SS	4-27-93	Norton
Sprague's Pipit	2 in Rush County	SS	4-29-93	Rush
White-eyed Vireo	1 in Frazier Park, Ulysses	JR	5-07-93	Grand
Blue-winged Warbler	2 in Chisholm Creek Park	JN	5-14-93	Sedgwick
Golden-winged Warbler	2 in Linn County	m.ob.	5-08-93	Linn
Golden-winged Warbler	4 at Mill Creek Park	GP	5-09-93	Johnson
Golden-winged Warbler	1 in Manhattan	CF	5-09-93	Riley
Virginia's Warbler	1 Overland Park	BB	5-09-93	Johnson
Cape May Warbler	1 in Chisholm Creek Park	JN	5-14-93	Sedgwick
Yellow-throated Warbler	2 in Unit G at MDC	BF,GG	4-18-93	Linn
Pine Warbler	1 in Garden City	MO	4-28-93	Finney
Prairie Warbler	1 in Overland Park Arboretum	MC	5-15-93	Johnson
Bay-breasted Warbler	1 in Frazier Park, Ulysses	JR	5-13-93	Grant
Cerulean Warbler	4 at Ft. Leavenworth	JS	5-29-93	Leavenworth
American Redstart	30 at Ft. Leavenworth	JS	5-29-93	Leavenworth
The Cerulean's and Redstarts are probably on territories				
Prothonotary Warbler	3 at River Ponds, Tuttle Creek	DR	5-23-93	Pottawatomie
Worm-eating Warbler	1 in Garden City	MO	4-27-93	Finney
Worm-eating Warbler	2 in Wichita's Oak Park	PJ	4-27-93	Sedgwick
Connecticut Warbler	1 in Lawrence	BA	5-16-93	Douglas
Hooded Warbler	1 in Garden City	MO	4-27-93	Finney
Scarlet Tanager	Pair in Frazier Park, Ulysses	JR	5-13-93	Grant
Scarlet Tanager	1 in Morton County	LRS	5-08-93	Morton
Black-headed Grosbeak	1 male at Ft. Riley	JO,CO	5-03-93	Geary
Black-headed Grosbeak	1 in Wichita	??	5-12-93	Sedgwick
Pyrrhuloxia	1 male still present in shelterbelt north of Elkhart Cemetery	DG	3-15-93	Morton
Lazuli Bunting	1 at Oak Park, Wichita	RB,PB	5-09-93	Sedgwick
Lazuli Bunting	1 M singing at Perry WMA	DLS	5-15-93	Jefferson
Lazuli Bunting	1 in Chisholm Creek Park	JN	5-28-93	Sedgwick
(this bird appeared to be setting up a territory)				
Painted Bunting	1 male at feeder in Russell	LH	5-06-93	Russell
Henslow's Sparrow	4 at Nelson Area near Lawrence	GP	5-21-93	Douglas
LeConte's Sparrow	numerous at Slate Creek Marsh	MT	3-06-93	Sumner
Harris' Sparrow	1 at Perry WMA	DLS	5-26-93	Jefferson
Red Crossbill	Coming to a Wichita Feeder	???	5-08-93	Sedgwick
Pine Siskin	1 at Milford Lake	DLC,CO	5-31-93	Geary
<b>EXOTICS</b>				
Mute Swan	Playa Lake 8 mile n of Garden City		4-11-93	Finney
Ringed Turtle-Dove	Pair Nesting in Topeka	DLS	5-13-93	Shawnee

CB = Cheyenne Bottoms


MDC = Marais des Cygnes

m.ob. = many observers

QNWR = Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

WMA = Wildlife Management Area

**LIST OF OBSERVERS:** Bob Antonio (BA), Roy Beckemeyer (RB), Pat Beckemeyer (PB), Joanne Brier (JB), Ken Brunson (KB), Barbara Buhler (BB), Ted Cable (TC), Mark Corder (MC), Steve Crawford (SC), Bob Dester (BD), Clyde Ferguson (CF), Patty Field (PF), Bob Fisher (BF), Lynn Fredrickson (LF), Greg Friesen (GF), Pete Janzen (PJ), Dan Gish (DG), Greg Griffith (GG), Velda Griffith (VG), Chod Hedinger (CHe), Chris Hobbs (CH), Leroy Holt (LH), Dan Kilby (DK), Maxie Irwin (MI), Glen Koontz (GK), Jane Leo (JL), Ed Martinez (EM), Rob Martini (RM), Lloyd Moore (LM), Mick McHugh (MM), Jim Nickle (JNi), John Northrup (JN), Marie Osterbuhr (MO), Chuck Otte (CO), Jaye Otte (JO), Richard Parker (RP), Sebastian Patti (SP), John Rakestraw (JR), Mike Rader (MR), David Rintoul (DR), John Shuckman (JS), Diane Seltman (DS), Scott Seltman (SS), Lawrence & Ruth Smith (LRS), Joe Soukup (JoeS), Max Thompson (MT), Linda Wedge (LW), Phil Wedge (PW).



## CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATION'S TO FALL-WINTER ROUNDUP 1992-93

Neotropic Cormorant	1 at Quivira	DR	08-01-92	Stafford
White Ibis	1 imm at Quivira B Salt Marsh	BF	09-06-92	Stafford
Surf Scoter	1 f at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	PF,LF	11-08-92	Stafford
Osprey	1, Quivira Little Salt Marsh	SS	08-15-92	Stafford
Northern Goshawk	1 at Bear Creek	SP	10-30-92	Stafford
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	LM	09-07-92	Stafford
Black-bellied Plover	12 at Quivira	DG	08-09-92	Stafford
Black-bellied Plover	5 at Quivira	MR	08-10-92	Stafford
Ruddy Turnstone	3 at Quivira	DG	08-09-92	Stafford
Ruddy Turnstone	2 at Quivira	MR	08-10-92	Stafford
Ruddy Turnstone	1 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	SS	08-11-92	Stafford
Red Knot	2 at Quivira	MC	08-15-92	Stafford
Red Knot	Several at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	BF	09-06-92	Stafford
Sanderling	1 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	SS	08-11-92	Stafford
Dunlin	1 at Quivira	DG	08-09-92	Stafford
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1 at Quivira	MR	08-10-92	Stafford
Parasitic Jaeger	1 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	BF	09-06-92	Stafford
Laughing Gull	1 at Quivira	MC	08-15-92	Stafford
Glaucous Gull	1, 1st winter at Waconda Lake	MR	12-23-92	Mitchell
Caspian Tern	1 at Quivira	MR	08-10-92	Stafford
Calliope Hummingbird	1 at Seltman Farm	SS,DS	08-15-92	Rush
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1 in extreme east Rush County	GF	08-23-92	Rush
Chihuahuan Raven	1 ne of Hugoton	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	09-20-92	Stevens

KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBER SKILLS/INTERESTS/NEEDS INVENTORY

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ARE YOU PROFESSIONALLY INVOLVED IN ORNITHOLOGY OR A RELATED FIELD? (PLEASE EXPLAIN): \_\_\_\_\_  
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DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SPECIAL SKILLS THAT YOU WOULD CARE TO OFFER TO ASSIST KOS OR KOS MEMBERS (EITHER PROFESSIONAL OR AVOCATIONAL)? (PLEASE DESCRIBE): \_\_\_\_\_  
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WHAT ARE YOU EXPECTING TO GAIN FROM KOS MEMBERSHIP? \_\_\_\_\_  
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LIST YOUR INTERESTS AND YOUR OWN EVALUATION OF YOUR LEVEL OF EXPERTISE (N=NOVICE, B=INFORMED BEGINNER, I=INTERMEDIATE, E=EXPERT):

/ N / B / I / E /

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IF YOU EXPERT AT IDENTIFYING ANY SPECIAL GROUP OF BIRDS PLEASE LIST THEM: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ARE YOU WILLING TO LEAD FIELD TRIPS? ( Y / N ) . WOULD YOU  
BE WILLING TO GUIDE PEOPLE TO BIRDING LOCATIONS IN KANSAS?  
( Y / N ) WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU WILLING TO CONTACT NEW KOS MEMBERS IN YOUR AREA AND  
WELCOME THEM INTO KOS? ( Y / N ) . MEET WITH THEM? ( Y / N ) .  
INTRODUCE THEM AT SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS? ( Y / N ) . ORGANIZE  
A LOCAL GET-TOGETHER TO : TAKE A FIELD TRIP ( Y / N ) . TALK  
ABOUT BIRD FEEDING ( Y / N ) . SHOW SLIDES ( Y / N ) . OTHER?  
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WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME IN ANY OF THE  
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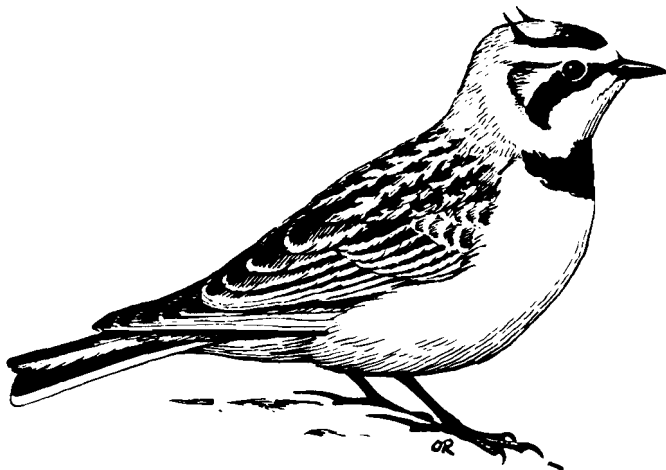
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DO YOU HAVE ANY PROJECTS, RESEARCH, ETC., FOR WHICH YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO ENLIST KOS MEMBER PARTICIPATION AS AN AID TO  
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PLEASE DESCRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_

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### NEW MEMBERS (Since January 1, 1993), HOW TO GET THEM AND HOW TO KEEP THEM

Doris Burnett, Chad Hedinger, both of Manhattan; Kelsey Crist, Bennington; Alyce Dyck, Newton; Phyllis Hinkle, Judy Marsh of Emporia; Joy Holt, Kansas City, KS; Linda Wilbanks, Hutchinson; and Harold and Wilma Larson of Hoisington.

Please make these new folks feel welcome! Why not give them a call if they're in your neck of the woods, and invite them on your next outing. In fact, if any member would like a list of the other members in their area, please give me a call. It's a great way to get a local group started and may lead to participation in other projects such as Breeding Bird Atlas Blocks and Christmas Counts.

Another way to boost membership is by sponsoring a "birding friend" to a year's membership. Not only does your friend benefit from this gift but KOS does as well.

And after these persons become members, keep them interested with regular outings and social gatherings. The Membership Committee is looking for persons interested in organizing such local groups. Please take the time to complete and return the questionnaire in this issue. Roy Beckemeyer, our newly appointed Membership Committee Chair, has come up with some great ideas that you will be hearing more about in upcoming issues.

*Note:* For clarification, according to the KOS Bylaws, September 1 is the cutoff date for a new year's membership. In other words, new members joining prior to that date receive all back mailings for that year and are due to renew on the next January 1. Members joining after September 1 receive mailings for the remainder of the current year plus the entire following year, with dues payable the following January 1st.

*Diane Seltman, Membership Secretary*

### SPRING MEETING ALERT!!

Registration forms are included in this issue of  
*The Horned Lark*  
—be sure to find it and send your registration in  
BY APRIL 24, 1993

send to:  
Gene Young, KOS Spring Meeting Coordinator  
805 Boyer  
Arkansas City, KS 67005

## KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING

February 27, 1993

Room 324, Ackert Hall  
Kansas State University  
Manhattan, KS

**Members present:** Jim Mayhew, Dwight Platt, Galen Pittman, Diane Seltman, Scott Seltman, Mike Rader, Joanne Brier.  
**Non-voting:** John Schukman, Chuck Otte.

Jim Mayhew opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Jim Mayhew presented an operations format for 1993 (see attachment B). Each Director will be responsible to relate to one of the four areas of operations - organizational, membership, finances and events. Last fall Jim toured the Dingus Natural Area with Marvin Schwilling, a representative from the Kansas Nature Conservancy. There are a number of improvements that need to be done. We also need to make other arrangements for oversight since Bob Weese has difficulty getting out to the natural area. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requested that we help with surveying the new part of the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Refuge. However they did not fund this project. KOS has been asked to help with a bluebird trail from Iola to Humboldt. We have also been asked to contact people to write their Senators and Representatives to urge continued support of the Cheyenne Bottoms project. The Kansas Herpetological Society has asked KOS for help in opposing rattlesnake roundups in Kansas.

Jim would like to accomplish the following goals for 1993: *a)* accomplish the goals of the Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas project; *b)* restore the Dingus Natural Area to its potential; *c)* maintain a balanced budget; *d)* respond to the needs of KOS members.

Jim has appointed the following committee chairs: **Conservation** - John Schukman; **Publicity** - Chris Hobbs; **Membership** - Roy Beckemeyer.

**MINUTES:** Dwight Platt corrected the minutes of the October 3, 1992 Board Meeting to include Rose Fritz as Treasurer in the report of the Nominating Committee and the slate of officers. Mike Rader moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Scott Seltman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Galen Pittman reported that he made 4 bulk mailings in 1992. The December Bulletin was late and so was not sent until February 1993. He has been holding publications so that he can send the Bulletin and the Newsletter together because we can send both for the same rate as one—16.4¢ per envelope. He has 38 T-shirts left. He requested Diane Seltman to remove the expiration dates from the address labels since a postal worker had questioned that as an individual message which is not allowed in bulk mailings. She will remove them next time.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT:** Chuck Otte reported that he was starting to work on the next issue. He will be writing the Seasonal Roundup until someone else volunteers to do it. Scott Seltman was thanked for his contributions in writing this summary of birding observations. Jim Mayhew suggested that we put out 4 issues of the Newsletter this year with deadlines for submission of material of 10 March, 10 May, 10 August and 10 November.

**BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT:** Jim Mayhew reported that Max Thompson was in need of manuscripts. Jim suggested the same deadline dates as listed for the Newsletter in submitting manuscripts to the *KOS Bulletin*.

**KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Galen Pittman reported for the committee. They published a report of 1991 activities in the June 1992 *Bulletin*. They plan to publish reports of annual activities in the June Bulletin each year. Sixty-six reports were submitted to the Bird Records Committee. Twenty-nine of these were circulated to committee members and twenty-four records were accepted. Galen decides what should be circulated to the committee and maintains files of all reports. He has acknowledged all of those reports that were circulated but is behind in acknowledging reports that were not circulated to committee members.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Since Rose Fritz could not attend the meeting, Jim Mayhew presented the Treasurer's report for fiscal year 1992. Jim reported that in examining a number of annual reports he found that the income had been staying about the same but expenses increase each year. He pointed out that we had to make a \$300 deposit in 1992 on facilities for the 1993 Spring Field Trip. KOS received a memorial gift all of which was put in the Student Research Fund. However some money will need to be used for purchases of two bird books for libraries (as requested by the family of Charles Edwards) and the rest will be left in the research fund. Mike Rader moved to accept the Treasurer's report (attachment C). Scott Seltman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT:** The report of the Auditing Committee (chaired by C. Pamela Wilson) was, by mistake, not brought to the meeting. Jim Mayhew stated that the committee had found the accounts in good order. A few corrections were made in assigning expenses to the correct account. They suggested that there should be better control over inventory. Joanne Brier moved that the Auditing Committee's report be sent to each Board member and that the approval of the report be handled by mail. Diane Seltman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Auditing Committee's report (attachment E) was sent to all voting KOS Board members and was approved by a mail ballot sent to the President. The ballot was completed by March 8.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Diane Seltman reported that 37 new members had joined KOS since October bringing the total membership to 479 (this includes approximately 100 1992 members who have not renewed yet for 1993). She will send reminders in March to those members who have not renewed for 1993. There are 112 fully paid life members and 15 partially paid. Galen Pittman stated that we presently print 500 copies of publications and with 479 members we might not have sufficient extra copies. He will increase the print run for March to 550 and then adjust it when we see how many members do not renew.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT:** Mike Rader reported that not much had been brought to this attention. He had received a mailing on Cheyenne Bottoms and would be sending letters on this issue.

**Hotline:** Scott Seltman reported that the Treasurer's Report does not include \$217.49 of expenses for the Hotline in 1992 because he had not yet submitted the expenses to the Treasurer. The equipment is working okay but he has no backup. The backup equipment has been in for repairs but the repair business appears to have closed. The Board already authorized the purchase of a new machine at the last meeting. It was suggested that Scott buy a new machine if he is not able to get the old machine out of the repair shop.

**DINGUS NATURAL AREA:** Jim Mayhew reported that there has been some encroachment on the area and that deer hunters have built stands. The boundaries were not all marked and some fencing needs to be done. Mike Rader moved that Jim Mayhew develop a cost estimate for the Dingus Natural Area improvement project and bring it for consideration by the Board at the Spring Meeting. Galen Pittman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**OAKWOOD FARM:** Oakwood Farm is a historical site near Topeka with buffalo wallows and native prairie. The proposed route of an expressway goes through it. A change in the route is being considered. Joanne Brier moved that the KOS Board of Directors support an alternate route for the expressway at Oakwood Farm by a letter sent to the Department of Transportation and by a notice in the Newsletter informing KOS members of this issue. The motion was seconded by Scott Seltman. The motion passed.

Jim Mayhew will send a letter to the Department of Transportation and then will send the information on this issue to John Schukman, Conservation Committee Chair.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP POLICY:** Diane Seltman asked if institutions could become life members of the Kansas Ornithological Society. The Board decided by consensus that only persons can be life members. Rose Fritz will be asked to return the payment made by an institution for a life membership.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:** Diane Seltman asked if a membership directory should be published every year. The Board decided that a new directory should be published only every few years. The Membership Secretary should update the old directory with address changes and new members printed in the Newsletter.

**SPRING MEETING 1993:** Max Thompson will be gone at the time of the Spring Meeting so someone else will need to organize it. Mike Rader will try to get field trip leaders.

**BIRD FEEDER SURVEY MAILING:** We received 34 new members from the Bird Feeder Survey mailing last year. Galen Pittman was asked to try to get a list of persons who asked for more information about KOS on the survey reports this year. He should send out information to those persons if the list warrants it.

**KANSAS NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Ted Cable is the KOS representative to KNWAC. We have been informed that KOS will be dropped from membership if we don't have someone in attendance at the next meeting. Jim Mayhew will contact Elmer Finck to find out when the next meeting will be.



**KANSAS BREEDING BIRD ATLAS PROGRAM:** We need to keep encouraging people to volunteer to help with this program. In areas of the state where there aren't many KOS members, we might consider "block busting" trips by a number of members to complete blocks. We will discuss this at the Spring Meeting.

**FALL MEETING 1993:** The Fall Meeting will be in Hays on October 2-3. Chuck Ely will be in charge.

**SPRING MEETING 1994:** The Spring Meeting in 1994 will be in the Mound City area to visit the Dingus Natural Area and the Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Refuge.

**FALL MEETING 1994:** KOS was invited to North Newton for the Fall Meeting in 1994. Kauffman Museum at North Newton is tentatively scheduled to have an exhibit on the Great Plains Flyway in 1994.

**NATIONAL BIRDING DAY, MAY 8:** Many people across the country are taking part in a National Birding Day on May 8. It is proposed to be an activity like the Christmas Bird Count. It will be organized to cover county-wide areas. The count will be repeated on a yearly basis to find out where migratory birds are on the second Saturday of May each year. It was decided that KOS will advertise it in the Newsletter and KOS members will be encouraged to organize Birding Day counts.

The Board adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

**MAILING LIST:** The American Birding Association has requested to use the KOS mailing list. The Board decided that we would not make the membership list available to other organizations.

**PARTNERS IN FLIGHT:** The Conservation Chair, John Schukman, was asked to contribute Kansas news to Partners in Flight whenever he thought it useful.

**AMENDMENTS TO KOS BYLAWS:** Dwight Platt's memo of November 8, 1992, to the KOS Board (see attachment D) with drafts of amendments to the KOS Bylaws was discussed. These amendments would make the KOS Bylaws consistent with the Kansas Bird Records Committee Rules of Procedure. The memo also raised some other issues with regard to rules and procedures. Galen Pittman will discuss these issues with the Kansas Bird Records Committee and report back to the Board at the Spring Meeting. The Board will consider action on amendments to the Bylaws at the Spring Meeting.

**KOS BULLETIN:** Jim Mayhew proposed that we might consider combining the four quarterly issues of the KOS Bulletin into one annual issue. This would make it a larger and more impressive publication and might save on printing and mailing costs. Others favored the four issues per year. No decision was made.

**KOS DUES:** Jim Mayhew stated that our expenses in KOS have been larger than our income in the last few years. There was concern that we need to change the dues structure. It was also suggested that life memberships were not paying their share of expenses. Joanne Brier moved that the president appoint a committee to propose changes in the dues structure to the Spring Board Meeting. Diane Seltman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jim Mayhew appointed Joanne Brier, Scott Seltman and Allen Jahn to this committee.

Mike Rader moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Joanne Brier. The motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted, Dwight R. Platt, Corresponding Secretary.*

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#### KBBAT VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

The Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas (KBBAT) project had a good first year in 1992, but we have a long way to go. Volunteers are still desperately needed in various parts of the state. Southeast Kansas still has a lot of unassigned blocks and there are even some good blocks still to be had in potential "hot spots" like Stafford County.

If you don't feel like you can tackle a block by yourself, get a couple of friends to help you..."tag team blocking" is perfectly acceptable and probably even more fun! If you have not yet volunteered and are interested, contact KBBAT Coordinator, John Zimmerman, or better

yet, one of the regional coordinators—Pete Janzen, SC 316/832-0182; Mick McHugh, EC 913/677-1436; Mike Rader, NC 913/658-2595; Richard Rucker, NE 913/842-3845; Scott Seltman, SW 913/372-5411 and Sara Shane, NW 316/275-4616.

Bill Gilges is a KBBAT volunteer from Leawood who also has experience with the Missouri Breeding Bird Atlas project. Bill wrote a wonderful article about his experiences last year with the KBBAT project which he has agreed to share with us so be sure to read his "Friends in the Territory."

KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
1/1/92 THROUGH 12/31/92

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS  
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GENERAL FUND  
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BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/92		3,947.90	
RECEIPTS:			
DUES - '92	2,766.00		
DUES - '93, '94, '95, '96, '97	730.00		
SALE OF CHECKLISTS	102.35		
SALE OF T-SHIRTS AND DECALS	664.00		
SALE OF BULLETINS	127.50		
INTEREST - PASSBOOK SAVINGS	91.58		
INTEREST - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	984.97		
CONTRIBUTIONS - RBA	110.00		
CONTRIBUTIONS - KBBAT	20.00	5,596.40	
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DISBURSEMENTS:			
PRINTING - BULLETINS	(1,704.01)		
PRINTING - NEWSLETTERS	(1,162.36)		
PRINTING - MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY	(174.55)		
PRINTING - STATIONERY	(167.60)		
BULK MAILING FEES	(675.00)		
ICBP ANNUAL FEE	(100.00)		
BANK CHARGES	(69.07)		
SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENTAL	(25.00)		
ANNUAL CORPORATION FEE	(5.00)		
EXPENSE OF BUSINESS MANAGER	(455.61)		
EXPENSE OF PRESIDENT	(73.67)		
EXPENSE OF MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	(180.94)		
EXPENSE OF TREASURER	(29.00)		
EXPENSE OF KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE	(269.08)		
EXPENSE OF KBBAT	(312.25)		
SPRING MEETING EXPENSE - CAMP HORIZON DEPOSIT	(300.00)		
COST OF DECALS	(285.02)		
COST OF T-SHIRTS	(750.00)	(6,738.16)	
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ENDING BALANCE 12/31/92			2,806.14

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE (CHECKLIST MAILING)  
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BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/92	137.79	
CHECKLIST SALES	53.75	
POSTAGE & COPYING EXPENSE	(50.23)	
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ENDING BALANCE 12/31/92		141.31
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TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 12/31/92		2,947.45
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## RESTRICTED FUNDS

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## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

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BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/92	13,709.50	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES RECEIVED	675	
DELETION OF PARTIALLY PD MEMBERSHIP	(37.50)	
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ENDING BALANCE 12/31/92		14,347.00

## KOS STUDENT RESEARCH FUND

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BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/92	560.60	
INTEREST EARNED	23.14	
MEMORIAL FUNDS RECEIVED	711.00	
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ENDING BALANCE 12/31/92		1,294.74

## DINGUS NATURAL AREA ACCOUNT

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BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/92	7,152.85	
INTEREST EARNED	222.25	
LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM	(157.00)	
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ENDING BALANCE 12/31/92		7,218.10

## BOOK ROYALTY ACCOUNT

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BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/92	2,795.70	
ROYALTIES RECEIVED	481.23	
INTEREST EARNED	100.75	
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ENDING BALANCE 12/31/92		3,377.68

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS 12/31/92

26,237.52

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## MEMBER SKILLS, INTEREST, NEEDS INVENTORY

After volunteering to be a "volunteer coordinator" for KOS last fall, I got to thinking that what I really needed to do that job was a lot of information about YOU, the KOS members. We now have a membership committee composed of the KOS Membership Secretary, Diane Seltman, myself and Allen Jahn of McPherson. We are sincerely interested in making KOS work for you, and in convincing you that you can work for KOS by offering your unique and valuable skills and knowledge to share with us all.

To begin, we are asking you to volunteer a few minutes of your time to fill out the questionnaire enclosed in this issue of *The Horned Lark*. Tell us what you would like to get out of your membership in KOS, but also about the skills and knowledge that make you uniquely capable of helping others get what they want out of KOS. Do you

have experience at fund raising? Can you speak well in public? Are you a whiz at photography? Do you know how to interest youngsters in nature and the outdoors? Do you have a special recipe for suet that has the woodpeckers standing in line at your feeders? Do you need help building bird house? Do you have spare books about birds that you no longer need? Are you interested in getting together with other "birdy" folks over a cup of coffee and a doughnut every month or so and sharing tales?

Well, please get out a pencil, fill out the form, put it in an envelope and get it in the mail to me now before you put the newsletter down and forget! I'm looking forward to hearing from every one of you!

Roy Beckemeyer, 957 Perry, Wichita, KS 67203

## BIRDING HOTSPOT

*Junction City's Highland Cemetery, Geary County*  
by Dan LaShelle

Founded in 1870 as the city's first public cemetery, this beautiful 16-hectare hillside tract overlooking the lower Smoky Hill valley contains scores of tall junipers and exotic pines, and quite an assortment of deciduous trees and shrubs. Although it lacks a pond or permanently-flowing stream, the birds' requirement for bathing and drinking water is partially met by large plastic buckets placed beneath the many spigots located along the lanes. (I habitually rinse and fill a few of these as I birdwatch). And although the back yards of new residences have encroached upon two sides of the cemetery, plenty of cover, including a wooded ravine on the south side and weedy areas on the south and east sides, remains available for the birds.

At least one hundred species of birds have been observed here. Many common species, such as Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Western Kingbird, American Crow, House Wren, American Robin, Northern Cardinal, Chipping Sparrow, Common Grackle and Northern Oriole, nest here regularly. Uncommon nesters have included Red-breasted Nuthatch (1974), Painted Bunting (1983) and Lark Sparrow (late 1950's); Red Crossbills possibly nested here in the summer of 1991. House Finches have resided here since 1990. Rare migrants observed include White-throated Swift (November 1990) and Pine Warbler (April 1976 and September-October 1992). Rare winter visitors include Pygmy Nuthatch (December 1985-February 1986), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (most recently December 1992), Brown Thrasher (December 1974), Bohemian Waxwing (January 1986) and "White-winged" Junco (December 1972 and

March 1986). A few Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers reside here in most winters, and large flocks of American Robins, Cedar Waxwings and Pine Siskins have been found here during the colder months.

Each October, a flock of small songbirds, including Black-capped Chickadees, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Brown Creepers, Golden-crowned Kinglets and Yellow-rumped Warblers, forms and remains until early spring. Its location is unpredictable, but often it is found in the pines about a hundred meters north of the southwest corner, along the east side, or in the center south of the Anderson obelisk. However, it is often scattered, at least temporarily, by an *Accipiter* hawk or Merlin that takes up residence in the area. During spring and fall migrations, sparrows and other small songbirds can be found in the weedy areas south of the mausoleum on the east side, and south of the row of junipers along the south side.

Open daily from sunrise to sunset, the cemetery is located on the southwest corner of Ash and Webster streets on the south side of town, and is easily visible from Interstate 70 (take Exit 296). This locality can be covered thoroughly by birders spending an hour or two; avoid very windy weather. Though it is adequately birded in the colder months, observations data from spring (April-June) are lacking (but attend to your atlas blocks and survey routes first!). Field work at this season should produce a good variety of flycatchers, vireos, *Dendroica* warblers and sparrows. Please report unusual species found to Chuck Otte and the Kansas Rare Bird Alert.

**PARTICIPATE--COMPLETE the Member Skills/Interests/Needs Inventory--it's after the Birding Highlights!**

## FRIENDS IN THE TERRITORY

by Bill Gilges

Anyone who has surveyed a sector for KBBAT has no doubt made several friends in the territory. You come to know them, and look forward to seeing them again on every subsequent trip. It may be the pair of mockers that reside in the roadside hedgeapple tree and who take turns leading you down the lane—white insignia flashing—away from their home. Or perhaps the Yellowthroat that always comes to check you out when you pause by the brush willow thicket where the spring rill runs through the culvert under the road. Maybe the cock pheasant that you heard on previous trips before you finally saw him and his 3 hens make a mad dash across the young bean field, or the Red Tail you can always find hawking from his favorite dead branch high in the bur oak tree.

You almost get the feeling that they are as glad to see you as you are to find them well and happy in their chosen piece of habitat.

But I mean a different set of friends. I mean the farmer who lets you walk his ground, the little lady with the bird feeders and the purple martin house, the hunter conservationist with the great duck habitat who listens to a strange voice on the end of the phone and breaks his rules on strangers to let you make a single pass down the length of his dam, and the schoolboy who tells you about the location of the Barn Owl nest. These are not migrants who will head south in the fall, or even friends that you will leave behind when you start next year in a new territory. These are people who can become true friends, for years to come, and may bring you back to the old patch even after it has been gleaned of every species you can find.

And in the process, they help you build your list and may even become enamored of their surrounding birds for the first time. Here's how it happened to me.

On my first early spring pass through one of my two sectors in Jefferson County I was impressed by a neat, clean farmstead with pasture, ponds, fencerows and woods that offered habitat for a wide variety of species. I stopped and was met in the driveway by John Dunn who was farming the old family farm. Upon understanding my objectives he readily granted permission, asking only that I call each time before I walked the property so as not to surprise his 14 year old son Scott, who spent much of his time in the fields with his Brittany and his .22.

Was his son interested in birds, I asked. Perhaps he could help me by locating nests while he roamed his fields. John said he would see if Scott was interested. Thus began my acquaintanceship with the remarkable Dunn family, a relationship that blossomed into mutual respect and friendship. Scott became my partner on visits to the sector, and helped me find many additional nests and species. To his father's surprise and to my delight, he was already

interested in birds and knew most of the common species on sight. He had been moonlighting with a bird book on visits to his Grandmother's. One evening I was invited to dinner and then taken to a beautiful hidden meadow where I spent a mystical full-moon night in the back of my truck amidst waist-high grass with night sounds of katydid, coyote and coon coming from the woods surrounding me.

That night I got a Crested Flycatcher, a Whip-poor-will, a Barred Owl, a Screech Owl and a Nighthawk, and the next morning was greeted by a Bewick's Wren, a first on my life list. Scott told me about the Barn Owl, found my Phoebe on young under a bridge, just where I thought she would be. He was impressed, and I was more than a little proud. He watched the Barn Swallows until the young hatched and spotted the Black-crowned Night Heron. Together we found the female Baltimore Oriole who had gotten trapped in the loose strands of some nylon rope and perished trying to build the world's toughest hanging basket. It was in their front cedars that I found the Chipping Sparrow nest with eggs, and it was in their kitchen that I found John cooking the best breakfast sausage I ever ate.

I met Mrs. Dunn, Dorothy, "supermom" if there ever was one, the older son, and the youngest, a daughter who is destined to play the piano someday at Carnegie Hall. The bottom line was great new friends, an increased neighborhood awareness of KBBAT and its objectives, and a list that was 163% of target with 61% probable or confirmed. That is a combination I would recommend to anyone.

Even though my patch for next year is up in Atchison County, I'm sure I'll be passing through the old territory. I want to see if the mockers are back, say hi to my Yellowthroat, and wave at the old Red Tail. But more than that, I want to see Scott's new bird book and say hello to John and Dorothy. That Mockingbird makes beautiful music, but so does a little girl on a piano.

### **SPRING MEETING 1993**

**May 1 -2, 1993,**

**Camp Horizon, Arkansas City**

**Cabins and Camping Available  
Field Trips, Friends and Fun!!!**

**Complete and return your  
Spring Meeting Registration Form  
to Gene Young  
by April 24, 1993**

## BIRD OF SPECIAL INTEREST

by Pete Janzen

One of the things that I like most about birding is the way you keep discovering surprises in unexpected places. This is especially true when the surprise is virtually in your own backyard, and you realize that it was probably there all along.

A bird that epitomizes this for me is the LeConte's Sparrow. I would venture to guess that many of our members have not seen this bird. LeConte's has a sort of mystique. Many field guides use descriptions like "secretive" or "little known" when discussing this bird. Several years ago, while going through some old KOS newsletters from the early 1970's, I found a short article by Kenn Kaufman, who lived in Wichita at that time. In that article, he mentioned having found LeConte's in several consecutive years in the large flood control canal known locally as the "Big Ditch."

Armed with this information, Joe Yoder and I ventured into the thick grasslands of the ditch on an October day in search of this bird. Standing in a huge patch of Johnson grass, I gave a spishing sound. Up from the matted grass jumped about 15 LeConte's Sparrows! Some of them were only a few feet away! I am always struck by the bright orange facial plumage of this species. On this occasion, they were very tame and allowed us to look them over at our leisure.

I couldn't believe that I had overlooked a bird new to my life list for so many years. This part of the ditch is only a mile from my house. Later that day we also found a Sedge Wren in the ditch. As the years have passed, I have found LeConte's to be a regular migrant in October and November, in this area. Sedge Wrens seem to often be associated with them. They would probably be found there in the spring also, but the City of Wichita always mows the ditch in the winter, eliminating most of their favored habitat.

LeConte's like sandy prairie areas, especially those with a wetland influence. Large stands of marsh grasses, surrounded by areas of sparser prairie grasses are the best places to seek them, at least in the Big Ditch. I am sure that they are a much more widespread migrant than we might currently be aware. Other reliable places to look for them are Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and the Sand Hills State Park, located near Hutchinson. This past fall, Bill Langley and others found good numbers of them in the prairies surrounding El Dorado Lake. You could probably find this species in suitable habitat anywhere in the eastern and central parts of Kansas. Thompson & Ely consider it an uncommon migrant, principally in April and October. A few linger in the winter. They have been found on the Baldwin Christmas Bird Counts several times.

So if you can't get away to Cheyenne Bottoms or Morton County, try birding the nearest wet meadow

during migration. Maybe you will add the beautiful, enigmatic LeConte's Sparrow to your bird list.

## THE SECOND ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT, MAY 8, 1993

by Scott Seltman

I imagine that every regular participant on Christmas Bird Counts here on the Great Plains has had the experience of standing in the snow in cold boots, snow pants and parka, fumbling with a frozen focus wheel through thick gloves, bracing against a gale force wind, trying to identify a flying speck before it disappears over the horizon, and meanwhile thinking aloud: "Why can't we do these things in May?" Well, now we can.

Many bird clubs across the nation have been sponsoring spring bird counts and birdathons for many years, but now an attempt is being made to coordinate these activities on a national basis. The seven goals of the North American Migration Count are:

- To obtain a "snapshot" of the progress of Spring Migration.
- To obtain information on the abundance and distribution of each species.
- Initiate more participation among birders within states and between states.
- Create challenges and goals while collecting useful information.
- Aid in organization and centralization of data.
- Have Fun!
- Establish the second Saturday in May as "National Birding Day."

A Spring Migration Count is conducted much like a Christmas Bird Count except that an entire county is covered and all counts are taken on a single day (May 8 in 1993). Participants keep track of the number of all birds seen during the day and results are compiled and mailed in for analysis. There are no fees. A primary objective of the count is the mapping of the migration routes of the numerous neotropical migrants that move across North America in early May. Determining the relative abundance of the various species may be a valuable aid in conservation efforts.

Kansas has no state coordinator for The North American Migration Count, but you may contact *Scott Seltman, Nekoma, KS 67559, phone 913/372-5411* for help in establishing a count. A list of counts will be available on the KS RBA beginning in late April. The national coordinator is *Jim Stasz, P.O. Box 71, North Beach, MD 20714, phone 410/257-9540*.

### SPRING MEETING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

At the end of this newsletter is the registration form for the 1993 Spring KOS Meetings, May 1st and 2nd at Camp Horizon just outside of Arkansas City. For those who have not been to Camp Horizon before, go east out of Arkansas City on Kansas Highway 166. About 3 miles out of town, 166 will turn left, and here you will turn right and follow the signs to the camp. Total distance out of Arkansas City is between 6 and 7 miles.

There are both cabins and camping available at Camp Horizon. The camping fee is \$4.50 per person per night ages 12 and over, \$2.50/person/night for ages 6-12. There are two large cabins/lodges available. Renewal Cabin sleeps a maximum of 32 people (4 per room, 1 restroom per room) at a fee of \$18.50 per person per night. Cedar Cabin sleeps a total of 64 people (8 per room, 1 restroom for every 2 rooms) at a cost of \$16.50/person/night. You will need to bring your own bedding, linen, towels, etc.

Field trips are still in the planning stages so nothing is definite just yet. Some of the strongest contenders at this time are Slate Creek Marsh, Winfield City Lake, a walk in the woods in Arkansas City and Chaplain Nature Center. The trips going further out will probably leave around 6:30 a.m.; those closer to Camp Horizon will probably leave a little later. All in all this is going to be a great Spring Meeting/Field Trip, so plan to attend. After this long winter, we could all use a good weekend get away!

On the registration sheet, please indicate which cabin, how many people, how many nights, etc. Meals are also available for all day Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Please get those forms filled out and returned to Gene Young, Spring Meeting Coordinator as soon as possible and by April 24th at the latest!

### UPCOMING KOS MEETINGS

For those of you who are long range planners and want to get upcoming Fall and Spring Meetings marked down on your calendars, here are the tentative dates, but be sure to watch for upcoming newsletters for the final word!

Fall 1993    October 2 & 3, Hays  
Spring 1994   April 30, May 1 OR May 7 & 8, Mound City/Marais des Cygnes  
Fall 1994    October 1 & 2, Bethel College, Newton

And if a local group is interested in hosting a meeting after that, please let a member of the Board of Directors know your desires!

### SPRING FIELD TRIPS

Several KOS members who look for any excuse to go birding with friends have volunteered to lead the following trips during April and May.

**April 17 (Saturday)** - Dave Bryan will lead birders through prime locations in Chase County. Call Dave for details at 913/341-9584.

**April 25 (Sunday)** - Chuck Otte will hit some of the Geary County hotspots such as Highland Cemetery, Walla Walla Road and Milford Lake. Meet at Shoney's Restaurant (right off I-70) parking lot at 7:30 a.m. This will be a morning trip only. Call Chuck for more details at 913/238-8800.

**May 8 (Saturday)** - David Seibel will head into the Baldwin Woods to see what passerines may be hanging around. Call David for details and meeting place at 913/841-7932.

**May 22 (Saturday)** - John Schukman will lead a group up to Ft. Leavenworth. (Those of you who made the Fall 1991 meetings know what a great place this can be!) Call John at 913/727-5141 for details.

These folks may not *really* need an excuse to go birding in these areas, but they certainly do appreciate birding with friends, so plan now to attend at least one of these trips. Any of you who would like to lead other field trips in your area, please give Mike Rader a call! Even if you've never led a field trip before, there's no better teacher than experience! Give it a try.

### GET INVOLVED!

**Write a letter** - As a general rule, the KOS Board of Directors has historically taken a stand of being in support of Conservation Issues, both statewide and nationally. But the Board (and the *Horned Lark* editor) feel that the real support of issues needs to be made by the KOS members themselves. There is little that can compete with sincere letters written by real people (not lobbyists, organizations and associations) to state and federal lawmakers!

We will try to make you aware of some of the current and important issues that may be coming up. It is then your decision, either as an individual or through other organizations that you belong to, as to how involved you get. But if you feel strongly about an issue, PLEASE get involved. Write a letter or make a phone call.

**Cheyenne Bottoms** - Cheyenne Bottoms is near and dear to most KOS members. Who hasn't had a memorable birdwatching experience at the Bottoms. In spite of all that has been said, there is still an ongoing, strong undercurrent trying to take away already promised funding and support for the Bottoms. A trend that, unfortunately, will probably continue for quite some time. Consider writing to Senators Dole and Kassebaum as well as your representative to let them know how much you've appreciated their support of the Bottoms in the past and encourage them to continue to see that the Bottoms continues to get the support AND the funds that it deserves!

**Oakwood Farms - Topeka** - Oakwood Farms is a wonderful 155 acre farm on the northeast corner of Topeka. It still contains a wonderful assortment of ecosystems, including native tall grass prairie, tall grass prairie savannah and natural woodlands with 200 year old trees. The significance of this site has already caused the Kansas Board of Historic Review to place the **entire** farm on the Register of Historic Kansas Places! If you really want to know how wonderful this place is for birds, ask Joanne Brier. She had a KBBAT block that included the farm.

Unfortunately, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has a plan for an Expressway that would cut a swath right through the middle of the property. While KDOT has identified several alternate routes that would leave Oakwood Farms untouched, they have so far indicated their strongest desire to go with their original plan. Consider writing a letter to the *Kansas Secretary of Transportation, Michael L. Johnston, Docking State Office Building, Topeka, KS 66612-1568*, encouraging KDOT to use an alternate route that would leave Oakwood Farms intact. For up-to-date information on this project I would encourage you to contact Joanne Brier, 913/232-4317.

**Get Some Blisters!** - Of course letter writing is just part of the involvement you can get in on. Details are still being worked out and announcements are yet to be made, but there will be some opportunities coming up for you to put in some time and effort at the newest Kansas National Wildlife Refuge, Marais des Cygnes and the Dingus Natural Area. There may even be some opportunities to help with bird surveys for a proposed wetland area at the north end of Milford Lake near Wakefield. As they say, "Stay tuned for more details!"

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## MISCELLANEOUS ASSISTANCE NEEDED

### Bulletin Articles Needed!

One thing about being an editor, you get some interesting requests for assistance of all sorts. While a few of these requests definitely come from left field--and

beyond--most are very sincere and worthwhile requests. Following is the latest round of requests. Please read and help out where possible.

The Kansas Ornithological Society has 2 publications. This Newsletter and the slightly more technical publication *The Bulletin*, edited by Max Thompson. One of the hardest aspects of being an editor is getting material to be published. For me it's a little easier (a *lot* easier) to obtain the kind of material we include in the *Horned lark*, than to obtain the kind of articles Max needs for *The Bulletin*.

There is a lot of good work being performed by many of our KOS members (and others) that would be very appropriate to be written up for *The Bulletin*. But those involved just don't think that they can do it or that they are qualified to write "that kind of article." Well, to be right honest, you're wrong. There is help out there to get those articles written so they can be published in *The Bulletin*, but more importantly, we need those articles because we **MUST** maintain a record of the activities and research that are performed in regard to Kansas birds. As my advisor always told me when I was a graduate student, "All the research, knowledge and wisdom in the world is worthless until it is recorded and shared." Are you willing to accept the challenge?

### Piping Plover Information Needed

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has requested help for more information on Piping Plovers. Basically what they would like is any information, including even casual sightings, on Piping Plovers seen in Kansas. Just make some copies of the latest KBRC Report Form (*Horned Lark*, June 1992 issue), fill one out whenever you see a Piping Plover in Kansas and send it to: *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 315 Houston Street, Suite E, Manhattan, KS 66502*.

### Avian Symbols

David Blomstrom from Seattle, Washington is in the process of gathering information for an upcoming book about state birds and other North American avian emblems, and has requested our help.

Quoting from his letter, "...are you aware of additional 'avian symbols.' Communities nicknamed for birds, or which utilize bird symbols are of special interest. So are monuments (e.g., Salt Lake City's gull monument) and commemoratives (e.g., a plaque in a Wisconsin State Park commemorating the passenger pigeon)."

If you can help Mr. Blomstrom, please send any information to *David Blomstrom, c/o Loyal Heights School, 2511 NW 80th Street, Seattle, WA 98117, 206/527-1690*.



## FROM THE KEYBOARD

This newsletter thing is getting out of hand! If it gets any bigger, typist/layout wizard Dawn will revolt and ask for a raise!!! Anyway there is a LOT of information on that issue. Most importantly, *get that Spring Meeting registration form filled out and mailed!* April will be gone and May will be here before you know it.

It seems that once spring finally gets here every year, we birders just can't keep our minds on work and our binoculars out of the field. Even a mid-winter trip to south Texas hasn't been able to abate my annual round of Warbler Fever. To help along those lines, there are several field trips coming up in addition to the Spring Meeting...partake and enjoy.

There are several pages of Birding Highlights as we get caught up in the transition from Scott to myself. I personally want to thank Scott for all his time and effort over the past years in writing up the Highlights and for his ongoing time and effort to keep the KOS Birding Hotline going. It takes a collaboration of Scott, myself and all of your reports to keep it all going. And speaking of Hotlines...for those of you who have access to the

computer network *Internet*, you can subscribe to a "Chat Group" known as BirdChat or a birding hotline group like BirdWest or BirdCntr (BirdCenter) and receive a transcribe of the KOS hotline. If you need more information on this, drop me an electronic mail (e-mail) message. My e-mail address is COTTE@OZ.UMB.KSU.EDU. And if all of that makes no sense—don't worry!

I do encourage you to consider getting involved in some of the various aspects and activities of the Kansas Ornithological Society. The KOS can only be as good as you, the members, make it. So along those lines, also take time to fill out the Member Skills Inventory for our Volunteer Coordinator. Get involved and make a difference!

And now it's time for me to wrap up this issue of the *Horned Lark* and get out to my KBBAT block. Good spring birding to you all!

Chuck

**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE--CALL A REGIONAL COORDINATOR AND STAKE OUT YOUR NEXT KBBAT BLOCK!**

## HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE CAREFULLY?

How can you know??!!

*Are you going to the Spring Meeting? Have you filled out the form that follows the Birding Highlights? Don't forget to send it to Gene Young by April 24!*

*If you haven't completed and returned the Member Inventory, then you're not done yet (See page 7)...*

*How about another KBBAT Block...you know it was a lot of fun last year! Why not double the pleasure in your life and ask for another one. You NEVER know what you'll find riding the winds of Kansas. Regional Coordinators are waiting to hear from YOU! (See page 4 for a list of coordinators).*

*And don't forget to check out this month's Hotspot (p 7) or this issue's "special species" (p 9) or any of the other news and KOS information provided in this issue.*

**WHEN YOU'VE CHECKED OUT ALL OF THIS EXCITEMENT,  
YOU'VE LOOKED OVER THIS ISSUE CAREFULLY...**

—see you next time...Dawn

## FALL AND WINTER ROUNDUP / August 1992 - February 1993/ by Chuck Otte

With the transition from Scott writing this column to my taking it over we got a little bit behind. Consequently we have 7 months worth of records following, which means that we will keep the narrative portion of this report to a minimum this time. We are in the process of evaluating everything that we do in this newsletter, including the birding roundup. I would like feedback from you, the reader, as to whether we should keep this report in a combination narrative report with table, as follows here, or do we go to a strict narrative report as is done in American Birds? Let me know what you think!

It was an interesting late summer and fall...until winter set in. The number of reports coming in to the hotline really dwindled off after the snow started flying in late November. But that bad fall and winter weather also brought in some interesting birding! Bad weather on the 9th of October grounded many migrants. Scott Seltman reported 50 Orange-crowned Warblers and 50 Ruby-crowned Kinglets in his yard. Mike Rader found over 500 Yellow-rumped Warblers at Wilson Lake's Otoe Park on the same date.

Common Loons are becoming more and more common with many summer reports coming in the past couple of years from the larger eastern reservoirs. Also increasing (at least the reports are) are the numbers of vagrant gulls. Species such as Laughing, California, Thayer's and Glaucous Gull are all receiving more reports from around the state. Whether the species themselves are increasing in numbers or whether the birders are simply feeling more comfortable identifying them--for any number of reasons--is the proverbial never ending debate!

After 2 years of near total absence, Pine Siskins returned in great numbers this winter. It wasn't uncommon for CBC compilers and birders in general to have reports of siskin flocks numbering in the hundreds of individuals. Another welcome return to the winter scene was the Pine Grosbeak. There were 2 individuals reported from around the state this winter (Anderson and Geary county), both being single birds. Rough, winter weather probably prevented many birders from getting out and finding more! Varied Thrushes also popped up in greater numbers than normal. Garden City seemed to be THE Varied Thrush capital of Kansas with amazingly regular (for Kansas) sightings occurring from September through January!

Three species from this report probably deserve special mention. The Allen's Hummingbird and the Canyon Wren will both be new state records if accepted by the Kansas Bird Records Committee. The Pyrrhuloxia found at Elkhart in the shelterbelt north of the cemetery (and probably seen by every birder in the state except this editor!) was only the second record for this species in Kansas. It, along with the Canyon Wren, made a nice addition to many KOS members' state lists!

And, of course, for the standard disclaimer: The following records simply represent that information forwarded to the KOS Rare Bird Alert and to this editor and are subject to consideration by the Kansas Bird Records Committee. (I encourage all birders to refer to Galen Pittman's article in the June 1992 Horned Lark and to follow his recommendations and requests to submit reports on the species listed therein!)

## BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS / August 1992 through February 1993

Species	Location and number	Observers	Date	County
Red-throated Loon	1 at Clinton Reservoir	GP,MM	11-15-92	DG
Red-throated Loon	2 at Clinton Reservoir	MP	11-22-92	DG
Pacific Loon	1 at Hillsdale Lake	LM,GP	10-24-92	MI
Pacific Loon	1 at Hillsdale Lake	DB,CH	11-01-92	MI
Pacific Loon	2 at Cedar Bluff Lake	SS,DS	11-07-92	TR
Pacific Loon	1 at Coldwater Lake	GY	11-10-92	CM
Pacific Loon	1 at Kirwin Reservoir	SS,m.ob.	11-14-92	PL
Common Loon	2 at Wyandotte Co Lake	LM	8-13-92	WY
Common Loon	1 flightless juv Wilson Lake	MR	8-17-92	RS
(This bird later died and was probably an immature bird in heavy molt. Common Loons were frequently reported from eastern Kansas throughout the summer primarily from Milford and Wyandotte County Lakes).				
Common Loon	4 at Hillsdale Lake	LM	10-17-92	MI
Common Loon	8 at Hillsdale Lake	LM,GP	10-24-92	MI
Common Loon	31 at Clinton Reservoir	LM,MM,GP	10-25-92	DG
Common Loon	54 at Perry Lake	DB,m.ob.	10-31-92	JF

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Western Grebe	1 at Winfield City Lake	MT	11-04-92	CL
Western Grebe	1 at Cedar Bluff Lake	SS,DS	11-07-92	TR
Western Grebe	1 at Milford Lake	CO	11-15-92	GE
Brown Pelican	1 at Wilson Lake	MR	8-11-92	RS
	still present	m.ob.	9-20-92	RS
Double-crested Cormorant	Nesting in Pool 2 at Cheyenne Bottoms	SS	8-15-92	BT
Neotropic Cormorant	1 at Quivira	DR	8-01-92	ST
Neotropic Cormorant	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	MC	8-15-92	BT
Least Bittern	1 at Pool 2 Cheyenne Bottoms	SS	8-15-92	BT
White Ibis	1 imm at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	BF	9-06-92	ST
White-faced Ibis	1	MR	10-24-92	OB
Tundra Swan	3 at Coldwater Lake	SP,MT	12-31-92	CM
Tundra Swan	1 at Winfield City Lake	MT	1-17-93	CL
	still present	MT	1-24-93	CL
Hybrid Goose	Canada x White Front???	DG	2-21-93	PT
(This bird is described as having an orange bill and orange feet but also a white cheek patch and most other markings of a Canada Goose.)				
Ross' Goose	1 "blue phase" at Webster Reservoir	SS,m.ob.	11-14-92	RO
Ross' Goose	1 "blue phase" at Tuttle Creek	DR,m.ob.	12-12-92	RL
Ross' Goose	1 at Sewer Lake, Liberal	Liberal CBC	1-01-93	SW
Ross' Goose	1 at Tuttle Creek Reservoir	TC	1-03-93	RL
Black Duck	2 at Perry	Perry CBC	12-20-92	JF
Black Duck	2 at Milford Lake	DLS	12-24-92	GE
Black Duck	1 at Perry	LM	12-27-92	JF
Greater Scaup	3 at Cedar Bluff Reservoir	SS	1-16-93	TR
Greater Scaup	1 at Lake Afton	RB,PB	1-21-93	SG
Greater Scaup	1 at El Dorado Lake	RB,PB	2-20-93	BU
Oldsquaw	1 M below Milford Dam	DLS	11-15-92	GE
Oldsquaw	3 at Clinton State Park		11-21-92	DG
	later seen on Clinton Lake	MM,GP	11-29-92	DG
Oldsquaw	1 M at El Dorado Lake	RM	12-03-92	BU
Oldsquaw	3 at Wilson Lake	MR	12-22-92	RS
Oldsquaw	1 at Waconda Lake	MR	12-23-92	MC
Surf Scoter	1 F at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	PF,LF	11-08-92	ST
White-winged Scoter	5 at Winfield City Lake	WH	2-07-93	CL
Barrow's Goldeneye	1 M at Melvern Reservoir	GK	12-08-92	OS
Common Merganser	1 at Perry Lake	MM,MC	9-19-92	JF
Osprey	1 at Tuttle	TC	8-04-92	RL
Osprey	1 at Quivira Little Salt Marsh	SS	8-15-92	ST
Osprey	1 below Milford Dam	CO	8-15-92	GE
Osprey	2 at Sheridan Co Lake	GH	11-12-92	SD
Bald Eagle	1 adult at Hillsdale Lake	DG	8-15-92	MI
Bald Eagle	1 at Pomona Lake	BW	9-21-92	OS
Northern Goshawk	North of Elkhart Cemetery		9-12-92	MT
Northern Goshawk	1 at Bear Creek	SP	10-30-92	ST
Northern Goshawk	1 at Norton Wildlife Area	MR	11-12-92	NT
Northern Goshawk	1 nw of Larned	SS,DS	11-25-92	PN
Northern Goshawk	1 imm in Olathe	MC	12-22-92	JO
Northern Goshawk	1 in northern Pawnee County	SS	2-14-93	PN
Broad-winged Hawk	1 at Elkhart Cemetery	PJ	9-18-92	MT
Ferruginous Hawk(?)	1 albinistic 3 miles e of Kechi	PJ	12-07-92	SG
Golden Eagle	1 imm at Clinton Lake	PW	10-13-92	DG
Golden Eagle	1 adult near Kansas Turnpike	BG	10-24-92	GW
Merlin	1 N of Elkhart along highway	GF	9-12-92	MT
Merlin	1 at Elkhart sewer ponds	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-20-92	MT
Merlin	2	MR	10-24-92	OB

Peregrine Falcon	1 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	LM	9-07-92	ST
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Perry Lake	MM,MC	9-19-92	JF
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Wilson Lake	MR	10-13-92	RS
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Wesley Medical Center	TT	11-05-92	SG
Prairie Falcon	1 at Lyon County State Lake	MM,BF	10-18-92	LY
Prairie Falcon	1 at Grandview Plaza sewer ponds	DLS	11-14-92	GE
Purple Gallinule	1 imm	??	9-09-92	RL
(This bird was found dead in the parking lot of a taco shop in Manhattan. Origin of bird was undetermined but could have been blown inland by Hurricane Andrew.)				
Sandhill Crane	25 early Migrants, Cheyenne Bottoms	SS	9-26-92	BT
Whooping Crane	2 at Pool 2, Cheyenne Bottoms	HH	10-19-92	BT
Whooping Crane	6, 3 miles n of HQ bldg, Cheyenne Bottoms	SP	11-01-92	BT
Black-bellied Plover	12 at Quivira	DG	8-09-92	ST
Black-bellied Plover	5 at Quivira	MR	8-10-92	ST
Lesser-golden Plover	8 at Johnson Co Sod Farms	BF,MM	11-07-92	JO
Ruddy Turnstone	3 at Quivira	DG	8-09-92	ST
Ruddy Turnstone	2 at Quivira	MR	8-10-92	ST
Ruddy Turnstone	1 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	SS	8-11-92	ST
Red Knot	2 at Quivira	MC	8-15-92	ST
Red Knot	Several at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	BF	9-06-92	ST
Red Knot	2 at Cheyenne Bottoms	BF	9-06-92	BT
Red Knot	4 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-20-92	MT
Sanderling	1 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	SS	8-11-92	ST
Sanderling	1 at Bloomington Beach, Clinton Lake	PW,LW	8-20-92	DG
Dunlin	1 at Quivira	DG	8-09-92	ST
Dunlin	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	BF	9-06-92	BT
Dunlin	1 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-20-92	MT
Dunlin	Clinton Reservoir	BF,MM	11-07-92	DG
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1 at Quivira	MR	8-10-92	ST
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	BF	9-05-92	BT
Red-necked Phalarope	12 at Cheyenne Bottoms	BF	9-06-92	BT
Red-necked Phalarope	4 at Elkhart sewer ponds	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-20-92	MT
Red-necked Phalarope	9 at Cheyenne Bottoms	SS	9-26-92	BT
Parasitic Jaeger	1 at Quivira Big Salt Marsh	BF	9-06-92	ST
Laughing Gull	1 at Quivira	MC	8-15-92	ST
Laughing Gull	1 below Milford Dam	CO	8-16-92	GE
Laughing Gull	1 at Wilson State Park	MR	9-01-92	RS
Laughing Gull	1 imm at Milford Lake	DLS	9-06-92	GE
Laughing Gull	1 imm at ElDorado Lake	PJ	9-25-92	BU
Laughing Gull	1 at Perry Lake	MI,GK	9-28-92	JF
Laughing Gull	1 imm at El Dorado Lake	BL	12-06-92	BU
Common Black-headed Gull	1 at Perry Lake Tubers	CH	12-08-92	JF
	still present	m.ob.	12-18-92	JF
California Gull	1 imm at Clinton Reservoir	GP,MM	11-15-92	DG
California Gull	1 adult at Perry	MM	12-08-92	JF
California Gull	1 adult at Wilson Reservoir	MR	12-08-92	RS
California Gull	1 imm on Manhattan CBC		12-19-92	RL?
California Gull	1-2nd winter at Perry	Perry CBC	12-20-92	JF
California Gull	1 adult at Perry Lake	LM	12-27-92	JF
California Gull	1 adult Kaw River Lawrence	LM,MM,GP	1-24-93	DG
Thayer's Gull	1-1st winter at Perry	Perry CBC	12-20-92	JF
	still present	LM	12-27-92	JF
Thayer's Gull	1-1st winter at W. Landfill	PJ	12-27-92	SG
Thayer's Gull	1 imm at Milford Lake	CO	12-27-92	GE
Thayer's Gull	1-1st winter at Tuttle Reservoir	TC	1-01-93	RL
Thayer's Gull	1 imm at Kaw River Lawrence	LM,MM,GP	1-24-93	DG

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Glaucous Gull	1-1st winter, at W. Landfill	PJ	12-13-92	SG
	still present	PJ	12-27-92	SG
Glaucous Gull	1-1st winter at Waconda Lake	MR	12-23-92	RS
Glaucous Gull	1-1st winter at Tuttle Reservoir	TC	1-01-93	RL
Glaucous Gull	1-2nd winter at Milford Lake	JO,CO	1-03-93	GE
Glaucous Gull	2 imm at Kaw River Lawrence	LM,MM,GP	1-24-93	DG
Glaucous Gull	1 at Kirwin Reservoir	KDWP staff	1-26-93	PL
Black-legged Kittiwake	1 at Perry Lake Dam	JL,SB	9-30-92	JF
Sabine's Gull	2 at Perry Lake	MI,GK	9-28-92	JF
Caspian Tern	1 at Quivira	MR	8-10-92	ST
Caspian Tern	2 at Clinton Lake	PW,LW	8-20-92	DG
Common Tern	1 at Wilson Lake	MR	10-08-92	RS
Inca Dove	3 in Garden City	LR,BR,BC	10-09-92	FI
	still present	LR,BR,BC	1-23-93	FI
Inca Dove	1 along Cimarron River	Liberal CBC	1-01-93	SW
Common Ground-dove	1 M at Boy Scout area	SS	9-19-92	MT
Greater Roadrunner	1 adult, 2 imm nesting NE of Pratt	KB	8-25-92	PR
Greater Roadrunner	1 at Middle Springs	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-18-92	MT
Greater Roadrunner	1 n of KDWP offices, Pratt	KB	12-21-92	PR
Greater Roadrunner	1 se of Arkansas City	GW	1-24-93	CL
Greater Roadrunner	1 w of Hardtner	SMC	2-07-93	BA
Groove-billed Ani	1 se of Paola	MC,m.ob.	10-31-92	MI
	still present	m.ob.	11-05-92	MI
Snowy Owl	1 s of Pratt Co Lake	Sawyer CBC	12-19-92	PR
Burrowing Owl	1 e of Hickok	JR	11-30-92	GT
	still present	JR	2-23-93	GT
Long-eared Owl	2 at W Rolling Hills Milford	DLS	11-08-92	GE
Long-eared Owl	6 at s side of Lyon Co State Lake	MM	12-22-92	LY
	number increased to 12	LM,GP,MM	2-07-93	LY
Short-eared Owl	1 at Lyon Co State Lake	BF,m.ob.	11-14-92	LY
Black-chinned Hummingbird	1 at Velda Griffiths', Elkhart	VG	8-25-92	MT
Calliope Hummingbird	1 at Seltman Farm	SS,DS	8-15-92	RU
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1 F in Elkhart	MC	8-29-92	MT
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1 (not adult male) Elkhart	SP,LM,MM,GP	9-05-92	MT
Rufous Hummingbird	2 M in Elkhart	SP,LM,MM,GP	9-05-92	MT
Rufous Hummingbird	1 (very late) at Oxford	JD,ND	11-10-92	SU
	still present	JD,ND	11-21-92	SU
ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD	1 imm in Bonner Springs	CH	8-25-92	WY
(This bird was coming to a feeder at Chris Hobbs home and was netted and examined by a licensed hummingbird netter. This will be a new state record if accepted by the KOS Bird Records Committee).				
Red-naped Sapsucker	1 at Middle Springs	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-18-92	MT
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1 N of the River	SS	9-19-92	MT
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1 at Middle Springs	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-20-92	MT
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1	RB,PB	9-21-92	MT
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1 at Marais des Cygnes	MM, LM	8-23-92	LI
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1 in extreme east Rush County	GF	8-23-92	RU
Dusky Flycatcher	1 n of Elkhart Cemetery	GP	9-04-92	MT
Gray Flycatcher	1 at Point of Rocks	MM	9-05-92	MT
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1 at river	MC	8-29-92	MT
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1 in Liberal	SP,LM,MM,GP	9-04-92	SW
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1 at Boy Scout Area		9-10-92	MT
Cassin's Kingbird	1 at river	MC	8-29-92	MT
Cassin's Kingbird	1	SP,LM,MM,GP	9-05-92	MT
Cassin's Kingbird	1 at Wilburton Crossing	SS	9-19-92	MT
Scrub Jay	1	RB,PB	9-21-92	MT
American Crow	20 - 50,000 roosting se of Udall		1-24-93	CL

Chihuahuan Raven	1 west of Bucklin	MC	8-28-92	FO
Chihuahuan Raven	1 ne of Hugoton	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-20-92	MT
Mountain Chickadee	6 on the Cimarron Grasslands	CBC	1-02-93	MT
Bushtit	15 at Boy Scout area	SP	10-30-92	MT
Bushtit	12 in Elkhart Cimarron Grasslands CBC		1-02-93	MT
Bushtit	1 in Garden City	TSh	1-14-93	FI
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1 at Junction City Highland Cemetery	DLS	9-06-92	GE
Pygmy Nuthatch	1 at Milford Lake	DLS	10-25-92	GE
(This bird, in a pine grove with 2 Red-breasted Nuthatches and 3 Golden-crowned Kinglets was heard only.)				
CANYON WREN	1 at Cimarron Grasslands	SC,RP	9-06-92	MT
(This bird was found at the sand cliffs on the north side of the Cimarron River at the Boy Scout Camp Area. This is the first record of this species in the state. Numerous photographs were taken of this bird during the ensuing months and was seen by many observers. Last reported Feb 6, 1993, at which point it had molted into adult plumage).				
Carolina Wren	2 at Wilson (west of range)	MR	8-19-92	EW
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1 at Milford Lake	DLS	12-05-92	GE
Mountain Bluebird		SS	10-17-92	FO
Mountain Bluebird	10 at Minooka Park Wilson Lake	MR	11-10-92	RS
Mountain Bluebird	West of Hardtner	SMC	2-07-93	BA
Veery	1 north of Elkhart Cemetery	GP	9-04-92	MT
Veery	1 at Ulysses	JR	9-19-92	GT
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1 at Ulysses	JR	9-18-92	GT
Varied Thrush	1 at Richardson's Zoo, Garden City	LR,BR	10-21-92	FI
Varied Thrush	3(!) in Garden City	VL	10-24-92	FI
Varied Thrush	1 at Lower Ferguson Marsh	GG	10-25-92	JF
Varied Thrush	1 in Garden City	BC	1-14-93	FI
Sprague's Pipit	10 W end of Redmond Reservoir	KOS m.ob.	10-04-92	CF
Sprague's Pipit	25 near Lenora	SS	10-09-92	NT
Sprague's Pipit	5 s of Lyon Co State Lake	LM,MM,GP	10-25-92	LY
Curve-billed Thrasher	1 at Satanta	MR,SS	1-24-93	HS
Bohemian Waxwing	1 on Manhattan CBC		12-19-92	RL
Cedar Waxwing	1 at Wyandotte Co Lake	LM	8-26-92	WY
Northern Shrike	1 in Elkhart	MR	9-26-92	MT
Northern Shrike	1 just east of Perry Dam	DH	12-11-92	JF
Northern Shrike	1 at Webster Lake	MR	12-27-92	RO
European Starling	1 albinistic bird in Wichita	PE	1-12-93	SG
Solitary Vireo	1 at Milford Lake	DLS	11-26-92	GE
Orange-crowned Warbler	1 at Milford Lake	DLS	11-26-92	GE
Orange-crowned Warbler	1 at Lake Afton	PJ	2-03-93	SG
Golden-winged Warbler	1 at Hillsdale Lake	DG	8-15-92	MI
Virginia's Warbler	1 in Shane's Backyard	SSh,TSh	9-20-92	FI
Chestnut-sided Warbler	at Marais des Cygnes	MM,LM	8-23-92	LI
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1 Audubon's form in Wichita	CG	1-04-93	SG
Blk-throated Gray Warbler	1 at Work Station	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-18-92	MT
Townsend's Warbler	1 at Richardson's Zoo, Garden City	MO	9-10-92	FI
Townsend's Warbler	1 M n of Elkhart Cemetery	SS	9-19-92	MT
Blk-throated Green Warbler	at Marais des Cygnes	MM,LM	8-23-92	LI
Yellow-throated Warbler	at Marais des Cygnes	MM,LM	8-23-92	LI
Pine Warbler	1 at Nelson Environmental Studies Area	GP	8-31-92	DG?
Pine Warbler	1 at Ft. Leavenworth	JS,CH	9-05-92	LV
Pine Warbler	4 at Junction City Highland Cemetery	DLS	9-06-92	GE
(Pine Warblers were seen at Junction City's Highland Cemetery quite regularly from early September up through October 24, 1992. Patti, Moore, McHugh, and Pittman had 1 Pine Warbler there as early as September 3, 1992).				
Palm Warbler	1 at Milford Lake Outlet	DLS	11-15-92	GE
Blackpoll Warbler	1 in Shane's Backyard	SSh,TSh	9-20-92	FI

## 18 (Birding Highlights, contd)

McGillivray's Warbler	1 at Elkhart	MC	8-29-92	MT
McGillivray's Warbler	1 at N end of Tuttle Creek	TC	8-29-92	PT
McGillivray's Warbler	1	RB,PB	9-19-92	MT
Canada Warbler	1 at Clinton Lake, Rockcrusher Rd	LM	8-29-92	DG
Canada Warbler	1 N of Elkhart Cemetery	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-20-92	MT
Western Tanager	1 at Middle Springs	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	9-18-92	DG
Pyrrhuloxia	1 M	m.ob.	1-01-93	MT

This bird was found New Years Day by Johnson and Garrett in the shelterbelt north of the Elkhart Cemetery. It was found on January 2nd for the Cimarron Grasslands CBC.

It was seen by many observers off and on through January and February often in the company of a female cardinal. This is only the second record for this species in Kansas.

Green-tailed Towhee	1	SP,LM,MM,GP	9-04-92	MT
Green-tailed Towhee	1 near Williamstown	Lawrence CBC	12-19-92	DG
Green-tailed Towhee	1 at Garden City Cemetery	LR,BR	1-03-93	FI
	still present	BC	1-23-93	FI
Brewer's Sparrow	20+ around Morton County	SS	9-19-92	MT
Black-throated Sparrow	1 at Boy Scout Area		9-12-92	MT
Black-throated Sparrow	1 at Overland Park	PBR	11-30-92	JO
	still present	m.ob.	12-31-92	JO
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	2 along Cimarron River	CBC	1-01-93	MT
Baird's Sparrow	1 n of Wilburton Crossing	BF	9-05-92	MT
LeConte's Sparrow	numerous in the Big Ditch	m.ob.	10-18-92	SG
LeConte's Sparrow	6 at El Dorado Lake	BL	10-24-92	BU
LeConte's Sparrow	6 at Curtis Creek, Milford Lake	DLS,CO	10-24-92	GE
Sharp-tailed Sparrow	2 at Flint Hills NWR	KOS m.ob.	10-04-92	CF
White-throated Sparrow	1 at Garden City	BC	9-16-92	FI
Golden-crowned Sparrow	1 near Williamsburg	RR	12-21-92	DG
Dark-eyed Junco	1 at Pawnee Prairie Park	BG	9-08-92	SG
"White-winged" Junco	1 at Perry Lake	MM,GP	11-29-92	JF
Pine Grosbeak	1 F at Milford Lake	JO,CO	1-03-93	GE
Pine Grosbeak	1 M near Welda	WEB	1-15-93	AN
Purple Finch	1 early female	LR,BR	10-13-92	FI
Red Crossbill	5 at Milford Lake	DLS	11-08-92	GE
	still present	DLS	11-26-92	GE
Red Crossbill	3 at Perry Lake	MM,GP	11-29-92	JF
Pine Siskin	30 at Clinton Reservoir	LM	10-09-92	DG
Lesser Goldfinch	1 M & 1 F in Garden City	BC	9-01-92	FI

Seen again on 9-6-92, a female with 2 fledged juveniles.

Last seen 9-20-92.

LIST OF OBSERVERS: Roy Beckemeyer (RB), Pat Beckemeyer (PB), Shelby Birch (SB), William & Eva Brecheisen (WEB), Ken Brunson (KB), Dave Bryan (DB), Ted Cable (TC), Barbara Campbell (BC), Mark Corder (MC), Jack Dennet (JD), Norma Dennet (ND), Bob Dester (BD), Penny Edwards (PE), Patty Field (PF), Bob Fisher (BF), Lynn Fredrickson (LF), Greg Friesen (GF), Dan Gish (DG), Chuck Gresham (CG), Bob Gress (BG), Velda Griffith (VG), Gladys Grisell (GG), Helen Hands (HH), Don Haley (DH), Greg Harris (GH), Chris Hobbs (CH), Wayne Hochstetler (WH), Maxie Irwin (MI), Pete Janzen (PJ), Glen Koontz (GK), Bill Langley (BL), Jane Leo (JL), Dan LaShelle (DLS), Virginia Long (VL), Rob Martini (RM), Lloyd Moore (LM), Mick McHugh (MM), Steve McConnell (SMC), John Northrup (JN), Marie Osterbuhr (MO), Chuck Otte (CO), Jaye Otte (JO), Sebastian Patti (SP), Mark Pheasant (MP), Galen Pittman (GP), John Rakestraw (JR), Mike Rader (MR), Leonard Rich (LR), Betty Rich (BR), David Rintoul (DR), Paul and Billy Rhudy (PBR), Richard Rucker (RR), Diane Seltman (DS), Scott Seltman (SS), Sara Shane (SSh), Tom Shane (TSh), Joe Sukup (JoeS), Max Thompson (MT), Tammy Troutman (TT), Linda Wedge (LW), Phil Wedge (PW), Gerald Wiens (GW), Gene Young (GY).

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DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SPECIAL SKILLS THAT YOU WOULD CARE TO OFFER TO ASSIST KOS OR KOS MEMBERS (EITHER PROFESSIONAL OR AVOCATIONAL)? (PLEASE DESCRIBE): \_\_\_\_\_  
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LIST YOUR INTERESTS AND YOUR OWN EVALUATION OF YOUR LEVEL OF EXPERTISE (N=NOVICE, B=INFORMED BEGINNER, I=INTERMEDIATE, E=EXPERT):

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IF YOU EXPERT AT IDENTIFYING ANY SPECIAL GROUP OF BIRDS PLEASE LIST THEM: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ARE YOU WILLING TO LEAD FIELD TRIPS? ( Y / N ) . WOULD YOU  
BE WILLING TO GUIDE PEOPLE TO BIRDING LOCATIONS IN KANSAS?  
( Y / N ) WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_

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ARE YOU WILLING TO CONTACT NEW KOS MEMBERS IN YOUR AREA AND  
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A LOCAL GET-TOGETHER TO : TAKE A FIELD TRIP ( Y / N ). TALK  
ABOUT BIRD FEEDING ( Y / N ). SHOW SLIDES ( Y / N ). OTHER?  
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WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME IN ANY OF THE  
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DO YOU HAVE ANY PROJECTS, RESEARCH, ETC., FOR WHICH YOU  
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957 PERRY  
WICHITA, KS 67203

## SPRING MEETING/FIELD TRIP REGISTRATION FORM

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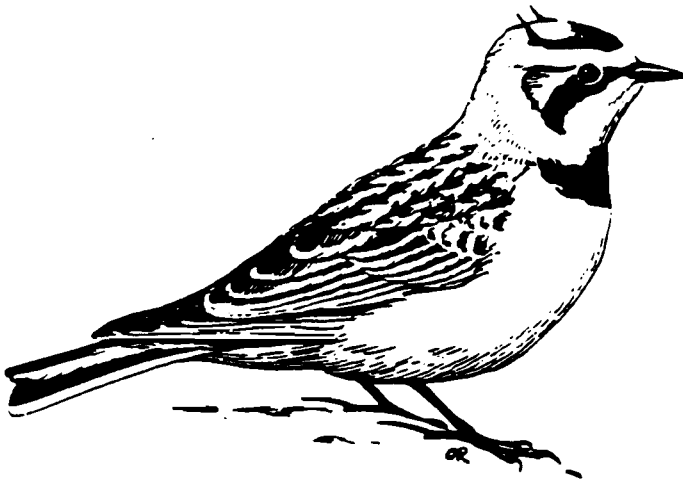
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Registration Fee - \$7.50.....	_____	\$ _____
Camping, over 12 - \$4.50/night.....	_____	\$ _____
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Renewal Cabin - \$18.50/night.....	_____	\$ _____
Cedar Cabin - \$16.50/night.....	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Breakfast - \$4.00.....	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch - \$4.50.....	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Supper - \$5.50.....	_____	\$ _____
Sunday Breakfast - \$4.00.....	_____	\$ _____
Sunday Lunch - \$4.50.....	_____	\$ _____
Total	_____	\$ _____
Amount Enclosed	_____	\$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: KOS LOCAL COMMITTEE

Send completed forms to: Gene Young  
 KOS Spring Meeting Coordinator  
 805 Boyer  
 Arkansas City, KS 67005

REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE IN BY APRIL 24!



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### KOS CONTINUES TO GROW! WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Terri Abbott, Emporia; Lynda Berendsen, Leocompton; Brent Brock, Manhattan; Kenneth Bryant, Wichita; Shari Chism, Great Bend; Kelly Conrad, Emporia; Dr. & Mrs. J.H. Danby, Wichita; Tom Eddy, Emporia; Page Fredericks, Emporia; Joseph Grzybowski, Norman, OK; Ivica John Hlade, Pittsburg; Jay Jeffrey, Emporia; Rose Klenke, Spearville; Glen Koontz, Topeka; Ozzie & Viola Lehman, Halstead; Ron Little, Hutchinson; Kathy & Steve McDowell, Tecumseh; Kristen Mitchell, Baldwin; John & Judy Moecker, Overland Park; Bill & Janet Neff, Berryton; Marie Plinski, Topeka; Keith & Judith Randall, Bucklin; Michael & Iva Raw, Wichita; Jan & Dennis Rorabaugh, Lawrence; Marcia Thomas, Sylvan Grove; Sandra Thomas, Bonner Springs; Chuck Van Gundy, Salina; Joyce Volmut, Topeka; Mike & Bunnie Watkins, Lawrence; Dave Williams, Lawrence; Pam Wilson, Stanley, Harry & Ann Ylander, Lindsborg.

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### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

*It's that time of year again...the Holidays will bring greetings from many of your friends and relatives. You'll also be hearing from KOS this month in the form of a **membership renewal card**. Please complete and return it along with your 1993 dues promptly to Rose Fritz so you won't miss out on the next issue of The Horned Lark or the KOS Bulletin.*

*Thanks for your continued support of KOS. Happy Holidays!*

*Diane Seltman, Memb. Sec.*

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### OVER 70 MEMBERS ATTENDED THE 1992 FALL MEETING IN EMPORIA:

Elmer & LaVonne Finck, Shannon Rothchild, Craig Olawsky, Dwight Moore, Judy Marsh, Bernard Sietman, Page Fredericks, Kelly Conrad, Terri Abbott, Jay Jeffrey, Kristen Mitchell, Tom Eddy, Marvin & Floy Schwilling, Jerry Horak, Dave Saunders, all from Emporia; Jean Schulenberg, Admire; Bob Culbertson, New Strawn; Joanne Brier, Joyce Volmut, Topeka; Roger & Jan Boyd, Calvin Cink, Baldwin; Galen Pittman, David Seibel, Stan & Janet Roth, Phil Wedge, Ruth Fauhl, Lawrence; Rose & Dave Fritz, Dwight Platt, Newton; Bob Gress, Roy & Pat Beckemeyer, of Wichita; Max Thompson, Winfield; Edwin Miller, Independence, Lawrence Herbert, Joplin, MO; Dave & Linda Bryan, Overland Park; Chris Hobbs, Bonner Springs; Mick McHugh, Shawnee Mission; John Shuckman, Leavenworth; Chuck & Jaye Otte, Junction City; Jim Mayhew, Dave Rintoul, John Zimmerman, Brent Brock, E. Dale Kennedy, Douglas White, Deborah Beutler, James Holloway, all from Manhattan; Allen Jahn, McPherson; Ken Brunson, Pratt; Ron Little, Hutchinson; Mike Rader, Wilson; Paul Schowalter, Larned; Scott & Diane Seltman, Nekoma; Chuck Ely, Earl Carlson, Hays; Barbara Campbell, Tom & Sara Shane, Garden City; David Pantle, Denver, CO.

## From the Keyboard, notes from the editor

The Fall Meetings were once again a great success! An extra big thanks to the local committee in Emporia for all their hard work. Mark your calendar now for the Spring and Fall Meetings for next year. The spring meeting is tentatively scheduled for Camp Horizon (south-central Kansas in the Wichita/Winfield area) for May 1st and 2nd, 1993. The fall meeting is still being worked on, but if we hold with tradition it would be the first weekend in October, 2nd and 3rd, and the Board of Directors is looking into the Hays area.

A copy of the Board of Directors meeting as well as the full fall meeting minutes are included in this newsletter. Please take the time to read them as there is a lot of important information contained therein. The ten best birds of the year are contained in the minutes. Please note that some of these birds have not been voted on by the records committee so their standing is still tentative until such time (besides, the best bird list is as much for fun as it is for serious). One through four are actually a four-way tie since they will all represent new state records if accepted.

And speaking of the records committee--please, please, please take the time and effort to fill out those rare bird reports to send in to the committee. Please note the extensive write up on bird records in the June 1992 Horned Lark for guidelines on what should be written up. There is also an updated Rare Bird Form for you to use. Please use this new form and pitch all the old forms. (If anyone is computer oriented I have the new form available in ASCII format so you can just fill in the blanks. Sent me a formatted DOS disk and I'll give it to you!) In future issues we hope to have some more information to help you in your writing of rare bird reports.

Also in this issue is a list of Christmas Bird Counts. About half the counts we don't have detailed information (we'll try harder next year), but I have included the name of last years compiler. If you're interested give them a call...soon.

Lot's of miscellaneous information. . .Galen has items for sale. . .if you want a new subscription for yourself or someone else to Bird Watchers Digest use the enclosed form and the KOS will get a cut. . .A plea to those members who move - let me know so I can let the others who need to know that your address has changed, it

helps us save on postage. . .a brief note from Kansas Wildlife and Parks regarding Chickadee Checkoff. . .and a delightful writeup on Mike Rader's favorite species, Rock Wren.

Enough wasted space filled with my verbose ramblings, good reading and Happy Holidays!

chuck

### ABA Regional Conference

The ABA (American Birding Association) holds regional conferences around the country. This coming spring (okay late winter!) there will be a regional conference at Grand Island, Nebraska. The dates are March 6 - 10th which just happens to coincide with the annual spring migration of the Sandhill Cranes.

The schedule looks absolutely fantastic! I grew up about 45 miles from Grand Island and still make annual trips back every March to see the Cranes. If you haven't yet made the Platte River pilgrimage this would be a good opportunity because it will probably be a while before we have another ABA Regional Conference so close!

I do have copies of the promotional flyer and registration form so if you need a copy drop me a line or give me a call. The conference fee is \$395.00 if you are already an ABA member or \$425.00 if you aren't an ABA member. This fee includes room, dinners, field trips, trip meals and evening programs. So why not plan to attend. Like the program says, "you probably won't build a big trip list around this conference," but the sight of several hundred thousand Sandhill Cranes coming or going from the Platte River needs to be experienced by everyone at least once in their life!

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM KOS*



## Special Species

by Mike Rader

Common Name: Rock Wren

Scientific Name: *Salpinctes obsoletus*

This species of wren is one that many Kansans may not be familiar with. It is, however, fairly common in western Kansas in the proper habitat, both as a summer resident and as a migrant. It is usually easy to identify, with a gray-brown back, streaked throat and breast, and a reddish rump. Rock Wrens are spirited little birds, scolding and bobbing up and down vigorously when disturbed.

Rock Wrens breed from southern Canada to southern Mexico. They are known to nest throughout western Kansas, preferring dry rocky outcrops and ravines. They have a curious habit of making a trail of rock chips and other items that leads to the entrance of the nest. Some of the strange things found on the trails include such things as animal bones, scrap metal pieces, wire, leather, broken glass, nails, and fish hooks. During migration they can be found in dry washes, ravines, and rock hillsides. Some individuals are reported in the eastern part of the state, but most are reported from the central and west.

Rock Wrens have provided special birding memories for me. My first birding trip to Morton County yielded several Rock Wrens. A walk at Point of Rocks on the Cimarron National Grasslands was the location of most of them with several other "life" birds for me seen that day. I got the chance to see Rock Wrens with Sage Thrashers, Canyon Towhee, and other interesting birds that day. I still smile when I think of all the walks I have taken on the Grasslands. Many of them had me hoping that there were fewer Rock Wrens to sort through while looking at dozens of other birds flitting in the brush and rocks. Other trips had me happy to see a single Rock Wren to salvage a walk through the gauntlet that Point of Rocks can be.

I really thought I hated Rock Wrens after seeing several along the Cimarron River while searching for the elusive Canyon Wren this fall. One bird quickly reaffirmed my admiration for the species, however, when it chased the Canyon Wren out of a hole where it had been hiding out of my sight. Rock Wrens are really great birds!

Birders that want to see Rock Wrens in Kansas usually have several choices as to where to look. Certainly the most reliable is Morton County. Fall is usually the best time to find them, due to an influx of birds from migration, but they have been seen in every season. Point of Rocks, "Patti Canyon," and the bluffs along the Cimarron are the best spots to find them regularly.

Wilson Reservoir in central Kansas is an area I am familiar with that has good numbers of Rock Wrens as well. The Rocktown Natural Area in Lucas Park is a good place to look for them, even during the summer. During migration, both spring and fall, I have seen Rock Wrens in many locations, including the sandstone bluffs of the Hell Creek arm, in the marina cove of Wilson State Park, and other secluded rocky ravines.

When trying to find Rock Wrens, it certainly pays to learn the calls it uses. A buzzy 'tick-ear' is usually what you hear several times. Then you have to try to follow the sound to where the bird is located. They can be a challenge to locate initially, but are usually very bold and easy to observe. Next time, when you travel to western Kansas to birdwatch, take some time and see what these perky little birds are up to. Whether you are a serious birder or someone who just likes to see birds, Rock Wrens are tremendous fun to watch and enjoy!

***Don't forget to order your  
brand new, exciting  
KOS T-shirts  
and Decals!!***

***To order, contact  
Galen Pittman  
(for more information, see page 6)***

*Hope you have a Safe and Happy New Year  
and wishing you good birding in 1993!!*

## Christmas Bird Counts

There are many Christmas/Mid-Winter Bird Counts across Kansas. If you have never partaken in one of these events make it a point to find one close to you and give it a go this year. Following is as complete a list as is available at press time. For changes, updates or additions call the Kansas Rare Bird Hotline 913-372-5499. Check the calendar on the following page for dates and locations and then the following table for more details.

If you are going to be out-of-state over the holidays and are wondering about Christmas counts in the area where you will be give me a call as soon as possible. I have some of the counts for other states, and with a few days of lead time I can probably get you the dates and locations for counts in most parts of the country.

- December 18 - Quivira NWR, Meet at the headquarters building around 7:00 a.m. and be sure to bring your lunch.
- December 19 - Dodge City, Joleen Fromm compiler 316-227-6342 or Shirley Vieux, 316-227-7269. Meeting place has not been decided yet.
- December 19 - Halstead/Newton, Dwight Platt compiler, 316-283-6708. Meet at the Science Hall at Bethel College Campus.
- December 19 - Lawrence, Galen Pittman compiler, 913-842-7105 for details.
- December 19 - Manhattan, John Zimmerman compiler. Call John at 913-537-0238 for more information.
- December 19 - Topeka, Joanne Brier compiler 913-232-4317.
- December 19 - Wichita, Wallace Champeny compiler, 316-455-3543.
- December 20 - Baldwin, Roger Boyd compiler 913-594-3172.
- December 20 - Emporia, Jean Schulenberg compiler, 316-342-2380.
- December 20 - Oskaloosa-Perry Lake, Richard Rucker compiler, 913-842-3845.
- December 20 - Wakefield (Upper Milford Lake), Chuck Otte compiler, 913-238-8800. Meet at the Lakeview Restaurant (west side of town on K-82) by sunup.
- December 20 - Udall-Winfield, Max Thompson compiler, 316-221-1856.
- December 22 - El Dorado Lake, Pete Janzen compiler, 316-832-0182.
- December 22 - Camp Naish, Wyandotte Co., Stan Roth compiler, 913-843-4764.
- December 22 - Wilson Reservoir, Mike Rader compiler, 913-658-2595.






- December 23 - Linn County, Roger Boyd compiler, 913-594-3172.
- December 23 - Waconda Lake (Glen Elder), Mike Rader compiler, 913-658-2595.
- December 26 - Kirwin Reservoir, Mike Rader compiler, 913-658-2595.
- December 27 - Arkansas City, Don Vannoy compiler, 316-838-4062.
- December 27 - Junction City, Chuck Otte compiler, 913-238-8800. Meet at Denny's Restaurant on the south side of Junction City just off I-70 Exit 296.
- December 27 - Webster Reservoir, Mike Rader compiler, 913-658-2595.
- December 29 - Olsburg, David Rintoul compiler, 913-532-6663 w, 537-0781 h.
- January 2 - Leavenworth, John Schukman compiler, 913-727-5141.
- January 1 - Liberal/Seward County
- January 2 - Morton County/Cimarron National Grasslands
- January 3 - Kenton (Black Mesa), Oklahoma, all of these are compiled by Sebastian Patti, 312-886-6840 (work), 312-248-0570 (home).
- January 9 (tentative) - Cedar Bluff, Scott Seltman compiler, 913-372-5411.
- January 10 - Scott Lake, Sara Shane compiler, 316-275-4616.

The following list is of Christmas counts from 1991 (and the compiler for 1991) that I did not get any information about. Baxter Springs - J. D. Rising, Byron Walker Wildlife Area - Byron Walker, Cheyenne Bottoms - Helen Hands, Garden City - Marie Osterbuhr, Hays - Donna Cooper, Hillsdale - Kipp Walters, Meade County - Thomas Flowers, Olathe - Steve Crawford, Parsons - Paul Milks, Pomona Lake - Bunnie Watkins, Salina - Virginia Lear, Sawyer - Bob Wood, SE Kansas - Steven Ford, Syracuse - Scott Seltman, Tribune - Luverne Keith, Western Stafford - Judy Tanner, Yoder - James Smith.

A special note to compilers. If you will be entering the results of your count on computer and can generate an ASCII file David Rintoul wants your data. Contact David (see number above under Olsburg Count) and he will send you a floppy disc so you can send him a copy of your results. There is a small group of people who are trying to generate an electronic list of Christmas counts and have it available months before the "official" report is published in American Birds. If you don't work up your results on computer don't worry about it, but if you do then contact David right away!

# 1992/93 Christmas Bird Counts

*December 13, 1992 - January 16, 1993*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Dec 13</i>	<i>Dec 14</i>	<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Dec 16</i>	<i>Dec 17</i>	<i>Dec 18</i> Quivara NWR	<i>Dec 19</i> Dodge City, Manhattan, Halstead/Newton, Topeka, Lawrence, Wichita
<i>Dec 20</i>  Hanukkah Perry Lake, Baldwin, Wakefield, Winfield, Emporia	<i>Dec 21</i> Winter begins 	<i>Dec 22</i> Camp Naish, El Dorado, Wilson Reservoir	<i>Dec 23</i> Linn County, Waconda Lake	<i>Dec 24</i>	<i>Dec 25</i>  Christmas	<i>Dec 26</i> Kirwin Reservoir
<i>Dec 27</i> Arkansas City, Junction City, Webster Reservoir	<i>Dec 28</i>	<i>Dec 29</i> Olsburg	<i>Dec 30</i>	<i>Dec 31</i>  New Year's Eve	<i>Jan 1</i> Liberal  New Year's Day	<i>Jan 2</i> Cimarron Natl. Grasslands, Leavenworth
<i>Jan 3</i> Black Mesa, OK	<i>Jan 4</i>	<i>Jan 5</i>	<i>Jan 6</i>	<i>Jan 7</i>	<i>Jan 8</i>	<i>Jan 9</i> Cedar Bluff?
<i>Jan 10</i> Scott Lake	<i>Jan 11</i>	<i>Jan 12</i>	<i>Jan 13</i>	<i>Jan 14</i>	<i>Jan 15</i>	<i>Jan 16</i>

All Events Subject to Change, Contact Compiler for confirmation

## Chickadee Checkoff Challenge

As many of you are probably aware the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) has a program called Chickadee Checkoff which provides Kansans the opportunity to contribute to wildlife programs, particularly non-game wildlife programs which include, of course, activities related to birds.

Golden Eagles have been reintroduced to Russell County in the hopes of establishing nesting Golden Eagles. Over 250 nursing homes across the state have been provided bird feeders and initial feed through the Nursing Home Bird Feeder Program. The Chickadee Checkoff has supported the Kansas Winter Bird Feeder Survey that I'm sure many of you have participated in before. A major effort in recent years has been Least Tern research and habitat work. And let's not forget the Checkoff's contribution to a project rapidly becoming very near and dear to many of us, The Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas Project.

So since its introduction in 1980, the Checkoff has done a lot of good. However there are many more projects that could be funded and more funding could go to existing projects if we could increase the approximately \$170,000 per year that is currently being donated. In fact, Kansas Wildlife and Parks has set a goal of \$250,000 in annual donations by 1995.

First of all, make sure that you contribute to the Chickadee Checkoff (if you donate \$25 or more you get a year's subscription or extension of an existing subscription to Kansas Wildlife and Parks magazine. You can contact KDWP at the Pratt Operations Office for posters, prints and brochures to help promote this challenge and then contact your tax preparer after January 15 and see if they would display posters and prints and have brochures available for their clients. Let's help make sure that some of these fine programs continue and grow. (And be sure to look for the Kansas wildlife viewing guide due out soon if it isn't already out. It's published by The University Press of Kansas and should be available for \$10 or less!)

## Ordering KOS Supplies

For those of you who did not make it to the fall meeting you missed the unveiling of the new KOS T-shirts and window decals. The window decal is 4 inches wide and 3 5/8 inches high, has the words Kansas Ornithological Society in the upper left corner, the word member in the lower left corner and our Horned Lark mascot over the remainder of the decal. All of this is black on a white background. The new decals do not use an adhesive but adhere to the inside of your windows with static cling. This means that they go on easy, stick well and are easily removed to be moved to another vehicle. They cost \$1.00 and are available from Galen Pittman (see below).

The new T-shirts are going fast. Galen indicates that as of mid-November he has 5 mediums and 30 X-Large. The T-shirts are white with our Horned Lark mascot (a nice color rendition) on the front with the words Kansas Ornithological over the top of the Horned Lark and Society underneath. The T-shirts cost \$10.00 each. Postage is \$2.00 for the first T-shirt and \$1.00 for each additional T-shirt shipped to the same address. To order either the T-shirts or decals send an order to *Galen Pittman, RR 4 Box 260, Lawrence, KS 66044*. Include a check made out to the K.O.S. (NOT Galen) and be sure to specify size!

We also have back issues available of the KOS Bulletin. Individual issues are available from Galen for \$2.50 per issue or a complete set, 1949 - 1992, 43 volumes can be purchased for \$125.00. If individual issues are desired, be sure to indicate volume and issue number as well as date (i.e. March, 1992).



*Season's Greetings and  
Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!*



## KOS FALL BOARD MEETING 1992

October 3, 1992

Emporia State University  
Emporia, Kansas

**Members present:** David Bryan, Galen Pittman, Joanne Brier, Dwight Platt, Diane Seltman, Mick McHugh, David Seibel, Rose Fritz, Allen Jahn, Jim Mayhew, Scott Seltman.  
**Non-voting:** Chuck Otte, Max Thompson, John Schukman, John Zimmerman, Chris Hobbs, Mike Rader.

The meeting was called to order after lunch by David Seibel.

**MINUTES:** Diane Seltman moved to approve the minutes of the Winter Board Meeting as published in the Newsletter. The motion was seconded by Allen Jahn. The motion carried.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:** KOS has a large turnover of members, mainly short-term members, but there was a net increase of members this year. Sixty-eight first class reminders were sent to delinquent members last summer but only 10 renewed. Diane asked whether she should continue to send reminders to delinquent members each year. The consensus of the Board was that it was worthwhile to continue the reminders.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rose Fritz reported that since interest rates are low our income is lower and life memberships aren't paying their way. She will analyze the income and expenses for 1992 to assess our financial position.

**BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Galen Pittman reported that the decals cost 27.5¢ apiece and the T-shirts cost \$7.50. We are selling them for \$1 and \$10 respectively. The bulk mailing rate has gone up but Galen is trying to combine mailings of the *Bulletin* and Newsletter as they can go together for the same postage as one separately. A question was raised whether zip + 4 would be cheaper. Galen will investigate. A mailing to interested Bird Feeder Survey participants was worthwhile and will be repeated. It was suggested that we might have a sale of back issues of the *Bulletin*.

**BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT:** Max Thompson reported that he had talked with the printer and had been able to negotiate some reduction in cost of the March *Bulletin*.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT:** Chuck Otte asked whether he could make the Newsletter available on electronic bulletin boards. The Board approved by consensus.

**BREEDING BIRD ATLAS PROJECT:** John Zimmerman reported that 139 people were involved in the project this year. Forty-seven per cent of the blocks have been assigned but only 7% were completed this year. He would like to see 40-45% completed next year.

John asked whether KOS would be willing to supply some funds for the expenses of the regional coordinators. Max Thompson moved that we authorize paying up to \$300 for the expenses of the Regional Coordinators on the KBBA project. David Bryan seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE:** Reports are being processed in a timely fashion and they have been circulated anonymously to keep personalities out of the consideration. There has been some criticism of the committee. It was suggested that workshops might be scheduled at the next meeting to educate the membership on how to document birds. Also articles in the Newsletter could be used to supply information about submitting records. The procedures adopted by the Committee are not in conformity with the KOS Bylaws. Dwight Platt was asked to draft amendments to the KOS Bylaws to bring them into conformity with present procedures.

**STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD:** More money is needed for this fund. Nothing more has been done in arranging for awards.

**BIRDS IN KANSAS ROYALTY FUND:** There is \$2,864 in the fund. Some publications are being planned which will be financed from this fund.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** John Schukman reported that they will put something in the Newsletter asking for input to the committee. They have been discussing the compilation of a list of resources.

**PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:** Chris Hobbs asked whether he is responsible for publicity on local field trips or whether the organizers of field trips should get out the publicity. Publicity at the local level should be handled by the organizers but if they get information to Chris he can get it out over the state.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** No activity reported.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:** Mike Rader reported no activity.

**DINGUS NATURAL AREA:** Jim Mayhew is scheduled to take persons from The Nature Conservancy to visit the area. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks wants a telephone number and contact for their publication. Bob Weese is the local person in charge.

**KANSAS NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** There was no report.

**BIRD DISCOVERY BOXES:** There is one on display at the meeting. They have been distributed to Pittsburg, Johnson County, Chaplin Nature Center and Wichita.

**PUBLISHING BIRD RECORDS:** County records should be send to Chuck Ely and funds will be available from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for publishing them.

**RARE BIRD HOTLINE:** Scott Seltman reported that the Hotline receives about 10 calls per day. He is having equipment problems and one of the machines is in for repairs. Max Thompson moved that funds be approved for purchasing a new machine if needed. The motion was seconded. The motion was passed.

**SPRING MEETING:** Max Thompson has reserved Camp Horizon for May 1 and 2. He will be out of state at that time so someone will need to work on the organization. Max will make the preparations.

**BULLETIN:** There will be no change in the format of the *Bulletin* at this time.

**FALL MEETING 1993:** It was decided to explore the possibility of meeting at Hays.

**LIST OF 10 BEST BIRDS:** There will be an informal report. The list has not been reviewed by the Kansas Bird Records Committee. Max Thompson moved to delete the compilation of the 10 best birds of the year from the duties of the Kansas Bird Records Committee. The motion was seconded. The motion was passed.

**ENDOWMENT FUND:** KOS needs to raise an endowment fund from its members. It also would be wise to keep back 10% of the income from Life Memberships as a hedge against inflation.

Max Thompson moved that the meeting adjourn. Mick McHugh seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted, Dwight R. Platt, Corresponding Secretary

## KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING 1992

Breukelman Hall  
Emporia State University  
Emporia, Kansas  
October 3 - 4, 1992

The 45th Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society met in Breukelman Hall on the campus of Emporia State University in Emporia, KS. Elmer Finck was chair of the local arrangements committee.

### Saturday, October 3, Morning Session

Elmer Finck opened the meeting by welcoming members of KOS to Emporia on behalf of the Biology Department at Emporia State University and the Kanza Audubon Chapter. David Seibel, President of KOS, thanked Elmer and the local committee for their efforts in planning the meeting and thanked members for attending. Elmer Finck thanked Marvin and Floy Schwilling for their help in preparing for the meeting. He turned the meeting over to Vice President Dave Bryan who chaired the paper session. The papers were presented as listed on the program.

The morning business meeting was called to order by President David Seibel at 11:25 a.m.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the 1991 Annual Meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rose Fritz presented an interim report from January 1 to September 30, 1992 (see attached report). Income to the general fund had been \$3,566.42 and expenses had been \$5,498.35.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Diane Seltman reported that membership had increased by 27 and now stood at 444. Contacting interested persons who had responded to the Bird Feeder Survey resulted in 35 new members. She encouraged members to organize local field trips and start local bird groups to recruit members. She announced that T-shirts, decals and bird checklists were available for sale.

**BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Galen Pittman urged members to get address corrections submitted in time because otherwise mailings are lost. He announced that back issues of the *Bulletin* are available for sale.

**BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT:** Max Thompson reported that he had enough material for the next few issues of the *Bulletin* but needed manuscripts for the June issue.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT:** Chuck Otte urged members to submit contributions to the Newsletter. He would like to publish articles on good birding areas in Kansas and on special birds.

**ACTION ON REPORTS:** A motion was made to approve all officers' reports. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REP:** Mick McHugh, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of nominees for elective positions:

<b>President:</b>	Jim Mayhew
<b>Vice President:</b>	Mike Rader
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Dwight Platt
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	Diane Seltman
<b>Business Manager:</b>	Galen Pittman
<b>Board Members:</b>	Joanne Brier
	Lloyd Moore

The terms of Board Members Allen Jahn and Scott Seltman do not expire.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Announcements were made concerning lunch arrangements.

A motion was made to adjourn for lunch. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

**Saturday, October 3, Afternoon Session**

The afternoon session began with the Birdwatcher's Hour at 1:30 p.m. Mike Rader chaired the afternoon paper session which began at 2:00 p.m. Chris Hobbs, the first speaker, presented a report on an Allen's Hummingbird record in northeastern Kansas. The other papers were presented in the order scheduled. The paper session lasted until 4:45 p.m.

The afternoon business meeting was called to order by David Seibel at 4:50 p.m.

**BIRD DISCOVERY BOXES:** Bob Gress reported that four bird discovery boxes had been constructed with KOS funds and one additional one with Wichita Wild funds. They have been distributed to Pittsburg, Johnson County, Chaplin Nature Center and Wichita.

**LOCAL FIELD TRIPS:** Mike Rader reported that he is organizing field trips in different parts of the state and four more are scheduled this year. It is hoped that these may interested people who are not now members of KOS.

**BIRDING HOTLINE:** Scott Seltman reported that the hotline had been receiving about 10 calls per day.

**SPRING FIELD TRIP:** The Spring Field Trip in 1993 is scheduled for Camp Horizon in the south central part of the state the first weekend in May.

**ANNUAL FALL MEETING:** The Annual Fall Meeting is tentatively schedule for Hays in 1993.

**KANSAS NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Elmer Finck reported that KOS had not had a representative at the last few Council meetings. If no representative is in attendance at the next meeting, KOS may lose its position on the Council.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:** The slate of officers had been nominated by the Nominating Committee at the morning business session. David Seibel asked for additional nominations from the floor for any position. A motion was made to elect the slate of officers and board members presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

**APPRECIATION:** David Seibel thanked the old officers and board members and appointive officers for their work during the past year. He also thanked the local arrangements committee for a job well done.

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** Roger Boyd suggested that we take group photographs at the next few annual meetings in preparation for the 50th annual meeting.

**NORTON COUNTY RECORDS:** Scott Seltman announced that he is compiling bird records from Morton County and would appreciate receiving records from KOS members.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:** Jim Mayhew announced that he had appointed Roy Beckemeyer as a volunteer coordinator for KOS to facilitate volunteering for bird projects.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business meeting. The motion carried.

**Saturday, October 3, Evening Banquet**

The Annual Banquet was served at the American Legion Hall in Emporia. After a delicious meal, Jim Mayhew opened the meeting. He thanked all those who had worked on preparations for the meeting. He also thanked David Seibel, past president, for his efforts on behalf of the society.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:** Chuck Otte, chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented a resolution of thanks to those on local committees, to speakers and to officers.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:** Betsy Johnson and Eddie Stegall had earned life memberships but were not present to receive their pins.

**TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR:** Max Thompson reported on the 10 best birds of the year:

10. Lesser Goldfinch (nesting)
9. Swainson's Warbler
8. Great Black-backed Gull
7. Black-throated Sparrow
6. White-throated Swift
5. Calliope Hummingbird
4. Grace's Warbler
3. Glossy Ibis (Lake Perry)
2. Canyon Wren
1. Allen's Hummingbird

Elmer Finck introduced John Zimmerman who gave an interesting talk on Cheyenne Bottoms.

#### **Sunday, October 4, Morning Field Trips**

Field trips were held on Sunday morning in the vicinity of Emporia. The lunch and compilation was at 12:00. A total of 100 species of birds were seen.

The Annual Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Dwight R. Platt, Corresponding Secretary

#### **KOS Fall Meeting Field Trips Checklist**

On Sunday morning October 4th, 30 plus KOS Fall Meeting participants partook in birding field trips in and around Emporia including Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge and Lyon State Fishing Lake. 100 species were tallied by the groups and, thanks to the record keeping of Galen Pittman, the list follows. Unusual species for the time of year and/or location are marked with an asterisk (\*).

Pied-billed Grebe, White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Green-winged Teal, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Blue-winged Teal, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Cooper's Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Northern Bobwhite, American Coot, Sandhill Crane, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary Sandpiper, Spotted Sandpiper, Ruddy Turnstone\*, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Common Snipe.

Franklin's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Forster's Tern, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Eastern Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl, Common Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Tree Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Bewick's Wren, House Wren, Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, American Pipit, Sprague's Pipit\*.

Loggerhead Shrike, European Starling, Solitary Vireo, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Palm Warbler\*, Black-and-white Warbler, Yellow Breasted Chat, Northern Cardinal, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Sharp-tailed Sparrow\*, Song Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, Great-tailed Grackle, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

## SPRING AND SUMMER ROUNDUP/ March through July 1992/ by Scott Seltman

After a poor winter season of birding, Kansas birders were hoping for an exciting spring to even the score. But birds have minds of their own and their instincts often run in direct conflict with our wishes. Although spring and summer produced several very important sightings of rarities, the birding was generally pretty slow. The perceived excitement of spring migration usually depends rather heavily on the number and variety of passerines found, which means that by traditional standards the spring of '92 was a bust. But on the other hand, a rather impressive list of waterbirds was gathered by Kansas birders, making the imbalance of the season a little less noticeable. So many birders contributed their sightings that the following records are primarily limited to birds seen either out-of-place or out-of-season. Many birds arrived very early and some stayed ridiculously late. The Wood Thrush that arrived in Lawrence on March 19 was certainly in an awful hurry and the spirited Harris' Sparrow singing blithely away at Tuttle Creek on July 11 had certainly missed his flight north.

The unusually warm weather that began in January 1992 continued right into May in most parts of the state. Drought gripped much of Kansas by mid-May, drought that was severe enough in parts of western Kansas that growing wheat died, grasslands remained a wintry brown and trees refused to leaf out. In much of the west the effects of the Halloween Blizzard of 1991 became evident; that storm, which had dropped temperatures nearly 100°F in two days, had stressed many trees beyond their limit and a huge percentage were now dead. The worst area I saw was in western Ford County where in one neighborhood perhaps 90% of the mature trees failed to leaf by June 1. The local adage that "it always rains at the end of a dry spell" eventually came true around May 1 when news reports about the drought were interrupted by flash flood bulletins. For all but the southwest corner of Kansas the balance of the summer was to be one of the coolest and wettest on record. In Wichita the temperatures reached their normal highs only 24 days between June 1 and August 31. At the Seltman farm in southwestern Rush County the 24.85 inches of rain received in the 96 days between May 10 and August 13 equaled the precipitation for the previous 605 days dating back to August 16, 1990. Fantastic hail storms stuck south central Kansas several times in May. A devastating freeze occurred over northwestern Kansas on May 26 with lows of 27°F at Goodland, 24 °F at Colby and 22°F at Atwood. The only thing missing was a howling blizzard. Oh well, maybe next year!

It is difficult to assess the effect that all this strange weather had on birds. The spring migration that at first seem to start much too early in the dry heat of April seemed to drag on forever with migrating flycatchers, warblers and thrushes still present in northwest Kansas in mid-June. Strict insectivores were probably the hardest hit as late freezes and generally cold weather held insect populations very low right into June. Starving Purple Martins were reported in Hutchinson and Wichita. Many nests of a wide range of species were no doubt destroyed by the hail and the driving rains. Yes, it was a tough summer for birds but could have been worse. Just consider what would have happened had the rains NOT come! The rains were especially welcome at Cheyenne Bottoms though the basin did not really begin to fill until June. Water conditions at Quivira were excellent and in northwest Kansas the super-low reservoirs all received excellent inflows, except for hapless Cedar Bluff.

Three of the records listed below deserve special mention. The Glossy Ibis found west of Valley Falls finally vaulted that species onto the Kansas Checklist. There are several recent records from northeast Colorado and this species should be considerably easier to find in Kansas. Several birders have seen possible Glossys in recent years but lacked the courage to report them. Perhaps now the records will start trickling in much as they have with several other recently discovered species. White-throated Swift was finally captured on film in April, a fact that should remove it from the hypothetical list for Kansas. The photos of the birds in Lawrence leave little doubt as to their identity. With Swainson's Warbler apparently on the decline through much of its range, most Kansas listers expected that little space on the field card to remain blank more or less forever. But the discovery of a male on territory in Montgomery County less than 20 miles north of Oklahoma allowed about twenty birders to add this much-sought-after species to their lists. Other species of note include the Piping Plover which was seen in fair numbers especially at Quivira. All records of this endangered species should be reported and published. At least three pair of Bald Eagles nested in Kansas in 1992, however the nest begun by a pair in the Stockdale area on the west side of Tuttle Creek in early March was abandoned by the end of the month.

Coverage of many hotspots was spotty at best this spring as many of our state's more active birders were simply too busy to "waste" a day a Cheyenne Bottoms or at Marais des Cygne or at the Cimarron Grasslands. What could possibly be so important that birdwatchers would pass up a weekend of hot birding at their favorite locale? The Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas project. In fact, almost every birder worth his or her salt were so consumed with exploring their personal patches of earth that they had little time for anything else. This very important project, which will take at least five years to complete, needs and deserves the full attention of every serious birder in Kansas. John Zimmerman at KSU will be happy to grant a block assignment somewhere in the state to any willing volunteer. (My only suggestion is that before accepting a block that you find out two things: 1. Are there any roads in the block? and 2. Are there any trees in the block?) The atlas project has already produced some interesting finds and it seems likely that the breeding ranges of some species in Kansas will undergo considerable revision by the end of the program.

After six years and more than 20 installments of this feature I have run out of thing to say so beginning with the next issue of the *Horned Lark* a new author will be writing this column. The KOS has a long tradition of publishing bird records beginning with the first issues of the *KOS Bulletin* and continuing on through twenty years of the KOS Newsletter. It was my intention when I began the seasonal summaries in 1987 to bring KOS in line with many other progressive ornithological societies that were already collecting and publishing bird records according to season. At first, because so few birders contributed their records, some critics called it a "brag sheet," but the 70 observers listed at the end of this report are a very representative cross-section of our club's membership. Publication of sight records is always controversial, but by delaying publication for several months after the end of each reporting period many of the questionable reports can be investigated and in some cases voted upon by the Records Committee. It seems that good bird records are a little like good chile . . . it's best to let them simmer awhile before serving them up to the public. It is also apparent that the publication of certain records has dramatically upgraded the official status of many species in Kansas. Sightings of Pacific Loon, Clark's Grebe, Ross' Goose, Thayer's Gull, etc. have exploded in recent years primarily because birders have been educating each other as to where these birds tend to show up and when to look for them. Any birdwatcher looking for a particular bird inside Kansas need only read the seasonal accounts and use them as "road maps." Hopefully the tradition of the seasonal summaries is well enough established that their publication will continue indefinitely.

I will continue to keep track of the verbal reports that come in on the KOS Rare-Bird-Alert, but written reports should be sent directly to Chuck Otte, Editor, *The Horned Lark*, 613 Tamerisk, Junction City, KS, 66441. Records for the fall season, August through November 1992, should be mailed as soon as possible. As usual, all of the following entries are subject to consideration by the Kansas Bird Records Committee.

#### BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS / March through July 1992

Pacific Loon	1 on Pott. Lake # 2	DR	4-09-92	Pott.
Common Loon	5 on Perry	LM	3-25-92	Jefferson
Common Loon	<u>14</u> on Perry, 13 in alt. plumage	MI	4-04-92	Jefferson
Common Loon	1 still present Wyandotte Co. Lake	LM	<u>6-06-92</u>	Wyandotte
Eared Grebe	1 at Clinton	LM,GP	3-01-92	Douglas
Eared Grebe	3 at LaCygne Power Lake	CH	3-15-92	Linn
Eared Grebe	2 at MDC	MM	3-15-92	Linn
<b>Brown Pelican</b>	1 below Tuttle Creek	TC,DR	7-26-92	Pott.
(This bird was found by Cable and photographed by Rintoul. Last seen by Chris Smith on 7-27.)				
Double-cr. Cormorant	<u>15,000</u> reported from ElDorado Lake	PJ,GGe,IE	4-25-92	Butler
Double-cr. Cormorant	about 15 pairs nesting at CB	SS,DS,DB	7-25-92	Barton
(Later in the summer it appeared that some young fledged from this nesting, although numbers were difficult to judge.)				
Neotropic Cormorant	1 at MDC	m.ob.	5-09-92	Linn
	still present	LM	6-22-92	Linn
	2 birds present	LM	6-27-92	Linn
	1 still present at MDC	LM,MM	7-19-92	Linn

# 14 (Birding Highlights, Contd)

Neotropic Cormorant	1 at Quivira	SS,DS,DB	5-23-92	Stafford
American Bittern	1 at Perry WMA	DLS	4-12-92	Jefferson
American Bittern	1 at Perry WMA	DLS	5-09-92	Jefferson
Least Bittern	1 calling at West Lassiter Marsh	LM,MM	6-09-92	Jefferson
	heard again	LM	6-13-92	Jefferson
<b>GLOSSY IBIS</b>	1 at W. Lassiter Marsh	JB,J&NL	5-03-92	Jefferson

(This Ibis was photographed and is apparently the first documented state record. Separation of Glossy and White-faced Ibis is a perilous business, but this individual had the distinctive facial markings of a breeding-plumaged Glossy. Birders east of the Mississippi rely heavily on red eye color to pick out the odd White-faced, but this approach does not work in reverse in the west. Several unpublished sight records have been reported for Glossy Ibis including a convincing report from Cheyenne Bottoms by Colorado's Wade Leitner in the mid-1980's, but no sightings have previously been accepted. Expect this species to be reported more frequently in the future.)

<b>Glossy Ibis</b>	unconfirmed report from Quivira	LF	5-09-92	Stafford
White-faced Ibis	1 s. of Ogden	DLS	4-18-92	Riley
White-faced Ibis	150 at Quivira	PJ	4-24-92	Stafford
White-faced Ibis	1-4 in alt. plumage at Perry WMA	DLS	4-25-92	<u>Jefferson</u>
			to 5-02-92	
White-faced Ibis	1 in alt. plumage at Perry WMA	DLS	5-31-92	<u>Jefferson</u>
Tundra Swan	4 at Quivira	MR	3-01-92	Stafford
	birds still present	MR	3-15-92	Stafford
	1 still present	TSh,SSh	3-22-92	Stafford
Trumpeter Swan	3 at Milford reported by Wildlife & Parks		3-23-92	Geary
Ross' Goose	7 at w. end of Clinton	LM,GP	3-01-92	Douglas
Ross' Goose	2	BF,GG	3-15-92	Coffey
Ross' Goose	1 at old Pratt fish hatchery	KB	3-15-92	Pratt
			to 3-23-92	
Ross' Goose	3 below John Redmond	BF	3-29-92	Coffey
Ross' Goose	1 at Quivira	SS	3-29-92	Stafford
Ross' Goose	1 at Liberal's sewer lake	DB,SS	4-04-92	Seward
Ross' Goose	1 nw. of Cullison	KB	4-06-92	Pratt
Ross' Goose	1 at Quivira	SS	5-02-92	Stafford
Brant	1 "Black" Brant w. edge Pittsburg	TG	3-28-92	Crawford
Am. Black Duck	1 at Perry WMA	DLS	3-29-92	Jefferson
Cinnamon Teal	pair at W. Lassiter Marsh	LM	3-25-92	Jefferson
Cinnamon Teal	1 at Oxford sewer ponds	WC,J&ND	3-26-92	Sumner
	still present	Wichita Aud.	3-28-92	Sumner
Cinnamon Teal	2 at Tuttle Creek	DR	4-25-92	Riley?
Ring-necked Duck	2 pair lingering very late	LM	6-14-92	Linn
			to 6-22-92	
Greater Scaup	2 males at sandpit nw. J.C.	DLS,CO,JO	3-01-92	Geary
Greater Scaup	1 at Quivira	MR	3-01-92	Stafford
Greater Scaup	1 at Harvey Co. East Lake	GF	3-26-92	Harvey
Red-breasted Merganser	1 late male at Perry	RR	6-09-92	Jefferson
Bald Eagle	3 fledglings at Clinton	m.ob.	June 92	Douglas
Bald Eagle	imm. seen below Tuttle at K-177	DC,DM	June 92	Riley&Pott.
(This bird was seen along Blue River several times from early June until 6-21.)				
Northern Harrier	parents feeding young e. Gove	SS	6-12-92	Gove
Northern Goshawk	1 at n. end Harvey Co. Lake	JNi	3-14-92	Harvey
Northern Goshawk	imm. along Wichita's Big Ditch	JN	3-27-92	Sedgwick
Northern Goshawk	adult and imm. roosting e. Lenora	SS	4-22-92	Norton
Northern Goshawk	n. of Rozel	DS	4-22-92	Pawnee
Northern Goshawk	imm. at Konza Prairie	DR,m.ob.	4-25-92	Riley
Broad-winged Hawk	1 seen at Kaw River bridge U.S. 24	TC	6-20-92	Pott.
(Several June sightings at this site gave rise to speculation of nearby breeding.)				
Rough-legged Hawk	1 very late bird	DS	5-19-92	Rush



Golden Eagle	1 at Slate Creek Marsh	MT	3-07-92	Sumner
Golden Eagle	feeding on G-B Heron carcass	HG,m.ob.	4-26-92	Stafford
Golden Eagle	carcass of first-winter at State Lake	SS	5-30-92	Hamilton
Prairie Falcon	1 roosting on Wichita South stadium	BR	3-17-92	Sedgwick to 3-20-92
Peregrine Falcon	1 over Garden City	MO	4-22-92	Finney
Peregrine Falcon	1 adult at Perry WMA	DLS	4-24-92	Jefferson
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Quivira	KB	4-26-92	Stafford
Peregrine Falcon	1 at Quivira	SS,m.ob.	5-02-92	Stafford
Peregrine Falcon	1 at MDC	TB	5-09-92	Linn
Black Rail	3 heard at Quivira	SP,m.ob.	4-24-92	Stafford
Black Rail	2 in road ditch	m.ob.	5-02-92	Stafford
Virginia Rail	6 below Milford Dam	DLS	3-08-92	Geary
	still present to early June	m.ob.	June 92	Geary
Common Moorhen	1 at CB	SS,DS,DB	7-25-92	Barton
Sandhill Crane	12 at John Redmond	MI,GK	3-28-92	Coffey
Whooping Crane	2 at Quivira		4-10-92	Stafford
Whooping Crane	8 more at Quivira		4-12-92	Stafford
Snowy Plover	3 arrivals at Quivira	TSh,SSh	3-22-92	Stafford
Snowy Plover	1st county record Elkhart sewer	m.ob.	4-25-92	Morton
Piping Plover	6 at Quivira	GK	4-16-92	Stafford
Piping Plover	7 at Quivira	SP,m.ob.	4-24-92	Stafford
Piping Plover	12 at Quivira	BVD	4-26-92	Stafford
Piping Plover	2 at Wichita's Big Ditch	PJ,JN,DK	5-03-92	Sedgwick
Piping Plover	1 at Kaw Valley Fish Farm	GP	7-14-92	Douglas
Piping Plover	1 below Milford Dam	CO	7-22-92	Geary
Piping Plover	2 at Quivira	PJ,BD,JN,JoeS	7-29-92	Stafford
American Avocet	3 nests at playa, destroyed by rain	L&BR	7-27-92	Finney
Whimbrel	10 at Quivira	JN	5-11-92	Stafford
Whimbrel	1 at Wilson Lake	MR	5-13-92	Russell
Whimbrel	1 at Quivira	m.ob.	5-23-92	Stafford
Whimbrel	1 at Upper Ferguson Marsh	RR,DLS	5-31-92	Jefferson
Whimbrel	1 at Quivira	GP	7-12-92	Stafford
Hudsonian Godwit	2 at Kaw Valley Fish Farm	LM	7-15-92	Douglas
Ruddy Turnstone	2 at Quivira	m.ob.	5-23-92	Stafford
Baird's Sandpiper	7 at Slate Creek Marsh	MT	3-07-92	Sumner
Dunlin	1 in alternate plumage	GP	7-12-92	Stafford
	still present	GF	7-20-92	Stafford
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1 at Wichita's Big Ditch	PJ	5-03-92	Sedgwick
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1 at Kaw Valley Fish Farm	MI,GK	7-23-92	Douglas
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	4 seen 8 mi. w. Phillipsburg	DP	7-27-92	Phillips
Short-billed Dowitcher	1 at w. end Clinton	LM	7-08-92	Douglas
Laughing Gull	adult at W. Lassiter Marsh	MI,LMO,GK	5-02-92	Jefferson
Laughing Gull	juv. at Wakefield end of Milford	CO,JO	7-17-92	Clay
Little Gull	1 first-winter along Milford dam	DR,m.ob.	4-25-92	Geary
Bonaparte's Gull	12 at Clinton	LM	3-03-92	Douglas
Thayer's Gull	2 first-winter at Perry	LM	4-04-92	Jefferson
Black-legged Kittiwake	adult well seen at Perry	CH	4-03-92	Jefferson
Caspian Tern	1 late migrant at Big Ditch	PJ	6-03-92	Sedgwick
Caspian Tern	pair seen through summer Clinton	DM,m.ob.	-92	Douglas
	(Pair seen in Rock Creek arm on 6-17 and still present on 7-14.)			
Caspian Tern	3 below Milford Dam	CO	7-13-92	Geary
Caspian Tern	1 dead at Kaw Valley Fish Farm	LM,m.ob.	7-15-92	Douglas
	(This Caspian and several smaller terns were lying dead around the feeding ponds. Foul play?)			
Common Tern	5 at w. end Clinton	LM	7-08-92	Douglas
Forster's Tern	42 below Milford Dam	CO	7-13-92	Geary

16 (Birding Highlights, Contd)

Least Tern	3 seen along Salt Fork of Ark.	PJ,JN,JY	5-24-92	Comanche
Inca Dove	<u>small flock</u> at Garden City zoo	DanBaffa	<u>3-15-92</u>	Finney
(This group of Inca Doves apparently contained up to seven individuals. Inca Doves reappeared in Garder City in September giving rise to speculation about nearby breeding. The latest March sighting was on March 18.)				
Long-eared Owl	nest with young e. shore Cheney	DV,PJ	4-17-92	Reno??
Long-eared Owl	6 in shelterbelt Speed atlas block	DP	3-31-92	Phillips
	adult flushed from nest same spot	DP	5-23-92	Phillips
Saw-whet Owl	still present at Lake Perry	m.ob.	3-01-92	Jefferson
	seen through		3-07-92	Jefferson
<u>White-throated Swift</u>	about 5 birds at KU's Fraser Hall	CB,m.ob.	4-17-92	Douglas
(When Chris Burris called in this report to the hotline I urged him to photograph these birds. A few hours later the first documented proof of this species in Kansas was in hand. Other observers saw these birds the same day and early on 4-18. A White-throated Swift was seen on the campus of KSU in Manhattan on 11-02-78, perhaps suggesting some obscure correlation. Jayhawks or Wildcats insert joke here:				
<u>Black-ch. Humm.</u>	1 male coming to Elkhart feeder	VG	5-05-92	Morton
Broad-tailed Humm.	1 male at feeders in G. C.	L&BR,TSh,SSh	7-26-92	Finney
(This male was in excellent plumage and gave typical shrill whistle in flight. Good photographs taken. Last seen on 7-28.)				
Red-naped Sapsucker	1 at I-70 rest area w. Colby	CO	3-24-92	Thomas
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1 very early bird in Elkhart	SS,m.ob.	<u>4-25-92</u>	Morton
Yellow-bellied Fly.	1 at Webster Wildlife Area	JS,MR	5-08-92	<u>Rooks</u>
Alder Flycatcher	<u>15</u> identified at Ft. Leavenworth	CH	5-13-92	Leavenworth
Eastern Phoebe	1 early arrival	LM	<u>3-03-92</u>	Douglas
Eastern Phoebe	nest of 3 early young Antelope L.	JS	5-08-92	Graham
Say's Phoebe	1 very early arrival	JN,DK	<u>3-03-92</u>	Stafford
Say's Phoebe	another early arrival	MR	3-15-92	Ellsworth
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1 on territory e. Boy Scout area	TC	7-01-92	Morton
Eastern Kingbird	1 early arrival in Manhattan area	DR	<u>4-11-92</u>	Riley?
Purple Martin	early arrivals in Winfield	MT	3-07-92	Cowley
Cliff Swallow	15 at Wilson's Hell Creek bridge	MR	3-31-92	Russell
Black-billed Magpie	1A,1I sw. of J.C.	DLS	7-05-92	<u>Geary</u>
Fish Crow	6-7 seen along Spring River	SP	5-01-92	Cherokee
Fish Crow	several along Spring River	PJ,JN	5-06-92	Cherokee
Fish Crow	2 seen 1/2 mi. ne. Lowell	LH	7-14-92	Cherokee
Chihuahuan Raven	windmill nest nw. Feterita	SS	5-30-92	Stevens
Rock Wren	1 early arrival at Wilson St. Park	MR	<u>3-03-92</u>	Russell
Townsend's Solitaire	1 at Perry		3-07-92	<u>Jefferson</u>
	still present	JL	4-01-92	<u>Jefferson</u>
Townsend's Solitaire	1 late bird in Maple Grove Cem.	PJ	4-13-92	Sedgwick
Wood Thrush	1 record early report in Lawrence	MW	<u>3-19-92</u>	Douglas
Sprague's Pipit	10 ne. of Udall	PJ,m.ob.	4-25-92	Cowley
Blue-winged Warbler	1 at Upper Ferguson Marsh	DLS	5-03-92	Jefferson
(Same bird or another Blue-winged singing 5-30 and 5-31.)				
Golden-winged Warbler	1 at birdbath in Wichita	BM	5-04-92	Sedgwick
Golden-winged Warbler	1 male singing at Perry WMA	DLS	5-09-92	Jefferson
(Same bird singing on 5-10.)				
Tennessee Warbler	1 male singing very late on BBS	DLS	<u>6-07-92</u>	Jefferson
Virginia's Warbler	1 at Scott Lake St. Park	SS,MR,DB	5-10-92	Scott
Virginia's Warbler	1 at Chisholm Park	PJ	5-14-92	Sedgwick
Northern Parula	1 singing in St. Francis	KOS	5-09-92	<u>Cheyenne</u>
Cape May Warbler	1 male singing at Perry WMA	DLS	5-17-92	Jefferson
Black-th. Blue Warbler	1 at Galena	JN	5-06-92	Cherokee
Townsend's Warbler	2 in Elkhart	m.ob.	4-25-92	Morton
Blackburnian Warbler	1 late migrant at Lone Star	PW	6-04-92	Douglas

Yellow-throated Warbler	1 very early arrival at Ft. Leav.	JS	4-11-92	Leavenworth
Yellow-throated Warbler	1 seen along Republican R.	KOS,m.ob.	5-09-92	<u>Cheyenne</u>
Pine Warbler	1 at Wyandotte Co. Lake	LM	5-14-92	Wyandotte
Prairie Warbler	1 at Chisholm Park	JN,m.ob.	5-10-92	Sedgwick
Prairie Warbler	1 singing male	TC	5-30-92	Riley
Cerulean Warbler	1 in Wathena atlas block	GP,RF	7-19-92	<u>Doniphan</u>
American Redstart	<u>100+</u> seen at Ft. Leavenworth	TC	5-17-92	Leavenworth
Prothonotary Warbler	1 on territory below Tuttle dam	DR	6-13-92	Pott.
Worm-eating Warbler	1	PJ,JN	5-06-92	Cherokee
<u>Swainson's Warbler</u>	1 sw. of Elk City Lake	EM,m.ob.	6-14-92	Montgomery
(This warbler was inside an atlas block and was found by Ed Miller. It was photographed and was seen by about 20 observers. This is the first irrefutable record of Swainson's Warbler in many years and only about the sixth overall. It was last seen by Miller on 6-25.)				
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	1 singing male at Upper Ferguson still present	DLS	5-23-92	Jefferson
Canada Warbler	1 late migrant at Lone Star	CH,DLS	5-24-92	Jefferson
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1 very early arrival at Ft. Leav.	PW	6-04-92	Douglas
Black-headed Grosbeak	1 male at Schermerhorn Park	??	4-11-92	Leavenworth
Baird's Sparrow	1 at ElDorado Lake	JN	5-06-92	<u>Cherokee</u>
<u>Golden-crowned Sparrow</u>	adult at Topeka feeder	PJ,IE,GGe	4-25-92	Butler
		DL,m.ob.	4-22-92	Shawnee
			to 4-27-92	
Harris' Sparrow	singing male at Fancy Creek	DR	7-11-92	Riley
McCown's Longspur	in Manhattan area	DR	4-11-92	<u>Riley?</u>
Smith's Longspur	6 near Lyon Co. St. Lake	BF,GG	3-15-92	Lyon
Eastern Meadowlark	1 singing in Elkhart	SP	4-26-92	<u>Morton</u>
Red Crossbill	1 in McPherson	AJ	3-01-92	McPherson


## EXOTICS


Monk Parakeet	pair roosting in barn at KSU	DR	July 92	Riley
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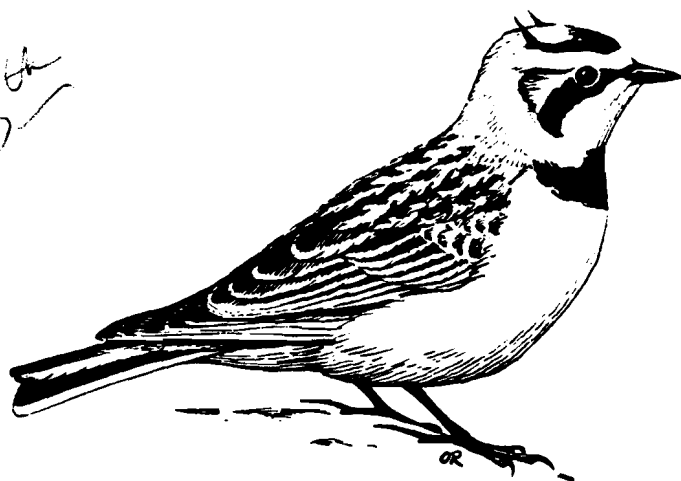
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***From the Keyboard***  
*a few brief notes from the editor*

When it's early August and there's County Fairs to take care of and first waves of fall migration to chase and it's the nicest summer in YEARS, it's tough to stay put at the keyboard long enough to get a newsletter out. But I know how anxious I always was to get the next issue of *The Horned Lark*, so necessity (and a few threatening thunderheads) keep me to my task.

I didn't even hesitate when our persuasive president asked if I would take over as editor of the Horned Lark and I look forward to many (I hope) years of fun and excitement. Our goal is to keep the Horned Lark as interesting, fun, useful and educational as possible. Some parts of it will remain unchanged (it ain't broke don't fix it!) while other parts will be tinkered with. Our trusty typist/layout wizard Dawn and I have some ideas that we will be trying over the next several issues. If you like 'em tell us, if you don't like 'em tell us, if there's something you'd like to see included, tell us.

Starting with this issue we are adding several regular features. One is a "bird of the issue" concept. Another is a "birdwatching hotspot around the state." Both of these will be contributed by birdwatchers around the state, so feel free to make a contribution. I have a journalist friend in north-central Kansas that goes by the pen name of Ol' Buckshot. Buckshot has a deep appreciation for birds and birders and passes on interesting and/or humorous tidbits from time to time which we'll try to include under the heading "Bits of Buckshot."

Other items we will try to print from time to time include: notices of new books or other birdwatching aides, items of interest for computerized birders, backyard birdwatching/bird feeding tips, bird photography tips, who's been traveling where birdwatching...well the list could go on and on. Basically we just want to help you expand your birding horizons and increase your pleasure birdwatching regardless of what your birding level is. Enough twittering for this issue. Read on, enjoy and let us know how we're doing!

Chuck

### EMERGENCY! EMERGENCY! EMERGENCY!

Look toward the end of this newsletter quick! Important Documents attached for those who wish to present papers at the FALL KOS MEETING! Also, Important Documents attached for those who wish to attend! (Until my software gets better acquainted with Chuck's, the face of *The Horned Lark* won't be completely standardized. It will also then take only a couple of days to produce copy for the printer, instead of a whole week...but for now, we're in a short time spot--Dawn). So, PLEASE fill out your forms NOW and call Dave RIGHT AWAY!

## FALL FIELD TRIPS

Mike Rader has put together some dandy field trips for this fall. All of these are Saturday trips so they should fit into most schedules. The list follows and if you don't take advantage of some of these prime locations and quality field trip leaders you're missing a great opportunity! Unless otherwise indicated all phone numbers are home numbers.

- September 20 - Lawrence area with David Seibel for woodland birds. For more information contact *David at (913) 841-7932* or at Johnson County Community College (913) 469-8500 ext. 3133.
- October 31 - Northeast Kansas reservoirs with Dave Bryan for waterfowl, gulls and sparrows. For more information contact *Dave at (913) 341-9584*.
- October 31 - Wichita's Big Ditch with Pete Janzen for LeConte's Sparrow and Cheney for waterfowl and gulls. Meet at Kings-X Restaurant, 21st St & Amidon in Wichita at 8:00 a.m. or call *Pete at (316) 832-0182*.
- November 7 - Milford Reservoir near Junction City with Ted Cable for waterfowl and gulls. For more information contact *Ted at (913) 539-6119*.
- November 14 - Northwest Kansas reservoirs with Scott Seltman for waterfowl and gulls. For more information contact *Scott at (913) 372-5411*.

Mike and the trip leaders have put in a lot of time and effort to get these lined up so let's take advantage of the opportunity. Regardless of whether you are a seasoned pro or a beginner you would enjoy each and every one of these trips, get to meet other KOS members and fellow birders and, who knows, you may just get to find the next Pomarine Jaeger, Yellow-billed Loon or Oldsquaw!

## ATTENTION All Christmas Count Compilers

I would like to get as complete a list as possible of all Christmas/mid-winter bird counts that are planned for this coming season. If you could send me the date, time, meeting location/contact person(s), phone numbers and other necessary points of information we will list those in the next *Horned Lark*. Please send those to me; *Chuck Otte, 613 Tamerisk, Junction City, KS 66441* by November 20.

## Recent Releases

Several books/recordings have hit the market since the last newsletter. By now everyone should be aware of Birds In Kansas, Vol. II and hopefully have acquired their copy! Also recently released is the long awaited and revised "Western Bird Songs" from The Peterson Field Guide Series. This 2 compact disc or 3 cassette tape recording contains the songs and calls of 522 species. A nice addition and well worth the wait! One comment has worked it's way back to the editor already on the "Western Bird Songs." Sharp-eared Dan LaShelle informs me that at the start of the solitary sandpiper you can hear a lesser yellowlegs before you hear the solitary sandpiper. Take a listen and see if you agree.

One book that came out around the start of the year is called The Feather Quest by Peter Dunne. The Feather Quest relates a year of power birding for Peter and Linda Dunne. One thing is for sure....after every chapter I'm ready to go birding!

And for those of you who head to Arizona or other points southwest from time to time, you will want to pick up the revised New Mexico Bird Finding Guide by Zimmerman, Zimmerman and Durrie. I'll be spending a few days in New Mexico between now and the Fall KOS Meetings, so ask me at the Fall meetings how successful I was in utilizing the Guide!

## Bits of Buckshot

E. E. Gibson lives at the west edge of Washington, KS. When he got interested in bluebirds, he went at it in a big way, constructing and erecting more than a dozen nest boxes in his yard and adjoining parkland and pasture.

Despite providing numerous wrenhouse gourds for the wrens, he's been perpetually plagued by wrens wanting to nest in his bluebird houses. Recently, he's been fussing with a pair of wrens trying to set up housekeeping in a bluebird box close to his house. He had thrown out their nest starts many times, but they always came back and tried again.

One day he was mowing the yard nearby when he noticed the mower had cut the head off a garter snake about 7 inches long. He thought: "I'll teach those wrens!"

He put the 6- or 7-inch headless critter in the bottom of the box, expecting to scare the wadding out of a pair of wrens.

Imagine his surprise the next morning to find that the wrens had removed the snake, dropping it near the nestbox post and had at least half a nest of sticks built in the box!

## Natural History Trip To The Rainforest

Just about the time most of us are wrapping up our 1992 bird lists and getting ready to start that 1993 list, you could be in Costa Rica in the middle of a ten day natural history trip (and birdwatching of course!). Eloise Hart from Kansas City has put together an excellent trip leaving Kansas City on December 27, 1992 and returning on January 6, 1993. Highlights of the trip include 1) Selva Verde, a large private tract of tropical rainforest, 2) a butterfly farm with an unbelievable number of species, 3) Palo Verde National Park with "the largest concentration of waterfowl in Central America," and 4) Monteverde Cloud Forest, one of the most famous forests in the Americas and home of the Resplendent Quetzal. Trip cost from Kansas City is \$2690, graduate and undergraduate credit is available from Avila College (tuition extra) and a 4 day extension to Tortuguero National Park is available for an extra \$490. For more information contact *Eloise Hart* at (816) 361-6991.

## Are You Computing?

In one of the upcoming issues of *The Horned Lark* we will be focusing on how birdwatchers are using computers. If you're a computing birder drop me a note and let me know how, why, what you don't have that you'd like to have or anything else. Just drop me a line or give me a call - *Chuck Otte, 613 Tamerisk, Junction City, KS 66441, (913) 238-4161.*

## BIRDS OF CIMARRON NATIONAL GRASSLANDS

by *Ted Cable*

The U.S. Forest Service is sponsoring the production of a book about the birds of the Cimarron National Grasslands and vicinity (i.e. Morton County). Scott Seltman and I have been asked to coordinate this project. To make the book as comprehensive and accurate as possible, we need all of your Morton County bird records. We'll accept your records in whatever form is most convenient for you (checklists, journals, index cards, computer printouts, even scribbled notes on the back of envelopes). We are willing to make photocopies and return originals. In short we want to make it as painless as possible for you to submit your Morton County Bird records. Of course, all those contributing information will be gratefully acknowledged in the book.

#### 4 (Birds of Cimarron..., Cont'd)

Please send your records to: *Ted Cable, Department of Forestry, Call Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506-1602*. If you have any questions about this project, feel free to call me at (913) 532-6923. (Okay folks, I know that there is more than one of you out there who has birded Morton County and probably have a few notes stashed around some where. Ted's asked for it - let's flood him with information! - ed.)

### BIRDING HOTSPOT

by *Chuck Otte*

#### *Walla Walla Road, Geary County*

Walla Walla Road is an almost 2 mile stretch of gravel road just off US77 between Junction City and Milford Lake. But this short stretch of road offers easy access and great diversity in both habitats and bird life.

Take Exit 295 off Interstate 70 and proceed north on US77 for approximately 3.3 miles. Turn west on Walla Walla Road (look for the street sign). Immediately after turning off US77 the road turns back north. Proceed north for 0.4 mile or so and stop anywhere from the low spot in the road on up to where the road turns west. This location is mixed grassland and shrubby/brushy habitat. From mid-May to mid-July this has been an excellent location to find Painted Buntings. They appear to have been nesting in this location for at least the last 5 years. This is also a good location to find an assortment of sparrows in almost any season.

Proceed around the corner and head west down the hill. You will go by two houses toward the bottom of the hill. After you go by the second house, stop again. All along this bottom area (for about 1/4 - 3/8 mile) you have good wooded/riparian habitats. Good seasonal species that can be found here include Scarlet Tanager, Red-eyed Vireo, Northern Parula and Indigo Bunting in the summer and towhees, Fox Sparrows and an assortment of timber loving winter species in the colder months. In migration periods this is a good warbler and flycatcher area.

There are two small bridges along this area. The eastern bridge is over a seasonal streambed, while the western bridge usually has at least a small trickle of water flowing. The western bridge has been a good location for kingfishers, hummingbirds and flycatchers. The big sycamore just north of the road next to the barn at the western bridge has been the home to a brood of Barred Owls for the past several years.

As you proceed on west you will come up out of the stream bottom back onto grassland/field areas just before the road ends at a T. This is another good location for finding open field birds of all sorts. At this point Walla Walla Road ends. But you can easily wander northwest for a couple of miles and find yourself at Milford Lake and Dam, making Walla Walla Road a nice alternate route on the way to birding at Milford Lake.

### SPECIAL SPECIES

by *David Rintoul*

**Common Name:** Northern Harrier (formerly Marsh Hawk, called Hen Harrier in Britain and Europe.)  
**Scientific name:** *Circus cyaneus* (formerly *Circus hudsonius*)

This elegant species has always held a special fascination for me, since it has several unusual characteristics compared to other North American raptors. For example, few raptors have such obvious plumage differences between the sexes. This makes behavioral observations more interesting, as it is possible to distinguish interactions between male and female, between competing males, or between females nesting in close proximity to each other. Courtship behavior in this species is extremely entertaining, with the male



(affectionately known as the "gray ghost" to some birdwatchers) performing swoops, barrel rolls, stalls and dives over perched females. The light and buoyant hunting flight pattern is also unusual, but belies an efficient and deliberate predatory style that is also fascinating. It is estimated that this bird flies about 100 miles every day of its life, and is on the wing for 40% of the daylight hours. Compared to the sedentary red-tail, this bird is an avian athlete. Some of my favorite memories of birdwatching include this bird, at Cheyenne Bottoms, in the marshes of the Sacramento River Valley, and on the tall-grass prairies of the Flint Hills. I was once amazed to watch a male harrier catch a water snake at Cheyenne Bottoms, fly over the incubating female, call out to her, and toss the still-writhing reptile for her to catch in mid-air. On the prairie, an incoming harrier can always freeze a lek of hormonally-crazed prairie chickens. Even though I find it difficult to believe that these gallinaceous godzillas have anything to fear from this delicate-looking raptor, they probably should be fearful since young harriers have been known to attack partridges and chickens that outweigh them considerably.

The species, as currently accepted, is distributed across the Palearctic. The Eurasian form (*C. c. cyaneus*) can be distinguished upon close inspection of birds in the hand, and was long thought to be a separate species from the American form (*C. c. hudsonius*). The Eurasian birds are not found in marshes to the extent that the American birds are, but can be found in open country to a greater extent. This is thought to be due to competition from other marsh-dependent Old World harriers such as Montagu's Harrier (*C. pygargus*) and Marsh Harrier (*C. aeruginosus*). However, the Northern Harrier can be found in open country anywhere in America as well, from sagebrush to montane meadow, and thus the old appellation of Marsh Hawk is a bit inaccurate. This species has been placed on the "Blue List"; declining habitat and pesticide use have contributed to a significant decrease in its numbers in recent years. It would be a serious tragedy if this fascinating and extraordinary raptor would slip toward extinction: our world would be much the poorer place if that is allowed to occur.

## KBBAT NEAR END OF FIRST FIELD SEASON

by John Zimmerman

Atlasing is different. It's really not bird watching; rather, it is watching birds. Identifying the species you see is indeed the first step, but then it is necessary to decide the bird's breeding status. Does it appear to be defending a territory? Is that other bird a trespasser on its territory or its mate? Is the food that it is carrying for itself or is it taking it to feed the young in its nest? And with continued observation, the bird might eventually reveal its well-concealed nest - a lichen-covered bump on a horizontal limb of a hackberry that harbors hungry Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, a mass of twigs in a dogwood thicket that contains the speckled eggs of a Brown Thrasher as well as the smaller egg of a Brown-headed Cowbird, or the grass-lined nest of the Lark Bunting tucked under the eastern side of a squat sagebrush. The goal of birdwatching is to see how many kinds of birds you can find and identify. The goal of atlasing is to discover the most intimate secrets of the birds' life styles. This year a large number of Kansas folks have found atlasing to be a challenging and rewarding endeavor.

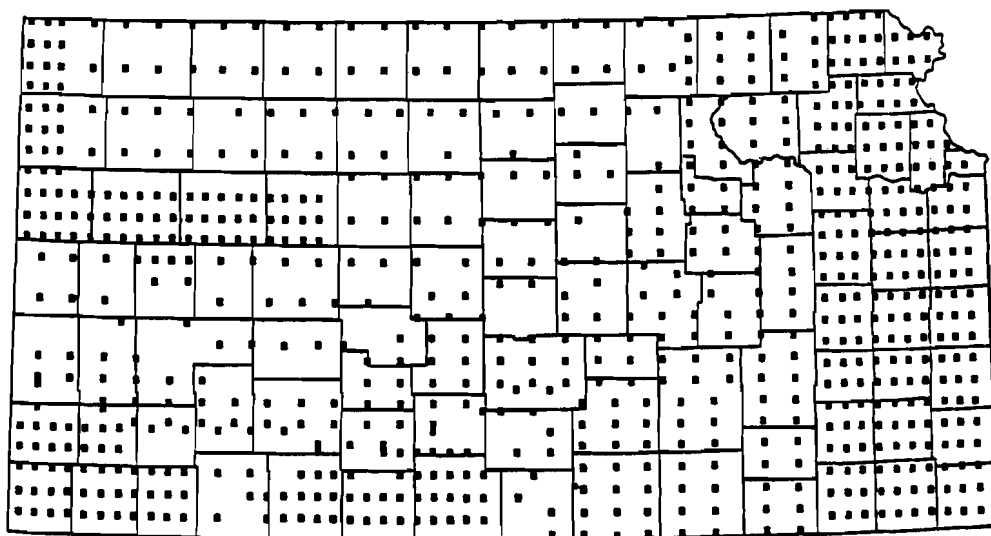
The Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas (KBBAT) is in the first year of a five-year program sponsored by the Kansas Biological Survey, Kansas Ornithological Society and Kansas State University with primary funding by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. A total of 747 survey blocks have been selected that cover the major habitats in Kansas. Each block is 5 kilometers on a side, and volunteers canvas the block, visiting the variety of habitats included to ascertain the breeding status of the species seen according to a scale of certainty ranging from possible, to probable, to confirmed. During the first year 141 participants have accepted the task of surveying 371 blocks. That's close to half of the total blocks, but not all of these will be completed this first year. But as volunteers complete their assigned blocks, they often volunteer for additional blocks. Yet there are many blocks to be done. So if you are interested in participating in this activity, please contact John L. Zimmerman, Division of Biology - Ackert Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, 66506.

The report from this year's effort are just beginning to come in, but some results have already been leaked. The volunteers in the western third of the state have discovered a surprisingly larger number of breeding birds than had been suspected. Perhaps it's a result of this year's good rainfall. Or perhaps it's

## 6 (KBBAT, Cont'd)

simply because birders just haven't bothered to look carefully out there in the "Great American Desert." And down in Montgomery County, a Swainson's Warbler was found singing in a survey block! That's a very rare bird which probably would not have been found had it not been for KBBAT. As the data for this year are collected by the regional coordinators, other interesting results will become known and reported in *The Horned Lark*. Plan on attending the KBBAT Roundtable discussion during the Fall KOS meeting at Emporia on October 3rd.

Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas Project  
Study Block Locations



## STANDARDIZATION OF ENGLISH NAMES OF BIRDS OF THE WORLD

Paul DeBenedictis, Chair, ABA Checklist Committee

I have finally received the BIG mailing on issues before the International Ornithological Congress working group to standardize the English names of birds of the world, so I have a better idea of both where the group is at and where it is headed. Most of the contentious issues will be decided by vote. Unfortunately, I do not have a set of the early principles and guidelines so some of the statements in this article may need to be retracted later. I haven't seen the most recent BOU Checklist, and don't know whether it brings any of these names into conformity. And in a few cases, the choice of a controversial name already seems to have been settled so this is as much an alert as a request for your reactions.

There are a number of issues that deal with the etymology and orthography of names. I'm not going to deal with these at present and may never do so. This announcement deals with issues where the "official" name of an American bird could be changed radically.

The group is very concerned about preserving names widely in use as official (or formal) English names. As a working principle, this means that American birds generally will retain their American (AOU) names, European birds their British (BOU/British Birds) names and so on. However, there are a substantial number of species which occur regularly both in Europe and America but have different English names applied in the respective hemispheres. For these species, consideration of prior use, historical derivation, etc. are suspended -- both usages are considered to be equal. Some other reason (appropriateness, etc.) must be the deciding factor. The bottom line, however, is that to achieve consistency, one side is going to see a familiar (e.g., cherished) name changed.

Because of the deep feelings that many of people have, the working group recognizes that this also is going to be the most difficult part of the task before it. The list which follows gives those cases, stripped of any commentary generated from within the committee. I would appreciate two types of comment on the list: 1) a reason other than "I don't like it" why one name or the other should be preferred, or 2) your "vote" on the entire list. Vote by removing the name you don't like from the list which follows. Anonymous responses will be ignored. In responding it is important to keep in mind that the names under discussion are the bird's formal names, for "technical" publications. You are free to use your own favorite name (e.g. Red-

back for Dunlin; and if Sora were to become Sora Rail, you can still call it a "Sora") in your own communications and notes.

If you are responding as a professional ornithologist, please indicate so. I view my duty on the working group as primarily to represent American non-professionals.

Please return your comments to me; *Dr. Paul DeBenedictis, Educational Communications, SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse, 750 E. Adams, Syracuse, New York 13210*. I am unlikely to reply directly (other than sending a "thanks"); your responses WILL be communicated to the IOC working group, though.

Vote by deleting the name you **DO NOT** want. Add comments as appropriate. Please return your votes to me; *Dr. Paul DeBenedictis, Educational Communications, SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse, 750 E. Adams, Syracuse, New York 13210*.

## I. AMERICAN vs. BRITISH USAGE

<u>Scientific name</u>	<u>American name</u>	<u>British name</u>
Gavia sp.	... Loon	... Diver
Gavia adamsi	Yellow-billed Loon	White-billed Diver
Gavia immer	Common Loon	Great Northern Diver
Podiceps auritus	Horned Grebe	Slavonian Grebe
Podiceps nigricollis	Eared Grebe	Black-necked Grebe
Branta bernicla	Brant	Brent Goose
Melanitta fusca	White-winged Scoter	Velvet Scoter
Clangula hyemalis	Oldsquaw	Long-tailed Duck
Mergus merganser	Common Merganser	Goosander
Phasianus colchicus	Ring-necked Pheasant	Common Pheasant
Lagopus lagopus	Willow Ptarmigan	Willow/Red Grouse
Circus cyaneus	Northern Harrier	Hen Harrier
Buteo lagopus	Rough-legged Hawk	Rough-legged Buzzard
Falco rusticolus	Gyrfalcon	Gyr Falcon
Pluvialis pluvialis	Black-bellied Plover	Grey Plover
Charadrius alexandrinus	Snowy Plover	Kentish Plover
Phalaropus fulicaria	Red Phalarope	Grey Phalarope
Stercorarius sp.	... Jaeger	... Skua
Alca torda	Razorbill	Razor-billed Auk
Alle alle	Dovekie	Little Auk
Uria sp.	... Murre	... Guillemot
Aegolius borealis	Boreal Owl	Tengmalm's Owl
Eremophila alpestris	Horned Lark	Shore Lark

## 8 (Standardization, Cont'd)

<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Bank Swallow	Sand Martin
<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	Northern Shrike	Great Grey Shrike
<i>Carduelis hornemanni</i>	Hoary Redpoll	Arctic Redpoll
<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Red Crossbill	Common Crossbill
<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	White-winged Crossbill	Two-barred Crossbill

### II. Contentious names, species confined to one hemisphere. The current hemispheric use is almost certain to be adopted, but please react anyway.

<i>Hydrobates pelagicus</i>	British Storm-Petrel	European Storm-Petrel
<i>Alectoris chukar</i>	Chukar	Chukar Partridge
<i>Porzana carolina</i>	Sora	Sora/Carolina Crake/Rail*
<i>Fulica atra</i>	Black Coot	Common Coot
<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	Killdeer	Killdeer Plover
<i>Eudromias morinella</i>	Eurasian Dotterel	Mountain Dotterel
<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Rufous-necked Stint	Red-necked Stint
<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Common Skylark	Sky Lark**
<i>Certhia americana</i>	Brown Creeper	American Tree-Creeper***
<i>Emberiza schoenicus</i>	Common Reed-Bunting	Reed Bunting
<i>Emberiza pallasi</i>	Pallas's Reed-Bunting	Pallas's Bunting

\* all four possible combinations are used; if changed, Sora Rail would be favored to preserve local usage of both the modifier and the group name.

\*\* This change would force alterations to the names of several other lark species not part of either the American or European avifaunas.

\*\*\* An alternate proposal is to call the European species Tree Creeper and Short-toed Creeper; Brown Treecreeper is preempted by an Australian species, and orthography of Tree-Creeper is being debated.

### III. Not under serious consideration -- should they be?

<i>Gavia arctica</i>	Arctic Diver/Loon	Black-throated
Diver/Loon		
<i>Phalacrocorax pelagicus</i>	Pelagic Cormorant	Pelagic Shag
<i>Phalacrocorax urile</i>	Red-faced Cormorant	Red-faced Shag
<i>Anas rubripes</i>	Am. Black Duck	Black Mallard
<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Garganey	Garganey Teal
<i>Aythya americana</i>	Redhead	Red-headed Pochard
<i>Aythya valisneriana</i>	Canvasback	Canvas-backed Pochard
<i>Columba livia</i>	Rock Dove	Rock Pigeon
<i>Amazona</i> sp.	... Parrot	... Amazon
<i>Stelidopteryx</i> sp.	... Rough-winged Swallow	... Roughwing
<i>Parula americana</i>	Northern Parula	Northern Parula Warbler
<i>Parula pityaumi</i>	Tropical Parula	Tropical Parula Warbler

REMEMBER - these are the formal English names, not necessarily what we'll call these birds in the field.

## ANNUAL FALL MEETING

The annual fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society will be held on the Emporia State University campus, Emporia, KS October 2-4, 1992. The campus is located at Merchant and 12th street adjacent to Highway 99, off I-35, Exit 130. The meeting will be co-hosted with the Kanza Chapter of the Audubon Society. The Kansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society will also meet with us on that weekend. For information about The Wildlife Society meeting and barbecue contact either Lloyd Fox or Keith Sexson at 913-342-0658. We look forward to your being at our meeting. Please return the pre-registration form by September 25th.

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### Friday, October 2 - SOCIAL GATHERING AT THE SCHWILLINGS

7:30 - 10:00pm Informal gathering hosted by Floy and Marvin Schwillings at their house, 1407 College Drive.

### Saturday, October 3 - BREUKELMAN SCIENCE HALL

8:00 - 9:00 Registration. Juice, rolls and coffee will be provided  
9:00 - 11:30 Paper Sessions with a mid-morning break  
11:30 - 12:00 Business Meeting  
12:00 - 1:15 Lunch  
1:15 - 2:00 Birdwatchers' Hour. Bring your slides to share.  
2:00 - 4:00 Paper Sessions with a mid-afternoon break  
4:00 - 5:00 Business Meeting  
5:00 - 6:00 On Your Own  
6:00 - 7:00 Social Hour - American Legion  
7:00 - Annual Banquet - American Legion. Guest Speaker -  
Dr. John L. Zimmerman

### Sunday, October 4 - FIELD TRIPS

6:30 - 12:00 Field Trips  
12:00 Lunch at Jones Park, 20th Street and Prairie

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### *Motels in Emporia*

#### West end of town on US Highway 50

Super 8 Motel	2913 W. Hwy 50	(316) 342-7567
Quality Inn	3021 W. Hwy 50	342-3770
Days Inn	3032 W. Hwy 50	342-1787
Best Western	3181 W. Hwy 50	342-7587

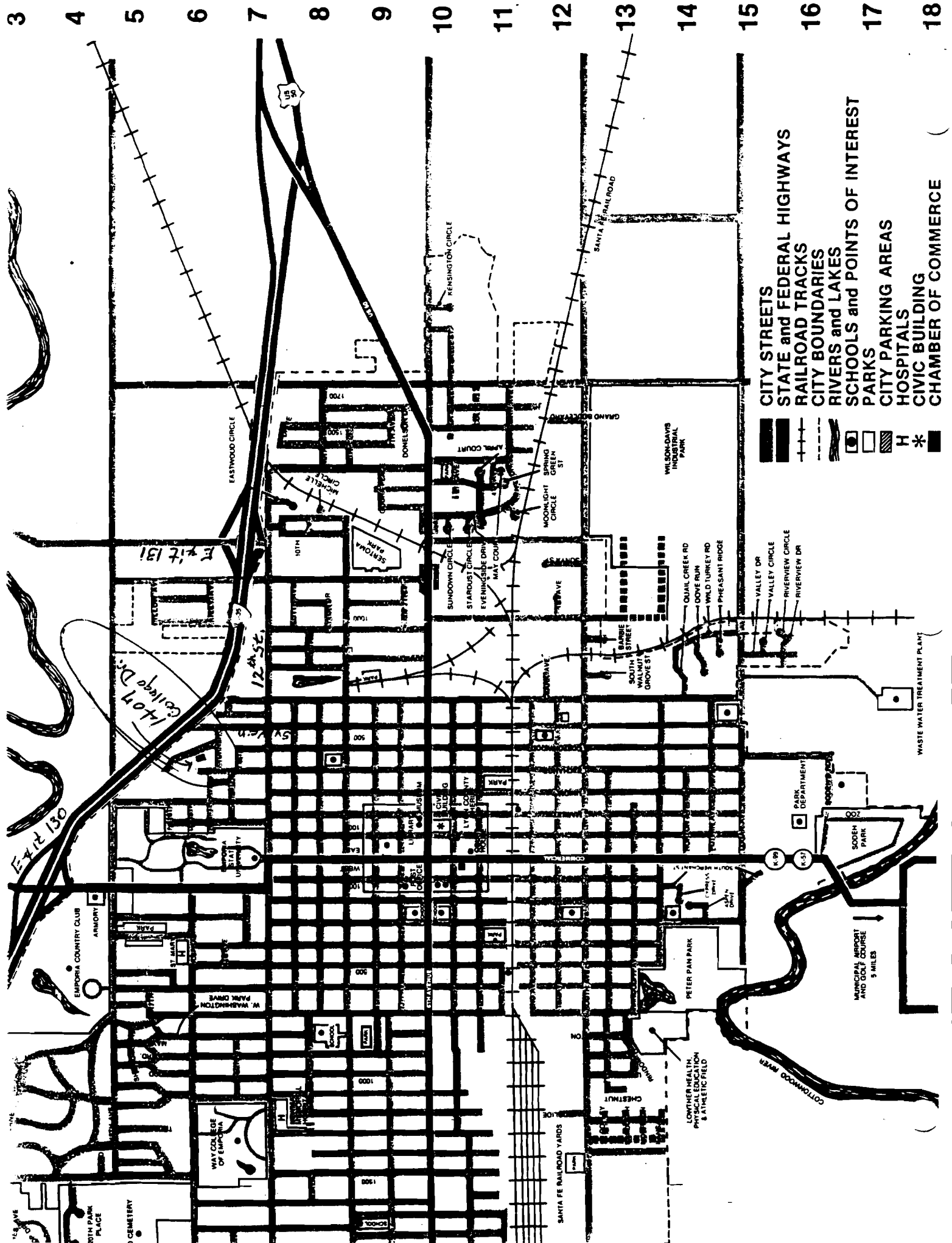
#### Industrial Ave exit (exit 128) from I-35

Holiday Inn	2700 W. 18th Ave.	342-2200
Econo Lodge	2630 W. 18th Ave.	343-1240

#### Merchant St. (K-99) exit (exit 130) from I-35, next to ESU

Ramada Inn	1839 Merchant	342-8850
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Limited Camping at the Ross Natural History Reservation



# CALL FOR PAPERS

K.O.S. Annual Meeting, 1992

The Kansas Ornithological Society will meet October 2, 3 and 4, 1992 at Emporia, Kansas. The contributed paper sessions will be on Saturday, the 3rd. The only requirement is that papers deal with birds in some way! We especially encourage graduate and undergraduate students to present the results of their studies. The most interesting papers are often by people who consider themselves amateurs but nevertheless have considerable expertise. We encourage you to share your experiences with the group. Both long and short presentations are welcome.

We do request that all contributors submit an abstract or short summary (approximately 150 words) of their presentations.

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COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL BY SEPTEMBER 18 TO:

David Bryan  
9214 W. 82nd Terr.  
Overland Park, KS 66204  
Phone: 913-341-9584

Contributed Papers Session, October 3, 1992

AUTHOR(S) \_\_\_\_\_

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TITLE OF PAPER: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Time for presentation and questions:    10 min.                      15 min.                      20 min.

Audio-visual equipment needed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

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REGISTRATION FEES:		
Regular - \$ 5.00 . . . . .	_____	\$_____
Student - \$ 3.00 . . . . .	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch - \$ 3.50 . . . . .	_____	_____
Saturday Banquet - \$10.50 . . . . .	_____	_____
Sunday Box Lunch - \$ 3.50 . . . . .	_____	_____
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Make Checks Payable to: KOS LOCAL COMMITTEE

Send completed forms to: Elmer J. Finck  
KOS Meeting  
Division of Biology, Box 50  
Emporia State University  
Emporia, KS 66801-5087  
(316) 341-5623 (Office)  
(316) 342-4781 (Home)

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 25!**

**BEST BIRD OF THE YEAR**

Mail to: Galen Pittman  
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Lawrence, KS 66044

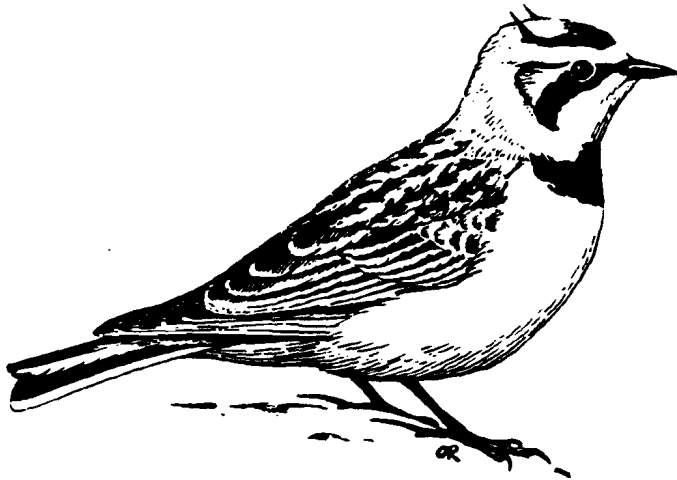
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DETAILS:

Note: You may duplicate this form if you have more than one bird to report.





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### RECYCLED PAPER

This newsletter is printed on recycled paper.

### Welcome to More New KOS Members!

Roy & Pat Beckemeyer, Wichita; Barbara Campbell, Garden City; Wayne Dickerson, Lawrence; Melinda Droege, Bartlesville, OK; Joyce Gottschamer, Pomona; K. D. Hansen, Kansas City; Harry Heckethorn, McPherson; Ms. Marion Hughes, Mission Hills; Betty Huffman, Altamont; Delford & Regina Jamison, Garnett; H. Gordon Jones, Great Bend; Martha King, ElDorado; Shari Krentzel, Oskaloosa; Mary Sue Rose, Lenexa; Paul Schowalter, Larned; F. W. Shelton, Jr., Wichita; Georgia Shultz, Wakarusa; Richard & Kimberly Smith and Betty Strand, Leavenworth.

### Spring 1992 Meeting Attendance and Highlights

The joint meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society and the Colorado Field Ornithologists held in St. Francis, Kansas and Bonny Reservoir, Colorado May 8-10 was a success despite unfavorable weather and light attendance. Saturday the wind gusted from the South at approximately 50 mph, blowing in dust and tumbleweeds but few rare birds. The Saturday evening cookout had to be replaced by supper in a restaurant in St. Francis because of the potential for prairie fires. But some hardy campers spend both nights in tents at the reservoir despite wind, broken tent poles and later, rain.

The group found 121 species with highlights such as Northern Parula, Yellow-throated Warbler and Painted Bunting. Some members birding on the way to and from the meeting found a few interesting birds including Hermit Thrush in Thomas Co., Red Crossbill in Cheyenne Co. and Virginia's Warbler in Scott County.

Thanks to all who helped with the meeting even if it was simply by attending. It was a great opportunity for Kansans and Coloradans to get acquainted and both groups expressed interest in more such joint meetings.

Those attending from Colorado included David Pantle, Joe TenBrink, Jean Maquire, all of Denver; Peter Gent, Boulder; Bob & Juv Fleming, Golden; Bill & Margi Elliot, Lakewood; Bill & Inez Prather, Longmont; and Bob Dickson, Pueblo. Representing Kansas were Dave & Linda Bryan, Overland Park; John Schukman, Leavenworth; David Seibel, Ann Erickson, Lawrence; Pam Wilson, Stanley; Lowell & Wanda Johnson, Ted & Tim Cable, Manhattan; Gregg, Joanna & Rebecca Friesen, Newton; Mike Rader, Wilson; Ray & Karen Ganoung, Hoisington; Michael & Janice Speers, Paul Schowalter, Larned; and Scott & Diane Seltman, Nekoma. One out-of-range birder, Bill Evans, joined us from Mecklenburg, NY.

# Bird Species Seen at Spring Meeting in Cheyenne County, KS & Yuma County, CO, May 9 & 10, 1992

White Pelican	CO	Great Horned Owl	KS	CO	Yellow Warbler	KS	CO
Double-crested		Burrowing Owl		CO	Yellow-rumped Warbler	KS	CO
Cormorant	CO	Chimney Swift	KS	CO	Yellow-throated		
Great Blue Heron	KS	Belted Kingfisher	KS	CO	Warbler	KS	
Green-backed Heron	KS	Red-headed Woodpecker	KS	CO	American Redstart		CO
Canada Goose		Red-bellied Woodpecker	KS	CO	Northern Waterthrush	KS	CO
Wood Duck	KS	Downy Woodpecker	KS	CO	Common Yellowthroat	KS	CO
Mallard	KS	Hairy Woodpecker	KS		Wilson's Warbler		CO
Blue-winged Teal	CO	Northern Flicker	KS	CO	Yellow-breasted Chat	KS	
Cinnamon Teal	CO	Olive-sided Flycatcher		CO	Northern Cardinal	KS	
Northern Shoveler	CO	Least Flycatcher	KS		Rose-breasted Grosbeak	KS	
Gadwall	CO	<i>Empidonax</i> species	KS		Black-headed Grosbeak	KS	CO
American Wigeon	CO	Eastern Phoebe	KS		Blue Grosbeak	KS	
Redhead	CO	Say's Phoebe	KS		Lazuli Bunting		CO
Lesser Scaup	CO	Great-crested Flycatcher	KS		Indigo Bunting		CO
Ruddy Duck	CO	Western Kingbird	KS	CO	Painted Bunting		CO
Turkey Vulture	KS	Eastern Kingbird	KS	CO	Rufous-sided Towhee	KS	CO
Mississippi Kite	KS	Horned Lark	KS	CO	Cassin's Sparrow		CO
Osprey	CO	N. Rough-winged			Chipping Sparrow	KS	CO
Bald Eagle	CO	Swallow	KS	CO	Clay-colored Sparrow	KS	CO
Northern Harrier	KS	Cliff Swallow	KS	CO	Vesper Sparrow	KS	CO
Sharp-shinned Hawk	KS	Barn Swallow	KS	CO	Lark Sparrow	KS	CO
Cooper's Hawk	KS	Blue Jay	KS	CO	Lark Bunting	KS	CO
Swainson's Hawk	KS	Black-billed Magpie	KS	CO	Savannah Sparrow	KS	
Red-tailed Hawk	KS	American Crow	KS	CO	Grasshopper Sparrow		CO
Ferruginous Hawk	CO	Black-capped Chickadee	KS	CO	Song Sparrow		CO
American Kestrel	KS	Rock Wren	KS		Lincoln's Sparrow	KS	CO
Ring-necked Pheasant	KS	House Wren	KS	CO	White-throated Sparrow		CO
Wild Turkey	KS	Eastern Bluebird		CO	White-crowned Sparrow	KS	CO
Northern Bobwhite	KS	Townsend's Solitaire	KS		Red-winged Blackbird	KS	CO
American Coot	CO	Swainson's Thrush	KS	CO	Western Meadowlark	KS	CO
Killdeer	KS	American Robin	KS	CO	Yellow-headed Blackbird		CO
Lesser Yellowlegs	CO	Gray Catbird	KS		Great-tailed Grackle	KS	CO
Solitary Sandpiper	CO	Northern Mockingbird		CO	Common Grackle	KS	CO
Spotted Sandpiper	KS	Brown Thrasher	KS	CO	Brown-headed Cowbird	KS	CO
Upland Sandpiper	CO	Cedar Waxwing	KS	CO	Orchard Oriole	KS	CO
Franklin's Gull	CO	Loggerhead Shrike	KS	CO	Northern Oriole	KS	CO
Ring-billed Gull	CO	European Starling	KS	CO	House Finch	KS	
Forster's Tern	CO	Solitary Vireo		CO	Pine Siskin	KS	CO
Rock Dove	KS	Warbling Vireo	KS	CO	American Goldfinch	KS	CO
Mourning Dove	KS	Orange-crowned Warbler		CO	House Sparrow	KS	CO
Barn Owl	KS	Northern Parula	KS				

You'll notice a new address is on the masthead this month. Don Vannoy has turned the reins over to Chuck Otte of Junction City. Don has served us well, but has decided to turn more of his time to birding and whatever else it is one does when happily retired. (Is there anything else?). Anyway, **Thank You**, Don and Good Luck, Chuck.

Despite the other changes in "management," I'm still doing the typing (Dawn Sharp, that is). Since I had some time due to this and that, I've made some changes. Drop a note to Chuck (see p. 1) and tell us whether you like it or not.

One more tiny thing...if you have something to add to this newsletter that will make it full of information and ideas that will turn heads, **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**, have it to the editor by February 20, May 20, August 20 or November 20. This gives time for clarifications, editing, software problems, hardware problems, illness and any else that could possibly go wrong. (Does anybody get the feeling that I speak from experience?)

And...(as they say)...Now for something completely different...

## NEWS FROM THE KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

As you know, the Kansas Bird Records Committee (KBRC) adopted "new" Procedural Rules that were accepted by the KBRC and the KOS Board of Directors at the 1990 Fall KOS meeting. The Committee experienced some difficulties while getting use to doing things in a new and formal way and got off to a fairly slow start. However, those difficulties have, for the most part, been dealt with and the Committee is well on its way to operating much more smoothly and efficiently. The June 1992 issue of the KOS Bulletin contains the 1991 Annual Report of the KBRC.

This issue of the Horned Lark is going to hopefully inform you about the logistical workings, operational procedures, and philosophy behind the KBRC. Included in this issue is a reprint of an article that appeared in the Point/Counterpoint column of the December 1991 issue of "Birding" magazine. This excellent article is a good introduction to the rationale and necessity for rare bird documentation. Another article that has just been published in the current issue (June 1992) of "Birding" magazine is an absolute "must read" article, for any serious birder, entitled "How to Document Rare Birds" by Donna L. Dittmann and Greg W. Lasley! This article, I predict, will become the "standard" reference for anyone wishing to learn how to properly document bird sightings. If you have any questions about what it takes to write a good record submission, read this article! In response to that oft asked question: "Which bird sightings should I document and submit

to the KBRC?", refer to the KBRC Review List that is also found printed in this issue.

As a matter of catching up with old bookkeeping chores, also included in this issue are the minutes of three KBRC meetings that were held in April 1991, September 1991, and February 1992. In the future, minutes of KBRC meeting will be published in the next available issue of the *Horned Lark* after the meeting has taken place.

In the March 1991 issue of the Horned Lark a complete set of the Procedural Rules of the KBRC was reprinted, which spell out the logistical rules by which the Committee operates. Also, if you read the minutes of the KBRC you will see that as new situations arise new operational "policies" are adopted and old ones evolve or are abandoned. As an aid to understanding how the KBRC functions and to simply keep you informed there is an article included in this issue that updates and interprets the current policies and rules.

Hopefully this issue of the Horned Lark will answer many of your questions about the KBRC and make it easier for you to participate in documenting rare bird sightings in Kansas and therefore make an even greater contribution to what's known about bird distribution in Kansas.

Galen L. Pittman, KBRC Secretary



### Kansas Bird Records Committee Review List

This review list is intended to be a guide for all potential contributors to the Kansas Bird Records Committee as to which species of birds are in need of documentation in Kansas. The four categories listed below are in descending order of importance. The species are listed in taxonomic order within each category.

1. Any species that is **not** currently on the KOS Checklist of Birds of Kansas and is naturally occurring within the state should be documented with physical evidence (e.g., specimens, photos, videos, etc.) whenever it is sighted within the state!
2. Hypothetical species: These species are either already on the KOS Checklist of Birds of Kansas and will be designated as "hypothetical" on the

next edition or are due to be added to the next edition as "hypothetical." All of these species need to be documented with physical evidence whenever they are sighted in the state.

Clark's Grebe  
Eurasian Wigeon  
Common Black-headed Gull  
Great Black-backed Gull  
White-winged Dove  
Western Screech-Owl  
White-throated Swift  
Williamson's Sapsucker  
Black Phoebe  
Fish Crow  
Western Bluebird  
Lesser Goldfinch

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3. Species with less than 10 records in Kansas. These species should be documented whenever they are sighted in the state.

Red-throated Loon  
Red-necked Grebe  
Brown Pelican  
Magnificent Frigatebird  
White Ibis  
Roseate Spoonbill  
Wood Stork  
Greater Flamingo  
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck  
Garganey  
Common Eider  
King Eider  
Barrow's Goldeneye  
Am. Swallow-tailed Kite - greater than 10 records, but not recently  
Black-shouldered Kite  
Harris' Hawk  
Gyr Falcon  
Spotted Redshank  
Eskimo Curlew - greater than 10 records, but not recently  
Curlew Sandpiper  
Ruff  
Pomarine Jaeger  
Long-tailed Jaeger  
Little Gull  
Black Skimmer  
Band-tailed Pigeon  
Magnificent Hummingbird  
Black-chinned Hummingbird  
Anna's Hummingbird  
Calliope Hummingbird  
Broad-tailed Hummingbird  
Hammond's Flycatcher  
Gray Flycatcher  
Cordilleran Flycatcher  
Gray-breasted Jay  
Black-capped Vireo - greater than 10 records, but not recently  
Virginia's Warbler  
Hermit Warbler  
Swainson's Warbler  
Connecticut Warbler  
Pyrrhuloxia  
Bachman's Sparrow  
Black-throated Sparrow  
Golden-crowned Sparrow  
Scott's Oriole

4. Species with greater than 10 records, but with uncertain or changing status in the state. These species (though well established as occurring in the state) are found sufficiently infrequently that

additional data is needed to determine their current status within the state. These species should be documented whenever sighted or if designated with a "\*" whenever found outside the stated range.

Pacific Loon  
Anhinga  
Tricolored Heron  
Fulvous Whistling-Duck  
Trumpeter Swan  
Brant  
Black Scoter  
Surf Scoter  
White-winged Scoter  
Black Vulture  
Ruffed Grouse  
Sharp-tailed Grouse\* - extreme northwest Kansas  
Yellow Rail  
Black Rail\* - Stafford County  
Snowy Plover\* - Barton and Stafford Counties  
Piping Plover  
Mountain Plover\* - extreme western Kansas  
Red Knot\* - Barton and Stafford Counties  
Red Phalarope  
Parasitic Jaeger  
Laughing Gull  
California Gull  
Thayer's Gull  
Glaucous Gull  
Black-legged Kittiwake  
Sabine's Gull  
Inca Dove  
Common Ground-Dove  
Rufous Hummingbird\* - southwest and southcentral Kansas  
Groove-billed Ani  
Lewis' Woodpecker\* - southwest Kansas  
Red-naped Sapsucker  
Ladder-backed Woodpecker\* - southwest Kansas  
Dusky Flycatcher  
Vermilion Flycatcher  
Cassin's Kingbird\* - Morton County  
Violet-green Swallow\* - western Kansas  
Steller's Jay\* - southwest Kansas  
Scrub Jay\* - southwest Kansas  
Pinyon Jay\* - southwest Kansas  
Clark's Nutcracker  
Chihuahuan Raven\* - southwest Kansas  
Common Raven  
Mountain Chickadee\* - southwest Kansas  
Bushtit\* - southwest Kansas  
Pygmy Nuthatch  
Varied Thrush  
Sage Thrasher\* - Morton County

Curve-billed Thrasher\* - Morton County  
Blue-winged Warbler  
Golden-winged Warbler  
Cape May Warbler  
Black-throated Blue Warbler  
Black-throated Gray Warbler  
Townsend's Warbler  
Yellow-throated Warbler\* - Cherokee County  
Pine Warbler  
Prairie Warbler  
Cerulean Warbler\* - Linn and Cherokee  
Counties  
Worm-eating Warbler

MacGillivray's Warbler\* - southwest Kansas  
Hooded Warbler  
Green-tailed Towhee  
Canyon Towhee\* - Morton County  
Rufous-crowned Sparrow\* - Morton County  
Brewer's Sparrow\* - southwest Kansas  
Sage Sparrow\* - Morton County  
Baird's Sparrow  
Sharp-tailed Sparrow  
Pine Grosbeak  
Cassin's Finch\* - southwest Kansas  
White-winged Crossbill

### ***Clarification of the Procedural Rules and Policies of the KBRC***

Several very important policies concerning the submission of bird records for evaluation by the Committee should be made clear to all potential contributors.

First, all bird record submissions should be "complete" before they can be circulated for evaluation. A complete submission includes not only the pertinent information concerning what species was seen, when, where, and by whom, but also the conditions under which it was observed and, last but not least, a **complete written description** of the bird detailing relevant field marks, behavior and/or diagnostic characteristics that were actually observed. This written description is highly encouraged, even if photographs, sound recordings, and/or sketches are included. Under special circumstances bird records can be accepted for circulation with only photographic evidence to back-up the identification, but those photographs must show all the relevant field marks and be "irrefutable"!

The second policy that contributors should be aware of is that the Committee will **only** accept photographic materials or tapes or sketches that are "non-returnable" to the contributor. All submitted materials become the property of the KBRC. Also we request that all photographic evidence be submitted in the form of "prints."

The third policy, that was recently adopted is one that requires all circulated records to be distributed, on the first circulation, with the names of the submitted and any other observers obliterated! This anonymity should promote greater objectivity when evaluating records, and help achieve one of our main goals, which is to not "judge" birders, but to evaluate the merits of significant bird sightings in Kansas.

The following are several Procedural Rules that are important to keep in mind. The rules allow for the resubmission (section VI.C) of any record **regardless** of whether a final decision has been reached, if and only if, new and substantial evidence is submitted that could reverse the previous decision. it is at the discretion of the Secretary of the KBRC that resubmissions are actually circulated for re-examination. The rules require a vote to be decisive before it is final and if it is non-decisive (four **yes** votes and three **no** votes) the record must be recirculated (see sections VI.E.9. and VI.D.3). If a record still receives a non-decisive vote the second time, then it receives a third and final review. *A record under no circumstances can be accepted by the Committee without at least five or more yes votes!*



#### **Minutes of the KBRC meeting at the home of Max Thompson in Winfield, KS, 6 April 1991**

Minutes were recorded by Galen Pittman. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairperson Max Thompson.

Members present were Max Thompson (MCT), Chuck Ely (CAE), Galen Pittman (GLP), Scott

Seltman (SS), Lloyd Moore (LDM), Roger Boyd (RLB), and Mick McHugh (ESM).

LDM moved and ESM seconded a motion that acting Secretary Galen Pittman be elected to the position of Secretary of the KBRC. The motion passed.

RLB moved and LDM seconded a motion that acting Chairperson Max Thompson be elected to the

position of Chairperson of the KBRC. The motion passed.

After a discussion and a consensus agreement was reached, the current members and alternates to the Committee were assigned the following "official" positions on the KBRC:

Position #1: Chuck Ely  
 Position #2: Scott Seltman  
 Position #3: Marvin Schwilling  
 Position #4: Max Thompson  
 Position #5: Lloyd Moore  
 Position #6: Galen Pittman  
 Position #7: Roger Boyd  
 Alternate #1: Mick McHugh  
 Alternate #2: Ted Cable

The KOS Checklist of the Birds of Kansas was reviewed and the several changes and updates (some of which were necessitated by the adoption of the "hypothetical" category in the Procedural Rules accepted in October 1990) were designated for the next edition. These changes and updates also reflect the new policy, adopted by the Committee, that asterisks (\*) species retain that status on the checklist for the first ten records instead of five. Extinct and extirpated species will be reinserted, in taxonomic order, on the checklist. The species affected are the following:

Red-throated Loon - add "\*"   
 Red-necked Grebe - add "\*"   
 Clark's Grebe - add "\*" & "hypothetical"   
 Brown Pelican - add "\*"   
 Magnificent Frigatebird - add "\*"   
 White Ibis - add "\*"   
 Roseate Spoonbill - add "\*"   
 Eurasian Widgeon - add "\*" & "hypothetical",   
 change spelling of "Widgeon" to "Wigeon"   
 American Widgeon - change spelling of "Widgeon"   
 to "Wigeon"   
 Harris' Hawk - add "\*"   
 Little Gull - add "\*"   
 Common Black-headed Gull - add "hypothetical"   
 Great Black-backed Gull - add "hypothetical"   
 White-winged Dove - add "hypothetical"   
 Western Screech-Owl - add "hypothetical"   
 White-throated Swift - add "hypothetical"   
 Anna's Hummingbird - add to the list with "\*" &   
 Broad-tailed Hummingbird - add "\*"   
 Williamson's Sapsucker - add "\*" & "hypothetical"   
 Hammond's Flycatcher - add "\*"   
 Black Phoebe - add "hypothetical"   
 Fish Crow - add to the list with "\*" &   
"hypothetical"   
 Western Bluebird - add to the list with "\*" &   
"hypothetical"   
 Virginia's Warbler - add "\*"

Golden-crowned Sparrow - add "\*"   
 Lesser Goldfinch - add "hypothetical"

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

**Minutes of the KBRC meeting at the home of John Schukman in Leavenworth, KS, 20 September 1991, at the KOS fall meeting**

Minutes were recorded by Galen Pittman. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 PM by Chairperson Max Thompson.

—Members present were Max Thompson (MCT), Marvin Schwilling (MDS), Galen Pittman (GLP), Scott Seltman (SS), and Ted Cable (TTC).

MCT announced that Chuck Ely has tendered his resignation to the Committee and that it had been accepted. It was the consensus of the Committee that the first alternate (Mick McHugh) be suggested to the current KOS President, David Seibel, to be appointed to serve out the remainder of the term for Position #1 (previously held by Chuck Ely). It was further suggested that the second alternate (Ted Cable) move up to the first alternate's position (vacated by McHugh) and that a brand new person (totally of the President's choosing) should be appointed to the second alternate's position by the President. [Later, after being informed of the suggestions of the Committee during the KOS fall meeting, David Seibel appointed Mick McHugh to KBRC Position #1, Ted Cable to KBRC Alternate # 1, and himself to KBRC Alternate # 2.]

GLP presented a list of topics for discussion which were discussed and accepted by consensus vote. The following is a list of the policies adopted by the Committee:

1. The KBRC Procedural Rules require members to cast their votes and return the completed validation forms to the Secretary within 30 days of receipt. If a member is delinquent in returning his validation form, the following policy will take affect. As soon as the 30 days are up, the Secretary will send the delinquent member a notification that the allotted time period has past and that he has 10 more days to respond. If at the end of that period the Secretary has still not received the member's vote(s) the appropriate alternate will be pressed into service to vote in his place including any needed recirculation votes on that particular record(s).
2. All KBRC record submissions should have written descriptions included, regardless of whether there is photograph evidence submitted or not. If a submission is received that would ordinarily be circulated and is incomplete, it should be returned to the contributor (without being circulated) and a

request made, of the contributor, to resubmit a "complete" record form. In addition, it should be explained that the KBRC can only circulate and vote on "complete" records. It will be at the discretion of the KBRC Secretary to determine whether or not a record submission is complete.

3. All photographic evidence submitted to the KBRC shall be required to be non-returnable, whether "prints" or video tapes; and that any slides or negatives that are submitted be sent back and a request made for copies that the KBRC can keep for its archives.
4. The KBRC shall send all contributors an acknowledgement of the receipt of the record submission, inform the submitter whether or not his record is being circulated, and report to him, individually, the results of any votes taken and the final disposition of that record.
5. When a record needs to be re-circulated, the contributor can submit additional information before re-circulation. A contributor can resubmit a rejected record if there is presented new and substantial evidence that might reverse that decision. The KBRC Secretary has the discretion to circulate it again if he thinks the new evidence presented warrants a re-examination.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

**Minutes of the KBRC meeting at the home of Marvin Schwillig in Emporia, KS, 22 February 1992**

Minutes were recorded by Mick McHugh. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM by Chairperson Max Thompson.

Members present were Max Thompson (MCT), Marvin Schwillig (MDS), Galen Pittman (GLP), Mick McHugh (ESM), Roger Boyd (RLB), and Lloyd Moore (LDM).

GLP distributed a list of all previously submitted records with an account of the disposition of those records, including all votes. GLP discussed criteria for documentation.

LDM moved and RLB seconded a motion to form a subcommittee to draft a "review" list of bird species that the KBRC needs to receive documentations for. This draft would be presented to the full committee for editing and final approval and would be made available to the public by being published in the Horned Lark. The motion passed. MCT appointed GLP and LDM to produce the list. This review list will include any species that are designated as hypothetical or for which there are 10 or less records for Kansas. In addition, this list will

include species that there are more than 10 records for in the state but their distributional status is in question.

GLP initiated a discussion of record evaluation, i.e., the need to make the voting responses of the committee members as scientific as possible and to strive to recognize the inherent biases in this process so as to reduce errors. MCT asked all members present about the criteria that they use to evaluate bird records. ESM moved and MDS seconded a motion to require that a KBRC bird record submission, in addition to the standard details of the circumstances of the sighting, include a complete written description and/or irrefutable photographic (including video) evidence and/or verified specimen evidence to document the identification of the bird. In addition, the KBRC Secretary will have the discretion to determine whether or not the photographic evidence presented is "irrefutable" and thus determine if the record could be circulated without a written description. The motion passed.

GLP read notes from the two previous meetings of the KBRC on 6 April 1991 at Winfield and on 20 September 1991 at Leavenworth. LDM made a motion that the KBRC reimburse submitters for the cost of photos or tapes that are submitted to the Committee with record submissions. The motion died for lack of a second.

ESM moved and RLB seconded a motion to establish that all bird records for Kansas published in the KOS Bulletin include a caveat that indicates that this record has either been accepted, rejected, is under review, or has not been submitted to the KBRC. The motion was withdrawn after discussion.

MCT (current KOS Bulletin editor) indicated that he would request write-ups for rare bird records submitted to the Bulletin if photographs are received without written documentation. It was agreed that the Bulletin editor has the discretion to control what is published in the Bulletin in regards to bird records.

MCT also agreed to publish the "Annual Report of the KBRC" in the June issue of the Bulletin. Each annual report of the committee will cover a calendar year and be published in the June Bulletin following that year. The current report will include the activities of the Committee from Oct 1990 through Dec 1991.

GLP moved and MCT seconded a motion to remove section II.G from the Procedural Rules of the KBRC. This section reads: Choose the "ten best Kansas birds of the year" from among those submitted to and accepted by the Committee annually (the year being defined as from 1 June to 31 May), to be announced at the annual fall meeting of the KOS and subsequently published in The Horned Lark. The motion passed. The intention of this change is not to do away with the "top ten birds of the year", but to

remove the official responsibility for producing this list from the KBRC.

LDM and GLP brought up and discussed possible changes in the KOS checklist and the need for a Kansas date and abundance guide for birds. This guide could include information on the occurrence of birds in Kansas both temporally and by geographic region.

MDS moved and GLP seconded a motion that LDM and GLP investigate the possibilities for such a guide as well as look into possible format changes for the checklist and report back to the Committee at a later date. The motion passed.

LDM discussed reprinting articles from Birding magazine on documenting bird records in The Horned Lark. MCT suggested the Committee meet annually on the last Saturday of February at a place to be

determined by the Chairperson each year and that minutes of all of the KBRC meetings be published in the newsletter.

ESM moved and RLB seconded a motion to require that all future circulated bird record submissions be distributed anonymously on the first circulation, i.e., that the record be circulated with the names of the submitter and any other observers obliterated. The motion passed.

GLP distributed copies of previous votes for two records that are required to be recirculated because they received a 4-3 "non-decisive" vote on the first round. The specifics of these records, including the pros and cons for their acceptance were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

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### **Plan to potential contributors to the Kansas Bird Records Committee**

The KBRC needs the support and especially the participation of all active birders that observe rare or unusual birds in the state of Kansas. The need to "document" the occurrence of unusual bird species is very important to improving the quality of our knowledge of Kansas birds. To be able to properly evaluate sightings, written documentation must be submitted by field observers to establish the facts and circumstances surrounding the record. In addition, a written record can be accurately reproduced and archived for the benefit of any present or future investigators who wish to independently evaluate the data. To rely on "hearsay" or strictly verbal reports of sightings is notoriously inaccurate and nearly impossible to verify and archive. Even if there was irrefutable physical evidence to support the occurrence of a particular species, there would still need to be documentation included that would establish the time and place and other circumstances of the sighting.

Some potential contributors might shy away from submitting detailed written documentation because of the feeling that their "word" should be all that is needed to "accept" a record as valid. The purpose of the KBRC is not to "judge" the observers submitting the records, but to evaluate the evidence that is presented to support the sighting. If the documentation submitted is poor the record is likely to be rejected! The observer is assumed to be presenting the true facts and thus the decision to accept or reject the record should be based on the merits of the evidence provided. An observer might think that he/she had seen a rare species, but perhaps didn't realize that the criteria being using to identify that species wasn't sufficient to "rule out" a similar one. The Committee can't just rely on the good intentions of the observers. We must be as objective as possible and let the submitted facts speak for themselves.

Other potential contributors might shy away from submitting records because its just too much work or they don't have the time. The Committee needs your help to expand and improve our "database" of Kansas birds. Please take the time because, ultimately, the committee needs your records to further advance our "working" knowledge of the distribution of Kansas birds and to make the KOS Checklist of the Birds of Kansas as up-to-date as possible.

A new updated full size report form for submitting unusual bird sightings is included in this issues of the Horned Lark...feel free to copy this form and distribute it to any interested parties you encounter.

Galen L. Pittman, KBRC Secretary



# Avian Wanderings and Bruised Egos

## *The Documentation of Rare Birds in Texas*

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Ornithology can be a trying occupation. More than sixty million people are believed to be dabbling in this science to varying degrees—far more than are found in the average scientific discipline. As the numbers grow, the scientific study of birds is being pulled from every imaginable angle. The scientist, the romantic, and the sportsman all have staked claims within ornithology's boundaries.

One of the most attractive aspects of this science (and perhaps the most controversial) includes the sighting of rare birds—a sometimes frenetic world of checklists, special forms, hotline information, and the chase. Although documentation of rare birds is important to the hard science of ornithology, the contributors in this area range from the casual backyard bird-watcher to the university professor. Listers, who enjoy the sport of listing every new bird seen, also have an interest in a confirmed rarity because it may add another species to their life lists. With the growing number of birders, review committees have been formed in at least thirty-six states and three provinces (Roberson 1990) to screen the information. In Texas, where many rare birds are found, the review committee has improved the procedure for evaluating rare-bird reports. This improvement, however, has more than once included a costly price tag of bruised feelings and alienation.

Gathering the data begins innocently enough. Birds

considered rare can be rare in numbers, rare for North America, or, in this case, rare in Texas. The most common forms of rare bird data include rare-bird written reports, photographs, salvage specimens (e.g., road kills), and, by far the most controversial, collecting birds for identification. In this day and age, however, shooting a bird so that one may identify it is no longer a common practice; other forms of rare-bird data are far more numerous.

The most common form of rare-bird documentation is the sight-record description and, if the reviewing committee is lucky, accompanying photographs. In Texas, a rare-bird report is usually funneled to the Texas Bird Records Committee (TBRC)—a standing committee of the Texas Ornithological Society—for review. The questions which committee members ask when reviewing rare-bird reports are (in regard to the bird) the following: What is it? Where was it seen? Where is it from? How many times has it been seen in North America and in Texas? Is there enough documentation included with the record to warrant acceptance and perhaps publication? Although the questions seem simple enough, problems occur when the observer of the rarity feels challenged to defend his or her observation in writing.

Frequently, observers get nervous at the thought of trying to prove their sighting on a written form. What if the sighting is proven wrong or is

found unacceptable by the review committee because of poor (inadequate) details? The classic "fear of rejection" makes some of the most thick-skinned birders wary of written documentation. The rare-bird report form, if used, also has a way of taking on the tone of a contract, and the review procedure is frequently misconstrued as something legally binding. ("Sir, could you tell the jury in your own words just what binoculars you were using on April 17th?") Observers are asked to "defend" their sightings and provide good "evidence." The perceived courtroom dialogue has been known to produce an anxiety that may linger for weeks after one has submitted a rare-bird report.

The biggest obstacles concerning documentation, however, occur mainly because of confusion in regard to the proper procedure ("Whom do I send this to?") and laziness ("I bet someone has sent details in already"). In 1975, for example, a rare Red-necked Grebe was observed by over a hundred people attending a bird conference in west Texas. In a classic case of neglect, not one documented report or photograph now exists for this bird even though it stayed in the same spot for a week.

A far stranger form of neglect occurred in 1986 when a weakened pelagic bird washed ashore on the Texas coast. It was retrieved, thought to be a Sooty Shearwater, and then taken to someone who, it was hoped,

would photograph the bird and confirm its identity. (This species is very rare in Texas waters). The bird was looked at carefully, pictures were taken, and the final verdict given: the bird was a Sooty Shearwater. The information was published in a local birding newsletter shortly thereafter, and the identity of the bird was never questioned.

At that time, however, the Texas Bird Records Committee was being reorganized, and there was no clear procedure for rarity review. Consequently, the bird was never formally examined, the photographs were never sent to any of the TBRC members nor to the regional editors for *American Birds*, and the bird was never actually seen by more than a small number of people. Surprisingly, the bird died and was disposed of without any thought of sending it to an institution for preparation as a specimen! Yet the sighting of this Texas rarity made its way into *American Birds*.

But the story doesn't end there. In 1989, a reorganized Texas Bird Records Committee began to look closely at the documentation of this Sooty Shearwater. After the slides were obtained and submitted with the written documentation, all eight members of the committee independently determined that the bird was not a Sooty Shearwater. One member of the committee, in fact, suggested that the bird in question might not be in the same genus as the Sooty Shearwater!

At that point, the group decided to seek a few more opinions. Greg Lasley, secretary of the TBRC, promptly sent the pictures to several seabird specialists. A unanimous

decision was reached. The bird was proclaimed a White-chinned Petrel—of the genus *Procellaria*—a bird that is normally found south of the equator. If accepted by the TBRC, the bird would become the first state record of this species. When it is evaluated by the AOU and the ABA, it has the potential of becoming the first documented North American record of White-chinned petrel.

Needless to say, the response to this surprising discovery was a strange mixture of elation and embarrassment. This unusual bird may be a unique record for Texas and the ABA Area. Yet the specimen was thrown into the trash after it died, and it was published as a Sooty Shearwater—two rather serious blunders.

This story illustrates several points, particularly the need for a statewide bird-records committee. It also illustrates the need for higher standards in documentation and timely record submissions to the appropriate people. In Texas, both of these issues have been addressed, but the response has not always been pleasant. The controversy over rare-bird documentation has largely centered around the question of what constitutes documentation. Unlike the situation in years past, the word alone from a "reliable" source is no longer grounds for an "accept" vote by most committees. Unfortunately, many people feel insulted by having to explain a rare-bird sighting on paper and will have nothing to do with what they perceive as an assault on their bird-watching skills.

On the local level, the question of documentation only now is beginning to get proper attention. California was the first state to formalize a bird-records committee in 1970, and

other states and provinces have followed with their own screening committees. In 1990 alone, the TBRC reviewed over two hundred records of rare-bird sightings. Most of those sightings were accepted, and three new species were added to the state's checklist. There is no argument that good procedures help clean up the exaggerated number of claims of rare-bird sightings. The more important question, perhaps, is whether observers can be convinced of the need for documenting their sightings.

The reasons for good documentation should be obvious. The Red-necked Grebe that was seen by over a hundred people, for example, has no written or photographic documentation. In seventy-five years will any of those observers be around to support the sighting of this bird? Those people may still be around now, but a report of that bird written in 1991, sixteen years after the fact, is hardly considered good documentation. Will any author or biologist feel any certainty about publishing this report in the year 2050 when writing the newest book on the birds of Texas? Documentation on paper or film will last far longer than even the best memory and be less subjective.

A good field observer should recognize that his or her report may be valuable even if it is not accepted. Rare-bird reports may provide clues to the unnatural or illegal transportation of birds. Records of birds transported artificially are usually rejected on the basis of unnatural origin. The numbers of such birds are far greater than most people realize. Unaccepted rare-bird reports also aid in establishing patterns of occurrence that may result in the report finally being

accepted if such a pattern develops or persists. Species migration trends, range expansions, identification information, and even behavioral characteristics can be gleaned from rare-bird reports. No one should assume that because a committee does not accept a report the report contains nothing of value.

Perhaps the birding community's perception of documentation could use an attitude adjustment and a little education. People should get into the habit of not having a deep personal stake in whether or not their report is accepted. An unaccepted rare-bird report does not mean that an individual did not see the alleged species, or that his or her report was crummy, or that the checklist police are going to come to his door and force him to remove that bird from his life list. It may simply mean that the committee members do not have enough information on which to accept this report into the official record. Nor does an unaccepted report mean that the committee members do not like the reporter or that they have an outside interest in manipulating the records. Hidden agendas are

usually transparent and vastly overrated.

Furthermore, bird-record committees need to spell out the mission of the committee and the importance and intention of rare-bird reports. A standardized form for rare-bird documentation is one possible way to ensure this communication. The language of these forms should be clear, simple, and unintimidating. How people are appointed to the committee should be public knowledge. Care should be taken so that the committee does not acquire a reputation for having a pompous attitude. Communication with members of Audubon chapters and bird clubs is critical. A committee whose own members hesitate to submit information is a dysfunctional committee.

As a science, ornithology may be unique. No other discipline relies so heavily on the field observations of, for lack of better words, amateurs or "hobbyists." Ornithology cannot possibly benefit from totally isolating science from the recreational interests of bird-watching. These two aspects of the birding community are

already interwoven. In reality, good documentation benefits everyone. Many records become important archives for later use. Information gleaned from them may help to improve field guides and local checklists. It may be only a matter of time before birders recognize these benefits and begin to feel good about their efforts to provide information on rare birds. It will be up to the committee members and other interested parties, however, to encourage the submission of such documentation—an effort that should not prove difficult when shown to have such harmless side-effects.

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## WINTER ROUNDUP / December 1991 through February 1992 / by Scott Seltman

When snow began to fly on Halloween and the mercury dropped below zero (F) in early November, Kansans were predicting a long, cold winter. This prediction could not have been further from the truth as we instead enjoyed the warmest winter on record for Kansas, a fate shared with most of the rest of the United States as well. The only really cold weather of the winter occurred in late December and early January, coinciding rather predictably with the Christmas Bird Count season. December was decidedly wet across most of the state with some areas receiving as much as five inches of rain. The only significant snow of the entire season fell in extreme northwest Kansas in the first few days of January with over a foot accumulation in St. Francis. The weather turned sunny and generally very mild for the balance of January and February with overnight lows hardly dropping below freezing for much of the period. You know it's been a strange winter when the coldest day was November 3rd!

Passerine numbers seem very low throughout the winter, obviously never really recovering from the arctic blast at Halloween. For about six weeks in January and February the Seltmans did not see a single Harris' or Tree Sparrow or a Dark-eyed Junco visiting our feeders south of Nekoma, an occurrence I would have thought impossible considering all three species' normal abundance in Rush county. Because numbers of these and other birds began to rebound in late February we can conclude that many birds normally present in our area spent the winter a little further south. Ironically, many birds to our north that were not shaken loose during the autumn storms apparently spent the winter up there. In other words, passerine birding was pretty dull through much of the winter.

The one thing the mild weather did provide was lots of open water. All of the state's major reservoirs were at least partially open through the entire period, even the northwestern lakes which were only ten feet deep. This allowed a wide variety of unusual waterbirds to overwinter and produced a long list of vagrant gulls and waterfowl. The number of gull species reported to the KOS hotline during the winter months is certainly extraordinary and is actually symptomatic of a strong case of "gull fever" that began sweeping through ranks of birders throughout the central U.S. in early Fall 1991. Between August 4, 1991 and February 14, 1992 all thirteen species of gulls on the Kansas Checklist were reported in our state augmented by reports of three additional species not on the list. None of these latter three seem destined to become accepted records, but all are intriguing enough to be mentioned here. A possible Mew Gull was seen and photographed at Tuttle Creek on December 4, but this individual seemed to lack the diagnostic features that one would hope for in a first state record and could not be positively identified even by gull experts. Ted Cable, who of all Kansas birders seems to have the best instincts for finding rare gulls, felt that a dark-mantled bird at the Geary County Landfill on February 14 was possibly a sub-adult Lesser Black-backed Gull. A third controversial sighting occurred at Sedgwick County's Lake Afton on February 11 and involved a pale brown gull of the Iceland/Thayer's persuasion. Several members of Wichita Audubon including myself were at the lake on a related matter (see Great Black-backed below) when a pale gull made an appearance. If a Thayer's Gull, it was certainly the palest Thayer's I have ever seen and its pale primaries, subtle tail band and lack of any bar through the trailing edge of the secondaries would in my opinion place the bird in the Iceland category. Birders who find gull identification frustrating are certainly not alone. Only twenty years ago scientific authorities went to great lengths to explain why "Thayer's" Gull was separate and distinct from Herring Gull and thus, a new species was born. Today many scientific authorities believe just as fervently that "Thayer's" Gull is merely the westernmost and darkest form of Iceland Gull and a new campaign is underway to lump the two species. In the field of taxonomy, Truth is definitely a fluid concept. At any rate none of these three sightings are offered as official records, but they are a testament to the fact that Kansas birders are attempting to add several species to the Kansas list which are already on the lists of neighboring states.

The family group of five Trumpeter Swans that arrived at Webster Reservoir about November 25, mentioned in the previous installment of this column, captured the attention of the Kansas media and were featured in several newsprint stories and on the television news. During December many area residents as well as birders and wildlife lovers from across the state traveled to the stilling basing below Webster Dam to see these birds. Unfortunately, the swans also captured the attention of some of society's dregs and on January 19 vandals shot and killed the three juveniles. The female died as well, probably from lead poison on February 8. The adult male apparently escaped injury and was last seen by Larry Stone on a farm pond near Agra in Phillips County on Sunday, March 1. The male seemed healthy and was seen leaving the pond

and flying north towards Nebraska. The general public was outraged by the attack on the swans and nearly \$5000 in reward money has been posted toward the arrest of the culprit or culprits. Wildlife officials and the local law enforcement investigated the incident but no arrests have been made and by now the trail is getting very cold. While the actions of the criminals who harmed these beautiful animals cannot be excused, it should be noted that these swans were extremely tame, would take food from people and blithely swam along as fishermen cast lines over their heads. The adult female was reportedly hand-raised and the entire family seemed to be habituated to humans. This whole ugly incident points out the importance of wild birds being truly wild and reinforces the concept that only wary waterfowl live long and prosper. Despite this small setback, Trumpeter Swan reintroduction projects to our north are still proceeding with great success and Kansas will have many more wintering swans in its future.

Many of the following records involve fairly common birds seen out of place or in unusually high concentrations. A number of unusual waterbirds either spent the winter or began migrating north very early. Several records along this line may almost be without precedent, especially mid-winter records for Eared Grebe, Clark's Grebe, Red-breasted Merganser, Pomarine Jaeger and Bonaparte's Gull. Without the normal limited influence of ice, some of these birds simply saw no reason to move further south. Most of the rarities found on Kansas Christmas Bird Counts (covered in *The KOS Bulletin*, Vol. 43, No. 1, March 1992) have been omitted, except when individuals were also reported before or after the count period. Reports for the period between March and July 1992 should be sent to RR 1 Box 36, Nekoma, KS 67559. As always the following entries are subject to review by the Kansas Bird Records Committee.

#### BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS / December 1991 through February 1992

|                                                                                  |                                   |          |                 |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Common Loon                                                                      | max. of 5 at Milford              | DLS      | Dec. 91         | Geary     |
| Common Loon                                                                      | 2 at Milford                      | CO       | <u>01-08-92</u> | Geary     |
| Common Loon                                                                      | 3 at Milford                      | DLS      | <u>01-25-92</u> | Geary     |
| Common Loon                                                                      | 2 at Wolf Creek                   | PW       | <u>02-01-92</u> | Coffey    |
| Eared Grebe                                                                      | 1 at Clinton                      | LM,GP    | <u>01-19-92</u> | Douglas   |
|                                                                                  | still present                     | GP       | <u>02-02-92</u> | Douglas   |
| Eared Grebe                                                                      | 1 at LaCygne Lake                 | CH       | <u>02-03-92</u> | Linn      |
| Horned Grebe                                                                     | 1 at Wolf Creek                   | PW       | <u>02-01-92</u> | Coffey    |
| (By late February Horned Grebes were present on many bodies of water in Kansas). |                                   |          |                 |           |
| <u>Clark's Grebe</u>                                                             | 1 at Hillsdale present from Nov.  | LM       | <u>12-07-91</u> | Miami     |
| <u>Clark's Grebe</u>                                                             | 1 at Hillsdale Lake               | CH,LM    | <u>01-29-92</u> | Miami     |
| (Possibly same individual first found on 11-10-91 by Fisher and Griffith).       |                                   |          |                 |           |
| White Pelican                                                                    | 3 at Perry                        | CH       | <u>01-04-92</u> | Jefferson |
|                                                                                  | 4 at Perry                        | LM,GP    | <u>01-19-92</u> | Jefferson |
| White Pelican                                                                    | 1 at Lowell                       | LH       | <u>01-06-92</u> | Cherokee  |
| White Pelican                                                                    | several wintering                 | CO       | <u>01-08-92</u> | Geary     |
| White Pelican                                                                    | 2 that overwintered at Webster    | SS,DS    | <u>02-01-92</u> | Rooks     |
| White Pelican                                                                    | 40-50 early migrants at Wilson    | MR       | <u>02-27-92</u> | Russell   |
| Double-crested Cormorant                                                         | 10 at Lowell                      | LH       | <u>01-10-92</u> | Cherokee  |
| Tundra Swan                                                                      | 1 at Riverponds Tuttle Creek      | TC,m.ob. | <u>01-26-92</u> | Pott.     |
|                                                                                  | last seen                         |          | <u>01-28-92</u> | Pott.     |
| Trumpeter Swan                                                                   | 2 adults still present            | SS,DS    | <u>02-01-92</u> | Rooks     |
| Trumpeter Swan                                                                   | 1 imm. at Perry Lake              | JB,RR    | <u>02-20-92</u> | Jefferson |
| Ross' Goose                                                                      | 2 with Snows e. of Rossville      | LM,GP    | <u>01-26-92</u> | Shawnee   |
| Ross' Goose                                                                      | 4 in unit B at MDC                | BF       | <u>02-16-92</u> | Linn      |
| Ross' Goose                                                                      | 1 at Grandview Plaza sewage ponds | DLS      | <u>02-22-92</u> | Geary     |
| Ross' Goose                                                                      | 7 seen nw. Junction City          | DLS      | <u>02-23-92</u> | Geary     |
| Ross' Goose                                                                      | 1 at ElDorado Lake                | PJ,m.ob. | <u>02-29-92</u> | Butler    |
| American Black Duck                                                              | 2 at MDC                          | LM,GP    | <u>01-11-92</u> | Linn      |
| Ring-necked Duck                                                                 | 300-400 at MDC Unit F-1           | LM,MM    | <u>02-09-92</u> | Linn      |

# 14 (Winter Roundup, Cont'd)

|                        |                                  |              |                 |                 |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Greater Scaup          | 1 at sandpit nw. Junction City   | DLS          | 01-25-92        | Geary           |
|                        | 4 at sandpit still present       | DLS          | 02-29-92        | Geary           |
| Oldsquaw               | 1 at Wilson                      | MR           | 12-10-91        | Russell         |
| Oldsquaw               | 2 at Milford                     | DLS          | 12-15-91        | Geary           |
| Oldsquaw               | 1 at Clinton                     | LM,MM,GP     | 01-04-92        | Douglas         |
| Oldsquaw               | 4 at Clinton                     | GP           | 02-02-92        | Douglas         |
| Oldsquaw               | 1 imm. male Grandview Plaza      | DLS          | 02-15-92        | Geary           |
| Common Goldeneye       | 6,750 on Wilson                  | MR           | 12-10-91        | Russell         |
| Hooded Merganser       | 135 at John Redmond              |              | 01-19-92        | Coffey          |
| Common Merganser       | 11,500 on Wilson                 | MR           | 12-10-91        | Russell         |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 1 at Perry                       | CH           | <u>01-04-92</u> | Jefferson       |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 2 at Wolf Creek                  | PW           | <u>02-01-92</u> | Coffey          |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 2 at Perry                       |              | <u>02-16-92</u> | Jefferson       |
| Turkey Vulture         | 2 near Welda                     |              | <u>02-18-92</u> | Anderson        |
| Bald Eagle             | 50 in Wakefield end of Milford   | LM,GP        | 01-26-92        | Clay            |
| Bald Eagle             | pair incubating eggs at Clinton  |              | 02-24-92        | Douglas         |
| Bald Eagle             | pair at Stockdale w. side Tuttle |              | Feb. 92         | Riley           |
| Northern Goshawk       | 1 in Chisholm Park               | DV           | 01-14-92        | Sedgwick        |
| Red-tailed Hawk        | 1 eating 5' Bull Snake           | SS           | 12-07-91        | Pawnee          |
| Ferruginous Hawk       | 1 seen 3 mi. e. Oswego           | LH           | 01-10-92        | <u>Cherokee</u> |
| Ferruginous Hawk       | 1 adult at Milford               | DLS          | 02-08-92        | Geary           |
| Golden Eagle           | 1 along Kansas R. Tecumseh       | DG           | 12-28-91        | Shawnee         |
| Merlin                 | 2 at Riverponds below Tuttle     | DR           | 01-19-92        | Pott.           |
| Merlin                 | 1 at Melvern                     | MM,DLS       | 02-14-92        | Osage           |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 1 in downtown Topeka             | DLS          | 01-10-92        | Shawnee         |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 1 s. of Welda                    | BB           | 02-07-92        | Anderson        |
| Prairie Falcon         | 1 at Clinton                     | MM,GP,PW     | 12-07-91        | Douglas         |
| Prairie Falcon         | 1 in Reclaimed Mined Area        | MM           | 01-11-92        | Linn            |
| Prairie Falcon         | 1 at Melvern                     | BF,MM        | 01-19-92        | Osage           |
| Prairie Falcon         | 1 at KSU pig farm n. Manhattan   | DR           | 01-31-92        | Riley           |
| Prairie Falcon         | 1 near Welda                     | BB           | 02-04-92        | Anderson        |
| Prairie Falcon         | 1 in Reclaimed Mined Area        | BF           | 02-16-92        | Linn            |
| Sandhill Crane         | 3 on Kansas R. Tecumseh          | DG           | 12-28-91        | Shawnee         |
| Killdeer               | first report of spring migrants  | CH           | 02-03-92        | Linn            |
| American Woodcock      | 3 seen e. of Lawrence            | GP           | 02-20-92        | Douglas         |
| American Woodcock      | 1 at ElDorado Lake               | PJ,m.ob.     | 02-29-92        | Butler          |
| <u>Pomarine Jaeger</u> | 2 at Milford Lake                | DLS,CO,m.ob. | <u>12-25-91</u> | Geary           |
|                        |                                  | present to   | <u>01-08-92</u> | Geary           |

(These two jaegers were seen by numerous observers over a two-week period. The dark bird was identified with certainty with the lighter bird the subject of some lively discussion. Only Pomarines are expected in the interior of North America in winter. Kansas Pomarine records still stand at less than ten with this being the first December of January report for this species).

|                  |                           |     |                 |          |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----|-----------------|----------|
| Franklin's Gull  | 1 at Tuttle Creek         | CF  | 12-10-91        | Riley    |
| Franklin's Gull  | 1 at Geary landfill       | DLS | 02-15-92        | Geary    |
| Little Gull      | 1 at Harvey Co. East Lake | BD  | <u>12-09-91</u> | Harvey   |
| Bonaparte's Gull | 85 at Lowell              | LH  | <u>02-01-92</u> | Cherokee |

(Larry Herbert's report of Bonaparte's "present all winter in varying numbers" would have been unthinkable ten years ago, but it would appear that this species which seems to stay later and come back earlier every year is on its way to becoming a normal wintertime sight in Kansas).

|                  |                                    |          |                 |         |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|---------|
| Bonaparte's Gull | 1 at Clinton                       | GP       | <u>02-02-92</u> | Douglas |
|                  | 1 at Clinton                       | JB       | <u>02-17-92</u> | Douglas |
| Bonaparte's Gull | 2 in Unit F-1 at MDC               | BF       | <u>02-16-92</u> | Linn    |
| California Gull  | 1 adult on Great Bend's Stone Lake | SS       | 12-31-91        | Barton  |
| California Gull  | 1 adult w. side of Cheney          | PJ,DV,DK | 01-06-92        | Reno    |
| California Gull  | 1 first-winter at Milford          | DLS      | 02-01-92        | Geary   |
| Thayer's Gull    | 3 first-winter birds at Redmond    | LM       | 12-18-91        | Coffey  |

|                                |                                 |           |          |           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Thayer's Gull                  | 1 at Melvern                    | MM,GP     | 12-24-91 | Osage     |
| Thayer's Gull                  | 1 at Clinton                    | MM,GP     | 12-24-91 | Douglas   |
| Thayer's Gull                  | 2 first-winter birds at Milford | DLS       | 01-01-92 | Geary     |
| Thayer's Gull                  | 1 adult at Tuttle Creek         | TC        | 01-01-92 | Pott.?    |
| Thayer's Gull                  | 4 at Milford and Geary landfill | TC,MR     | 01-11-92 | Geary     |
| Thayer's Gull                  | 1 adult at Perry                | RR,MM,GP  | 01-12-92 | Jefferson |
|                                | still present                   | RR        | 01-26-92 | Jefferson |
| Thayer's Gull                  | 2 at Geary landfill             | DLS       | 01-14-92 | Geary     |
| Thayer's Gull                  | 1 2nd-year bird at Cedar Bluff  | SS        | 01-18-92 | Trego     |
| Thayer's Gull                  | 1 1st-winter at John Redmond    | BF,MM     | 01-19-92 | Coffey    |
| Thayer's/Iceland Gull          | 1 at Lake Afton                 | m.ob.     | 02-11-92 | Sedgwick  |
| Thayer's Gull                  | 1 2nd-winter bird at Redmond    | MI        | 02-14-92 | Coffey    |
| Thayer's Gull                  | 1 1st-winter at Geary landfill  | TC        | 02-14-92 | Geary     |
| Thayer's Gull                  | 1 1st-winter at Milford         | DLS       | 02-15-92 | Geary     |
| Thayer's Gull                  | 3 at Geary landfill             | DLS,CO,MM | 02-16-92 | Geary     |
| Glaucous Gull                  | 1 2nd-winter at Clinton         | MM,GP,PW  | 12-07-91 | Douglas   |
| Glaucous Gull                  | 2 at Sedgwick Co. landfill      | PJ        | 12-18-91 | Sedgwick  |
|                                | 1 still present                 |           | 01-26-92 | Sedgwick  |
| Glaucous Gull                  | 1 at Clinton                    | LM        | 01-25-92 | Douglas   |
| Glaucous Gull                  | 1 2nd-winter at Tuttle Creek    | LM,GP     | 01-26-92 | Pott.?    |
| Glaucous Gull                  | 1 2nd-winter at ElDorado Lake   | PJ        | 01-26-92 | Butler    |
| Glaucous Gull                  | 1 2nd-winter at Geary landfill  | TC        | 02-14-92 | Geary     |
| Glaucous Gull                  | 1 1st-winter at Geary landfill  | DLS       | 02-15-92 | Geary     |
| Glaucous Gull                  | 1 2nd-winter at ElDorado Lake   | PJ,m.ob.  | 02-29-92 | Butler    |
| <u>Great Black-backed Gull</u> | 1 2nd-winter bird at Lake Afton | PJ,DV     | 02-10-92 | Sedgwick  |
|                                | seen leaving lake               | SS        | 02-11-92 | Sedgwick  |

(This bird was described as being 20% larger than adjacent Herring Gulls. This is apparently only the third sight record for this species in Kansas with no specimens or photographs known. Great Black-backed continue to expand their range across the northeast, have been seen regularly in adjacent states, and Kansas sightings should eventually become more frequent).

|              |                              |            |          |           |
|--------------|------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Snowy Owl    | 1 at Wolf Creek Power Plant  |            | 01-15-92 | Coffey    |
|              |                              | present to | 01-29-92 | Coffey    |
| Saw-whet Owl | 1 bird w. side of Perry Lake | GP         | 12-31-91 | Jefferson |
|              | second bird found            |            | 01-11-92 | Jefferson |

(These two birds were enormously popular among birders throughout the region. Literally hundreds of people saw these owls, with some traveling upwards of 300 miles. Saw-whet Owls are the "Black Rails" of the owl family in that they are probably much more common than we believe, but because of their shyness and their affinity for dense cover, are very difficult to see).

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Horned Lark                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | several hundred thousand in one flock | SS        | 01-11-92 | Cheyenne  |
| (This flock along U.S. 36 east of Bird City covered about 300 acres and included 50,000 Lapland Longspurs. Surrounding fields were covered by snow, but one irrigated wheat field had some open ground. Largest single concentration of Horned Larks I have ever seen).                               |                                       |           |          |           |
| Rock Wren                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 s. of Scott Lake                    | T&SSh     | 02-09-92 | Scott     |
| (Either a very early migrant or a wintering bird overlooked on the Christmas Bird Count).                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                       |           |          |           |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 600+ seen in county during day        | BG        | 12-29-91 | Barber    |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | max. of 18 along Otter Creek road     | DLS,m.ob. | Dec. 91  | Geary     |
| Townsend's Solitaire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 at Perry Lake                       | JL        | 01-11-92 | Jefferson |
| (This bird seen at the Saw-whet Owl roost remained through March).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                       |           |          |           |
| Varied Thrush                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 male photographed at Garden City    | C&BF      | 01-06-92 | Finney    |
| (This Varied Thrush was seen for a couple hours by several observers on January 6. It was seen again briefly on both January 24 and February 18. Despite lots of searching by Marie Osterbuhr, Leonard and Betty Rich and the Shanes, the primary territory of this individual was never discovered). |                                       |           |          |           |
| Bohemian Waxwing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 at Chaplin Nature Center            | GW        | 01-19-92 | Cowley    |

# 16 (Winter Roundup, Cont'd)

|                      |                                      |           |                 |           |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Bohemian Waxwing     | 1 at Southwestern College            | MT        | 01-27-91        | Cowley    |
| Northern Shrike      | 1                                    | SS        | 12-17-91        | Pawnee    |
| Northern Shrike      | 1 imm. at Milford                    | DLS       | 01-19-92        | Geary     |
| Northern Shrike      | 1 along 156                          | SS,DS     | 01-25-92        | Finney    |
| Northern Shrike      | 1 n. Rozel                           | SS        | 01-30-92        | Pawnee    |
| Northern Shrike      | 1 s. Nekoma                          | SS        | 02-03-92        | Rush      |
| Northern Shrike      | 1 adult se. of Chapman               | DLS       | 02-09-92        | Dickinson |
| Northern Shrike      | 1 near Lake Afton                    | PJ,DV     | 02-10-92        | Sedgwick  |
|                      | still present                        |           | 02-20-92        | Sedgwick  |
| Common Yellowthroat  | 1 female at Curtis Creek/Milford     | DLS,m.ob. | <u>12-15-91</u> | Geary     |
|                      | seen sporadically and still present  |           | <u>12-27-91</u> | Geary     |
| Vesper Sparrow       | 1 early migrant Garden City          | T&SSh     | 02-22-92        | Finney    |
| Lapland Longspur     | 1 flock of 50,000+ e. Bird City      | SS        | 01-11-92        | Cheyenne  |
| Rusty Blackbird      | <u>300-400</u> at Paola sewage ponds | CH        | 02-07-92        | Miami     |
| Great-tailed Grackle | 100+ at Wolf Creek                   | LM,GP     | 01-19-92        | Coffey    |
| Common Redpoll       | 1 in Wichita                         | BG        | 12-01-91        | Sedgwick  |
| Common Redpoll       | 1 at Curtis Creek/Milford            | DLS       | 12-14-91        | Geary     |
| Common Redpoll       | 1 at Wichita feeder                  | DV        | 12-19-91        | Sedgwick  |
| Common Redpoll       | 1 at feeder s. of Newton             | CS        | 01-18-92        | Harvey    |
|                      | still present                        |           | 02-29-92        | Harvey    |
| Common Redpoll       | 1 at feeder s. Junction City         | CO        | 02-19-92        | Geary     |
|                      | still present                        |           | 02-24-92        | Geary     |
| Lesser Goldfinch     | 1 at Garden City feeder              | T&SSh     | 01-19-92        | Finney    |
|                      | seen again                           | T&SSh     | 02-28-92        | Finney    |
| American Goldfinch   | flock of <u>500+</u> se. of Garfield | SS        | 12-27-91        | Pawnee    |

MDC = Marais des Cygnes

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## Kansas Bird Records Committee Official Report Form

Date of this report \_\_\_\_\_ KBRC No. (committee use only) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Species \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
(Common name) (Scientific Name)

2. Sex/Age \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Number observed \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date(s) of sighting \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Duration of sighting \_\_\_\_\_

6. Location (including county) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Observer(s) (your name) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Other observers (not making this report) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Description of habitat/setting \_\_\_\_\_

10. Distance from bird \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Optical equipment \_\_\_\_\_

12. Time of day \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Lighting conditions/sun angle \_\_\_\_\_

14. Previous experience with this or similar species \_\_\_\_\_

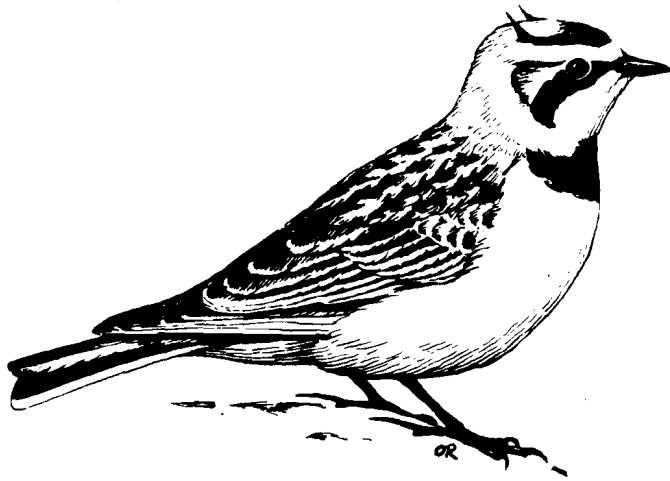
15. Reference material consulted and how this influenced your identification \_\_\_\_\_

16. How long after the sighting did you first write this description? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Vocalization heard (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

18. **DESCRIPTION: (Include only what was observed).** Describe, in detail, all relevant and diagnostic field marks and/or behaviors that would distinguished this species from similar ones. Please include any photographs, recordings, sketches, and copies of original field notes that were made at the time of the sighting that would aid in identification. USE OTHER SIDE.

Mail completed form to: Kansas Bird Records Committee Secretary, *Galen L. Pittman*, RR 4 Box 260, Lawrence, KS 66044.



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## The Horned Lark

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### KOS 1992 SPRING MEETING / FIELD TRIP, MAY 9 & 10

KOS will hold its annual Spring Meeting and Field Trip in Cheyenne County, Kansas and Bonny Reservoir, Colorado on May 8, 9 and 10, 1992. This will be a joint meeting with the Colorado Field Ornithologists, hopefully one of many such joint meetings. Come and meet old and new friends and explore new areas.

We will meet Friday, May 8 beginning at 7:00 pm CDT in St. Francis, Kansas at the roadside rest area on the south side of Highway 36, or at the Dusty Farmer restaurant, open until 10 pm CDT. (Look for signs). Information and sign-up sheets will be available for field trips leaving Saturday morning.

Three field trips are planned:

- (1) Leave St. Francis at 7:00 am CDT from the Empire Motel and explore the Republican and Arikaree River areas West to the Colorado line.
- (2) Leave St. Francis at 7:00 am CDT from the Empire Motel and explore the area south of town looking for migrant water birds on the potholes.
- (3) Leave Bonny Reservoir group campground and explore the Republican River riparian areas East to the Kansas line. This trip will be led by CFO members.

Accommodations in St. Francis are at the Empire Motel (913) 332-2231, with 34 units, with rates of \$22.00 for single and \$32.00 for double occupancy.

If you wish to camp, KOS has reserved the North Cove Group Camping area at Bonny Reservoir which has maximum occupancy of 30 persons. Rates will be based on the number of persons attending. To reserve a campsite in this group area, call Scott Seltman by April 26, 1992. If and when this area is full, you may also make your own reservation at any of the other campsites at Bonny by calling the Colorado Parks Reservation System at 800-678-2267. There are 21 campsites near the group camping area, and you should specify the North Cove area when making your reservation. Rates are \$6 - 7.00 / night. There is also a \$3.00 / car / day fee for entering the Bonny Reservoir State Park; persons wishing to enter for the Saturday evening meal only may carpool from the entrance.

We will all meet back at the North Cove Group Camping Area at Bonny Reservoir Saturday evening at approximately 8:00 pm CDT, for a meal together at the large shelterhouse. We will have a fire in the large grill, so bring your provisions for cooking out. Come and enjoy an evening of socializing and getting acquainted with our Colorado friends.

## 2 (KOS 1992 Field Trip Cont'd)

Field trips will be planned again for Sunday, followed by the list compilation at 1:00 pm CDT at the Dusty Farmer Restaurant in St. Francis.

For those wishing to stay longer, Scott Seltman will lead a trip on Monday, May 11, to look for Sharp-tailed Grouse in Kansas.

For more information on this weekend call *Dave Bryan at (913) 341-9584* or *Scott Seltman at (913) 329-4411* or *(913) 372-5411* after May 1. Please complete the registration form on page 15. There is no registration fee, but we would like to know how many members will be in attendance.

Hope to see you there!

### FIELD TRIPS RESUME

Under the leadership of Mike Rader, KOS will once again offer field trips to its members. The spring trips are as follows:

- April 5 - Konza Prairie with Dave Rintoul  
Trip to blind for Greater Prairie Chickens  
10 people maximum  
For more information, contact *Dave at (913) 537-0781*
- April 18 - Perry Lake with David Seibel  
Trip to try for shorebirds and early warblers  
For more information, contact *David at (913) 841-7932*  
Other possible date: April 25
- May 16 - Fort Leavenworth area with John Schukman  
Trip for warblers, flycatchers, and other woodlands species  
For more information, contact *John at (913) 727-5141*
- Second or Third Weekends - Monthly with Dave Bryan  
Various trips to different locations, including:  
Marais des Cygnes (April 25 or 26)  
Perry Lake  
Clinton Lake  
For more information, contact *Dave at (913) 341-9584*

### KBBAT UPDATE

The Kansas Breeding-bird Atlas Project has been funded for the first year the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks from Chickadee Checkoff monies, and we expect funding to continue in subsequent years.

The response to my request for volunteers in the last *Horned Lark* was excellent. At last count there were about 75 people willing to participate, but twice that number will be necessary to satisfactorily initiate this project. I know of many people whose names are not on that list, but whose names should be. I await your letter or phone call.

Bill Busby at the Biological Survey has supervised the copying of topographic maps, and I have been drawing in the 746 survey blocks and locating these blocks on county maps. Using materials from Missouri as a guide, I have written the handbook that will provide the instructions for doing the survey blocks; I'm just waiting for final bids on the cost. I have also been developing the field data card. There still are some tasks to complete; the major one being the estimating of the expected species in each of the survey blocks. While an approximation based on the physiographic region can be made, the map for each block will need to be evaluated to determine the presence of specific habitats like wetlands that will affect the expected number of breeding species. This number is critical, since one of the criteria for the completion of a block is the identification of at least 75% of the expected species in the block.

The state has been divided into geographic regions, each with a coordinator to assist volunteers in working their survey blocks. Richard Rucker is the coordinator for the Northeast, Mick McHugh for the East Central, Mike Rader for the North Central, Pete Janzen for the South Central, Scott Seltman for the Southwest, and Sara and Tom Shane for the Northwest. I am serving as temporary regional coordinator for the Southeast. The quality of these folks, as well as those who have already volunteered to do blocks, indicates to me, at least, that KBBAT will get off to a good start.

Come join us; write -

*John L. Zimmerman, Director, KBBAT, Div. Biology - Ackert Hall, Kansas State Univ. Manhattan, KS 66506.*

### **BIRDING IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA**

I will again lead a birding trip to southern Arizona, departing Manhattan on 17 May and returning 30 May. Transportation will be by university van, accommodations will be by camping - sometimes primitive, and participants will share in the cooking. Itinerary includes Cave Creek Canyon, Rustler Park and Rucker Canyon in the Chiricahuas, San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, Sawmill Canyon in the Huachucas, Sonoita Creek, Madera Canyon, Sonoran Desert at Tucson, and Baldy Peak Trail in the White Mountains. Space limited. Contact *John L. Zimmerman, Div. Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506.*

### **KOS IS PLEASED TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED SINCE JANUARY 1, 1992**

Cynthia Abbott, Mayetta; Rebecca Atherton, Lawrence; Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Bath, Newton; Ethyl Blazer, Wichita; Tom Buchanan, Washington; Charlene Caspar, Junction City; Larry Davison, Derby; Bev DuGay, Wichita; Clyde & Marilena Ferguson, Manhattan; Melvin & Clema Haller, Randolph; Dennis Hilding, Lawrence; Patsy Hodges, Topeka; Diane Johnson, Linwood; Daniel Jones, Gardner; Rita Kenney, Liberal; Laura & Gary Keim, Fairview; Mr. & Mrs. M. W. Kraemer, Ogallah; Jane Leo, Prairie Village; James Liebl, Offerle; Rita Lucas, LeCompton; Laurie Malone, Shawnee; Calvin & Patricia Mummert, Olathe; Jean Muncrief, Hutchinson; Eric Otte, Valley Center; John Rakestraw, Emporia; Mary Randle, Burdick; Michael Reed, Shawnee; James Regehr, Emporia; John Rentco, Shawnee; Virginia Richards, Perry; Iola G. Russell, Sedgwick; Steve Samuelson, Emporia; Ann Schardein, Nickerson; Paul Watson, Shawnee Mission; Harriet Wilson, Lawrence; Ruth Wilson, Overland Park; Vernon & Marleene Woods, Rush Center.

### **A REMINDER TO PAY 1992 DUES**

Most of you have already sent your checks for 1992 dues. For those of you have not, let this be a reminder to do so. Late payments necessitate KOS sending out reminder letters to those who have not paid, thus incurring yet another expense for the society. So please send KOS your check today. Thank you for your continued support.

-- Diane Seltman, Membership Secretary



### **KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING 1992**

January 25, 1992

University of Kansas West Campus

Foley Center

Lawrence, Kansas

Members present: David Seibel, Dave Bryan, Rose Fritz, Galen Pittman, Joanne Brier, Jim Mayhew, Mick McHugh.

Non-voting: Ruth Fauhl, Chris Hobbs, Lloyd Moore, John Schukman.

President Seibel called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. Joanne Brier agreed to record minutes in the absence of the secretary.

#### 4 (KOS Winter Board Meeting, Cont'd)

**MINUTES:** Dave Bryan moved the minutes of the Fall Board Meeting be approved as printed in the December 1991 newsletter. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rose Fritz presented the Annual Treasurer's Report for 1991 (see report in this issue). She reported that KOS should have adequate operating funds for the current year, but expressed concern over falling interest income. She will monitor and analyze the current dues structure relative to costs per member. The report of the 1991 audit by Don Vannoy was reviewed and recommendations noted.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The president reported ten new members since fall; renewals are continuing, few have dropped.

**BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Galen Pittman noted that combining mailings has helped to save postage, but the cost of materials continues to rise. He will work with the treasurer to figure expense per member and evaluate the results.

**BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT:** Max Thompson has replaced John Zimmerman as editor. Max was unable to attend the meeting so no report was available at this time.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT:** March 1 is the deadline for copy for the next issue.

Discussion followed in regard to KOS publications. The president noted that the suggestions need to be more clearly defined, summarized and prepared for presentation to the membership and board. Chris Hobbs will prepare information on alternative format for the newsletter. Jim Mayhew's idea of combining the four quarterly issues of the *Bulletin* into a single annual volume drew enthusiastic response and will be investigated further.

**KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE:** Galen Pittman noted that birders need to submit records of sightings. An annual report for 1991 has been prepared and should be published soon in the *Bulletin*.

**STUDENT RESEARCH FUND:** No report.

**BIRDS IN KANSAS ROYALTY FUND:** The treasurer reported \$2,795.70 in the fund as of 12 / 31 / 91.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** John Schukman is gathering information on available resources and their uses to prepare a catalogue / listing for use by those wishing to know more about birds. Additions to his list are encouraged; more in the upcoming newsletter.

**PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:** Chris Hobbs reported that two meetings a year give little opportunity for publicity and that upcoming local field trips will help.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** The president reminded those present to call other members in their areas and encourage them to participate in KOS activities such as regional field trips and attending spring and fall meetings.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:** The president reported that Mike Rader has responded to all the issues requested at the previous board meeting. He has received no response from his mailings so far.

**DINGUS NATURAL AREA:** The president reported that the signs need attention. The importance of the area as a means of conservation was discussed and affirmed, as was the need to stimulate interest among members.

**KANSAS NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL:** No report.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Galen Pittman moved to accept the report of the Audit Committee. Motion Carried.

**BIRD FEEDER SURVEY:** Galen Pittman reported the mailing list had grown to 425.

**KANSAS BREEDING BIRD ATLAS:** Mick McHugh reported the BBAP is being funded in the amount of \$50,000 by Kansas Wildlife and Parks through its Chickadee Checkoff program. Information is being sent directly to volunteers to enable the project to get underway as soon as possible this year.

**STUDENT PAPER AWARDS:** After discussion of other ways to motivate student participation, Jim Mayhew moved that the forty dollars allocated to awards for student papers be withdrawn. Motion Carried.

**DISTRIBUTION OF BIRD DISCOVERY BOXES:** The boxes are virtually complete. Each box will be labeled on the outside, "Amelia Betts Discovery Box donated by Kansas Ornithological Society." Of the four boxes sponsored by KOS, one will remain with the Wichita Wild, one with Nature Reach in Pittsburg, one with the Chaplin Nature Center, and one will go to either Salina / Lakewood or Johnson County Parks and Recreation. An additional box, funded by the Wichita Wild program, will remain in Wichita.

**KDWP FUNDS FOR PUBLISHING BIRD RECORDS:** No further report at this time.

**SPRING MEETING 1992:** The spring meeting will be May 9 at Bonny Reservoir. There are camping facilities and the community of St. Francis has a motel with 30 rooms. The meeting will be in conjunction with the Colorado Field Ornithologists' Union.

**FALL MEETING 1992:** The meeting will be held at Emporia State University

**SPRING MEETING 1993:** The meeting will be held at Southwestern College, tentatively with the Oklahoma Ornithological Society.

**DECALS FOR NEW MEMBERS:** John Schukman displayed artwork for the proposed decals to be given new members and sold to current members. He was given the go-ahead to order those which adhere to the inside windows by static cling.

**LOCAL FIELD TRIPS:** Mike Rader has set up local field trips in several areas across the state beginning in March. The schedule will appear in the newsletter.

**SPONSORSHIP OF AOU MEMBER IN LATIN AMERICA:** After discussion of the many activities and involvements of KOS, the request was tabled by consent.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:** Updating the membership directory is a perpetual task; changes should be sent to the Membership Secretary. A new directory will be printed and distributed this year.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted -- Joanne Brier, Acting Secretary



KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
1/1/91 THROUGH 12/31/91

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS  
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GENERAL FUND  
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|                                          |            |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/91                 |            | 3,793.57   |
| RECEIPTS:                                |            |            |
| DUES - '91                               | 2,686.00   |            |
| DUES - '92                               | 925.00     |            |
| CHECKLIST & DECAL SALES                  | 96.75      |            |
| T-SHIRTS & CAPS                          | 65.00      |            |
| INTEREST - PASSBOOK SAVINGS              | 131.89     |            |
| INTEREST - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT       | 1,107.96   |            |
| RBA CONTRIBUTIONS                        | 285.00     | 5,297.60   |
|                                          | -----      |            |
| DISBURSEMENTS:                           |            |            |
| PRINTING - BULLETINS                     | (2,354.12) |            |
| PRINTING - NEWSLETTERS                   | (1,133.10) |            |
| PRINTING - MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY          | (197.86)   |            |
| PRINTING - STATIONERY                    | (276.02)   |            |
| BULK MAILING FEES                        | (150.00)   |            |
| RBA EXPENSE                              | (346.80)   |            |
| BANK CHARGES                             | (37.18)    |            |
| SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENTAL                  | (20.00)    |            |
| ANNUAL CORPORATION FEE                   | (5.00)     |            |
| REGISTRATION FEES - NORAC                | (95.00)    |            |
| EXPENSE OF BUSINESS MANAGER              | (173.99)   |            |
| EXPENSE OF PRESIDENT                     | (105.35)   |            |
| EXPENSE OF MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY          | (35.73)    |            |
| EXPENSE OF TREASURER                     | (29.00)    |            |
| EXPENSE OF KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE | (142.31)   |            |
| NET LOSS FROM SPRING & FALL MEETINGS     | (41.81)    | (5,143.27) |
|                                          | -----      | -----      |
| ENDING BALANCE 12/31/91                  |            | 3,947.90   |

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE (CHECKLIST MAILING)  
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|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/91 | 112.00 |
| CHECKLIST SALES          | 34.00  |
| POSTAGE                  | (8.21) |
|                          | -----  |
| ENDING BALANCE 12/31/91  | 137.79 |
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TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 12/31/91

4,085.69  
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## RESTRICTED FUNDS

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## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

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|                                                  |           |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/91                         | 12,553.25 |           |
| LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES RECEIVED                    | 1156.25   |           |
| AMOUNTS TRANSFERRED TO KOS STUDENT RESEARCH FUND | 0.00      |           |
|                                                  | -----     |           |
| ENDING BALANCE 12/31/91                          |           | 13,709.50 |

## KOS STUDENT RESEARCH FUND

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|                          |        |        |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/91 | 532.16 |        |
| INTEREST EARNED          | 28.44  |        |
|                          | -----  |        |
| ENDING BALANCE 12/31/91  |        | 560.60 |

## DINGUS NATURAL AREA ACCOUNT

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|                             |          |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/91    | 5,924.02 |          |
| INTEREST EARNED             | 385.83   |          |
| LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM | (157.00) |          |
|                             | -----    |          |
| ENDING BALANCE 12/31/91     |          | 7,152.85 |

## BOOK ROYALTY ACCOUNT

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|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/91 | 2,086.21 |          |
| ROYALTIES RECEIVED       | 599.00   |          |
| INTEREST EARNED          | 110.49   |          |
|                          | -----    |          |
| ENDING BALANCE 12/31/91  |          | 2,795.70 |

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|---------------------------------|--|-----------|
| TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS 12/31/91 |  | 24,218.65 |
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## FALL ROUNDUP / August through November 1991 / by Scott Seltman

As is normally the rule, the fall season produced the best birds of the year in Kansas and as usual our attention gradually shifted from the southwestern hotspots in August toward northeastern reservoirs in November. The following list has a little bit of everything; some birds were slightly lost, some were completely lost, and one poor individual took a wrong turn somewhere and wound up on the wrong half of the planet.

The long drought that gripped most of the state through spring and summer continued through October and many areas finished the year more than ten inches behind in normal precipitation. The blast furnace of July spilled over into early August with 108°F here at Nekoma on August 2, but temperatures were mostly seasonal afterwards. Parts of western Kansas including Rush County had a killing frost on the very early date of September 18. But the big weather event of the season was the Halloween blizzard that dumped six inches to over a foot of snow on the northwestern half of the state. The northerly winds that followed this storm were very frigid and the snow-covered areas of the state had daytime highs in the teens on November 2 and a morning low of zero to -5°F on November 3, temperatures that were a whopping forty to fifty degrees below normal. Cedar Bluff Lake was 80% frozen on November 3. Despite moderate weather following this storm, bird numbers never really recovered afterwards. Several species of common wintering birds, especially sparrows and finches, remained scarce all winter. The arctic blast did push many northern species down from Canada into much of the U.S. but Kansas missed most of the excitement.

Because of the dry weather, surface water was critically short in much of Kansas by September. Cheyenne Bottoms was dry again and Quivira had only about 100 acres of water at one point. By fall only three stretches of western Kansas streams and rivers had significant flow: The Arkansas between the Colorado line and Kendall, Ladder Creek from Scott State Lake northward a few miles, and the Republican through Cheyenne County. Cedar Bluff, Webster and Kirwin Reservoirs were all about 50 feet below conservation pool. Islands became peninsulas at Kirwin, and at Webster the concrete foundations of the old town at the bottom of the lake were once again high and dry. Signs along the dam at Webster warning boats to stay ten feet away from the rocks are now about 1/2 mile from the shore. Of course, all of this could be alleviated by a good 50" of hard rain.

The almost-dry Little Salt Marsh at Quivira turned out to be a hidden blessing as it produced the best bird of the season. A Curlew Sandpiper, only the second reported in our state, was found there by Mick McHugh on August 4. Mick instantly identified this totally unique brick-red shorebird with a decurved bill and silver wing-linings, but had trouble distinguishing between public and private buildings as he burst into the Quivira bunkhouse looking for a telephone. The seven other birders who managed to see this bird later that evening or the next day were very fortunate indeed. This was one of only a handful of Curlew Sandpiper records for the interior of the continent; however, this eurasian species is fairly regular at eastern hotspots, has nested in Alaska and has been seen occasionally along the Pacific Coast. It was last seen by Mark Janos on August 5, less than 24 hours after its discovery.

The other good records of the season speak for themselves. Entries for some species, Osprey is a good example, were deleted because there were simply too many to list. Other formerly rare birds are showing up all over the state. Who would have predicted 11 Pacific Loons, 5 Red-necked Grebes, 4 Clark's Grebes, 120 Mountain Plovers and 10+ California Gulls in one season? Several common birds are included because they were seen in unusual numbers or in strange places. Mountain Bluebirds were seen as far southeast as Woodson County where they very seldom stray. Western Grebes are becoming less western every year. Look carefully at the uniformity of dates for several species. Canada Warblers were found 450 miles apart but only in a ten-day migratory window. Western Tanagers are common in Morton County, provided that you are there on September 13 or 14. Pacific Loons arrived at three different reservoirs on November 9. Amazing stuff!

One of the more difficult aspects of this job is keeping all the names, dates and places straight. Frequently those who find good birds are not credited because they have not reported the sighting to either the hotline or to me. Errors also creep in when birders report sightings on the wrong date such as Sunday the 1st instead of Sunday the 2nd. The biggest challenge is determining the county a bird was seen in; county maps can help but often when a bird is reported from areas that include two or three counties (Milford, Cheney, Tuttle Creek are good examples) mistakes happen. If you wish to receive proper credit for a bird sighting, keep these things in mind.

Several bizarre records cannot be listed below because the birds were not identified with enough certainty. Little Stint, Steller's Eider, a mystery hummingbird? . . . these are calls that drive hotline operators mad! As always, the following records are subject to the scrutiny of the Kansas Bird Records Committee. Reports for the winter season (December through February) need to be sent immediately to Box 36, Nekoma, KS 67559.

### BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS / August through November 1991

|                                                                                                                                       |                                                                 |             |             |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Red-throated Loon                                                                                                                     | 1 on Winfield City Lake                                         | MT          | 10-29-91    | Cowley    |
| (This bird, still in mostly alternate plumage, was watched for 15 minutes but within the hour it disappeared and was not seen again). |                                                                 |             |             |           |
| Pacific Loon                                                                                                                          | 1 on Wilson                                                     | MR,SS       | 10-26-91    | Russell   |
| Pacific Loon                                                                                                                          | 1 with good chinstrap                                           | SS          | 10-26-91    | Mitchell  |
| Pacific Loon                                                                                                                          | 1 on Wyandotte Lake                                             | LM,MM,GP,MC | 11-02-91    | Wyandotte |
|                                                                                                                                       | \still present                                                  | \LM         | \11-17-91   | Wyandotte |
| Pacific Loon                                                                                                                          | 1 at Cedar Bluff                                                | SS          | 11-03-91    | Trego     |
| Pacific Loon                                                                                                                          | 1 seen at < 100 yards + 1 more                                  | MR,SS       | 11-09-91    | Mitchell  |
| Pacific Loon                                                                                                                          | 2 on Hillsdale                                                  | CH          | 11-09-91    | Miami     |
| Pacific Loon                                                                                                                          | 2 on Milford                                                    | DLS         | 11-09-91    | Geary     |
|                                                                                                                                       |                                                                 |             | to 11-24-91 | Geary     |
| Pacific Loon                                                                                                                          | 1 different bird than 11/03                                     | MR          | 11-11-91    | Trego     |
| Common Loon                                                                                                                           | 1 on Meade State Lake                                           | BL          | 09-30-91    | Meade     |
| Common Loon                                                                                                                           | 10 on Wilson                                                    | MR,SS       | 10-26-91    | Russell   |
| Common Loon                                                                                                                           | <u>25+</u> on Glen Elder                                        | SS          | 10-26-91    | Mitchell  |
| Common Loon                                                                                                                           | 10 on Wyandotte Lake                                            | LM          | 11-01-91    | Wyandotte |
| Common Loon                                                                                                                           | 3 on Cedar Bluff                                                | SS          | 11-15-91    | Trego     |
| Red-necked Grebe                                                                                                                      | 1 on Hillsdale Lake                                             | CH          | 11-09-91    | Miami     |
|                                                                                                                                       | <u>2</u> on Hillsdale Lake                                      | m. ob.      | 11-17-91    | Miami     |
|                                                                                                                                       | <u>3!!</u> on Hillsdale Lake                                    | DH          | 11-20-91    | Miami     |
| Red-necked Grebe                                                                                                                      | 1 on Wilson                                                     | SP,LM,MM,GP | 11-10-91    | Russell   |
|                                                                                                                                       | <u>2</u> on Wilson                                              | MR          | 11-21-91    | Russell   |
| Western Grebe                                                                                                                         | 1 on Marion Res.                                                | BF          | 08-31-91    | Marion    |
| Western Grebe                                                                                                                         | 2 on Cedar Bluff                                                | SS          | 10-12-91    | Trego     |
| Western Grebe                                                                                                                         | 1 on Marion                                                     | GF          | 10-19-91    | Marion    |
| Western Grebe                                                                                                                         | 2 on Wilson                                                     | MR          | 10-22-91    | Russell   |
| Western Grebe                                                                                                                         | 1 on Lake Shawnee                                               | DG, m. ob.  | 11-02-91    | Shawnee   |
| Western Grebe                                                                                                                         | 3 on Hillsdale                                                  | CH          | 11-09-91    | Miami     |
|                                                                                                                                       | 4 on Hillsdale                                                  | m. ob.      | 11-17-91    | Miami     |
| Western Grebe                                                                                                                         | 1 on Perry                                                      | BF          | 11-17-91    | Jefferson |
| Western Grebe                                                                                                                         | 2 on Milford                                                    | CO          | 11-23-91    | Geary     |
| Clark's Grebe                                                                                                                         | 1 on Kirwin                                                     | SS          | 10-12-91    | Phillips  |
| Clark's Grebe                                                                                                                         | 1 well-marked on Wilson                                         | MR,SS       | 11-09-91    | Russell   |
| Clark's Grebe                                                                                                                         | 1 on Hillsdale Lake                                             | BF,GG       | 11-10-91    | Miami     |
|                                                                                                                                       | still present                                                   | m. ob.      | 11-17-91    | Miami     |
| Clark's Grebe                                                                                                                         | 1 on Cheney                                                     | PJ          | 11-17-91    | Reno      |
| (This bird briefly entered Sedgwick County).                                                                                          |                                                                 |             |             |           |
| Y.cr. Night Heron                                                                                                                     | 1 imm. in Elkhart alley                                         | SP, m. ob.  | 08-31-91    | Morton    |
| Ful. Whistling-Duck                                                                                                                   | 1 at Quivira                                                    | JW          | 09-01-91    | Stafford  |
| Tundra Swan                                                                                                                           | 1 at John Redmond                                               | LM,MM,GP    | 11-03-91    | Coffey    |
| Trumpeter Swan                                                                                                                        | 2A,3I at Webster Dam                                            | m. ob.      | 11-25-91    | Rooks     |
| (More news about this ill-fated family group in the winter report).                                                                   |                                                                 |             |             |           |
| Gr. White-fr. Goose                                                                                                                   | 1 at CB                                                         | SP          | 08-18-91    | Barton    |
| Snow Goose                                                                                                                            | <u>50,000</u> est. at Perry                                     | LM, m. ob.  | 11-02-91    | Jefferson |
| Snow Goose                                                                                                                            | <u>400,000+</u> in Kansas by Wildlife and Parks early Nov. 1991 |             |             |           |
| Ross' Goose                                                                                                                           | 1 at Lake Wabaunsee                                             | DLS         | 11-02-91    | Wabaunsee |
| Ross' Goose                                                                                                                           | 1 with 5000 Snows sw Perry                                      | JB          | 11-10-91    | Jefferson |
| Blue-winged Teal                                                                                                                      | 1 albino at Lake McKinney                                       | SP, m. ob.  | 08-30-91    | Kearny    |
| Redhead                                                                                                                               | <u>2000</u> on waterfowl count                                  | MR          | 10-22-91    | Russell   |

# 10 (Birding Highlights, Cont'd)

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| Oldsquaw                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | female at Shawnee Heights             | JB,DG       | 10-31-91 Shawnee     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                       |             | to 11-01-91 Shawnee  |
| Oldsquaw                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2 at Marion                           | SP,MM,LM,GP | 11-08-91 Marion      |
| Oldsquaw                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 at Coldwater Lake                   | SP,MM,LM,GP | 11-08-91 Comanche    |
| Oldsquaw                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2 on Wilson                           | MR,SS       | 11-09-91 Russell     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3 on Wilson                           | MR          | 11-21-91 Russell     |
| Oldsquaw                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 fem. Clinton sewer ponds            | MB          | 11-16-91 Douglas     |
| Oldsquaw                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 male Clinton sewer ponds            | MB          | 11-18-91 Douglas     |
| Black Scoter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 on Wyandotte Lake                   | LM          | 11-01-91 Wyandotte   |
| Black Scoter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2 fem. on Glen Elder                  | MR,SS       | 11-09-91 Mitchell    |
| White-winged Scoter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 male on Cedar Bluff                 | SS          | 11-10-91 Trego       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | still present                         | SS          | 11-15-91 Trego       |
| White-winged Scoter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 on Stone Lake G.B.                  | SS          | 11-16-91 Barton      |
| Northern Goshawk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 along Big Ditch                     | JN          | 10-13-91 Sedgwick    |
| Northern Goshawk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 at Pott. Co. Lake #2                | DR          | 11-19-91 Pott.       |
| Northern Goshawk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 at Wilson                           | MR          | 11-26-91 Russell     |
| Northern Goshawk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 at Webster                          | MR          | 11-29-91 Rooks       |
| Red-sh. Hawk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3 at MDC                              | LM          | 08-18-91 Linn        |
| Prairie Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 at Clinton                          | LM, m. ob.  | 11-02-91 Douglas     |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 sw of Medicine Lodge                | LM,MM,GP    | 09-02-91 Barber      |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 on top Perry Dam                    | Topeka Aud. | 10-12-91 Jefferson   |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 Alma City Lake                      | DLS         | 10-12-91 Wabaunsee   |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | banded juvenile                       | m. ob.      | 10-16-91 Jefferson   |
| (This poorly marked individual was tentatively identified as a Gyrfalcon by several experienced birders at first, but because it was color-marked and banded its origin was in doubt. This bird, number 47X, was released in Des Moines, IA in July 1991 by Pat Redding). |                                       |             |                      |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 at Melvern                          | MS          | 10-30-91 Osage       |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1A s. 4 mi. from J.C.                 | DLS         | 11-17-91 Geary       |
| <u>Gyrfalcon</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 gray-phase s. Wilson Res.           | MR,GN       | 11-05-91 Russell     |
| (This bird was seen sitting on fenceline just s. Minooka Park, one fencepost away from a Rough-legged Hawk. Watched at length at close range and seen later in the day down by the lake, this bird could not be found again).                                             |                                       |             |                      |
| Ruffed Grouse                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 at Perry                            | DLS         | 09-01-91 Jefferson   |
| Sharp-tailed Grouse                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2 along U.S. 36                       | RR          | 08-24-91 Rawlins     |
| Sandhill Crane                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3                                     | LM,MM,GP,MC | 11-02-91 Wyandotte   |
| Whooping Crane                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 7 adults s. Nekoma                    | DS          | 10-15-91 Rush        |
| (Not a bad addition to our yard list!)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                       |             |                      |
| Blk.-bellied Plover                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 65 at Patterson Marsh                 | GF          | 10-03-91 Harvey      |
| Blk.-bellied Plover                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 60+ at John Redmond                   | LM,MM       | 10-27-91 Coffey      |
| Piping Plover                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 late migrant at Quivira             | DR          | 10-13-91 Stafford    |
| Mountain Plover                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 25 two mi. s. K-51 just e. Colo. line | SS          | 08-03-91 Morton      |
| Mountain Plover                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 80 along K-51 1-1/2 mi. w. K-27       | MR          | 08-04-91 Morton      |
| Mountain Plover                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3 w. of Rolla                         | SS          | 08-10-91 Morton      |
| Mountain Plover                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 under pivot sprinkler               | SP, m. ob.  | 08-31-91 Stanton     |
| Mountain Plover                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8 at Johnson city limits              | MR,DS,SS    | 09-07-91 Stanton     |
| Upland Sandpiper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | huge migration of thousands           | SS          | 08-03-91 sw. KS      |
| Long-billed Curlew                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 calling above Hays Mall             | DS          | 10-10-91 Ellis       |
| Red Knot                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 4 at Melvern                          | BF          | 08-31-91 Osage       |
| Red Knot                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 at Perry                            | DLS         | 09-21-91 Jefferson   |
| Baird's Sandpiper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 25 late birds in Wichita              | PJ          | 11-17-91 Sedgwick    |
| Dunlin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10 at John Redmond                    | LM,MM       | 10-27-91 Coffey      |
| Dunlin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 6 at Winfield City Lake               | PJ, m. ob.  | 11-02-91 Cowley      |
| Dunlin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2 at Marion                           | SP,MM,LM,GP | 11-08-91 Marion      |
| <u>Curlew Sandpiper</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 alt. plumage at Quivira             | MM, m. ob.  | 08-04-91 Stafford    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                       |             | to 08-05-91 Stafford |
| Buff-br. Sandpiper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 85 actual count Pool 1                | SS          | 08-07-91 Barton      |
| Buff-br. Sandpiper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 6 at Johnson Co. Turf                 | BF          | 08-18-91 Johnson     |

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| Buff-br. Sandpiper | 6 - 10 at Melvern            | BF, DB, LB | 08-31-91    | Osage     |
| Buff-br. Sandpiper | 5 - 18 at Perry              | DLS        | 09-01-91    | Jefferson |
|                    |                              |            | to 09-18-91 | Jefferson |
| Buff-br. Sandpiper | 7 at Clinton                 | DR         | 09-07-91    | Douglas   |
| Buff-br. Sandpiper | 5 at Melvern                 | LM, GP     | 09-08-91    | Osage     |
| Buff-br. Sandpiper | 2 at Kaw Valley Fish Farm    | LM, GP     | 09-08-91    | Douglas   |
| Buff-br. Sandpiper | 7 at Johnson Co. Turf        | MM, BF, RS | 09-15-91    | Johnson   |
| Buff-br. Sandpiper | 2 at Melvern                 | MM, GG     | 09-29-91    | Osage     |
| Buff-br. Sandpiper | 1 at Perry                   | DLS        | 10-13-91    | Jefferson |
| Short-b. Dowitcher | 2 at MDC                     | LM         | 08-18-91    | Linn      |
| Red Phalarope      | 1 s. shore Wilson            | MR         | 09-06-91    | Russell   |
| Red Phalarope      | 1 at Big Salt Marsh          | LM         | 09-14-91    | Stafford  |
| Red Phalarope      | 1 at John Redmond HQ         | LM, MM     | 10-27-91    | Coffey    |
| Pomarine Jaeger    | 1 med. brown bird Glen Elder | SS         | 10-26-91    | Mitchell  |

(This apparent 1st-year bird was watched for 1-1/2 hours and was seen harassing Bonaparte's and Ring-billed Gulls and even Double-crested Cormorants. Very prominent white wing-crescents, middle-linebacker neck, short rounded central tail feathers, and large size all place this bird in the Pomarine category. Seen by Rader on 10-27).

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| Laughing Gull             | 1 imm. at CB                       | MM             | 08-04-91 | Barton        |
| <u>Little Gull</u>        | 1 at Paola Sewage Ponds            | MM, GG, MC     | 11-17-91 | Miami         |
| <u>Com. Blk.-hd. Gull</u> | 1 possible bird from Milford       | DLS            | 11-29-91 | Geary         |
| California Gull           | 1 at Elkhart sewer ponds           | MM, MC, m. ob. | 08-16-91 | Morton        |
| California Gull           | <u>6A. 1 juv.</u> at Lake McKinney | DS, SS         | 08-24-91 | Kearny        |
| California Gull           | <u>4A. 2 juv.</u> at Lake McKinney | SP, m. ob.     | 08-30-91 | Kearny        |
| California Gull           | 1 second-winter at Pomona          | MM, BF, RS     | 09-15-91 | Osage         |
| California Gull           | 1 second-winter at Webster         | SS             | 10-12-91 | Rooks         |
| Thayer's Gull             | 1 first-winter at John Redmond     | LM, MM, GP     | 11-03-91 | Coffey        |
|                           | same bird?                         | MM, BF, CH     | 11-30-91 | Coffey        |
| Thayer's Gull             | 1 at Marion                        | SP, MM, LM, GP | 11-08-91 | Marion        |
|                           | same bird?                         | PJ             | 11-29-91 | Marion        |
| Sabine's Gull             | 1 imm. s. Lakin                    | TSh, SSh       | 09-22-91 | <u>Kearny</u> |
| Caspian Tern              | 2 on Stone Lake                    | SS             | 09-18-91 | Barton        |

(This species abundant in eastern KS but still scarce in west).

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| Common Tern        | group of 18 at Wilson      | MR | 09-17-91 | Russell |
| Common Ground Dove | 1 s. of river se. Cimarron | CA | 10-19-91 | Gray    |

(This well-described bird was watched at length as it drank from a small pond).

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| Greater Roadrunner              | 1 e. K-27 bridge                               | MC, m. ob.   | 08-17-91        | Morton    |
| Greater Roadrunner              | 1 at boy scout area                            | Wichita Aud. | 09-15-91        | Morton    |
| Greater Roadrunner              | 1 at boy scout area                            | SS           | 09-28-91        | Morton    |
| Greater Roadrunner              | 1 in Pratt                                     | KB           | 09-30-91        | Pratt     |
| Barn Owl                        | 7 during day                                   | SS, DS       | 08-24-91        | Morton    |
| Short-eared Owl                 | 1 at Perry WMA                                 | DLS          | <u>09-22-91</u> | Jefferson |
| <u>Black-chinned Humm.</u>      | 2 fem. studied at very close range<br>(1 foot) | TSh, SSh     | 08-24-91        | Finney    |
| <u>Black-chinned Humm.</u>      | 1 probable female at Velda Griffith<br>feeder  | MR, DS, SS   | 09-07-91        | Morton    |
| Rufous Hummingbird              | 2                                              | TSh, SSh     | 08-24-91        | Finney    |
| Rufous Hummingbird              | 2 at Belle Plaine feeder                       | TL, m. ob.   | 09-06-91        | Sumner    |
| Rufous Hummingbird              | 1 in Satanta                                   | J&NC         | 09-17-91        | Haskell   |
| <u>Broad-tailed Hummingbird</u> | adult male in G.C.                             | L&BR         | 08-03-91        | Finney    |
| Lewis' Woodpecker               | 2 Ark. R. w. Syracuse                          | SP, m. ob.   | 08-31-91        | Hamilton  |
| Red-naped Sapsucker             | 1 imm. e. boy scout                            | SS           | 09-28-91        | Morton    |
|                                 |                                                |              | to 10-05-91     | Morton    |
| Red-naped Sapsucker             | 1 adult female Scott Lake                      | TSh, SSh     | 09-28-91        | Scott     |
| Ladder-backed Woodpecker        | 1 adult male                                   | SS           | 08-10-91        | Morton    |
| Ladder-backed Woodpecker        | 1 at e. Fish Ponds                             | m. ob.       | 08-17-91        | Morton    |
| Ladder-backed Woodpecker        | 1 at Wilburton                                 | GF           | 09-17-91        | Morton    |

## 12 (Birding Highlights, Cont'd)

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| Olive-sided Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 early migrant                 | TSh,SSh      | 08-03-91     | Scott          |
| Yellow-bellied Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                 | 3 in Chisholm Park              | PJ,JN        | 08-05-91     | Sedgwick       |
| Hammond's Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                      | 1                               | SP           | 08-31-91     | Morton         |
| Hammond's Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 seen and heard-boy scout area | SS           | 09-07-91     | Morton         |
| Hammond's Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 Pt. of Rocks                  | MR,SS        | 09-14-91     | Morton         |
| Dusky Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                          | 1                               | SP           | 08-17-91     | Morton         |
| Dusky Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                          | 1                               | SS           | 08-24-91     | Morton         |
| Dusky Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                          | 2                               | SP           | 08-31-91     | Morton         |
| Dusky Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                          | 1                               | MR,DS,SS     | 09-07-91     | Morton         |
| Dusky Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 n. Elkhart Cemetery           | MR,SS        | 09-14-91     | Morton         |
| Dusky Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 at Middle Springs             | Wichita Aud. | 09-15-91     | Morton         |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 in Jetmore Cemetery           | SP, m. ob.   | 08-30-91     | Hodgeman       |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 on river road                 | MR,DS,SS     | 09-07-91     | Hamilton       |
| Ash-throated Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 at Salt Fork just n. OK       | LM,MM,GP     | 09-02-91     | <u>Barber</u>  |
| Great-Crested Flycatcher                                                                                                                                                                  | adults with 3 - 4 young         | SS           | 08-10-91     | Morton         |
| Cassin's Kingbird                                                                                                                                                                         | 3                               | MR,SS        | 09-14-91     | Morton         |
| Eastern Kingbird                                                                                                                                                                          | 500+ at Harvey E. Lake          | BD           | 09-02-91     | Harvey         |
| Pinyon Jay                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 flying down Cimarron          | SS           | 09-28-91     | Morton         |
| Pinyon Jay                                                                                                                                                                                | 21 flying down Cimarron         | SP           | 10-04-91     | Morton         |
| Black-billed Magpie                                                                                                                                                                       | 3 in Oxford                     | J&ND         | late October | <u>Sumner</u>  |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 in Elkhart Cemetery           | SS           | 08-10-91     | Morton         |
| Bewick's Wren                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 angry bird at Winfield Lake   | PJ,JN        | 11-03-91     | Cowley         |
| (This record is only unusual in that the wren landed on the car antenna, hopped on the mirrors, crawled along the window ledges all in an attempt to get at the "spishing" noise inside). |                                 |              |              |                |
| Winter Wren                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 at boy scout area             | SS           | 09-28-91     | Morton         |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 ne. of Newton                 | BD           | 10-16-91     | Harvey         |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                                                                         | 3 - 5 seen sw. Cottonwood Falls | MS           | 10-22-91     | Chase          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                 |              | to 10-28-91  | Chase          |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                                                                         | 100+ at Cedar Bluff             | SS           | 11-03-91     | Trego          |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                                                                         | small flock nw. Oxford          | MT           | late Oct.    | Sumner         |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                                                                         | 6 seen 3 mi. w. Petrolia        | GL           | 11-01-91     | <u>Woodson</u> |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                                                                         | 6 at Mt. Hope                   | BM           | 11-15-91     | Sedgwick       |
| Hermit Thrush                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 'auduboni'                    | SS,MR        | 09-14-91     | Morton         |
| Sage Thrasher                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 n. Wilburton                  | SS           | 08-10-91     | Morton         |
| Sage Thrasher                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 at Wilburton                  | Wichita Aud. | 09-15-91     | Morton         |
| Sprague's Pipit                                                                                                                                                                           | several in se. Shawnee          | MI           | 10-10-91     | Shawnee        |
| Sprague's Pipit                                                                                                                                                                           | numerous ne. Udall              | MT           | 10-27-91     | Cowley         |
| Sprague's Pipit                                                                                                                                                                           | numerous at ElDorado Lake       | BL           | 11-01-91     | Butler         |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 at Cedar Bluff                | SS           | 11-15-91     | Trego          |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 at Wilson                     | MR,SS        | 11-16-91     | Trego          |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 Otter Creek Road              | DLS          | 11-24-91     | Geary          |
| Solitary Vireo                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 early migrant                 | TSh,SSh      | 08-03-91     | Scott          |
| Golden-winged Warbler                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 in Chisholm Park              | PJ,JN        | 09-02-91     | Sedgwick       |
| Golden-winged Warbler                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 in Peter Pan Park, Emporia    | JR           | 09-10-91     | Lyon           |
| Virginia's Warbler                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 n. Elkhart Cemetery           | DS,SS        | 08-24-91     | Morton         |
| Magnolia Warbler                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 n. Elkhart Cemetery           | GF           | 09-17-91     | Morton         |
| Black-th. Blue Warbler                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 male at boy scout             | SS           | 09-28-91     | Morton         |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler                                                                                                                                                                     | 800 seen during day at Wilson   | MR           | 10-02-91     | Russell        |
| Black-th. Gray Warbler                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 Elkhart Cemetery              | SP, m. ob.   | 08-16-91     | Morton         |
| Townsend's Warbler                                                                                                                                                                        | 2 below Pt. of Rocks            | SS,MR        | 09-14-91     | Morton         |
| Townsend's Warbler                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 in Elkhart                    | SS,MR        | 09-14-91     | Morton         |
| Townsend's Warbler                                                                                                                                                                        | 2 in Elkhart                    | SS           | 09-22-91     | Morton         |
| Blackburnian Warbler                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 in Wichita                    | DK           | 09-02-91     | Sedgwick       |
| Pine Warbler                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 at Lake Wabaunsee             | DLS          | 09-01-91     | Wabaunsee      |
| McGillivray's Warbler                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 at work station               | PJ,BD        | 09-13-91     | Morton         |
| Wilson's Warbler                                                                                                                                                                          | 200+                            | MR,SS        | 09-14-91     | Morton         |
| Canada Warbler                                                                                                                                                                            | 2 at MDC                        | MM           | 08-23-91     | Linn           |

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| Canada Warbler                                                     | 1 along Bear Creek                       | MM           | 08-31-91 | Stanton   |
| Canada Warbler                                                     | 1 in Manhattan                           | DR           | 09-01-91 | Riley     |
| Canada Warbler                                                     | 1 in Chisholm Park                       | PJ,JN        | 09-02-91 | Sedgwick  |
| Canada Warbler                                                     | 1 in Wichita                             | RC           | 09-02-91 | Sedgwick  |
| Western Tanager                                                    | 1 Point of Rocks                         | SS           | 09-14-91 | Morton    |
| Western Tanager                                                    | 1 in Elkhart                             | MR,SS        | 09-14-91 | Morton    |
| Western Tanager                                                    | 3 in Elkhart, 1 at work st.              | Wichita Aud. | 09-13-91 | Morton    |
| Lazuli Bunting                                                     | fem. carrying food Middle Sp.            | SS           | 08-03-91 | Morton    |
| Painted Bunting                                                    | 1 adult male at Perry WMA                | DLS          | 08-11-91 | Jefferson |
| Dickcissel                                                         | 2 late migrants overhead                 | SS           | 10-17-91 | Rush      |
| Green-tailed Towhee                                                | 2 e. of boy scout area                   | SS,MR        | 09-14-91 | Morton    |
| Green-tailed Towhee                                                | 1 at boy scout                           | Wichita Aud. | 09-15-91 | Morton    |
| Green-tailed Towhee                                                | 1 at western crossing                    | GF           | 09-17-91 | Morton    |
| Vesper Sparrow                                                     | 1 very early migrant                     | DLS          | 08-10-91 | Jefferson |
| Lark Bunting                                                       | one flock <u>1000+ 10,000</u> during day | SS           | 08-03-91 | Morton    |
| Sharp-tail. Sparrow                                                | 1 s. shore of Wilson                     | MR           | 10-01-91 | Russell   |
|                                                                    | still present                            | MR,SS        | 10-26-91 | Russell   |
| White-throated Sparrow                                             | 1 early migrant                          | DLS          | 09-07-91 | Wabaunsee |
| White-crowned Sparrow                                              | albinistic bird                          | SS           | 11-03-91 | Trego     |
| (This immature had normal crown-stripes but a cream-colored body). |                                          |              |          |           |
| Orchard Oriole                                                     | 200+ along Cimarron River                | SS           | 08-03-91 | Morton    |
| Red Crossbill                                                      | 1 along U.S. 36                          | RR           | 08-24-91 | Cheyenne  |
| Common Redpoll                                                     | 4 on Baker Wetlands                      | DH,RB        | 11-21-91 | Douglas   |
| Pine Siskin                                                        | 1 at Quivira                             | SP           | 08-18-91 | Stafford  |

## EXOTICS

|                                                                |                          |    |          |        |
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| Mute Swan                                                      | 3 in Salina              | NC | 11-10-91 | Saline |
| Black-hooded Conure                                            | 2 below Tuttle Creek Dam | TC | 09-16-91 | Pott.  |
| (This pair had been roaming the Manhattan area for some time). |                          |    |          |        |

## ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO SPRING-SUMMER ROUNDUP 1991

|               |                             |                  |          |           |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------|-----------|
| Common Loon   | max. of 4 summering Milford | Chuck Otte       | July 91  | Geary     |
| White Pelican | 1000+ at dam sw. Nekoma     | Terry Seltman    | 04-22-91 | Rush      |
| Ross' Goose   | 2 w. end Clinton            | Moore&Pittman    | 03-10-91 | Douglas   |
| Ross' Goose   | 50+ at Lassiter Marsh       | Moore&Pittman    | 03-10-91 | Jefferson |
| Oldsquaw      | 1 on Clinton State Park     | Mary Butterbrodt | 03-10-91 | Douglas   |
| Merlin        | 1 in sw. Barber             | Stan Roth        | 04-19-91 | Barber    |

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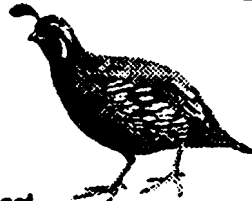
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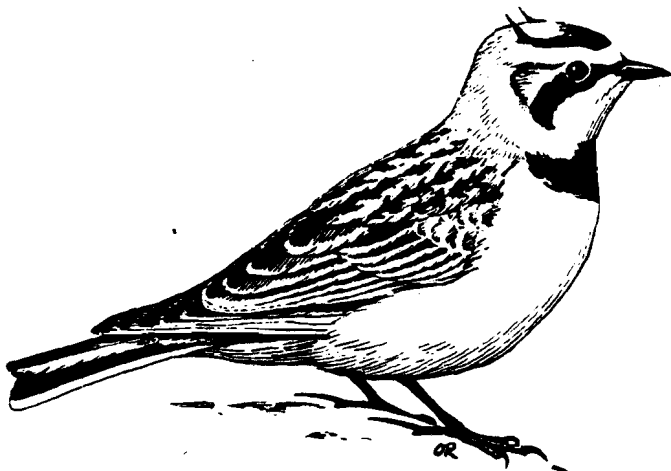
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### RECYCLED PAPER

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### WELCOME TO MORE NEW KOS MEMBERS!

#### THE FOLLOWING HAVE JOINED SINCE THE SPRING MEETING

Larry Armstrong, Wichita; Deborah Beutler, Manhattan; Joan Breit, Newton; Brent Brock, Manhattan; Robert & Lea Ann Brown, Denver, CO; Dan Buford, Salina; Mick & Cathy Clausen, Wichita; Pat Diener, St. Louis, MO; Jane Edson, Wichita; Esther Eicher, Brewster; Robert Evans, Boulder, CO; Fred & Elizabeth Griner, Colwich; Don Haley, Manhattan; Larry & Laurie Hesed, Pawnee Rock; Barbara Higdon, Lawrence; Joan Jefferson, Freeman, MO; Ralph & Erma Manning, Leavenworth; Paul McKenzie, Columbia, MO; Alan Neufeld, Moundridge; Jim Oakland, Bainbridge, WA; Bill, Inez & John Prather, Longmont, CO; Richard Prum, Lawrence; Amy Rogers, Wichita; Joe Roller, Denver; Bob Rose, Wichita; Cindy Smith, Stilwell; Doug Storer, Manhattan; James Storer, Moundridge; Marilyn Tilghman, Manhattan; David & Elaine Tompkins, Wichita; Linda Vidal, Aspen, CO; Adam Wagoner, McPherson; Joe Weaver, Merriam.

### KOS T-SHIRTS AND CAPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

KOS T-Shirts are \$8.00 each:

Navy w/white logo: 1-small; 4-medium.

White w/red ribbing: 4-small; 6-medium; 3-large; 2-x-large.

White w/blue ribbing: 2-medium; 1-large.

KOS Caps are \$3.00 each: White w/navy logo; 3 left.

If you are interested in any of the items above, contact *Jan Boyd, Baker University, Baldwin, KS 66006*. Make checks payable to KOS.

### 60 IN ATTENDANCE AT KOS FALL MEETING IN LEAVENWORTH, KS. SEPT. 20-22, 1991

Gordon & Martha Barnhardt; Deborah Beutler; Roger, Jan & Jon Boyd; Joanne Brier; Dave & Linda Bryan; Bill Busby; Ted Cable; Calvin Cink; Kimberly Coolidge; Steve Crawford; Craig Faanes; Ruth Fauhl; Elmer Finck; Bob Fisher; Greg Friesen; Rose Fritz; Dan Gish; Bob Gress; Jerry Horak; Virginia Holman; Allen Jahn; Kathryn Kelley; George Knight; Gil & Marie Leisman; Mike Lesan; Sister Jean Wm. Lockett; Alan Maccarone; Mick McHugh; Dwight Moore; Brian Obermeyer; Chuck & Jaye Otte; Galen Pittman; Dwight Platt; Richard Prum; Mike Rader; Karyn Baker Riney; Dave Rintoul; John, Linda, Beth Anne & Abbey Schukman; Jean Schulenberg; Marvin Schwilling; Ruth Scott; David Seibel; Diane & Scott Seltman; Jack Smith; Doug & James Storer; Max Thompson; Don Vannoy; Kay Wahl; Douglas White; John Zimmerman.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Fellow Members:

It's been a terrific year for KOS. Last year I described several of the exciting possibilities that were taking shape within the society. In this, my third and final term as president, I am pleased to report that most of those possibilities are now realities, thanks to all of you who have given so generously of your time and talents. As you will see in more detail in the minutes of the annual meeting and the board meeting, we've accomplished a lot and, despite a flagging economy all around us, have continued to grow both in membership and in financial solidity.

Attendance at this year's meeting in Leavenworth was good, and those present were as enthusiastic a group as I've seen. As always, Vice President Dave Bryan and the local committee (this year, John and Linda Schukman and Linda Bryan) put together an excellent program of presentations and activities for a thoroughly enjoyable, informative, and stimulating weekend. My personal thanks also to all the speakers, field trip leaders, and the hosting staff at St. Mary's College, with special thanks to Membership Secretary Diane Seltman for another of her ever-popular quizzes and to Karyn Baker Riney of the Birdwatcher's Store in Lawrence for her display of books and related items, with generous discounts and prizes for members.

Committee activity within KOS is increasing steadily. We still need volunteers for almost every committee, and I urge each of you who hasn't already done so to contact the chair of the committee that interests you most (see the list in the minutes of the annual meeting) to offer whatever help you have time to give. The membership, education, and conservation committees, in particular, will be needing your help soon.

One of our special activities I should mention here is the forthcoming Breeding Bird Atlas project. John Zimmerman will be leaving his post as *Bulletin* editor to head the atlas project. To be successful, this exciting and ambitious undertaking will require a great deal of participation by KOS members. It will be discussed in detail in the *Horned Lark* and special announcements in the coming months.

I also want to renew my request for help from every member to continue recruiting additional members. You can get all the membership brochures you need from Business Manager Galen Pittman; hand them out freely and make them available to groups with similar interests.

The keys to success in most of our goals are communication and cooperation, not only within our club but also among other groups. For this reason I have encouraged joint meetings with ornithological societies in neighboring states, and invitations are being extended. Some exciting prospects for expanding our ornithological horizons in this way should materialize in the near future.

My two remaining proposals for the coming year aim to increase activity at the local level. First, under the enthusiastic leadership of Mike Rader, the KOS local field trip program should see a rebirth during the months ahead. Local field trips have been attempted previously and are an excellent way to increase "grass-roots" participation, but past attempts have been hampered by limited communication and scattered membership. With our growing membership and improved communication vehicles (including the Birding Hotline), we have some promising new ideas that may overcome these obstacles.

Finally, I hope to implement a program, coordinated by the Membership Committee, of local phone networks to welcome new members, invite members to meetings and field trips, set up local trips, etc. This will likely be an area in which we need many volunteers.

As I write this letter on this Thanksgiving Day, it seems fitting to close with a note of thanks. I am indeed thankful for all the wonderful members and volunteers who have made possible the continuing growth and vitality of KOS. It is not easy for most of us to squeeze in extra time for volunteer work, and I want you all to know how much I appreciate your help. I especially want to thank the officers, both continuing and outgoing, who have served KOS so well, and to welcome the new ones to their posts. You've all made my job much easier and more enjoyable; keep up the good work!

--Good Birding, David E. Seibel, President

## 1992 DUES RENEWAL CARDS ARE IN THE MAIL

For those of you who have not already renewed your membership for 1992, a renewal card is on its way to you. Simply check the desired membership category, fill in your name, address and telephone number and mail to Rose Fritz, Treasurer, in the envelope provided. Make checks payable to KOS. Thank you for your continued support!

--Diane Seltman, Membership Secretary

## COSTA RICA BIRDING TRIP

Roger and Jan Boyd are again leading a birding trip to Costa Rica in 1992. The dates are June 1 to June 16. The trip will visit six national parks. Among the sights expected are over 250 bird species, many butterflies and other insects, monkeys and flowers. Estimated cost is \$1,300 plus air fare. For further details, including registration deadline, call Roger or Jan at 913-594-3172 or write to them at 520 Third St., Baldwin City, KS 66006.

## AMERICAN BIRDING ASSOCIATION

The American Birding Association (ABA) is an organization devoted solely to birding. It publishes a bimonthly informative magazine and monthly newsletter with the latest happenings in the world of birding. It also sells bird books, tapes, optical equipment and accessories with discounts to members. Membership in ABA is \$30 per year for an individual or \$37 per year for a family. You may write to ABA Membership at P.O. Box 6599, Colorado Springs, CO 80934 or to Don Vannoy, 2458 Coolidge, Wichita, KS 67204 or telephone him at 316/838-4062 for a brochure with a membership application. If you would be willing to display membership brochures at your local meetings, please contact Don.

## FERRUGINOUS HAWK

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service received a petition on June 1, 1991, in which it was asked to consider listing the ferruginous hawk (*Buteo regalis*) as a threatened species under the authority of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). A subsequent review of the petition resulted in the preparation of a "may be warranted" finding which should soon be published in the Federal Register. Under the ESA, a "may be warranted" finding requires the Service to determine, within one year, whether or not enough information exists to list the species.

Craig Faanes was assigned the task of preparing the 12-month finding on the ferruginous hawk petition. In order to accomplish this objective, he would very much appreciate your help.

Specifically, he would appreciate any data (published or unpublished) which you may possess that could be used in making the necessary determination. Primarily he is looking for any long-term data that may indicate a positive or negative trend in ferruginous hawk populations in the various states and provinces within its range. Also any data you may have relating to long-term trends in the status of the species preferred nesting habitat (native prairie or shrub-steppe grasslands) would be most valuable.

It at all possible he would appreciate receiving the requested information by January 15, 1992. Please contact him at Fish and Wildlife Service, Fish and Wildlife Enhancement, Nebraska/Kansas Field Office, 203 West Second Street, Grand Island, NE 68801 or call 308-381-5571.

## KANSAS BREEDING BIRD ATLAS: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Beginning in 1992, the Kansas Ornithological Society, Kansas State University, Kansas Biological Survey, and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will initiate a 5-year effort to identify the occurrence of breeding in approximately 700 separate 25 sq. kilometer survey areas throughout the state of Kansas. This effort will require the help of many members of the Kansas Ornithological Society who would be willing to contribute time and energy toward the documentation of the breeding avifauna. The outcome would be a publication that will map the occurrence of breeding of all species over a probability range from "possible" to the actual observation of nesting (or the immediate results of nesting, like dependent fledglings). This document would be a natural companion of "Birds in Kansas" by Thompson and Ely. Furthermore, these data could be compared to subsequent efforts to illustrate changes in our avifauna in the years to come, both as a result of habitat modification and global climatic change.

Perhaps it is needless to say, but this project will not happen without your help. No commitment or obligation is necessary at this time, but if you are simply interested or think that you might want to participate and would want to be on a mailing list that would provide you with later information as to where these survey blocks would be located and how these data would be collected, please send your name to KBAT, John L. Zimmerman, Div. Biology-Ackert Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-4901.

### WINTER BIRD FEEDER SURVEY

The fourth annual Kansas Winter Bird Feeder Survey, which was conducted 10-13 January 1991, and sponsored by the Kansas Ornithological Society and Kansas Wildlife and Parks was a very successful and worthwhile project. Participants observed their bird feeders for two consecutive days and recorded the highest number they saw at one time of each species.

1,118 surveys were received from 87 counties.  
 Johnson County submitted the most surveys, with 181.  
 The most used seed by participants was mixed seed.  
 152,701 total birds were observed (excluding "other" birds).  
 Refer to Table 1 for a list of the top ten birds

Table 1. The top ten species seen on the Kansas Winter Bird Feeder Survey, conducted 10-13 January 1991.

| Species                        | Day 1  | Day 2  | Total  |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1. House (English) Sparrow     | 14,969 | 14,895 | 29,864 |
| 2. Dark-eyed Junco (all races) | 8,953  | 8,551  | 17,504 |
| 3. Goldfinch, American         | 7,898  | 7,978  | 15,876 |
| 4. Cardinal, Northern          | 7,100  | 6,938  | 14,038 |
| 5. Starling, European          | 6,748  | 6,631  | 13,379 |
| 6. Tree Sparrow, American      | 3,787  | 3,937  | 7,724  |
| 7. Blue Jay                    | 3,408  | 3,530  | 6,938  |
| 8. Black-capped Chickadee      | 3,258  | 3,214  | 6,472  |
| 9. Harris' Sparrow             | 3,045  | 3,110  | 6,155  |
| 10. House Finch                | 2,683  | 2,679  | 5,362  |

--Dena K. Podrebarac, Graduate Student, Emporia State University

### KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING 1991

St. Mary College  
 Leavenworth, Kansas  
 September 20 - 22, 1991

The forty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society met in Mabree Auditorium on the campus of St. Mary College in Leavenworth, Kansas. John Schukman was chair of the local arrangements committee.

#### Friday, September 20.

An evening reception was held at the John and Linda Schukman residence.

#### Saturday, September 21. Morning Session.

The meeting was opened at 9:05 a.m. with a welcome from Sister Jean William Lockett on behalf of St. Mary College and the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. David Seibel thanked Sister Jean and St. Mary College for

their hospitality. He also thanked John and Linda Schukman and other members of the local committee for their efforts in arranging for this meeting. John Schukman made announcements with regard to local arrangements.

Dave Bryan introduced the paper session and chaired the program. The morning paper session followed the printed program (copy attached) except that the paper by Marvin Schwilling was moved to the afternoon because of a lack of time in the morning session.

The morning business meeting was called to order by President David Seibel at 12:00.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Mike Rader reported for the Nominations Committee and presented the following slate of nominees:

|                         |               |
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| <b>President:</b>       | David Seibel  |
| <b>Vice President:</b>  | Dave Bryan    |
| <b>Corr. Secretary:</b> | Dwight Platt  |
| <b>Memb. Secretary:</b> | Diane Seltman |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>       | Rose Fritz    |
| <b>Business Mgr.:</b>   | Galen Pittman |
| <b>Director:</b>        | Allen Jahn    |
| <b>Director:</b>        | Scott Seltman |

The terms of the Directors Joanne Brier and Jim Mayhew do not expire.

Mike Rader reported that Dave Bryan had already served two terms as Vice-President, one term under President Mick McHugh and one term under President David Seibel. His nomination and election would create a constitutional problem and he called on Dwight Platt to explain the problem and suggest a possible solution. Platt pointed out that Article V, Sec. 2B of the Bylaws limit a person to no more than two consecutive terms as Vice-President. However, Article X, Sec. 2 provides that the Bylaws can be amended at any annual business meeting by a 95% positive vote of members present and voting and Platt suggested that such a vote might also be used to set aside a section of the Bylaws for a particular situation. Platt moved that Sec. 2B of Article V of the KOS Bylaws be set aside to allow Dave Bryan to be elected to a third consecutive term as Vice-President. The motion was seconded. This would allow Dave Bryan's term as Vice-President to expire concurrently with David Seibel's term as President. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned until afternoon.

Saturday, September 21, Afternoon Session.

A Bird Watcher's Hour was held at 1:15 p.m. The afternoon paper session was chaired by Dave Bryan.

An afternoon business session was called to order by President David Seibel at 3:50 p.m.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** David Seibel reported that the society was in good shape with a growing membership and good financial condition. He reported that KOS had participated in a coalition to restore funding in the state budget for renovation of Cheyenne Bottoms and it was successful. He urged members to participate in the Breeding Bird Atlas project. He recognized the work of the outgoing and continuing Board members, of the outgoing Editor of the *Bulletin*, John Zimmerman, and of the Newsletter Editor. He reported that the new *Bulletin* Editor will be Max Thompson. He also recognized the efforts of the chairs of committees and of appointive officers:

Conservation Committee - old chair Pete Janzen and new chair Mike Rader.

Membership Committee - Jan Boyd

Publicity Committee - Chris Hobbs

Birds of Kansas Publications Fund Committee - Max Thompson, Charles Ely & Rose Fritz

Kansas Bird Records Committee - Max Thompson

Student Research Fund Committee - Elmer Finck

Dingus Natural Area Committee - Bob Weese

Representative to Kansas Nongame Wildlife Advisory Council - Mick McHugh

Librarian - Ruth Fahl

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Diane Seltman reported that KOS had 55 more members this year than last year at this time. She also requested all members to be active in recruiting new members.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rose Fritz gave an interim report. The Annual Report will be made at the Winter Board Meeting and will be published in the Newsletter. She reported that the society had total assets of \$27,222.32. She also reported that so far this year there was an excess of income over expenses of \$406.

**BIRD RECORDS REPORTS:** Galen Pittman announced that bird records report forms are available. He stated that photographs submitted as evidence of bird records not be expected to be returned.

**BIRDS OF KANSAS, VOLUME II:** Max Thompson reported that the manuscript was turned in over a year ago. The book is scheduled to be out in June. It is still possible to add records. They still need some photographs.

**BREEDING BIRD ATLAS:** John Zimmerman asked members to volunteer to help with the Breeding Bird Atlas project.

**RARE BIRD HOTLINE:** Scott Seltman reported that the Hotline was working well and there were many contacts. He announced that there were two old answering machines for sale at a good price.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:** Mike Rader proposed the slate of nominees from the Nominations Committee. The meeting was opened to nominations from the floor. A motion was made to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** David Seibel announced that plans were being made for the Spring 1992 meeting the first weekend in May in northwest Kansas. This meeting will probably be in cooperation with Colorado and possibly Nebraska.

The 1992 Fall meeting will be in Emporia on the first weekend of October. The 1993 Spring meeting will be at Southwestern College in Winfield the first weekend of May. This meeting may be in cooperation with the Oklahoma Society.

The business meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Saturday, September 21, Evening Session.

A social hour was held from 6-8 p.m. in the Red Room of Berchman's Hall.

The banquet was served in the Geary Dining Room. David Seibel opened the meeting after the banquet.

**REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:** Bill Busby reported for the Resolutions Committee (Busby and Horak). Resolutions expressed thanks to the local arrangements persons and to St. Mary College, to all speakers at the papers sessions and to John Zimmerman who has served well as Bulletin Editor for many years. There was also a resolution of support and thanks to Senators Dole and Kassebaum for their efforts to facilitate federal purchase of additional land adjoining the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Refuge. The resolutions were adopted by acclamation.

**BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR:** Max Thompson reported the 10 best bird records of the year:

10. Ruff at Quivira.
9. Red Crossbills nesting in Geary County.
8. Fish Crow presumed nesting in Cherokee County.
7. Red-throated Loon in Scott County and Douglas County.
6. Red-necked Grebe at Clinton Reservoir in Douglas County and Perry Reservoir in Jefferson County.
5. Barrow's Goldeneye in Riley County.
4. Magnificent Hummingbird.
3. White-throated Swift in Junction City.
2. Yellow-billed Loon in Winfield City Lake.
1. Curlew Sandpiper at Quivira.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:** Diane Seltman presented life membership pins to Gregg Friesen, Rose Fritz, Allen Jahn and David Seibel. Others earning life memberships but not present at the banquet were Mrs. Bessie Boso, Ronald Carter, Alleen Engle, Pete Janzen, Michael Speers and Eugene Leon.

David Seibel introduced Max Thompson, his early mentor in ornithology. Max presented an entertaining and informative slide presentation/lecture on his field study of birds in Australia.

Sunday, September 22.

Three field trip groups were looking for birds on Sunday morning at Fort Leavenworth, at Mill Creek Park and at Clinton Reservoir. They met for lunch at a picnic area at Fort Leavenworth. The bird list compiled for the group totaled 96 species.

The Annual Meeting adjourned.

--Respectfully submitted, Dwight R. Platt, Corresponding Secretary

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### **KOS FALL BOARD MEETING 1991**

September 21, 1991

St. Mary College

Dining Room A

Leavenworth, Kansas

Members present: David Seibel, Galen Pittman, Dave Bryan, Rose Fritz, Diane Seltman, John Schukman, Joanne Brier, Dwight Platt.

Non-voting: John Zimmerman, Don Vannoy, Max Thompson, Ruth Fauhl, Mike Rader, Elmer Finck.

David Seibel called the meeting to order after lunch.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the Winter Board Meeting have been published in the Newsletter. Diane Seltman moved the approval of the minutes. Dave Bryan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rose Fritz reported that our income was greater than our expenses so far this year. She will give a more detailed report at the afternoon business meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Diane Seltman reported that KOS has 427 members this year. At this time last year there were 372 members.

**BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** Galen Pittman reported that mailings have been going out on time. Postage rates have gone up.

**BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT:** John Zimmerman reported that the December Bulletin should go out on time. Max Thompson will take over as editor with the March Bulletin.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT:** Don Vannoy reported that there had been four issues of the Newsletter this year (an increase from three in previous years). December 1 is the deadline for copy for the next issue. He inquired whether the Board would approve putting a paragraph in the Newsletter encouraging membership in the ABA. The Board concurred.

David Seibel announced that Dawn Sharp in Lawrence will help publish the Newsletter with desktop publishing.

**KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE:** Max Thompson reported that the committee had had two meetings. Chuck Ely has resigned as co-chair.

**STUDENT RESEARCH FUND:** Elmer Finck reported that the student research grants program is ready to go when we have enough funds. There is now about \$500 in the fund but we can only use the interest. Elmer will proceed with soliciting donation for the Student Research Fund. Elmer provided Board members with copies of the application form for student grants. David Seibel suggested that Board members review the form and send any comments or suggestions to Elmer Finck.

**BOOK ROYALTIES FUND:** At present the fund is accumulating money. Max Thompson said that he would like to spend the money on publication of papers about Kansas birds, such as an annotated checklist of the birds of Shawnee County which was written a number of years ago but has never been published. The Committee will meet before the Spring Meeting and determine guidelines for use of the funds.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** John Schukman reported that he would like to see KOS become a resource for education on birds. He is checking on other organizations that might have material useful for KOS members. He is also compiling a list of KOS members who are willing to provide programs for other groups.

**PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:** David Seibel reported that Chris Hobbs is getting publicity out to statewide media. He is also scheduling an interview with a Kansas City newspaper.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** David Seibel reported that Jan Boyd will chair this committee. She will be working on membership services. Mike Rader is interested in trying regional field trips again and this might be under membership services. We can all call other members in our areas and encourage them to participate in KOS activities.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:** David Seibel reported that Pete Janzen had resigned as chair of the Conservation Committee. Mike Rader will assume this position. KOS cooperated in a coalition educating legislators about the KOS position on the urgency of renovation of Cheyenne Bottoms.

**NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL:** The Council is still functioning under the new administration. They met in June. They are working on issues of endangered species and membership on the Council. KOS has not had an official representative at the last two meetings. Bill Busby has acted on our behalf.

**BIRD FEEDER SURVEY:** We will be receiving very shortly a mailing list of 250 people who submitted survey forms and checked that they would like information on KOS. Galen will be mailing information to them.

**BREEDING BIRD ATLAS:** John Zimmerman needs to recruit volunteers for the Breeding Bird Atlas project. He needs some money for postage, telephone, etc. to get the project started. Max Thompson moved that KOS contribute a fund of \$300 to support the initiation of the Breeding Bird Atlas project. Joanne Brier seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**STUDENT PAPER AWARDS:** David Seibel pointed out that we have not made a decision of whether we are going to have student paper awards on a continuing basis. We will discuss this at the next board meeting.

**BIRD DISCOVERY BOXES:** The bird discovery boxes will be completed very soon. One will stay in Wichita and one will go to Gerald Wiens at Chaplin Nature Center. David Seibel will decide where the other two will go.

**BUDGETARY CONCERNS:** There are no problems this year.

**BULLETIN PUBLISHING COSTS:** David Seibel reported that there is a VoTech School in the Kansas City area that publishes at a very reasonable rate. We might try them with the Newsletter and see if they could do the Bulletin at a cheaper cost. However John Zimmerman thought our present printer is doing a good job and giving very good service.



**MARAIS DES CYGNES WILDLIFE REFUGE:** David Seibel reported on a proposal for the federal government to purchase some land around the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Refuge. Senator Dole has supported the purchase of 4000 to 5000 acres. The Conservation Committee may want to take some action on this proposal. The Resolutions Committee might also include a resolution on it.

**SPRING MEETING 1992:** Diane Seltman reported that the Colorado Field Ornithologists were interested in a joint meeting with KOS possibly in Morton County or at Cheyenne Bottoms. It was suggested that we might explore the possibility of a joint meeting in Cheyenne County in northwestern Kansas. We might also contact the Nebraska Ornithological Society. Diane Seltman will check into it.

**SHARING MEMBERSHIP LIST WITH COLORADO BIRD OBSERVATORY:** The Colorado Bird Observatory would like to share membership lists. The Board approved this with the stipulation that we make certain that the membership list will only be used by the Colorado Bird Observatory and will not go any further.

**FALL MEETING 1992:** Elmer Finck invited KOS to Emporia for the Fall Meeting on the first weekend in October in 1992. The Board accepted the invitation.

**SPRING MEETING 1993:** It was suggested that the Spring Meeting in 1993 might be in Winfield at Southwestern College and that we might explore a joint meeting with the Oklahoma Ornithological Society.

**KOS DECALS:** We only have 25 decals left. We have sold them for \$1 each and given them to new members. Galen Pittman reported that we could get static cling decals for a reasonable price - 1000 for \$225. Rose Fritz moved that we develop a new design for the decal and have 1000 decals printed. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

David Seibel will appoint a committee to develop a new design and he will circulate proposed designs to the Board members for their evaluation.

**OBSERVATION CONCERNS AT FORT LEAVENWORTH:** There was discussion of a concern that expansion of the runway at Fort Leavenworth may affect some of the native forest. There does not appear to be a major problem.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS:** David Seibel read some correspondence from Ken Brunson of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. He expressed support for our two joint projects, the Winter Bird Feeder Survey and the Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas. They will probably be able to provide some support for the Atlas project. KDWP has initiated a Kansas Wildlife Viewing Guide. He asked for KOS support in pushing the Chickadee Checkoff. He suggested there might be some money available from KDWP for publishing new bird records. Max Thompson will look into the latter possibility.

**FLINT HILLS NATIONAL PRESERVE:** Galen Pittman reported that the West Central Office of the National Audubon Society was soliciting letters from organizations in support of the Flint Hills National Preserve legislation. If a letter is sent to the West Central Audubon office they will circulate it to all members of Congress. Joanne Brier moved that KOS send a letter of support for the Flint Hills National Preserve. The motion was seconded by Galen Pittman. The motion passed.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted, Dwight R. Platt, Corresponding Secretary



# **BIRD LIST FROM 1991 KOS FALL MEETING / SEPTEMBER 22 / 96 SPECIES**

|                           |                               |                              |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| White Pelican             | Belted Kingfisher             | Cedar Waxwing                |
| Double-crested Cormorant  | Red-headed Woodpecker         | Loggerhead Shrike            |
| Great Blue Heron          | Red-bellied Woodpecker        | European Starling            |
| Great Egret               | Downey Woodpecker             | Solitary Vireo               |
| Green-backed Heron        | Hairy Woodpecker              | Warbling Vireo               |
| Wood Duck                 | Northern Flicker              | Red-eyed Vireo               |
| Green-winged Teal         | Pileated Woodpecker           | Tennessee Warbler            |
| Mallard                   | Eastern Wood-Pewee            | Orange-crowned Warbler       |
| Turkey Vulture            | Willow Flycatcher             | Nashville Warbler            |
| Osprey                    | Eastern Phoebe                | Northern Parula Warbler      |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk        | Horned Lark                   | Black-throated Green Warbler |
| Cooper's Hawk             | Tree Swallow                  | American Redstart            |
| Red-tailed Hawk           | Northern Rough-winged Swallow | Common Yellowthroat          |
| American Kestrel          | Cliff Swallow                 | Wilson's Warbler             |
| Merlin                    | Barn Swallow                  | Summer Tanager               |
| Peregrine Falcon          | Blue Jay                      | Scarlet Tanager              |
| Ring-necked Pheasant      | American Crow                 | Northern Cardinal            |
| Northern Bobwhite         | Black-capped Chickadee        | Rose-breasted Grosbeak       |
| Killdeer                  | Tufted Titmouse               | Indigo Bunting               |
| Greater Yellowlegs        | White-breasted Nuthatch       | Rufous-sided Towhee          |
| Red-necked Phalarope      | Carolina Wren                 | Chipping Sparrow             |
| Franklin's Gull           | House Wren                    | Clay-colored Sparrow         |
| Ring-billed Gull          | Sedge Wren                    | Field Sparrow                |
| Caspian Tern              | Marsh Wren                    | White-throated Sparrow       |
| Rock Dove                 | Ruby-crowned Kinglet          | Red-winged Blackbird         |
| Mourning Dove             | Eastern Bluebird              | Eastern Meadowlark           |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo      | Swainson's Thrush             | Common Grackle               |
| Great Horned Owl          | Wood Thrush                   | Brown-headed Cowbird         |
| Barred Owl                | American Robin                | Northern Oriole              |
| Common Nighthawk          | Gray Catbird                  | House Finch                  |
| Chimney Swift             | Northern Mockingbird          | American Goldfinch           |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | Brown Thrasher                | House Sparrow                |



## **SPRING AND SUMMER ROUNDUP / March through July 1991 / by Scott Seltman**

Spring migration in 1991 seemed fairly normal across Kansas, and by "normal" I simply mean that the transition from winter to summer birds occurred in an unremarkable way. On any given day the variety of birds at the major birding hotspots was often rather low, but by visiting these same spots over and over an excellent list of migrants could be amassed. Many species hurried their arrivals, especially in the east, and some early arrival records may have been set for some birds.

Spring weather was not particularly warm across Kansas, but it was quite dry and the general lack of storm fronts may explain the rapid migration that occurred. Very few areas in Kansas received heavy spring rains. In fact, most of Kansas had less than half of normal precipitation through May with some locations receiving almost nothing. Late April and early May brought some very severe weather to localized areas of Kansas, including several killer tornados that struck south and east of Wichita, but these storms were localized and were not the type of storm systems that ground migrant birds or interfere with the overall movement of birds. Here in the west the only factor that seemed to affect migration was wind direction, and though we missed our share of rain we did get our share of wind.

Summer weather was very hot and dry across the majority of Kansas. June is historically the wettest month in this area but our June rainfall at Nekoma consisted of .10" on the 1st and .10" more on the 23rd. The

weather was very hot from the last week of June through the first week of August all across the state and very few birding reports were received during that entire period. The only area of the state that was not into drought conditions by the end of July was about the western 1/5 where upslope winds and low pressure in the lee of the Rockies generated frequent thunderstorms all summer. While the rest of the state baked, places like Elkhart, Syracuse, Goodland and Oberlin had one of their wettest summers in years. The drought conditions elsewhere had a terrible effect on rivers, reservoirs and marshes. By the end of the summer Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira were headed towards almost complete dry-up. Many young birds were hatched in these marshes in early summer but many probably perished in late summer due to predation or starvation. (More on the drought in the fall report).

Several fascinating breeding reports came in during the spring and summer. The most important find was made along the Spring River in Cherokee County during the KOS Spring Meeting when several pairs of Fish Crows were seen building nests. This species was first seen in Cherokee County in May of 1986 and in the spring and summer of 1990 estimates of up to 30 individuals a day were reported in this same area. Although no eggs or young were confirmed, it seems obvious that Fish Crows have invaded southeast Kansas and are there to stay. Now if we could only figure out a way to get this bird onto the Kansas Checklist! The bluebird nestbox trail established on the Cimarron Grasslands by Marvin Schwilling produced two pair of nesting Ash-throated Flycatchers in 1991 with eggs confirmed in one box and parents feeding young confirmed at the other. (It is not known if either nest fledged any young). Ash-throated Flycatchers have historically been uncommon to rare nesters from the Red Hills west to Meade County but there are very few nesting records from the southwest corner of our state. Great-crested Flycatchers also nested in Morton County and fledged young there for an interesting juxtaposition of our two "myiarchus" species. There is also evidence that Red Crossbills nested at Junction City last summer with two reports of juvenile birds coming in July. This species has apparently only been documented as breeding in Kansas once before. Bald Eagles nested once again at both Clinton Reservoir and in Western Kansas.

The following list has a wide array of interesting sightings with many birds appearing out-of-season or out-of-range. No single bird comes to mind as the bird of the season. Several species were unusually abundant and if the trend continues may soon be bumped from the list of "unusual" birds. Peregrine Falcon, Olivaceous Cormorant, Golden-winged and Yellow-throated Warblers and Red Crossbill are all on the verge of becoming mundane if they aren't careful. Isn't it strange how some of the rarities of yesteryear are seldom even mentioned anymore because they have become so common? Meanwhile some of the birds that were once regular migrants have almost disappeared. I guess that is what makes birding so interesting.

As always, many of the following items are unverified sight-records and are subject to review by the KOS Bird Records Committee. Reports for the months of August through November 1991 should be sent to me at Nekoma by year's end.

## BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS/ March through July 1991

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                   |                      |                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Common Loon                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 on Elkhart sewer ponds          | MR,SS                | 5-11-91 Morton          |
| Common Loon                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | max. of 4 summering on Milford CO | <u>July 91</u> Geary |                         |
| Red-necked Grebe                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 along dam at Perry              | RR                   | 3-15-91 Jefferson       |
| White Pelican                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1000+ in pasture sw. Nekoma       | TS                   | 4-22-91 Rush            |
| (This large flock was apparently grounded at a watershed dam 6 mi. sw of Nekoma by strong north winds. Actually reported to me by many area residents).                                                                           |                                   |                      |                         |
| <u>Brown Pelican</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 at w. end of Waconda            | HA                   | 5-26-91 Mitchell        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | still present                     | MR                   | 5-29-91 Mitchell        |
| (This bird apparently arrived before May 20 according to fishermen in the area, but was not reported to the hotline until May 28. Neighboring states had several Gulf Cost vagrants at this time including other Brown Pelicans). |                                   |                      |                         |
| Olivaceous Cormorant                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 at CB                           | MI                   | 5-03-91 Barton          |
| Olivaceous Cormorant                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 4 at CB                           | SP,AS,SS             | 5-25-91 Barton          |
| Olivaceous Cormorant                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2 at CB                           | SS                   | 6-29-91 Barton          |
| Olivaceous Cormorant                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 at Wilson                       | MR                   | 7-09-91 Russell         |
| Anhinga                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 seen at Ferguson Marsh          | RR                   | 4-28-91 Jefferson       |
| Great Egret                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 5 early birds in Wichita          | PJ                   | <u>3-25-91</u> Sedgwick |
| White-faced Ibis                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 at Lower Ferguson               | MI,JB,EL             | 4-27-91 Jefferson       |
| White-faced Ibis                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 4 at Lassiter Marsh               | LM,MM                | 5-05-91 Jefferson       |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Tundra Swan                                                              | 5A,2I at Wilson Lake           | MR          | 3-05-91 Russell             |
| Ross' Goose                                                              | 2 w. end of Clinton            |             | 3-10-91 Douglas             |
| Ross' Goose                                                              | 50+ at Lassiter Marsh          |             | 3-10-91 Jefferson           |
| Am. Black Duck                                                           | 1 at CB                        | MR          | 3-23-91 Barton              |
| Am. Black Duck                                                           | still present                  | MI,BE       | 3-31-91 Barton              |
| Mottled Duck                                                             | pair seen in flight            | MR          | 6-23-91 Barton              |
| Mottled Duck                                                             | 1 male studied at length       | SS          | 7-20-91 Barton              |
| Oldsquaw                                                                 | 1 male at Clinton St. Park     | MW          | 3-10-91 Douglas             |
| Surf Scoter                                                              | 1 on sewer ponds n. Perry      | JB          | 4-24-91 Jefferson           |
| Osprey                                                                   | 3 migrants overhead            | CH          | 4-26-91 Linn                |
| Osprey                                                                   | 6 at Perry                     | LM,MM       | 5-05-91 Jefferson           |
| Osprey                                                                   | 1 at Wilson                    | MR          | <del>7-31-91</del> Russell  |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk                                                       | 30 migrants overhead           | CH          | 4-26-91 Linn                |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk                                                       | adult carrying food?           | LM,CH       | <del>6-23-91</del> Linn     |
| Cooper's Hawk                                                            | 40 migrants overhead           | CH          | 4-26-91 Linn                |
| Cooper's Hawk                                                            | 1 adult                        | MM          | <del>6-30-91</del> Linn     |
| Red-shouldered Hawk                                                      | pair on nest ne. Lowell        | SS          | 5-05-91 Cherokee            |
| Red-shouldered Hawk                                                      | juvenile bird                  | LM,CH       | 6-23-91 Linn                |
| Broad-winged Hawk                                                        | 1 e. side of Tuttle Ck.        | DR          | <del>3-09-91</del> Pott.?   |
| (This record early bird was seen flying down the east side of the lake). |                                |             |                             |
| Broad-winged Hawk                                                        | 150 migrants overhead          | CH          | 4-26-91 Linn                |
| Merlin                                                                   | 1 at CB                        | TC          | 4-20-91 Barton              |
| Merlin                                                                   | 1 at Perry                     | LM,MM       | 5-05-91 Jefferson           |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                         | 1 s. of Minooka Park           | MR          | 3-19-91 Russell             |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                         | 2 at Q                         | DS,SS,T&SSh | 4-13-91 Stafford            |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                         | 1 on Redwing Dike              | MR          | 4-16-91 Barton              |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                         | 1 at Q                         | BH          | 5-01-91 Stafford            |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                         | 1 at MDC                       | PH          | 5-03-91 Linn                |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                         | 1 at Perry                     | LM,MM       | 5-05-91 Jefferson           |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                         | 1 at Elkhart                   | MR,SS       | 5-11-91 Morton              |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                         | 1 at Kaw Valley Fish Farm      | MM          | 5-17-91 Douglas             |
| Prairie Falcon                                                           | 2 s. of LaCygne Lake           |             | 3-03-91 Linn                |
| Prairie Falcon                                                           | 1 eating bird                  | SS          | <del>7-30-91</del> Rush     |
| Black Rail                                                               | 1 early bird heard at Q        | GG          | <del>4-21-91</del> Stafford |
| Black Rail                                                               | 2 heard                        | BVD         | 4-26-91 Stafford            |
| Black Rail                                                               | <u>1 observed for one hour</u> | BVD         | 4-28-91 Stafford            |
| Black Rail                                                               | 1 heard                        | MR,SS       | 5-11-91 Stafford            |
| Black Rail                                                               | 1 heard on Wildlife Dr.        | SP,AS,SS    | 5-25-91 Stafford            |
| Sandhill Crane                                                           | 50,000+ during day             | SS          | 3-09-91 BT,SF,RH            |

(This was the largest single-day migration of Sandhills I have ever seen in the spring. From a hilltop in Rush Co. at dusk scattered flocks could be seen from horizon to horizon).

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| Whooping Crane       | 1 imm. with Sandhills at CB         | SS          | 3-09-91 Barton   |
| Whooping Crane       | 15 spent night at Q                 | Staff       | 4-18-91 Stafford |
| Whooping Crane       | 6 at Big Salt Marsh                 | MR,SS       | 4-19-91 Stafford |
| Black-bellied Plover | 100+ at CB                          | SS          | 5-13-91 Barton   |
| Piping Plover        | 1 at CB                             | TC          | 4-20-91 Barton   |
| Piping Plover        | 3 in inlet canal                    | m.ob.       | 4-21-91 Barton   |
| Piping Plover        | 1 at Q                              | m.ob.       | 4-21-91 Stafford |
| Piping Plover        | 2 at Q                              | SS          | 4-27-91 Stafford |
| Piping Plover        | 1 in inlet canal                    | SS          | 5-09-91 Barton   |
| Black-necked Stilt   | 1 at Wilson Lake                    | MR          | 4-07-91 Russell  |
| Whimbrel             | 1 at Q                              | BVD         | 4-28-91 Stafford |
| Whimbrel             | 7 at CB                             | PJ,m.ob.    | 5-11-91 Barton   |
| Whimbrel             | flock of 23                         | DS,SS       | 5-12-91 Barton   |
| Whimbrel             | 4 at CB                             | SP,AS       | 5-24-91 Barton   |
| Long-billed Curlew   | 1 flock of <u>400</u> , another 125 | L&BR        | Mar. 91 Finney   |
| Hudsonian Godwit     | <u>1000+</u> in Pool 2              | DS,SS,T&SSh | 4-13-91 Barton   |
| Hudsonian Godwit     | 300                                 | MR          | 4-16-91 Barton   |

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| Hudsonian Godwit        | 3000+ at CB                        |                  | 4-21-91 Barton    |
| Marbled Godwit          | 100+ in Pool 2                     | DS,SS,T&SSh      | 4-13-91 Barton    |
| Red Knot                | sev. at CB                         | MR               | 5-09-91 Barton    |
| Red Knot                | 50+ at CB                          | SS               | 5-13-91 Barton    |
| Red Knot                | 2 fall migrants                    | MR               | 7-31-91 Russell   |
| Western Sandpiper       | 1 record early Slate Ck.           | GY ?             | 3-07-91 Sumner    |
| Dunlin                  | 10 at CB                           | MR,SS            | 5-11-91 Barton    |
| Ruff                    | 1 report on this date              | SC               | 5-05-91 Stafford  |
| Wilson's Phalarope      | 3 early birds at CB                | MR,DS,SS         | 3-23-91 Barton    |
| Laughing Gull           | 1 imm. at Milford                  | DLS,CO           | 6-06-91 Geary     |
| California Gull         | adult found independently by m.ob. | 5-25-91 Barton   |                   |
| Black-legged Kittiwake  | first report                       | CF               | 5-04-91 Barton    |
|                         | still present                      | m.ob.            | 5-12-91 Barton    |
| Caspian Tern            | 4 at Big Salt Marsh                | MI               | 5-05-91 Stafford  |
| Black-billed Cuckoo     | record early arrival               | MI,JB,EL         | 4-27-91 Jefferson |
| Greater Roadrunner      | pair on river at state line        | MR               | 6-22-91 Morton    |
|                         | two heard at sunset                | SS               | 7-06-91 Morton    |
| Long-eared Owl          | 70-80 in single roost              | SS,PL,SF         | 3-04-91 Trego     |
| Long-eared Owl          | 9 in Wilson St. Park               | MR               | 3-14-91 Russell   |
|                         | nest with five eggs St. Park       | MR               | 3-14-91 Russell   |
|                         | male heard in G.C.                 | TS               | 7-27-91 Finney    |
| Broad-tailed Humm.      | 2 mi. n. Harvey F. Lake            | BD,CS            | 4-11-91 Harvey    |
| Pileated Woodpecker     |                                    |                  | 4-12-91 Jefferson |
| Pileated Woodpecker     | 1 with distinctive eyering         | MR,SS            | 5-11-91 Morton    |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher  | 1 nw. of Morland                   | TS               | 7-24-91 Graham    |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher  | 2 at w. river crossing             | MR               | 6-22-91 Morton    |
| Ash-throated Flycatcher | 1 at w. river crossing             | SS               | 7-06-91 Morton    |
| Ash-throated Flycatcher | 1 at Middle Springs                | MI               | 5-04-91 Morton    |
| Cassin's Kingbird       | arrival date for Winfield          | MT               | 3-10-91 Cowley    |
| Purple Martin           | early arrivals at Clinton          | LM,GP            | 3-10-91 Douglas   |
| Tree Swallow            | 3 nests found by KOS members       |                  | 5-04-91 Cherokee  |
| Fish Crow               | one bird still on nest             | GH               | 6-19-91 Cherokee  |
| Fish Crow               | 8 birds nw. Galena                 | PJ,JN,DK         | 7-07-91 Cherokee  |
| Fish Crow               | 1 stray in Hays                    | CE               | 4-01-91 Ellis     |
| Carolina Wren           | 3 singing birds Pool 5             | SS               | 3-30-91 Barton    |
| Sedge Wren              | 3+ singing birds Pool 3            | SS               | 7-13-91 Barton    |
| Sedge Wren              | 1 singing bird                     | SS               | 6-29-91 Barton    |
| Marsh Wren              | 2 in Elkhart                       | SP,AS,SS         | 5-26-91 Morton    |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush     | 2 near Eldorado Lake               | PJ               | 3-09-91 Butler    |
| Hermit Thrush           | 1 at Lyon St. Fishing Lake         | LM,GP            | 3-03-91 Lyon      |
| Northern Shrike         | 1 at Westin Bend                   | MI               | 5-02-91 Leaven.   |
| Blue-winged Warbler     | 1 fem. in Oak Park                 | PJ,JN            | 5-03-91 Sedgwick  |
| Golden-winged Warbler   | 1 in K.C.,KS                       | LM               | 5-03-91 Wyandotte |
| Golden-winged Warbler   | 3 seen by KOS members              |                  | 5-04-91 Cherokee  |
| Golden-winged Warbler   | 3                                  | CH               | 5-06-91 Johnson   |
| Golden-winged Warbler   | 1 in Oak Park                      | DV               | 5-21-91 Sedgwick  |
| Golden-winged Warbler   | singing male in w. Elkhart         | SP,AS,SS         | 5-26-91 Morton    |
| N. Parula Warbler       | singing birds at Perry             | MI               | 4-05-91 Jefferson |
| Black-th. Blue Warbler  | 1 male at Ft. LV                   | Burroughs Aud    | 5-05-91 Leaven.   |
| Yellow-throated Warb.   | 3 early arrivals                   | JS               | 4-05-91 Leaven.   |
| Yellow-throated Warb.   | 1 along Perry Trail                | MI               | 4-23-91 Jefferson |
| Yellow-throated Warb.   | 8                                  | JS               | 4-26-91 Leaven.   |
| Yellow-throated Warb.   | 1 at MDC                           | PH               | 5-03-91 Linn      |
| Yellow-throated Warb.   | 20+ singing birds by KOS members   | 5-04-91 Cherokee |                   |
| Yellow-throated Warb.   | max. of 9 on this date             | JS               | 7-04-91 Leaven.   |
| Bay-breasted Warbler    | 1 well heard                       | MR,SS            | 5-18-91 Leaven.   |
| Cerulean Warbler        | 5                                  | JS               | 4-26-91 Leaven.   |
| Cerulean Warbler        | 3                                  | CH,GP            | 5-07-91 Linn      |
| Cerulean Warbler        | 1 in Oak Park                      | DV               | 5-20-91 Sedgwick  |

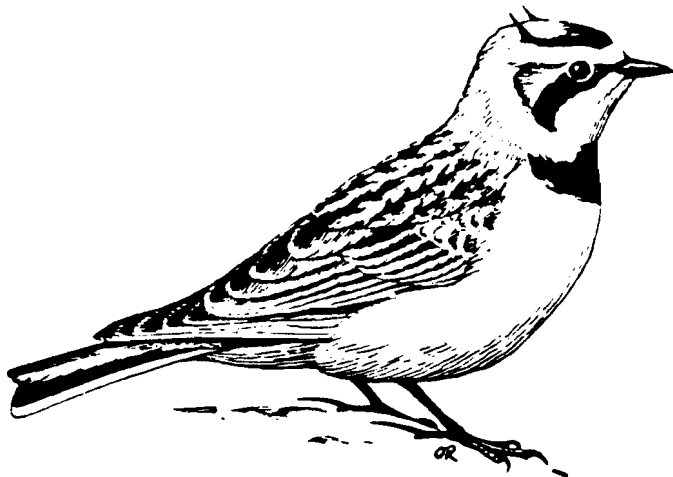
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| Worm-eating Warbler    | 1 along Perry Trail         | MI    | 4-23-91 Jefferson       |
| Worm-eating Warbler    | 1 in bushes at Pt. of Rocks | MR,SS | 5-11-91 <u>Morton</u>   |
| Worm-eating Warbler    | 1 at MDC                    |       | 5-12-91 Linn            |
| Louisiana Waterthrush  | 1 early arrival             | JS    | 3-27-91 Leaven.         |
| MacGillivray's Warbler | 1 at Middle Springs         | MI    | 5-04-91 Morton          |
| MacGillivray's Warbler | 1 in Chisholm Park          | JN    | 5-21-91 <u>Sedgwick</u> |
| MacGillivray's Warbler | 1 along Cimmaron            | AS    | 5-26-91 Morton          |
| Hooded Warbler         | 1 photographed G.C. Cem.    | T&SSh | 4-14-91 Finney          |
| Hooded Warbler         | 1 in Prairie Village        | JL    | 5-01-91 Johnson         |
| Western Tanager        | 1 along U.S. 50 e. Coolidge | GF    | <u>6-19-91</u> Hamilton |
| Black-headed Grosbeak  | 1 juv. trapped in shed      | SS    | 7-10-91 Pawnee          |

(This bird flew through large open doors and refused to leave. Both parents present and calling to bird from outside. Finally escaped on second morning, July 11. First proof of nesting in county).

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| Lazuli Bunting         | 1 in Chisholm Park                | JN               | 4-30-91 Sedgwick        |
| Lazuli Bunting         | 3 seen s. of Ellinwood            |                  | 5-11-91 Barton          |
| Painted Bunting        | 2M,1F seen by many KOS members    | 5-04-91 Cherokee |                         |
| Painted Bunting        | nesting pairs nw. of J.C.         | CO               | 5-29-91 Geary           |
| Painted Bunting        |                                   | PJ,JN,DK         | 7-07-91 Montgom.        |
| Cassin's Sparrow       | 1 early arrival sw. Jetmore       | SS               | <u>4-04-91</u> Hodgeman |
| Rufous-cr. Sparrow     | 1 at Pt. of Rocks                 | MI               | 5-04-91 Morton          |
| Baird's Sparrow        | 1 in burn with Savannahs          | RR               | 4-13-91 Jefferson       |
| Baird's Sparrow        | 1 w. of CB HQ                     | MC               | 4-27-91 Barton          |
| LeConte's Sparrow      | 6 at MDC                          |                  | 4-07-91 Linn            |
| LeConte's Sparrow      | several in wheat stubble          | SS               | 5-02-91 Pawnee          |
| Sharp-tailed Sparrow   | 1 report from MDC                 | MC               | 4-17-91 Linn            |
| Sharp-tailed Sparrow   | 1 flushed by dragging rope        | TC               | 4-26-91 Stafford        |
| Fox Sparrow            | 100+ in dense cover               | JS               | 3-30-91 Leaven.         |
| Chestnut-col. Longspur | <u>300+</u> nw. Rush Center       | SS               | 3-30-91 Rush            |
| Chestnut-col. Longspur | flocks along U.S. 56              | MI,BE            | 3-31-91 Ellsworth       |
| Red Crossbill          | 1 at Manhattan feeder             | TC               | 3-01-91 Riley           |
| Red Crossbill          | 5 at Udall feeder                 | MT               | Mar. 91 Cowley          |
| Red Crossbill          | 7M,3F at Topeka feeder            | fide EL          | 3-11-91 Shawnee         |
| Red Crossbill          | flocks in ne. Wichita             | PJ               | 3-13-91 Sedgwick        |
| Red Crossbill          | 10 at feeder                      | T&SSh            | 3-13-91 Finney          |
| Red Crossbill          | sev. at Russell feeder            | JH               | 3-15-91 Russell         |
| Red Crossbill          | small flock in McPherson          | AJ               | 3-28-91 Mcpherson       |
| Red Crossbill          | 3 behind Pomona office            | JB               | 3-28-91 Osage           |
| Red Crossbill          | 4 at feeder                       | T&SSh            | 4-04-91 Finney          |
| Red Crossbill          | 1 near Lone Star                  | PW               | 5-06-91 Douglas         |
| Red Crossbill          | 1 at Oxford feeder                | ND               | 5-10-91 Sumner          |
| Red Crossbill          | 4M,5F at Chanute feeder           | VT               | 5-16-91 Neosho          |
| Red Crossbill          | 6 still at feeders in G.C.        | T&SSh            | 5-22-91 Finney          |
| Red Crossbill          | <u>1F,1 juv.</u> at Highland Cem. | DLS              | 7-14-91 Geary           |
|                        | <u>1F,2 juv.</u> at feeder        | CO               | 7-26-91 Geary           |
| Lesser Goldfinch       | 1 female at feeder                | T&SSh            | 4-02-91 Finney          |
|                        | this irregular visitor last seen  |                  | 5-15-91 Finney          |
| Evening Grosbeak       | 1 male in Wilson                  | ER               | 4-08-91 Ellsworth       |

**LIST OF OBSERVERS:** Henry Armknecht (HA), Joanne Brier (JB), Ted Cable (TC), Mark Corder (MC), Steve Crawford (SC), Norma Dennett (ND), Bob Dester (BD), Charles Ely (CE), Bev Evans (BE), Craig Faanes (CF), Shawneen Finnegan (SF), Greg Friesen (GF), Greg Griffith (GG), Pam Hansen (PH), Chris Hobbs (CH), Bev Hodges (BH), Jane Holland (JH), Gerald Horak (GH), Maxey Irwin (MI), Allen Jahn (AJ), Pete Janzen (PJ), Dan Kilby (DK), Dan LaShelle (DLS), Paul Lehman (PL), Jane Leo (JL), Eugene Lewis (EL), Mick McHugh (MM), Lloyd Moore (LM), John Northrup (JN), Chuck Otte (CO), Sebastian Patti (SP), Galen Pittman (GP), Ellen Rader (ER), Mike Rader (MR), Leonard & Betty Rich (L&BR), David Rintoul (DR), Richard Rucker (RR), John Schukman (JS), Caroly Schwab (CS), Diane Seltman (DS), Scott Seltman (SS), Tom & Sara Shane (T&SSh), Andy Sigler (AD), Max Thompson (MT), Vi Thorpe (VT), Beverly VanDyke (BVD), Don Vannoy (DV), Margaret Wedge (MW), Phil Wedge (PW), Gene Young (GY).



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### RECYCLED PAPER

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### FALL MEETING

Max Thompson, professor of biology at Southwestern College, will be the guest speaker at the banquet Saturday evening, September 21, 1991, for the fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society. Birding Australia is the title of his presentation. After traveling 12,000 miles in the land "down under", he has many interesting stories to tell, the highlight being the discovery of the night parrot, a species thought to be extinct since 1912!

Among presentations for the paper sessions are:

Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas - John Zimmerman and Bill Busby

Is the Recovery of the Eskimo Curlew Possible? - Craig Faanes (USFW Service)

Watchable Wildlife At Fort Leavenworth and the Possible Creation of New Wetland -  
Matt Nowak, forester

Breeding Potential of the Yellow-throated Warbler at Fort Leavenworth - John Schukman  
and Ted Mouras

Please join us in Leavenworth at St. Mary College on September 20-22, 1991. The preregistration form for this meeting is included elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope to see you there!

### VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

President David Seibel has requested volunteers for KOS positions for which vacancies need to be filled. These positions are for Bulletin Editor and Chairman of the Conservation Committee. If you would be willing to serve in either of these capacities, please contact Dave. His address and telephone number are included in the membership directory.

#### ATTENDANCE AT KOS SPRING MEETING, PITTSBURG & CHEROKEE CO., MAY 4-5, 1991

Edwin J. Miller, Independence; Marvin Schwillling, Jerry Horak, Emporia; Duane Anderson, Winfield; Don and Fran Vannoy, Wichita; Rose and Dave Fritz, Gregg Friesen, Kemper Straley, Newton; Allen Jahn, McPherson; JoAnne and Joey Grossman, Debbie and Ben Jongenelen, Olathe; Dave and Linda Bryan, Overland Park; Lori Swander, Leawood; John Schukman, Jonathan Jaffin, Leavenworth; David Seibel, Galen Pittman, Richard Rucker, Lawrence; Joanne Brier, Topeka; Jim Mayhew, Dan Mulhern, Manhattan; Chuck and Jaye Otte, Junction City; Mike Rader, Wilson; Scott and Diane Seltman, Nekoma; Tom and Sara Shane, Garden City, Jeff Cox, Tulsa, OK; Total attendance: 34.

#### BOB LASHELLE

We are saddened to report the death of Bob LaShelle, 77, of Junction City on May 30, 1991. Bob was a long time member of KOS, serving on the Board of Directors (1978-1980) and as chairman of the Publicity Committee for several years. Bob was compiler of the Junction City Christmas Count for many years. We will all miss him.

#### KOS T-SHIRTS AND HATS

If you would like to have a t-shirt or hat with the KOS logo, you may order them from Pete Janzen at 3137 Mascot, Wichita, Kansas 67204. The shirts are navy blue with a white design and cost \$8.00 each. Please specify size (S, M, L, XL). The hats are black and white painter caps and cost \$3.00 each. Please add \$1.50 for postage.

#### CHECKLIST AVAILABLE

A checklist of the vertebrate animals of Kansas now known to occur (or to have once occurred) in Kansas has been compiled by George D. Potts and Joseph T. Collins. This checklist includes 746 kinds of birds, reptiles, mammals, amphibians and fishes found in our state. Non-native species are noted. The booklet (ISBN 0-89338-038-5) costs \$2.50, plus \$1.50 postage and handling for the first copy and \$.50 for each additional copy. Sales tax of 5.25% must be added for Kansas delivery.

Send orders to Publications, Museum of Natural History, 602 Dyche Hall, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66045-2454. Orders from individuals must be accompanied by payment. MasterCard or VISA orders may be placed by telephone (913-864-4540) or FAX (913-864-5335).



# KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY CHECK LIST BIRDS OF KANSAS

Date May 4-5, 1991 Time \_\_\_\_\_Locality KOS Spring Meeting

Sky \_\_\_\_\_ Wind \_\_\_\_\_ Temp. \_\_\_\_\_ Ground \_\_\_\_\_

Observers \_\_\_\_\_

Total Species 137 Total Individuals \_\_\_\_\_

\* Less than five records

| No.                        | No.                | No.                      |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>LOONS, GREBS</b>        | <b>SWAN</b>        | <b>Com Merganser</b>     |
| Red-throat Loon            | Tundra             | Red-br. Merganser        |
| Pacific Loon               | Trumpeter          | Ruddy                    |
| Common Loon                | <b>GESE</b>        | <b>VULTURES</b>          |
| Pied-billed Grebe          | Great Wh.-front    | Black                    |
| Horned Grebe               | Snow               | Turkey                   |
| Red-neck Grebe             | Blue               | <b>KITES</b>             |
| Eared Grebe                | Ross               | Am. Swallow-tailed       |
| Western Grebe              | Brant              | Blk. shouldered          |
| Clark's Grebe              | Black              | Mississippi              |
| <b>PELICAN, White</b>      | Canada             | <b>HAWKS, EAGLES</b>     |
| Brown                      | <b>DUCKS</b>       | Osprey                   |
| <b>CORMORANTS, ANHINGA</b> | Wood               | Bald Eagle               |
| Double-crested             | Green-wing Teal    | Northern Harrier         |
| Olivaceous                 | American Black     | Sharp-shinned            |
| Anhinga                    | Mottled            | Cooper's                 |
| <b>FRIGATEBIRD</b>         | Mallard            | Northern Goshawk         |
| Magnificent                | Northern Pintail   | Harris                   |
| <b>HERONS</b>              | Garganey           | Red-shouldered           |
| American Bittern           | Blue-winged Teal   | Broad-winged             |
| Least Bittern              | Cinnamon Teal      | Swampson's               |
| Great Blue                 | Northern Shoveler  | Red-tailed               |
| Great Egret                | Gadwall            | Ferruginous              |
| Snowy Egret                | Eurasian Widgeon   | Rough-legged             |
| Little Blue                | American Widgeon   | Golden Eagle             |
| Tricolored                 | Canvasback         | <b>FALCONS</b>           |
| California Egret           | Redhead            | American Kestrel         |
| Green-backed               | Ring-necked        | Martin                   |
| Black-and. Night           | Greater Scaup      | Peregrine                |
| Yellow-and. Night          | Lesser Scaup       | Gyr Falcon               |
| <b>IBIS</b>                | Common Elder       | Prarie                   |
| White                      | King Elder         | <b>PHEASANTS</b>         |
| White-faced                | Oldsquaw           | Ring-necked              |
| Roseate Spoonbill          | Black Scoter       | <b>PRAIRIE CHICKENS,</b> |
| Wood Stork                 | Surf Scoter        | <b>GROUSE</b>            |
| <b>FLAMINGO</b>            | White-wg. Scoter   | Ruffed Grouse            |
| Greater                    | Com. Goldeneye     | Greater                  |
| <b>WHISTLING-DUCKS</b>     | Barrow's Goldeneye | Lesser                   |
| Fulvous                    | Hooded Merganser   | Sharp-sh. Grouse         |
| Black-bellied              |                    |                          |

| No.                | No.                  | No.                 |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>TURKEY</b>      | <b>Bull-breasted</b> | <b>Great Horned</b> |
| Wild               | Ruff                 | Snowy               |
| <b>QUAIL</b>       | Short-billed         | Burrowing           |
| Northern Bobwhite  | Dowitcher            | Barred              |
| Scaled             | Long-billed          | Long-eared          |
| <b>RAILS</b>       | Dowitcher            | Short-eared         |
| Yellow             | Common Snipe         | Northern Saw-whet   |
| Black              | Amer. Woodcock       | <b>GOATSUCKERS</b>  |
| King               | <b>PHALAROPES</b>    | Com. Nighthawk      |
| Virginia           | Wilson's             | Common Poor-will    |
| Sora               | Red-necked           | Chuck-will's-widow  |
| <b>GALLINULES</b>  | Red                  | Whip-poor-will      |
| Purple             | <b>JAEGERS</b>       | <b>SWIFTS</b>       |
| Common Moorhen     | Pomarine             | Chimney             |
| American Coot      | Parasitic            | White-throated      |
| <b>CRANES</b>      | Long-tailed          | <b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b> |
| Sandhill           | <b>GULLS</b>         | Magnificent         |
| Whooping           | Laughing             | Ruby-throated       |
| <b>PLOVERS</b>     | Franklin's           | Black-chinned       |
| Black-bellied      | Little               | Calloph             |
| Lesser Golden      | Com. Blk.-head       | Broad-tailed        |
| Snowy              | Bonaparte's          | Rufous              |
| Semipalmated       | Ring-billed          | <b>KINGFISHER</b>   |
| Piping             | California           | Belted              |
| Killdeer           | Herring              | <b>WOODPECKERS</b>  |
| Mountain           | Thayer's             | Lewis               |
| <b>STILT</b>       | Glaucous             | Red-headed          |
| Black-necked       | Gr. Blk.-backed      | Red-bellied         |
| <b>AVOCET</b>      | Bl. leg. Kiltwake    | Yel. bellied        |
| American           | Sabine's             | Sapsucker           |
| <b>SANDPIPERS</b>  | <b>TERNS</b>         | Red-naped           |
| Greater Yellowlegs | Caspar               | Sapsucker           |
| Lesser Yellowlegs  | Common               | Williamson's        |
| Spot Redstart      | Forster's            | Sapsucker           |
| Solitary           | Least                | Ladder-backed       |
| Willet             | Black                | Downy               |
| Spotted            | <b>SKIMMER</b>       | Hairy               |
| Upland             | Black                | Northern Flicker    |
| <b>PIGEONS</b>     | <b>PIGEONS</b>       | Yellow-shafted      |
| Rock Dove          | Rock Dove            | Red-shafted         |
| Band-tailed        | Band-tailed          | Pileated            |
| <b>DOVES</b>       | <b>DOVES</b>         | <b>FLYCATCHERS</b>  |
| White-winged       | White-winged         | Olive-sided         |
| Mourning           | Mourning             | W. Wood-Pewee       |
| Inca               | Inca                 | E. Wood-Pewee       |
| Common Ground      | Common Ground        | Yellow-bellied      |
| <b>CUCKOOS</b>     | <b>CUCKOOS</b>       | Acadian             |
| Black-billed       | Black-billed         | Alder               |
| Yellow-billed      | Yellow-billed        | Willow              |
| Gr. Roadrunner     | Gr. Roadrunner       | Least               |
| Groove-billed Ani  | Groove-billed Ani    | Hammond's           |
| <b>OWLS</b>        | <b>OWLS</b>          | Dusky               |
| Barn               | Barn                 | Gray                |
| Eastern Screech    | Eastern Screech      | Cordilleran         |
| Western Screech    | Western Screech      | Black Phoebe        |

| No.                         | No.                       | No.                        |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>EASTERN PHOEBE</b>       | <b>THRUSHES</b>           | <b>HERMIT</b>              |
| Say's Phoebe                | Eastern Bluebird          | Black-throated             |
| Vermilion                   | Mountain Bluebird         | Green                      |
| Ash-throated                | Townsend's Solitaire      | Blackburnian               |
| Great-Crested               | Veery                     | Yellow-throated            |
| Cassin's Kingbird           | Gray-cheeked              | Pine                       |
| Western Kingbird            | Swainson's                | Prarie                     |
| Eastern Kingbird            | Hermit                    | Palm                       |
| Scissor-tailed              | Wood                      | Bay-breasted               |
| <b>LARKS</b>                | American Robin            | Blackpoll                  |
| Horned                      | Varied                    | Carolinian                 |
| <b>SWALLOWS</b>             | <b>THRASHERS</b>          | Black-and-White            |
| Purple Martin               | Gray Catbird              | American Redstart          |
| Tiree                       | Northern                  | Prothonotary               |
| Violet-green                | Mockingbird               | Worm-eating                |
| N. Rough-winged             | Sage                      | Swainson's                 |
| Belt                        | Brown                     | Overbird                   |
| Cliff                       | Curve-billed              | Northern                   |
| Barn                        | <b>PIRITS</b>             | Waterthrush                |
| <b>JAY, MAGPIE, CROW</b>    | American                  | Louisiana                  |
| Steller's Jay               | Sprague's                 | Waterthrush                |
| Blue Jay                    | <b>WAXWINGS</b>           | Kentucky                   |
| Scrub Jay                   | Bohemian                  | Connecticut                |
| Gray-breast Jay             | Cedar                     | Mourning                   |
| Pine Jay                    | <b>SHRIKES</b>            | MacGillivray's             |
| Clark's Nutcracker          | Northern                  | Common                     |
| Black-billed Magpie         | Loggerhead                | Yellowthroat               |
| American Crow               | <b>STARLING, European</b> | Hooded                     |
| Chihuahuan Raven            | <b>VIREOS</b>             | Wilson's                   |
| <b>CHICKADEES, TITMOUSE</b> | White-eyed                | Canada                     |
| Black-capped                | Belt's                    | Yellow-breasted            |
| Carolina                    | Black-capped              | Chat                       |
| Mountain                    | Solitary                  | <b>TANAGERS</b>            |
| Tufted Titmouse             | Yellow-throated           | Summer                     |
| <b>BUSHTIT</b>              | Warbling                  | Scarlet                    |
| <b>NUTHATCHES</b>           | Philadelphia              | Western                    |
| Red-breasted                | Red-eyed                  | <b>GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS</b> |
| White-breasted              | <b>WARBLERS</b>           | Northern Cardinal          |
| Pygmy                       | Blue-winged               | Pyrrhuloxia                |
| <b>CREEPER, Brown</b>       | Golden-winged             | Rose-breasted              |
| <b>WRENS</b>                | Tennessee                 | Grosbeak                   |
| Rock                        | Orange-crowned            | Black-headed               |
| Carolina                    | Nashville                 | Grosbeak                   |
| Bewick's                    | Virginia's                | Blue Grosbeak              |
| House                       | Northern Parula           | Lazuli Bunting             |
| Winter                      | Yellow                    | Indigo Bunting             |
| Sedge                       | Chestnut-sided            | Painted Bunting            |
| Marsh                       | Magnolia                  | Ockissee                   |
| <b>KINGLETS</b>             | Cape May                  | <b>SPARROWS</b>            |
| Golden-crowned              | Black-throated Blue       | Green-tail Towhee          |
| Ruby-crowned                | Yellow-rumped             | Rufous-sided               |
| <b>GNATCATCHER</b>          | Myrtle                    | Towhee                     |
| Blue-crow                   | Audubon's                 | Canyon Towhee              |
|                             | Black-throat. Gray        | Beckman's                  |
|                             | Townsend's                | Cassin's                   |

| No.                        | No.                        | No.                 |
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| <b>Rufous-crowned</b>      | <b>White-crowned</b>       | <b>Brown-headed</b> |
| American Tree              | Harris                     | Cowbird             |
| Chipping                   | Dark-eyed Junco            | Orchard Oriole      |
| Clay-colored               | White-winged               | Northern Oriole     |
| Brewer's                   | Slate-colored              | Baltimore           |
| Field                      | Oregon                     | Bullock's           |
| Vesper                     | Gray-headed                | Scott's Oriole      |
| Lark                       | McCown's Longspur          | <b>FINCHES</b>      |
| Black-throated             | Lapland Longspur           | Pine Grosbeak       |
| Sage                       | Smith's Longspur           | Purple              |
| Lark Bunting               | Chestnut-collared          | Cassin's            |
| Savannah                   | Longspur                   | House               |
| Baird's                    | Snow Bunting               | Red Crossbill       |
| <b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</b> | <b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</b> | White-winged        |
| Bobolink                   | Bobolink                   | Crossbill           |
| Red-winged                 | Red-winged                 | Common Redpoll      |
| E. Meadowlark              | E. Meadowlark              | Pine Siskin         |
| W. Meadowlark              | W. Meadowlark              | Lesser Goldfinch    |
| Yellow-headed              | Yellow-headed              | Am. Goldfinch       |
| Rusty                      | Rusty                      | Evening Grosbeak    |
| Brewer's                   | Brewer's                   | <b>WEAVER FINCH</b> |
| Great-fall. Grackle        | Great-fall. Grackle        | House Sparrow       |
| Common Grackle             | Common Grackle             |                     |

MINUTES OF KOS SPRING BOARD MEETING  
MAY 4, 1991

Members Present: David Seibel, David Bryan, Rose Fritz, Diane Seltman, Galen Pittman, JoAnne Brier, John Schukman, Tom Shane.

The meeting was called to order by President David Seibel at 10:00 pm at Pichler's Chicken Annie Restaurant in Pittsburg, Kansas.

A motion was made by JoAnne Brier to accept the minutes of the KOS Winter Board Meeting. Seconded by Tom Shane. The motion passed.

Brief reports were given by Treasurer Rose Fritz, and Diane Seltman, Memb. Sec..

Business Manager Galen Pittman asked the board what he should do with requests for new exchanges. After a brief discussion, Tom Shane moved that KOS accept new exchanges for the K.U. Library and if the document could not be used by the University, it could be forwarded to another Kansas institution for use by its library. Seconded by Galen Pittman, the motion passed.

Reports followed from various committees. The Kansas Records Committee met at its April meeting at the home of Max Thompson, Chairperson. The minutes of this meeting will be published in an upcoming issue of The Horned Lark.

Chris Hobbs, Chairperson of the Publicity Committee, arranged for the Spring KOS meeting to be reported in the Pittsburg newspaper. David Bryan was interviewed for The Morning Sun, Sunday, May 5 edition.

David Seibel reported that Pete Janzen had asked to be relieved as Chairperson of the Conservation Committee.

David Seibel reported from the Dingus Natural Area Committee that some minor repairs such as fencing and signs need to be completed.

Galen Pittman reported that he had still not received the mailing list of those persons who responded to the Winter Bird Feeder Survey.

David Seibel reported that the Breeding Bird Atlas Project may be funded in the State Legislature under the Science Advisory Committee. He stated that \$10,000 in funds could be awarded by the June 5th decision of this committee. Funding for Cheyenne Bottoms is also pending in the State Legislature in conjunction with the Kansas Wetlands Coalition.

John Schukman reported that plans are proceeding to hold the KOS 1991 Fall Meeting in Leavenworth. Max Thompson has been asked to present the program on the birds of Australia.

Rose Fritz reported that there is presently \$13,447 in the principal account for Life Memberships. She will confer with Diane Seltman to confirm that this amount agrees with the number of Life Members currently on record.

Rose also raised the issue of budgetary concerns. There is some shortfall in the amount of available funds to cover current expenses. She voiced her concern that expenses be held down. It was also suggested that perhaps a raise in dues would help meet the operating expenses of KOS. Some discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Submitted by Diane Seltman,  
KOS Membership Secretary;  
In the absence of Dwight Platt,  
KOS Corresponding Secretary.

WINTER BIRD SUMMARY/ December 1990 through February 1991/ by Scott Seltman

Kansas birders found a rather motley collection of birds during the winter months with few rarities seen but plenty of birds present in unusual places or in unusual numbers. Our annual dream of an invasion of rare northern birds once again became a dream deferred. The only northern finches that came to stay were the Red Crossbills that were scattered across the state. Many birders had the rather bizarre experience of seeing more crossbills than Pine Siskins during the winter, something that seems almost impossible given the historical scarcity of Red Crossbills and normal abundance of siskins. Actually, very few passerines of note were recorded anywhere in the state with most of our attention focused on waterbirds and owls.

December started off with a blast of cold air that brought a Snowy Owl to Perry and Common Redpolls to Milford, but these species did not invade as expected and the winter only produced two more Snowy Owl reports and one additional Common Redpoll. For what must be the fifth year in a row, the winter's most severe weather occurred in December with bitter cold temperatures gripping the state from about December 20 through the first week of January. By New Year's Day all major reservoirs and most rivers were completely frozen and until warm weather arrived in February waterfowl numbers across the state were very low. February had the distinction of being the driest month on record in Kansas with all major stations for the National Weather Service reporting ZERO precipitation for the month. It doesn't get any drier than that! Actually this statistic is a little misleading in that most areas of Kansas received some rain or snow during the last days of January and beginning again on March 1. The only major snowstorm of the winter hit northeastern Kansas during late January with many areas receiving six to twelve inches of snow. Bird migration began suddenly in early February with both open water and large flocks of waterbirds appearing overnight at many lakes.

When the big eastern reservoirs are frozen birds and birders both have the same thought: "It's time to head to the outlet tubes below the dam." This parallel logic led to the discovery of the state's first fully documented Barrow's Goldeneye by David Rintoul at Tuttle Creek on January 4. An adult male along with two or more females were seen below the dam by numerous observers over the next five weeks with photographs and videotapes once and for all removing Barrow's Goldeneye from the hypothetical list in Kansas. With perhaps ten sight records going back 50 years, it had long been known that this species occurred in Kansas but until last January no photo or specimen existed. The male Barrow's was at first restricted to the small stretch of open water below the tubes but as the weather moderated and the river began to open up it became more difficult to find. Several birders made several trips to Manhattan without ever seeing the bird. The male was often seen swimming with female goldeneyes that from head shape and bill color appeared to be Barrow's but positive identification is of course very difficult. After this sighting two more Barrow's Goldeneye were reported from Melvern and six more from Quivira which suggests that this species had wandered south in numbers early in the winter.

In my own mind last winter will always be remembered for its owl invasion. Beginning in October we began to see signs of a good movement of Short-eared Owls into western Kansas, but we really had no idea of the extent of this invasion until December. On January 6 while on the Cedar Bluff CBC Mike Rader, Diane and I had already seen quite a few owls beginning early in the morning, but none of us were prepared for the discovery made just before noon on the north side of the Smoky Hill at the west end of the wildlife area. As we drove up to a large shelterbelt owls began pouring out of the trees near our car. I offered to walk down the center of the six-row treebelt while they counted

birds on the outside. I had only walked about 50 feet when a "squadron" of owls began flying single file down the row ahead of me. As we walked on owls continued to boil out of the cedars and fly toward the end of the treebelt. When we reached the end I mentioned that I had seen about 15 double back and Diane said she had seen about 10 fly west. Mike had seen "only 70"! We walked two more of the three remaining treebelts in the grove and finally lost count at 90 Long-eared Owls, 20 Short-eared Owls and one Eastern Screech-Owl. The totals for the first two species are very conservative estimates.

The Cedar Bluff roost may perhaps be the largest single roost of Long-eared Owls ever discovered . . . at least in a cursory search of reference material at Fort Hays I could find no larger number mentioned in any literature. During the next few weeks several other roosts of Long-eared Owls were discovered in westcentral Kansas and at Wilson Lake. Small numbers were seen in eastern Kansas. Short-eared Owls were also very abundant across western Kansas and were seen roosting with Long-eareds on several occasions. And a few Barn Owls, up to a maximum of five, were often seen in these roosts as well. For this many owls to coexist the rodent population in the nearby pastures and fields must have been enormous and the cold weather must have forced these birds to seek the safety and shelter of the treebelts on a daily basis. Sacks of pellets were collected by Rader and were sent for analysis but a breakdown is as yet unavailable. Only a few of my records are entered in the list of bird highlights that follows; during the five month period from November through March I would estimate that I saw 50 Barn Owls, 200 Long-eared Owls and 400 Short-eared Owls. Among the Barn and Short-eared Owls some individuals may have been seen repeatedly, but even considering that likelihood I would say that all three species were about 10 times more abundant than normal for a typical Kansas winter. Saw-whet Owls made news again near Junction City. This species is probably much more common in Kansas than we imagine but because of its habits it is extremely difficult to observe in our state.

Several species were also unusually common in eastern Kansas. Prairie Falcons and Golden Eagles were seen all the way to the Missouri line and beyond. White-fronted Geese were abundant through most of the winter at eastern reservoirs where they have traditionally been considered unusual even in migration. Bonaparte's Gulls also continue to defy logic. Not only did they stay to be seen by the score on Kansas CBC's, but they began moving north again in early February. Has a new race with an aversion to salt water evolved during the last decade?

Finally, a candidate for bird of the season that unfortunately must go unidentified was a "caprimulgid, sp." that was reported from Topeka on the remarkable date of Feb. 25. Details for this sighting were never provided, but Gene Lewis cross-examined the observer and feels that it probably was too large to be a Common Poorwill. Was this a Chuck-will's-widow, a Whip-poor-will, or something stranger yet?

The following records are subject to review by the Kansas Bird Records Committee. Many of the season's better finds were found on Christmas Bird Counts and are summarized in the KOS Bulletin, Vol. 42, No. 1. Records for the period from March through July 1991 should be mailed to Box 36, Nekoma, KS 67559 by October.

#### BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS/ December 1990 through February 1991

|              |               |      |                  |
|--------------|---------------|------|------------------|
| Pacific Loon | 1 on Wilson   | MR   | 12-01-90 Russell |
| Pacific Loon | 1 on Clinton  | MM   | 12-05-90 Douglas |
|              | still present | DSei | 12-15-90 Douglas |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                             |             |             |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| <u>Red-necked Grebe</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 on Clinton                | LM,GP       | 12-08-90    | Douglas  |
| <u>Eared Grebe</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 on Milford                | DLS,CO,JO   | 12-02-90    | Geary    |
| <u>White Pelican</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | early arrival at Wilson     | MR          | 2-23-91     | Russell  |
| <u>Trumpeter Swan</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1A, 3I two miles s. Timken  | SS          | 2-25-91     | Rush     |
| (These birds had no bands or collars and were probably not from the Minnesota flock. I was able to observe these birds from about 200 feet with scope. Absent from this pond on 2-26 but seen again on 2-27-91. Also noticed by area farmers, one of whom thought they were Whooping Cranes!) |                             |             |             |          |
| Gr. White-fronted Goose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 200 on Melvern              | LM          | 1-01-91     | Osage    |
| (White-fronted Geese were mentioned as staying late and arriving early at many Kansas lakes and refuges.)                                                                                                                                                                                     |                             |             |             |          |
| Canada Goose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | estimated 20,000 in Wichita | PJ,m.ob.    | 1-09-91     | Sedgwick |
| Am. Black Duck                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms       | SS          | 12-07-90    | Barton   |
| Am. Black Duck                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2 on Milford                | DLS         | 12-27-90    | Geary    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                             |             | to 12-31-90 | Geary    |
| Am. Black Duck                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2 at MDC                    | LM,MM,GP    | 2-09-91     | Linn     |
| Blue-winged Teal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | male near dam at Clinton    | PW          | 12-12-90    | Douglas  |
| Oldsquaw                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | adult pair, 3 imm.          | RR,PW       | 12-01-90    | Douglas  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | still present               | DB,DSei     | 12-15-90    | Douglas  |
| Black Scoter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2 fem. on Perry             | LM,MM,BF    | 12-16-90    | Douglas  |
| White-winged Scoter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | sev. along U.S. 36          | D&LN        | 12-16-90    | Doniphan |
| <u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | adult male and 2+ females   | DR,m.ob.    | 1-04-91     | Riley    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                             |             | to 2-03-91  | Riley    |
| <u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | pair below dam at Melvern   | JB          | 2-09-91     | Osage    |
| <u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3M,3F at Big Salt Marsh     | CS?&GE      | 2-14-91     | Stafford |
| Red-breasted Merganser                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 among 2000 Commons        | MI          | 2-07-91     | Osage    |
| Red-breasted Merganser                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 5 on Melvern                | MM,BF,MC,GG | 2-10-91     | Osage    |
| Bald Eagle                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2 adults at nest on Clinton |             | 2-24-91     | Douglas  |
| Northern Goshawk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 imm. s. Wilson            | MR          | 1-05-91     | Ellswor. |
| Northern Goshawk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 just n. town of Perry     | RR          | 2-05-91     | Jeffers. |
| Northern Goshawk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | adult e. Wilson Lake        | MR          | 2-17-91     | Lincoln  |
| Red-shouldered Hawk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 at MDC                    | LM,MM,GP    | 2-09-91     | Linn     |
| Red-tailed Hawk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 albinistic bird           | Bob Funke   | 2-25-91     | Wilson   |
| (This bird was described as having red tail and black wingtips, but otherwise pure white.)                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                             |             |             |          |
| Golden Eagle                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 near MDC                  | LM,MM,GP    | 2-09-91     | Linn?    |
| Golden Eagle                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 imm. along I-70 Konza     | SK          | 2-19-91     | Geary    |
| Merlin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1                           | SS          | 12-14-90    | Pawnee   |
| Merlin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 at CB                     | Speers      | 2-16-91     | Barton   |
| Merlin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1                           | SS          | 2-17-91     | Pawnee   |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 at CB                     | MR,ER       | 1-01-91     | Barton   |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 below Tuttle              | DR          | 1-12-91     | ???      |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 at Perry                  | RR          | 1-16-91     | Jeffers. |
| Prairie Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 nine mi. s. Junction City | DLS         | 12-09-90    | Geary    |
| Prairie Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 four mi. e. Chapman       | DLS         | 1-21-91     | Dickins. |
| Prairie Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | sev. near Welda             | BB          | Jan. 91     | Anderson |
| Prairie Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 near Lone Star            | PW          | 1-31-91     | Douglas  |
| Prairie Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 near John Redmond         | JB          | 2-03-91     | Coffey   |
| Prairie Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 near MDC                  | LM,MM,GP    | 2-09-91     | Linn     |
| Prairie Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 9                           | MR,SS       | 2-09-91     | W.Kansas |
| Prairie Falcon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 near Wolf Creek           | MM,BF,MC,GG | 2-10-91     | Coffey   |
| Sandhill Crane                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | first spring migrants       | SS          | 2-12-91     | Pawnee   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                             | ER          | 2-12-91     | Ellswor? |
| Greater Yellowlegs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 at LaCygne Lake           | GP,RR       | 12-22-90    | Linn     |
| American Woodcock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 below Perry Dam           | RR          | 1-17-91     | Jeffers. |
| Bonaparte's Gull                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 out-of-season at Tuttle   | LM,GP,BF    | 2-02-91     | Riley    |
| Bonaparte's Gull                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 4 at MDC                    | LM,MM,GP    | 2-09-91     | Linn     |

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|------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|
| Bonaparte's Gull       | 1 imm. at Milford         | DLS      | <u>2-16-91</u>    | Geary   |
|                        |                           |          | to <u>2-17-91</u> | Geary   |
| Thayer's Gull          | 1 below Tuttle            | DR,m.ob. | 1-02-91           | Riley?  |
| Thayer's Gull          | 1 adult at John Redmond   | MM       | 2-03-91           | Coffey  |
|                        | still present             | DR       | 2-04-91           | Coffey  |
|                        | still present             | MI,BE    | 2-09-91           | Coffey  |
| Glaucous Gull          | 1 first winter on Clinton | RR,PW    | 12-01-90          | Douglas |
|                        |                           |          | to 12-08-90       | Douglas |
| Glaucous Gull          | 1 first winter Tuttle     | DR,TC    | 1-04-91           | Riley   |
|                        | still present             | MR,SS    | 1-09-91           | Riley   |
| Glaucous Gull          | 1 imm. at Milford         | DLS      | 2-24-91           | Geary   |
| Black-legged Kittiwake | 1 adult w. side Cheney    | DK,PJ,JN | 12-01-90          | Reno    |
| Greater Roadrunner     | 1 in Pratt                | BJR      | 12-13-90          | Pratt   |
|                        |                           | KB       | 12-15-90          | Pratt   |

(This individual arrived in a western neighborhood of Pratt in Aug. 90 and was seen sporadically throughout the fall and winter. According to Ken Brunson this roadrunner survived on pet food and scraps until it was killed by an automobile in February. Beep,beep!)

|                     |                              |             |             |                 |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Snowy Owl           | 1 below dam at Perry         | BF          | 12-02-90    | Jeffers.        |
| Snowy Owl           | 2 reported sw. Hiawatha      | D&LN        | 12-09-90    | Brown           |
|                     |                              |             | to 12-18-90 | Brown           |
| Snowy Owl           | 1 in Sundance area Melvern   | MS          | 12-26-90    | Osage           |
| Barn Owl            | 5 roosting with Long-eareds  | SS          | 2-07-91     | Pawnee          |
| Barn Owl            | 5                            | MR,SS       | 2-09-91     | Trego           |
| Barn Owl            | 5 calling                    | SS          | 2-10-91     | Rush            |
| Long-eared Owl      | <u>90</u> in single roost    | MR,DS,SS    | 1-06-91     | Trego           |
| Long-eared Owl      | roost of 18 Wilson St. Park  | MR          | 1-07-91     | Russell         |
| Long-eared Owl      | roost of 8 in Otoe Park      | MR          | 1-30-91     | Russell         |
| Long-eared Owl      | 25 in Wilson St. Park        | MR,MO       | 2-02-91     | Russell         |
| Long-eared Owl      | 2 along Otter Creek          | SC,RP       | 2-02-91     | Geary           |
| Long-eared Owl      | roost of 20 nw. Larned       | SS          | 2-07-91     | Pawnee          |
| Long-eared Owl      | 2 in cemetery Turkey Pt.     | MI          | 2-07-91     | Osage           |
| Long-eared Owl      | <u>110</u> in three roosts   | MR,SS       | 2-09-91     | Trego           |
| Long-eared Owl      | roost of 6                   | MR,SS       | 2-09-91     | Ness            |
| Long-eared Owl      | <u>60</u> in two roosts      | SS          | 2-16-91     | Trego           |
| Short-eared Owl     | 16 at dusk                   | SS          | 12-30-90    | Pawnee          |
| Short-eared Owl     | 20 roosting with Long-eareds | MR,DS,SS    | 1-06-91     | Trego           |
| Short-eared Owl     | 2 with Long-eareds           | MR          | 1-07-91     | Russell         |
| Short-eared Owl     | 1 s. Jetmore                 | SS          | 2-02-91     | Hodgeman        |
| Short-eared Owl     | 1 near Cave                  | SS          | 2-02-91     | Stevens         |
| Short-eared Owl     | 2 near Waverly               | MM,BF,MC,GG | 2-10-91     | Coffey          |
| Short-eared Owl     | 1 s. of Clinton              | LM,GP       | 2-10-91     | Douglas         |
| N. Saw-whet Owl     | 2 heard along Otter Creek    | DLS         | 1-08-91     | Geary           |
|                     | 1 heard along Otter Creek    | MC          | 1-26-91     | Geary           |
| Ladder-backed Wood. | fem. videotaped in Wichita   | LMal.       | 1-17-91     | <u>Sedgwick</u> |
| Pileated Woodpecker | 1 along Deep Creek           | TC          | 12-19-90    | <u>Riley</u>    |
| Carolina Chickadee  | 1 along Cimarron ne. Liberal | SP          | 1-01-91     | <u>Seward</u>   |

(Apparently the westernmost Kansas sighting and one of the westernmost sightings of this species ever. Seward is a THREE chickadee county.)

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|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------------|---------|
| Winter Wren          | 1                     | MR       | 2-23-91        | Russell |
| Marsh Wren           | 1 below dam           | MR       | 2-23-91        | Russell |
| Mountain Bluebird    | 2 at Minooka Park     | MR       | 12-01-90       | Russell |
| Mountain Bluebird    | 2 s. of Junction City | BLS,DSL  | 12-01-90       | Geary   |
| Mountain Bluebird    | 4 in Otoe Park        | MR       | 1-23-91        | Russell |
| Mountain Bluebird    | 7 s. Junction City    | LM,GP,BF | 2-02-91        | Geary   |
| Townsend's Solitaire | 2 along Otter Creek   | SC,RP    | 2-02-91        | Geary   |
| American Pipit       | 1 at State Hospital   | DS       | <u>2-11-91</u> | Pawnee  |
| Bohemian Waxwing     | 1 along Otter Creek   | DLS,CO   | 2-10-91        | Geary   |
| Northern Shrike      | 1 at Minooka Park     | MR       | 12-01-90       | Russell |

|                         |                             |             |             |              |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Northern Shrike         | 1 imm. at Milford           | DLS         | 12-08-90    | Geary        |
| Northern Shrike         | 1 w. side Cheney            | BJR         | 12-13-90    | Reno?        |
| Northern Shrike         | 1 at Rolling Hills Milford  | DLS         | 1-09-91     | Geary        |
| Northern Shrike         | 1 at CB                     | Speers      | 2-16-91     | Barton       |
| "Myrtle" Warbler        | numerous through winter     | DLS         | Winter-91   | Geary        |
| "Audubon's" Warbler     | 2 at Milford                | DLS,CO      | 12-31-90    | <u>Geary</u> |
| "Audubon's" Warbler     | 1 at Milford                | DLS         | 2-02-91     | <u>Geary</u> |
|                         |                             |             | to 2-24-91  | <u>Geary</u> |
| Yellow-throated Warbler | 1 at Hays feeder            | CE          | 11-29-90    | <u>Ellis</u> |
|                         |                             |             | to 12-01-90 | <u>Ellis</u> |
| Lark Bunting            | 9 five mi. w. Elkhart       | SS          | 2-02-91     | Morton       |
| Swamp Sparrow           | 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms       | SS          | 1-09-91     | Barton       |
| Swamp Sparrow           | 1                           | MR          | 2-23-91     | Russell      |
| Smith's Longspur        | small flock                 | LM,GP,BF    | 2-02-91     | Geary        |
| Smith's Longspur        | 31 3 mi. Lyndon             | MI          | 2-07-91     | Osage        |
| Smith's Longspur        | 125 at Lyon St. Lake        | MM,BF,MC,GG | 2-10-91     | Lyon         |
| Snow Bunting            | 1 atop Melvern Dam          | JB          | 12-27-90    | Osage        |
| Snow Bunting            | 1 s. side Melvern           | MI          | 2-07-91     | Osage        |
| Red Crossbill           | 20 at Milford               | DLS         | 12-01-90    | Geary        |
| Red Crossbill           | 15 at Scott Lake            | SS          | 12-08-90    | Scott        |
| Red Crossbill           | 17 in Hutchinson            | HG          | 2-02-91     | Reno         |
| Red Crossbill           | 15 at Kanopolis St. Park    | GF          | 2-09-91     | Ellswor.     |
| Red Crossbill           | 12 still present at Milford | DLS         | 2-24-91     | Geary        |
| Red Crossbill           | flock along Kevin St.       | PJ          | Feb.-91     | Sedgwick     |
| Common Redpoll          | 3 at Milford                | DLS         | 12-02-90    | Geary        |
| Common Redpoll          | 1 at feeder in Garden City  | L&BR        | 1-25-91     | Finney       |
| Evening Grosbeak        | 1 at Scott Lake             | SS          | 12-08-90    | Scott        |
| Evening Grosbeak        | 1 fem. in Wilson            | ER          | 1-27-91     | Ellswor.     |
| Evening Grosbeak        | 1 male in Wilson            | ER          | 2-18-91     | Ellswor.     |
|                         |                             |             | to 2-25-91  | Ellswor.     |

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KANSAS RARE-BIRD-ALERT 913-329-4499

Kansas Rare-Bird Alert received 168 calls in June and 153 calls in July. The low number of calls reflects a general scarcity of birds combined with very hot weather for much of the period. A good bird found in early August brought calls per day up from 5 to 30.

## ANNUAL FALL MEETING

The annual fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society will be held on the St. Mary College campus (Sisters of Charity), Leavenworth, Ks., September 20-22, 1991. The campus is located at 4100 S. 4th, (same as US Hwy 73/K-7). Please return the preregistration form by September 6. The college requires a 14 day notice on the number of attendees.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - the Schukman home

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Informal, come-as-you-are reception at the Schukmans' (727-5141), located at Rt. 2, Box 111-37, Robin Road, Sherwood Forest subdivision, Leavenworth. The subdivision is on the west side of Hwy 73/K-7, 7.3 miles north of I-70 (Bonner Springs/Leavenworth exit), or 4.5 miles south St. Mary College. Look for KOS signs.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - MABEE AUDITORIUM

lower level of DePaul Library. (Parking available behind library)

8:00 - 9:00 Registration. Juice, rolls and coffee provided.

9:00 - 11:30 Paper Sessions with a mid-morning break

11:30 - 12:00 Business Meeting

12:00 - 1:15 Lunch at St. Joseph Dining Hall

1:15 - 2:00 Birdwatchers' Hour. Bring your slides to share.

2:00 - 4:00 Paper Session with a mid-afternoon break

4:00 - 5:00 Business Meeting

5:00 - 6:00 On your own - An opportunity to walk through the bird sanctuary on the campus.

6:00 - 7:00 Social Hour - St. Joseph Dining Hall

7:00 Banquet - St. Joseph Dining Hall. Guest Speaker - Max C. Thompson - Australian birds

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

On your own for breakfast - Hardee's (4925 S. 4th), McDonalds (3121 S. 4th) and Pullman Place (3rd & Cherokee, downtown) are open at 6 am.

6:30 - 8 a.m. FIELD TRIPS - Sign-up sheets available at all Saturday sessions

1:00 p.m. - SUNDAY PICNIC- Box lunches will be served. Location to be announced.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

| Name                                     | Address                    | Phone    | Single | Double |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|--------|--------|
| St. Mary College Dormitory               | 4100 S. 4th                | 682-5151 | \$21   | \$29   |
| (reservations made with preregistration) |                            |          |        |        |
| * Best Western                           | 3211 S. 4th                | 651-6000 | \$32   | \$40   |
| Cody Motor Inn (downtown)                | 101 S. 4th                 | 651-5400 | \$23   | \$29   |
| Commander's Inn (close to Fort)          | 6th & Metropolitan         | 651-5800 | \$30   | \$33   |
| Lansing Inn 4 Less                       | 501 N. Main (4th St.)      | 727-2777 | \$27   | \$33   |
| Ramada Inn (downtown)                    | 3rd & Delaware             | 651-5500 | \$37   | \$45   |
| *Super 8 Motel                           | 303 Montana Ct.            | 682-0744 | \$35   | \$40   |
|                                          | (1 blk N. of Best Western) | KOS rate | \$27   | \$30   |
| Terrace Court Motel                      | 1500 S. 4th                | 682-0499 | \$24   | \$31   |

Camping-Riverfront Park                      under Centennial Bridge    651-0865                      \$6-8  
(turn east at 4th and Dakota toward Mo. River, cross RR tracks, follow road to bridge)

\* denotes location is close to St. Mary College



# PREREGISTRATION FORM

1991 Fall KOS Meeting  
St. Mary College, Leavenworth, Ks.  
September 20, 21, 22, 1991

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

|                                              | No.   | Amount   |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| REGISTRATION FEES:                           |       |          |
| Regular - \$7.50 . . . . .                   | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Student - \$4.00 . . . . .                   | _____ | _____    |
| Saturday Lunch - \$5.25 . . . . .            | _____ | _____    |
| Saturday Banquet - \$10.50 . . . . .         | _____ | _____    |
| Sunday Box Lunch - \$5.25 . . . . .          | _____ | _____    |
| Lodging at St. Mary College Dormitory        |       |          |
| Single \$21, Double \$29 per night . . . . . | _____ | _____    |
| Total                                        | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Amount Enclosed                              |       | \$ _____ |

Make checks payable to: KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (KOS)

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REGISTRATIONS MUST BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 6

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## BEST BIRD OF THE YEAR

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NOTE: You may duplicate this form if you have more than one bird to report.

## SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

K.O.S annual meeting, 1991

The Kansas Ornithological Society will meet 21 and 22 September 1991, at Leavenworth, Kansas. The contributed paper sessions will be on Saturday, 21 September. The only requirement is that papers deal with birds in some way! We especially encourage graduate and undergraduate students to present the results of their studies. The most interesting papers are often by people who consider themselves amateurs but nevertheless have considerable expertise. We encourage you to share your experiences with the group. Both long and short presentations are welcome.

We are again requesting that all contributors submit an abstract or short summary (approx. 150 words) of their presentations.

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COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL BY 6 SEPTEMBER 1991 TO:

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Contributed Papers Session, 21 September 1991

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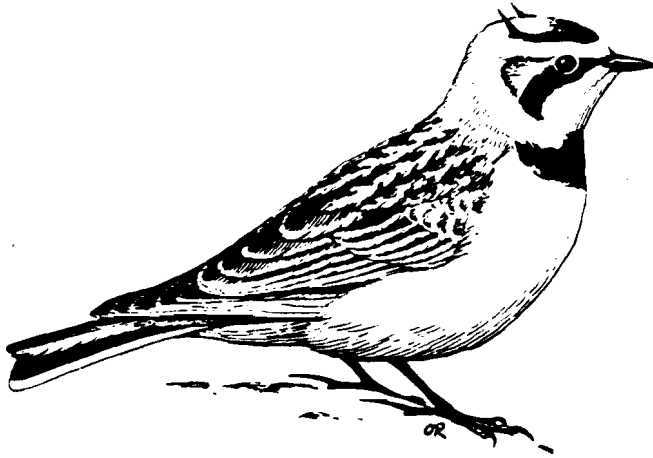
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Time for presentation and questions: 10min. 15min. 20min.

Audio-visual equipment needed: \_\_\_\_\_



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### NOTICE TO NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Because of the early date for the fall meeting, it is extremely important that information for the August edition of The Horned Lark be received by the editor no later than August 5, 1991. This includes all Fall Meeting information and registration information and seasonal bird reports. Any other information desired to be included in the August issue should also be received by that date.

### KOS IS PLEASED TO WELCOME 42 NEW MEMBERS SINCE JANUARY 1, 1991:

Don Alley, Kansas City, KS; Philip Balch, Linn; Shelby Birch, Overland Park; Diane Bythell, Lawrence; Dan Baffa, Garden City; Scott Coleman, Manhattan; N.R. Emmert, Holton; Craig Fannes, Grand Island, NE; Luisa Fenton, Wichita; David Fischer, Olathe; Marilyn Hampson, Paola; Shanon Haraughty, Manhattan; George Hecht, Lawrence; Jane Koska, Kansas City, KS; Steve and Margaret Linderer, Larned; Beverly Maxey, Valley Center; Edwin Miller, Independence; Nancy Miller, Prairie Village; Dwight Moore, Emporia; Craig Olawsky, Emporia; Carol Olson, Eureka; W. David Pantle, Denver, CO; Tom Payne, Stilwell; Jack Revare, Shawnee Mission; Mike Reynolds, Shawnee; Karyn Baker Riney, Lawrence; Shannon Rothchild, Emporia; Robert Rucker, Las Vegas, NV; David Sampson, Marysville; Tim Schallberg, Kansas City, MO; Dawn Sharp, Lawrence; Kay Sims, Scott City; Barbara Slover, Wichita; Jerrod Soukup, Newton; Michael Speers, Larned; Gary Straley, Winfield; Don and Mary Trayer, Murdock; Maure Weigel, Brookville; Margaret Wedge, David Williams, Jeff Witters, all of Lawrence; Benjamin Young, Manhattan.

### 1991 KOS MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:

By now, all KOS members should have in their hands a copy of the 1991 KOS Membership Directory. Of course, given the rate at which the average person changes address, this directory is already out of date! Please help the Membership Committee keep this information current by notifying either Diane Seltman or Galen Pittman with any changes or corrections. A special note to you Life Members out there, since we don't hear from you on a regular basis, i.e. annual renewal cards, we may have outdated information. Please let us know if you're still out there! Thank you for your help.

# MY 1990 BIRDING BIG YEAR IN KANSAS - by Galen L. Pittman

This story actually starts sometime in 1989. I had often heard that the Kansas big year record was 300 exactly and had been set in 1985 by Scott Seltman. When I sent in my totals for the American Birding Association's (ABA) annual listing report, I noticed that my Kansas lifelist total of 303 (1988) was not very competitive, but I had at least broken the first major barrier, i. e. 300, yet that was just three more than the one year record! My best Kansas year list total, however, was not too impressive. So, 1989 was my chance to improve on my previous Kansas year lists. To make a long story short, I ended up 1989 with 282 and my Kansas lifelist was at 319. As it turned out, 282 was good enough for the highest (ABA reported) Kansas annual list in 1989. This success spurred me on to make a run for the elusive 300 plateau (only achieved once previously). Little did I know what I was getting in for, nor did I expect 1990 to be as good a birding year as it ultimately was.

I started out 1990 by birding at my home near Lawrence and within about a 15 mile radius of there. I added 27 species to my list the first day, most of which were typical winter birds. In the next several days I added four species and set out on the first of many extended weekend birding trips to western Kansas. I participated in the Scott County and Cedar Bluff Christmas Counts and, upon returning, had 60 year birds including some nice western species, such as Ferruginous Hawk, Merlin, Black-billed Magpie, Townsend's Solitaire, Bewick's Wren, Golden Eagle, Mountain Bluebird and Northern Shrike. The rest of January was fairly predictable and by the end of the month my year total was 78. The first two-thirds of February was again very typical for northeastern Kansas and I added seven species; however, a Turkey Vulture on 13 February was, perhaps, an omen of things to come. Between 25 February and 2 March, I made another western Kansas jaunt. I went to Clark County to visit my parents and, while visiting, found time to go birding and even made it all the way to Elkhart for a whistle stop. After returning to Lawrence my year list was at 99, and I had snagged a couple of very good year birds, Northern Saw-whet Owl at Clark State Fishing Lake and Steller's Jay at the Satanta city park.

Mid-March marked the beginning of the true year bird chasing. I had almost missed the Gyrfalcon at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area (CBWA) because, unbeknownst to me, my telephone was out of order! Many dozens of birders had gone to the Bottoms that weekend and several of my birding friends had tried to call me to see if I wanted to go try for it. I learned of the sighting almost by accident and managed to make a solo trip on Monday morning, the 12th, and was apparently one of the last people to see it! The end of March marked the close of the first winter season of 1990 and the beginning of the long awaited spring season with a year total of 121. My March 1989 total was 113 and that is where the similarity starts to fade.

By the end of April 1990 my year total had bulged to 216 (95 added in the month of April). I knew by late April that something extraordinary was in the making. My April 1989 split was 161, so by April 1990 my total of 175 was running nicely ahead of the 1989 pace. However, the 1990 Jayhawk Audubon Society Birdathon was scheduled for 28 April and a Big Day was planned to start at Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Area (MCWA) and end at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge (QNWA) in one 24 hour period. My birdathon weekend species total was over 160 and I added 41 year birds! Admittedly, April 1990 was padded by a Big Day in May, so of course, you would expect the April total to be greater in 1990. But, don't forget, I had surpassed the 1989 April split by 14 before the birdathon. Of course, what happened in May is the rest of the story.

May was the month of state birds for me. During May, I racked up 12 new state birds and on five occasions got doubles--two state birds on one day! I strategically planned to take two weeks of vacation from 30 April to 11 May and it really paid off.

On May 1st I found myself in Cherokee County near Galena and added 10 year birds and two state birds, Fish Crow and Yellow-throated Warbler. The Spring KOS meeting in Morton County was next on the agenda and a five day weekend trip was arranged. The weekend in Elkhart and stops coming and going at CBWA and QNWR produced five state and a total of 32 year birds. Highlights of that trip were Lesser Prairie Chicken, Mountain Plover, Piping Plover, Whimbrel, Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling, Barn Owl, Cassin's Sparrow, Scaled Quail, Scrub Jay, Mountain Chickadee, Curve-billed Thrasher, Worm-eating Warbler, Hooded Warbler, Virginia's Warbler, McGillivray's Warbler, Western Tanager, Lazuli Bunting and Bobolink. Upon returning from southwest Kansas, I wasn't going to let up, so on 11 May I found a Veery and a Golden-winged Warbler right at home in the Lawrence Riverfront Park. On Mother's Day (13 May) I gathered in seven more year birds by birding Linn and Johnson Counties. Highlights of the Mother's Day expedition were Acadian Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Vireo, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler and Olivaceous Cormorant. The last two weeks of May netted a Willow Flycatcher at Fort Leavenworth, a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher at Mill Creek Park in Johnson County, an Alder Flycatcher and Olive-sided Flycatcher at my own house, a Western Grebe at Lake Perry, and a Least Tern at the Kaw Valley Fish Farm north of Lawrence. All in all, quite the incredible spring migration in Kansas. It was so good, as a matter of fact, that I recorded 266 species during the months of April and May alone (95% of the year's total by then)! After the month of May had ended with only two species needed to crack my previous personal best of 282, I was, to say the least, optimistic.

The months of June and July proved to be long and arduous, though fruitful, for finding new year birds. The breeding season was filled with several long distance, as well as seven or eight local tries, for Cerulean Warbler to no avail, one of the year's biggest misses. I managed to add eight year birds, but no state birds for those two months. The highlight of this period was a trip to QNMR on 23 June, when I tallied four year birds, Common Moorhen, Common Tern, Black-billed Cuckoo and Least Bittern.

With the start of August, mercifully, the breeding season was drawing to a close and with the shorebird, hummingbird and flycatcher migration bearing down, I chose to keep going back to the well and head for Morton County again with, of course, the obligatory stopover at QNWR and CBWA. A four day weekend trip (4-6 August) produced four year birds, including one state bird, Brewer's Sparrow. Another weekend trip to Morton County from 24 to 26 August produced six year birds, including Ruff (at QNWR), Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Western Wood-Pewee and my only state triple of the year! On 25 August I recorded Rufous Hummingbird, Hammond's Flycatcher and Dusky Flycatcher, which brought my year total up to a tantalizing 299 with a full third of the year to go! This Big Year strategy was working so well, I pulled a move that even I don't believe. I managed back-to-back weekend trips to Morton County. The strategy was a good one, however, because on September 1 I recorded #300, a Buff-breasted Sandpiper, and #301, a Black-chinned Hummingbird, both at Liberal. And, just to ice the cake, the next day in Morton County brought me my sixth state double, Cordilleran Flycatcher and Cassin's Kingbird. The remainder of September netted three more year birds, all of which were state birds, a Red Phalarope at Elkhart on the 16th (yes, another trip), an Anna's Hummingbird at Oxford on the 22nd and a Black-throated Blue Warbler on the 28th in Jefferson County.

Since I was entering the final quarter of the year with my initial goal accomplished (my year list stood at 306), you might think I would just cruise on in to the finish. However, I wasn't the only Kansas birder having a good year! There were at least four other birders that I was aware of who had a good shot at also topping 300. My thoughts turned to---"let's see just how high we can push this new record!" My final Big Year tally depended on the remainder of the fall migration and the quality of early winter residents that may show up. Certainly, the strategy was clear, bird the large eastern reservoirs as often as I could, make it to Morton

County at least once or twice and participate in as many Christmas Counts (CBC) as I could stand! I was hoping for a good fall migration, and if I was lucky (as if I deserved any more) have a few gifts come my way. Well, I wasn't going to be disappointed!

October started with a trip to Newton for the Fall KOS meeting, where I got Winter Wren at Cheney Reservoir and a Sprague's Pipit on the way back to Lawrence at Lyon State Fishing Lake. A couple of days later on 10 October, I was rewarded by finding a Marsh Wren and a LeConte's Sparrow in the same prairie grass plot on KU's West Campus right in the center of Lawrence. Then I hit a dry spell, including a three day trip to CBWA/QNWR and to Kirwin Reservoir with no new year birds. Finally, Clinton Lake produced a White-winged Scoter on the 28th and a mad 12 hour dash (starting at 1 a. m. on Halloween morning) to QNWR and back netted two year birds, Chestnut-collared Longspur and Whooping Crane. Then one of the gifts arrived. While standing in the driveway of my house, just minutes after arriving home from Quivera, an adult Northern Goshawk flew just 50 feet over my head and disappeared over the horizon. I hadn't seen a Goshawk in Kansas for at least 10 or 12 years!

October had come and gone and my year list was now at 314. I didn't have long to wait for the next gift, however. On 3 November, I got an adult winter plumage Brown Pelican at Perry Lake and on the next weekend was off on one of my calculated trips to southwestern Kansas. The strategy definitely paid off. I got Bushtit at Liberal, Evening Grosbeak at Elkhart, Red Crossbill at Hays and Pacific Loon and Surf Scoter at Wilson Lake that weekend. A trip to Winfield City Lake the following weekend was salvaged by getting a Smith's Longspur in the same field that produced the Spragues's Pipit in early October. Upon returning from the Winfield trip, I learned that other birders had found a Red-throated Loon right in my own back yard at Clinton Lake the same day. By Thanksgiving Day, I had gotten the loon and another bonus bird, Thayer's Gull, both of which were state birds for me. A quick jaunt to MCWA the next day was rewarded with my last year bird in November, a Black Duck. The August through November period had produced 35 year birds and an unbelievable 16 state birds.

As of 1 December, my year list stood at 324 and I had plans to participate in at least six CBC before time ran out on New Year's Eve! But, before the first CBC weekend arrived, I was rewarded with two more year birds on 8 December at Clinton Lake. The first was a Glaucous Gull that had been reported some time before and had alluded me in spite of numerous tries for it. The second bird was my final state bird for the year and the last of the many gifts from above. The Red-necked Grebe that day was my 30th state bird for 1990 and put my Kansas lifelist at 349. This rather substantial increase in my Kansas lifelist was probably as gratifying to me, if not more so, as setting the new single year record. The rest of this story is actually rather anti-climatic because the last three weekends of CBC birding produced just one more year bird. On 16 December, at the Perry-Oskaloosa CBC, I recorded #327, a Hermit Thrush.

As a postscript, I would like to acknowledge that this record Big Year would not have been possible without the advice, counsel and camaraderie of at least 20 of my birding friends and, of course, the good fortune to have chosen a year that was, undoubtedly, one of the best overall birding years in Kansas in recent memory. I hope this Big Year effort will set a standard by which a good birding year in Kansas can be judged, but only time will tell.

1990: A RARE YEAR - by Steve Crawford

In my 15 years of birding, I have never had a year like 1990! I usually don't have enough time and/or money to do as much birding as I would like, but I have managed to get my life list to 582 with a large amount of fun along the way. My best year was 1984 with 401 species, but that included Arizona and California for two whole weeks. Yet only in my wildest dreams would I expect a year like 1990.

It started in March with a phone call about a Yellow-billed Loon at Table Rock Lake in Missouri. My friend, Richard Parker, and I jumped into his car and found it next morning, along with a Pacific Loon. A lifer along with a Missouri state bird for gravy. At one point, we had three loon species, great for size comparisons, in our scopes at the same time! I thought a Yellow-billed Loon would be my best bird for 1990, but I would be wrong.

The following week brought another telephone call. A Gyrfalcon was at Cheyenne Bottoms. Richard and I, along with Mike Whitehead and Dave Bryan, left at 4 a.m. When we arrived, we located other birders, which grew to 15 people. We were rewarded with quite a show. At one point, the large, gray falcon almost plucked a Mallard out of the air, with a few feathers flying. Fantastic looks at a fantastic bird, our second visitor from the far north that month.

Then came my vacation in March. My parents were playing snowbirds in southern Texas, so my children and I went to visit them. I had family things to do, but I did manage two days of birding. I was able to get seven lifers, including Lesser Black-backed Gull, Clay-colored Robin and Red-crowned Parrot. A good year already and it was only March.

At the end of April, Richard and I were on our annual spring trip to Taberville Prairie and Schell Osage Wildlife Areas in Missouri. We were doing our usual hike through the prairie, looking for Henslow's Sparrow, Short-eared Owl and Greater Prairie Chicken. After 45 minutes with no luck, we decided to return to the car. We quickly came to a low area, which was very wet and muddy. I took three or four steps in the muck when up came what I, at first, thought was a Meadowlark, but it smaller and it had very large dangling feet! The dark brown and alternate yellow streaks were much richer than a Meadowlark. The large white spots I was seeing were not on the tail, but on the trailing edge of the secondary wing feathers. "Richard, Yellow Rail, look, a Yellow Rail," I yelled! It flew weakly about thirty yards and came down to the prairie. After a few moments to catch our breath and allow our pulse rates to slow, we ran to the spot and tried to see or flush it again. After a couple of minutes, we remembered some of the rail horror stories we had heard (tramplings, mid-air catches, etc.), we decided to go our way and leave the little bird alone.

The very next weekend, 5 May found Richard and me at Quivera National Wildlife Refuge. We have heard Black Rails here before. We came across Dave and Linda Hedges from Kansas City, who said they had just called one up using a tape recording of its song. Due to my past failures and the fact that it was 10 a.m., I was a little skeptical. But, as Black Rail was #1 on my want list, I asked them to show me how they did this miraculous deed. We all returned to the spot and Dave jumped over a ditch full of cattails to a marshy spot with many clumps of marsh grasses. He placed his tape recorder about fifteen yards from us with a clear view, right under a clump of marsh grass. He turned it on and came back to join us. In less than a minute, a Black Rail began to answer! The volume on the tape was perfect as we could not tell the difference between the rail and the tape except by location. There were four Black Rails calling within our hearing distance. One was getting closer and closer to the tape. Then, all of a sudden, there he was---standing on top of the tape recorder!! The hair stood up on the back of my neck and my pulse started pounding. He was gorgeous! Slightly larger than a Swamp Sparrow and solid black, except for a few white stripes and speckles. But most impressive was his red eye and the rusty nape of his neck. WOW---Yellow and Black Rails only a week apart! Can it get any better

than that?

I'm telling rail stories for two reasons. One, it can be done in daytime without trampling all over in the dark and without disturbing habitat and birds. The second is birding ethics, if some get to see these rails and count them as lifers, maybe they won't trample them to death the next time. From what I have read, it is next to impossible to find these rails once nesting has started. Things I learned from my success and from talking to others who had successful rail hunts are as follows: (1) to find Yellow Rails, look in wet meadows or prairies during migration, (2) Black Rails may be easiest to find when they first arrive on nesting territory in early to mid-May, (3) the tape should be about fifteen minutes long with various pauses between songs, between ten to forty seconds, the volume should not be too loud or soft, and do not use it after May, (4) you do not have to do this at night as we were successful in early morning.

The year was only half over. I had a family vacation planned for California in August. Again, there were a lot of family things to do, but I managed two days of birding. One day was used to go to the Salton Sea while the rest of my family stayed with relatives. I did have fun birding and found about seventy species, including a Brown Booby (only my second) and some escaped Flamingos. I did manage to find Clark's Grebe for a lifer. In Los Angeles I saw Spotted Dove, California Towhee, and California Gnatcatcher.

Then came September and a Green Violet-ear in Arkansas. Richard and I drove all day for that one, five hours each both ways, just to see one bird! But, he was worth it! Perhaps one of the prettiest birds I have ever seen!

Two weeks later an Anna's Hummingbird showed up in Oxford. Dave and I added him to our state lists. He put on a wonderful show, trying to intimidate a Ruby-throated Hummingbird coming to the same feeders. We got some great looks through Dave's Questar.

Even the Christmas Counts were interesting in 1990. Over the years I've been on close to forty counts and I found six birds which I had never seen on a Christmas count before, consisting of Glaucous and Thayer's Gulls, Oldsquaw, Winter Wren, Merlin and Golden Eagle. A great end to a great year. But it was only mid-December. The year still was not over.

On 27 December I got a telephone call from Lloyd Moore. An Ivory Gull was at Red Rock Lake southeast of Des Moines, Iowa! Lloyd went to Iowa and found it the next day (Friday, but I had to work). Friday night an ice storm hit the midwest. After some more telephone calls, I got out of bed at 3 a.m. Sunday and joined Richard, Mike and Dave (the Gyrfalcon group) plus Bob Fisher and headed north. The very first bird we saw below the dam on our arrival (five hours later) was the Ivory Gull! I was so excited, and were so crowded in Dave's Jeep, I had not gotten my camera ready. A shame because the best show he put on was just at that time. He was only about 100 yards to 150 yards away, doing plenty of banking and gliding and showing off his solid white plumage with small black spots. I was impressed with the alternate black spots at the base of the tail (like someone had painted them on, skipping every other feather) and his gray bill with a yellow tip. A truly beautiful bird! And if he wasn't enough, a juvenile Black-legged Kittiwake and a first or second winter Lesser Black-backed Gull also flew by! In Iowa, yet! A remarkable end to one of my most memorable years as a birder! I doubt that 1991 can possibly be half that good----can it?



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The Kansas Rare-Bird-Alert received 249 calls in December 1990, 257 in January, 164 in February, 195 in March, 132 in April and 240 in May 1991. In this six month period the tape was updated 47 times with the typewritten text filling 26 pages. The Kansas City Regional Bird Report operated by Lloyd Moore and financed by Burroughs Audubon (913-342-2473) went on line in November 1990. Because information from the KOS hotline is also featured on the K.C. hotline the number of calls to our tape has diminished slightly with the Kansas City crowd wisely avoiding toll calls. The tape machine failed in late April while I was birding in Texas and remained out of commission for about eight days. Sorry if you called and nobody answered.

It is my policy to put all reports on the tape as long as the information is timely and plausible. Information over one week old seldom is mention on the tape but is still entered into the computer record and eventually is delivered to Dr. Ely who records many of the sightings in the county record books. Beginning June 1, 1991 anyone who reports a very rare bird (generally those with fewer than 10 accepted records for the state) will be mailed an official report form by either Lloyd or myself. The Kansas Bird Records Committee needs documentation for these birds if they are to become a part of the permanent record.

Very few "crank" calls have been received during my tenure as operator, probably because the number is unlisted. The dozen or so bogus bird reports I have received usually involve people with heavy regional or foreign accents (but with a very familiar ring) reporting birds normally found on other continents. Messages of this nature are labeled and saved and may surface again someday at a KOS Fall Meeting. Occasionally, REAL strangers with funny accents call the tape and request information on Kansas birds. This I am happy to provide either in written form or through phone conversations. Many travelers have discovered that Kansas is a great place to bird. Keep those calls coming!

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## FALL ROUNDUP/ August through November 1990/ by Scott Seltman

Considering that through much of the fall migration the most common refrain among Kansas birders was "Where are the birds?", the following list of bird sightings is fairly impressive. Except for a few good days of birding early in the season, the passerine migration was very poor. In the west it could best be described as horrible with an almost complete absence of flycatchers, thrushes, vireos, warblers, and an amazing scarcity of sparrows and finches. (Did I leave anything out? Well, I guess blackbirds were common.) In the east the passerine migration was somewhat better but still below par. This trend was apparently true all across the U.S. as birders to our west such as Dan Bridges described eastern Colorado as "absolutely dead; the worst ever!" while Bill Evans of western N.Y. described the thrush migration as "the best ever!" (pers. comm.). A possible explanation involves the freak storm pattern that battered the Pacific Northwest beginning in early September. As strong fronts barreled across the Gulf of Alaska and slammed into the Washington and British Columbia coast the result was not only rainfall of almost epic proportions, but also storm pulses that continually swept west to east across the northern U.S. along the Canadian border. This storm track apparently shunted many migrants that usually cross the central plains further to the east.

Here in Kansas the weather in August and September was relatively normal with the exception of the last week of August when a strong heat wave pushed temperatures above the century mark each day. October and November were very mild and dry, in fact they were nearly the driest on record for Kansas. Most weather stations had little or no rain during either month. Normally when the autumn weather is mild and dry we see many late dates for migratory birds but last fall produced only a few lingerers.

Just when the fall migration seemed doomed, rare waterbirds began showing up at Kansas lakes and during the entire month of November birders were treated to an amazing parade of rarities all across the state. Birding was loony in more than one sense with four loon species being reported in the state and with no fewer than 7 Pacific Loons being reported (one in December). Two Red-throated Loons, both juveniles, were seen with good photographs taken of the one at Scott Lake. A Yellow-billed Loon was reported from Winfield City Lake on November 17 by Don Vannoy's birding party who were part of a Wichita Audubon fieldtrip. Fieldmarks on this bird included, among other things, a big yellow bill. This species cannot be added to the Kansas Checklist in the absence of a photograph or specimen, but it is clear that this bird occurs on the central plains and it is just a matter of time until a more cooperative individual is found. Both Colorado and Missouri have had wintering Yellow-billed Loons for several years and Oklahomans had their first state record last year. It's our turn next!

Other good waterbirds include an adult Brown Pelican seen at Perry Lake on November 3. This pelican was seen diving into the water after fish, a behavior that would on its own tend to rule out White Pelican. This Brown Pelican was only seen briefly by birders, but had apparently been present the day before according to people in the area. Good photographs were taken by Lloyd Moore. Western Grebes were seen at many lakes during November and two Clark's were seen by Dave Bryan and myself at Kirwin on November 23. These two species are relatively easy to separate in the field if seen well. (Bill color is the first thing to look at with bright yellow bills suggesting Clark's and dull greenish yellow bills suggesting Western.) Clark's Grebes are so abundant in eastern Colorado that they should be a regular migrant in western Kansas. Unfortunately we have no lakes along the Colorado border and most of the western reservoirs are currently so shallow that diving birds have little room to maneuver.

Several gulls of interest were seen. A first-winter California Gull was identified as such at a distance of about a mile using a Questar scope on November 24. Fieldmarks were a little clearer on November 28 when it was observed at a distance of about 50 feet. The Thayer's Gulls at Webster and Clinton were seen by a good number of observers who were all in agreement as to their identities. The Black-legged Kittiwake at Webster was watched at length and was in classic juvenile plumage with the distinctive wing pattern, a slightly forked tail tipped in black and a dark gray neck collar. A fact not mentioned in the

following list of birds is the incredible numbers of gulls at lakes and reservoirs across the state. The massive numbers of Bonaparte's Gulls continue to climb each year in Kansas, much to our amazement and delight.

The same weather pattern that may have ruined our passerine migration may have been responsible for many of these rare birds that arrived in Kansas. Note that several of these species nest to our north but winter primarily along the Pacific Coast. No doubt some of the individuals were either blown inland from the Pacific by high winds, or they may have been trapped inland while attempting to migrate overland from the Arctic to the central Pacific Coast. This theory has a few holes in that Brant, scoters and other northern nesters were apparently not blown off course in any numbers. Perhaps the sudden upsurge in records of certain species has less to do with the habits and movements of birds than with the habits and movements of birders. Prior to 1980 only a few hardy souls ventured out to the big lakes and reservoirs in late fall. But in the last ten years reservoir watching has become a very popular pasttime with many bodies of water now being visited at least every weekend if not more often. This upsurge in interest coincided with the publication of a whole series of new and improved field guides that make identification of distant birds considerably easier. Another important factor has been the major improvements made in spotting scopes; that bird on the opposite shore that looked like an amorphic blob in 1950 and became an intriguing speck in 1970 can now have feathers and fieldmarks thanks to a new generation of scopes developed in the late 1980's. If you are still using a scope that looks as if it might have been left behind by retreating German soldiers, its time for a new model. A good scope and a good pair of binoculars will not automatically improve your field skills overnight, but I guarantee that you will immediately begin to see feathers and fieldmarks that you have never noticed before. It is probably no coincidence that the sudden jump in reports of difficult-to-observe birds has followed a sudden jump in scope purchases by many Kansas birders.

As exciting as the November waterbirds were, they could not erase the earlier excitement provided by Kansas hummingbirds. It is common knowledge that Kansas birders are just scratching the surface when it comes to hummingbirds; each year many rare hummers probably travel across our state unseen or unidentified. Two large hummers were seen in the state in August. Mark Corder saw a large dark bird north of Cedar Vale in Chautauqua County which he felt could have been a female Magnificent or Blue-throated. And while Ted Cable was out of the house his family saw a hummer "about twice as large as the Ruby-throats" at their backyard feeder in Manhattan. Unfortunately, neither of these birds can even be assigned to a particular genus and are not mentioned in the list of sightings. The Third Annual Southwest Kansas Hummingbird Search led by Sebastian Patti over Labor Day Weekend produced the state's second definitive Black-chinned Hummingbird in Liberal. Our hosts in Liberal, Gary and Ruth Rahmlow and family, graciously allowed eight birders to sit in their backyard for several hours on September 1 as we waited for a regularly feeding bird to arrive. When it did arrive it was instantly identified as a male Black-chinned, a fact that was later documented by photos taken by Ruth Rahmlow. Although they nest within fifty miles of Kansas and almost certainly migrate across southwest Kansas in numbers, Black-chinned Hummingbird has been an elusive target species for Kansas birders. Because females and immatures of this species so closely resemble Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, most 'archilochus' sightings such as those in Satanta cannot be firmly assigned to either category. Normally, a second state record such as the Liberal sighting would have been a good candidate for best bird of the season. But just three weeks later this bird was unseated by news from Oxford.

The male Anna's Hummingbird that arrived in Oxford sometime in late August or early September and stayed until November 23 had everything that one could hope for in a first state record. It allowed itself to be seen by almost 200 observers including one fourth of all KOS members, it allowed itself to be photographed with close-up lenses at minimum focus, and it was extremely cooperative for those birders that traveled long distances to see it. There were even chills and spills as the fierce little bird chased away all intruders from its territory. It was observed chasing robins, was seen pinning a Ruby-throated Hummingbird to the side of the house in an attempt to drive it away (It worked!), and was even seen dive-bombing cats! In between these escapades it would often sit on a

perch and sing. Oh, that all rare birds were so cooperative. Although she sought help to identify the bird, full credit for its discovery goes to Norma Dennett of Oxford. Norma knew she had an unusual hummingbird in the area as early as September 16 but it was not until September 20 when Wallace Champeny first saw the bird that its identity was known. The next day birders from Wichita confirmed the sighting and the frenzy among Kansas birders began. The Anna's Hummingbird was the lead story on the front page of The Wichita Eagle on September 29 so some curiosity seekers traveled to Oxford to see it as well. Norma Dennett and her husband Jack were excellent hosts during this entire period and allowed birders free access to their yard to see the bird. KOS members and all the other birders from around the state offer our collective thanks.

Spring migration is about over and a vast variety of birds were seen. Written reports from the spring months, March through May, should be sent to R.R. Box 36, Nekoma, Kansas 67559 as soon as possible. As always, all of the following sightings are subject to review by the Kansas Bird Records Committee.

#### BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS/ August through November 1990

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------|
| <u>Red-throated Loon</u>  | juv. at Scott Lake. Good photos.                   | T&SSh       | 10-30-90         | Scott     |
| <u>Red-throated Loon</u>  | juv. at Clinton                                    | BF,MM       | 11-18-90         | Douglas   |
|                           |                                                    |             | to 11-22-90      | Douglas   |
| Pacific Loon              | 1 on Wilson Lake. Perhaps not the same individual. | MR          | 11-06-90         | Russell   |
|                           |                                                    |             | through 11-29-90 | Russell   |
| Pacific Loon              | 1 molting adult on Cedar Bluff                     | SS          | 11-06-90         | Trego     |
| Pacific Loon              | 1 on La Cygne Power Lake                           | CH,LW,LM    | 11-17-90         | Linn      |
| Pacific Loon              | 1 on Winfield City Lake                            | SS          | 11-18-90         | Cowley    |
| Pacific Loon              | 1 on Wyandotte Co. Lake                            | LM          | 11-27-90         | Wyandotte |
| Pacific Loon              | 1 on Cheney Res.                                   | DV,FV       | 11-29-90         | ???       |
| <u>YELLOW-BILLED LOON</u> | first report in Kansas                             | DV,m.ob.    | 11-17-90         | Cowley    |
| Eared Grebe               | <u>parent with young</u> at CB                     | GP,PW       | 8-24-90          | Barton    |
| Western Grebe             | 3 on Cedar Bluff                                   | SS          | 10-31-90         | Trego     |
| Western Grebe             | 2 on Tuttle                                        | DR          | 11-03-90         | ???       |
| Western Grebe             | 1 at Lake Wabaunsee                                | DLS,m.ob.   | 11-04-90         | Wabaunsee |
|                           | still present                                      | DLS         | 11-11-90         | Wabaunsee |
| Western Grebe             | 2 on Wilson Lake                                   | MR          | 11-09-90         | Russell   |
| Western Grebe             | 1 on Clinton                                       | LM          | 11-10-90         | Douglas   |
| Western Grebe             | 1 on Winfield Lake                                 | PJ,m.ob.    | 11-17-90         | Cowley    |
| Western Grebe             | 1 on Tuttle                                        | TC          | 11-17-90         | ???       |
| Western Grebe             | 1 on Clinton                                       | BF,MM       | 11-18-90         | Douglas   |
| Western Grebe             | 1 on Melvern                                       | LM,GP       | 11-18-90         | Osage     |
| Western Grebe             | 1 on Hillsdale Lake                                | MM          | 11-25-90         | Miami     |
| Western Grebe             | 3 on Cheney Res.                                   | DV,FV       | 11-29-90         | ???       |
| <u>Clark's Grebe</u>      | 3 on Kirwin. White above eye                       | DB,SS       | 11-23-90         | Phillips  |
|                           | and bright yellow bills well seen.                 |             |                  |           |
| White Pelican             | 1 at Perry WMA banded as a juv.                    | DLS         | 8-19-90          | Jefferson |
|                           | at Chase Lake NWR, N. Dakota in '74, '75 or '76.   |             |                  |           |
| <u>Brown Pelican</u>      | 1 adult at Perry swimming beach                    | LM,MM,GP,RR | 11-03-90         | Jefferson |
| Olivaceous Cormorant      | 5 at CB                                            | SS          | 8-25-90          | Barton    |
| Olivaceous Cormorant      | 2 still at CB in breeding plumage                  | LM,m.ob.    | 9-03-90          | Barton    |
| American Bittern          | 1 late bird in Big Ditch                           | PJ,DK,JN    | 10-28-90         | Sedgwick  |
| Ross' Goose               | 1 <u>summered</u> at sewer lake                    | m.ob.       | 9-01-90          | Seward    |
| Ross' Goose               | 2 on Lake Concannon                                | T&SSh       | 11-04-90         | Finney    |
| Ross' Goose               | 9 below Perry Dam                                  | MI,BE       | 11-05-90         | Jefferson |
| Ross' Goose               | 2 at Perry                                         | LM          | 11-10-90         | Douglas   |
| Black Duck                | 1 on Winfield Lake                                 | PJ,m.ob.    | 11-17-90         | Cowley    |
| Black Duck                | 1 at Quivira                                       | GY          | 11-17-90         | Stafford  |
| Black Duck                | 2 at MDC                                           | CH,LW,LM    | 11-17-90         | Linn      |
| Greater Scaup             | 6 at Kaw Valley Fish Farm                          | LM          | 11-10-90         | Douglas   |
| Greater Scaup             | 10 on Paola sewer ponds                            | CH,LW,LM    | 11-17-90         | Miami     |

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| Oldsquaw               | 1 on Clinton                                                           | LM          | 11-10-90    | Douglas     |
| Oldsquaw               | 1 on Paola sewer ponds                                                 | CH,LW,LM    | 11-17-90    | Miami       |
| Oldsquaw               | 1 on Clinton                                                           | BF,MM       | 11-18-90    | Douglas     |
| Oldsquaw               | 2 on Clinton                                                           | TimS        | 11-22-90    | Douglas     |
| Surf Scoter            | 5 on Wilson                                                            | MR,SP,MM,GP | 11-11-90    | Russell     |
| Surf Scoter            | 1 on Winfield Lake                                                     | PJ,m.ob.    | 11-17-90    | Cowley      |
| White-winged Scoter    | 2 on Clinton                                                           | LM,GP       | 10-28-90    | Douglas     |
| White-winged Scoter    | 1 on Glen Elder Res.                                                   | PW          | 11-23-90    | Mitchell    |
| Northern Goshawk       | 1 adult near Lawrence                                                  | GP,m.ob.    | 10-31-90    | Douglas     |
| Northern Goshawk       | 1 imm. w. of Kansas City                                               | JL          | 11-03-90    | Wyandotte   |
| Red-shouldered Hawk    | 1-3 at Perry WMA from 8-19-90 to 10-13-90. Maximum of three on 9-16-90 | DLS         | Fall 90     | Jefferson   |
| Swainson's Hawk        | 350 migrants over Marion Res.                                          | KOS         | 10-07-90    | Marion      |
| Swainson's Hawk        | 600+ roosting ne. of Lawrence                                          | GP          | 10-05-90    | Douglas     |
| Golden Eagle           | 1 imm. at Milford Lake                                                 | DLS         | 10-20-90    | Geary       |
| Golden Eagle           | 1 adult at Perry Lake                                                  | RF,RR,DSei  | 11-18-90    | Jefferson   |
| Golden Eagle           | 1 imm. near Bonner Springs                                             | MM          | 11-22-90    | Leavenworth |
| Golden Eagle           | 1 imm. at Clinton Res.                                                 | NJ,JG       | 11-24-90    | Douglas     |
| Merlin                 | 1 at Q                                                                 | Burr. Aud.  | 9-22-90     | Stafford    |
| Merlin                 | 1 at Clinton Res.                                                      | LM,MM       | 9-30-90     | Douglas     |
| Merlin                 | 1                                                                      | LM,MM       | 9-30-90     | Osage       |
| Merlin                 | 1 very dark melanistic bird                                            | MR,SS       | 10-27-90    | Morton      |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 1 at Big Salt Marsh                                                    | CH,LW       | 8-06-90     | Stafford    |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 1 attacking young night-heron                                          | DS,SS       | 8-11-90     | Stafford    |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 1 at Perry WMA                                                         | DLS         | 8-19-90     | Jefferson   |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 1 at Ft. Leavenworth                                                   | JJ          | 9-13-90     | Leavenworth |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 1 at Big Salt Marsh                                                    | Burr.Aud.   | 9-22-90     | Stafford    |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 1 e. of Q                                                              | PJ          | 10-24-90    | Reno        |
| Prairie Falcon         | 1 sw. of Junction City                                                 | DLS         | 11-17-90    | Geary       |
| Prairie Falcon         | 1 seen 6 mi. e. Overbrook                                              | LM,GP       | 11-18-90    | Douglas     |
| Ruffed Grouse          | 2 flushed and seen at state lake                                       | JS,DB,TM    | 10-22-90    | Atchison    |
| Gr. Prairie Chicken    | 1 at 10th & Broadway, Great Bend                                       | TC          | 11-10-90    | Barton      |
| Whooping Crane         | 10 at CB                                                               | Staff       | 10-23-90    | Barton      |
| Whooping Crane         | 11 at Q                                                                | Staff       | 10-23-90    | Stafford    |
| Whooping Crane         | 6 at Q                                                                 | PJ          | 10-24-90    | Stafford    |
| Whooping Crane         | 1 near Q                                                               | JM,m.ob.    | 10-31-90    | Stafford    |
| Whooping Crane         | 3 s. of Q                                                              | TC          | 11-10-90    | Stafford    |
| Sanderling             | 1 very late bird at Kirwin                                             | MR          | 11-21-90    | Phillips    |
| Dunlin                 | 1 at sewer lake                                                        | m.ob.       | 9-01-90     | Seward      |
| Dunlin                 | sev. at Q                                                              | Burr. Aud.  | 9-22-90     | Stafford    |
| Buff-br. Sandpiper     | 2 n. of Lake Afton                                                     | PJ,JN       | 8-19-90     | Sedgwick    |
| Buff-br. Sandpiper     | 4 at sewer lake                                                        | m. ob.      | 9-01-90     | Seward      |
| Buff-br. Sandpiper     | 1 in Unit A at MDC                                                     | BF,MM       | 9-08-90     | Linn        |
| Buff-br. Sandpiper     | 50 at n. end of Tuttle                                                 | DR          | 9-09-90     | Riley?      |
| Buff-br. Sandpiper     | 2 at Q                                                                 | DM,DH       | 9-10-90     | Stafford    |
| Ruff                   | 2 females in Pool 4 at CB                                              | CH,LW       | 8-05-90     | Barton      |
| Ruff                   | 1 at Big Salt Marsh                                                    | GP,PW       | 8-24-90     | Stafford    |
| Short-billed Dowitcher | 1000 seen at CB and Q. Largest wave recorded in Kansas?                | CH,LW       | 8-05-90     | Barton      |
|                        |                                                                        |             | & 8-06-90   | Stafford    |
| Red-necked Phalarope   | 1 at Q                                                                 | DS,SS       | 8-11-90     | Stafford    |
| Red-necked Phalarope   | 2 on sewer ponds                                                       | GP,PW       | 8-25-90     | Morton      |
| Red-necked Phalarope   | 4 at Q                                                                 | SP,LM,GP    | 9-03-90     | Stafford    |
| Red-necked Phalarope   | 1 at Q                                                                 | DM,DH       | 9-10-90     | Stafford    |
| Red-necked Phalarope   | 1 at Q                                                                 | Burr.Aud.   | 9-22-90     | Stafford    |
| Red Phalarope          | 2 at sewer ponds                                                       | SP,MM,GP    | 9-16-90     | Morton      |
| Red Phalarope          | 1 on sewer lake                                                        | SP,MM,GP    | 11-09-90    | Seward      |
| 'jaeger', sp.          | 1 dark bird chasing terns at CB                                        | JG          | 9-10-90     | Barton      |
| California Gull        | 1 first-winter at Cedar Bluff                                          | DB,SS       | 11-24-90    | Trego       |
|                        |                                                                        |             | to 11-28-90 | Trego       |
| Thayer's Gull          | 1 first-winter at Clinton                                              | CH,LW,SC,LM | 11-19-90    | Douglas     |

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| Thayer's Gull             | still present                           | MM,GP         | 11-22-90    | Douglas   |
| Thayer's Gull             | 1 imm. at Webster                       | DB,MR,SS      | 11-23-90    | Rooks     |
| Black-legged Kittiwake    | 1 imm. on Webster seen at length        | SS            | 11-17-90    | Rooks     |
| Common Ground-Dove        | 1 window kill saved for spec.           | MMcF          | 11-04-90    | Douglas   |
| Black-billed Cuckoo       | 1 late bird at Perry                    | RR            | 10-06-90    | Jefferson |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo      | 1 late bird at Perry                    | DLS           | 10-28-90    | Jefferson |
| Greater Roadrunner        | 1 bird in nw. Pratt wintered            | KB from       | 10-06-90    | Pratt     |
| Barn Owl                  | 1 at Atchison Co. Lake                  | MC            | 11-10-90    | Atchison  |
| Barn Owl                  | 5 at Cedar Bluff                        | DB,SS         | 11-24-90    | Trego     |
| Long-eared Owl            | 5 in roost at Cedar Bluff               | DB,SS         | 11-24-90    | Trego     |
| Short-eared Owl           | 1 at Perry refuge                       | DLS           | 10-27-90    | Jefferson |
| Short-eared Owl           | migrating flock of 20                   | SS            | 11-18-90    | Pawnee    |
| Short-eared Owl           | 10 in roost at Cedar Bluff              | DB,SS         | 11-24-90    | Trego     |
| Saw-whet Owl              | 1 seen 8 mi. n. Junction City           | CO            | 11-10-90    | Geary     |
| White-throated Swift      | 1 adult flying above Junction           | LM            | 11-24-90    | Geary     |
| Black-chinned Humm.       | male at Liberal feeder. Good            | RuthR,m.ob.   | 8-27-90     | Seward    |
|                           | photos for 2nd documented state record. |               | to 9-03-90  | Seward    |
| 'archilochus', sp.        | 1 probable Black-chinned female         | J&NC          | 9-16-90     | Haskell   |
| 'archilochus', sp.        | 1 probable Black-chinned female         | J&NC          | 9-30-90     | Haskell   |
|                           |                                         |               | to 10-03-90 | Haskell   |
| <u>ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD</u> | male at Oxford seen by 200+             | J&ND,WC,m.ob. | 9-15-90?    | Sumner    |
|                           | observers. Photographed and videotaped. |               | to 11-23-90 | Sumner    |
| Rufous Hummingbird        | 1 n. cemetery                           | GP,PW         | 8-25-90     | Morton    |
| Rufous Hummingbird        | 1 seen 5 mi. s. Elmdale                 | MS            | 8-30-90     | Chase     |
| Rufous Hummingbird        | 1 imm. male at Oxford Mill              | WC,PJ,m.ob.   | 9-14-90     | Sumner    |
|                           |                                         |               | to 9-17-90  | Sumner    |
| Rufous Hummingbird        | 1 juv. male in Roeland Park             | LM,m.ob.      | 11-08-90    | Johnson   |
| 'selasphorus', sp.        | 1 in Liberal                            | T&SSh         | 9-03-90     | Seward    |
| Pileated Woodpecker       | 1-2 at Perry WMA                        | DLS           | 9-03-90     | Jefferson |
|                           |                                         |               | to 10-07-90 | Jefferson |
| Yellow-bel. Flycatcher    | 2                                       | LM            | 9-09-90     | Douglas   |
| Hammond's Flycatcher      | 2                                       | GP,PW         | 8-25-90     | Morton    |
| Hammond's Flycatcher      | 1 n. cemetery                           | m.ob.         | 9-02-90     | Morton    |
| Dusky Flycatcher          | 1 singing bird                          | SS            | 8-18-90     | Morton    |
| Dusky Flycatcher          | 1                                       | GP,PW         | 8-25-90     | Morton    |
| Cordilleran Flycatcher    | 4 carefully studied                     | m.ob.         | 9-02-90     | Morton    |
| Say's Phoebe              | 2 at Konza Prairie                      | PW,LinW       | 10-07-90    | Riley     |
| Cassin's Kingbird         | 1 at Boy Scout area                     | m.ob.         | 9-02-90     | Morton    |
| Eastern Kingbird          | 200 at Chisholm Park                    | PJ            | 9-07-90     | Sedgwick  |
| Scissor-tailed Fly.       | family including fledgling              | MC,MR,DS,SS   | 9-08-90     | Morton    |
| Violet-green Swallow      | 1 at sewer ponds                        | SP,LM,DS,SS   | 8-18-90     | Morton    |
| FISH CROW                 | 2 n. of Galena                          | SS            | 8-05-90     | Cherokee  |
| FISH CROW                 | 15 seen n. of Galena                    | MC            | 8-08-90     | Cherokee  |
| Bushtit                   | 30 at Liberal Cemetery                  | SP,MM,GP      | 11-09-90    | Seward    |
| Winter Wren               | 1 early arrival along river             | DS,SS         | 9-15-90     | Edwards   |
| Winter Wren               | another early arrival                   | DS            | 9-16-90     | Rush      |
| Townsend's Solitaire      | 15 at Scott Lake                        | T&SSh         | 10-13-90    | Scott     |
| Sage Thrasher             | 2 seen near Point of Rocks              | SP,LM,DS,SS   | 8-18-90     | Morton    |
| Sprague's Pipit           | 10 near Lyon St. Lake                   | DB,MM,DSei,PR | 10-07-90    | Lyon      |
| Sprague's Pipit           | 1 in alfalfa field                      | SS            | 10-11-90    | Pawnee    |
| Sprague's Pipit           | 1 in wheat stubble                      | SS            | 10-16-90    | Pawnee    |
| Bohemian Waxwing          | 1 at Scott Lake                         | T&SSh         | 11-18-90    | Scott     |
| Northern Shrike           | 1 s. of Lakin                           | T&SSh         | 10-21-90    | Kearny    |
| Northern Shrike           | 1 juv. at west river crossing           | MR,SS         | 10-27-90    | Morton    |
| Northern Shrike           | 1 at Kirwin                             | PW            | 11-23-90    | Phillips  |
| White-eyed Vireo          | 1 incredibly late bird in Ulysses       | JR            | 11-23-90    | Grant     |
| Philadelphia Vireo        | 1 at Elkhart Cemetery                   | SP,LM,GP      | 9-16-90     | Morton    |
| Blue-winged Warbler       | 1 in Leavenworth birdbath               | CA            | 9-11-90     | Leaven.   |
| Black-th. Blue Warbler    | 1 female                                | GP            | 9-28-90     | Jeffer.   |
| Pine Warbler              | 2 at Perry Lake                         | RR            | 9-08-90     | Jeffer.   |

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| Palm Warbler         | 1                                                      | m.ob.         | 9- -90   | Morton   |
| Bay-breasted Warbler | 1 at Clinton Res.                                      | LM,GP         | 10-14-90 | Douglas  |
| Worm-eating Warbler  | 1 at MDC                                               | LM,MM         | 9-08-90  | Linn     |
| Canada Warbler       | 1 at Westin Bend                                       | TC            | 9-12-90  | Leaven.  |
| Summer Tanager       | 1 late bird                                            | CH            | 10-10-90 | Wyandot. |
| Western Tanager      | male in breeding plumage heard                         | SS            | 8-04-90  | Chautau. |
|                      | then seen at close range. Strong nw. winds day before. |               |          |          |
| Western Tanager      | 1 e. of highway bridge                                 | BB            | 8-27-90  | Morton   |
| Western Tanager      | 1 at work station                                      | SS            | 9-02-90  | Morton   |
| Painted Bunting      | 5 along Caney River                                    | SS            | 8-04-90  | Chautau. |
| Rufous-cr. Sparrow   | 1 below Point of Rocks                                 | SS            | 9-08-90  | Morton   |
| Baird's Sparrow      | 1 flushed from alfalfa by mower                        | SS            | 10-22-90 | Pawnee   |
| Grasshopper Sparrow  | 1 late bird                                            | DSei,PR       | 10-31-90 | Stafford |
| LeConte's Sparrow    | 1 4 mi. s. Garden City                                 | T&SSh         | 9-30-90  | Finney   |
| LeConte's Sparrow    | 10-15 along road Bobolink field                        | SS            | 10-23-90 | Stafford |
| LeConte's Sparrow    | 2 in Wichita's Big Ditch                               | PJ,DK,JN      | 10-28-90 | Sedgwick |
| LeConte's Sparrow    | 50+ reported in small area                             | CH,GP,DSei,PR | 10-31-90 | Stafford |
| Sharp-tailed Sparrow | 2 with LeConte's w. Big Salt Marsh                     | SS            | 10-23-90 | Stafford |
| Song Sparrow         | 1 immature with red mouth-lining                       | DLS           | 8-01-90  | Jeffer.  |
|                      | at Perry WMA. Nesting likely here in recent past.      |               |          |          |
| Smith's Longspur     | 1 flushed from pasture s. Nekoma                       | SS            | 11-13-90 | Rush     |
| Purple Finch         | 2 females and one male at feeder                       | T&SSh         | 11-25-90 | Finney   |
| House Finch          | 30 reported in Topeka                                  | DLS           | Aug. 90  | Shawnee  |
| Red Crossbill        | flock of 16 at Scott Lake                              | T&SSh         | 10-13-90 | Scott    |
| Red Crossbill        | 1 at feeder in Garden City                             | L&BR          | 10-24-90 | Finney   |
| Red Crossbill        | flock of 6                                             | BF,LM,MM      | 10-27-90 | Linn     |
| Red Crossbill        | 1 in Jetmore Cemetary                                  | MR,SS         | 10-28-90 | Hodgeman |
| Red Crossbill        | max. of 12 at Milford Lake                             | DLS           | Nov. 90  | Geary    |
| Red Crossbill        | 20 at Lake Wabaunsee                                   | DLS,m.ob.     | 11-04-90 | Wabaun.  |
| Red Crossbill        | flock at Clark Lake                                    | SP,MM,GP      | 11-09-90 | Clark    |
| Red Crossbill        | flock at Tuttle Creek                                  | TC            | 11-17-90 | ???      |
| Red Crossbill        | flocks at feeders in Garden City                       | T&SSh         | 11-17-90 | Finney   |

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

K.O.S. Annual Meeting, 1991

The Kansas Ornithological Society will meet 21 and 22 September 1991 at Leavenworth, Kansas. The contributed paper sessions will be on Saturday, 21 September. The only requirement is that papers deal with birds in some way! We especially encourage graduate and undergraduate students to present the results of their studies. The most interesting papers are often by people who consider themselves amateurs but nevertheless have considerable expertise. We encourage you to share your experiences with the group. Both long and short presentations are welcome.

We are again requesting that all contributors submit an abstract or short summary (approximately 150 words) of their presentations.

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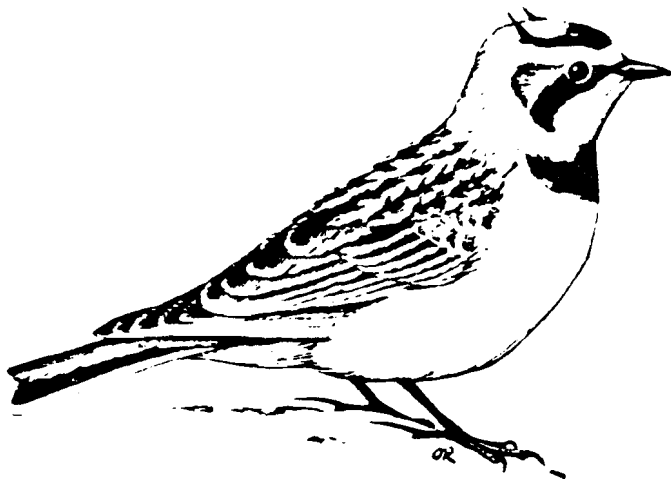
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### KANSAS NESTING EAGLE SURVEY

The Prairie Raptor Project has this year contracted with the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks to provide accurate information on any and all eagle nests (active or abandoned) located within the state. Please call (913) 225-6787 or write to the address below to provide information that is pertinent to this project. All information will be confidential and used only for protection of the birds and their habitat.

The Prairie Raptor Project  
12660 W. Armstrong Road  
Brookville, KS. 67425  
Maure Weigel, Director

### MEETINGS UPDATE

Information for the spring 1991 meeting, along with a registration form are included elsewhere in this newsletter. Please note that there is a change for the fall meeting from the customary October dates. The fall meeting will be held at St. Mary's College in Leavenworth on September 21-22. The change in dates was required because of the schedules for the facilities. Persons wishing to present papers at this meeting should especially make note of these dates.

### PREVIEW OF THE JUNE NEWSLETTER

Information for the June newsletter should be provided to the editor by June 1, 1991. Articles intended to be included in that issue include stories of the respective "big years" experienced in 1990 respectively by Galen Pittman and Steve Crawford. Also intended to be included are the usual seasonal bird reports.

## KBRC RULES

In this issue of the Horned Lark you will find a copy of the Kansas Bird Records Committee (KBRC) "new" Procedural Rules that were voted on and accepted by the KBRC and the KOS Board of Directors at the 1990 Fall Meeting. Also included is a full size report form for submitting unusual bird sightings. Feel free to copy this form and distribute it to any interested parties you encounter.

The KBRC needs the support and especially the participation of all active birders that observe rare or unusual birds in the state of Kansas. The need to "document" the occurrence of unusual bird species is very important to improving the quality of our knowledge of Kansas birds. Since one of the goals of the KBRC is to help establish and maintain a high standard of documentation for bird records, it is essential that the committee operate with a high degree of "professionalism" when records are evaluated for their validity. To be able to properly evaluate sightings, written documentation must be submitted by field observers to establish the facts and circumstances surrounding the record. In addition, a written record can be accurately reproduced and archived for the benefit of any present or future investigators who wish to independently evaluate the data. To rely on "hearsay" or strictly verbal reports of sightings is notoriously inaccurate and nearly impossible to verify and archive. Even if there was irrefutable physical evidence to support the occurrence of a particular species, there would still need to be documentation included that would establish the time and place and other circumstances of the sighting.

Some potential contributors might shy away from submitting detailed written documentation because of the feeling that their "word" should be all that is needed to "accept" a record as valid. The purpose of the KBRC is not to "judge" the observers submitting the records, but to evaluate the evidence that is presented to support the sighting. If the documentation submitted is poor the record is likely to be rejected! The observer is assumed to be presenting the true facts and thus the decision to accept or reject the record should be based on the scientific merits of the evidence provided. An observer might think they have seen a rare species, but perhaps didn't realize that the criteria they were using to identify that species wasn't sufficient to "rule out" a similar one or that they were just mistaken. The committee can't just rely on the good intentions of the observers. We must be as objective as possible and let the submitted facts speak for themselves.

Other potential contributors might shy away from submitting records because its just too much work or they don't have the time. The committee needs your help to expand and improve our "database" of Kansas birds. Ultimately, the committee needs your records to further advance our "working" knowledge of the distribution of Kansas birds and to make the KOS Checklist of the Birds of Kansas as up-to-date as possible. Finally, if your not sure if a sighting should be submitted. Contact any member of the committee and get their opinion.

Galen D. Pittman KBRC acting Secretary

Procedural Rules of the  
Kansas Ornithological Society's  
KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

I. Name and Affiliation

- A. Name. The official name of this committee shall be the "Kansas Bird Records Committee" and is hereafter referred to as the "Committee."
- B. Affiliation. This is a committee of the society known as the "Kansas Ornithological Society." The Committee is established under the auspices of the Kansas Ornithological Society (hereafter, "KOS"), as approved by their Board of Directors.

II. Purposes

- A. Evaluate reports of rare or unusual bird sightings from the state of Kansas.
- B. Maintain those original bird records and all Committee votes and comments for the use of any future bird students or enthusiasts.
- C. Publish at least minimal data on all records receiving a decision.
- D. Incorporate all records of the Committee and revise and publish, as appropriate, the official KOS Checklist of Birds of Kansas.
- E. Provide a means by which sight records can gain acceptance as valuable scientific data.
- F. Choose the "ten best Kansas birds of the year" from among those submitted to and accepted by the Committee annually (the year being defined as from 1 June to 31 May), to be announced at the annual fall meeting of the KOS and subsequently published in The Horned Lark.
- G. Establish standards of observation and reporting for improving the quality and quantity of our knowledge of Kansas birds.

III. Membership

- A. Number and Definitions. The Committee shall consist of seven regular voting members, one of whom is the "Chairperson" and another the "Secretary," and two alternate members. The alternate members shall vote in place of regular members on records submitted by those members, and in place of any absent members who have not expressed their votes in writing to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

- B. Qualifications. Committee members should possess expertise in identification of Kansas birds, knowledge of Kansas bird distribution, and familiarity with birders and localities in Kansas. Committee members shall belong to the KOS.

C. Members.

1. Appointment and Term of Office. The President of KOS shall appoint the seven members and two alternates to terms of three years each. Members and alternates will be appointed to designated slots on the committee, i.e. position #1, position #2, alternate #1, etc. Appointments shall be staggered, three annually, in order to maintain continuity. The stagger is as follows: 1,2,3 / 4,5,alt.1 / 6,7,alt.2. Members and alternates of the Committee will be allowed to serve for a maximum of two consecutive terms (six years total). After a one-year or longer absence from the Committee each member shall become eligible to serve again, with the same two-term restriction. Alternates, however, can be appointed to serve as a member for a maximum of two consecutive terms directly after having served as an alternate for one or two terms. There shall be no limit on the number of separate six-year periods that any one person may serve on the Committee. New members take office at the close of the annual fall meeting of the KOS.

2. Duties. Vote on bird records and in all elections.

D. Chairperson

1. Election and Term of Office. Same criteria and provisions as for the Secretary.

2. Duties

- a. Call and preside at Committee meetings.
- b. Vote on bird records and in all elections.
- c. Appoint subcommittees as needed.
- d. Assure that the current Rules are properly applied.
- e. Should the Secretary be unable to serve, the Chairperson shall act as Secretary in all respects.

E. Secretary

1. Election and Term of Office. The Secretary must be a regular voting member of the Committee. The Secretary shall be elected for a term of three years by a vote of the members of the Committee. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected; a tie shall be decided by an additional ballot listing

only those persons tied. The Secretary takes office at the close of the annual fall meeting of the KOS. The position has the same restrictions on terms served as does that of a regular member.

## 2. Duties

- a. Receive, circulate, recirculate, file, and maintain all bird records and supporting data submitted to the Committee. Deposit a duplicate set of records for permanent storage at the Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.
- b. Vote on bird records and in all elections.
- c. Tabulate results of all votes of the Committee, including votes on bird records, but excepting the election of the Secretary.
- d. Keep or cause to keep minutes of Committee meetings.
- e. Furnish to anyone, upon request, any accepted or rejected bird record with all evidence, including Committee comments.
- f. Produce an Annual Report of the Committee's decisions and submit it for publication to the editor of The Horned Lark.

- F. **Removals.** The Committee may remove, for cause, any member who is delinquent in his or her duties. Such action requires a super-majority vote of all other voting members, i.e., 5-1 or 6-0 for removal. A removal must be accomplished by written ballot either by mail or at a meeting of the Committee. An absent member may vote by supplying a written ballot to the Committee.
- G. **Vacancies and Special Elections.** If the Committee loses a voting member or alternate during mid-term (through death, resignation, removal, etc.) the President of KOS shall immediately appoint a replacement, who will finish out the vacated member's term. If the Chairperson or Secretary position becomes vacant in mid-term the Secretary (or acting Secretary) shall immediately conduct an election, termed a special election, for the purpose of filling the vacancy. A special election may be conducted at a meeting or by individual contact (mail, etc.), whichever is most expedient in the opinion of the Secretary.

## IV. Meetings

- A. **Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting of the Committee, unless deemed unnecessary, shall be held coincident with the annual fall meeting of the KOS. The purpose of this meeting shall be to conduct any elections and such other business as may be brought before the Committee. The Secretary must give prior notice of the annual meeting to all members, along with an agenda for the meeting.

- B. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Committee may be called by the Chairperson, by agreement of five or more members, or, in the Chairperson's absence, by the Secretary.
- C. **Quorum.** Five voting members present at the meeting, not by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Committee. Any meeting of the Committee is not considered "valid" unless it has a quorum present.

## V. Adoption of and Changes to the Rules

- A. **Formation.** All procedural rules of the Committee are to be determined by the Committee, upon approval by the Board of Directors of the KOS, and provided that they do not conflict with the bylaws of the KOS.
- B. **Changes.** These rules may be changed by a majority vote of all the voting members of the Committee, upon approval by the Board of Directors of the KOS.

## VI. Bird Records

- A. **Records Treated.** Species requiring documentation shall be reviewed periodically by the Committee to assess their status. All species designated with an asterisk (\*) on the latest edition of the KOS Checklist of Birds of Kansas shall require documentation. Furthermore, any species not listed on the Checklist shall require documentation. In addition, any species occurring on the Checklist but seen at an unusual time of year (e.g., Cape May Warbler in December) or at an unusual location (e.g., Canyon Towhee outside the southwestern corner of the state) shall require documentation.
- B. **Submission.** Records should be submitted on the Committee's Official Report Form. Report forms shall be readily available from the Secretary.
- C. **Resubmissions.** A record that has received a final Committee decision, whether accepted or rejected and even though published as such, may be resubmitted by anyone if there becomes available new and substantial evidence that might reverse that decision. Furthermore, records involving taxa that have since undergone taxonomic revision by the American Ornithologists' Union may be resubmitted to determine the status of any changed taxa. Any resubmitted record shall be circulated with all previous votes, Committee comments, publication status, and all new evidence marked as such.
- D. **Circulation Procedures.**
  1. **Initial Receipt by Secretary.** Upon receipt of a record, the Secretary shall do the following:

- a. Give the record a unique number, consisting of the year of receipt (not the year of sighting) followed by a hyphen and the next unused number, starting with "1," for that calendar year.
  - b. Judge the record's validity and vote on it.
  - c. Send the record to the other voting members.
2. **Receipt by Member.** Upon receipt of a record, the member shall do the following:
- a. Judge the record's validity and vote on it.
  - b. Send the completed validation form to the Secretary within 30 days of receipt.
3. **Recirculation.**
- a. If a non-decisive vote is obtained during the initial circulation, the Secretary shall recirculate the record with copies of all the first-round validation forms attached (see section VI.E.9 for the definition of decisive and non-decisive votes.)
  - b. If, after the second circulation, the record still has not received a decisive vote, it shall be kept by the Secretary until it can be discussed at a meeting of the Committee.
  - c. Regardless of whether a decisive vote was obtained during the first circulation, the Secretary may recirculate a record if he/she feels the Committee's comments might alter the decision.

E. **Voting and Acceptance Criteria.**

1. **Validation Form.** The vote of each member together with his/her comments, if any, must be submitted to the Secretary on an official validation form. This form must include spaces for at least the (a) record number, (b) name of the species, (c) name of the observer, (d) name of the voting Committee member, (e) date of the vote, (f) number of the circulation round, (g) member's vote, and (h) comments.
2. **Voting Categories:**
  - a. Accept.
  - b. Reject, origin questionable.
  - c. Reject, identification questionable.

d. Reject, circumstances questionable.

3. **Disqualifications and Abstentions.** Members may not vote on their own record submissions. Members may not abstain from voting on any other submissions.
4. **Secretary's Vote.** On the first circulation the Secretary must vote prior to circulating the record to members (thus without seeing other member's votes or comments.)
5. **Comments.** On the first circulation a "reject/no" vote must be supported by appropriate comments. Comments must be supplied for a recirculation for either a "reject/no" or "accept/yes" vote.
6. **Consultations.** On the first circulation, a member shall not discuss a record with another member until both have voted. Pre-vote consultations are encouraged among members for a recirculation.
7. **Voting Criteria.** The criteria used by a member for acceptance or rejection of a record are based on that member's knowledge and experience and will not be specifically addressed in these rules. However, members are encouraged to accept or reject records on the basis of more-or-less objective criteria such as the adequacy of the field marks reported or the conditions under which the observations were made (e.g., lighting, weather, optical equipment, etc.) The veracity of the observer should not normally be questioned without good cause.
8. **Tabulation.** The voting results shall be tabulated by the Secretary after all members have voted.
9. **Decisive and Non-decisive Votes.** On any circulation round where the question is asked, "Should this record be accepted?":
  - a. A record is considered decisively accepted if it receives five or more "yes" votes, i.e., 7-0, 6-1, 5-2.
  - b. A record is considered decisively rejected if it receives four or more "no" votes, i.e., 0-7, 1-6, 2-5, 3-4.
  - c. A record is considered a non-decisive vote if it receives four "yes" votes and three "no" votes, i.e., 4-3.
10. **Decisions at Meetings.**
  - a. Prior to each meeting, the Secretary shall inform all other voting members of any twice-circulated records still needing a final decision.
  - b. Any record that has not received a decisive vote after two circulations shall be discussed and voted on at the next

valid meeting of the Committee. The final decision must be made at the first valid meeting in which the record is discussed.

A record shall be accepted, if at a valid meeting of the Committee, it receives five or more "yes" votes to the question "Should this record be accepted?" Any record that receives fewer than five "yes" votes is rejected. Proxies shall not be allowed as votes.

11. **First State Records.** Some form of physical documentation shall be required for the acceptance of the first record of a species' occurrence in Kansas. Acceptable evidence could consist of photograph, sound recordings, specimens, verified band numbers, etc. First state record submissions that involve only a sight record (regardless of the number of observers) may be accepted as "hypothetical" and added to the KOS Checklist of Birds of Kansas as such. Species shall remain on the hypothetical list until the Committee receives physical evidence upgrading them to regular status.

#### F. Publication.

1. The decisions of the Committee shall be published annually, in the form of an Annual Report, in The Horned Lark.
2. The published data for accepted records shall include at least the name of the species, date(s) of observation, locality, reporting observer(s), and type of evidence supporting the record, e.g., specimen, photograph, sound recording, or sight only.
3. Rejected records shall also be published, with a minimum of the above data, except that the observer's name shall not be included. Also the reason for rejection shall be listed in accordance with the voting categories mentioned in section VI.F.2.

#### Kansas Bird Records Committee Official Report Form

KBRC No. (Committee use only)

1. Species \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
(Common name) (Scientific name)
2. Sex/Age \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Number observed \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date(s) of sighting \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Duration of sighting \_\_\_\_\_
6. Location (including county) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Observer (your name): \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Other observers: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Description of habitat/setting: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Distance from bird \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Optical equip. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Time of day \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Lighting conditions/sun angle \_\_\_\_\_
14. Previous experience with this or similar species: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Reference material consulted and how this influenced your identification: \_\_\_\_\_
16. How long after the sighting did you first write this description? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Was this put on the KOS Hotline (913-329-4499) and, if so, what was the result? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Vocalization heard (if any): \_\_\_\_\_
19. DESCRIPTION: (Include only what was observed. Describe, in detail, all relevant field marks, behaviors, etc., especially those that are diagnostic, and would distinguish this from similar species.) Please include any photographs, recordings, and/or sketches that would aid in identification. USE OTHER SIDE.

Mail completed form to: Kansas Bird Records Committee Secretary, Galen L. Pittman, RR4, Box 260, Lawrence, Ks 66044

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KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING  
January 19, 1991  
Foley Center, KU Campus West  
Lawrence, Kansas

Members present: David Seibel, Dave Bryan, Dwight Platt, Rose Fritz, Galen Pitman, Joanne Brier, Jim Mayhew, Tom Shane, John Schukman, Mick McRugh.

Non-voting: Don Vannoy, Elmer Finck, John Zimmerman, Ruth Faulh, Chris Hobbs.

Dave Bryan opened the meeting at 10:40 am and announced that President David Seibel would be a little late.

MINUTES: John Schukman moved that the minutes of the Fall Board Meeting be approved as published in the newsletter. Jim Mayhew seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rose Fritz presented the Annual Treasurer's Report for 1990 (see attached report). The beginning balance in the general fund was \$3,848.95 and the ending balance was \$3,793.57. Receipts for the year were \$4,685.47 and disbursements were \$4,740.85. Total assets of KOS on December 31, 1990 were \$26,001.21. Joanne Brier moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Jim Mayhew. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: In the absence of Diane Seltman, Dave Bryan read the Membership Secretary's Report (see attached report). Total members as of January 15, 1991 were 397, an increase of 25 since the Fall Meeting.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Galen Pitman reported that there were six bulk mailings in 1990. Postage rates will be going up by about 20% so our mailing costs will go up. A complete set of the Bulletins was sold to someone in Germany for \$125.

ZOOLOGICAL RECORD: Galen had received a request from BIOSIS UK for complimentary copies of the KOS Bulletin so that articles could be more conveniently indexed in the Zoological Record. Tom Shane moved that we send a complimentary copy of the annual volume of the Bulletin to BIOSIS UK at the end of each year. Galen Pitman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that he was in good shape with manuscripts. Most of the Christmas Bird Counts are in. He has copy for the June issue and part of the September issue.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Don Vannoy reported that the next issue will have information about the Spring Field Trip. He needs material by March 1.

KANSAS BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Chuck Ely was not present. David Seibel reported that Chuck had asked to resign as Co-chair of the committee. Max Thompson will be contacted but he is not back from Australia yet. Galen reported as Acting Secretary that they have not met in the last three months. He will see that the rules adopted by the committee are published in the next newsletter.

STUDENT RESEARCH FUND COMMITTEE REPORT: Elmer Finck has drafted an application form for research grants and gave copies to Board members. He would like comments and suggestions and then will prepare a revised copy for approval at the Spring Board Meeting. It was suggested that there should be a statement on the form that gave an applicant some idea of the amount of money he/she could apply for. Elmer Finck asked who selects the grant recipients and who tries to get donations for the fund. David Seibel suggested that the



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Student Research Fund Committee should make the selections and that they should work with the Publicity Committee to generate donations.

ROYALTIES FUND COMMITTEE REPORT: Rose Fritz reported that another \$1000+ has been added to the fund from the royalties for Birds in Kansas. The committee has not yet made a decision with regard to the use of the fund.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: John Schukman reported for the committee. He had been discussing the distribution of Bird Discovery Boxes. However this item was postponed and will come up later in the agenda.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT: Chris Hobbs reported that he had been making some inquiries about getting news out. The Kansas City Star has a state affairs office that can get news out across the state. Some local Audubon chapters have agreed to send out KOS membership brochures with their newsletters.

Chris raised the possibility of an expanded field trip program, particularly the possibility of regional field trips. It was suggested that he might explore the possibility of doing something with Jan Boyd, Chair of the Membership Committee.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Jan Boyd, Chair, is out of the country and no report was available.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Pete Janzen, Chair, could not attend the meeting. He sent word that he will get out a letter shortly in support of a request from the Manomet Bird Observatory with regard to endangered species status.

DINGUS NATURAL AREA COMMITTEE: David Seibel reported that he is still trying to get a chair for this committee.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT: Don Vannoy reported for the committee which consisted of Ralph Wiley and Don Vannoy. He reported that the committee had audited the records and found that the Statement of Accounts fairly presented the cash transactions of KOS for 1990. He also made some recommendations for future accounts. (See attached two letters from Don Vannoy to the Board of Directors). After some clarification of the recommendations, the Treasurer agreed that they could be implemented. Dave Bryan moved to accept the report of the Audit Committee. John Schukman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

KANSAS NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL: Since Bill Busby was not in attendance, Elmer Finck reported. He said that they were waiting to determine the status of the Council with the change of State Administration.

SPRING MEETING: The Spring Meeting will be the first weekend in May. Dave Bryan asked if he should arrange for Wildwood Camp since some members had felt that the costs there were too high. He was encouraged to check it out and also to check out cabins at LaCygne County Park and a Youth for Christ Camp.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:54 am. The meeting was called to order again at 1:00 pm by David Seibel.

BREEDING BIRD ATLAS PROJECT: Mick McHugh reported that John Zimmerman would be willing to consider the directorship of this project. Mick and Bill Busby will be meeting with Ken Brunson at the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to discuss the status of this project. The future is somewhat questionable because of the change in State Administration but Mick is hopeful that it can

get started.

The National Group of Bird Atlasers will meet in Keystone, Colorado in September. Mick McRugh moved that KOS sponsor the attendance of John Zimmerman or another specified person at the North American Bird Atlas Conference by sending in the \$95 registration fee by January 31. Tom Shane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BIRD FEEDER SURVEY: Elmer Finck will send mailing labels so that KOS can send membership brochures to all those that indicated an interest in KOS on the bird feeder survey forms.

BIRD SURVEYS AT STATE PARKS: This project is on hold since the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has cut it from the budget.

FALL MEETING 1991: John Schukman has explored the possibility of meeting at Saint Mary College in Leavenworth. Rose Fritz moved that we schedule the Fall Meeting in 1991 at Saint Mary College in Leavenworth. The motion was seconded by Jim Mayhew. The motion passed. Mick McRugh moved that the Fall Meeting be held on the first weekend in October. Galen Pitman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

REVISED COMMITTEE DUTIES: David Seibel wrote a list of duties for each KOS committee and they were published in the last newsletter. Board members felt that he had done a good job. He will solicit comments from the committees.

FUNDS FOR STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS: A question was raised about the availability of the principal of the fund established by the life memberships of deceased members for student research awards. The minutes of Fall 1988 Meeting when the fund was established specify that only the interest on this fund can be used for student research awards.

DEATHS OF LIFE MEMBERS: A question was raised by the Treasurer as to how she would know when life members die so that their memberships can be added to the Student Research Fund. Tom Shane moved that membership renewal cards be sent to life members and they be asked to check the cards and return them. Mick McRugh seconded the motion. Both the mover and seconder retracted the motion. David Seibel will consult with Diane Seltman to find a method for determining when life members die.

STUDENT PAPER AWARDS: No awards were given at the last Fall Meeting although there were a number of student papers. Tom Shane moved that KOS abolish the Student Paper Award. John Schukman seconded the motion. Both mover and seconder retracted the motion. David Seibel will refer the matter to a committee for study.

REFORMATTING THE BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER: Galen Pitman pointed out that the size of the Bulletin has been rather small recently. Could we combine these two publications. The Board discussed the proposal but there was little support for it.

COMPUTER POSSIBILITIES: David Seibel pointed out that we depend upon computers owned by various officers for society uses. He said that we could obtain the equipment for desktop publishing for \$4800 and could get a computer and other equipment needed for other purposes but not desktop publishing for \$1600. He suggested KOS might be able to buy a computer and then have one person who would do all the computing for the society in return for having the computer available. This proposal was discussed but no decision was made.

MEETING HOSPITALITY: It was suggested that we should be more hospitable to new members at meetings. Maybe new members should be introduced. It was also suggested that the best way to encourage the participation of new members

is to ask them to do something.

**DISTRIBUTION OF BIRD DISCOVERY BOXES:** Of the four Bird Discovery Boxes being made by Bob Gress and financed by KOS, one was to go to Wichita Wild and the distribution of the other three is still to be decided by the Board. Gerald Wiens at Chaplin Nature Center near Arkansas City would like to have one to use in his program. Mary Kay with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in Kansas City would like one to use in her programs. Also one might be placed with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in Pratt to be sent to schools across the state. Bob Gress also has some ideas about the distribution of these boxes. Tome Shane moved that we request donations to the Amelia Betts Fund in order to be able to make more Bird Discovery Boxes. The motion died for lack of a second.

David Seibel will make the decisions about the distribution of the boxes. However the Board suggested that two might go to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (one in Kansas City and one in Pratt) and one might go to Chaplin Nature Center unless Bob Gress had better ideas. A concern was raised that the box might need to be taken apart to be shipped around the state. The Board felt that whoever received the box should agree to keep it together.

**SPRING AND FALL MEETINGS 1992:** It was suggested that we explore Baxter Springs for the Spring 1992 meeting and Mays for the Fall 1992 meeting.

**BUDGETS:** Board members were asked to give budgets of their expenses for 1991 to Rose Fritz.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:** It was announced that the Membership Directory will be out soon.

**CHEYENNE BOTTOMS:** The IOWUCA has held hearings on the allocation of water for Cheyenne Bottoms. They invited testimony about the importance of Cheyenne Bottoms for birds. David Seibel has prepared a letter as President of KOS and he circulated it to Board members for suggestions. The Board was favorable to the letter. It was suggested that he might add a statement that Cheyenne Bottoms is worth \$3 million dollars to the state economy.

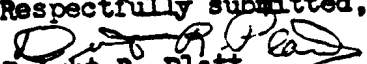
**WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH:** Roger Boyd has been representing us on the task force. He cannot continue to do this. Elmer Finck agreed to represent KOS on the Wildlife Heritage Month Task Force.

**COUNTY BIRD RECORDS:** The value of continuing to publish county bird records in the newsletter was raised. The question was referred to the Bird Records Committee.

**HOTLINE ANSWERING MACHINE:** Scott Seltman had sent a request to purchase a backup answering machine for the Bird Hotline for between \$175 and \$200. We have sufficient donations to cover that cost. Rose Fritz moved that Scott Seltman be authorized to purchase a backup answering machine for the Rare Bird Alert Hotline for \$175 to \$200. Mick McHugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**RECORDS COMMITTEE BYLAWS:** A concern was raised about the criteria for decisions by the Records Committee with regard to new state records. There was extensive discussion but no consensus.

The Board Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Dwight R. Platt  
 Corr. Secretary

KOS Spring Meeting/Field Trips  
to be headquartered in Pittsburg

The KOS Spring Fieldtrip weekend will be May 3, 4, and 5 in southeastern Kansas. Pittsburg will be the headquarters location and field trips will start and end at the Super 8 Motel, 3108 North Broadway.

Additional information regarding field trips will be available in the next newsletter; however tentative plans call for trips to Schemerhorn Park, along the rivers bordering Oklahoma and Missouri, Baxter Springs, Galena and other sites in southeastern Kansas.

The first week in May is excellent for warblers in southeastern Kansas as well as chances for specialties like the fish crow and anhinga.

Tentative weekend plans include:

1. Group social hour in one or two of the rooms at Super 8 or nearby restaurant on Friday night.
2. Field trips Friday afternoon, Saturday, and until 1 pm on Sunday.
3. Group dinner at the Idle Hour Steak House (previously called and known as Barto's), 201 South Santa Fe in Frontenac. Dinner will be planned to start 8 pm on Saturday night and Frontenac is only a short drive from the Super 8. My sources in Pittsburg indicate that this restaurant has the best fried chicken in a town known for fried chicken.

Hotels:

The Super 8 Motel has agreed to provide a group discount. You should call and make your own reservations and indicate you are a KOS member. Telephone: 316-232-1881

Other hotels:   Extra Inn       316-232-2800  
                  Holiday Inn   316-231-8700  
                  Pittsburg Inn 316-231-8300

Camping:       Red Fox Campgrounds  
                  3 miles west of Pittsburg  
                  on Airport Road

Registration:

Please fill out the form and send it with the registration fee of \$3.00 per person to:

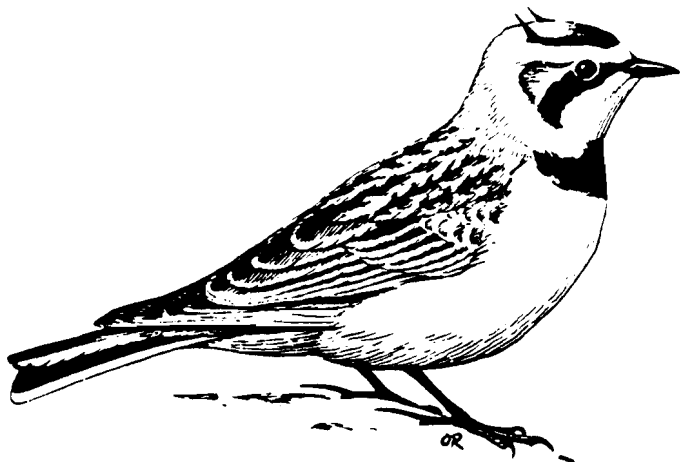
Dave Bryan  
9214 W 82 Terrace  
Overland Park, KS 66204  
913-341-9584 after 7 pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Number of members attending at \$3.00 per person: \_\_\_\_\_





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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

Diane Seltman, Membership Secretary

Thanks in part to the efforts of enthusiastic KOS members and also the attractive new KOS membership brochures, the following persons have joined KOS since May, 1990.

Nadine Abrahams, Newton; Tim Barksdale, Columbia, MO; Mary Butterbrodt, Lawrence; Mark Corder, Olathe; Jack & Norma Dennett, Oxford; Robert Dester, Newton; Jean Doerr, Lansing; Francis Durbian III, Emporia; Ann Durham, Fredonia; Ann Ericson, Lawrence; Bill Evans & Annette Finney, Ithaca, NY; Bob Fisher, Independence, MO; Jonathan Jaffin, Leavenworth; Kenn Kaufman, Tuscon, AZ; Dale Kennedy & Doug White, Manhattan; Steve & Marilyn Koshland, Prairie Village; Michael Laird, Kansas City; Sr. Jean Wm. Lockett, Leavenworth; Jim Locklear, Hesston; Alan Maccarone, Wichita; Lorna Manley, Topeka; Linda Mowbray, Topeka; Dan & Terry Mulhern, Manhattan; John D. Northrup, Wichita; Brian Obermeyer, Eureka; C.J. Ochs, Hays; Dena Podrebarac, Emporia; Ruth Rahmlow, Liberal; Teresa Rasmussen, Lawrence; Michael Rhodes, Alta Vista; Carolyn Schwab, Sedgwick; Gary Simonson, Minneapolis, MN; Dr. Walther Thiede, Koln, West Germany; Vi Thorne, Chanute, KS; Charles Wittenberg, Emporia.

All members are encouraged to distribute these new brochures to interested persons! The brochures can be obtained, free of charge, from Galen Pittman, R.R.4 Box 260, Lawrence, KS, 66044 or Diane Seltman, R.R. Box 36, Nekoma, KS, 67559.

Also, just a reminder to send in your 1991 dues to Rose Fritz. Renewal cards were mailed in November and dues are already rolling in. Thank you for supporting KOS!

### KANSAS WINTER BIRDFEEDER SURVEY

The fourth annual Birdfeeder Survey sponsored by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and KOS will be conducted January 10 through January 13, 1991. All KOS members are urged to participate. Participants from last year will be mailed forms. The forms are also available at regional offices of Kansas Wildlife and Parks.

1310 George Court, Apt. 1  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044  
December 11, 1990

Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

I am excited about the possibilities that this, my second (nonconsecutive) term as President, holds. Before getting into my thoughts about this, however, I want to thank some very important people and comment briefly on the wonderful meeting we had this fall in Newton.

First, let me extend my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Mick McHugh for the terrific job he did last year as President, and for his accepting the position when I needed the year off. In addition, we all owe a debt of gratitude to the other outgoing officers, as well as to the new and continuing officers (listed elsewhere), and all the other people who have given so much of themselves--committee members, spouses, and "unofficial" helpers alike--to promote the interests of the Society in various ways.

In no way lessening my gratitude to others not mentioned, I want to take this opportunity to thank four past officers, each still active in the society, whose immense contributions of time and talent have greatly enriched KOS for many years: Marvin Schwilling, for years the head of the bird records committee, constant friend of the Society during his career with what is now the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, and continually in service in many other capacities as well; Max Thompson, who has served as President, Business Manager, and Newsletter Editor, among other offices, and who for years ably updated, produced, and distributed the KOS Checklist; Gene Lewis, for untold years the proficient treasurer of KOS; and Jane Hershberger, who served not only as Membership Secretary for as long as I can remember, but was so good at it that the Membership Committee established in the By-Laws (to assist the Secretary) never formally materialized! The Society (and indeed, the world) is enriched by people such as these.

And now a few words about this year's meeting in Newton: I think it was one of the very best I've ever attended. Attendance was excellent, not only in numbers but in enthusiasm and participation. Vice President Dave Bryan and the local committee of Nadine Abrahams, Bud Akin, Gregg Friesen, Lorna Harder, Jane Hershberger, Pete Janzen, Dwight Platt, Bob Regier, Nada and Wilma Voth, and Chairperson Rose Fritz put together a full agenda of enjoyable and enlightening presentations, quizzes, displays (including paintings by member Dan Kilby of Wichita), a book sale, and field trips (including one to Oxford, where the first Anna's Hummingbird ever to appear in Kansas--and its hostess, new KOS member Norma Dennett--were most accommodating). The staff at Bethel College were both cordial and professional. Kenn Kaufman, Wichita native and renowned bird expert, author, and tour leader, gave two exciting and memorable presentations, including the banquet address. We welcome him as our newest honorary life member. My thanks to them all!

This brings me to my final points for now: Two years ago, when I began to conceptualize our new membership brochure, I had a hard time, at first, thinking of exciting things to say about KOS, or compelling reasons that peo-



ple should join. The truth is, we don't give away fancy gizmos as membership incentives; our publications are not colorful or "high tech"; we don't offer trips to exotic places, or for that matter, anywhere, very often; and so what exactly is there to be excited about?

The answer, simply, is the members themselves! We've got a great bunch of people in this club, and among them, an immense amount of knowledge about birds, connections that circle the globe, innumerable talents and skills, and boundless enthusiasm, not to mention friendliness and a willingness to share what we know that is hard to match. So there it is: Even if we did nothing but get together twice a year, our very composition is exciting.

Of course, we do a good deal more than that, and I hope to lead us toward doing even more (and more widely noticeable) good things. Many are already underway or in the works: We have a new, thoroughly modern and functional Kansas Bird Records Committee as of the fall meeting (thanks in particular to Galen Pittman, for his continuing work on this); we have a Rare Bird Hotline that is easily among the best I've heard anywhere in the country (my special thanks to Scott Seltman for his tireless efforts, also ongoing); we are making strong headway toward establishing a Breeding Bird Atlas project in Kansas, under the continuing leadership of Mick McHugh; we have committed the entire Amelia Betts Fund to purchasing educational, hands-on bird displays that will be used widely around the state (thanks especially to Pete Janzen and Bob Gress); we have committees and funds available to finance student research and the publication of amateurs' research (the latter funded entirely by royalties donated by Max Thompson and Charles Ely); our new membership directory, to be adorned with illustrations by Dan Kilby, is nearing completion (special thanks also to Diane Seltman); and the list continues well beyond the space I should take here, for the moment. I and others will address more of our activities elsewhere in this and future issues.

Elsewhere in this issue, also, I have included a request for assistance on the several committees through which KOS continues these functions, and (space permitting) descriptions of the responsibilities of each. If you possibly can, please contact me or the chair of any committee that interests you, and volunteer your assistance. We need your help!

Finally, I ask one simple bit of help from every member, but one that can vastly increase the size and vitality of the Society: Please, please recruit at least one new member this year! It's so easy to do; just hand a birding friend our new brochure (copy enclosed) and tell them what a great club it is, or give a new membership as a gift (this makes a thrilling surprise for a youngster interested in birds--at least, it did for me, about 22 years ago!), or simply distribute brochures in places frequented by bird lovers, such as Audubon or Sierra Club meetings, Christmas Bird Count compilations, libraries, nature centers, even veterinarians' offices. Be creative!

Good Birding,

*David E. Seibel*

David E. Seibel  
President

## KOS COMMITTEES

Following is a list of the standing committees of the KOS and their functions. Along with the name of each committee I have listed the chairperson and how you may contact him or her, if you wish to volunteer your assistance on committee projects. Please browse through the duties listed below and consider helping with those that match your skills or interests; with few exceptions, the committees continually need and would immediately welcome additional help.

## A. Standing Committees (Named in By-Laws)

1. Conservation - Chair: Pete Janzen                      316-832-0182  
3137 North Mascot  
Wichita, KS 67204

Duties:

- Initiate, evaluate, or contribute supporting research to projects within the state which promote the preservation of avian species.
- Evaluate and recommend ways in which KOS can contribute to worthy conservation efforts for birds elsewhere.
- Draft society position papers and responses to requests for opinions or assistance regarding bird conservation issues.
- Coordinate KOS participation with other groups in conservation activities, subject to board and general society approval.

2. Membership - Chair: Jan Boyd                      913-594-3172  
520 3rd Street  
Baldwin City, KS 66006

Duties:

- Promote increase in KOS membership by organizing membership drives, producing promotional materials (e.g., membership brochure), and assisting membership secretary in responding to inquiries from interested parties, distributing information to target groups, etc.
- Investigate most effective ways of increasing and maintaining KOS membership, e.g., by surveying members about perceived strengths and weaknesses of society, services and activities desired (both existing and possible), and ways of improving society.
- Coordinate membership services such as book and T-shirt sales.
- Man booth at annual meetings for disseminating membership information and receiving dues from new and renewing members.
- Coordinate promotion of various activities with Publicity Committee.

3. Publicity - Chair: Chris Hobbs                      913-441-2473  
13121 Swartz Road  
Bonner Springs, KS 66012

Duties:

- Write, and distribute through appropriate media, announcements of upcoming KOS events.
- Write and distribute press releases highlighting KOS activities, to increase public awareness throughout the state about the society and about birds.
- Arrange and participate in interviews with various news media about KOS activities, ornithological events, bird conservation needs and opportunities, etc.

- Notify other nature-oriented organizations (e.g., Audubon and Sierra Club chapters, ornithological societies in neighboring states) of upcoming KOS events.
- Provide publicity for special events in cooperation with various other KOS committees.

4. Kansas Bird Records - Co-chair: Dr. Charles Ely 913-628-8444  
 Department of Biology  
 Ft. Hays State University  
 Hays, KS 67601

Duties:

- Maintain and regularly update official list of Kansas birds, with distributional information, status of records and documentation on marginal species, etc.
- Solicit, review, and screen reports of rare or marginal species in the state and publish decisions periodically in The Horned Lark.
- Update and revise KOS Check-list of Kansas Birds on regular basis.
- Maintain and operate KOS Birding Hotline.
- Prepare and present "Ten Best Birds" list at annual meeting.

B. Standing Committees (Newly Formed)

1. Education - Chair: John Schukman 913-727-5141  
 R.R. 2, Box 111-37  
 Leavenworth, KS 66048

Duties:

- Prepare and disseminate list of audio/visual and other educational resource materials available for loan, rent, or purchase to KOS members and other Kansas users, emphasizing but not limited to Kansas birds.
- Coordinate educational events and publications presented or sponsored by KOS.
- Investigate and organize effective new educational activities for groups of various age and expertise (including workshops at annual meetings and field trips) and solicit participation and instruction by KOS members.
- Coordinate promotion of various activities with Publicity Committee.

2. Student Research Fund - Chair: Dr. Elmer Finck 316-342-4781  
 Div. of Biological Science  
 Emporia State University  
 Emporia, KS 66801

Duties:

- Establish guidelines for solicitation and distribution of funds for student research, as provided for during Fall meeting, 1988.
- Oversee preparation of legal documents and take other steps necessary to establish and administer fund.
- Solicit and screen applications for student research funding, making recommendations to board annually or semi-annually as to which proposals to accept.

3. Birds of Kansas Publications Fund - Chair: Rose Fritz 316-283-6685  
1816 Cypress Lane  
Newton, KS 67114

Duties:

- Solicit and review applications for funding of publication of research results by Kansas ornithologists, especially amateurs.
- Administer fund established by donation of royalties from the sale of Birds of Kansas by Max C. Thompson and Charles A. Ely.
- Award publication and/or research grants as deemed appropriate, and report all activities to the Board of Directors.

4. Dingus Natural Area - Chair: (Pending)  
Contact: David Seibel 913-841-7932  
1310 George Court, Apt. 1  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Duties:

- Administer care and maintenance of Dingus Natural Area (DNA), including upkeep of signs and fences.
- Monitor DNA bird life and report to membership on significant changes or trends.
- Facilitate use of DNA by KOS members and other birding or research groups.
- Determine policies for use of DNA, for approval by the Board of Directors.

- David Seibel

## SUMMARY OF 1990 ANNUAL MEETING

The forty-third annual meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society was held October 5, 6 and 7 on the Bethel College campus in North Newton, Kansas. Seventy-five persons including eight students registered for the weekend event which began with an informal gathering at the Kauffman Museum on Friday evening.

Paper sessions, business meetings and the always popular birdwatcher's hour filled the day on Saturday. Members and friends gathered in the evening at the student center for the annual banquet at which time Mick McHugh passed the gavel to David Seibel, who then presided over the events of the evening. Resolutions were read by John Zimmerman. New life members were recognized by Diane Seltman with those present receiving pins. Marvin Schwilling announced the best bird of the year, the Anna's Hummingbird, seen for several weeks at Oxford. This was a first Kansas sighting of this bird.

Guest speaker of the evening was Kenn Kaufman from Tucson, Arizona, noted birder and author of the newly published Field Guide to Advanced Birding. Kenn gave a delightful presentation during which the speaker wore various hats representing stages in birding and highlighted his points with various slides.

Kenn participated in all our week-end events, even autographing books for us. He was presented an honorary life membership in our organization during the evening.

Despite the chilling, blustery weather, field trips departed early Sunday a.m. for Harvey County West Park, Marion Lake, areas around eastern Harvey County and Oxford (for those wanting to see the still present Anna's). Lunch and compilation followed. A total of 108 species was seen by the group during the week-end.

Rose Fritz

## LOGGERHEAD SHRIKES

The Manitoba Department of Natural Resources (DNR) suspects that the wintering grounds of Canadian Loggerhead Shrikes includes Kansas. Despite intensive banding and color marking of shrikes across the Canadian prairies, DNR has not had a recent recovery or observation in Manitoba. Since it is critical to understand where Canadian shrikes are overwintering, DNR urges us to be on the lookout for these banded and color-marked shrikes. Please take an extra good look at any shrikes you encounter. The shrikes have been marked with (a) FWS aluminum bands during all years; (b) red plastic bands on the opposite leg in 1988; (c) red/white plastic band on the opposite leg in 1989 and 1990; and (d) larger juveniles were marked with fluorescent orange on the tail and/or primaries in 1989 and 1990. Any sightings of these birds should be reported to Ken De Smet, Department of Natural Resources, Box 14, 1495 St. James Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3H 0W9 or telephone collect at 204-945-6301.

KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING 1990  
Bethel College  
North Newton, Kansas  
October 5-7, 1990

The forty-third Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society met in Krehbiel Auditorium of the Fine Arts Center on the campus of Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas. Rose Fritz was chair of the local committee hosting the meeting.

Friday, October 5.

An evening reception was held at Kauffman Museum on the Bethel College campus.

Saturday, October 6, Morning Session.

Dwight Platt opened the meeting and introduced Dr. Brian Schrag, Academic Dean at Bethel College, who welcomed KOS to the Bethel campus. Mick McHugh, President of KOS, thanked Bethel College for hosting the meeting and welcomed the members in attendance.

Dave Bryan chaired the morning paper sessions which followed the printed schedule (see copy attached) except that the paper by Pamela C. Rasmussen was moved to the afternoon session because of a lack of time in the morning session.

The morning business meeting was called to order by President Mick McHugh at 11:45 a.m.

MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last Annual Meeting as they had been printed in the Newsletter. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Spring Meeting as they had been printed in the Newsletter. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rose Fritz gave an interim report. The total assets of KOS amount to \$25,947.81. Operating fund balance is approximately \$4000. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Diane Seltman reported that we have 372 members paid up for 1990. Last year at the October meeting we had 383 members.

BUSINESS MANAGER: Galen Pittman announced that members should contact him if they are not getting KOS mailings.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that the Bulletins came out this past year in the months stated. He requested more manuscripts.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Don Vannoy reported that he had gotten out one Newsletter since he took office. He requested material for the next issue.

KANSAS NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL: The Council revised its Bylaws this last year. They added new organizations to the Council - Kansas Herpetological Society, Kansas Park Association and Kansas Fisheries Society. The Kansas Biological Survey was made an ex-officio member since it is a state agency. The Council is trying to operate in an advisory capacity before decisions are made by the department.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Eulalia Lewis reported for the Nominations Committee (composed of Gene Lewis, Jean Schulenberg and herself) and proposed the following nominations:

President: David Seibel  
Vice-president: Dave Bryan

Corr. Secretary: Dwight Platt  
 Memb. Secretary: Diane Seltman  
 Treasurer: Rose Fritz  
 Business Mgr.: Galen Pitman  
 Director: Joanne Brier  
 Director: Jim Mayhew

The terms of Directors Tom Shane and John Schukman do not expire.

The meeting adjourned until afternoon.

Saturday, October 6, Afternoon Session.

A Bird Watcher's Hour was held at 1:15 p.m. The afternoon paper session chaired by Dave Bryan followed the listing in the program, with the addition of the paper by Pamela C. Rasmussen which had been scheduled for morning (see attached program).

An afternoon business session was called to order by President Mick McHugh at 4:45 p.m.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** The Spring Meeting next year will be to the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Refuge and the Dingus Natural Area. The Fall Meeting will possibly be at Hays.

**ROYALTY FUND:** Chuck Ely reported that the committee had not made a decision yet on the use of the fund accumulating from the royalties from the book, Birds in Kansas. They have discussed the use of these funds for publications, including the publication of local bird lists. The committee will have a proposal for the Board at its Winter Meeting.

**RECORDS COMMITTEE:** Chuck Ely reported that the committee is working on revised procedures. The committee will be meeting today and will have a proposal for the Winter Board Meeting. New bird records should be sent to Chuck Ely.

**STUDENT RESEARCH FUND:** Elmer Finck reported that the committee will be establishing research awards for both high school and college students. They will be reporting a proposal to the Winter Board Meeting.

**AMELIA BETTS FUND:** Pete Janzen reported that the Board had decided to use the Amelia Betts Fund to finance the construction of four Discovery Boxes on birds for use on loan by teachers. The boxes will be constructed by the Wichita Wild Program and one will be given to Wichita Wild for use by teachers in the Wichita area. The other three will be distributed to other parts of the state for use by teachers. The disposition of the other three boxes will be determined at the Winter Board Meeting.

**BREEDING BIRD ATLAS:** Bill Busby reported that to implement a Breeding Bird Atlas project, they will need a network of volunteers, a coordinator and sufficient funding. The project will probably take 5-8 years. The Department of Wildlife and Parks has been approached for funding and they are considering it.

**MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES:** David Seibel reported that a new membership brochure had been printed and members were urged to take a bundle and distribute them.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:** Diane Seltman reported that the new Membership Directory will be out by the end of the year.

**RARE BIRD ALERT HOTLINE:** Scott Seltman thanked those who have donated for the expenses of the hotline. He suggested that users should continue to donate money for operation of the hotline.

**DINGUS NATURAL AREA:** Mick McHugh announced that sign repair was needed at the Dingus Natural Area.

**NEW BUSINESS:** John Zimmerman announced that concerns for the Resolutions Committee should be given to him. He also announced that he needed volunteers to do Breeding Bird Surveys.

Ken Brunson reported that the State Endangered and Threatened Species Law mandates the protection of critical habitats. There may be challenges to the law because of conflicts in southeastern Kansas between habitat protection and development.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:** A motion was made for the unanimous election of the slate of directors and officers proposed by the Nominations Committee. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

The afternoon business session adjourned.

Saturday, October 6, Evening Session.

A ~~social~~ hour was held from 6-7 p.m. in the Mantz Library Lounge.

The banquet was served in the Dining Hall of the Student Activities Center on the Bethel College campus.

Mick McHugh opened the meeting after the banquet and introduced the new President, David Seibel.

**REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:** John Zimmerman read resolutions thanking Bethel College and the local committee for their efforts in hosting the meetings, thanking those who presented papers, thanking the officers who provided leadership during the past year and commending the Kansas Department of Parks and Wildlife for its efforts to conserve wetlands (see attachment).

**TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR:** Marvin Schwilling gave the report on the ten best birds of the year (see attached report). The top ten were: 1. Anna's Hummingbird; 2. Pyrrhuloxia; 3. Black-chinned Hummingbird; 4. Gyrfalcon; 5. Fish Crow; 6. Western Bluebird; 7. Ruff/Reeves; 8. Golden-crowned Sparrow; 9. Cordilleran (Western) Flycatcher; 10. Steller's Jay.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:** Diane Seltman presented life memberships to those members who had earned them during the past year.

David Seibel introduced Kenn Kaufman, the banquet speaker. He called on Diane Seltman who presented Kenn Kaufman with an honorary life membership in the Kansas Ornithological Society. Kenn Kaufman presented an informative and entertaining lecture entitled "Learning Our Birds."

Sunday, October 7.

Four field trip groups were looking for birds on Sunday morning. They met in Athletic Park in Newton for lunch and compilation of the bird list.

The Annual Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dwight R. Platt, Corr. Sec.



KOS FALL BOARD MEETING 1990  
 October 6, 1990  
 Bethel College  
 Student Activities Center  
 North Newton, Kansas

Members present: David Seibel, Dave Bryan, Mick McHugh, Diane Seltman, Rose Fritz, Dwight Platt, Pete Janzen, Galen Pitman, Tom Shane, Mike Rader, John Schukman.  
 Non-voting: John Zimmerman

Mick McHugh called the meeting to order after lunch.

MINUTES: David Seibel moved that the minutes of the Winter Board Meeting be approved. Dave Bryan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SPRING MEETING 1991: It was suggested that we arrange for Camp Wildwood for Spring 1991 meeting and that the field trips be to the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Refuge and to the Dingus Natural Area.

FALL MEETING 1991: It was suggested that we check on the possibility of meeting at Hays.

BREEDING BIRD ATLAS: Mick McHugh reported that he and Bill Busby had met with the Department of Parks and Wildlife about the Breeding Bird Atlas project. Parks and Wildlife was favorable to the project and will take it to the budget process. We will know this Fall whether they will be able to provide any funds.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: Diane Seltman is working on the membership directory. Dan Kilby will do some art work for it and David Seibel will help with the design. Diane has had trouble getting telephone numbers. She was authorized to call directory assistance for phone numbers.

MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES: David Seibel showed the new membership brochure. He has printed 10,000 brochures and they will be made available to the membership for recruiting new members.

ROYALTY FUND: Rose Fritz will speak about the status of this fund at the afternoon business meeting.

AMELIA BETTS FUND: Pete Janzen reported that Bob Gress makes Discovery Boxes for Wichita Wild to make available for use by teachers in Wichita but they have none on birds. The boxes cost \$302 apiece. Pete proposed that we use the Amelia Betts Fund to build Discovery Boxes on birds, one to remain in Wichita and the others to be made available to teachers in other parts of the state. There was discussion of the materials already available from the K. U. Museum and the Department of Wildlife and Parks. Pete moved that the Board approve spending the Amelia Betts Fund for the construction of four Discovery Boxes on birds by the Wichita Wild Program and that the Board approve giving one of the boxes to the Wichita Wild Program and decide on the distribution of the other three boxes at the Winter Board Meeting. Dave Bryan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BOARD BUDGET: Mick McHugh asked Board members to bring estimates of their expenses during the coming year to the Winter Board Meeting so that the Board can approve a budget for these expenses.

BIRD SURVEYS AT STATE PARKS: The Department of Wildlife and Parks wrote to John Zimmerman asking for help from KOS members in doing surveys of the birds at some of the state parks. The Board was favorable to this and it will be brought up at the afternoon business meeting. Jim Mayhew might be able to organize it.

## KOS Fall Board Meeting 1990 (2)

PRICING OF BACK ISSUES OF THE BULLETIN: Galen reported that a person from Germany has requested the purchase of a set of KOS Bulletins. He asked what the price should be. It was the consensus of the Board that Galen should ask \$125 for the complete set of back issues.

Galen also reported that he has had requests for replacements of issues by members and has supplied them free. It was suggested that he should ask for payment if the request is for replacement of an issue more than two years old.

BULLETIN EDITOR: John Zimmerman announced that he would like to be replaced as Editor of the Bulletin effective with the March issue 1992.

RECORDS COMMITTEE: The Records Committee has felt that they needed Bylaws and Galen has drafted a proposed set of Bylaws after researching the rules and procedures that other such committees use. These Bylaws will be discussed and adopted by the committee and then will come to the KOS Board for approval. Mick McHugh thanked Galen for his efforts and said he thought this was a very important move.

DINGUS NATURAL AREA SIGNS: Mick McHugh reported that one of the signs at the Dingus Natural Area is in need of repair. It was suggested that Scouts might take this on as a project.

The Board Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt  
Corr. Secretary

Second Board Meeting  
October 6, 1990

David Seibel called a brief Board Meeting following the Annual KOS Banquet.

BYLAWS FOR THE RECORDS COMMITTEE: David Seibel reported that the Records Committee had unanimously adopted the Bylaws that had been drafted by Galen. If the Board will now approve them, the committee can begin to work with these procedures. Some members of the Board had carefully read the proposed Bylaws but others had not seen them. Mick McHugh moved that the Bylaws adopted by the Records Committee be accepted as the rules of procedure for the committee. Dave Bryan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Dwight R. Platt  
Corr. Secretary

Ten Best Birds of the Year  
October 1, 1989 - September 30, 1990  
Official Records Committee

Information used in choosing the "top ten" included sightings reported on the Kansas Rare Bird Alert, Christmas Counts, best bird report forms, correspondence and phone call reports.

As in the past, consideration was given to previous state records or specimens; geographic location in the state, season of sighting, nesting, etc. and committee judgments.

We considered 53 candidates:

TOP TEN

1. ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD - Sumner County (Oxford). Jack and Norma Dennett, and Wally Champeny. September 15-28. First Kansas record.
2. PYRRHULOXIA - Morton County. Sebastian Patti and Max Thompson, October 28. Remained into December. Feather remains found by Sebastian on Christmas count December 30.
3. BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD - Liberal, Seward County. One bird observed by eight birders. September 2. (Photographed by Ruth Rahmlow)
4. GYRFALCON - Pawnee County. Scott Seltman, February 4.

Barton County. Marvin Schwilling and Jerry Horak, March 9 and 12. About 60 birders from at least six states saw this second bird.

5. FISH CROW - Cherokee County. Two birds reported by Sebastian Patti, Mick McHugh and Lloyd Moore. Additional sightings include several birds by Galen Pittman, May 1; 20 birds by Patti, McHugh, Moore and Pittman, July 28; two birds by Scott Seltman, August 5 and 15 birds by Mark Corder, August 8. There are no Kansas specimens.
6. WESTERN BLUEBIRD - Morton County. One bird reported by Marvin Schwilling, April 10.
7. RUFF/REEVES - Barton County. One Ruff reported by Bev and Ruth Hodges at Cheyenne Bottoms, April 23. Probably the same bird reported April 28 by Dave Hedges and Hugh Jeffries. One Reeves (female Ruff) reported by Lloyd Moore, Mike Rader and Scott Seltman May 19 at Cheyenne Bottoms. Two Reeves were reported by Larry Werner and Chris Hobbs September 5 at Cheyenne Bottoms.

Stafford County, Quivira NWR, . Ruff was reported by Galen Pittman and Phil Wedge September 24. At least five individuals reported.

8. **GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW - Russell County.** One bird reported by Tom Cannon at Wilson Reservoir December 26. A second bird was reported the next day on Wilson CBC Census by Jim and Jean Piland from Lucas Park at Wilson Reservoir several miles from the first sighting.
9. **CORDILLERAN (WESTERN) FLYCATCHER - Morton County.** Four birds September 2, several birders.
10. **STELLER'S JAY - Morton County.** Five birds reported by Scott and Diane Seltman, Lloyd Moore and Greg Griffiths on October 21. First observation of more than a single in Kansas. Many birders reported one bird at Elkhart cemetery on October 29.

**Haskell County, Satanta.** On October 29 Norma Conover and Ellen Rader observed one bird in Satanta, Haskell County. One bird wintered in Satanta at Jack and Norma Conover feeder and stayed until at least April 17.

**Stevens County, Hugoton.** November 4, Lloyd Moore, Scott and Diane Seltman found one On November 9, Mick McHugh, Galen Pittman and Sebastian Patti observed four birds in the Hugoton City Park.

**Morton County.** Six birds were seen by many birders on November 11.

**Stanton County.** One bird was still in Stanton County for the spring KOS field trip on May 5 and two remained in Morton County on May 5.

## HONORABLE MENTION

1. SCRUB JAY - Morton County. Twenty-five plus birds reported by Mark Corder, Scott and Diane Seltman on September 16.

Seward County. On October 4, 24 birds were reported at Jack Conovers feedyard.

Haskell County, Satanta. Norma Conover reported one bird on October 4. Three or four birds fed regularly at Jack and Norma Conovers feeder in Satanta, Haskell County, from March 24 through April 21.

Morton County. Fourteen birds were seen on October 21 by Greg Griffiths, Lloyd Moore, Scott and Diane Seltman. Six birds were seen in Morton County on November 4 by Lloyd Moore, Scott and Diane Seltman. Six were seen by many birders in Morton County on November 11. Three birds were seen in Morton County by Mike Rader and Scott Seltman on December 9. Fifteen were seen in Morton County on May 5 by many birders (KOS field trip).

Stevens County, Moscow. Three birds were reported by Mick McHugh, Galen Pittman and Sebastian Patti. Four birds were seen in Hugoton, Stevens County, on December 9 by Mike Rader and Scott Seltman. Scott Seltman reported four birds in Hugoton on February 10.

Kearny County, Lakin. One was reported in Lakin on March 30 by Jane Holland.

2. THAYERS GULL - Coffey County. One adult bird at John Redmond Reservoir, January 21. Reported by Bob Fisher, Lloyd Moore and Mick McHugh.

Pottawatomie County, Tuttle Creek Reservoir. Ted Cable reported one adult below Tuttle Creek Reservoir on February 25.

Douglas County. David Seibel reported one bird on March 14.

3. OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT - Cheyenne Bottoms, Barton County. One bird on April 29 by Scott and Diane Seltman. Other sightings at Cheyenne Bottoms include one bird on May 4 by Don Haley. One bird on May 29 (observer not recorded). One bird on June 16 by Scott and Diane Seltman. Several birds on June 23 by many birders. Two birds on July 21 and 28 by Scott and Diane Seltman and five birds on August 26 by Scott and Diane Seltman.

Stafford County, Quivira NWR. One bird June 16 by Scott and Diane Seltman. One bird July 1 by Mike Rader and eight birds July 28 by Scott Seltman.

Russell County. One bird April 30 by Mike Rader.

Linn County. One bird in May 13 by Scott and Diane Seltman, Dave Bryan, Mick McHugh and Galen Pittman.

4. ANHINGA - Sumner County. Ralph and Mary Wiley, September 16, 1989.

Cherokee County. By Sebastian Patti, Mick McHugh and Lloyd Moore, April 28.

Bourbon County. July 18 by Mark Corder.

5. COMMON REDPOLL - Finney County, Garden City. Tom and Sara Shane, one or two birds came to feeder December 9 through February 27 and Garden City, March 10-11, Leonard and Betty Rich.

Cowley County, Chaplin Nature Center. One bird February 16, Gerald Wiens.

6. TRICOLORED HERON - Stafford County, Quivira NWR . One bird June 16 by Scott and Diane Seltman.

7. RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD - Morton County, Elkhart. August 25, Galen Pittman and Phil Wedge.

Chase County. August 30, Marvin Schwilling.

8. DUSKY FLYCATCHER - Morton County. August 25, Galen Pittman and Phil Wedge.

9. MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE - Morton County. Sightings include one bird October 21 by Scott and Diane Seltman, Lloyd Moore and Greg Griffiths. One bird November 4 by Lloyd Moore, Scott and Diane Seltman. Five birds November 11 by many birders. Three birds December 9 by Mike Rader and Scott Seltman. One bird December 10 by Scott Seltman. Thirteen birds were recorded on Christmas count December 30.

Stevens County sightings. One bird in Hugoton November 9 by Mick McHugh, Galen Pittman and Sebastian Patti. Two birds in Hugoton December 9 by Mike Rader and Scott Seltman.

Seward County. One bird at Conover feedlot October 21 by Mike Rader and one bird along Cimarron River north of Liberal November 11.

Kearny County. One bird in Lakin November 12 by Scott and Diane Seltman.

Stanton County. One bird May 5 on KOS field trip.

10. LESSER GOLDFINCH - Morton County. Sightings include 20+ birds on September 16 by Mark Corder, Scott and Diane Seltman. Several on September 23 by Scott and Diane Seltman. One bird October 15 at Elkhart cemetery by Sebastian Patti.

Sufficient information was not available to consider (1) Black-chinned Sparrow, Morton County and (2) Gray Hawk, Geary County.



## KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## CHECK LIST

## BIRDS OF KANSAS

Date OCTOBER 6, 1990 Time \_\_\_\_\_Locality KOS FALL MEETING

Sky \_\_\_\_\_ Wind \_\_\_\_\_ Temp. \_\_\_\_\_ Ground \_\_\_\_\_

Observers \_\_\_\_\_

Total Species 108 Total Individuals \_\_\_\_\_

\* Less than live records

| No.                        | No.                | No.                      |
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| <b>LOONS, GREBES</b>       | <b>SWAN</b>        | <b>Com Merganser</b>     |
| Red-throat Loon            | Tundra             | Red-br Merganser         |
| Pacific Loon               | Trumpeter          | Ruddy                    |
| Common Loon                | <b>QEESE</b>       | <b>VULTURES</b>          |
| Pied-billed Grebe          | Great Wh-front     | Black                    |
| Horned Grebe               | Snow               | Turkey                   |
| Red-neck Grebe             | Blue               | <b>KITES</b>             |
| Eared Grebe                | Ross               | Am. Swallow-tailed       |
| Western Grebe              | Bran               | Blk-shouldered           |
| Clark's Grebe              | Black              | Misssouri                |
| <b>PELICAN, White</b>      | Canada             | <b>HAWKS, EAGLES</b>     |
| Brown                      | <b>DUCKS</b>       | Osprey                   |
| <b>CORMORANTS, ANHINGA</b> | Wood               | Bald Eagle               |
| Double-crested             | Green-wing Teal    | Northern Harrier         |
| Olivaceous                 | American Black     | Sharp-shinned            |
| Anhinga                    | Mottled            | Cooper's                 |
| <b>FRIGATEBIRD</b>         | Mallard            | Northern Goshawk         |
| Magnificent                | Northern Pintail   | Harris                   |
| <b>HERONS</b>              | Garganey           | Red-shouldered           |
| American Bittern           | Blue-winged Teal   | Broad-winged             |
| Least Bittern              | Cinnamon Teal      | Swainson's               |
| Great Blue                 | Northern Shoveler  | Red-tailed               |
| Great Egret                | Gadwall            | Ferruginous              |
| Snowy Egret                | Eurasian Widgeon   | Rough-legged             |
| Little Blue                | American Widgeon   | Golden Eagle             |
| Tufted                     | Canvasback         | <b>FALCONS</b>           |
| Cattle Egret               | Redhead            | American Kestrel         |
| Green-backed               | Ring-necked        | Martin                   |
| Black-cmd. Night           | Greater Scaup      | Peregrine                |
| Yellow-cmd. Night          | Lesser Scaup       | Gyr Falcon               |
| <b>IBIS</b>                | Common Elder       | Prairie                  |
| White                      | King Elder         | <b>PHEASANTS</b>         |
| White-faced                | Oldsquaw           | Ring-necked              |
| Roseate Spoonbill          | Black Scoter       | <b>PRAIRIE CHICKENS,</b> |
| Wood Stork                 | Surf Scoter        | <b>GROUSE</b>            |
| <b>FLAMINGO</b>            | White-wing. Scoter | Ruffed Grouse            |
| Greater                    | Com. Goldeneye     | Greater                  |
| <b>WHISTLING-DUCKS</b>     | Barrow's Goldeneye | Lesser                   |
| Fulvous                    | Bufflehead         | Sharp-tail. Grouse       |
| Black-bellied              | Hooded Merganser   |                          |

| No.                         | No.                       | No.                        |
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| <b>Eastern Phoebe</b>       | <b>THRUSHES</b>           | <b>Hermat</b>              |
| Say's Phoebe                | Eastern Bluebird          | Black-throated             |
| Vermilion                   | Mountain Bluebird         | Green                      |
| Ash-throated                | Townsend's Solitaire      | Blackburnian               |
| Great-Crested               | Veery                     | Yellow-throated            |
| Cassin's Kingbird           | Gray-cheeked              | Pine                       |
| Western Kingbird            | Swainson's                | Prairie                    |
| Eastern Kingbird            | Hermat                    | Palm                       |
| Scissor-tailed              | Wood                      | Bay-breasted               |
| <b>LARKS</b>                | American Robin            | Blackpoll                  |
| Horned                      | Varied                    | Cerulean                   |
| <b>SWALLOW</b>              | <b>THRASHERS</b>          | Black-and-White            |
| Purple Martin               | Gray Catbird              | American Redstart          |
| Tree                        | Northern                  | Prothonotary               |
| Violet-green                | Mockingbird               | Worm-eating                |
| N. Rough-winged             | Sage                      | Swainson's                 |
| Bank                        | Brown                     | Ovenbird                   |
| Chil                        | Curve-billed              | Northern                   |
| Barn                        | <b>PIRITS</b>             | Waterthrush                |
| <b>JAY, MAGPIE, CROW</b>    | American                  | Louisiana                  |
| Steller's Jay               | Sparrow's                 | Waterthrush                |
| Blue Jay                    | <b>WAXWINGS</b>           | Kentucky                   |
| Scrub Jay                   | Bohemian                  | Connecticut                |
| Gray-breast. Jay            | Cedar                     | Mourning                   |
| Pilon Jay                   | <b>SHRIKES</b>            | MacGillivray's             |
| Clark's Nutcracker          | Northern                  | Common                     |
| Black-billed Magpie         | Loggerhead                | Yellowthroat               |
| American Crow               | <b>STARLING, European</b> | Hooded                     |
| Chihuahuan Raven            | <b>VIREOS</b>             | Wilson's                   |
| Common Raven                | White-eyed                | Canada                     |
| <b>CHICKADEES, TITMOUSE</b> | Bell's                    | Yellow-breasted            |
| Black-capped                | Black-capped              | Chal                       |
| Caroline                    | Solitary                  | <b>TANAGERS</b>            |
| Mountain                    | Yellow-throated           | Summer                     |
| Tufted Titmouse             | Warbling                  | Scarlet                    |
| <b>BUSHTIT</b>              | Philadelphia              | Western                    |
| <b>NUTHATCHES</b>           | Red-eyed                  | <b>GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS</b> |
| Red-breasted                | <b>WARBLERS</b>           | Northern Cardinal          |
| White-breasted              | Blue-winged               | Pyrrhuloxia                |
| Pygmy                       | Golden-winged             | Rose-breasted              |
| <b>CREEPER, Brown</b>       | Tennessee                 | Grosbeak                   |
| <b>WRENS</b>                | Orange-crowned            | Black-headed               |
| Rock                        | Nashville                 | Grosbeak                   |
| Caroline                    | Virginia's                | Blue Grosbeak              |
| Bewick's                    | Northern Parula           | Lazuli Bunting             |
| House                       | Yellow                    | Indigo Bunting             |
| Winter                      | Chestnut-sided            | Painted Bunting            |
| Sedge                       | Magnolia                  | Dickcissel                 |
| Marsh                       | Cape May                  | <b>SPARROWS</b>            |
| <b>KINGLETS</b>             | Black-throated Blue       | Green-lail. Towhee         |
| Golden-crowned              | Yellow-rumped             | Rufous-sided               |
| Ruby-crowned                | Myrtle                    | Towhee                     |
| <b>GNATCATCHER</b>          | Audubon's                 | Canyon Towhee              |
| Blue-gray                   | Black-throat. Gray        | Bachman's                  |
|                             | Townsend's                | Cassin's                   |

| No.                | No.                  | No.                 |
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| <b>TURKEY</b>      | <b>Bull-breasted</b> | <b>Great Horned</b> |
| Wild               | Ruff                 | Snowy               |
| <b>QUAIL</b>       | Short-billed         | Burrowing           |
| Northern Bobwhite  | Downy                | Barred              |
| Scaled             | Long-billed          | Long-eared          |
| <b>RAILS</b>       | Downy                | Short-eared         |
| Yellow             | Common Snipe         | Northern Saw-whet   |
| Black              | Amer. Woodcock       | <b>GOATSUCKERS</b>  |
| King               | <b>PHALAROPES</b>    | Com. Nighthawk      |
| Virginia           | Wilson's             | Common Poor-will    |
| Sora               | Red-necked           | Chuck-will's-widow  |
| <b>GALLINULES</b>  | Red                  | Whip-poor-will      |
| Purple             | <b>JAEGER</b>        | <b>SWIFTS</b>       |
| Common Moorhen     | Pomarine             | Chimney             |
| American Coot      | Parasitic            | White-throated      |
| <b>CRANES</b>      | Long-tailed          | <b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b> |
| Sandhill           | <b>GULLS</b>         | Magnificent         |
| Whooping           | Laughing             | Ruby-throated       |
| <b>PLOVERS</b>     | Franklin's           | Black-chinned       |
| Black-bellied      | Little               | <b>ANNE'S</b>       |
| Lesser Golden      | Com. Blk-head        | Broad-tailed        |
| Snowy              | Bonaparte's          | Rufous              |
| Semipalmated       | Ring-billed          | <b>KINGFISHER</b>   |
| Piping             | California           | Belted              |
| Kildeer            | Thayer's             | <b>WOODPECKERS</b>  |
| Mountain           | Glaucous             | Lewis               |
| <b>STILT</b>       | Gr. Blk-backed       | Red-headed          |
| Black-necked       | Bl. leg Kittiwake    | Red-bellied         |
| <b>AVOCET</b>      | Sabine's             | Yel-bellied         |
| American           | <b>TERNS</b>         | Sapsucker           |
| <b>SANDPIPERS</b>  | Caspian              | Red-naped           |
| Greater Yellowlegs | Common               | Sapsucker           |
| Lesser Yellowlegs  | Forster's            | Williamson's        |
| Spot Redshank      | Least                | Sapsucker           |
| Solitary           | Black                | Ladder-backed       |
| Willet             | <b>SKIMMER</b>       | Downy               |
| Spotted            | Black                | Hairy               |
| Upland             | <b>PIGEONS</b>       | Northern Flicker    |
| Esquimo Curlew     | Rock Dove            | Yellow-shafted      |
| Whimbrel           | Band-tailed          | Red-shafted         |
| Long-billed Curlew | <b>DOVES</b>         | Pileated            |
| Hudsonian Godwit   | White-winged         | <b>FLYCATCHERS</b>  |
| Marbled Godwit     | Mourning             | Olive-sided         |
| Ruddy Turnstone    | Inca                 | W. Wood-Pewee       |
| Red Knot           | Common Ground        | E. Wood-Pewee       |
| Sanderling         | <b>CUCKOOS</b>       | Yellow-bellied      |
| Semipalmated       | Black-billed         | Acadian             |
| Western            | Yellow-billed        | Alder               |
| Least              | Gr. Roadrunner       | Willow              |
| White-rumped       | Groove-billed Ani    | Least               |
| Band's             | <b>OWLS</b>          | Hammond's           |
| Pectoral           | Barn                 | Dusky               |
| Dunlin             | Eastern Screech      | Gray                |
| Curlew             | Western Screech      | Cordilleran         |
| Sill               |                      | Black Phoebe        |

| No.                   | No.                        | No.                 |
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| <b>Rufous-crowned</b> | <b>White-crowned</b>       | <b>Brown-headed</b> |
| American Tree         | Harris                     | Cowbird             |
| Chipping              | Dark-eyed Junco            | Orchard Oriole      |
| Clay-colored          | White-winged               | Northern Oriole     |
| Brewer's              | State-colored              | Baltimore           |
| Pine                  | Oregon                     | Bullock's           |
| Prairie               | Gray-headed                | Scott's Oriole      |
| Lark                  | McCown's Longspur          | <b>PINCHES</b>      |
| Black-throated        | Lapland Longspur           | Pine Grosbeak       |
| Sage                  | Smith's Longspur           | Purple              |
| Lark Bunting          | Chestnut-collared          | Cassin's            |
| Savannah              | Snow Bunting               | House               |
| Band's                | <b>BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES</b> | Red Crossbill       |
| Grasshopper           | Bobolink                   | White-winged        |
| Henslow's             | Red-winged                 | Crossbill           |
| Le Conte's            | E. Meadowlark              | Common Redpoll      |
| Sharp-tailed          | W. Meadowlark              | Pine Siskin         |
| Fox                   | Rusty                      | Lesser Goldfinch    |
| Song                  | Brewer's                   | Am. Goldfinch       |
| Lincoln's             | Great-lail Grackle         | Evening Grosbeak    |
| Swamp                 | Common Grackle             | <b>WEAVER FINCH</b> |
| White-throated        |                            | House Sparrow       |
| Golden-crowned        |                            |                     |

## SPRING AND SUMMER ROUNDUP/ March through July 1990/ by Scott Seltman

From border to border and from start to finish the spring migration of 1990 was universally praised by Kansas birders. This brought to an end a string of dismal spring seasons that began back in 1986. For four years we endured some very strange spring weather, (even by Kansas' standards), characterized by incredible swings in the mercury and bizarre precipitation patterns. Several times very cold weather suppressed migration for weeks on end only to be followed by heat waves and southerly winds that sent birds zipping across our state, scarcely casting a downward glance. But last spring things were much better with winter giving way to summer in a more orderly fashion. Enough rain and snow fell across Kansas that the "D" word that had dominated our conversations since the autumn of 1987 had more or less disappeared; although some scattered areas of dryness persisted the Drought of 1988-1989 was over.

March was quite mild across Kansas and several species challenged early arrival records with phoebes and swallows in particular pushing their luck. Western Kansas had snow several days during the first half of April with about 8 inches falling here at Nekoma on the 5th and several more on the 11th, but these storms were so innocuous that only birds depending exclusively on insects were in any peril. Cool and rainy weather during the last half of April encouraged many wintering birds to linger but still allowed others to arrive at the normal times creating a wonderful mixture of northern birds and neotropical migrants. Never was this more apparent than on April 28, a day on which Kansas birders recorded upwards of 250 species. Almost 200 were seen in Barton and Stafford counties alone as about 50 birders scoured the countryside in and around Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira. When the Seltmans and Mike Rader stopped for lunch in Ellinwood after a three hour cruise through The Bottoms (NOT aboard the S.S. Minnow) we knew we were on a roll when we tallied up 141 species. Other groups from Manhattan, Emporia, Lawrence and Kansas City were doing just as well. While most birders seem to associate good spring birding with the warbler waves of early May it is obviously possible to run up big totals in April provided that waterfowl, shorebird, raptor and sparrow numbers are high.

Although the KOS Spring Meeting was summarized in the last issue of The Horned Lark I have included some of the more noteworthy sightings here as well. The good warblers seen at Elkhart in early May proved to be just a small preview of the excellent flight of warblers that would be seen across Kansas during the first half of May. Most of the good birds were as usual seen close to the Missouri border but the Wichita area had a number of warblers that were definitely away from their normal flight paths and here in the west there were a few brushes with greatness as well. Birding remained productive across the state well into June, but about June 20 a record-breaking heat wave seemed to sweep the slate clean and through the month of July only a few birds of interest were seen. Well, enough about the weather. Let's get on to the good stuff.

The brief February 4 sighting of a Gyrfalcon in Pawnee County mentioned in the previous newsletter left a lot of depressed birders in its wake. The notion of having to wait five or ten or twenty years for another big gray falcon to wander below the Nebraska line was enough to cause grown men to cry (and I have reason to believe that some did.) But life is not always cruel and oftentimes we get a second chance. That second chance came in the form of a second Gyrfalcon seen at Cheyenne Bottoms on March 9 by Marvin Schwilling and Gerald Horak. Within hours of its discovery birders from all over our state and a few from points more distant all converged on The Bottoms to see the bird of their dreams. In the fourteen years that I have been birding I have never seen another single bird generate so much interest or excitement here in Kansas, with this bird even eclipsing Lake Perry's Spotted Redshank on the adrenalin scale. While most rarities that we chase are often very common just a few hundred miles outside our borders, there is nothing ordinary about a Gyrfalcon anywhere at anytime. Space does not allow to describe in this column all the human drama that unfolded as novices and experts alike struggled to add this bird to their life lists. But two people in particular stick in my memory eight months later and deserve some commemoration here.



The Most-Determined Award belongs to a fellow from Fort Worth who happened to be grazing through the Rare-Bird-Alerts of the central U.S. on Saturday afternoon, March 10 when he came upon the news on our hotline. After hanging up the phone he reportedly gathered up his things, climbed in his car and drove all night to be at Cheyenne Bottoms by sunrise. He got the Gyrfalcon on early Sunday morning and then drove 10 hours back home to Ft. Worth. This behavior may seem perfectly mad to most people but if you live in Texas and want to see a Gyrfalcon it is probably going to involve some travel and this was an almost sure thing. It would be interesting to know what relative velocities were maintained on the trip up and the trip back to Fort Worth. My favorite anecdote involves a certain KOS President who had proclaimed for years to anyone that would listen that Gyrfalcon was his "Number One Bird". When the Gyrfalcon was finally refound on Saturday morning the 10th by the Patti party, Sebastian let his passengers out and returned to fetch the rest of us. Upon our arrival at the outlet canal where the bird had been discovered we found the two scientists, Pam Rasmussen and David Seibel, clinically analyzing the falcon's fieldmarks. But Mick McHugh, who was more than a little excited, was about a half mile away, running west down U.S. 156 clad in jeans, a red Mickey Mouse sweatshirt and cap, without a car or any other people in sight. His wild gesticulations and leaps into the air displayed a level of exuberance that is rare in people of any age let alone grandfathers. It took Mick at least an hour to become coherent and it was supertime when he was reportedly speaking in sentences again. At the Spring KOS Meeting he had a serious relapse when a "Long-billed Falcon" was seen flying above a wheat field but since then the recovery has been going well.

While I am making a little fun here at Mick's expense I should point out that he was certainly not the only person a little overwhelmed by the Gyrfalcon. In fact, several people that I would have thought were thoroughly hardened by decades of birding were just as excited as the novices. Of the 50-60 observers that managed to see the falcon before its disappearance on Monday, the Gyrfalcon was a life bird for almost all of them, even those who had visited the Arctic. And I was surprised at the interest shown by birders outside of Kansas; several weeks later I was still getting many phone calls about the bird and my \$100 phone bill for outgoing calls in March is small compared to the many toll calls made to the RBA and our home phone during the same period. Virtually everyone that traveled to see the Gyrfalcon had success except those waiting until Tuesday to look for it. One intriguing question about the twin sightings concerns the origin of these birds. Both were almost certainly blown south by the incredibly cold weather of December 1989, but where were they in January? Were they in Texas, a state that has no accepted record for this species? And if two Gyrfalcons were seen in the lightly populated and lightly birded western half of Kansas, how many others must have passed through?

Other raptors made news across Kansas as well. The Bald Eagle nest at Clinton Reservoir was active again and this year produced three fledglings. Time will tell if these offspring will return to Clinton or other northeastern lakes to breed. A second Bald Eagle nest was reported in western Kansas in 1990. This pair constructed their nest in 1988 and fledged one bird in 1989 meaning that they should at least share honors with the Clinton pair for raising the first young of the century in our state. In 1990 the western pair produced one bird again, feeding it a steady diet of prairie dogs! Although Kansas certainly has its problems with water misuse, toxic waste and so forth, isn't it great to live in a state where the environment is still basically healthy and where long extirpated species at least have a shot at returning?

Occasionally a bird comes along that is so strange that it is difficult to even evaluate. A good example is the GRAY HAWK reported by Dan LaShelle from Milford Reservoir on April 15. The Gray Hawk was seen by several observers on several occasions and descriptions of the bird were quite convincing. Unfortunately, no photographs were taken of the bird resigning it to hypothetical status at best on the Kansas Checklist. Questions about the bird's origin have already created lively debate among ornithologists with most theories involving some sort of human transport. Skeptics point to the fact that Gray Hawk is sedentary over much of its range and the

migratory portion of the population has never been recorded far from the Mexican border in Arizona, New Mexico or Texas, the only three states that include Gray Hawk on their checklists. But advocates can point to the fact that the Milford sighting occurred at the same time that several unusual vagrants from central Mexico were seen in south Texas, a Red-faced Warbler made it all the way to Louisiana and Coloradans found two Dusky-capped Flycatchers and a Bronzed Cowbird. While birding at Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo on May 11 Tom and Sara Shane saw a Gray Hawk of their own, perhaps giving credence to the possibility that a few Gray Hawks did develop wanderlust in April. Unfortunately, this is the type of bird record that can probably can never be explained satisfactorily.

House Finches continued to fill in the map during the spring months, finally setting up permanent residence in Manhattan. Why House Finches were so slow to colonize that particular city is a bit of a mystery. Personally, I think they avoided Manhattan because they heard it was crawling with Wildcats. House Finches nested for the first time in Junction City in 1990. Bob LaShelle saw four young birds and two adults at a birdbath and observed the young begging for food. The Cannons had a pair nest in a blue spruce in their backyard in Iola, the first conclusive nesting record from southeastern Kansas. House Finches were also seen regularly in Kansas City but no nest has been reported as yet. The origin of all these birds is certainly a source of controversy. The fact that House Finches arrived in Emporia before Topeka and in Topeka before Kansas City points toward the western origin theory, but it also seems that the rapid westward expansion of House Finches across Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri could be affecting northeast Kansas as well. At any rate, this species will probably inhabit all 105 counties in our state by the end of this decade if not sooner.

Most of the following records were taken from the Kansas Rare-Bird-Alert transcripts. Written bird reports are far superior in accuracy to reports received over the phone, but few observers apparently appreciate that fact. All of the following records are subject to review by the Records Committee. Reports for the fall season, August through November 1990, should be sent to me at R.R. Box 36, Nekoma, KS 67559 as soon as possible.

#### BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS/ March through July 1990

|                      |                                     |          |         |           |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Common Loon          | 31 at Lake Perry                    | RR       | 4-19-90 | Jefferson |
| Common Loon          | 1 calling during storm at Perry     | RR       | 6-14-90 | Jefferson |
| Eared Grebe          | 2 very early arrivals at Q          | SS       | 3-31-90 | Stafford  |
| Western Grebe        | 1 at Big Salt Marsh                 | BVD      | 4-28-90 | Stafford  |
| Western Grebe        | 1 at Perry Lake                     | DLS      | 5-19-90 | Jefferson |
| Western Grebe        | 1 at Big Salt Marsh                 | m.ob.    | 6-23-90 | Stafford  |
| Double-cr. Cormorant | 6+ nests on this date at CB         | SS       | 4-29-90 | Barton    |
| Double-cr. Cormorant | 20+ nests on this date              | SS,DS    | 6-16-90 | Barton    |
| Double-cr. Cormorant | 20 nests at Wolf Creek Cooling Lake | LM       | 7-12-90 | Coffey    |
| Olivaceous Cormorant | 1 at CB                             | SS,DS    | 4-29-90 | Barton    |
| Olivaceous Cormorant | 1 at Wilson Wildlife Area           | MR       | 4-30-90 | Russell   |
| Olivaceous Cormorant | 1 at CB                             | DHa      | 5-04-90 | Barton    |
| Olivaceous Cormorant | 1 at MDC                            | SS,m.ob. | 5-12-90 | Linn      |
| Olivaceous Cormorant | 3 at CB                             | SS       | 5-29-90 | Barton    |
| Olivaceous Cormorant | 1 at Big Salt Marsh                 | SS,DS    | 6-16-90 | Stafford  |
| Olivaceous Cormorant | 4 at CB                             | m.ob.    | 6-23-90 | Barton    |
| Olivaceous Cormorant | 1 at MDC                            | GP,PW    | 6-30-90 | Linn      |
| Olivaceous Cormorant | 1 at CB                             | SS       | 7-28-90 | Barton    |
| Olivaceous Cormorant | 8 at Big Salt Marsh                 | SS       | 7-28-90 | Stafford  |
| Anhinga              | 1 ne. of Riverton                   | SP,LM,MM | 4-28-90 | Cherokee  |
| Anhinga              | 1 U.S. 69 2 mi. s. Linn Co.         | MC       | 7-19-90 | Bourbon   |
| Least Bittern        | 1 calling at Perry WMA              | DLS      | 7-01-90 | Jefferson |
| Tricolored Heron     | 1 adult at Big Salt Marsh           | SS,DS    | 6-16-90 | Stafford  |
| White-faced Ibis     | 48 at MDC, Unit F-2                 | DB       | 4-21-90 | Linn      |
| White-faced Ibis     | 1 adult at Perry WMA                | DLS      | 4-22-90 | Jefferson |

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| Tundra Swan            | 2 along I-70 at Gorham sink             | MR,ER       | 3-17-90    | Russell   |
| Snow Goose             | 2 still at MDC                          | GP,PW       | 6-30-90    | Linn      |
| Ross' Goose            | 4 at Q                                  | MR,SS       | 3-03-90    | Stafford  |
| Ross' Goose            | 3 at Lake McKinney                      | T&SSh       | 4-22-90    | Kearny    |
| Ross' Goose            | 1 still present at CB                   | DV,FV       | 5-16-90    | Barton    |
| Ross' Goose            | 1 at Liberal <u>through summer</u>      | SS          | 5-26-90    | Seward    |
| Cinnamon Teal          | 20+ males many with mates at CB         | SS          | 3-31-90    | Barton    |
| Greater Scaup          | 3 males on Smith Lake at Q              | MR,SS       | 3-03-90    | Stafford  |
| Greater Scaup          | 2 on Elkhart sewer ponds                | MR,SS       | 4-14-90    | Morton    |
| Greater Scaup          | 3 at MDC, Unit A                        | PW,GP       | 4-21-90    | Linn      |
| Oldsquaw               | 3 at Clinton St. Park sewer ponds       | DvS         | 3-14-90    | Douglas   |
|                        | 2 still present                         | GP          | 4-14-90    | Douglas   |
| Black Scoter           | 1 male at Shawnee Fishing Lake          | BL          | 4-04-90    | Shawnee   |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 3 on Lone Star Lake                     | PW,MW       | 3-31-90    | Douglas   |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 2 at Lake Wabaunsee                     | DLS         | 3-17-90    | Wabaunsee |
| Mississippi Kite       | 2 soaring over Overland Park            | DB          | 6-29-90    | Johnson   |
| Mississippi Kite       | 1 imm. sw. of Junction City             | DLS         | 7-04-90    | Geary     |
| Osprey                 | 6 at Wilson Lake                        | MR          | 4-30-90    | Russell   |
| Osprey                 | 1 at Wilson Lake                        | MR          | 6-25-90    | Russell   |
| Osprey                 | 2 at Perry Lake                         | RR          | 7-13-90    | Jefferson |
| Osprey                 | 1 at Perry WMA                          | DLS         | 7-14-90    | Jefferson |
| Bald Eagle             | pair produced 3 young at Clinton        | m.ob.       |            | Douglas   |
| Bald Eagle             | pair produced 1 young                   | m.ob.       |            | Hodgeman  |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk     | 1 well seen 15 miles sw. Gove           | SS          | 6-09-90    | Gove      |
| Cooper's Hawk          | 1 at state park headquarters            | MR          | 7-02-90    | Russell   |
| Red-shouldered Hawk    | probable nesting in Unit B at MDC       | LM,m.ob.    | April 90   | Linn      |
| Red-shouldered Hawk    | 1 at Camp Horizon                       | PJ,JN       | 5-10-90    | Cowley    |
| Broad-winged Hawk      | 5 over Garden City                      | T&SSh       | 4-30-90    | Finney    |
| Swainson's Hawk        | very early arrival                      | DS          | 3-15-90    | Pawnee    |
| Ferruginous Hawk       | pair produced two young                 | SS          |            | Hodgeman  |
| Rough-legged Hawk      | 1 very late bird 8 mi. n. Hill City     | SS          | 5-17-90    | Graham    |
| Golden Eagle           | pair produced two young                 | m.ob.       |            | Hodgeman  |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 1 at Park City sewage lagoons           | PJ          | 3-03-90    | Sedgwick  |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 1 adult at Perry WMA                    | DLS         | 3-18-90    | Jefferson |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 2 at Big Salt Marsh                     | m.ob.       | 4-28-90    | Stafford  |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 2 at CB                                 | m.ob.       | 4-28-90    | Barton    |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 3 at Q                                  | LM,m.ob.    | 5-06-90    | Stafford  |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 1 at Wilson Lake                        | MR          | 5-13-90    | Russell   |
| Peregrine Falcon       | 2 at Big Salt Marsh                     | DV,FV       | 5-16-90    | Stafford  |
| Gyr Falcon             | gray-phase imm. seen by about           | MS,GH       | 3-09-90    | Barton    |
|                        | 60 observers                            |             | to 3-12-90 |           |
| Prairie Falcon         | 1 along I-35 near Lebo                  | BB          | 3-15-90    | Coffey    |
| Black Rail             | 5 heard at 11AM                         | BVD         | 4-28-90    | Stafford  |
| Black Rail             | 3 at Q with one in plain sight          | DH,LH       | 5-06-90    | Stafford  |
| Black Rail             | 1 heard at Q                            | LM,MR,SS    | 5-19-90    | Stafford  |
| Black Rail             | 5 heard at 9AM                          | SP,LM,MM,GP | 6-24-90    | Stafford  |
| Yellow Rail            | 1 flushed twice at East Lassiter        | RR          | 4-28-90    | Jefferson |
|                        | Marsh w. of Valley Falls.               |             |            |           |
| Whooping Crane         | 3 at Quivira left at sunrise and        | Staff       | 4-09-90    | Stafford  |
|                        | were seen in South Dakota in afternoon! |             |            |           |
| Snowy Plover           | 1 early arrival at CB                   | DL,JM       | 3-13-90    | Barton    |
| Semipalmated Plover    | 500 at Big Salt Marsh                   | DB,LB       | 5-07-90    | Stafford  |
| Piping Plover          | 1 at Kaw Valley Fish Farm               | RR          | 4-13-90    | Douglas   |
| Piping Plover          | 3 at n. end of Big Salt Marsh           | DM          | 4-23-90    | Stafford  |
| Piping Plover          | 3 at Gun Club                           | MS          | 4-28-90    | Barton    |
| Piping Plover          | 2 at Wilson Wildlife Area               | MR          | 4-30-90    | Russell   |
| Piping Plover          | 1 at Big Salt Marsh                     | GP          | 5-08-90    | Stafford  |
| Piping Plover          |                                         | MM          | 5-12-90    | Linn      |
| Mountain Plover        | 4 seen at KOS Spring Meeting            | m.ob.       | 5-05-90    | Morton    |
| American Avocet        | 1 record (?) early arrival at CB        | SS          | 3-07-90    | Barton    |

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| Whimbrel                | 2 at Big Salt Marsh                                                                     | GP          | 5-08-90 | Stafford  |
| Whimbrel                | unknown number                                                                          | MM          | 5-12-90 | Linn      |
| Whimbrel                | 5 at Big Salt Marsh                                                                     | DR,m.ob.    | 5-19-90 | Stafford  |
| Hudsonian Godwit        | 350 at CB                                                                               | SS,DS       | 4-21-90 | Barton    |
| Hudsonian Godwit        | 3000-5000 in Pool 2 at CB                                                               | SS,DS,MR    | 4-28-90 | Barton    |
| Marbled Godwit          | 16 at Kaw Valley Fish Farm                                                              | GP          | 4-12-90 | Douglas   |
| Marbled Godwit          | 30 at CB                                                                                | MR          | 4-15-90 | Barton    |
| Marbled Godwit          | 42 at Wilson Wildlife Area                                                              | MR          | 4-30-90 | Russell   |
| Marbled Godwit          | flock of 100 along Redwing Dike                                                         | DHa         | 5-04-90 | Barton    |
| Red Knot                | flock of 83, many in alternate plumage. Absent the next day.                            | LM,MR,SS    | 5-19-90 | Stafford  |
| White-rumped Sandpiper  | 4 at CB                                                                                 | MR          | 4-15-90 | Barton    |
| Pectoral Sandpiper      | 1 very early at CB                                                                      | SS          | 3-11-90 | Barton    |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | 1 at Big Salt Marsh                                                                     | JZ,m.ob.    | 4-28-90 | Stafford  |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | 1 following tractor                                                                     | SS          | 7-29-90 | Pawnee    |
| Ruff                    | male with short bicolored bill, large eye ring, white on face, dark flecking on breast. | B&RH        | 4-23-90 | Barton    |
|                         | same bird still present                                                                 | DH,HJ,m.ob. | 4-28-90 | Barton    |
| Ruff                    | female at Big Salt Marsh                                                                | LM,MR,SS    | 5-19-90 | Stafford  |
| Short-billed Dowitcher  | 1 at CB                                                                                 | MR          | 4-21-90 | Barton    |
| Short-billed Dowitcher  | 20 at CB                                                                                | SS,MR       | 4-28-90 | Barton    |
| Short-billed Dowitcher  | 2 at Wilson Wildlife Area                                                               | MR          | 4-30-90 | Russell   |
| Short-billed Dowitcher  | 1 along Redwing Dike                                                                    | DV,FV       | 5-16-90 | Barton    |
| Short-billed Dowitcher  | 1 at Q                                                                                  | LM,MR,SS    | 5-19-90 | Stafford  |
| Short-billed Dowitcher  | 1 at MDC                                                                                | LM          | 7-15-90 | Linn      |
| Red-necked Phalarope    | 3 at Big Salt Marsh                                                                     | DV,FV       | 5-16-90 | Stafford  |
| Red-necked Phalarope    | 4 at Big Salt Marsh                                                                     | LM,MR,SS    | 5-19-90 | Stafford  |
| Laughing Gull           | 1 seen with Franklin's                                                                  | SP          | 6-03-90 | Seward    |
| Laughing Gull           | 1 in 2nd summer plumage                                                                 | MI,BE       | 7-06-90 | Stafford  |
| Thayer's Gull           | 1st winter imm. eating bread                                                            | DvS         | 3-14-90 | Douglas   |
| Caspian Tern            | 1 at Melvern                                                                            | LM          | 7-12-90 | Osage     |
| Caspian Tern            | 1 at Wyandotte Co. Lake                                                                 | LM          | 7-13-90 | Wyandotte |
| Common Tern             | 1 adult at Perry WMA                                                                    | DLS         | 6-17-90 | Jefferson |
| Common Tern             | 2 at Q                                                                                  | m.ob.       | 6-23-90 | Stafford  |
| Common Tern             | 1 at Q                                                                                  | MR          | 7-01-90 | Stafford  |
| Common Tern             | 2 at Q                                                                                  | MI,BE       | 7-06-90 | Stafford  |
| Greater Roadrunner      | 1 in Wichita backyard                                                                   | fide DK     | 7-10-90 | Sedgwick  |
| Long-eared Owl          | 1 at Wilson Wildlife Area                                                               | MR          | 5-13-90 | Russell   |
| Short-eared Owl         | 1 seen repeatedly s. Nekoma                                                             | SS,DS       | June 90 | Rush      |
| Short-eared Owl         | nesting confirmed 4 n., 1 w. Rozel                                                      | SS          | 7-01-90 | Pawnee    |

(After being dive bombed by an adult along an abandoned road, I walked out into an ungrazed pasture still being harassed by the parent. Begging calls of young birds were heard as the adult passed but it was getting dark and I did not want to disturb the nest. A juvenile was seen near the nest site on 7-28-90.)

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| Ladder-backed Woodpecker | 1 at Boy Scout area                                    | MR,SS | 4-14-90   | Morton  |
| Western Wood-Pewee       | 1 at Bear Creek                                        | SP    | 6-01-90   | Stanton |
| Western Wood-Pewee       | 3 singing birds at N. Fork                             | SP    | 6-02-90   | Morton  |
| Eastern Phoebe           | 1 near Lenora very early for nw.                       | SS    | 3-22-90   | Norton  |
| Purple Martin            | 1 over Winfield (several inches of snow on the ground) | MT    | 3-02-90   | Cowley  |
| Cliff Swallow            | 30 early arrivals Hell Creek Bridge                    | MR    | 4-03-90   | Russell |
| Steller's Jay            | 1 in Satanta through April                             | J&NC  | Spring 90 | Haskell |
| Steller's Jay            | 1                                                      | MS    | 4-10-90   | Morton  |
| Steller's Jay            | 1 along Bear Creek by KOS                              | SP,SS | 5-05-90   | Stanton |
| Steller's Jay            | 1 at river bridge by KOS                               | m.ob. | 5-06-90   | Morton  |
| Steller's Jay            | 1 still in Satanta                                     | J&NC  | 5-06-90   | Haskell |
| Scrub Jay                | 1 in Lakin reportedly wintered                         | JH    | 3-30-90   | Kearny  |
| Scrub Jay                | about 10 seen at KOS Spring Meeting                    | m.ob. | 5-05-90   | Morton  |
| Scrub Jay                | 3 along Bear Creek by KOS                              | m.ob. | 5-05-90   | Stanton |

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| Scrub Jay                                                                                                                                                          | 2 still in Satanta                       | J&NC         | 5-06-90   | Stanton   |
| FISH CROW                                                                                                                                                          | 1 along Spring River n. Galena           | SP,LM,MM     | 4-28-90   | Cherokee  |
| FISH CROW                                                                                                                                                          | 20 along Spring River                    | SP,LM,MM,GP  | 7-28-90   | Cherokee  |
| Black-capped Chickadee                                                                                                                                             | 1 at N. Fork by KOS                      | m.ob.        | 5-05-90   | Morton    |
| Mountain Chickadee                                                                                                                                                 | 1 along Bear Creek by KOS                | m.ob.        | 5-05-90   | Stanton   |
| Sedge Wren                                                                                                                                                         | 20+ w. edge of Big Salt Marsh            | SS,DS        | 4-21-90   | Stafford  |
| WESTERN BLUEBIRD                                                                                                                                                   | 1 male seen near Boy Scout area          | MS           | 4-11-90   | Morton    |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                                                  | 100+ at Cedar Bluff                      | SS           | 3-17-90   | Trego     |
| Townsend's Solitaire                                                                                                                                               | 1 late bird near Camp Aldrich            | ??           | 4-28-90   | Barton    |
| Townsend's Solitaire                                                                                                                                               | 1 late bird at Q                         | GP,PW,DvS,PR | 4-29-90   | Stafford  |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush                                                                                                                                                | 2 n. Elkhart Cem. by KOS                 | m.ob.        | 5-06-90   | Morton    |
| Sprague's Pipit                                                                                                                                                    | 1 at Perry WMA                           | DLS          | 4-15-90   | Jefferson |
| Sprague's Pipit                                                                                                                                                    | 1                                        | SS           | 5-17-90   | Norton    |
| Solitary Vireo                                                                                                                                                     | 1 'plumbeous' race by KOS                | SS,m.ob.     | 5-06-90   | Morton    |
| Yellow-throated Vireo                                                                                                                                              | 1 at Work Station during KOS             | m.ob.        | 5-05-90   | Morton    |
| Philadelphia Vireo                                                                                                                                                 | 1 at CB campground; scarce in west       | DB,LB        | 5-07-90   | Barton    |
| Blue-winged Warbler                                                                                                                                                | 1 near MDC                               | LM           | 7-22-90   | Linn      |
| Golden-winged Warbler                                                                                                                                              | 1 in Mission Hills                       | MM           | 5-07-90   | Johnson   |
| Virginia's Warbler                                                                                                                                                 | 2 n. Elkhart Cem. day after KOS          | m.ob.        | 5-07-90   | Morton    |
| (This species is a common to occasionally abundant migrant along the front range near Trinidad, Colorado [Dan Bridges, pers. comm.] but is rarely seen in Kansas.) |                                          |              |           |           |
| Chesnut-sided Warbler                                                                                                                                              | 1 in Sim Park                            | PJ           | 5-09-90   | Sedgwick  |
| Magnolia Warbler                                                                                                                                                   | 1 n. Elkhart Cem. by KOS                 | m.ob.        | 5-06-90   | Morton    |
| Cape May Warbler                                                                                                                                                   | 1 fem. at Ft. Leavenworth                | DB           | 5-12-90   | Leaven.   |
| Black-th. Blue Warbler                                                                                                                                             | 1 male seen and heard Bertram Park       | PW           | 4-27-90   | Douglas   |
| Townsend's Warbler                                                                                                                                                 | 1 n. Elkhart Cem.                        | m.ob.        | 5-06-90   | Morton    |
| Blackburnian Warbler                                                                                                                                               | 1 in Oak Park                            | PJ           | 5-09-90   | Sedgwick  |
| Blackburnian Warbler                                                                                                                                               | 2 along Mill Creek at S.M.Park           | DB,LB,SS,DS  | 5-12-90   | Johnson   |
| Yellow-throated Warbler                                                                                                                                            | 1 singing bird at Milford                | DLS          | 4-11-90   | Geary     |
|                                                                                                                                                                    | same bird still present                  | DLS          | 4-21-90   | Geary     |
| Yellow-throated Warbler                                                                                                                                            | 1 at Ft. Leavenworth Bottomland          | JS           | 4-28-90   | Leaven.   |
| Yellow-throated Warbler                                                                                                                                            | 5 at Ft. Leavenworth                     | CH           | 4-28-90   | Leaven.   |
| Bay-breasted Warbler                                                                                                                                               | 1 at Work Station during KOS             | SS           | 5-06-90   | Morton    |
| Cerulean Warbler                                                                                                                                                   | 1 at Ft. Leavenworth                     | CH           | 4-28-90   | Leaven.   |
| Cerulean Warbler                                                                                                                                                   | 1 at MDC                                 | CH,LM        | 5-13-90   | Linn      |
| Black-and-White Warbler                                                                                                                                            | 1 early arrival in Russell               | JH           | 4-08-90   | Russell   |
| American Redstart                                                                                                                                                  | 1 singing in Larned                      | SS           | 6-14-90   | Pawnee    |
| Worm-eating Warbler                                                                                                                                                | 2 at Ft. Leavenworth                     | CH           | 4-28-90   | Leaven.   |
| Worm-eating Warbler                                                                                                                                                | 1 n. Elkhart Cem. during KOS             | E&EL,JB      | 5-05-90   | Morton    |
|                                                                                                                                                                    | bird seen by most Spring Meeting birders |              | 5-06-90   | Morton    |
| Worm-eating Warbler                                                                                                                                                | 1 in Oak Park                            | PJ           | 5-09-90   | Sedgwick  |
| Louisiana Waterthrush                                                                                                                                              | 1 early arrival at Ft. Leavenworth       | JS           | 4-03-90   | Leaven.   |
| Hooded Warbler                                                                                                                                                     | 1 female n. Elkhart Cem. during KOS      | m.ob.        | 5-06-90   | Morton    |
| Hooded Warbler                                                                                                                                                     | 1 in Oak Park                            | PJ           | 5-09-90   | Sedgwick  |
| Hooded Warbler                                                                                                                                                     | 1 female in Antioch Park                 | SS           | 5-12-90   | Johnson   |
| Western Tanager                                                                                                                                                    | 1 male at Elkhart                        | ??           | 5-07-90   | Morton    |
| Lazuli Bunting                                                                                                                                                     | 1 singing male at Perry                  | DLS          | 5-13-90   | Jefferson |
| Canyon Towhee                                                                                                                                                      | 1 at Pt. of Rocks                        | MR,SS        | 4-14-90   | Morton    |
| Cassin's Sparrow                                                                                                                                                   | several singing birds                    | MR,SS        | 4-14-90   | Morton    |
| Rufous-cr. Sparrow                                                                                                                                                 | 1 singing at Point of Rocks              | PL,SF        | 6-13-90   | Morton    |
| Lark Bunting                                                                                                                                                       | 1 very early arrival at CB               | SP           | 3-10-90   | Barton    |
| Baird's Sparrow                                                                                                                                                    | 1 under vehicle at prairie chicken       | MS           | 5-06-90   | Morton    |
|                                                                                                                                                                    | blind during Spring KOS Meeting          |              |           |           |
| Lincoln's Sparrow                                                                                                                                                  | 1 late bird on Bear Creek                | SP           | 6-01-90   | Stanton   |
| McCown's Longspur                                                                                                                                                  | 1 flushed from dike at Q                 | SS,DS        | 4-21-90   | Stafford  |
| Orchard Oriole                                                                                                                                                     | first arrivals at MDC                    | LM           | 4-22-90   | Linn      |
| Northern Oriole                                                                                                                                                    | first arrivals at MDC                    | LM           | 4-22-90   | Linn      |
| House Finch                                                                                                                                                        | being seen daily in Manhattan            | DR           | Spring 90 | Riley     |
| House Finch                                                                                                                                                        | being seen daily in Wamego               | DR           | Spring 90 | Pottawat. |

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| House Finch      | nesting in Iola                                                    | TomC  | June 90 | Allen     |
| House Finch      | nesting in Junction City                                           | BLS   | June 90 | Geary     |
| Pine Siskin      | several pairs building nests in Elkhart Cemetery. Abandoned later. | MR,SS | 4-14-90 | Morton    |
| Pine Siskin      | several still at feeder                                            | SS    | 5-28-90 | Rush      |
| Pine Siskin      | several still at feeder in Wilson                                  | MR    | June 90 | Ellsworth |
| Common Redpoll   | 1 at Garden City feeder                                            | L&BR  | 3-10-90 | Finney    |
| Evening Grosbeak | flock at Sedgwick Co. Zoo                                          | ES,JY | 4-05-90 | Sedgwick  |

## EXOTICS

|                |                                  |       |         |        |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| Gray Partridge | 2 at country club s. Garden City | T&SSh | 4-29-90 | Finney |
| Chukar         | flock of 7 s. Sublette           | GP    | 3-01-90 | Seward |

(Gray Partridge and Chukar were reportedly released in numbers at a "controlled shooting area" in Haskell County. These birds understandably hit the ground running.)

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| Ringed Turtle-Dove | pair nesting in artificial plant back porch of 1225 Cornwall in Topeka. | E&EL | 4-20-90 | Shawnee |
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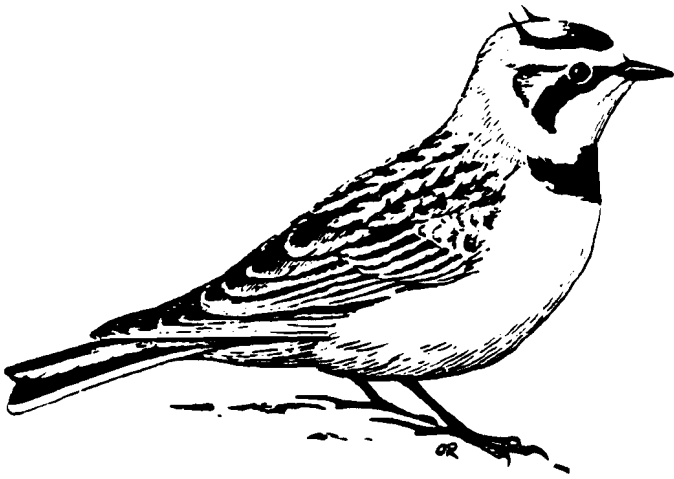
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## KANSAS RARE-BIRD-ALERT 913-329-4499

The Kansas Rare-Bird-Alert received 193 calls in August, 238 in September, 224 in October and 269 in November 1990. During the same period the tape was updated 40 times with the printed text filling 18 pages. Thirty calls were received on 9/23, the date that the number was mentioned in the Wichita Eagle. The operating fund comprised of donations solicited last spring has been depleted. If the RBA has been instrumental in adding birds to your life or state list, you might consider sending a contribution to KOS Treasurer Rose Fritz. Operating costs for the hotline are currently running at about five cents per call. Frequent callers who wish to leave a message without listening to the entire announcement can skip ahead to the beep by hitting "5" on a touch-tone phone. Keep those calls coming!

## NOTICE FOR ALL KOS MEMBERS:

Roger and Jan Boyd are leading a 14 day nature tour to Costa Rica 20 July through 2 Aug. Cost is \$1200 plus air fare. Call 913-594-3172 or write 520 Third St, Baldwin City, Ks 66006 for details. Must register by March 1. This will be a trip of a lifetime, plan to join us.



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### KENN KAUFMAN TO SPEAK AT KOS BANQUET

Kenn Kaufman, nationally acclaimed writer, birder, tour leader and author of the newly published FIELD GUIDE TO ADVANCED BIRDING will be the guest speaker at the banquet scheduled for Saturday evening, October 6, held in conjunction with the Kansas Ornithological Society's annual fall meeting. He will also be making a presentation at a paper session during the day.

Kenn, who lived in Wichita during his youth, is currently an associate editor of the American Birds, a National Audubon Society publication. He also writes articles for American Birds, Birding, Birdwatcher's Digest and other magazines and occasionally leads birding trips for Victor Emanuel Nature Tours.

Needless to say, we are very excited about our guest speaker and hope you are too. Join us that first week-end in October - good food - good fellowship - good birding - and a great speaker! What more can we ask for?

1990 KOS Fall Meeting Committee  
Rose Fritz, Chairperson

### A NOTE FROM OUR GUEST SPEAKER

"Whether we look at birds for gentle enjoyment, for active birding pursuits, or for science, we want to be able to name the species we encounter. Learning to recognize the birds we see and hear is a haphazard process for most of us--and ideally it's an ongoing thing, as we continue to become more familiar with them. I'm going to talk about that learning process itself. I'll draw examples from my own experiences (I've made every mistake you can imagine, and then some!) to talk about pitfalls to watch out for, the best kinds of field marks to notice, ways to avoid being misled by books, the best approaches to studying different groups of birds, and strategies for dealing with the really confusing groups, without falling into utter despair! Finally, I'll say a little about the pleasures of getting to know the birds beyond merely knowing their names."

Kenn Kaufman

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE FALL MEETING ARE ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

## KANSAS CHECKLIST COMMITTEE CHANGES LEADERSHIP

The KOS Checklist Committee is now headed by Charles A. Ely and Max C. Thompson. All information on new sightings and county records should be sent to: Charles A. Ely, Dept. of Biology, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas 67601-4099. Out of the ordinary records should be accompanied by substantiating evidence. This evidence will be sent to members of the checklist committee and, in due time, they will render their opinion.

The rules and regulations governing the actions of the committee are in the process of being written. Any comments by members of the society on this are welcome.

Max C. Thompson

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON COLOR MARKED SOUTHERN BALD EAGLES

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. has banded and color marked Bald Eagle nestlings for the sixth year along the Texas Gulf Coast. This study was initiated in 1985 to determine pre and post fledging survival, nest site use prior to migration and migration routes. The nesting Southern Bald Eagles arrive in Texas during late August and September and leave during May-July.

The birds being color marked are 6-9 weeks old at banding time. The right wing is marked with a yellow patagial tag with an alphanumeric ( T-01 through T-114 ). The left wing is marked with blue (light) patagial tag with a yellow spot. These wing markers can usually be seen only in flight. In addition, all birds are banded with a #9 USFWS rivet band on one leg and a color rivet band on the opposite leg. The color leg bands used in previous years were plastic and retention was poor. Birds banded this year have a 3 cm green aluminum band with alphanumerics T-90 through T-114 in white. If you see or hear of an eagle with such markings, please notify the Bird Banding Laboratory, Laurel, MD, 20708 and David W. Mabie, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., 715 South Bronte, Rockport, Texas 78382 (Telephone 512-729-2315).

The date of observation, exact location and, if possible, the color of leg band, and which leg it is on, is of particular importance.

## 1990 KANSAS WINTER BIRD FEEDER SURVEY

The 1990 Kansas Winter Bird Feeder Survey (KWBFS) held from Jan. 19-22 resulted in 774 returned survey forms. The average total count for two days of feeder watching was nearly 50,000 birds. The total **numbers** were down from the previous year when 875 people participated in the count. Most of Kansas was represented with 83 counties reporting at least one count. Johnson County again had the most survey forms submitted at 175. As before, sunflowers and mixed seeds were the bird food of choice. Unsurprisingly, House Sparrows were the most common species coming to feeders, with Goldfinches coming in second and Starlings a close third. The next most numerous species encountered included Dark-eyed Juncos, Pine Siskins, and Cardinals in that order. During the four day count period, 83 species were seen.

Ken Brunson and John Briggs

## EDITOR'S NOTE

This is my first issue as editor. Please let me have any comments you may have, especially use of a checklist for the KOS Spring Field Trip sightings, instead of a typed listing of species.

Don Vannoy



## WINTER BIRD SUMMARY/ December 1989 through February 1990/ by Scott Seltman

One of the harder things to accept about living and birding in the middle of a continent is that we often get to experience weather from far-off exotic places but seldom get to experience the attendant birdlife. For example, Kansas weather had an absolutely arctic feel last December but few birds from the arctic visited our state. How cold was it? Well, for about 10 days beginning on December 14 the mercury stayed below freezing virtually statewide and for about half of that time stayed below zero. Here at Nekoma the coldest day was December 22 with a morning low of -30F and an afternoon high of -5F. With temperatures in the Dakotas falling to -60F and pushing -80F in southern Canada one would think that boreal birds would stream southward, but only a sprinkling of northern birds ever reached Kansas. The following scorecard from the winter months shows how minimal the northern invasion really was: Northern Goshawk (0), Snowy Owl (0), Bohemian Waxwing (6), Snow Bunting (1), Pine Grosbeak (0), Red Crossbill (<10), White-winged Crossbill (0), Common Redpoll (<20). All of these species wandered south with the cold weather but still remained to the north of Kansas. A few birds of northern origin were more common than normal this winter; Merlin, Short-eared Owl, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Northern Shrike and Purple Finch were all locally abundant but these invasions began long before the arrival of cold weather.

Following the December chill January and February were relatively mild and seasonal across Kansas. Heavy snowfall occurred in western Kansas several times beginning in January with depths in excess of a foot covering some areas (especially Garden City) more than once. But none of these storms approached blizzard status and the snow seemed to have little effect on birds or their movements. Several species began moving north in unusually large numbers in late February even though the weather was not particularly warm. In eastern Kansas several birds arrived on record early dates.

The autumn invasion of montane birds into southwest Kansas that was discussed at length in the last issue of The Horned Lark continued through the winter. Scrub Jays wintered in several southwestern towns and Mountain Chickadees wandered as far northeast as Dodge City and Scott Lake. One Steller's Jay wintered in Satanta while others remained along the Cimarron in Morton County. Evening Grosbeaks were quite abundant in the southwest with up to 30 at a time visiting Shanes' feeder in Garden City. Common Redpolls wintered in Garden City and visited feeders there on snowy days, but were inexplicably shy whenever strangers were in town.

Of the following list of bird sightings one record was especially exciting for this writer. The Gyr Falcon which I found in Pawnee County was certainly a high point in my personal birding experience and created quite a stir (as in hornet's nest) among my birding friends. This pale gray immature was perched on a utility pole north of Sanford late in the day on Sunday, February 4. Despite immediate phone calls to other birders no one else saw this rare falcon, not even Diane who was on the scene within a half hour. Fieldmarks on this bird included: gray bill and legs, large black eye with dark feathering both fore and aft, a noticeable whisker mark separating the gray face and white throat, tear-shaped gray breast spots, light gray back with feathers edged in white creating a "scalloped" look, and a long tail extending well beyond wingtips with a prominent black subterminal band. In flight the falcon was massive with wingbeats much slower than Peregrine or Prairie Falcon. The wings were angular but rounded at the tip with the first primary feather shorter than the second and third. This Gyr Falcon probably had been brought south by the December cold wave and may have spent January well south of our state. With only one specimen and just a handful of undocumented sight records Gyr Falcon is certainly our state's rarest raptor. The chances of seeing one in Kansas are very slim, in fact it might be a once-in-a-lifetime thing. For this reason

many of the state's avid birders spent the balance of the winter brooding over their loss. Fortunately, this story has a happy ending which will be told in the next issue of this newsletter.

For more winter bird sightings see the March 1990 issue of the KOS Bulletin. Most of the following records were taken from the KOS Hotline. Written bird reports covering the period from March through July 1990 should be mailed to Scott Seltman, RR1 Box 36, Nekoma, KS 67559 as soon as possible.

# BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS/ December 1989 through January 1990

|                |                          |       |          |            |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------|----------|------------|
| Horned Grebe   | 2 early arrivals at Q    | SS    | 2-25-90  | Stafford   |
| Tundra Swan    | 2 at Elkhart sewer ponds | LS,RS | 12-13-89 | Morton     |
| Trumpeter Swan | 6 on Havana Lake         | AH    | 2-07-90  | Montgomery |

(These birds arrived at Havana Lake on Wednesday morning and stayed until dark. They spent the previous day at Sunset Lake near Bartelsville, Oklahoma. Collar numbers 59, 60 and 61 confirmed these birds as being from Hennepin County, Minnesota.)

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| Ross' Goose            | 1 at ElDorado Res.            | PJ,DK,DV     | 2-06-90        | Butler    |
| American Black Duck    | 2 at MDC                      | CH           | 2-25-90        | Linn      |
| Northern Pintail       | <u>6000</u> at Wilson Res.    | MR           | 2-20-90        | Russell   |
| Canvasback             | 14 at Wilson Res.             | MR           | 2-06-90        | Russell   |
| Canvasback             | <u>500+</u> at Quivira        | SS           | 2-10-90        | Stafford  |
| Oldsquaw               | 1 on sewer ponds Clinton      | BW           | 2-25-90        | Douglas   |
| Surf Scoter            | 1 on Wilson Res.              | MR           | 12-05-89       | Russell   |
| Common Merganser       | 5000 at ElDorado Res.         | PJ,DK,DV     | 2-06-90        | Butler    |
| Common Merganser       | 6000 at Wilson Res.           | MR           | 2-06-90        | Russell   |
| Common Merganser       | <u>12,000</u> at Wilson Res.  | MR           | 2-20-90        | Russell   |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 1 male with 2000 Commons      | MR           | 1-23-90        | Russell   |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 1 male at ElDorado Res.       | PJ,DK,DV     | 2-06-90        | Butler    |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 2 on John Redmond             | MI           | 2-24-90        | Coffey    |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 1 on Melvern                  | DB,MM,DvS,JS | 2-24-90        | Osage     |
| Turkey Vulture         | 1 very early arrival          | GP           | <u>2-13-90</u> | Jefferson |
| Bald Eagle             | <u>100+</u> upper end Milford | JM           | 2-10-90        | Clay      |

(These eagles were all in view at one time, perhaps the largest concentrations ever reported in Kansas. Ted Cable saw about 100 Bald Eagles at Tuttle Creek about this same date but they were scattered all around the reservoir.)

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| Bald Eagle        | 1 at nest Clinton Res.   | DG           | 2-24-90         | Douglas         |
| Merlin            | 1 s. of Timken           | SS           | 12-21-89        | Rush            |
| Merlin            | 1 in Garden City         | SS           | 1-01-90         | Finney          |
| Merlin            | 1                        | SS           | 1-31-90         | Pawnee          |
| Merlin            | 6 sightings              | SS           | February        | Pawnee          |
| Merlin            | 1                        | GP           | 2-12-90         | Douglas         |
| Peregrine Falcon  | 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms    | MS           | 2-04-90         | Barton          |
| Peregrine Falcon  | adult e. LaCrosse        | DLS          | 1-08-90         | Rush            |
| Peregrine Falcon  | adult downtown Topeka    | DLS          | 1-10-90         | Shawnee         |
| <u>Gyr Falcon</u> | 1 gray-phase immature    | SS           | 2-04-90         | Pawnee          |
| Prairie Falcon    | 1 at reclaimed mine      | CH           | 2-18-90         | <u>Linn</u>     |
| Sandhill Crane    | 1 in northwest corner    | TG           | <u>1-28-90</u>  | <u>Crawford</u> |
| Sandhill Crane    | 120 over town of Wilson  | MR           | 2-08-90         | Ellsworth       |
| Least Sandpiper   | 2 at Wilson Res.         | MR           | <u>12-01-89</u> | Russell         |
| Baird's Sandpiper | 1 record early?          | DB,MM,DvS,JS | <u>2-24-90</u>  | Osage           |
| American Woodcock | 1 displaying Otter Creek | MI           | 2-28-90         | Coffey          |
| Franklin's Gull   | 1 at Clinton Res.        | GP           | <u>2-10-90</u>  | Douglas         |
| Thayer's Gull     | 1 adult on John Redmond  | BF,LM,MM     | 1-21-90         | Coffey          |
| Thayer's Gull     | 1 adult below Tuttle     | TC           | 2-25-90         | Pott.           |

(This individual was studied with a Questar at close range. Fieldmarks included a brown iris and very pale wingtips. Seen at the River Ponds.)

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| Glaucous Gull                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 at Wilson Reservoir    | MR         | 12-18-89 | Russell  |
| Glaucous Gull                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 at Wilson Res.         | MR         | 1-23-90  | Russell  |
| Glaucous Gull                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 first winter bird      | MR         | 2-06-90  | Russell  |
| Short-eared Owl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10                       | SS         | 12-01-89 | Pawnee   |
| Short-eared Owl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 6                        | SS         | 12-18-89 | Pawnee   |
| Short-eared Owl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 at Clark St. Lake      | GP         | 12-25-89 | Clark    |
| Short-eared Owl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2 at reclaimed mine      | CH         | 2-18-90  | Linn     |
| Saw-whet Owl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 n. end Clark St. Lake  | GP         | 12-25-89 | Clark    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 still present          | GP         | 2-25-90  | Clark    |
| Ladder-backed Woodpecker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 fem. at Boy Scout      | SS         | 2-10-90  | Morton   |
| Pileated Woodpecker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 along Appanoose Creek  | RJ         | 1-??-90  | Franklin |
| Steller's Jay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 in Satanta             | J&NC       | Winter   | Haskell  |
| Steller's Jay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2 Cim. R. stateline      | SS         | 2-10-90  | Morton   |
| Scrub Jay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3-4 in Satanta           | J&NC       | Winter   | Haskell  |
| Scrub Jay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 4 in Hugoton             | MR,SS      | 12-09-89 | Stevens  |
| Scrub Jay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3 in two locations       | MR,SS      | 12-09-89 | Morton   |
| Scrub Jay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 4 still in Hugoton       | SS         | 2-10-89  | Stevens  |
| Mountain Chickadee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2 in Hugoton             | MR,SS      | 12-09-89 | Stevens  |
| Mountain Chickadee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3 at Boy Scout           | MR,SS      | 12-09-89 | Morton   |
| Mountain Chickadee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 Cim. R. stateline      | SS         | 2-10-90  | Morton   |
| Winter Wren                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 at Riverside West      | MI         | 2-24-90  | Coffey   |
| Mt. Bluebird                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | flock near Welda         | BB         | February | Anderson |
| Sage Thrasher                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 e. Middle Springs      | SS         | 2-10-90  | Morton   |
| Bohemian Waxwing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3 with Cedars nw. Larned | SS         | 1-08-90  | Pawnee   |
| Bohemian Waxwing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 reported in Topeka     | DLS        | 1-24-90  | Shawnee  |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1                        | SS         | 12-04-89 | Pawnee   |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 at Boy Scout           | MR,SS      | 12-09-89 | Morton   |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 at Clark St. Lake      | GP         | 12-25-89 | Clark    |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 at Ashland Cemetery    | GP         | 12-25-89 | Clark    |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2 at Tuttle Creek        | TC         | 12-30-89 | ???      |
| (One definitely in Pottawatomie County near kite nest.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |            |          |          |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 at Cedar Bluff         | SS         | 1-04-90  | Trego    |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2 at Wilson Res.         | MR         | 2-06-90  | Russell  |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2 at Wilson Res.         | MR         | 2-20-90  | Russell  |
| Northern Cardinal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 female in Hugoton      | MR,SS      | 12-09-89 | Stevens  |
| Canyon Towhee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2 at Pt. of Rocks        | MR,SS      | 12-09-89 | Morton   |
| Field Sparrow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2 Cim. R. stateline      | SS         | 2-10-90  | Morton   |
| Vesper Sparrow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 at Boy Scout           | SS         | 2-10-90  | Morton   |
| Vesper Sparrow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 at Wilson Res.         | MR         | 2-15-90  | Russell  |
| Lark Bunting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 50+                      | MR,SS      | 12-09-89 | Morton   |
| Lark Bunting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 20+                      | MR,SS      | 12-09-89 | Haskell  |
| Lark Bunting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 120+ 4 mi. w. Elkhart    | SS         | 2-10-90  | Morton   |
| (Although Lark Bunting is seen most years on the Cimarron Grassland CBC, there are few late winter records for Kansas. These birds stayed all winter through sub-zero weather in December and heavy snowfall in January and February. Other flocks were also seen in the Oklahoma Panhandle and Baca County, Colorado throughout the period.) |                          |            |          |          |
| 'White-winged' Junco                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1 at feeder              | DS,SS      | 12-16-89 | Rush     |
| 'White-winged' Junco                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2 at feeder              | DS,SS      | 1-20-90  | Rush     |
| Snow Bunting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 at Lebo City Lake      | KC         | February | Coffey   |
| Red Crossbill                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | max. of 7 at Milford     | DLS, m.ob. | December | Geary    |
| Common Redpoll                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 at feeder              | T&SSh      | 12-09-89 | Finney   |
| Common Redpoll                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2 females, 1 male        | T&SSh      | 2-02-90  | Finney   |
| Common Redpoll                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 at Chaplain Nat. Cen.  | GW         | 2-16-90  | Cowley   |
| Common Redpoll                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 at feeder              | T&SSh      | 2-17-90  | Finney   |
| Evening Grosbeak                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 25+ at feeders           | T&SSh      | 12-09-89 | Finney   |
| Evening Grosbeak                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1                        | SS         | 12-23-89 | Pawnee   |
| Exotics:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                          |            |          |          |
| Ringed Turtle-Dove                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 in Elkhart             | LS,RS      | 1-27-90  | Morton   |

Correction to Fall Summary 1989:

The Anhinga reported by Ralph and Mary Wiley seen four miles north of Belle Plaine was in Sumner County not Cowley County.

LIST OF OBSERVERS: Bill Brecheisen (BB), Dave Byran (DB), Ted Cable (TC), Kevin Church (KC), Jack & Norma Conover (J&NC), Bob Fisher (BF), Dan Gish (DG), Tom Glick (TG), Chris Hobbs (CH), Alice Huffer (AH), Maxey Irwin (MI), Pete Janzen (PJ), Richard Johnston (RJ), Dan Kilby (DK), Dan LaShelle (DLS), Jim Mayhew (JM), Mick McHugh (MM), Lloyd Moore (LM), Galen Pittman (GP), Mike Rader (MR), Marvin Schwillling (MS), John Schukman (JS), David Seibel (DvS), Diane Seltman (DS), Scott Seltman (SS), Tom & Sara Shane (T&SSh), Lawrence Smith (LS), Ruth Smith (RS), Gerald Wiens (GW), Becky Wisdom (BW), Don Vannoy (DV).

BIRDS IN KANSAS

Thank you all for supporting the publication of Volume 1 of "Birds in Kansas". We are very pleased with the sales. Volume II manuscript has been completed and is in the hands of the editors. We are still looking for good photographs to put in the book. If you have them, send them to Charles A. Ely, Fort Hays State University, Dept. of Biology, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas 67601-4099. We hope Vol. II will be on the bookstands by March 1, 1991.

Max C. Thompson

## KOS SPRING BOARD MEETING

May 5, 1990

Elkhart, Kansas

Members present: Mick McHugh, David Seibel, Dave Bryan, Rose Fritz,  
Diane Seltman, Galen Pittman, Mike Rader, Pete Janzen, John Schukman.  
Non-Voting: Scott Seltman, Marvin Schwilling, Max Thompson, Don Vannoy.

President Mick McHugh called the meeting to order at 9:45 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rose Fritz reported that Bank IV requested a corporate resolution signed by the President and Treasurer of KOS approving Bank IV to be the depository of KOS funds. She then moved that this action be taken. The motion was seconded by Mick McHugh. The motion passed.

OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE: Max Thompson and Chuck Ely are co-chairmen of this committee and Max thought we should clarify the procedure for submitting county records. It was decided that the records will go to Scott for summary and organization, then to Max and Chuck for review. The chairmen will then send the records to the committee members for voting before they are published in the Horned Lark.

AMELIA BETTS FUND: There was some discussion as to the use of the Amelia Betts Fund. Rather than letting it sit in the bank, could we donate some of it to elementary schools for nature education since it was earmarked for this purpose? Pete Janzen was appointed to evaluate some materials on birds suitable for the elementary level such as the Golden Guide. He will report back at the Fall Meeting.

NEW MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE: David Seibel reported that the final copy is ready to go to press. He passed around a print-ready sample. It was decided to print 10,000 copies and get them to Galen as soon as possible.

GUIDELINES FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES BY BOARD MEMBERS: The question was raised as to whether Board Members should submit annual budgets in advance. These could be presented at the Fall Board Meeting and approved at the following Winter Board Meeting. This would enable the Treasurer to better anticipate and plan for expenses. Rose will present a sample budget at the Fall Meeting for further discussion.

CHEYENNE BOTTOMS: Max Thompson announced that he would be KOS' delegate to the upcoming dedication ceremony at Cheyenne Bottoms designating it as a Wetland of International Importance.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Seltman  
Membership Secretary, KOS  
(Acting in the absence of  
Dwight Platt, KOS Corresp.  
Secretary.)

KOS SPRING MEETING 1990  
May 5 & 6  
Morton County, Kansas

The Annual KOS Spring Meeting and Field trip convened in Morton, County, Kansas the first weekend of May, with headquarters in Elkhart, Kansas. Saturday evening a supper and a business meeting were held in the Pizza Hut, with thanks to Dave and Linda Bryan for arrangements. Also many thanks to Lawrence and Ruth Smith and Dennis and Jan Tregellas for the local arrangements they made.

President Mick McHugh called the business meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. He got the meeting underway by explaining a proposed change in the KOS By-laws. This change had been previously published in the Horned Lark. It would allow more flexibility on the part of the Treasurer and provide a more complete annual audit of the financial statement. Don Vannoy explained the new auditing procedure. It was moved by Gene Lewis to adopt this change in the By-Laws. Seconded by David Seibel. The Motion Passed.

Dave Bryan then presided over a short Honor Ceremony in which awards were presented to various members. Best Bird of the Day in Oklahoma was given to Jim Nickel for finding Black-Chinned Hummingbird and Townsend's Warbler. He was presented a copy of the book, Hawks in Flight. The next award was for the Best Bird of the Day in Kansas and went to JoAnn Brier and the Lewises for the Worm-eating Warbler. They will share a copy of the book, The Complete Birder. The award for the Most New Birds in Kansas was presented to Clyde and Emma Johnson for 50 new birds. This was the Johnsons' first birding trip to Kansas, and were given a copy of The Complete Birder. (Since they are now considered "Complete Birders!") Bill Evans and Annette Finney came the farthest, from Ithaca, New York, and were also presented with a copy of The Complete Birder.

Mick McHugh then introduced Bill Evans to the group and asked him to explain why he was in Kansas. Bill went on to describe his project of recording the nocturnal flight calls of migrating birds in North America. He is installing several special sensitive microphones in Kansas and elsewhere and hopes to catalog the nocturnal bird calls recorded and someday make these recordings available to other birders.

The meeting adjourned.

Members attending:

Lawrence & Ruth Smith, Elkhart, KS  
Dennis & Jan Tregellas, Elkhart, KS  
Scott & Diane Seltman, Nekoma, KS  
Gene Young, Hays, KS  
Ray & Helen Schultz, Great Bend, KS  
Jane Holland, Russell, KS  
LeRoy Holt II, Russell, KS  
Mike Rader, Wilson, KS  
Ken Brunson, Pratt, KS  
Rick Goodrick, Wichita, KS  
Don Vannoy, Wichita, KS  
Mike Lesan, Wichita, KS  
Pete & Deb Janzen, Wichita, KS  
Wallace Champeny, Oxford, KS  
Rose Fritz, Newton, KS  
Jim Nickel, Newton, KS  
Cliff Nickel, Lehigh, KS  
Max Thompson, Winfield, KS  
Allen Jahn, McPherson, KS

Marvin Schwilling, Emporia, KS  
Jerry Horak, Emporia, KS  
Jim Mayhew, Manhattan, KS  
Gene & Eulalia Lewis, Topeka, KS  
Joanne Brier, Topeka, KS  
Pam Rasmussen, Lawrence, KS  
David Seibel, Lawrence, KS  
Richard Rucker, Lawrence, KS  
Galen Pittman, Lawrence, KS  
Ann Ericson, Lawrence, KS  
Dave & Linda Bryan, Overland Park, KS  
Mick McHugh, Shawnee Mission, KS  
Lloyd Moore, Kansas City, KS  
Bob Fisher, Independence, MO  
John Schukman, Leavenworth, KS  
Clyde & Emma Johnson, Omaha, NE  
Sebastian Patti, Chicago, IL  
Bill Evans, Ithaca, NY  
Annette Finney, Ithaca, NY

## KANSAS RARE-BIRD-ALERT 913-329-4499

The KOS Hotline has been quite active these last few months except for a definite lull in the month of July. The machine answered 88 calls in February, 167 in March, 275 in April, 220 in May, 130 in June, and 163 in July. Twenty-five calls were received on April 16 perhaps indicating an epidemic of spring fever among Kansas birders. The new answering machine has only malfunctioned once to my knowledge; a faulty tape prevented the message from resetting after play for a couple days until I finally diagnosed the problem. There have been a few occasions when I have unintentionally stopped the machine while someone was calling. Sorry! Some folks have complained about low sound level on occasion but since we are just four miles from a fiber-optic cable sound quality should be as high as possible given current technology. Thanks to those who have been donating money towards the hotline's operation. I would like to see more people contribute bird sightings, for while the volume of calls has been satisfactory only a few individuals actually provide the bulk of the information on the tape.

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## KOS SPRING FIELD TRIPS/ May 4-6, 1990

The Spring Meeting was a resounding success with many unusual and exciting birds seen by most in the group. On Friday, May 4 many people had hardly arrived before they were treated to the sight of several Mountain Plovers about 15 miles northwest of Elkhart. A male Summer Tanager was seen along the North Fork of the Cimarron on Friday. On Saturday one large group went to Black Mesa where they found several birds unusual even for Oklahoma including a Western Grebe, Black-chinned Hummingbird and a Townsend's Warbler. This group found 16 species at Black Mesa that were not seen in Kansas over the weekend. About 20 people walked about a three mile stretch of Bear Creek in Stanton County on Saturday and were fortunate to see Peregrine Falcon, Red-bellied Woodpecker, a very skittish Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, Mountain Chickadee and Mountain Bluebird.

On Saturday night Gene and Eulalia Lewis and JoAnn Brier announced that they had seen a Worm-eating Warbler just north of the Elkhart Cemetery in late afternoon. So on Sunday morning the entire group descended on the little shelterbelt there and for the next several hours we were treated to an amazing fallout of passerine migrants. The Worm-eating Warbler was joined by Magnolia, Townsend's, Blackpoll, Ovenbird and Hooded Warbler along with about 10 more common species. Meanwhile, Marvin Schwilling and others watched a Baird's Sparrow feed on the ground beneath cars parked at the Lesser Prairie Chicken blind. When Scott Seltman was driving home he finally consulted a fieldguide and realized that the mystery bird he had seen earlier in the day at the Work Station had in fact been his first Bay-breasted Warbler. How embarrassing!

As always, some birders were looking the other direction when the Steller's Jay flew past the campground and others were on the wrong side of the tree when the Hooded Warbler jumped out into plain sight, but the 159 species seen in southwest Kansas represent an excellent total and it is believed that all 46 observers encountered a least one species that he or she had not previously seen in our state.

| No.            | No.                  | No.              |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Rufous-crowned | White-crowned        | Brown-headed     |
| American Tree  | Harris               | Cowbird          |
| Chipping       | Dark-eyed Junco      | Orchard Oriole   |
| Clay-colored   | White-winged         | Northern Oriole  |
| Brewer's       | State-colored        | Baltimore        |
| Field          | Oregon               | Bullock's        |
| Vesper         | Gray-headed          | Scott's Oriole   |
| Lark           | McCown's Longspur    | FINCHES          |
| Black-throated | Lapland Longspur     | Pine Grosbeak    |
| Sage           | Smith's Longspur     | Purple           |
| Lark Bunting   | Chestnut-collared    | Cassin's         |
| Savannah       | Longspur             | House            |
| Baird's        | Snow Bunting         | Red Crossbill    |
| Grasshopper    | BLACKBIRDS, DRIOLLES | White-winged     |
| Henslow's      | Bobolink             | Crossbill        |
| Le Conte's     | Red-winged           | Common Redpoll   |
| Sharp-tailed   | E. Meadowlark        | Pine Siskin      |
| Fox            | W. Meadowlark        | Lesser Goldfinch |
| Song           | Yellow-headed        | Am. Goldfinch    |
| Lincoln's      | Rusty                | Evening Grosbeak |
| Swamp          | Brewer's             | WEAVER FINCH     |
| White-throated | Great-tail. Grackle  | House Sparrow    |
| Golden-crowned | Common Grackle       |                  |

## KOS SPRING FIELD TRIPS

May 4-6, 1990



# KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## CHECK LIST

### BIRDS OF KANSAS

Date: May 4, 5, 6, 1990 Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Locality: MORTON and STANTON CO. & KS  
 Sky: \_\_\_\_\_ Wind: \_\_\_\_\_ Temp: \_\_\_\_\_ Ground: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Observers: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Species: 159 + 16 OK Total Individuals: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Less than five records

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| LOONS, GREBS        | SWAN               | Com. Merganser     |
| Red-throat. Loon    | Tundra             | Red-br. Merganser  |
| Pacific Loon        | Trumpeter          | Ruddy              |
| Common Loon         | GEESSE             | VULTURES           |
| Pied-billed Grebe   | Great. Wh.-front   | Black              |
| Horned Grebe        | Snow               | Turkey             |
| Red-neck. Grebe     | Blue               | KITES              |
| Eared Grebe         | Ross               | Am. Swallow-tailed |
| Western Grebe       | Black              | Blk.-shouldered    |
| Clark's Grebe       | Canada             | Mississippi        |
| PELICAN, White      | DUCKS              | HAWKS, EAGLES      |
| Brown               | Wood               | Osprey             |
| CORMORANTS, ANHINGA | Green-wing. Teal   | Bald Eagle         |
| Double-crested      | American Black     | Northern Harrier   |
| Olivaceous          | Mottled            | Sharp-shinned      |
| Anhinga             | Mallard            | Cooper's           |
| FRIGATESBIRD        | Northern Pintail   | Northern Goshawk   |
| Magnificent         | Garganey           | Harris             |
| HERONS              | Blue-winged Teal   | Red-shouldered     |
| American Bittern    | Cinnamon Teal      | Broad-winged       |
| Least Bittern       | Northern Shoveler  | Swampson's         |
| Great Blue          | Gadwall            | Red-tailed         |
| Great Egret         | Eurasian Widgeon   | Ferruginous        |
| Snowy Egret         | American Widgeon   | Rough-legged       |
| Little Blue         | Canvasback         | Golden Eagle       |
| Tufted              | Redhead            | FALCONS            |
| Caillie Egret       | Ring-necked        | American Kestrel   |
| Green-backed        | Greater Scaup      | Martin             |
| Black-cmd. Night    | Lesser Scaup       | Peregrine          |
| Yellow-cmd. Night   | Common Eider       | Gyrfalcon          |
| IBIS                | King Eider         | Prairie            |
| White               | Oldsquaw           | PHEASANTS          |
| White-faced         | Black Scoter       | Ring-necked        |
| Rosette Spoonbill   | Suri Scoter        | PRAIRIE CHICKENS,  |
| Wood Stork          | White-wg. Scoter   | GROUSE             |
| FLAMINGO            | Com. Goldeneye     | Ruffed Grouse      |
| Greater             | Barrow's Goldeneye | Greater            |
| WHISTLING-DUCKS     | Buffhead           | Lesser             |
| Fulvous             | Hooded Merganser   | Sharp-tail. Grouse |
| Black-bellied       |                    |                    |

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| TURKEY             | Buff-breasted      | Great Horned       | Eastern Phoebe       | THRUSHES             | Hemlock             |
| Wild               | Ruf*               | Snowy              | Say's Phoebe         | Black Bluebird       | Black-throated      |
| QUAIL              | Short-billed       | Burrowing          | Vermilion            | Mountain Bluebird    | Green               |
| Northern Bobwhite  | Dowitcher          | Barn               | Ash-throated         | Townsend's Solitaire | Blackburnian        |
| Scaled             | Long-billed        | Long-eared         | Great-Crested        | Veery                | Yellow-throated     |
| RAILS              | Dowitcher          | Short-eared        | Cassin's Kingbird    | Gray-cheeked         | Pine                |
| Yellow             | Common Snipe       | Northern Saw-whet  | Western Kingbird     | Swampson's           | Prairie             |
| Black              | Amer. Woodcock     | GOATSUCKERS        | Eastern Kingbird     | Hemlock              | Palm                |
| King               | PHALAROPES         | Com. Nighthawk     | Scissor-tailed       | Wood                 | Bay-breasted        |
| Virginia           | Wilson's           | Common Poor-will   | LARKS                | American Robin       | Blackpoll           |
| Sora               | Red-necked         | Chuck-will's-widow | Horned               | Varied               | Carleean            |
| GALLINULES         | Red                | Whip-poor-will     | SWALLOW              | THRASHERS            | Black-and-White     |
| Purple             | JAEGER             | SWIFTS             | Purple Martin        | Gray Catbird         | American Redstart   |
| Common Moorhen     | Pomarine           | Chimney            | Tree                 | Northern             | Prothonotary        |
| American Coot      | Parasitic          | White-throated     | Violet-green         | Mockingbird          | Worm-eating         |
| CRANES             | Long-tailed        | HUMMINGBIRDS       | N. Rough-winged      | Sage                 | Swampson's          |
| Sandhill           | GULLS              | Magnificent        | Belt                 | Brown                | Ovenbird            |
| Whooping           | Laughing           | Ruby-throated      | CH                   | Curve-billed         | Northern            |
| PLOVERS            | Franklin's         | Black-chinned      | Barn                 | PIPPITS              | Waterthrush         |
| Black-bellied      | Little             | Calliope           | JAY, MAGPIE, CROW    | American             | Louisiana           |
| Lesser Golden      | Com. Blk.-head     | Broad-tailed       | Siskin's Jay         | Sprague's            | Waterthrush         |
| Snowy              | Bonaparte's        | Rufous             | Blue Jay             | WAXWINGS             | Kentucky            |
| Semipalmated       | Ring-billed        | KINGFISHER         | Scrub Jay            | Bohemian             | Connecticut         |
| Piping             | California         | Belted             | Gray-breast. Jay     | Cedar                | Mourning            |
| Killdeer           | Herring            | WOODPECKERS        | Pilon Jay            | SHRIKES              | MacGillivray's      |
| Mountain           | Thayer's           | Lewis              | Clark's Nutcracker   | Northern             | Common              |
| STILT              | Glaucous           | Red-headed         | Black-billed Magpie  | Loggerhead           | Yellowthroat        |
| Black-necked       | Gr. Blk.-backed    | Red-bellied        | American Crow        | STARLING, European   | Hooded              |
| AVOCET             | Bl.-leg. Kittiwake | Yel.-bellied       | Chihuahuan Raven     | VIREOS               | Wilson's            |
| American           | Sabine's           | Sapsucker          | Common Raven         | White-eyed           | Canada              |
| SANDPIPERS         | TERNS              | Red-naped          | CHICKADEES, TITMOUSE | Belt's               | Yellow-breasted     |
| Greater Yellowlegs | Caspian            | Sapsucker          | Black-capped         | Black-capped         | Chal.               |
| Lesser Yellowlegs  | Common             | Wilkinson's        | Carolina             | Solitary             | TANAGERS            |
| Spot Redshank      | Forster's          | Sapsucker          | Mountain             | Yellow-throated      | Summer              |
| Solitary           | Least              | Ladder-backed      | Tufted Titmouse      | Warbling             | Scarlet             |
| Willet             | Black              | Downy              | BUSHTIT              | Philadelphia         | Western             |
| Spotted            | SKIMMER            | Hairy              | NUTHATCHES           | Red-eyed             | GROSBEAKS, BUNTINGS |
| Upland             | Black              | Northern Flicker   | Red-breasted         | WARBLERS             | Northern Cardinal   |
| Eskimo Curlew      | PIGEONS            | Yellow-shafted     | White-breasted       | Blue-winged          | Pyrrhuloxia         |
| Whimbrel           | Rock Dove          | White-shafted      | Pyrmy                | Golden-winged        | Rose-breasted       |
| Long-billed Curlew | Band-tailed        | Pileated           | WRENS                | Tennessee            | Grosbeak            |
| Hudsonian Godwit   | DOVES              | FLYCATCHERS        | Rock                 | Orange-crowned       | Black-headed        |
| Marbled Godwit     | White-winged       | Olive-sided        | Carolina             | Nashville            | Grosbeak            |
| Ruddy Turnstone    | Mourning           | W. Wood-Pewee      | Bewick's             | Virginia's           | Blue Grosbeak       |
| Red Knot           | Inca               | E. Wood-Pewee      | House                | Northern Parula      | Lazuli Bunting      |
| Sanderling         | Common Ground      | Yellow-bellied     | Winter               | Yellow               | Indigo Bunting      |
| Semipalmated       | CUCKOOS            | Acadian            | Sedge                | Chestnut-sided       | Painted Bunting     |
| Western            | Black-billed       | Alder              | Marsh                | Magnolia             | Dickcissel          |
| Least              | Yellow-billed      | Willow             | KINGLETS             | Cape May             | SPARROWS            |
| White-rumped       | Gr. Roadrunner     | Least              | Golden-crowned       | Black-throated Blue  | Green-tail. Towhee  |
| Baird's            | Groove-billed Ani  | Hammond's          | Ruby-crowned         | Yellow-rumped        | Rufous-sided        |
| Pectoral           | OWLS               | Dusky              | Gray                 | Myrtle               | Towhee              |
| Dunlin             | Barn               | Corallian          | GNATCATCHER          | Audubon's            | Canyon Towhee       |
| Curlew             | Eastern Screech    | Black Phoebe       | Blue-gray            | Black-throat. Gray   | Baybreasted         |
| Stilt              | Western Screech    |                    |                      | Townsend's           | Cassin's            |



# ANNUAL FALL MEETING

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The annual fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society will be held on the Bethel College campus, North Newton, KS October 5-7, 1990. The campus is located at 27th & N. Main Street, off I-135, Exit 34. North Newton lies adjacent to the north boundary of Newton and the same Main Street serves both towns. Please return the preregistration form by September 24. The college requires a ten day advance notice on the number of attendees.

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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 - KAUFFMAN MUSEUM

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Informal, come-as-you-are reception at the Kauffman Museum located at 2700 N. Main, directly across from the campus. You will want to linger on your walk to the museum entrance to enjoy the plots of native Kansas prairie grasses which surround the museum. These were designed and planted by fellow KOS member Dwight Platt, professor of biology at Bethel.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 - KREHBIEL AUDITORIUM in the FINE ARTS CENTER

(Parking available north & west of entrance to building)

8:00 - 9:00 Registration. Juice, rolls and coffee will be provided.  
9:00 - 11:30 Paper Sessions with a mid-morning break  
11:30 - 12:00 Business Meeting  
12:00 - 1:15 Lunch at the Student Center  
1:15 - 2:00 Birdwatchers' Hour. Bring your slides to share.  
2:00 - 4:00 Paper Sessions with a mid-afternoon break  
4:00 - 5:00 Business Meeting  
5:00 - 6:00 On Your Own - An opportunity to use that free Museum ticket in your packet or check out the trees around the campus.  
6:00 - 7:00 Social Hour - Student Center  
7:00 - Banquet - Student Center. Guest Speaker - Kenn Kaufman

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 - ON YOUR OWN FOR BREAKFAST

The following restaurants located near I-135, Exit 31 are open for breakfast:

Newell's Motel & Truck Plaza (Open 24 hours)  
Dake's Pancake House (Open at 6 a.m.)  
Red Coach Restaurant (Open at 6 a.m.)

6:30 - 8 a.m. FIELD TRIPS - Sign-up sheets available at all Sat. sessions  
1:00 p.m. - ATHLETIC PARK, West 5th & Park Place, west of Sand Creek.  
Box lunches will be served. Compilation to follow.

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## MOTELS:

|                                                 |              |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Best Western Red Coach Inn, 1301 E. 1st         | 316-283-9120 |
| Super 8 Motel, 1620 E. 2nd                      | 316-283-7611 |
| I-135 Inn, 1515 E. 1st                          | 316-283-8850 |
| Newell Motel & Truck Plaza, 200 Manchester      | 316-283-4450 |
| (Exit 31 off I-135 for all the above)           |              |
| Hawk House/Bed & Breakfast Inn, 307 W. Broadway | 316-283-2045 |
| (Exit 32 off I-135)                             |              |

## CAMPING:

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mid-Kansas RV Park, I-135 & K-15 Jct.            | 316-283-5530 |
| Harvey County East Lake, 6 miles east of Exit 31 | 316-283-5420 |
| Harvey County West Park, 9 mi. west on 12th St.  | 316-835-3189 |
| Cottonwood Grove, Hesston Exit, I-135            | 316-327-4173 |



## PREREGISTRATION FORM

1990 Fall IOS Meeting  
Bethel College, North Newton, KS  
October 5, 6, & 7 1990

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

|                                     | No.   | Amount   |
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| REGISTRATION FEES:                  |       |          |
| Regular - \$7.00 . . . . .          | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Student - \$3.00 . . . . .          | _____ | _____    |
| Saturday Lunch - \$4.50 . . . . .   | _____ | _____    |
| Saturday Banquet - \$9.50 . . . . . | _____ | _____    |
| Sunday Box Lunch - \$4.50 . . . . . | _____ | _____    |
| Total                               | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Amount Enclosed                     |       | \$ _____ |

Make checks payable to: KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (KOS)

Send completed registration form to:

Rose Fritz  
1816 Cypress Lane  
Newton, KS 67114  
316-283-6685

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 24!

## BEST BIRD OF THE YEAR

Mail to: Chuck Ely  
Biology Department  
Fort Hays State University  
Hays, KS 67601

SPECIES \_\_\_\_\_ OBSERVER(S) \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

DETAILS:

NOTE: You may duplicate this form if you have more than one bird to report.



## CALL FOR PAPERS

K.O.S annual meeting, 1990

The Kansas Ornithological Society will meet 5,6, and 7 October 1990, at Newton, Kansas. The contributed paper sessions will be on Saturday, 6 October. The only requirement is that papers deal with birds in some way! We especially encourage graduate and undergraduate students to present the results of their studies. The most interesting papers are often by people who consider themselves amateurs but nevertheless have considerable expertise. We encourage you to share your experiences with the group. Both long and short presentations are welcome.

We are again requesting that all contributors submit an abstract or short summary (approx. 150 words) of their presentations.

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COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL BY SEPT. 22 TO:

David Bryan  
9214 W. 82nd Terr.  
Overland Park, Ks 66204  
Phone: 913-341-9584

Contributed Papers Session, 6 October 1990

AUTHOR(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

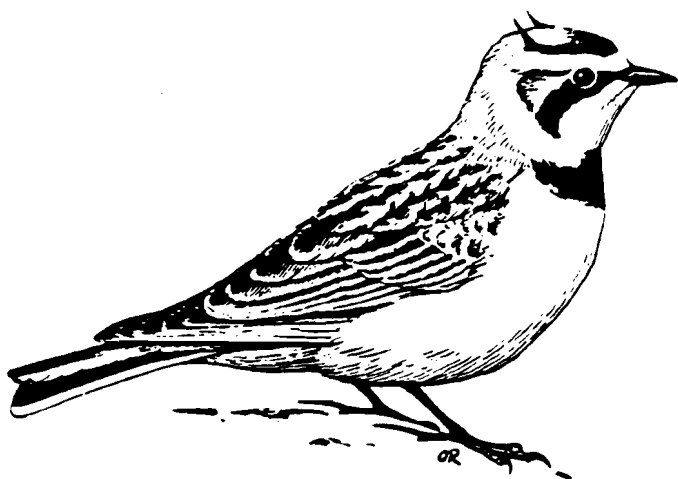
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Time for presentation and questions:    10min.    15min.    20min.

Audio-visual equipment needed: \_\_\_\_\_





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### ATTENTION LIBRARIANS - VOLUME ERROR

A typographical error in the heading of the last newsletter probably went unnoticed by the regular membership but created bedlam in libraries around the world. Volume 16 of The Horned Lark had only had two issues, March 1989 and August 1989. Volume 17 began with the December 1989 issue (which was No. 3) and will continue in sequence through 1990. Volume 17, Numbers 1 and 2 do not exist.

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### KANSAS RARE-BIRD-ALERT 913-329-4499

The Kansas RBA has moved to Nekoma and is being operated by Scott and Diane Seltman. Marvin Schwillig ran the hotline from its initiation in June of 1984 and continued its operation until February of this year. Marvin did a great job and deserves many thanks from all the state's birders.

The KOS Hotline had always been financed through the KOS treasury with occasional donations being given towards its operation by a few individuals. At the Winter Board Meeting it was suggested that a new operating fund be created and that donations be solicited from the most frequent users of the hotline. The idea was approved by the board and in late February fifty letters were sent out to some of our state's more active birders. The response was fantastic with over \$350 collected in just a few weeks. With the money collected so far the club purchased a new high quality answering machine which should improve the sound quality of the phone message and will allow unlimited message lengths. The old machines would only allow a maximum message length of three minutes which meant that directions and descriptions of rare birds seen had to be quite brief. Now, if a Jacana, a White-tailed Tropicbird and a Ross' Gull are all seen in Kansas the same weekend, detailed directions can be given for finding each of them. (Perhaps directions to counseling centers as well!)

Here are a few helpful bits of information on how the Rare-Bird-Alert works and how it is operated: Users of the hotline leave their messages after the beep just as on any regular answering machine. Frequent callers who want to leave a message without listening to the tape can push #5 on their touch-tone phones. This stops the outgoing message and immediately begins the record mode. All incoming messages are entered into a personal computer and the outgoing messages are usually read directly from the computer printouts. Updates will be made as often as necessary, even more than once a day if the situation

warrants. All significant sightings will be mentioned if time allows but rare birds will always be given top priority. Rarities will be featured on the tape for several days after they are last seen but even the best birds will be dropped if not reported for a full week. If you have reported a good bird that does not make the tape please bring it to my attention. Machines and people have both been known to malfunction.

The RBA fund has enough money to meet all current expenses as well as those for the next few months. However, donations for future bills are still being accepted and will be held for that purpose. Just write a check to KOS with a note that it is for the RBA and mail to: Rose Fritz, 1816 Cypress Lane, Newton, KS 67114.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

Beginning with the next issue, The Horned Lark will have a new editor. Don Vannoy of Wichita has recently taken early retirement from his accounting profession and has enough free time to take on this job. Don and his wife Fran have been avid birders for about twenty years and have taken many birding trips here in Kansas and throughout the United States and Canada. In the future all materials for publication should be sent to: Don Vannoy, 2458 Coolidge, Wichita, KS 67204.

I have enjoyed being the editor these last three years. It is a challenging job, actually a little too challenging at times. Unfortunately, the traditional publication dates for the newsletter often conflicted directly with the seasonal demands of farming and ranching. That is one of the reasons that you have received no June issue for two years. I intend to continue writing the seasonal bird reports for The Horned Lark, a job that ties in directly with my new duties as RBA operator. Good Luck to Don and Thanks to those who helped me as editor.

Scott Seltman

#### BIRD KANSAS! / May 18-26, 1990

John Zimmerman will lead a nine day birding trip through Kansas on the above dates. The itinerary includes: Konza Prairie, Perry Lake, Clinton Lake, Ft. Leavenworth, Hillsdale Lake, Marais des Cygnes WMA, Dingus Natural Area, Neosho WMA, Schermerhorn Park, Elk City Lake, Barber-Comanche counties, McCoid Lake, Cimarron National Grasslands, Lake Scott, Cedar Bluff Reservoir, Cheyenne Bottoms WMA, Quivira NWR, Wilson Lake, Waconda Lake, Milford Lake, and points in between. The trip will depart from and return to Manhattan. Travel will be by university van, with camping (sometimes primitive) and food for an estimated cost of \$150/ person. Group size is limited to 10. For information contact: J.L. Zimmerman, Division of Biology, Ackert Hall, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.

#### MIST NETTING ALONG MISSOURI RIVER / May 19, 1990

John Schukman and Galen Pittman plan to set up a series of mist-nets along the banks of the Missouri River at the Weston Bend area of Ft. Leavenworth on May 19. The nets will be put up in the narrow strip of vegetation that is between the river bank and the levee. This area is featured on pages 96-99 of Zimmerman and Patti's Bird Finding in Kansas and Western Missouri. Persons wishing to help or observe can call Galen at 913-842-7105 or John Schukman at 913-727-5141.



FALL ROUNDUP/ August through November 1989/ by Scott Seltman

WOW! The fall season started off with a bang in the first week of August and birders with a taste for rarities had a full plate until the last day of November. It was a season that saw the addition of two new species to the state checklist and unprecented numbers of several other species invading the west. As is often the case in autumn, the majority of the good birds were seen in the southwestern corner of the state.

The August excitement came from the north end of Tuttle Creek with the report of an adult Black-shouldered Kite first seen by Gary Radke on the 6th. Over the next several days a steady stream of birdwatchers made several additional discoveries. First a second kite was found, obviously the mate of the original bird. Then the female kite was seen sitting on a nest. Eggs were hatched about August 20 and during the next two weeks the adults were seen feeding the young. Unfortunately, on September 8 a severe thunderstorm destroyed the nest and the young were presumably killed. The adults disappeared a day or two later.

Birders visiting the area this spring and summer should keep an eye out for these kites. Like many raptors Black-shouldered Kites often return to the same locality to nest year after year and the partial success of this pair might inspire them to come back this year. After the Tuttle Creek sighting another bird came to light. It was seen near Mound City in Linn County in mid-July by Don George. Don watched the kite devour a rodent. In the spring of 1989 one bird was reported from Cheyenne Bottoms but details are not known (at least by your editor). Tom and Sara Shane photographed a mystery raptor in southern Gray County in June of 1988. The slide has not yet been positively identified but appears to me to be a Black-shouldered Kite. The Black-shouldered Kite has been seen in all of the states surrounding Kansas except Colorado and has wandered north to both Dakotas and to Minnesota. The Texas population is apparently increasing and kites are nesting in southern Oklahoma. Kansans can certainly expect this bird in our state again and it could conceivably become a regular nester.

As remarkable as the kite event was, it was thoroughly eclipsed during September, October, and November by the most remarkable invasion of western and southwestern birds ever recorded in Kansas. On Labor Day weekend about 15 birders traveled to Morton County expecting great things. About the only birds of interest seen that weekend were a single Black-capped Chickadee (rarer than Mountain Chickadees in Morton County) and an unusually high number of Red-breasted Nuthatches, a very disappointing showing for what should have been one of the better migration weeks of the year. So it was with a real sense of reluctance that the Seltmans and Mark Corder returned to Morton County two weeks later.

We drove straight to the Wilburton Crossing of the Cimarron and got out of our cars. Almost the first birds we saw were a group of three dark jays flying across the road. We finally caught up with them on foot and confirmed that they were Scrub Jays. A short time later we were at the Boy Scout Area and saw a flock of 20+ dark jays flying downriver. Most of these birds disappeared but we did confirm that at least five or so were definitely Scrubs. At the Boy Scout Area we also saw a flock of ten or twenty finches flying over. I joked that they sounded like Lesser Goldfinches. A few moments later Diane looked up to see a Lewis' Woodpecker flying east high overhead. At the stock tank below the sand bluff we were temporarily distracted by a Chestnut-sided Warbler. A few hours later two little finches flushed from the side of the road about a mile east of Middle Springs. This time the black wings with prominent white windows were unmistakable as the pair zipped past the windshield. They disappeared but Mark found a small flock of goldfinches just minutes later about a half-mile away at the waterfowl ponds. They were indeed Lesser Goldfinches.

The Seltmans returned to Morton County on September 23 but could find no jays at all. We did hear several Lesser Goldfinches flying by but were unable to study them with our binoculars. A month passed and on October 21, the Seltmans, Greg Griffiths and Lloyd Moore returned to look for Scrub Jays. We found 15 at six different locations in Morton County. More importantly, while walking along the Cimarron about a mile east of the Boy Scout Area three Steller's Jays flew past! This was apparently the first time multiple Steller's Jays had ever been recorded in Kansas. Late in the day we found two more about two miles downstream. Other good birds for the day included a Mountain Chickadee, 100 Mountain Bluebirds and 2 Northern Shrikes. Two Canyon Towhees and 2 Rufous-crowned Sparrows found the week before by Sebastian Patti and Mike Rader were also seen on October 21.

The Steller's Jays created considerable excitement among the state's avid birders and the next weekend several people made the trip to Morton County once again. Max Thompson and Sebastian Patti not only got their Steller's Jay but found another new species as well. While birding at the Cimarron Grasslands Work Station on Saturday, October 28 they heard a loud chip note. It proved to be Kansas' first definitive Pyrrhuloxia. Over the next two weeks a good number of birders traveled to Morton County to see this bird. At times the Pyrrhuloxia was very difficult to observe as it spent much of its time hiding in the center of the numerous junipers, but at other times it was remarkably tame. Apparently all who went looking eventually saw the bird. It is not known at present when the Pyrrhuloxia was last seen alive, but a pile of feathers was found in late December at the Work Station. Colorado added Pyrrhuloxia to its state checklist on December 17, when a female bird quite similar to ours was found by Mark Janos and Kendall Knaus about 3 miles southeast of Holly and about a mile west of the Kansas border. These two sightings were obviously related.

By early November Scrub and Steller's Jays had spread throughout southwest Kansas. On November 4 a Steller's Jay was seen hopping across Main Street in downtown Hugoton. One bird made it to Satanta where it spent the entire winter. Scrub Jays fanned out in small flocks and were seen in Morton, Stevens, Seward and Haskell counties through November. Eventually during December some of these jays arrived in Hamilton and Finney counties. Meanwhile Mountain Chickadees also invaded the state with reports from Morton, Stevens, Seward and Kearny counties. During the winter months they strayed to Garden City and Scott State Lake. Black-capped Chickadees remained in Morton County all fall with as many as three at a time being seen at the North Fork of the Cimarron. Evening Grosbeaks also invaded, apparently from the Rockies, and were incredibly abundant in some western towns by the end of November. Other birds of note seen in Morton County in November included Long-billed Curlew (at Nov. 11 surely the latest state record), White-breasted Nuthatch (many), Pine Warbler, Northern Cardinal (10+), Cassin's Sparrow (latest record for Central Plains?), Smith's Longspur (first county record), Cassin's Finch and Red Crossbill.

It is likely that some of these birds were found simply because coverage of certain areas was very high. But for several species, (Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, Mountain Chickadee and Lesser Goldfinch), the numbers of birds seen and the scope of their invasion had no precedent in Kansas ornithological history. Whenever there is any sort of avian invasion the natural reaction is to assume that the invading individuals are from the nearest populations of each species. But early reports from Arizona and New Mexico suggest several species, especially Steller's Jay, were at locations and elevations that were without precedent in those states as well. This means that there must have been either a population explosion or a food crop failure somewhere, perhaps on the Colorado Plateau. The western jay invasion was even more dramatic in southern Colorado and at Black Mesa Oklahoma. The Christmas Bird Count at Kenton tallied 86 Scrub Jays, about 60 more than normal. The count also recorded 57 Steller's Jays up from a previous record high of one. It will be interesting to see

what American Birds will make of this invasion. A national publication is obviously required to give us "The Big Picture."

Other great birds were seen throughout the state this fall but no real patterns of occurrence are evident. Many birds took advantage of the mild, stormless periods of October and November to linger somewhat longer than normal in Kansas. A few of these birds stayed extremely late and their dates are underlined below. The autumn weather was pleasant for the most part but also very dry. November turned out to be the driest November on record for the State of Kansas with a few reporting stations recording trace amounts of precipitation and all others recording none at all.

Bird records for the winter months, December through February, should be mailed to Nekoma by May 1st. All of the following records are subject to review by the KOS Bird Records Committee.

# BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS/ August through November 1989

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Pacific Loon                                                                                                                                     | 1 on Wilson                | MR           | 11-07-89        | Russell   |
| Common Loon                                                                                                                                      | 5 on Lake Wabaunsee        | DLS          | 11-11-89        | Wabaunsee |
| Western Grebe                                                                                                                                    | 1 on Cedar Bluff           | LM,MM,SP,MR  | 10-14-89        | Trego     |
| Western Grebe                                                                                                                                    | 1 on Coldwater Lake        | SP,MT        | 10-27-89        | Comanche  |
| Anhinga                                                                                                                                          | 1 n. Belle Plaine          | R&MW         | 9-16-89         | Cowley    |
| (This bird was flapping and gliding, like anhingas but unlike Double-crested Cormorants. It had long thin wings, long tail, pointed bill.)       |                            |              |                 |           |
| Great Egret                                                                                                                                      | 1 late bird Harvey East    | PJ           | <u>10-27-89</u> | Harvey    |
| Cattle Egret                                                                                                                                     | 1 late bird State Lake     | DG           | 11-13-89        | Ottawa    |
| White-faced Ibis                                                                                                                                 | 1 flying over Sim Park     | PJ           | 9-10-89         | Sedgwick  |
| White-faced Ibis                                                                                                                                 | 1 at Perry WMA             | DLS          | 9-21-89         | Jefferson |
| Tundra Swan                                                                                                                                      | 5 on Wilson                | MR           | 11-17-89        | Russell   |
| Tundra Swan                                                                                                                                      | 2 on Wilson                | MR           | 11-29-89        | Russell   |
| Ross' Goose                                                                                                                                      | <u>38</u> on Lake McKinney | DS,SS        | 11-12-89        | Kearny    |
| Greater Scaup                                                                                                                                    | 1 photographed             | TSh,SSh      | 11-05-89        | Scott     |
| Oldsquaw                                                                                                                                         | 1 on Wilson                | MR           | 11-07-89        | Russell   |
| Oldsquaw                                                                                                                                         | 1 on Wilson                | MR           | 11-16-89        | Russell   |
| Black Scoter                                                                                                                                     | 1 at Liberal               | MM,GP,SP     | 11-11-89        | Seward    |
| Surf Scoter                                                                                                                                      | 1 at Liberal               | SP,MT        | 10-27-89        | Seward    |
|                                                                                                                                                  | still present              | MM,GP,SP     | 11-11-89        | Seward    |
| White-winged Scoter                                                                                                                              | 1 at Liberal               | MM,GP,SP     | 11-11-89        | Seward    |
| <u>Black-shouldered Kite</u>                                                                                                                     | 1 bird discovered          | GR           | 8-06-89         | Pottawat. |
|                                                                                                                                                  | confirmed                  | TC           | 8-06-89         | "         |
|                                                                                                                                                  | bird sitting on nest       |              | 8-12-89         | "         |
|                                                                                                                                                  | 2 young being fed          | TSh,SSh      | 8-27-89         | "         |
| Bald Eagle                                                                                                                                       | 1 marked bird              | Wichita Aud. | 9-24-89         | Barton    |
| (This eagle with a patagial wing marker was confirmed as one injured in n. Minnesota in 1987 and released from a rehabilitation center in 1988.) |                            |              |                 |           |
| Northern Goshawk                                                                                                                                 | 1 imm. just w. Moscow      | DS,SS        | 9-17-89         | Stevens   |
| Red-shouldered Hawk                                                                                                                              | 1                          | DR           | 9-07-89         | Pottawat. |
| (This bird was seen flying south along the east side of Tuttle Creek Res.)                                                                       |                            |              |                 |           |
| Golden Eagle                                                                                                                                     | 1 imm. along Smoky Hill    | DLS,BLS      | 11-26-89        | Geary     |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                                                                                                 | 1 at CB                    | KB,JH,MS     | 10-04-89        | Barton    |
| Peregrine Falcon                                                                                                                                 | 1 over Wichita             | PJ           | 10-10-89        | Sedgwick  |
| Sora                                                                                                                                             | 2 along Clinton shore      | DG           | 10-08-89        | Douglas   |
| Common Moorhen                                                                                                                                   | pair with four young       | MM,m.ob.     | 9-02-89         | Barton    |
| Whooping Crane                                                                                                                                   | 2 adults with Sandhills    | DS,SS        | 11-10-89        | Pawnee    |
| Black-bellied Plover                                                                                                                             | 3 at Wilson                | MR           | 11-07-89        | Russell   |
| Lesser Golden Plover                                                                                                                             | 300+ at Quivira            | PJ           | 10-01-89        | Stafford  |
| Piping Plover                                                                                                                                    | 1 at Q                     | Wichita Aud. | 9-24-89         | Stafford  |
| Greater Yellowlegs                                                                                                                               | 1 late bird                | DLS          | 11-19-89        | Lyon      |
| Long-billed Curlew                                                                                                                               | 1 incredibly late bird     | MM,GP,SP     | <u>11-11-89</u> | Morton    |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Red Knot                                                          | 1 at Liberal                               | m.ob.       | 9-03-89  | Seward    |
| Least Sandpiper                                                   | several late birds                         | MR          | 11-14-89 | Russell   |
| Buff-breasted Sand.                                               | 2 along Clinton shore                      | BH,GP       | 8-09-89  | Douglas   |
| <u>Ruff</u>                                                       | 1 in Pool 4 No details.                    | ??          | 9-28-89  | Barton    |
| Red-necked Phalarope                                              | 2 at Liberal                               | m.ob.       | 9-03-89  | Seward    |
| Red-necked Phalarope                                              | 32 at Q                                    | DH          | Sept.89  | Stafford  |
| Parasitic Jaeger                                                  | 1 at CB                                    | KB,JH,MS    | 10-04-89 | Barton    |
| Laughing Gull                                                     | 2nd yr. bird at CB                         | MM,SP       | 8-12-89  | Barton    |
| Laughing Gull                                                     | 2 at CB                                    | MM,m.ob.    | 9-02-89  | Barton    |
| Common Tern                                                       | 1 winter plumage                           | LM,MM,SP,MR | 10-14-89 | Trego     |
| Long-eared Owl                                                    | 4 at Milford Lake                          | DLS,BLS     | 11-26-89 | Geary     |
| Short-eared Owl                                                   | 1                                          | DS,SS       | 10-24-89 | Pawnee    |
| Short-eared Owl                                                   | 3                                          | SS          | 11-30-89 | Pawnee    |
| Saw-whet Owl                                                      | 1 photographed                             | MR,DS,SS    | 11-17-89 | Rush      |
| Common Nighthawk                                                  | 300 southbound                             | PJ          | 9-20-89  | Sedgwick  |
| Rufous Hummingbird                                                | 1 female observed very closely in Sublette | SP          | 9-04-89  | Haskell   |
|                                                                   | same bird                                  | DS,SS       | 9-05-89  | Haskell   |
| 'archilochus', sp.                                                | 1 in Sublette                              | DS,SS       | 9-05-89  | Haskell   |
| (Possible female Black-chinned Humm. Gray flanks, gray forehead.) |                                            |             |          |           |
| Lewis' Woodpecker                                                 | 1 at Boy Scout Area                        | DS          | 9-16-89  | Morton    |
| Ladder-backed Wood.                                               | 1 female                                   | SS          | 10-21-89 | Morton    |
| Pileated Woodpecker                                               | 1 two mi. s. Valley Falls                  | DLS         | 9-17-89  | Jefferson |
| Cassin's Kingbird                                                 | 2                                          | MC,SS       | 9-16-89  | Morton    |
| Steller's Jay                                                     | <u>5</u> along Cimarron                    | GG,LM,DS,SS | 10-21-89 | Morton    |
| Steller's Jay                                                     | 1 at Elkhart Cem.                          | m.ob.       | 10-29-89 | Morton    |
| Steller's Jay                                                     | 1 in Satanta                               | NC,ER       | 10-29-89 | Haskell   |
| Steller's Jay                                                     | 1 Main Street Hugoton                      | LM,DS,SS    | 11-04-89 | Stevens   |
| Steller's Jay                                                     | <u>4</u> Hugoton City Park                 | MM,GP,SP    | 11-09-89 | Stevens   |
| Steller's Jay                                                     | 1 at N. Fork                               | m.ob.       | 11-11-89 | Morton    |
| Steller's Jay                                                     | <u>5</u> at Boy Scout                      | m.ob.       | 11-11-89 | Morton    |
| Scrub Jay                                                         | <u>25+</u> during day                      | MC,DS,SS    | 9-16-89  | Morton    |
| Scrub Jay                                                         | <u>24</u> at Conover Feedlot               | JC          | 10-04-89 | Seward    |
| Scrub Jay                                                         | 2 in Satanta                               | NC          | 10-04-89 | Haskell   |
| Scrub Jay                                                         | <u>14</u> in 6 locations                   | GG,LM,DS,SS | 10-21-89 | Morton    |
| Scrub Jay                                                         | 6 in 3 locations                           | LM,DS,SS    | 11-04-89 | Morton    |
| Scrub Jay                                                         | 3 at Moscow elevator                       | MM,GP,SP    | 11-09-89 | Stevens   |
| Scrub Jay                                                         | 6                                          | m.ob.       | 11-11-89 | Morton    |
| Black-billed Magpie                                               | 5 birds near Walton                        | PJ,JY       | 9-02-89  | Harvey    |
| Chihuahuan Raven                                                  | 50+ near Hugoton                           | MC,DS,SS    | 9-16-89  | Stevens   |
| Black-capped Chickadee                                            | 1 at N. Fork                               | m.ob.       | 9-02-89  | Morton    |
| Black-capped Chickadee                                            | 2 at N. Fork                               | m.ob.       | 11-11-89 | Morton    |
| Mountain Chickadee                                                | 1 at Boy Scout Area                        | GG,LM,DS,SS | 10-21-89 | Morton    |
| Mountain Chickadee                                                | 1 at Conover Feedlot                       | MR          | 10-21-89 | Seward    |
| Mountain Chickadee                                                | 1                                          | LM,DS,SS    | 11-04-89 | Morton    |
| Mountain Chickadee                                                | 5                                          | m.ob.       | 11-11-89 | Morton    |
| Mountain Chickadee                                                | 1 in Lakin                                 | DS,SS       | 11-12-89 | Kearny    |
| Mountain Chickadee                                                | 1 in Hugoton                               | MM,GP,SP    | 11-09-89 | Stevens   |
| Mountain Chickadee                                                | 1 Cim. R. ne. Liberal                      | MM,GP,SP    | 11-11-89 | Seward    |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch                                             | 5 at N. Fork                               | m.ob.       | 9-09-89  | Morton    |
| Carolina Wren                                                     | 1 Cim. R. ne. Liberal                      | MM,GP,SP    | 11-11-89 | Seward    |
| Sedge Wren                                                        | 1 in the Big Ditch                         | PJ,JY       | 10-29-89 | Sedgwick  |
|                                                                   | same bird                                  | PJ          | 11-04-89 | Sedgwick  |
| (5) Wrens                                                         | Lower Ferguson Marsh                       | DLS         | 9-30-89  | Jefferson |
| (Carolina, House, Winter, Sedge, Marsh)                           |                                            |             |          |           |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                 | 100+                                       | GG,LM,DS,SS | 10-21-89 | Morton    |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                 | 100+                                       | DB,SS       | 10-28-89 | Trego     |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                 | 5 s. Junction City                         | DLS,BLS     | 11-26-89 | Geary     |

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| Wood Thrush             | 1 at Seltman yard             | DS          | 9-30-89  | Rush      |
| Varied Thrush           | 1 male in G.C. Cemetery       | T&S Sh      | 10-09-89 | Finney    |
| Sage Thrasher           | 1 at Point of Rocks           | SP,MR       | 10-15-89 | Morton    |
| Sprague's Pipit         | 5 following wheat drills      | SS          | 10-04-89 | Pawnee    |
| Sprague's Pipit         | 2 at different field          | SS          | 10-04-89 | Pawnee    |
| Sprague's Pipit         | 1                             | SS          | 10-04-89 | Rush      |
| Sprague's Pipit         | 1                             | SS          | 10-14-89 | Norton    |
| Sprague's Pipit         | 6                             | m.ob.       | 10-15-89 | Rush      |
| Northern Shrike         | 2                             | GG,LM,DS,SS | 10-21-89 | Morton    |
| Northern Shrike         | 1 along Rep. R.               | MR,DS,SS    | 11-18-89 | Cheyenne  |
| Northern Shrike         | 1 adult s. Junction           | DLS,BLS     | 11-26-89 | Geary     |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler  | 1 fall bird                   | MC,DS,SS    | 9-16-89  | Morton    |
| Townsend's Warbler      | 1                             | DS          | 9-16-89  | Morton    |
| Yellow-throated Warbler | 1                             | LM          | 9-03-89  | Miami     |
| Pine Warbler            | 1                             | LM          | 9-03-89  | Miami     |
| Pine Warbler            | 1 found by McHugh             | m.ob.       | 11-10-89 | Morton    |
|                         | same bird                     | m.ob.       | 11-11-89 | Morton    |
| Connecticut Warbler     | 1                             | LM          | 9-03-89  | Miami     |
| Western Tanager         | 1 at N. Fork                  | DS,SS       | 9-23-89  | Morton    |
| <u>Pyrrhuloxia</u>      | 1 female at Ag. Station       | SP,MT       | 10-28-89 | Morton    |
|                         | same bird                     | MR,DS,SS    | 10-29-89 | Morton    |
|                         | still present                 | MS          | 10-31-89 | Morton    |
|                         | still present                 | m.ob.       | 11-04-89 | Morton    |
|                         | still present                 | m.ob.       | 11-11-89 | Morton    |
| Rufous-sided Towhee     | 1 <u>east. unspotted male</u> | SS          | 10-21-89 | Morton    |
| Canyon Towhee           | 1 first found                 | SP,MR       | 10-15-89 | Morton    |
|                         | 2 at Pt. of Rocks             | GG,LM,DS,SS | 10-21-89 | Morton    |
|                         | 1                             | SP,MT       | 10-28-89 | Morton    |
|                         | 2                             | MR,DS,SS    | 10-29-89 | Morton    |
| Cassin's Sparrow        | 1 at w. waterfowl ponds       | SP          | 11-10-89 | Morton    |
| Rufous-crowned Sparrow  | 1 first found                 | SP          | 10-15-89 | Morton    |
|                         | 2 at Pt. of Rocks             | GG,LM,DS,SS | 10-21-89 | Morton    |
|                         | 3                             | MR,DS,SS    | 10-29-89 | Morton    |
|                         | 2 still present               | MC,TC,SS    | 11-11-89 | Morton    |
| American Tree Sparrow   | 1 very early arrival          | DS,SS       | 9-23-89  | Morton    |
| Baird's Sparrow         | 1 near State Lake             | DG          | 11-13-89 | Ottawa    |
| LeConte's Sparrow       | 7 in Big Ditch                | PJ,JY       | 10-29-89 | Sedgwick  |
|                         | 4 still present               | PJ          | 11-04-89 | Sedgwick  |
| Smith's Longspur        | many at N. Fork               | MS          | 10-31-89 | Morton    |
| Pine Grosbeak           | 1 at Oak Park                 | BG          | 11-??-89 | Sedgwick  |
| Cassin's Finch          | 1 male seen and heard         | m.ob.       | 11-11-89 | Morton    |
| House Finch             | 1 male, 2 fem. at Perry       | DLS         | 11-05-89 | Jefferson |
| Red Crossbill           | 1 in flight at Pt. Rocks      | SS          | 11-11-89 | Morton    |
| Lesser Goldfinch        | 20+ total in 3 areas          | MC,DS,SS    | 9-16-89  | Morton    |
| Lesser Goldfinch        | several heard                 | DS,SS       | 9-23-89  | Morton    |
| Lesser Goldfinch        | 20 along US 160               | BE,AF       | 10-13-89 | Barber    |

(Bill Evans and Annette Finney from Cornell were in Kansas recording the nocturnal flight calls of migrating birds. They saw and heard their flock of Lessers at the Scenic Overlook in the Gyp Hills west of Medicine Lodge. Both are authorities on bird calls.)

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| Lesser Goldfinch | 1 at Elkhart Cem. | SP    | 10-15-89 | Morton |
| Evening Grosbeak | 2 at Seltman yard | DS,SS | 9-30-89  | Rush   |
| Evening Grosbeak | 4 at Work Station | SP,MR | 10-15-89 | Morton |
| Evening Grosbeak | 2                 | DS    | 10-22-89 | Rush   |
| Evening Grosbeak | 1 at Work Station | SS    | 11-04-89 | Morton |

OBSERVERS CITED: Ken Brunson (KB), Dave Bryan (DB), Ted Cable (TC), Jack Conover (JC), Norma Conover (NC), Mark Corder (MC), Bill Evans (BE), Annette Finney (AF), Dan Gish (DG), Bob Gress (BG), Greg Griffiths (GG), Don Haley (DH), Bill Hayes (BH), Jerry Horak (JH), Pete Janzen (PJ), Bob LaShelle (BLS), Dan LaShelle (DLS), Lloyd Moore (LM), Mick McHugh (MM), Sebastian Patti (SP), Galen Pittman (GP), Ellen Rader (ER), Mike Rader (MR), Gary Radke (GR), David Rintoul (DR), Marvin Schwilling (MS), Diane Seltman (DS), Scott Seltman (SS), Sara Shane (SSh), Tom Shane (TSh), Max Thompson (MT), Ralph & Mary Wiley (R&MW), Joe Yoder (JY), multiple observers (m.ob.).

#### ADDENDUM TO SUMMER 1989

|                      |                          |     |              |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----|--------------|
| Double-cr. Cormorant | nesting 2 mi. SSE of     | DLS | 7-03-89 Clay |
|                      | Wakefield on Milford WMA |     |              |
|                      | 4 adults incubating      | DLS | 7-04-89 Clay |
|                      | 2 nestlings              | DLS | 7-23-89 Clay |
|                      | nests abandoned          | DLS | 8-06-89 Clay |

#### CORRECTIONS TO DECEMBER 1989 ISSUE

Page 3: Charles Ely and Marvin Rolfs banded 8000+ TOTAL birds in Hays during the 1980's. A mere 5000+ were House Finches with most of the balance being Pine Siskins.

Page 17: The two Red-tailed Hawks listed under the heading "Of Special Interest" were both albinos.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO KOS BYLAWS

The following amendments to the KOS Bylaws were proposed at the Winter Board Meeting. If passed the first three amendments would simplify the system of paying bills by requiring only one signature on checks rather than the dual signature policy that is now in effect. The fourth amendment would strengthen the auditing procedure by requiring a thorough review of all financial records every year. The Board has already adopted stricter auditing procedures. The proposed changes will be voted on separately at a brief Business Meeting that will be called in Elkhart at the Spring Meeting. They read as follows:

1. Amend Article VI, Sec. 4E to read:
  - E. Be authorized to sign checks.
2. Amend Article VI, Sec. 6A to read:
  - A. Be the custodian of all funds belonging to KOS. Any instrument for financial transactions may be signed by one of the following officers: Treasurer, Business Manager or Corresponding Secretary.
3. Amend Article VI, Sec. 7G to read:
  - G. Be authorized to sign checks.
4. Amend Article V, Sec. 3 by adding a part E to read:
  - E. The President will appoint an Auditing Committee at the Fall Meeting. This committee will audit the Treasurer's books and annual report for the year ending December 31 and will report this audit to the Board at its Winter Meeting.

KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
10/01/89 THROUGH 12/31/89

CHECKING ACCOUNT

|                                                                  |          |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 10/1/89                                        |          | 1,093.50   |
| RECEIPTS:                                                        |          |            |
| DUES                                                             | 1,187.00 |            |
| T-SHIRT & CAP SALES                                              | 114.00   |            |
| CHECKLIST & DECAL SALES                                          | 56.50    |            |
| INTEREST ON ACCOUNT                                              | 20.36    |            |
| REIMBURSEMENT FOR DNA LIAB. INS. PREM.                           | 149.00   |            |
| ROYALTY PAYMENT                                                  | 950.07   | 2,476.93   |
| DISBURSEMENTS:                                                   |          |            |
| PRINTING - BULLETINS                                             | (342.27) |            |
| PRINTING - NEWSLETTERS                                           | (181.22) |            |
| PRINTING - ENVELOPES                                             | (335.15) |            |
| POSTAGE & SUPPLIES                                               | (340.00) |            |
| TELEPHONE HOTLINE                                                | (31.16)  |            |
| BANK CHARGES                                                     | (5.79)   |            |
| SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENTAL                                          | (16.00)  |            |
| INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL BIRD PRESERVATION                          | (100.00) | (1,351.59) |
| ENDING BALANCE 12/31/89 (INCLUDES AMELIA BETTS FUND - \$1054.82) |          | 2,218.84   |

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 10/1/89 | 12,983.43 |
| INTEREST EARNED           | 282.27    |
| ENDING BALANCE 12/31/89   | 13,265.70 |

PASSBOOK SAVINGS

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 10/1/89 | 2,124.27 |
| LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS  | 37.50    |
| INTEREST EARNED           | 29.53    |
| ENDING BALANCE 12/31/89   | 2191.30  |

DINGUS NATURAL AREA ACCOUNT

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 10/1/89 | 6,628.06 |
| INTEREST EARNED           | 96.10    |
| LIABILITY INSURANCE PREM. | (149.00) |
| ENDING BALANCE 12/31/89   | 6,575.16 |

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE (CHECKLIST MAILING)

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| ENDING BALANCE 12/31/89 | 112.00    |
| TOTAL ASSETS 12/31/89   | 24,363.00 |

## KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING

February 24, 1990

Rose Fritz Home, Newton

Members present: David Seibel, Pete Janzen, Mike Rader, Mick McHugh, John Schukman, Tom Shane, David Bryan, Galen Pittman, Diane Seltman, Rose Fritz, Dwight Platt.

A delicious lunch was served by Rose Fritz, after which President Mick McHugh called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mick McHugh reported that he had been invited to be on the Advisory Board for the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Refuge and that land may be available to expand this refuge.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rose Fritz presented a report for the period 10/01/89 to 12/31/89 which showed total assets as of 12/31/89 of \$24,363. She also presented a list of steps for auditing the Treasurer's books that had been prepared by Don Vannoy.

David Seibel moved that Scott Seltman be appointed to audit the year-end report. The motion was seconded by David Bryan. The motion passed.

Mike Rader moved to approve the Treasurer's report subject to the audit by Scott Seltman. The motion was seconded by David Bryan. The motion passed.

There was a discussion of the problems of the current method of requiring two signatures for financial transactions. The bank does not monitor two signatures. David Seibel moved that the Board recommend an ammendment of Article VI, Sec. 4E, Sec. 6A and Sec. 7G of the Bylaws to provide that signature of only one of the named officers be sufficient for financial transactions. The motion was seconded by Pete Janzen. The motion passed.

David Seibel moved that the Board officially adopt the auditing procedures suggested by Don Vannoy and that the Board recommend an amendment of Article V, Sec. 3 of the Bylaws to provide for an Auditing Committee to be appointed by the President at the Fall Meeting to audit the annual report for the year ending December 31 and to report on this audit at the Winter Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete Janzen. The motion passed.

Rose Fritz moved that Bank IV in Newton be authorized to receive KOS funds on deposit. Mike Rader seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Diane Seltman reported that the current membership is 383. All but 14% of last year's members have renewed. Sixteen are new members since the last meeting. She will publish a welcome to new members in the next newsletter.

Some new members last year did not receive any mailings. David Seibel moved that any member who did not receive mailings last year should receive a conciliatory letter and an offer of free membership for this year. David Bryan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Galen Pittman reported that he had sent out two mailings. It was agreed that the newsletter should continue to be printed on recycled paper. He reported that we have 27 exchanges and asked if we were getting sufficient benefit out of the exchanges to continue them. It was suggested that he should get a list of the publications we receive and print this list in the next newsletter.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: Mick McHugh reported for John Zimmerman that he had sufficient manuscripts.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Scott Seltman reported that the editorship of the Horned Lark will be passed on to Don Vannoy after the next issue.

Mick McHugh expressed appreciation for Scott's services as editor.

GUIDELINES FOR MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS: Draft copies of guidelines for KOS Annual Meetings and field trips had been distributed to board members at the last board meeting. Mike Rader moved that the board adopt these two sets of guidelines. David Seibel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MEETINGS: The Spring 1990 Meeting and Field Trip will be May 5-6 in Morton County. David Bryan will work with the Smith's of Elkhart in making plans.



The Fall 1990 Meeting will be October 6-7 in Newton.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF KOS COMMITTEES:** A draft of the responsibilities of KOS committees had been prepared by David Seibel and distributed at the last meeting. Discussion of this document was postponed until the Fall Meeting.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:** Mick McHugh announced that this committee had been appointed: Bill Busby (chair), Mike Rader and Mick McHugh. They have been discussing the initiation of a Breeding Bird Atlas for Kansas. Thirty-three states have similar atlases underway. It would involve censusing breeding birds in 1466 blocks in the state of Kansas and would require a large financial commitment. They will be approaching Alan Wentz at the Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks. KOS can supply volunteers for the project.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Diane Seltman has been appointed Chair of the Membership Committee. She will be sending out a Membership Directory in the near future. She will ask whether members want to be included by a notice in the next newsletter.

**PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:** Co-chairs of this committee are David Seibel and David Bryan. They are working on a membership brochure. David Seibel passed around a draft of the text and the design. He said that an 8 1/2" X 11" brochure can be printed for \$322 for 2,000, \$462 for 5,000 or \$697 for 10,000. There will be an additional fee for the designer of \$60 plus materials. David Seibel moved that the board authorize the production of 10,000 brochures. Tom Shane seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE:** Chuck Ely and Max Thompson have been appointed as co-chairs of the Bird Records Committee. Other members of the committee are Scott Seltman, Lloyd Moore, Galen Pittman, Roger Boyd and Marvin Schwilling. Mick McHugh thanked Marvin for his years of service chairing this committee.

**RARE BIRD ALERT:** The Rare Bird Alert Hotline has been transferred to Scott Seltman. It was reported that in Colorado they have used donations to fund the Rare Bird Alert and they have received more than enough money to cover expenses. Tom Shane moved that we put an announcement soliciting donations for the Rare Bird Alert in the next issue of the Horned Lark and also in Audubon Society Newsletters. The motion was seconded by Mike Rader. The motion passed. Tom Shane moved to authorize Scott Seltman to send a letter soliciting donations to 50 birders in the state. Galen Pittman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**STUDENT RESEARCH COMMITTEE:** The Student Research Committee consists of Elmer Finck, Jim Mayhew, Chuck Ely, John Simpson and Rose Fritz. Funds available to support student research (from life membership payments of deceased members) amount to \$425.00.

**DINGUS NATURAL AREA:** Gene Lewis continues as chair of the Dingus Natural Area Committee. It was suggested that we might have a field trip to the Dingus Natural Area. The Parsons Audubon group might be able to make arrangements for a field trip. Mick will contact them.

**NEW PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:** This committee consists of Chuck Ely, Max Thompson and Rose Fritz. More than \$900 was received as royalty from the book, Birds in Kansas last year. This is available for projects to be selected by this committee.

**WILDLIFE APPRECIATION DAY:** Wildlife Appreciation Day will be held in Topeka on April 4. KOS will have information on the table to be set up by the Audubon Council. Mick McHugh moved to authorize the payment of \$10 to the Kansas Audubon Council to reimburse some of their costs. The motion was seconded by David Bryan. The motion passed.

**AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENSES:** The procedure for authorizing the payment of expenses by KOS was discussed. Mick McHugh appointed David Seibel to bring recommendations on procedures for authorizing expenses to the Spring Meeting.

**CHEYENNE BOTTOMS:** The Kansas Wildlife Federation is planning to take the Kansas Water Board to court in order to enforce senior water rights for Cheyenne Bottoms. There was discussion as to whether KOS should help them. Tom Shane moved that when the Kansas Wildlife Federation goes to court, KOS

should publish a request for contributions to support the lawsuit in the newsletter. John Schukman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

KANSAS BIOLOGICAL SURVEY: Bill Busby said that birders are going to be needed to monitor birds around critical habitat areas.

SPRING 1991 MEETING: It was suggested that the Spring Meeting in 1991 be to the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Refuge and the Dingus Natural Area.

LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTIONS: Galen Pittman asked whether we should have a higher subscription rate for libraries. Also libraries need to receive invoices indicating such a rate. Tom Shane moved that invoices be drawn up for libraries which have a \$15 annual subscription rate for libraries only and that only the Bulletin be sent to foreign libraries or exchanges. The motion was seconded by Mike Rader. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt  
KOS Corresponding Secretary

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The following persons have joined KOS since October 1989. Why not call and invite them on your next birding trip. New interest keeps KOS growing!

Steve and Jane Amy, Wamego  
Julie Fredrick, Topeka  
Maxey Irwin, Topeka  
Doug Siegel-Causey, Lawrence  
Philip Wedge, Lawrence  
Joanne Hackerott, Wichita  
Helen Hands, Great Bend  
Jeff Wayman, Overland Park  
Cecil Sweeney, Overland Park  
Bernard Sietman, Emporia

Chuck and Jaye Otte, Junction City  
Patty Field, Topeka  
Loreta Neff, Hiawatha  
Kevin Siek, Lawrence  
Becky Wisdom, Lawrence  
Rachel Moyer, Augusta  
Ray Schulz, Great Bend  
Marilyn Wayman, Prairie Village  
Juli Winer, Overland Park

#### NEW MAILING LABELS:

Perhaps you noticed the new look to your mailing label. The entire mailing list has been computerized, complete with categories and dues dates. By way of explanation, your category and year through which your dues are paid appear in the upper right-hand corner of your label. The following is a list of the membership categories.

|                                         |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| FPLM = Fully Paid Life Member           | \$150.00 (4 payments of \$37.50) |
| FPLC = Fully Paid Life (Charter) Member |                                  |
| PPLM = Partially Paid Life Member       | \$ 37.50 (4 consecutive pmts.)   |
| CONT = Contributing Member              | \$ 40.00 (annual rate)           |
| SIND = Sustaining Individual            | \$ 20.00 " "                     |
| SFAM = Sustaining Family                | \$ 25.00 " "                     |
| RIND = Regular Individual               | \$ 10.00 " "                     |
| RFAM = Regular Family                   | \$ 15.00 " "                     |
| STUD = Student (grade, high or coll.)   | \$ 5.00 " "                      |
| LIBR = Library (Paid Subscription)      | \$ 15.00 " "                     |
| EXCH = Exchange (Publication in Return) | \$ -----                         |

If you feel your category is incorrect for the amount you paid, or if you have paid dues for 1990 and received a reminder letter in error, please contact Diane Seltman 913-329-4411, or Galen Pittman 913-842-7105.

## EXCHANGE PUBLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO KOS MEMBERS

Are you aware that the Kansas Ornithological Society maintains a series of publication exchanges with a variety of ornithological organizations both in the U.S. and in several foreign countries? Since KOS does not maintain a permanent library itself, these exchange publications are currently being deposited in The University of Kansas library system on the Lawrence campus. The fact that these journals are housed at KU means that any KOS member who has access to a local library can obtain these titles through the nationwide interlibrary loan system. Check with your local library for information on how to make an interlibrary loan request. Of course, if you can come to the KU campus in Lawrence, books and journals can be loaned out to the general public . . . not just KU students and staff! Below is a list of the exchange journals and the organizations from which they come.

The Ostrich - African Ornithological Society  
 The Bluebird - Audubon Society of Missouri  
 Birding News Survey - Avian Publications, Inc.  
 Occasional Papers of the Bell Museum of Natural History - Bell Museum  
 Occasional Newsletter of the Bermuda Audubon Society - Bermuda Audubon Soc.  
 Bird Watcher's Digest - (sent to the KOS newsletter editor)  
 B.T.O. News - British Trust for Ornithology  
 The Chat - Carolina Bird Club  
 CFO Journal - Colorado Field Ornithologists  
 Newsletter of the Florida Audubon Society - Florida Audubon Society  
 Iowa Bird-Life - Iowa Ornithologists Union  
 Living Bird Quarterly - Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University  
 Jack Pine Warbler - Michigan Audubon Society  
 Nebraska Bird Review - Nebraska Ornithologists Union  
 New Jersey Audubon Research Unit Supplement - New Jersey Audubon Society  
 The Scissortail - Oklahoma Ornithological Society  
 The Ring - Polish Zoology Society  
 South Dakota Bird News - South Dakota Ornithologists Union  
 Bulletin of the Texas Ornithological Society - Texas Ornithological Society  
 Journal of the Yamashima Institute for Ornithology - Yamashima Inst. Ornith.

## NEW KOS MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

A new KOS Membership Directory will be published in the near future. All members who are currently on the mailing list will be included in this directory. Every attempt will be made to include telephone numbers (if listed in the telephone directory.) If you DO NOT want your name, address or telephone number published, or if information needs to be corrected or changed, please detach & return this notice to: Diane Seltman, R.R. Box 36, Nekoma, KS 67559 no later than May 1, 1990.

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☐ I DO NOT WANT MY NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE LISTED IN THE KOS MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:

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KOS SPRING MEETING AND FIELD TRIPS  
Elkhart, Kansas  
May 4-6, 1990

The KOS Spring Meeting will be held on May 4, 5 and 6 in Elkhart, Kansas. All plans have not been finalized, but the following information will allow for your advanced planning, registration and reservations. Before leaving home call the Kansas RBA at 913-329-4499 for late news.

**MOTELS AND CAMPING:**

The El Rancho Motel on U.S 56 in Elkhart has reserved 6-10 rooms for KOS members and more are available. Rooms range in price from about \$30-50 for double occupancy. Several large rooms that could be shared by several members have been reserved in the new annex just east of the main building. PLEASE CALL THE EL RANCHO MOTEL AT 316-697-2117 AND MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS.

Camping is available on the Cimarron Grasslands but is "primitive". Popular areas are the picnic area just off K-27 south of the river bridge and at the fish ponds which are south of the river about four miles east of the highway.

**MEALS:** A group meal is tentatively planned for Saturday night at one of the local restaurants. Otherwise, each individual will be responsible for their own food. There are several restaurants as well as grocery and convenience stores in Elkhart.

**FIELDTRIPS:**

Fieldtrips have been organized for the Cimarron National Grasslands and surrounding areas for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Marvin Schwilling will lead early morning fieldtrips on Saturday and Sunday to the booming grounds of the Lesser Prairie Chicken. Dave Bryan will lead a trip to Black Mesa, Oklahoma on Saturday. Many Kansas birders have participated on the Black Mesa Christmas Bird Count but may not have experienced spring migration at this unique area.

**FRIDAY:** Meet at the El Rancho parking lot at Noon for an organized birding trip through the Cimarron Grasslands.

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY:** Fieldtrips will depart the El Rancho parking lot at 6:30AM both days. Leaders and destinations will be announced at the meeting.

**COMPILATION:** The species list will be compiled before Noon on Sunday at at a central meeting spot yet to be determined.

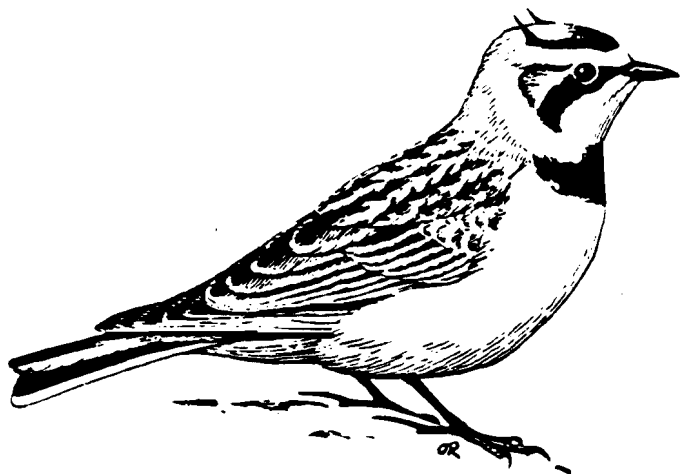
**REGISTRATION:** A registration fee of \$5.00 per adult is being charged to defray the cost of refreshments, etc. Please write a check to KOS and mail to Dave.

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### SPRING AND SUMMER BIRD SUMMARY/ March through July 89/ by Scott Seltman

Kansas birders found a respectable number of interesting birds during the Spring and Summer of 1989 considering the extremes of weather that we were forced to deal with throughout the period. Looking back over the bird summaries of the last two years one could conclude that your editor is obsessed with weather as I have often devoted more space to the weather report than to the good birds seen during a given period. But the fact is that since the Autumn of 1987 Kansans have seen some of the most extraordinary weather conditions in our state's history. And the Drought of '88 which seemed to end this summer may be extending into 1989 as well. Kansas just experienced the driest November on record with most National Weather Service reporting stations recording ZERO precipitation for the entire month.

The last few days of February 1989 were quite mild and many shorebirds and passerines seemed poised to begin spring migration well ahead of schedule. But March roared in like a lion with a record setting blast of cold air from the north and for the rest of the month we experienced wild swings in outdoor conditions. Here at Nekoma on March 4 the temperature ranged between 0 and 12 degrees F with a steady 40 MPH breeze from the north. Just a week later on March 11 the daytime high was 88 F. On March 14 a major dust storm struck the state with hurricane force winds clawing away at topsoil that in many cases had seen minimal rain for at least 12 months. At this point members of the older generation, who had until this time vigorously denied any current resemblance between the late 80's and the "Dirty Thirties", finally admitted that the current drought at least reminded them of their youth. April was also very dry and windy with frequent duststorms in the West and major temperature variations statewide. While many low temperature records had been broken in the previous two months, late April saw record heat with the mercury breaking 100°F at many western localities on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Never before had such a strong heat wave been recorded so early in spring.

Finally in May the rains began. Thunderstorms that had been occurring in eastern Colorado for about ten days finally moved into Kansas on May 13 and for the next month-and-a-half many areas of the state received more rain than they had during the last year-and-a-half. By early June some areas of southcentral Kansas were actually having flooding problems and some localities ended the month with over 20 inches of rain! This month also set many records for low

temperatures. Many areas of northwest Kansas flirted with frost on the incredible dates of June 14 and 15 with morning lows in the upper 30's. And on June 22 the daytime highs in westcentral Kansas were lower than the previous record lows for the date. The daytime high of 53°F in Dodge City was about 20 degrees below the normal minimum temperature! In July the weather seemed a bit more normal although the characteristic heat waves never really materialized. It should be mentioned that while most areas of the state received generous amounts of rain in late spring and early summer, there were isolated areas of dryness that persisted right through the summer months.

The numbers of migrating birds seemed very low in the western half of the state until the rains began in May. Trips to Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira were particularly depressing in early spring with overall numbers of waterfowl and shorebirds at incredibly low levels. As reported in the last Horned Lark, Cheyenne Bottoms was virtually 100% dry by late April. The last pool to disappear was Pool 1, which for a brief period contained a huge (but inaccessible) concentration of shorebirds. After May 1 numbers of all birds at The Bottoms dropped off dramatically. Water finally began to flow into the refuge in late May and early June but by then most waterbirds were long gone and prospects for the nesting season were grim. An all-day trip though the area on June 10 by the Seltmans was a real experience in birdlessness. Even coots were rare! It was rather obvious that the breeding season had been irreversibly damaged by drought conditions. At Quivira NWR conditions were somewhat better with breeding birds very scarce but with most normal species present. Perhaps the biggest event of the season at Quivira was a prairie fire in April that burned about 5000 acres at the north end of the refuge. For a brief period good numbers of birds were found feeding in this burn but nothing rare was ever discovered.

On March 31 Charles Holthaus reported that a pair of Bald Eagles were occupying a nest in submerged trees at the west end of Clinton Reservoir. It was immediately confirmed that these birds were incubating eggs. Over the next several months many birders witnessed the hatching, feeding, and fledging of two young. One adult disappeared soon after hatching occurred but the remaining adult still managed to feed both juveniles. Kansas ornithologists had long predicted that Bald Eagles would someday begin nesting at our eastern reservoirs but would not have chosen Clinton as the most likely spot. This lake is not only very new, but because of its proximity to Lawrence is one of the more heavily visited lakes in the region. As soon as the nest was discovered Parks and Wildlife officials attempted to secure the area of the lake around the nest site with signs and barriers. This gesture was apparently successful in that the eagles ultimately fledged, but speedboats were often seen buzzing the nest site and one enterprising canoe-load of wildlife lovers were seen pounding on the nest tree with their paddles so they could get a better look at the sleeping eaglets. If the birds return next spring perhaps the novelty of nesting eagles will have worn off and they will be granted a little more privacy by the local citizenry.

Other birds of interest included breeding House Finches in both Topeka and Emporia with summering birds present in both Kansas City metro area and in several neighborhoods of Wichita. Can Lawrence and Baldwin be far behind? The sudden appearance of House Finches in eastern Kansas and western Missouri has created considerable controversy. While some analysts and American Birds commentators insist that birds found east of the Flint Hills originate from the eastern populations it is unclear why they have assigned sedentary status to birds in the western half of Kansas that have been marching eastward at the

rate of about 25 miles a year for the last decade while granting vast pioneering skills to birds from the East. It should be pointed out that on 1988 Christmas Bird Counts Missouri birders participating in 26 different counts found a total of 44 birds in their state (1.7 birds/count) with almost half of those coming from towns near the Kansas border (St. Joseph and Springfield). Meanwhile, 10 western Kansas counts tallied 616 House Finches (61.6 birds/count). This despite the fact that numbers of participants were very low and half of the counts contain no urban areas. While no one knows the total population of Kansas House Finches everyone who has birded in western towns knows that the number is very high, certainly many thousands of individuals. Judging from CBC's one must to go east all the way to Indiana to find comparable densities of House Finches to those currently in the western three-fifths of Kansas. It would appear that all Kansas cities (and even those in Central Missouri) are geographically closer to our finch factory than to any known concentration of House Finches east of the Mississippi River. It may well be that birds from the East are now arriving in Missouri and even eastern Kansas, but it seems that many people are seriously underestimating the ability of western House Finches to become airborne. Persons annoyed by this paragraph should call Chuck Ely or Marvin Rolfs in Hays. This team has banded over 8000 House Finches during the last decade. Perhaps you can convince them that all of these birds were local residents and never wandered east of Hays. Of course, in another ten years the entire East vs. West controversy will be just a dim memory as House Finches seem destined to occupy every county of every state in the Lower 48.

Several standouts among the birds reported from spring and summer include a Barrow's Goldeneye that stayed for a week or two in Topeka this April. This bird was seen by many area birders and its identity was confirmed by local experts. While there is still no specimen or even a photograph of this species in Kansas, the number of good sight records continues to mount. Black Rails were reported by several individuals at their normal haunts at the northwest edge of Quivira's Big Salt Marsh. The mosquito population was simply awesome there this summer. In addition to a good flashlight and wading boots, birders in the future should consider taking along a few units of blood.

The Little Gull found by Ted Cable at Tuttle Creek was probably the best bird of the season. It was present for about five days and was seen by quite a few Manhattan area birders. Kansas is averaging about 1 or 2 sightings of this gull per year. Otherwise, a few out-of-range warblers were seen across the state and there was a definite invasion of Cassin's Sparrows into the western counties. The spring migration had an unusual number of very early arrivals and very late departures, just a few of which are mentioned below. No doubt the early heat in April and the cold rainy weather in late May was the cause behind most of these anomalies.

The next reporting period covers the period from August through November 1989. We all should know by now that the fall season was incredibly exciting in the southwest with many rarities being recorded. I need a thorough report from each birder who visited southwest Kansas this fall including dates, places, and birds seen in order to write a full report on this phenomenal invasion in the next Horned Lark. Other than a certain family of raptors at Tuttle Creek it was quiet autumn in eastern Kansas, but perhaps you have just been holding out on us. I am still receiving reports from only a few ambitious souls. The next newsletter goes to press in February.

## BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS/ March through July 1989

|                         |                                                                                                                     |            |                          |
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| Olivaceous Cormorant    | 1                                                                                                                   | LM,MM,BF   | 4-30-89 Coffey           |
| Great Egret             | 1 early at Perry                                                                                                    | DLS        | <u>3-26-89</u> Jefferson |
| Snowy Egret             | 1 in breeding plumage                                                                                               | DLS        | 6-18-89 Jefferson        |
| Tundra Swan             | 1 remaining at MDC                                                                                                  | LM         | 3-18-89 Linn             |
| Trumpeter Swan          | 1 at MDC presumably                                                                                                 | LM         | 3-18-89 Linn             |
|                         | one of five Minnesota birds first found in February.                                                                |            |                          |
| Ross' Goose             | 1 at Melvern                                                                                                        | LM,MM      | 3-25-89 Osage            |
| Wood Duck               | 1 female with 7 downy                                                                                               | DLS        | 5-20-89 Wabaunsee        |
|                         | young at Alma sewage ponds.                                                                                         |            |                          |
| Cinnamon Teal           | pair s. of Ogden                                                                                                    | DLS        | 4-30-89 Riley            |
| Greater Scaup           | 2 well seen males at                                                                                                | LJ         | 3-25-89 Riley            |
|                         | Tuttle Creek St. Park sewage lagoons. Green gloss, rounded heads, and extended wing stripe all mentioned in report. |            |                          |
| Lesser Scaup            | pair at Perry                                                                                                       | DLS        | <u>5-27-89</u> Jefferson |
| Barrow's Goldeneye      | 1 imm. male at sewage                                                                                               | DG,m.ob.   | Apr. 89 Shawnee          |
|                         | lagoons. Found by Dan Gish and confirmed by Gene Lewis and other area birders. Outside dates not reported.          |            |                          |
| Mississippi Kite        | sev. very early locally                                                                                             | SS         | 4-27-89 Pawnee           |
| Mississippi Kite        | 1 imm. over Manhattan                                                                                               | DR         | 7-26-89 Riley            |
| Osprey                  | late straggler at                                                                                                   | DR,LJ,RW   | June 89 Riley            |
|                         | Stockdale Cove seen repeatedly.                                                                                     |            |                          |
| Bald Eagle              | pair nesting at Clinton                                                                                             | CH         | 3-31-89 Douglas          |
|                         | First modern nesting record for Kansas.                                                                             |            |                          |
| Bald Eagle              | 2 imm. at Milford                                                                                                   | DLS        | <u>5-29-89</u> Clay      |
| Swainson's Hawk         | <u>120</u> on ground in field                                                                                       | SS         | 4-25-89 Rush             |
| Swainson's Hawk         | <u>160</u> following tractor                                                                                        | SS         | 4-25-89 Pawnee           |
| Golden Eagle            | 1                                                                                                                   | LM,MM      | 4-25-89 Coffey           |
| Peregrine Falcon        | 1 well seen and well                                                                                                | LJ         | <u>6-17-89</u> Riley     |
|                         | described adult seen at Stockdale area on west side of Tuttle Creek Res.                                            |            |                          |
|                         | June or July sightings very rare anywhere in Kansas.                                                                |            |                          |
| Greater Prairie Chicken | 1 in wheat nw. Larned                                                                                               | SS         | 4-23-89 Pawnee           |
|                         | Very rare locally.                                                                                                  |            |                          |
| Black Rail              | 1 calling at Quivira                                                                                                | PJ         | 7-01-89 Stafford         |
| Sandhill Crane          | 2 w. of Big Salt Marsh                                                                                              | SC,RP      | <u>5-07-89</u> Stafford  |
| Piping Plover           | 3 at Perry Res.                                                                                                     | DLS        | 4-23-89 Jefferson        |
| Piping Plover           | 5 at KW&P Headquarters                                                                                              | GB         | 5-03-89 Pratt            |
| Piping Plover           | 1 at Quivira                                                                                                        | SC,RP      | 5-06-89 Stafford         |
| Piping Plover           | 1 at CB                                                                                                             | SC,RP      | 5-06-89 Barton           |
| Piping Plover           | 1 at Melvern Res.                                                                                                   | SC,RP      | 5-07-89 Osage            |
| Mountain Plover         | 3 at Big Salt Marsh                                                                                                 | TC         | 4-22-89 Stafford         |
| Mountain Plover         | 1 plover with deformed                                                                                              | EL,JB      | 4-23-89 Douglas          |
|                         | bill believed to be of this species reported from Clinton Res.                                                      |            |                          |
| Black-necked Stilt      | 2 at Perry Res.                                                                                                     | DLS        | 5-24-89 Jefferson        |
| Willet                  | 1 roadkill                                                                                                          | SP,SS      | 5-15-89 Stanton          |
| Whimbrel                | 1 at Quivira                                                                                                        | JZ,30+obs. | 4-29-89 Stafford         |
| Ruddy Turnstone         | 2 at n. end Tuttle                                                                                                  | TC,MR,SS   | 5-20-89 Riley            |
| White-rumped Sandpiper  | 1 remaining at Perry                                                                                                | DLS        | 6-18-89 Jefferson        |
| Dunlin                  | 3                                                                                                                   | TC,MR,SS   | 5-20-89 Riley            |
| Short-billed Dowitcher  | 1 with other shorebirds                                                                                             | PJ         | 4-17-89 Sedgwick         |
|                         | at Nature Trail Area, Lake Afton.                                                                                   |            |                          |
| Short-billed Dowitcher  | 3 identified by call                                                                                                | LJ         | 5-13-89 Riley            |
|                         | at Stockdale area.                                                                                                  |            |                          |
| Red-necked Phalarope    | 1 male at Perry Res.                                                                                                | DLS        | 5-27-89 Jefferson        |
| <u>Little Gull</u>      | 1st winter bird along                                                                                               | TC,m.ob.   | 5-15-89 Riley &          |
|                         | the dam at Tuttle Creek for about 5 days. Photos. to 5-19-89 Pott.                                                  |            |                          |
| Common Tern             | 1 basic plumage Perry                                                                                               | DLS        | 6-03-89 Jefferson        |



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|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Least Tern             | 1 at Perry Res.                                                                                                     | DLS         | 6-17-89        | Jefferson      |
| Black-billed Cuckoo    | 1 (rare this summer)                                                                                                | JY          | 6-11-89        | Sedgwick       |
| Tree Swallow           | Early birds at Stockdale.                                                                                           | LJ          | 3-26-89        | Riley          |
| Tree Swallow           | Several birds seen                                                                                                  | LJ          | 6-11-89        | Riley          |
|                        | carrying insects into nest cavities in submerged trees at Stockdale.                                                |             |                |                |
| Tree Swallow.          | Pair of adults seen                                                                                                 | LJ          | 6-24-89        | Riley          |
|                        | feeding fledglings outside nest. This is believed to be the first record of breeding Tree Swallows in Riley County. |             |                |                |
| Cliff Swallow          | 30 at Quivira. Early.                                                                                               | PJ          | 4-08-89        | Stafford       |
| Cliff Swallow          | 5 at Q                                                                                                              | SS          | 4-15-89        | Stafford       |
| Carolina Wren          | 1 singing in Larned                                                                                                 | DS          | 5-02-89        | <u>Pawnee</u>  |
| Sedge Wren             | 1 at new wildlife area                                                                                              | TS,SN       | 4-16-89        | Finney         |
| Swainson's Thrush      | 1 late migrant                                                                                                      | PJ          | 6-03-89        | Sedgwick       |
| White-eyed Vireo       | 1 along Bear Creek                                                                                                  | SP          | 5-15-89        | <u>Stanton</u> |
| White-eyed Vireo       | 1 heard at Konza                                                                                                    | DR          | 5-20-89        | Riley          |
| Solitary Vireo         | 1 ' <u>plumbeous</u> ' Bear Cr.                                                                                     | SS          | 5-15-89        | Stanton        |
| Yellow-throated Vireo  | 1 singing for several weeks along Wildcat Creek.                                                                    | CS,DR,m.ob. | July 89        | Riley          |
| Golden-winged Warbler  | 1 singing male at Perry WMA.                                                                                        | DLS         | 4-28-89        | Jefferson      |
|                        |                                                                                                                     |             | and 5-12-89    | Jefferson      |
| Magnolia Warbler       | 1 at Oak Park                                                                                                       | PJ          | 5-12-89        | Sedgwick       |
| Black-th. Blue Warbler | 1 male Bear Creek                                                                                                   | DS          | 5-15-89        | <u>Stanton</u> |
| Palm Warbler           | 1 eastern race                                                                                                      | SS          | 5-15-89        | Stanton        |
| Mourning Warbler       | 1 at Pawnee Prarie                                                                                                  | PJ          | 5-15-89        | Sedgwick       |
| MacGillivray's Warbler | 1 male                                                                                                              | SS          | 5-22-89        | Pawnee         |
| Lazuli Bunting         | pair in Oak Park                                                                                                    | JY,JN       | 4-29-89        | Sedgwick       |
| Painted Bunting        | 2 at Stockdale                                                                                                      | TC          | 4-19-89        | Riley          |
| Cassin's Sparrow       | <u>36</u> singing on Gove BBS                                                                                       | SS          | 6-03-89        | Gove           |
| Cassin's Sparrow       | <u>100+</u> heard                                                                                                   | SS          | 6-03-89        | Logan          |
| Brewer's Sparrow       | 1 bird singing at dawn                                                                                              | SS          | <u>6-03-89</u> | <u>Gove</u>    |
|                        | from heavily eroded hillside covered with yucca. Area not revisited.                                                |             |                |                |
| Baird's Sparrow        | adult seen at length                                                                                                | SS          | 5-09-89        | Norton         |
| Sharp-tailed Sparrow   | 1 flushed by dragging rope in hay field nw. Quivira.                                                                | TC          | 4-23-89        | Stafford       |
| Harris' Sparrow        | 1 late bird                                                                                                         | TC          | <u>5-31-89</u> | Stafford       |
| House Finch            | 1-3 birds in Wichita                                                                                                | PJ          | July 89        | Sedgwick       |

LIST OF OBSERVERS: Gene Brehm (GB), Joanne Brier (JB), Ted Cable (TC), Steve Crawford (SC), Bob Fisher (BF), Dan Gish (DG), Charles Holthaus (CH), Lowell Johnson (LJ), Pete Janzen (PJ), Dan LaShelle (DLS), Eugene Lewis (EL), Mick McHugh (MM), Lloyd Moore (LM), Sara Norman (SN), John Northrup (JN), Richard Parker (RP), Sebastian Patti (SP), Mike Rader (MR), David Rintoul (DR), Diane Seltman (DS), Scott Seltman (SS), Chris Smith (CS), Ruth Welti (RW), Joe Yoder (JY), John Zimmerman (JZ).

#### REVISED CHECKLISTS AVAILABLE

The new field checklists (rev. 1989) have been printed and are available for sale. To get your new copies of the KOS Checklist make checks payable to KOS and send your order to Max Thompson, 1729 E. 11th, Winfield, KS 67156. Prices are as follows: \$.35/one copy, \$2.00/10 copies, \$3.75/25, \$5.00/50, \$8.00/100. Larger quantities are available at special prices. Prices include postage.

## KANSAS WINTER BIRDFEEDER SURVEY

The third annual Birdfeeder Survey sponsored by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and KOS will be conducted January 18 through January 21, 1990. All KOS members are urged to participate.

### KOS RARE-BIRD-ALERT HOTLINE

Call (316)-343-7061 for birding information and the location of state rarities.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

|                |                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Dec. 30, 1989  | Cimarron Grasslands CBC, Elkhart, KS. Call (913)-329-4411.                                                                                                                    |
| Dec. 31, 1989  | Black Mesa CBC, Kenton, OK. Call (913)-329-4411.                                                                                                                              |
| Dec. 31, 1989  | Junction City CBC. Meet at Denny's Restaurant at 6:30 AM, off I-70 at Exit 296. Free lunch provided by Geary County Fish & Game Association. Robert LaShelle, (913)-238-2668. |
| Jan. 6-7, 1990 | Scott Lake and Cedar Bluff CBC's. Call Tom Shane (316)-275-4616 or Scott Seltman (913)-329-4411.                                                                              |
| May 5-6, 1990  | KOS Spring Meeting, Cimarron Grasslands, Elkhart, KS. Lodging may be scarce so you should consider making early reservations at the El Rancho Motel, (316)-697-2117.          |
| Oct. 6-7, 1990 | KOS Fall Meeting, Bethel College, Newton, KS.                                                                                                                                 |

### BIRD IDENTIFICATION COURSE

Spring Semester Bill Langley will offer a bird ID course through Butler County Community College at Andover. The course is title BI 230 Seminar: Bird Identification and is 2 credit hours. The course is designed for those just beginning birding or those who would like to improve their birding skills. Classes meet on four Saturday mornings from 9 AM to 12 Noon starting January 27th at Andover. Other meetings include two one-day and two two-day field trips. For more information call Bill Langley at (316)-321-5083 (days) or (316)-682-5880 (nights).

### PRAIRIE ECOLOGY WORKSHOP

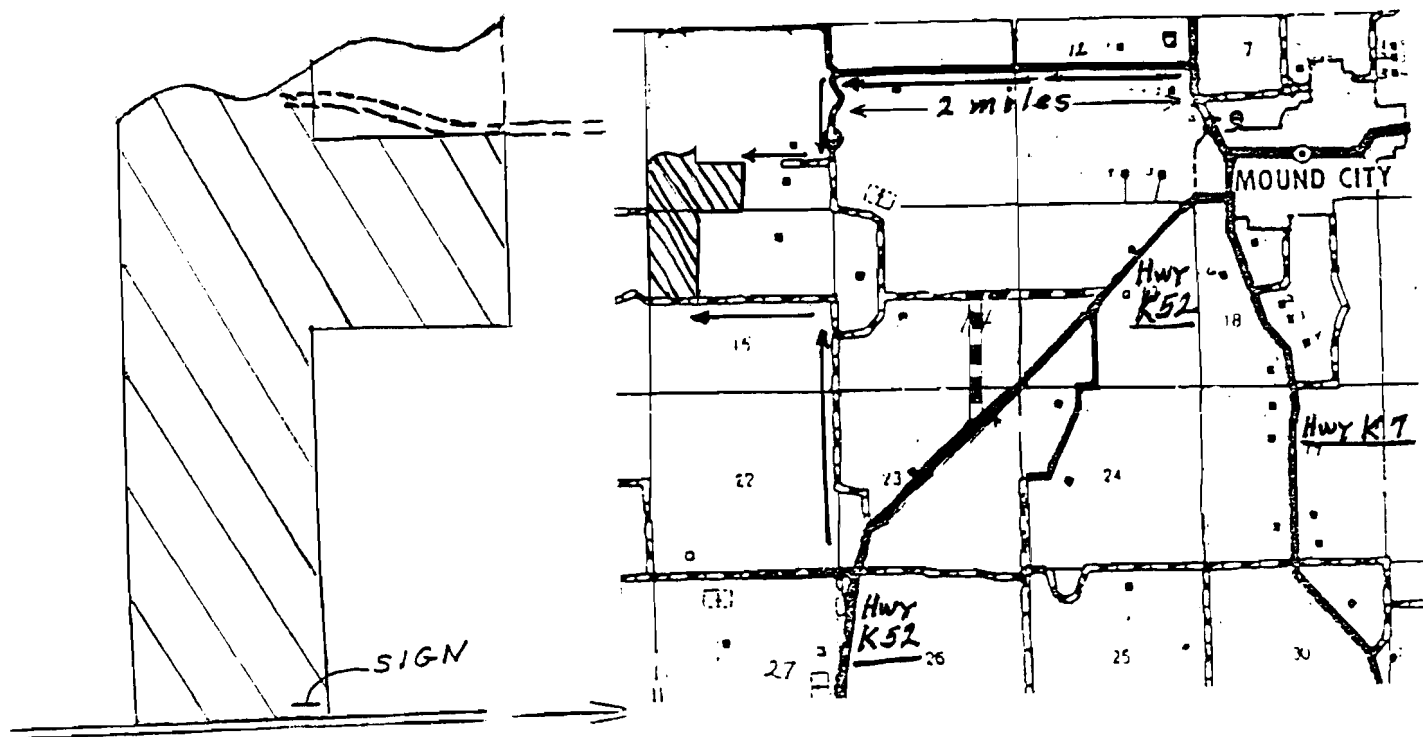
Bethel College in North Newton, KS, will be offering a three-week Summer Workshop On Prairie Ecology For Elementary Teachers in June 1990. Participants will earn 3 hours of graduate credit from Bethel College. Leaders are Dwight Platt, Professor of Biology at Bethel, and Betty Holderread, Elementary Science Coordinator for the Newton Public School District. This workshop is being supported by a grant from the Kansas Board of Regents and therefore tuition and fees will be waived for participants in the workshop. Participants will also receive free board and room on the Bethel campus for the three weeks of the workshop. Twenty applicants will be chosen with a March deadline. For more information write: Prairie Ecology Workshop, Bethel College, 300 E. 27th, North Newton, KS 67117.

## DINGUS NATURAL AREA

Many newer KOS members may not know of the Dingus Natural Area in Linn County. In 1973 Wilson and Eunice Dingus deeded 167 acres of largely undisturbed land to The Nature Conservancy who in turn asked KOS to manage the area through a five year lease agreement. Later The Nature Conservancy deeded the land to KOS. The DNA has been maintained in its natural state ever since and offers some unique and interesting flora and fauna. Especially attractive are the many ferns found there, some quite rare for Kansas, and the many large hardwoods, especially sugar maples, at the north end. Pileated Woodpeckers have been seen flying to and from the north side.

The maps below show the location of the DNA in relation to Mound City. Access can be from either the south or the north, and walking the area from either direction can be rewarding but somewhat rugged at times. In approaching from the north, the east-west road seems to stop but public access continues west along the field edge to the northeast corner of the DNA. At the present time there is no sign to let you know you are there but the sudden, dense nature of the forest lets you know. On the south there is a sign at the southeast corner.

If there is enough interest a visit to the DNA will be scheduled for the spring, probably April. Incidentally, camping is not allowed. Research is encouraged. Contact me at 1285 MacVicar Ave. Topeka, KS 66604 (913-232-1847) - Gene Lewis.



KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.  
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
FOR YEAR ENDED 9/30/89

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CHECKING ACCOUNT

|                                                                 |            |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 10/1/88                                       |            | 1,359.89   |
| RECEIPTS:                                                       |            |            |
| DUES                                                            | 2,741.00   |            |
| T-SHIRT & CAP SALES                                             | 142.00     |            |
| CHECKLIST & DECAL SALES                                         | 61.40      |            |
| INTEREST ON ACCOUNT                                             | 86.58      |            |
| NAS - CBC HONORARIUM                                            | 120.00     |            |
| REGISTRATION FEES, FALL & SPRING MEETINGS                       | 1,556.50   | 4,707.48   |
| DISBURSEMENTS:                                                  |            |            |
| PRINTING - BULLETINS                                            | (1,909.06) |            |
| PRINTING - NEWSLETTERS                                          | (556.99)   |            |
| PRINTING - MEMBERSHIP CARDS                                     | (46.20)    |            |
| POSTAGE & SUPPLIES                                              | (277.00)   |            |
| TELEPHONE HOTLINE                                               | (184.64)   |            |
| ANSWERING MACHINE, TAPE, REPAIR                                 | (132.94)   |            |
| T-SHIRTS & CAPS                                                 | (238.88)   |            |
| LIABILITY INSURANCE - DNA                                       | (149.00)   |            |
| AWARDS                                                          | (40.00)    |            |
| CHECK CHARGE                                                    | (8.50)     |            |
| SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENTAL                                         | (13.30)    |            |
| SECRETARY OF STATE - ANNUAL CORPORATION FEE                     | (5.00)     |            |
| FALL & SPRING MEETING EXPENSE                                   | (1,412.36) | (4,973.87) |
| ENDING BALANCE 9/30/89 (INCLUDES AMELIA BETTS FUND - \$1041.15) |            | 1,093.50   |

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 10/1/88 | 11,732.95 |
| INTEREST EARNED           | 1,250.48  |
| ENDING BALANCE 9/30/89    | 12,983.43 |

PASSBOOK SAVINGS

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE 10/1/88 | 1,187.02 |
| LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS  | 827.50   |
| INTEREST EARNED           | 109.75   |
| ENDING BALANCE 9/30/89    | 2124.27  |

DINGUS NATURAL AREA ACCOUNT

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| BEGINNING BALANCE 10/1/88 | 6,225.15 |
| INTEREST EARNED           | 402.91   |
| ENDING BALANCE 9/30/89    | 6,628.06 |

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE (CHECKLIST MAILING)

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| ENDING BALANCE 9/30/89 | 109.02    |
| TOTAL ASSETS 9/30/89   | 22,938.28 |

KOS FALL BOARD MEETING  
October 7, 1989  
Baker University  
Baldwin City, Kansas

Members present: David Seibel, Mick McHugh, Rose Fritz, Jane Hershberger,  
Dwight Platt, Mike Rader.

Non-voting: John Zimmerman, Scott Seltman, Marvin Schwillling.

David Seibel called this lunch meeting to order.

**BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** David Seibel reported that Joyce Wolf was unable to attend and that she had indicated that she did not want to continue as the Business Manager. He also announced that the duties of the Business Manager and the Membership Secretary were being reorganized to lighten the load of the Business Manager. The Membership Secretary will maintain the mailing list and supply mailing labels to the Business Manager.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Scott had nothing to report but indicated that he would like to be relieved of his duties. Jane Hershberger said that Scott had done a fantastic job and she hoped he would not step down. David Seibel said that he hoped the Newsletter could become more popular and have sections on various aspects of bird watching such as bird feeder information, informal book reviews, identification tips, etc. Marvin Schwillling suggested publishing new county records in one issue each year. Scott said that he had too much work to continue in the position but agreed to continue until the Spring Board Meeting.

**SPRING MEETING 1990:** It was suggested that we try to go to the Cimarron National Grasslands in Morton County the weekend of May 5-6. Lawrence and Ruth Smith and Dennis and Jan Tregallas were suggested as local members who might help organize it.

**FALL MEETING 1990:** Dwight Platt announced that the Fall Meeting would be at Newton on the weekend of October 6-7.

**BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE:** Marvin Schwillling announced that there were 186 new county records and 24 new nesting records this past year. They had tried to have a new edition of the checklist ready for this meeting but it should be out in a week or two. Max Thompson is having them printed and orders for them will still go to him. The Board approved a request by Wichita Audubon to reprint the old list until the new one came out. Marvin also reported that a new tape recorder had been purchased for the hotline. There had been 105 calls received in August and 125 in September.

**BIRD FEEDER SURVEY:** David Seibel announced that 400 requests for information about KOS had been received as a result of the short statement about KOS on the Winter Bird Feeder Survey forms.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES:** David Seibel reported that development of the new brochures was still in progress. He would be willing to complete the brochure.

**REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS:** Questions were raised about some Bylaws provisions that may need revision:

- 1) The Bylaws provide that the financial year is from January 1 to December 31 and also state that one of the duties of the Treasurer is to make an annual financial report at the Fall Meeting. This means that the Treasurer must prepare two separate financial reports. The Board would propose the following amendment to the afternoon business meeting: To amend Article VI, Sec. 6D to read "Prepare an interim financial statement to be presented at the annual

business meeting and an annual financial statement to be published in the Newsletter."

2) The Bylaws provide that all checks must have the signature of two officers. This is inconvenient and the banks do not monitor two signatures. Rose Fritz will propose other methods of handling checks and of auditing the Treasurer. She will bring these proposals to the Winter Board Meeting.

**GUIDELINES FOR MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS:** Draft copies of new guidelines for meetings and field trips were distributed to Board members to be discussed at the Winter Board Meeting.

**AFFILIATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR BIRD PRESERVATION:** Rose Fritz moved that the Board go on record as favoring the affiliation of KOS with the ICBP. Mike Rader seconded the motion. The motion passed. The question will be brought to the afternoon business meeting.

**ROYALTIES FROM BIRDS IN KANSAS:** David Seibel announced that all royalties from the sale of the book Birds in Kansas that would otherwise go to authors Chuck Ely and Max Thompson were being donated to KOS. It was estimated that this would amount to \$4,000 per edition. It was suggested that these funds might go to promote publications. It was further suggested that the President appoint an Ad Hoc Committee for Publications to administer these funds and that it would consist of Chuck Ely, Max Thompson and the KOS Treasurer. This committee would be in existence until 1999 and will make annual reports to the Board at the Fall Meeting concerning the use of these funds.

**COMMITTEE DUTIES:** A draft listing of committee duties was distributed to Board members to be discussed at the Winter Board Meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:** It was suggested that we need to publish a new membership directory.

**SPRING AND FALL MEETINGS 1991:** It was suggested that we look into the possibility of northwest Kansas (Goodland area) for the Spring Meeting 1991. The Board will wait for invitations for the Fall Meeting 1991.

**WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH:** This will be put on the agenda for the Winter Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight Platt  
Corresponding Secretary, KOS

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KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING 1989  
Baker University  
Baldwin City, Kansas  
October 7-8, 1989

The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society met in the Owens Musical Arts Building on the campus of Baker University. The meeting was co-sponsored locally by the Baldwin Bird Club and the Biology Department at Baker University.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, MORNING SESSION

Roger Boyd, Local Arrangements Chair, opened the meeting and made some announcements for those in attendance. He introduced Dr. Daniel M. Lambert, President of Baker University, who welcomed KOS to the Baker University campus. David Seibel, President of KOS, thanked Baker University for hosting the meeting and welcomed the members in attendance. He then turned the meeting over to Mick McHugh, Vice-President, who chaired the morning paper session. The papers were presented in the morning session according to the schedule.

The morning Business Meeting called to order by President Seibel at 11:30 AM.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last Annual Meeting had been published in the KOS Newsletter. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as published. The motion passed. The minutes of the Spring Board Meeting were read, by the Secretary, Dwight Platt. It was moved and seconded that these minutes be approved. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rose Fritz reported that the organization ended the year with almost \$23,000 in total assets. The Treasurer's Report is appended to these minutes.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jane Hershberger reported that KOS had 382 members as of October 1. This was down four from last year. Gene Lewis moved to accept the Membership Secretary's Report. The motion was seconded and passed.

KANSAS NON-GAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL: Elmer Finck, KOS representative of the council, reported that KNWAC was changing its role to become more advisory and less concerned with the annual budget. The council was also adopting new bylaws to expand the membership to include more organizations that are interested in the non-game wildlife program.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that the September issue of the Bulletin would be late because he had been lacking copy for it. He now has sufficient copy through the June issue. He invited those presenting papers at the Annual Meeting to submit those papers to the Bulletin.

INTERNATION COUNCIL FOR BIRD PRESERVATION: David Seibel read a letter from Stan Senner, Chair of the U.S. Section of the ICBP. He pointed out that ICBP publishes the Red Data Book on rare and endangered species of birds. ICBP was responsible for classifying Cheyenne Bottoms as critical habitat for shore-birds. KOS is invited to become a member of the ICBP - US SECTION and support its legislative efforts in Washington. David Seibel reported that the Board had discussed the matter of membership and the issue would be voted upon at the afternoon business meeting. David encouraged members to vote to support ICBP.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Galen Pittman reported the following slate of officers as being nominated by the Nominations Committee (other members Diane Seltman and Jan Boyd):

|                  |              |                 |               |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| President:       | Mick McHugh  | Membership Sec: | Diane Seltman |
| Vice-President:  | David Bryan  | Business Man:   | Galen Pittman |
| Treasurer:       | Rose Fritz   | Director:       | Tom Shane     |
| Correspond. Sec: | Dwight Platt | Director:       | John Shukman  |

The terms of Directors Mike Rader and Pete Janzen do not expire.

The meeting adjourned until afternoon.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, AFTERNOON SESSION

A Birdwatcher's Hour was held at 1:30 PM led by David Bryan. The afternoon session was chaired by Mick McHugh and followed the schedule.

David Seibel called the afternoon business meeting to order after the paper session.

MEETINGS: David Seibel announced that the Spring Meeting would be held the weekend of May 5-6, 1990 at the Cimarron Grasslands in Morton County. The next Fall Meeting will be the weekend of October 6-7, 1990 in Newton.

INTERNATION COUNCIL FOR BIRD PRESERVATION: David Bryan made motion that KOS affiliate itself with the ICBP and pay the annual membership dues. The motion was seconded by Mike Rader. The motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS: Dwight Platt read the following proposed amendment to the Bylaws being brought by the Board to the Annual Business Meeting: To amend Article VI, Sec. 6D of the KOS Bylaws to read "Prepare an interim financial statement to be presented at the annual business meeting and an annual financial statement to be published in the newsletter." This amendment was moved and seconded in order to make it unnecessary for the Treasurer to prepare two annual financial statements, one for the year ending at the Annual Meeting and another at the end of the financial year on December 31. The motion passed unanimously.

ROYALTIES FROM BIRDS IN KANSAS: David Seibel announced that all royalties that would normally go to Chuck Ely and Max Thompson from the book Birds in Kansas were being donated to KOS. He expressed appreciation to Chuck and Max for this gift. He announced that he had appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on Publications consisting of Chuck Ely, Max Thompson, and the KOS Treasurer to administer the use of these funds.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: David Seibel opened the meeting to nominations from the floor for KOS officers and/or directors. John Zimmerman moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of nominees proposed by the Nominations. The motion was seconded. The motion was passed and the slate of nominees was elected.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE: The auditing committee was composed of Gene Lewis and Elmer Finck. Gene Lewis reported for the committee that they found the Treasurer's books in order. He made suggestions to the Treasurer that would make the task of auditing easier. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Audit Report. The motion was seconded and passed.

WILDLIFE/BREEDING BIRD ATLAS: Elmer finck made a motion that the KOS Board should investigate along with the State Biological Survey to determine if there are ways that KOS might be helpful in the compilation of the Wildlife Atlas being developed by the Kansas Heritage Program. The Board should bring a report to the Spring Meeting. The motion was seconded by Gene Lewis. The motion passed.

The Business Meeting adjourned after announcements concerning the evening banquet and the next day's field trips.



## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, EVENING BANQUET

The banquet was held at 6 PM in Harter Union on the campus of Baker University. Mick McHugh opened the meeting after a delicious meal.

RESOLUTIONS: John Zimmerman reported for Resolutions Committee (other members Stan Roth and Scott Seltman). He expressed appreciation to the local committees, to the persons who had presented papers at the meetings and to the outgoing officers and directors. The resolutions were accepted by acclamation.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS: Jane Hershberger announced that there were five new life members and she would be sending pins to Joan Berkley, Lawrence Herbert, Dan Kilby, Jim Mayhew, and Ben Powell III.

TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR: Marvin Schwillling reported for the Official Records Committee on the Ten Best Birds Of The Year. (A complete account of the report is in this issue of the Horned Lark.)

Mick McHugh introduced banquet speaker Dr. Alan Wentz. Dr. Wentz is Assistant Secretary of Kansas Wildlife and Parks and spoke on various wildlife programs in the State of Kansas.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, FIELD TRIPS

Field trips were taken on Sunday morning to various areas of Douglas County. Participants met for lunch and compilation of the list at Wells Park Overlook. The Annual Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight Platt  
KOS Corresponding Sec.

## ABSTRACT OF PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL FALL MEETING, OCTOBER 7, 1989

HABITAT MANAGEMENT FOR THE LEAST TERN IN KANSAS. Roger L. Boyd, Biology Department, Baker University, Baldwin City, KS 66006.

Research has been conducted on the population ecology and reproductive success of the Interior Least Tern in Kansas and northwestern Oklahoma since 1980. The subspecies was federally listed as endangered in 1985. Habitat management has been determined as one possible way to help stabilize, or even increase the population. Along the Cimarron River decreased water flows have allowed vegetation to stabilize the sandbars thus eliminating historic nesting sites. What remains are low sandbars that are slow to dry out and susceptible to flooding after the eggs are laid. In 1983 we began the manipulation of vegetation on an area called the Meade County Oxbow. this area is adjacent to an old channel of the Cimarron River, 1 mi. east of the K-23 bridge. The 1.3 acre area has subsequently been bulldozed 3 times to eliminate invading saltgrass. The number of pairs using the area has been a low of 8 in 1982 to a high of 15 in 1985. In 1989 there were 9 pairs and they successfully fledged 4 juveniles. The 2 colonies in Beaver Co., OK and Clark Co., KS did not fledge any birds and the 14 pairs in Harper Co., OK only fledged 1 bird. The Little Salt Plains in Woods Co., OK fledged 10 birds. It usually fledges over 30 juveniles. We feel that the main reason that the Oxbow colony was successful was due to the early availability of a dry nesting substrate. We have also been modifying nesting habitat at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge in Stafford Co., KS. Since 1986 we

have 25 three foot diameter gravel and sand nesting pads protected from coyotes by electric fence. These have increased hatching success but not fledging success. This fall, with help from members of Flint Hills Audubon Chapter, we have constructed 170 additional pads and will fence all of them next spring. We hope that this will increase available nesting sites in drier parts of the alkaline flats, thus increasing survivability of the juveniles.

BREEDING RECORD FOR THE BLACK-SHOULDERED KITE IN KANSAS. David Rintoul, Div. of Biology, and Ted Cable, Dept. of Forestry, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506.

On the morning of August 6, 1989 Gary Radke of Olsburg, KS sighted an adult Black-shouldered Kite (*elanus caeruleus*) approximately 2 miles west and 1.4 miles north of Olsburg. Several phone calls were made to alert local bird-watchers, and a similar bird was seen by Dave Rintoul that afternoon, and by Ted Cable on the evening of August 7. On August 8 Ted Cable and Mike Rader discovered that a second adult bird was present in the area. A large expedition of birdwatchers from Kansas and other states found the birds on the weekend of Aug. 12-13; in addition, they observed the female on a nest at the top of a bur oak tree. The female bird was almost always on the nest, only leaving it for 20-30 minute periods to feed (and stretch) during the daylight hours. Photographs of the adults were taken on August 14 and 20. During the week of Aug. 20-26, hatching of the eggs occurred; young were first sighted by Jay Jeffrey on Aug. 24. Photographs of the female feeding the young were taken on Aug. 28 and Sept. 7. On Friday, September 8, 1989 a severe wind and rain storm apparently destroyed the nest. Ted Cable reported seeing the adults in the area on September 9, but the nest and the young birds were no longer to be found. Extensive searches for the birds on September 16 and 17 by several local birdwatchers revealed no sign of the adult birds. The photographs are the first documentation of the occurrence, and first documentation of breeding of this species in Kansas. Historically the species was confined to Texas, California and Arizona in the United States, extending to Argentina and Chile in South America. Recent records of breeding in Oklahoma and in North Dakota (American Birds, 1988, 42(1):94) indicate that these raptors may be expanding their range. Since Black-shouldered Kites commonly nest at the same site for several years, it is hope that these birds will return to Pottawatomie County in the summer of 1990.

WINTER RECORDS OF FRANKLIN'S GULLS IN NUPTIAL PLUMAGE. Robert Fisher, Lloyd Moore, Ted Cable, Earl McHugh.

At least 21 apparently-different individual Franklin's Gulls were among 33 reported in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Illinois in December-February of 1988-1989. Twenty-two records (at least 13 separate individuals) occurred in Kansas. All were in high breeding plumage. According to authorities cited, most Franklin's Gulls should be in basic plumage and south of the U.S. in winter. Only scattered post-November records exist for the species north of the Gulf Coast, few of them in nuptial feather. The authors speculate that the stress of the 1988 drought may somehow have stimulated aberrant physiological change, causing the winter Franklin's Gulls to develop unseasonal plumage and delay their migration. They offer no precise reason for the unusual phenomenon but argue the number of aberrant birds recorded is large enough to deserve further investigation.

EMERGING AQUATIC INSECTS AS A FOOD RESOURCE FOR FLYCATCHERS IN RIPARIAN HABITATS OF A TALLGRASS PRAIRIE STREAM. Lawrence J. Gray, Dept. of Biology, Ottawa University, Ottawa, KS 66067.

The biomass of emerging aquatic insects from Kings Creek, Konza Prairie Reserach Natural Area, is several times greater per unit area than the production of terrestrial insects, suggesting that this stream represents a concentrated food source for flycatchers. This hypothesis was tested by concurrent measurements of stream insect emergence and flycatcher densities during the summers of 1987, 1988 and 1989. The dominant insect groups emerging from Kings Creek were midges, mayflies, stoneflies and caddisflies. The most common flycatchers were the Eastern Wood-Pewee and Eastern Kingbird. Densities of all flycatchers were significantly correlated with emergence biomass. Among individual species of birds, numbers of Eastern Wood-Pewees were highly correlated with emergence of small insects, especially midges, whereas Eastern Kingbird numbers were highly correlated with both small and large insects, particularly stoneflies and caddisflies. Emerging stream insects thus appear to be an important food for these birds.

BIRDING IN INDIA. Lorna Harder, Bethel College, Newton, KS.

In January 1988, I had the opportunity to accompany a student group led by Dr. Dwight Platt on a month's tour of India to become acquainted with aspects of the history, biology and culture of the Indian subcontinent. Specifically, the tour included two birding sites: Keoladeo National Park and Kanha National Park. Keoladeo N.P. is a bird sanctuary located in the northwestern province of Rajasthan. Although the area has historically had high bird populations, dams built 150 years ago have created 29 sq. km. of wetlands. Presently, 326 species have been identified. One hundred of these species are migratory. Keoladeo is the only known wintering ground for 36 of the approximately 325 remaining Siberian Cranes. Our group was fortunate to view four pairs feeding on mudflats. Also viewed in the sanctuary: cormorants, herons, egrets, flamingos, parakeets, owls, vultures, swifts, kingfishers, rollers, woodpeckers, hoopoes, wagtails, shrikes, bulbuls, and drongos. Kanha N.P. in central India is a deciduous rain forest with forested slopes and grassy valleys. It has an area of 900 sq. km. with an additional 1500 sq. km. set aside as a buffer zone. Viewed in the park: peacocks, jungle fowl, pigeons, rollers, drongos, flycatchers, leafeaters, tits and orioles.

TRENDS IN KANSAS SPECIES ON BREEDING-BIRD SURVEYS, 1966-1987. John Zimmerman, Div. Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan 66506.

Of the birds identified on the June Breeding-bird Survey routes in Kansas, 97 had sufficient sample size for trend analyses by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service staff. Of these, 55% showed no significant change over this 22-year period, 24% increased and 21% decreased. There were no correlations of either increases or decreases with habitat type. The only geographic relationship was that increasing species were predominantly those that occur widely across the state. The data, however, do suggest some avenues for further investigation. Cassin's Sparrow, for example, had a 21% decrease over these years that could reflect habitat loss resulting from the implementation of center-pivot irrigation on the High Plains. The Red-eyed Vireo shows no significant change; forest habitats in eastern Kansas are perhaps being maintained. The greatest increase (16%) was by the Great-tailed Grackle, whose invasion of the state during this period is well documented.

Other presentations for which no abstracts were received included: WINTER BIRD-POPULATIONS OF SAND PINE SCRUB AND SCRUBBY FLATWOODS IN FLORIDA, by Calvin Cink, Biology Dept., Baker University, Baldwin, KS; THE POSSIBILITY OF A BREEDING BIRD ATLAS FOR KANSAS, by William H. Busby, Kansas Biological Survey, Lawrence, KS; THE KANSAS RARE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES PROGRAM, by Marvin Schwilling, Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks, Emporia, KS.

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TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR  
Oct. 1, 1988 - Sept. 30, 1989  
by Marvin Schwilling, Chairman,  
Official Records Committee

1. Black-shouldered Kite - Linn Co., sw. of Mound City, July, single bird seen by Don George. Another sight record from Cheyenne Bottoms WMA, between Pools 3 & 4, April, by Wrakestraw. Pottawatomie Co., east shore of Tuttle Creek Res., nw. of Olsburg, August 6, 1989 by Gary Radke. Two birds found the following day and a nest located on August 12. First Kansas records and nesting is a bonus. Black-shouldered Kites are local breeders in extreme southern Oklahoma with scattered records elsewhere from the U.S. interior.
2. Magnificent Frigatebird - Graham Co., October 8, 1988, Scott and Diane Seltman. One Kansas specimen and records from six counties.
3. Bald Eagle (Nesting) - Douglas Co., Clinton Res., March 31, 1989, first reported by Charles Holthaus. First post-settlement nesting for the state. Two young successfully fledged.
4. Barrow's Goldeneye - Trego Co., Cedar Bluff CBC, January 8, 1989, Tom Shane and Sara Norman. Also Shawnee Co., April 10, 1989 by Dan Gish and Paul Willis. No Kansas specimen but there are sight records from four counties.
5. Garganey - Miami Co., Middle Creek St. Fishing Lake, October 23, 1988, Lloyd Moore. No Kansas specimens but records from four counties. First reported in Kansas in 1981.
6. Golden-crowned Sparrow - Scott Co., s. end Scott Lake State Park, January 1, by Tom Shane and Sara Norman. No Kansas specimen but records from four counties.
7. Ruff - Barton Co., Cheyenne Bottoms, 2 birds, October 22, 1988, by Don and Fran Vannoy. Also Cheyenne Bottoms, Blind 148, September 28, 1989 by a Kentucky birder, Maxey Irwin. One Kansas specimen and recent records from three counties.
8. Pomarine Jaeger - Cowley Co., December 15, 1988, by Max Thompson. We have one Kansas specimen and two previous county records.
9. Little Gull - Jefferson Co., Perry Res., October 8, 1988 by Dan LaShelle. Also Pottawatomie and Riley Co.'s, Tuttle Creek Res., May 15, 1989 by Ted Cable.
10. Black-legged Kittiwake - Trego Co., Cedar Bluff Res., November 12, 1988, by Scott and Diane Seltman and Dave Bryan. One Kansas specimen and records from six counties.

HONARABLE MENTION  
(No particular order.)

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1. Lesser Goldfinch - Morton Co., 20+ individuals, September 16-17, 1989 by Scott and Diane Seltman and Mark Corder. No specimens in Kansas and only five county records.
2. Varied Thrush - Stevens Co., Hugoton, October 18, 1988, by Barbara Nordling and Retha Wagner. (Other sight records from Lawrence and Wichita during winter and spring.) Two Kansas specimens plus sight records from 10 counties.
3. Olivaceous Cormorant - Coffey Co., April 30, 1989, by Lloyd Moore, Mick McHugh, and Bob Fisher. Two Kansas specimens.
4. Parasitic Jaeger - Douglas Co., November 13, 1988, by Galen Pittman and Bill Hayes.
5. Clark's Nutcracker - Reno Co., n. Hutchinson, May 7, 1989, Bob Prather.
6. Laughing Gull - Barton Co., Cheyenne Bottoms, August 12, 1989. Two birds, Cheyenne Bottoms, Mick McHugh, September 3, 1989. One Kansas specimen and several sight records.
7. Thayer's Gull - Barton Co., Cheyenne Bottoms, October 14, 1988, Lloyd Moore, Mick McHugh, Sebastian Patti. Also Coffey Co., John Redmond Res., January 21, 1989, by Lloyd Moore and Greg Griffith. No Kansas specimen, but several sight records.
8. Lewis' Woodpecker - Morton Co., September 16, 1989 by Diane Seltman.
9. Black Scoter - Barton Co., Cheyenne Bottoms, October 24, 1988, Scott and Diane Seltman.
10. Sabine Gull - Osage Co., Pomona Res., October 2, 1988, Lloyd Moore, Mick McHugh, Bob Fisher. Also, Barton Co., Cheyenne Bottoms, October 5, 1988, Marvin Schwilling.
11. Glaucous Gull - Coffey Co., John Redmond Res., January 20, 1989, by Lloyd Moore, Mick McHugh, and Bob Fisher. Douglas Co., Clinton Res., January 21, 1989, by Galen Pittman and Bill Hayes. Jefferson Co., Perry Res., January 23, 1989 by Richard Rucker. We have one Kansas specimen and several sight records.
12. Snow Bunting - Pottawatomie Co., Tuttle Creek Res., December 24, 1988 by Ted Cable. Also Osage Co., Melvern Res., February 11, 1989 by Gene Lewis.
13. Connecticut Warbler - Miami Co., September 3, 1989 by Lloyd Moore.
14. Pine Warbler - Miami Co., September 3, 1989 by Lloyd Moore.
15. Yellow-throated Warbler - Miami Co., September 3, 1989 by Lloyd Moore.
16. Rufous Hummingbird - Haskell Co., Sublette, September 5, 1989 by Sebastian Patti.
17. Scrub Jay - Morton Co., 25+ birds, September 16-17, 1989 by Scott and Diane Seltman and Mark Corder. Specimens from two counties and sight records from nine counties.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

1. Trumpeter Swan - Ottawa Co., Ottawa State Fishing Lake, one bird with patagial wing marker, January 10, 1989 by Nancy Clark. Geary Co., Milford Fish Hatchery, bird with wing marker, January 1989. Linn Co., Marais des Cygnes WMA, five birds including adult with neck collar, February 16, 1989 by Mike Blair. Captured with geese under cannon nets during banding operation. (All birds seen during winter believed to from Minnesota's reintroduced flocks.)
2. Snowy Owl - Republic Co., Jamestown WMA, December 19, 1988 by Steve King. Only report all winter.
3. House Finch (nesting) - Lyon Co., Emporia, two colonies, May 12, 1989 by Jean Schulenberg.
4. Red-tailed Hawk - Butler Co., along Kansas Turnpike, March 21, 1989 by Linda Clarke. Also McPherson Co., 5 mi. sw. Conway, August, 1989 by Jon Joy.

5. Black-billed Magpie - Harvey Co., five birds seen all summer, 3 mi. e. Walton. This is fifty miles east of known nesting range.

Information used in choosing the "Top Ten" included sightings reported on the Rare-Bird-Alert Hotline, Christmas Counts, correspondence and phone calls. As in the past, consideration was given to previous state records or specimens, geographic location in the state, season of sighting, nesting status, etc. and committee judgements. Thirty-two candidates were considered.

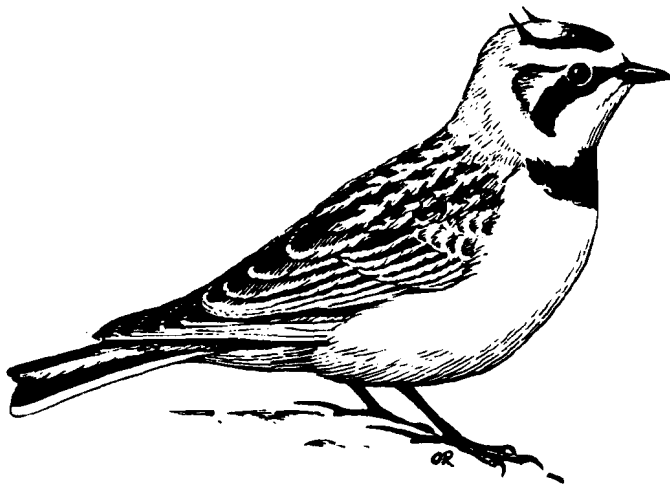
#### BIRD LIST FROM 1989 KOS FALL MEETING / October 8 (7AM to 1 PM)

Although the birding was a bit lackluster in Douglas County the 35+ KOS members who ventured into the field saw some interesting birds at Clinton Lake and in the Baldwin Woods north of Baldwin City. The best birds at the lake included a Common Loon, an adult Bald Eagle, Sora, and family groups of Caspian Terns (including begging juveniles). Early passerine migrants included Winter Wren, Brown Creeper, and LeConte's Sparrow. Total Species = 91.

|                          |                           |                        |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Common Loon              | Mourning Dove             | Loggerhead Shrike      |
| Pied-billed Grebe        | Eastern Screech-Owl       | Eurobecean Starling    |
| White Pelican            | Great Horned Owl          | Solitary Vireo         |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Barred Owl                | Orange-crowned Warbler |
| Great Blue Heron         | Chimney Swift             | Nashville Warbler      |
| Green-backed Heron       | Belted Kingfisher         | Yellow-rumped Warbler  |
| Canada Goose             | Red-bellied Woodpecker    | Northern Cardinal      |
| Green-winged Teal        | Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  | Indigo Bunting         |
| Mallard                  | Downy Woodpecker          | Dickcissel             |
| Northern Pintail         | Hairy Woodpecker          | Rufous-sided Towhee    |
| Blue-winged Teal         | Northern Flicker          | Chipping Sparrow       |
| Gadwall                  | Eastern Wood-Pewee        | Field Sparrow          |
| American Widgeon         | Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | Savannah Sparrow       |
| Lesser Scaup             | Tree Swallow              | Grasshopper Sparrow    |
| Turkey Vulture           | Rough-winged Swallow      | LeConte's Sparrow      |
| Bald Eagle               | Bank Swallow              | Fox Sparrow            |
| Northern Harrier         | Barn Swallow              | Song Sparrow           |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk       | Blue Jay                  | Lincoln's Sparrow      |
| Cooper's Hawk            | American Crow             | Swamp Sparrow          |
| Red-tailed Hawk          | Black-capped Chickadee    | White-throated Sparrow |
| American Kestrel         | Tufted Titmouse           | White-crowned Sparrow  |
| Northern Bobwhite        | White-breasted Nuthatch   | Dark-eyed Junco        |
| Sora                     | Brown Creeper             | Red-winged Blackbird   |
| American Coot            | Carolina Wren             | Eastern Meadowlark     |
| Killdeer                 | Winter Wren               | Western Meadowlark     |
| Sanderling               | Golden-crowned Kinglet    | Common Grackle         |
| Franklin's Gull          | Ruby-crowned Kinglet      | Brown-headed Cowbird   |
| Ring-billed Gull         | Eastern Bluebird          | American Goldfinch     |
| Herring Gull             | American Robin            | House Finch            |
| Caspian Tern             | Northern Mockingbird      |                        |
| Rock Dove                | Water Pipit               |                        |

#### PHOTOGRAPHS FOR BIRDS IN KANSAS, VOL. II

The authors are soliciting photographs for the second volume of Birds in Kansas and are again asking for the help of Kansas photographers. If you have photos of birds that occupy the second half of the Kansas Checklist (flycatchers to house sparrow) you should mail them to: Max Thompson, Biology Dept., Southwestern College, Winfield, KS 67156.



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## The Horned Lark

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WINTER FEEDERS / December 88 through February 89 / by Scott Seltman

For the second winter in a row the excitement level among Kansas birders was quite low. The horrible birding was probably a combination of several factors, not the least of which was the Drought of '88. Bird numbers seemed low across the board with some species being incredibly scarce. Even the most casual observers noticed the remarkable lack of finches. Not a single crossbill was reported in the state, suggesting that if they were present at all their numbers must have been very low. And at feeders where Pine Siskins had dined by the hundreds last winter, only one or two were seen all season long.

December and January were quite dull weather-wise across Kansas. Winters are often quite dry in Kansas but this winter was especially so. Some areas had virtually zero precipitation during the entire period. Temperatures were not particularly warm, but were never really cold either. An almost complete lack of snowfall anywhere in the state made early winter seem rather mild. The last few days of January saw temperatures in the 70's and 80's in western Kansas and it almost seemed as if winter were going to pass us by. But then came February! On February 1 a cold air mass that had been centered over Alaska for over a month broke loose and plunged southward across the plains. Some parts of the state saw temperatures fall over 100 degrees in just two days and many localities in the west reached -20 F degrees several days in a row. Had such an arctic weather system occurred early in the winter we might have seen a fascinating movement of northern birds into our state, but coming as it did near the edge of spring this weather event produced no birds of interest. Throughout the rest of February the weather in Kansas remained schizophrenic with very cold weather alternating with very warm. By the last weekend of the season shorebirds and waterfowl were moving north and daytime highs were over 90 in the west.

Where were the birds this winter? Well, apparently the finches were at higher latitudes. Drought patterns over the central U.S. in 1988 had actually created a very wet summer in Canada and an excellent cone crop, giving finches little reason to leave. And in Colorado most finches spent the winter high in the mountains. Waterfowl were scarce in the west where the lakes were low and mostly frozen, but in the east their numbers were high. Many observers agreed that John Redmond Reservoir was the one bright spot in this winter's birding picture and many of the following records come from there.

A few species were unusually common this winter. Mountain Bluebirds could be found all winter at several localities with a few making their way across Kansas into western Missouri. The Northern Shrike invasion that began in October out west continued until early January. Golden-crowned Kinglets were mentioned by many birders as being quite common in their area and were a daily sight all winter in Pawnee County.

The list of rarities begins with the Trumpeter Swan family that remained at Marais des Cygne for several weeks. This makes the fifth winter in a row that birds from Minnesota have stopped in Kansas. Let's hope the trend continues. Ten years ago anyone reporting a Franklin's Gull north of the Gulf Coast in January would have been laughed at, but the eleven individuals at John Redmond represent a growing trend for this species to winter inland. The same is true for Bonaparte's, a species that seems to become more abundant every fall in Kansas. The Varied Thrush reported from Wichita was the third in as many months in our state. Is this bird truly rare in Kansas or has it just gone unnoticed in backyards all these years? One interesting thing to note about Varied Thrushes is that knowing much about birds seems to be a handicap when attempting to find one; news of their whereabouts normally comes as second or third hand information from a friend or neighbor who makes an offhand remark about the "funny" Robin that they saw hopping beneath their lawn furniture.

The Golden-crowned Sparrow found by Tom Shane and Sara Norman at Scott Lake was definitely the find of the season. It was probably the same individual that had been seen by Dave Rintoul on the CBC a year earlier. The bird was not particularly tame but was eventually seen by all who pursued it and remained long enough to make it on this year's CBC as well. Considering this bird's ability to get lost in its host flock of Harris' and White-crowns it is easy to see why this sparrow has been reported only a handful of times in Kansas.

Only a few written reports were received by the editor for this season. If you notice that your own important sightings are missing please submit them for inclusion in the next seasonal summary. For a more complete look at the birding situation this winter refer to the March Bulletin which contains the annual CBC report. The next reporting period will cover the months of March through July 1989. Many reports are already in but I know of several great birds that have not yet been documented.

#### BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS / December 1988 through February 1989

|                     |                                                                                                                                                       |          |                    |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Common Loon         | 1 at LaCygne L. Wintering?                                                                                                                            | LM       | 1-22-89 Linn       |
| Horned Grebe        | 1 late bird at Perry                                                                                                                                  | LM,MM    | 12-18-88 Jefferson |
| Eared Grebe         | 2 on Cedar Bluff                                                                                                                                      | SS       | 12-10-88 Trego     |
| White Pelican       | 15 at John Redmond                                                                                                                                    | LM,MM    | 1-15-89 Coffey     |
|                     |                                                                                                                                                       |          | to 1-22-89 Coffey  |
| Great Blue Heron    | 21 birds at John Redmond                                                                                                                              | LM,MM    | 1-15-89 Coffey     |
| Tundra Swan         | 1 at MDC compared directly with family of Trumpeters. Yellow mark on bill.                                                                            | SC,LM,RP | 2-18-89 Linn       |
| Trumpeter Swan      | 5 at MDC first found by Mike Blair. Part of reintroduced population at Hennepin Park, Minn. Present for several weeks and seen by multiple observers. |          | 2-18-89 Linn       |
| White-fronted Goose | 1 bird creamy white overall but with normal belly markings, bill and feet, and with no Snow Goose markings. A case of leucism or schizochroism?       | DS,SS    | 2-25-89 Stafford   |
| Ross' Goose         | 1 with Snows at J. Redmond                                                                                                                            | LM,MM    | 12-11-88 Coffey    |
| Ross' Goose         | 2 ad. 1 juv. near MDC                                                                                                                                 | BF,LM,MM | 2-18-89 Linn       |
| Black Duck          | 1 at Wolf Creek                                                                                                                                       | BF,LM,MM | 1-15-89 Coffey     |



|                                                                                                                                  |                                                                       |                |            |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|
| Cinnamon Teal                                                                                                                    | 1 early male                                                          | DS,SS          | 2-25-89    | Stafford  |
| Greater Scaup                                                                                                                    | 1 male, 3 females                                                     | LM,MM,SP,DS,SS | 1-02-89    | Trego     |
| Bald Eagle                                                                                                                       | 30                                                                    | LM             | 12-11-88   | Coffey    |
| Bald Eagle                                                                                                                       | 60                                                                    | LM             | 1-15-89    | Coffey    |
| Bald Eagle                                                                                                                       | 89                                                                    | LM             | 2-24-89    | Coffey    |
| Golden Eagle                                                                                                                     | 1 imm. in backyard!!                                                  | SS             | 12-01-88   | Rush      |
| Golden Eagle                                                                                                                     | 3                                                                     | SS             | 12-03-88   | Morton    |
| Golden Eagle                                                                                                                     | 2                                                                     | SS             | 12-03-88   | Stanton   |
| Golden Eagle                                                                                                                     | 2                                                                     | SS             | 12-03-88   | Hamilton  |
| Golden Eagle                                                                                                                     | 1 imm. Rare in east.                                                  | LM             | 1-22-89    | Linn      |
| Merlin                                                                                                                           | 1                                                                     | SS             | 12-05-88   | Rush      |
| Killdeer                                                                                                                         | 3 uncommon winter residents                                           | BF,LM,MM       | 1-15-89    | Coffey    |
| Franklin's Gull                                                                                                                  | 1 in breeding plumage                                                 | LM             | 12-18-89   | Jefferson |
| Franklin's Gull                                                                                                                  | 11 birds at John Redmond                                              | LM             | 1-15-89    | Coffey    |
| Franklin's Gull                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                     | LM             | 1-15-89    | Osage     |
| Franklin's Gull                                                                                                                  | 8                                                                     | LM             | 1-22-89    | Coffey    |
| Franklin's Gull                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                     | LM             | 1-28-89    | Douglas   |
| Franklin's Gull                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                     | LM             | 2-11-89    | Coffey    |
| Bonaparte's Gull                                                                                                                 | 125                                                                   | LM             | 1-15-89    | Coffey    |
| Bonaparte's Gull                                                                                                                 | 70                                                                    | LM             | 1-22-89    | Coffey    |
| Thayer's Gull                                                                                                                    | 1st winter bird                                                       | GG,LM          | 1-22-89    | Coffey    |
| Glaucous Gull                                                                                                                    | 1 imm.                                                                | LM,MM          | 12-11-88   | Coffey    |
| Glaucous Gull                                                                                                                    | 1                                                                     | BF,LM,MM       | 1-15-89    | Coffey    |
| Glaucous Gull                                                                                                                    | 1                                                                     | GG,LM          | 1-22-89    | Coffey    |
| Glaucous Gull                                                                                                                    | 1 adult at Perry                                                      | RR             | 1-31-89    | Jefferson |
|                                                                                                                                  |                                                                       |                | to 2-06-89 | Jefferson |
| Glaucous Gull                                                                                                                    | 1                                                                     | DB,LM          | 2-04-89    | Douglas   |
| Eastern Screech-Owl                                                                                                              | 1 trapped in shed                                                     | SS             | 12-30-88   | Pawnee    |
| Ladder-backed Wood.                                                                                                              | 2 females Boy Scout area                                              | SS             | 12-03-88   | Morton    |
| White-br. Nuthatch                                                                                                               | 1                                                                     | SS             | 12-03-88   | Morton    |
| Carolina Wren                                                                                                                    | 2                                                                     | LM             | 1-15-89    | Coffey    |
| Carolina Wren                                                                                                                    | 1                                                                     | LM             | 1-22-89    | Coffey    |
| Carolina Wren                                                                                                                    | 1                                                                     | LM             | 2-10-89    | Linn      |
| Carolina Wren                                                                                                                    | 1                                                                     | LM             | 2-19-89    | Linn      |
| Carolina Wren                                                                                                                    | 2                                                                     | LM             | 2-24-89    | Coffey    |
| Bewick's Wren                                                                                                                    | 2                                                                     | LM             | 12-11-88   | Coffey    |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                | 75                                                                    | SS             | 12-10-88   | Trego     |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                | 30+                                                                   | LM,MM,SP,DS,SS | 1-02-89    | Trego     |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                | 5                                                                     | SS             | 1-15-89    | Pawnee    |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                | 2                                                                     | SS             | 1-17-89    | Pawnee    |
| Varied Thrush                                                                                                                    | 1 present for 2 weeks                                                 | BB             | 1- -89     | Sedgwick  |
| (Wichita apparently had one or two birds all winter. Reports continued into March, but no details were submitted to the editor.) |                                                                       |                |            |           |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                  | 1 imm.                                                                | SS             | 12-02-88   | Rush      |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                  | 2 adults on river road                                                | SS             | 12-03-88   | Hamilton  |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                     | SS             | 12-04-88   | Pawnee    |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                  | 1 ad.                                                                 | SS             | 12-10-88   | Trego     |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                  | 1 ad.                                                                 | SS             | 12-11-88   | Rush      |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                  | 1 ad.                                                                 | SS             | 12-12-88   | Pawnee    |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                  | 1 imm.                                                                | SS             | 12-17-88   | Rush      |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                     | SS             | 12-20-88   | Pawnee    |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                     | SS             | 1-04-89    | Pawnee    |
| Northern Shrike                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                     | SS             | 1-14-89    | Rush      |
| Yellow-rumped Warb.                                                                                                              | 2 birds. Rare in winter.                                              | LM             | 12-11-88   | Wyandotte |
| Northern Cardinal                                                                                                                | 1                                                                     | SS             | 12-03-88   | Morton    |
| Golden-crowned Sp.                                                                                                               | 1 winter adult seen at south end of Scott State Park. Several photos. | TS,SN          | 1-01-89    | Scott     |
|                                                                                                                                  | Same bird seen by DB,TC,LM,MM,SP,DS,SS                                |                | 1-02-89    | Scott     |

|                      |                                                       |          |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| White-crowned Sp.    | extremely scarce                                      | LM       | Winter E. Kansas  |
| Longspurs            | Hundreds of longspurs                                 | RR       | 1-14-89 Cheyenne  |
|                      | seen along K-27 n. of St. Francis including McCown's, |          |                   |
|                      | Chestnut-collareds, and Laplands.                     |          |                   |
| Great-tailed Grackle | 50+ birds wintering                                   | BF,LM,MM | 12-11-88 Coffey   |
|                      |                                                       |          | to 2-25-89 Coffey |
| Pine Siskin          | 1 lone bird                                           | LM       | 12-11-88 Coffey   |
| House Finch          | 1 bird at feeder                                      | LM       | 2-20-89 Johnson   |

LIST OF OBSERVERS: Bob Braden (BB), Dave Bryan (DB), Ted Cable (TC), Steve Crawford (SC), Bob Fisher (BF), Greg Griffith (GG), Mick McHugh (MM), Lloyd Moore (LM), Sara Norman (SN), Richard Parker (RP), Sebastian Patti (SP), Richard Rucker (RR), Diane Seltman (DS), Scott Seltman (SS), Tom Shane (TS),

CORRECTIONS TO SEASONAL SUMMARY IN VOL. 16, NO. 1.

Add:

|             |                          |    |                    |
|-------------|--------------------------|----|--------------------|
| Common Loon | max. of 28 at Perry Res. | RR | 11-03-88 Jefferson |
|-------------|--------------------------|----|--------------------|

Delete:

|                   |                          |    |      |           |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----|------|-----------|
| Little Blue Heron | nesting with Great Blues | RR | 1988 | Jefferson |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----|------|-----------|

(This line in the previous Horned Lark was the result of a misunderstanding. Little Blues are suspected of breeding in the Perry Lake area but have never been confirmed as breeders in Jefferson County.)

#### KOS SPRING MEETING REPORT

The Spring Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society was held at Camp Aldrich in eastern Barton County on May 6 and 7, 1989. Attendance was somewhat low, no doubt affected by reports that Cheyenne Bottoms was dry. But the 40 or so members who did attend all seemed to have a wonderful time.

Cheyenne Bottoms was almost dry with only a few putrid pools remaining, but this proved to be an excellent cure for "dikeitis\*" and the resulting change in birding strategy proved very successful. A remarkable 169 species were recorded on Saturday and Sunday which was quite near the all-time record for a KOS field trip. Quivira National Wildlife Refuge was the destination of all birding parties with stops in Barton, Rice, and Stafford Counties. Quivira was nearly dry as well, but most observers still saw many shorebirds and waterfowl.

The best birds recorded included at least two Peregrine Falcons, Greater Prairie Chicken, King Rail, Sandhill Crane, several Piping Plovers, Whimbrel, singing Alder Flycatchers, Hooded Warbler, and a LeConte's Sparrow. The birds NOT seen were even more astonishing. Who could have imagined that 40 observers visiting Barton and Stafford Counties in mid-May could miss the following: Little Blue Heron, Cattle Egret (!!!), Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Lesser Scaup, Golden Plover, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Willow Flycatcher, Indigo Bunting (!), and Brewer's Blackbird. Amazing! Had these birds been seen, along with a few common warblers, the weekend list could have been nearer 185 species.

dikeitis\* A common disease afflicting visiting birders in central Kansas.

The primary symptom is an overwhelming belief that all birds of interest can be seen from the dike roads at Cheyenne Bottoms. Sufferers have been known to spend three-day weekends driving the dikes from dawn to dusk. Treatment is readily available in the surrounding countryside.

## BIRD LIST FROM THE 1989 KOS SPRING MEETING / May 6 to May 7 (1 PM)

|                           |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Pied-billed Grebe         | Willet                    | House Wren              |
| Eared Grebe               | Spotted Sandpiper         | Marsh Wren              |
| White Pelican             | Upland Sandpiper          | Ruby-crowned Kinglet    |
| Double-crested Cormorant  | Whimbrel                  | Blue-gray Gnatcatcher   |
| American Bittern          | Hudsonian Godwit          | Eastern Bluebird        |
| Great Blue Heron          | Marbled Godwit            | Gray-cheeked Thrush     |
| Great Egret               | Sanderling                | Swainson's Thrush       |
| Snowy Egret               | Semipalmated Sandpiper    | American Robin          |
| Green-backed Heron        | Western Sandpiper         | Gray Catbird            |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron | Least Sandpiper           | Northern Mockingbird    |
| White-faced Ibis          | White-rumped Sandpiper    | Brown Thrasher          |
| Snow (Blue) Goose         | Baird's Sandpiper         | Cedar Waxwing           |
| Canada Goose              | Pectoral Sandpiper        | Loggerhead Shrike       |
| Wood Duck                 | Stilt Sandpiper           | Starling                |
| Green-winged Teal         | Long-billed Dowitcher     | Bell's Vireo            |
| Mallard                   | Common Snipe              | Warbling Vireo          |
| Northern Pintail          | Wilson's Phalarope        | Red-eyed Vireo          |
| Blue-winged Teal          | Franklin's Gull           | Orange-crowned Warbler  |
| Cinnamon Teal             | Ring-billed Gull          | Yellow Warbler          |
| Northern Shoveler         | Forster's Tern            | Yellow-rumped Warbler   |
| Gadwall                   | Least Tern                | American Redstart       |
| American Widgeon          | Black Tern                | Northern Waterthrush    |
| Redhead                   | Rock Dove                 | Common Yellowthroat     |
| Ring-necked Duck          | Mourning Dove             | Hooded Warbler          |
| Bufflehead                | Barn Owl                  | Wilson's Warbler        |
| Ruddy Duck                | Eastern Screech-Owl       | Northern Cardinal       |
| Turkey Vulture            | Great Horned Owl          | Rose-breasted Grosbeak  |
| Mississippi Kite          | Burrowing Owl             | Black-headed Grosbeak   |
| Osprey                    | Common Nighthawk          | Lazuli Bunting          |
| Northern Harrier          | Chuck-will's-widow        | Dickcissel              |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk        | Chimney Swift             | Rufous-sided Towhee     |
| Cooper's Hawk             | Belted Kingfisher         | Chipping Sparrow        |
| Swainson's Hawk           | Red-headed Woodpecker     | Clay-colored Sparrow    |
| Red-tailed Hawk           | Red-bellied Woodpecker    | Field Sparrow           |
| American Kestrel          | Downy Woodpecker          | Vesper Sparrow          |
| Peregrine Falcon          | Hairy Woodpecker          | Lark Sparrow            |
| Ring-necked Pheasant      | Northern Flicker          | Savannah Sparrow        |
| Greater Prairie Chicken   | Alder Flycatcher          | Grasshopper Sparrow     |
| Turkey                    | Least Flycatcher          | LeConte's Sparrow       |
| Northern Bobwhite         | Eastern Phoebe            | Song Sparrow            |
| King Rail                 | Great-Crested Flycatcher  | Lincoln's Sparrow       |
| Virginia Rail             | Western Kingbird          | Swamp Sparrow           |
| Sora                      | Eastern Kingbird          | White-crowned Sparrow   |
| Common Moorhen            | Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | Harris' Sparrow         |
| American Coot             | Horned Lark               | Bobolink                |
| Sandhill Crane            | Purple Martin             | Red-winged Blackbird    |
| Black-bellied Plover      | Tree Swallow              | Eastern Meadowlark      |
| Snowy Plover              | Rough-winged Swallow      | Western Meadowlark      |
| Semipalmated Plover       | Bank Swallow              | Yellow-headed Blackbird |
| Piping Plover             | Cliff Swallow             | Great-tailed Grackle    |
| Killdeer                  | Barn Swallow              | Common Grackle          |
| Black-necked Stilt        | Blue Jay                  | Brown-headed Cowbird    |
| American Avocet           | Black-billed Magpie       | Orchard Oriole          |
| Greater Yellowlegs        | American Crow             | Northern Oriole         |
| Lesser Yellowlegs         | Black-capped Chickadee    | House Finch             |
| Solitary Sandpiper        | White-breasted Nuthatch   | American Goldfinch      |
| TOTAL SPECIES: 169        |                           | House Sparrow           |

## REGISTERED ATTENDEES / KOS SPRING MEETING 1989

NEKOMA  
Scott Seltman  
Diane Seltman

LARNED  
Al Seltman  
Jean Seltman

HAYS  
Earl Carlson  
Charles Ely  
Donna Cooper  
Annie Laurie Steele

WILSON  
Mike Rader

MCPHERSON  
Allen Jahn

NEWTON  
Rose Fritz  
Jane Hershberger  
Dwight Platt  
Bob Regier  
Richard Schmidt

WICHITA  
Pete Janzen  
Debbie Janzen  
Dennis Zehr  
  
EMPORIA  
Marvin Schwilling

OTTAWA  
Martin Brockway  
Johnnie Brockway

BALDWIN CITY  
Roger Boyd  
Jan Boyd  
Jon Boyd  
Margaret Boyd  
Katharine Kelley

TOPEKA  
Eugene Lewis  
Eulalia Lewis  
Sarah Merrill  
Mae Ahlstrom

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David Seibel

KANSAS CITY METRO  
Dave Bryan  
Linda Bryan  
Mike Whited  
Mick McHugh  
Lloyd Moore  
Steve Crawford  
Richard Parker

LEAVENWORTH  
John Schukman

DENVER, COLORADO  
Bob Righter

## KOS RARE-BIRD-ALERT HOTLINE

Call (316)-343-7061 for birding information and the location of state rarities.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 7-8, 1989 KOS Fall Meeting, Baker University, Baldwin City, KS.

May 5-6, 1990 KOS Spring Meeting, Cimarron Grasslands, Elkhart, KS.  
(The dates for this meeting are still tentative. Suggestions concerning the nature of field trips will be welcome at the Fall Meeting.)

Sept. , 1990 KOS Fall Meeting, Newton, KS.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

The next issue of the Horned Lark will contain the long-awaited publication of new county records. Also, several items that have not been published because of space limitations may possibly make it into print. Birders who have records of interest from this year's spring and summer months should mail them promptly as the Seasonal Summary is already written.

Members who miss an issue of the Horned Lark should contact the Business Manager, NOT the editor. The editor has no additional copies for mailing.

## INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR BIRD PRESERVATION

An issue to be discussed at the Fall Meeting this October involves the ICBP and its role in conservation matters here in Kansas. The ICBP has categorized Cheyenne Bottoms as critical habitat for migratory birds in North America and is committed to helping save this vital refuge. It will be up to the members as to whether KOS becomes affiliated with this organization. We also must decide the membership level that we would be willing to maintain in the long-term. The American branch of the ICBP is chaired by Stan Senner, Kansas native and longtime KOS member. The following excerpts were taken from a letter addressed to David Seibel this winter:

30 November, 1988

Dear Mr. Seibel:

As you well know, every day there are decisions made in our Nation's capital that affect bird populations throughout the country, if not the hemisphere and the world. Many conservation organizations are represented in Washington. But bird-related issues important to us all are not being adequately addressed due to broad agendas, limited budgets, and competition for staff time.

The United States Section of the International Council for Bird Preservation (ICBP) is trying to create a new national focus on the conservation of birds and their habitats. The purpose of this letter is to invite your help.

Founded in 1922, ICBP today has a small professional staff based in Cambridge, England and national sections or volunteer representatives in about 100 nations. This worldwide network supports the exchange of information and urgently-needed research, provides technical assistance, and advocates scientifically-based policies for bird preservation.

We are proud of ICBP's achievements, but we could do much more. The reality of today's conservation agenda in the United States is that many bird problems--and opportunities--are simply not being tackled. We believe that ICBP can make a difference by concentrating exclusively on bird conservation.

We are inviting state, regional, and local ornithological organizations and bird clubs to make contributions to help ICBP-US build a professional presence in our Nation's capital. ICBP-US is a tax-deductible organization, and your contribution at any level with help.

Will you take advantage of the opportunities that ICBP-US can provide? You can help by taking up--and supporting--this request at the next meeting of your organization's council or board. We well know that funds are scarce. But we also know that birds are terribly important to us all, and we believe that ICBP-US is poised to make a difference when and where it counts.

Sincerely,

Stanley E. Senner  
Chairman

P.S. As a long-time KOS member (since 8th Grade), I hope my many Kansas friends will share my belief that ICBP is worthy of support!

Bring your thoughts on this matter before the annual business meeting where membership in the ICBP will be voted upon. A long and growing list of state organizations have become members.

The annual fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society will be held on the Baker University campus October 6-8, 1989. The meeting will be located in the Owen Musical Arts Building, Audio-Visual Room. It will be necessary that you preregister for the banquet and lunch tickets. Please return your preregistration by Oct. 1, 1989.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 - Informal reception at the home of Roger & Jan Boyd, 520 Third Street, 7-10 pm. Five blocks south of US 56 on Third Street, parking 1/2 block southwest at city park/swimming pool.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 - Owens Musical Arts, Audio-Visual Room. Two parking lots north and east.

8:00 Registration will begin in Owens Mus. Bldg. Coffee and donuts available.

9:00-11:30 Paper sessions will begin.

11:30 Business Meeting

12:00-1:00 Lunch available in Student Union Cafeteria with preregistration or on your own in snack bar.

1:15-2:00 "Bird Watcher's Hour". Bring your slides to share!

2:00-4:00 Paper sessions.

4:00-5:00 Business Meeting

5:00-6:00 Social Hour in Holt Art Gallery, Parmenter Hall

6:00 Evening Banquet in the Baker University Student Union Cafeteria

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 - Three field trips are planned. One field trip to the Baldwin Woods area, involving mistnetting, will leave from Baker University Student Union parking lot. The other two field trips will leave from Corps of Engineers headquarters, north of Clinton Lake dam. Box lunches will be served at Wells Overlook Park at 12:30 p.m. Maps available at registration.

The following is a list of overnight accommodations near Baldwin City:

| <u>MOTELS</u>                             |          | Single | Double |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|
| <u>Baldwin</u>                            |          |        |        |
| Maple Leaf Motel, E. Hwy 56 (9 rooms)     | 594-6962 | 22     | 25     |
| <u>Lawrence</u>                           |          |        |        |
| All Seasons Motel, 2309 Iowa              | 843-9100 | 34     | 39     |
| Best Western Hallmark Inn, 730 Iowa       | 841-6500 | 32     | 40     |
| Holiday Inn Holidome, 200 W. McDonald Dr. | 841-7077 | 52     | 58     |
| Super 8 Motel, 515 McDonald Dr.           | 842-5721 | 33     | 35     |
| Travelodge Motel, 801 Iowa                | 842-5100 | 34     | 39     |
| The College Motel, 1703 W. 6th            | 843-0131 | 25     | 28     |
| <u>Ottawa</u>                             |          |        |        |
| Econo Lodge, 2331 S. Cedar                | 242-3400 | 27     | 31     |
| Royal Manor Motel, 1641 S. Main           | 242-4842 | 22     | 26     |
| Village Inn Motel, I-35 & US 50 (SW)      | 242-5512 | 18     | 22     |

#### CAMPING

Clinton Reservoir, fee camping, West of Lawrence

KOA, North Lawrence 842-3877

Douglas County Lake, 3 mi. NE of Baldwin, rustic camping

PREREGISTRATION FORM  
FALL KOS MEETING, 1989  
BAKER UNIVERSITY, BALDWIN CITY  
OCT. 7-8, 1989

NAME (S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

|                                               | <u>Number</u> | <u>Total</u> |
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| Registration Fee:                             |               |              |
| Students thru Grad. School . \$3.00 . . . . . | _____         | \$ _____     |
| Adults. . . . .                               | _____         | \$ _____     |
| Saturday Lunch. . . . .                       | _____         | \$ _____     |
| Saturday Banquet. . . . .                     | _____         | \$ _____     |
| Sunday Lunch. . . . .                         | _____         | \$ _____     |
| GRAND TOTAL                                   | _____         | \$ _____     |
| AMOUNT ENCLOSED                               |               | \$ _____     |

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Baker University, KOS

Luncheon and Banquet reservations MUST be returned by Fri., Sept. 29, 1989.

MAIL TO: Dr. Roger L. Boyd  
Biology Dept.  
Baker University  
Baldwin City, KS 66006

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS: Roger & Jan Boyd  
Home (913) 594-3172  
Roger work 594-6451 x 547  
Jan " " x 414  
Cal Cink " " x 548

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BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR

Mail To: Marvin D. Schwilling  
1407 College Drive  
Emporia, KS 66801

SPECIES \_\_\_\_\_ OBSERVER(S) \_\_\_\_\_

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DETAILS: (Continue on back if you have more than one species to report)

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# CALL FOR PAPERS FOR FALL KOS MEETING

ATTN: ALL PROFESSIONAL, AMATEUR, AND STUDENT ORNITHOLOGISTS

The Annual Presentation of Scientific Papers will be on Saturday, October 7, 1989 at the Fall KOS Meeting on the campus of Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Lectures will be accepted on any subject of bird study. Students and amateurs are especially encouraged to participate.

Presentations should be approximately 10, 15, or 20 minutes in length.

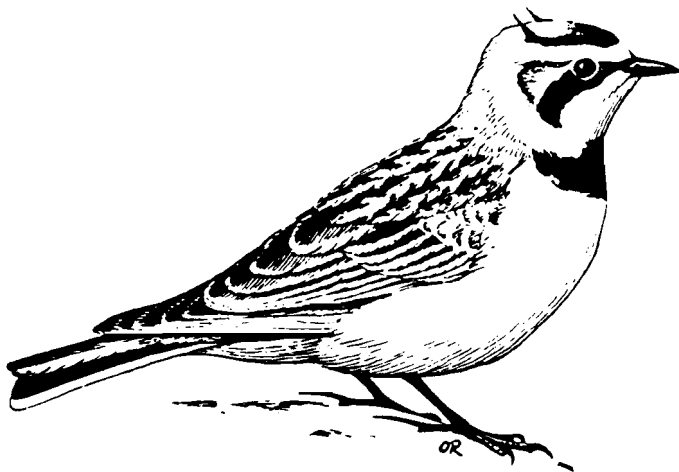
An award of \$25.00 will be presented to the best student paper.

Send a copy of your paper including a 150 word synopsis for publication in the Horned Lark to the Vice-president:

Mick McHugh  
6455 Overbrook  
Shawnee Mission, KS  
66208

Please submit by September 15. Include information concerning your needs such as overhead projection, slide projection, etc.





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## *The Horned Lark*

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

No, you haven't opened your neighbor's mail by mistake. The KOS Newsletter has a new name: The Horned Lark. It was decided at the Winter Board Meeting that our newsletter might be more appealing if it had a better title and since the Horned Lark is already our club's official emblem it was voted that the change be made immediately. The new heading was designed by David Seibel and incorporates the familiar drawing of a Horned Lark which was donated to KOS by the late Orville Rice a few years back.

Horned Larks were named after their least conspicuous fieldmark, a long standing tradition among ornithologists. The 'horns' are visible on certain individuals but certainly not under the circumstances that most Horned Larks are viewed by Kansas birders . . . from the front seat of a car at 60 MPH. Like many of our most abundant birds they are largely taken for granted despite the fact that they are hardy and interesting little creatures. Many times I have been feeding cattle in a blizzard thinking all living things were doomed only to hear a flock of larks giving their tinkling call notes overhead. It's as if they are saying: "Hey, isn't this weather great! Twenty below tonight? No problem!" My opinion of them rose dramatically one spring day when I found adults feeding young birds about two weeks after a heavy March snowfall. Can you imagine what it would be like to be incubating eggs under a blanket of snow for a few days? So while they are often an object of scorn from birders searching for longspurs on a Christmas Count and are given casual disregard by virtually everyone the rest of the year, Horned Larks deserve better and will henceforth receive it in these pages.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear K.O.S. members,

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me already, and to explain some of my ideas and goals as the new president of our society. I received my Ph.D. in ornithology last May from the University of Kansas and am now working for Allen Press, a printer of scientific journals, in Lawrence. My doctoral research focused on the systematic relationships of cuckoos ( about 129 species worldwide), based on analyses of skeletal characters, but my greatest interest is and always has been studying

living birds in the wild--that is, birdwatching. To me, there's something incredibly restorative about seeing wild birds surviving by their own devices in an often harsh, sometimes breathtakingly beautiful, always fascinating world. The countless mysteries of why birds do what they do, of the details of their lives and ways, of the subtleties of their plumages and calls, together with their beauty and the constant potential for surprises and discoveries, keep birdwatching downright exciting for me, and I suspect for the membership of K.O.S. in general. My goal as president is to make our society a vehicle for sharing this excitement with as many people as possible--much to our mutual benefit.

I have written in the past (K.O.S. Newsletter, Vol. 14, No. 4, Sept. 1987) about my ideas for increasing the publicity and activity of K.O.S. At a stimulating and productive board meeting last January we began to activate some of those ideas and others which will, I believe, improve the society in several ways. I encourage you all to read the board meeting minutes elsewhere in this issue for a review of some of these new (or revived) plans. As always, the success of each will depend on the availability of enthusiastic volunteers. This presents the potentially cyclic dilemma that we need more activity and publicity to generate more members (the source of more volunteers), but we first need the increased membership to support the new activities. I'm afraid K.O.S. has been doing what most organizations do to postpone the effects of this problem: rather than increase the pool of volunteers, we simply call on the same good people over and over and over again. This works for a while but can eventually exhaust (in more than one sense) our most valuable resource--the enthusiasm of our most active members.

So how do we break the cycle and get more volunteers and more activity at the same time? For a long time I tried to think of incentives we could offer to entice new members, something we could afford on our limited budget but which would make joining us really worthwhile. I've finally realized that we, the members, are the best benefit we could ever offer to someone interested in learning more about birds. Already among us are experts in all sorts of things ornithological, such as field identification by sight and sound, trapping and banding techniques, advanced systematic and ecological research, conservation, management, education at all levels, photography, even wildlife art--and this barely scratches the surface. Our members have literally traversed the globe in pursuit of birds (some have even discovered new species!), and our collective knowledge--freely available in interesting, personable exchanges between members--is staggering. (And by "experts" I don't just mean professionals; every member of the society knows more about something than someone else does.) All we have to do is to let people know these tremendous resources (we) exist, that we are friendly, accessible, and affordable, that we want them to join us, and I believe our membership could easily double or triple within a single year. (That's just one or two new members invited by each current member. Simply consider the popularity of Peterson's and other field guides to recognize the potential.)

Now for some specific suggestions: (1) Tell friends and relatives who watch or feed birds (or would like to) about K.O.S. and that it's a great way to meet other birders and see more birds. Be sure to explain that it's not just for professionals or advanced birders, but for anyone interested in birds (our future meetings and field trips will be increasingly "novice-friendly"). (2) Once our new membership brochure is printed, get several and hand them out accompanied by a personal verbal invitation to join at other nature-oriented club meetings--Audubon, Sierra Club, etc.--which you attend. In the meantime, simply use the new rate cards available from Joyce Wolf in Lawrence. (3) If you lead bird-related programs or field trips, invite the participants to join K.O.S. Let yourself and your program be examples of the society's benefits. (If you'd like to formally associate your activities with K.O.S., I strongly encourage it; we might even be able to provide some resources--slides, printed matter, reference material, etc.--to help you. Let me know if you're interested.) (4) Give gift memberships to friends or relatives (especially

children) living in Kansas, perhaps in conjunction with a field guide, bird feeder, or even binoculars. (5) Recommend and use the K.O.S. as a resource for educational and research materials, guest speakers, field trip leaders, general advice and expertise (at least about birds), and birding tips, including the rare bird hotline. (6) Finally, contact me or other board members if you have ideas or suggestions for improving our society, or if you're interested in starting or helping with a special project or committee. We can always use new ideas, enthusiasm, and talent.

David E. Seibel, President  
2907 W. 6th, #108  
Lawrence, KS 66044  
(913) 843-6611

#### KOS RARE-BIRD-ALERT HOTLINE

Can't decide where to bird next weekend? Call the KOS RBA for information about rarities and miscellaneous birding reports. Phone (316) 343-7061.

#### KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING January 28, 1989 Jane Hershberger home, Newton

Members present: David Seibel, Mick McHugh, Pete Jantzen, Rose Fritz, Mike Rader, Jane Hershberger, Dwight Platt.

Non-voting: John Zimmerman, Scott Seltman, Diane Seltman.

A delicious lunch was served by Jane Hershberger at her home overlooking Harvey Co. East Lake, after which David Seibel called the board meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Fall 1988 Board Meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rose Fritz reported that from September 30 to date KOS had receipts of \$1,888.73 and disbursements of \$1,372.97. Current balance in all accounts is \$21,142.39. Dwight Platt moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Mike Rader seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jane Hershberger reported that very few membership renewals had come in. The dues notices only were sent out in the last few weeks and some Board members had not yet received one. Some dues payments have been coming in at \$6. It was decided to accept \$6 renewals for the time being rather than ask for the remaining \$4.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: David Seibel reported that Joyce Wolf could not attend. She said she had received complaints from some new members who had joined KOS in the Fall but had not received anything from the club. She had been under the impression that she should hold those memberships until January. The Bylaws state that a person joining in the last four months of the year received membership for those months and the succeeding year. John Zimmerman reported that he receives requests for missing issues and inquiries about new subscriptions and he forwards these to the business manager. David Seibel will clarify the division of responsibilities between the librarian and business manager in these matters.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that the March issue was about ready with reports of a record high number of 36 Christmas Bird Counts. He has no manuscripts in hand for succeeding issues. John also reported that he will probably be resigning sometime in the next five years and the board should be thinking of a replacement.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Scott Seltman reported that there would be a March Newsletter which would have updates on county records. He was looking into the possibility of printing state maps with county records for a few species in each Newsletter.

SPRING 1989 MEETING: Diane Seltman reported that we could reserve Camp Aldrich near Cheyenne Bottoms for the Spring meeting. However renting the dining hall with prepared meals would be quite expensive so the board agreed that the following arrangements be made: reserve the two sleeping lodges at the camp; bring in materials for a continental breakfast both mornings; let everyone handle Saturday lunch on their own; arrange a dinner at a restaurant in Great Bend for Saturday evening; and have box lunches brought in for Sunday lunch and compilation at the camp. Diane will make the necessary arrangements.

SPRING 1990 MEETING: After some discussion of the location for the Spring 1990 meeting, Pete Janzen moved that it be held in Morton County. Mick McHugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

FALL 1989 MEETING: The Fall 1989 meeting will be at Baker University in Baldwin. Mick McHugh reported that Roger Boyd has made preliminary plans for the meeting. Roger has considering Steve Hilty for banquet speaker but would like suggestions from the board. The board suggested Stan Senner as first choice, with Steve Hilty or Tom Cade as alternative choices.

FALL 1990 MEETING: Dwight Platt invited KOS to Newton for the Fall 1990 meeting. Mick McHugh made a motion to accept the invitation and Rose Fritz seconded the motion. The motion passed. A local chairman will be appointed at the next board meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing has been done since the last meeting. David Seibel suggested that there are lots of educational materials around the state available from various organizations like Kansas Wildlife and Parks. KOS might serve as a clearinghouse where people inquiring about materials on birds could find out what is available.

KANSAS WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH: David Seibel reported that the theme this year is Urban Wildlife. Wildlife Appreciation Day will be March 22 in the State Capitol. Mick McHugh moved that KOS allot up to \$15 for a display. Mike Rader seconded the motion. The motion passed. David Seibel will see what arrangements could be made, possibly in connection with Kansas Wildlife and Parks.

RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Marvin Schilling could not attend the meeting but reported that the committee was processing some 150 new records received since last September. Lloyd Moore is a new member of the committee, filling the place of Mel Cooksey who moved to Texas.

BIRD FEEDER SURVEYS: David Seibel reported that the forms were sent out late but they were received before the dates of the survey, and as of Jan. 24, 120 had already been returned. This was ahead of last year at this time. Names and addresses of persons interested in KOS will be sent to Jane Hershberger.

TRUST FUND FOR STUDENT RESEARCH: David Seibel reported that the committee to manage this fund was in the process of being appointed.

NEW MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE: David Seibel reported that he would be sending copy for the new brochure to each board member within the next month and would like suggestions. A graphic designer in Wichita has volunteered her services. He hoped to have it printed by the end of April. David pointed out that the purposes of KOS as stated in the KOS Constitution include the encouragement of the conservation and appreciation of birds. He hoped KOS could put more emphasis on those objectives and suggested that there might be concurrent instructional and scientific sections at the Fall meeting. He said the text for the new brochure would emphasize those purposes.

PUBLICITY AND MEMBERSHIP: David Seibel reported that he would soon appoint a Publicity Committee which would make use of many avenues including newspaper notices of our meetings. If we can get a bigger membership we can get more active members. The new membership

brochure, when printed, would encourage members to contact others. Until then, Jane Hershberger agreed to draft a membership invitation letter with current dues rates to be sent to prospective members.

FIELD TRIPS: It was suggested that more field trips might bring in more members. This has been attempted before and was not very successful due to distance and time factors. But it was agreed that a field trip program be tried again. John Zimmerman suggested KOS be involved in his two-week trip around the state proposed for May 1990. A concern was raised that we are not friendly enough with visitors and new members at field trips and meetings so it was suggested that these events be more organized. Perhaps these could be more instructional for novices.

STUDENT PAPER AWARDS: David Seibel reported that we will use a modification of the form that Elmer Finck had distributed at the last meeting to judge student papers at the Fall meeting.

BIRDS OF KANSAS: David Seibel reported that he had been asked as President of KOS to review and plug the book Birds of Kansas when it comes out.

AFFILIATION WITH ICBP: KOS has been invited to become an associate member of the International Council on Bird Preservation U.S. Section by chairman Stan Senner. ICBP is asking for more support from bird organizations throughout the country in order to have an office in Washington D.C., to monitor bird conservation issues. Mick McHugh moved that the issue of affiliation with ICBP be brought to the membership at the Fall meeting and that a synopsis of information on ICBP be supplied to members in the Newsletter prior to the meeting. Pete Janzen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

LIBRARY EXCHANGES: David Seibel reported that Ruth Fauhl questions whether it is useful to continue library exchanges. She will bring information to a later meeting.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: Dwight Platt provided board members with copies of the KOS Constitution and revised Bylaws. He pointed out that procedures were not being followed in the appointment of editors, librarians and committee chairmen. It was decided that these procedures were reasonable and should be followed. David Seibel will be appointing chairs for the standing committees very soon. Mike Rader moved that the current editors of the Bulletin and Newsletter as well as Librarian be reappointed for one year terms following the Spring meeting. Rose Fritz seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dwight Platt pointed out that the board had never adopted lists of duties for the standing committees as required in the bylaws. David Seibel will write a draft for consideration at the next board meeting. Rose Fritz expressed concern about the bylaws requirement that checks be signed by two persons since neither the bank nor the auditors are checking the second signature. Rose was asked to bring a draft of procedures that would help the auditing committee do a better job to the next board meeting. For the present she will continue to have two signatures on each check.

T-SHIRTS: Rose Fritz said she had custody of the KOS T-shirts but would like someone else to be in charge of them. Pete Janzen volunteered to get them printed and sell them.

NAME OF THE NEWSLETTER: After some discussion, Rose Fritz moved that the KOS Newsletter be renamed The Horned Lark. Mick McHugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

GUIDELINES FOR MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS: Dwight Platt said that the old KOS guidelines for organizers of meetings and field trips needed updating. He will bring updated drafts to the Spring meeting for consideration.

CHEYENNE BOTTOMS: Mick McHugh asked if KOS should contribute to the Cheyenne Bottoms development. A suggestion was made that we have a birdathon at the Spring meeting to raise money for Cheyenne Bottoms. Pete Janzen said he could probably get donations of lumber for the nature trail construction. This will be discussed further later.

AMELIA BETTS FUND: It was suggested that we should discuss at a future meeting how this fund should be used.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dwight R. Platt,  
Corresponding Secretary, KOS

#### REQUEST FOR MANUSCRIPTS

John Zimmerman, Editor of the KOS Bulletin, needs material for publication in the September and December issues. Articles from both professional and amateur ornithologists are welcome. Send them to John at Ackert Hall, Div. Biology, KSU, Manhattan, KS, 66506.

#### BREEDING BIRD SURVEYS

Two survey routes in Kansas are currently open and need volunteers to run them this June. One is in Norton County and the other is in Sherman County. If interested contact John Zimmerman as soon as possible at the above address.

#### BANDED SHOREBIRDS

Kansas birders are urged to keep their eyes open for banded shorebirds in the Central Flyway. 700 Semipalmated Sandpipers, 500 Stilt Sandpipers and 100 Hudsonian Godwits were banded at Little Quill Lake, Saskatchewan in the fall of 1988. These birds were marked with white flags and red bands. Report sightings of these birds to: H. Loney Dickson, Wildlife Biologist, CWS, 2nd Floor, 4999 98 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T6B 2X3. 43 Semipalmated Sandpipers and 8 Dunlin were banded on Alaska's North Slope in a study of habitat destruction by oil exploration. Look for either yellow or red bands on the upper right leg as well as green flags on the Dunlin. Report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

#### COLORADO ELDERHOSTEL

This summer Phillips University will offer its second consecutive birding ELDERHOSTEL at its Field Campus in southern Colorado. ELDERHOSTEL programs are available to persons over 60 and are designed to expose participants to new learning opportunities.

The Phillips program is designed for accomplished birders who will devote an intensive week to attempting to verify the breeding status of as many species as possible. In 1988 ten participants identified a total of 107 species during their week in residence. The official title of this program is "Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas Survey" and will run from May 28 to June 3, 1989. Max Thompson will be the principle instructor. For more information on this program or one of the other ELDERHOSTEL courses, (Rocky Mountain Mushrooms, Natural History of the Rockies/Outdoor Photography), contact Dr. Jeffrey Burkhart, Dept. of Biology, Phillips University, Enid, OK, 73702. Phone (405) 237-4433.

#### LOST AND FOUND

A new member named Bob Polson has paid his dues but failed to include his address. If you know Bob's whereabouts contact Jane Hershberger, RR3 Box 31AD, Newton, KS, 67114.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES CHANGE

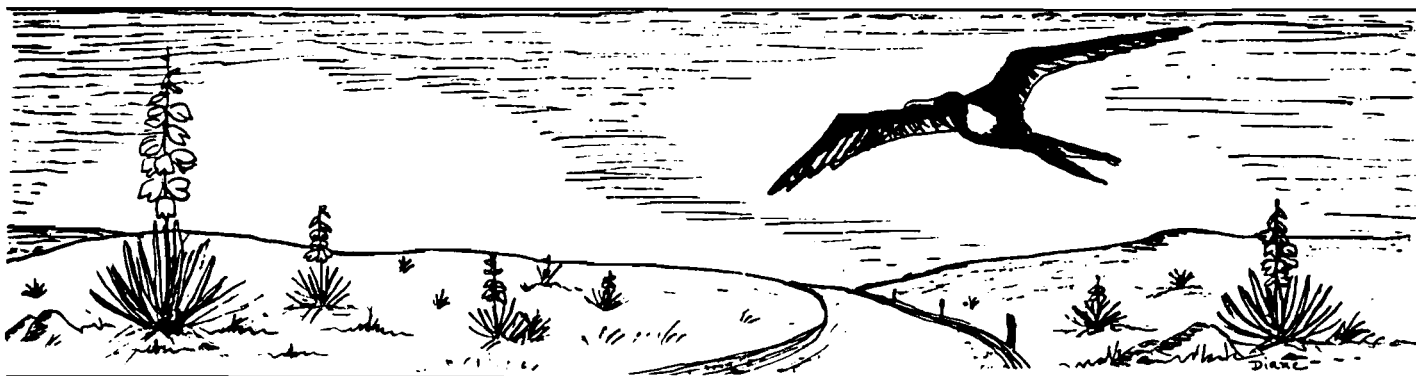
As of January 1 the dues categories are as follows:

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|---------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Regular member      | \$10.00 | Student                             | \$ 5.00  |
| Sustaining member   | \$20.00 | (Elementary through graduate level) |          |
| Regular family      | \$15.00 | Life member                         | \$150.00 |
| Sustaining family   | \$25.00 | (Payable in lump sum or 4 yearly    |          |
| Contributing member | \$40.00 | installments of \$37.50 each)       |          |

If you have not paid your 1989 dues this will be the last publication you will receive.

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## SUMMER AND FALL ROUNDUP / June through November 1988 / by Scott Seltman

It was a strange summer and fall in Kansas to say the least. The Drought of 1988 had a profound effect on Kansas birds with many species being scarce or absent. Birding was generally poor and running up a decent day-list was very difficult all across the state throughout the period. But an interesting pattern developed early in the fall migration in which the duller days often ended with the discovery of a bird of remarkable rarity.

The weather was brutally dry across much of Kansas and very few localities received anything approaching their normal rainfall. Many older people insist that 1988 bore little resemblance to the so-called Dirty Thirties but, in fact, rainfall totals were quite similar. In absolute terms it was driest in the western half of the state with few places receiving more than 15 inches of rain and with some receiving about half that. (Here in Rush County some farmers near Otis and Bison claim to have received only 8 inches in 1988!) In relative terms the drought was equally severe in eastern Kansas where many spots had less than a third of their normal rainfall in 1988. Improved farming and ranching practices are perhaps the only reason why more ecological damage has not yet occurred.

The only wet weather during the entire six month period came during July when most areas of Kansas had significant rains. Fortunately the summer months were not particularly hot. The only severe heat came in mid-June when temperatures soared above 100°F for several days, but after that the century mark was broken on only a few occasions. In the fall the weather was generally cool and clear but still very dry.

Despite the drought most observers felt that the breeding season proceeded normally with

with many of the common birds taking the weather in stride. Nesting birds certainly had few hail or wind storms with which to contend. The only group of breeding birds that suffered greatly were those depending on water as many of the state's wetlands and lakes experienced incredible drops in water levels. It is hard to believe that in June of 1987 water was being released from Cheyenne Bottoms because of an overabundance. By June of 1988 the refuge was nearly dry with only a foot or so of water in the center pool and mere puddles in two others. Quivira NWR was in similar condition at summer's end as its primary source of water, Rattlesnake Creek, disappeared into the sand. This creek, which is said to have been "two feet deep and clear as glass" right through the 1930's, has now gone dry several times in the 1980's. Center-pivot irrigation systems upstream are certainly playing a role.

The fall migration period was essentially six months long. By June 26 many adult yellowlegs had already returned to Cheyenne Bottoms, presumably after already fledging their young in the Arctic. From then until December birds continued to filter southward with some waterfowl coming south very late. Except for a few notable waves of passerines in late August and early September the daily arrival and departure of birds was almost imperceptible. The only major weather event of the fall was created by Hurricane Gilbert, the strongest hurricane of the century in the Western Hemisphere. After it swept across Jamaica and the Yucatan in mid-September Gilbert slammed into the Mexican coast and disintegrated in the Big Bend area. Had Gilbert pushed Mexican and Caribbean birds all the way to Kansas, late September and early October might have been the most exciting period in our birding history! (Bananaquits in the Elkhart Cemetery?) But instead we just had strong southerly winds for several days and big banks of rainless clouds. In fact Hurricane Gilbert may have had a very negative effect on our fall migration for in late September the birding was simply horrible in much of the state. On September 24, a date when one can normally expect large numbers of birds in southwest Kansas, your editor walked over a mile along Bear Creek in Stanton County and saw exactly two.

The only good bird that was directly attributable to Hurricane Gilbert was seen by the Seltmans south of Hill City on October 9. As we were driving north in heavy fog a large dark bird appeared from the mist about a mile ahead of us. A few seconds and a few skid marks later we were positioned with binoculars and spotting scope in hand as a Magnificent Frigatebird flapped slowly by at a distance of about 100 yards. It was an adult female with a dark chin and throat but with a white patch on its breast. Twice it circled sharply and spread its huge swallow-tail. This sighting was not a complete surprise as many frigatebirds had been reported from the eastern half of the U.S. during the previous two weeks. In fact, on September 28 several KOS members had seen another bird at Longview Lake southeast of the Kansas City metropolitan area in Missouri. An interesting aspect of the Graham County sighting is that judging from the speed and direction of the bird's flight it had almost certainly flown out of Nebraska just an hour or so earlier; Nebraska has no accepted record for this species. When last seen the frigatebird was heading straight for Cedar Bluff Reservoir but a mad dash by Chuck Ely from Hays to the lake in hopes of intercepting the bird was unsuccessful. Whether this bird was the most unusual of the season is debatable, but it certainly deserves the "Out-of-Habitat Award" as the mid-grass prairie of northwest Kansas shares virtually nothing with the mangrove-lined salt water lagoons in the Caribbean that Magnificent Frigatebirds normally inhabit.

Several other great birds stand out in this seasonal summary. Considering that Wood Storks are increasingly scarce anywhere in the U.S. outside of Florida, the discovery of a juvenile bird at Scott State Lake on August 21 by Tom Shane and Sara Norman was especially exciting. This bird was seen by three more observers early the next morning but was never seen again. Of course Wood Storks are notorious wanderers with records from all but a few of the Lower 48 states, but many of these records are quite old. Those who doubt the validity of the Scott County record are welcome to analyze the 300 or so photographs taken of the bird.



It was a good year for Little Gull sightings in the central U.S. One was reported in Kansas from Perry Reservoir by Dan LaShelle on October 8. Seen briefly as it associated with thousands of other gulls, this bird could not be found again. Colorado had about five sightings of Little Gull this fall and another bird was seen by Dave Bryan at Smithville Reservoir in Missouri. This species is obviously increasing rapidly in North America. A male Garganey was found in Miami County on October 23 by Lloyd Moore. This bird was found among its teal cousins during the peak of migration and was apparently wild, but when dealing with exotic waterfowl there is always that element of doubt. (The Egyptian Goose that was seen throughout the year in Jefferson and Shawnee Counties is a good example of a feral bird doing quite well in the wild.) The First Annual Hummingbird Search of Southwest Kansas led by Sebastian Patti turned up a female *Selasphorus* at a feeder in Satanta which was determined by a panel of experts to be a Broad-tailed Hummingbird. Even if you doubt our identification you've got to admire our persistence as this bird was watched by ten observers for over two hours and was even perused with a Questar at about ten paces.

Kansas had several "Brushes With Greatness" during the summer and fall as several birds skirted our borders. Besides the Missouri frigatebird mentioned earlier, a Great Black-Backed Gull was seen at Nee So Pah Reservoir south of Eads, Colorado on September 3rd. Appearing on a day with strong northeasterly winds, this bird had almost certainly crossed Kansas airspace earlier in the day. There is still no record of this unmistakable gull in Kansas despite the fact that some neighboring states have numerous records. A Black Phoebe was found along the Republican River just west of the Colorado line in an area known as The Hale Ponds on June 12. Seen by Peter Gent, accomplished birder and President of the Colorado Field Ornithologists, this bird was only about one-half mile away from the Kansas line. (How difficult would it be to herd a phoebe a half mile?) Kansas has a couple of sight records for this species including one from the waterfowl ponds in Morton County but it remains on the state's hypothetical list. During the last decade Black Phoebes have been rare but consistent summer residents of eastern Colorado, especially in the Pueblo area. Another interesting discovery in eastern Colorado was nesting California Gulls near Las Animas by KOS member Mark Janos. How is it possible that a species so common just west of our borders can be so incredibly rare here in Kansas?

As always, the following sightings of Kansas birds are preliminary reports from the field and are all subject to review by the KOS Bird Records Committee.

# BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS/ JUNE 1 TO NOV. 30, 1988.

| SPECIES                        | NOTES                                                      | OBSERVERS   | DATE                    | COUNTY                 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Common Loon                    | max. of 24 at Perry                                        | RR          | 11-01-88                | Jefferson              |
| Double-cr. Cormorant           | 25 nests with one juv. being fed by parents at Wolf Creek. | LM          | 07-23-88                | Coffey                 |
| Olivaceous Cormorant           | adult and imm. Perry                                       | DLS         | 06-11-88<br>to 09-17-88 | Jefferson<br>Jefferson |
| <u>Magnificent Frigatebird</u> | 1 adult female along U.S. 283 6 mi. s. Hill City.          | DS,SS       | 10-08-88                | Graham                 |
| Little Blue Heron              | nesting with Great Blues                                   | RR          | 1988                    | Jefferson              |
| Tricolored Heron               | 1 adult at Q                                               | SS          | 07-23-88                | Stafford               |
| Yellow-cr. Night-Heron         | 10 adults, 20 juv.                                         | SS,DS       | 07-02-88                | Stafford               |
| White Ibis                     | 1 imm.at Perry WMA                                         | DLS, m.ob.  | 07-09-88<br>to 07-31-88 | Jefferson<br>Jefferson |
| White-faced Ibis               | 8 birds s. of Ogden                                        | BLS,DLS,JLS | 08-18-88                | Riley                  |
| <u>Wood Stork</u>              | 1 imm. at Scott Lake                                       | SN,TS       | 08-21-88                | Scott                  |
|                                | last seen                                                  | MR,DS,SS,TS | 08-22-88                | Scott                  |
| Mottled Duck                   | 1 at CB                                                    | LM          | 06-26-88                | Barton                 |

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|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| <u>Garganey</u>      | 1 male                                         | LM            | 10-23-88 | Miami     |
| <u>Oldsquaw</u>      | 1 at Clinton Res.                              | MM            | 11-24-88 | Douglas   |
| Black Scoter         | 1 female well studied                          | DS,SS         | 10-24-88 | Barton    |
| Hooded Merganser     | 5 swimming full-sized                          | DLS           | 06-11-88 | Jefferson |
|                      | imm. at Perry WMA                              |               |          |           |
| Mississippi Kite     | 1 at Perry WMA                                 | DLS           | 08-24-88 | Jefferson |
| Osprey               | max. of 11 at Perry                            | RR            | 09-28-88 | Jefferson |
| Bald Eagle           | 1 early imm. at Perry                          | DLS           | 09-17-88 | Jefferson |
| Cooper's Hawk        | adult eating meadowlark                        | SS            | 06-04-88 | Trego     |
|                      | near excellent breeding habitat.               |               |          |           |
| Swainson's Hawk      | 100+ near Coolidge                             | MJ            | 09-24-88 | Hamilton  |
| American Kestrel     | 1 melanistic bird near                         | SS            | 09-29-88 | Barton    |
|                      | Pawnee Rock. All black except for rufous tail. |               |          |           |
| Peregrine Falcon     | 1 s. of Junction City                          | BLS,DLS       | 11-25-88 | Geary     |
| Black Rail           | 3+ heard                                       | LM,DS,SS      | 07-02-88 | Stafford  |
| Lesser Golden Plover | 1 very late lingerer                           | DLS           | 11-13-88 | Jefferson |
| Killdeer             | 1 albino on Gove BBS                           | SS            | 06-04-88 | Gove      |
| Piping Plover        | 1 at Perry WMA                                 | DLS           | 07-09-88 | Jefferson |
| Piping Plover        | 1 at Q                                         | MM,SP         | 08-18-88 | Stafford  |
| Black-necked Stilt   | 10 juveniles at Q                              | SS,DS         | 07-02-88 | Stafford  |
| Black-necked Stilt   | 50+ adults at Q                                | MR,DS,SS      | 08-13-88 | Stafford  |
| Spotted Sandpiper    | 1 at Milford Lake                              | DLS           | 10-22-88 | Geary     |
| Red Knot             | 1 in basic plumage                             | DLS           | 10-15-88 | Jefferson |
| Western Sandpiper    | 1 at CB                                        | SS            | 11-12-88 | Barton    |
| Buff-breasted Sand.  | 5 at Perry WMA                                 | DLS           | 08-28-88 | Jefferson |
| Buff-breasted Sand.  | 1 at CB                                        | E&IH,DS,SS,CW | 09-15-88 | Barton    |
| <u>Ruff</u>          | 2 at CB                                        | DV,FV         | 10-22-88 | Barton    |

(Details of this sighting are unknown.)

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| Red-necked Phalarope   | 3 at Q                | E&IH,DS,SS,CW | 09-15-88 | Stafford  |
| Parasitic Jaeger       | 1 at Clinton Res.     | GP,BH         | 11-13-88 | Douglas   |
| <u>Little Gull</u>     | 2nd winter bird       | DLS           | 10-08-88 | Jefferson |
| Thayer's Gull          | 1 at CB               | LM,MM,SP      | 10-14-88 | Barton    |
| Black-legged Kittiwake | 1 at Cedar Bluff      | DB,DS,SS      | 11-12-88 | Trego     |
| Sabine's Gull          | 1 at Pomona Res.      | BF,LM,MM      | 10-02-88 | Osage     |
| Sabine's Gull          | 1 at CB               | MS            | 10-05-88 | Barton    |
| Sabine's Gull          | 1 at CB               | SN            | 10-09-88 | Barton    |
| Least Tern             | 1 imm. at Milford WMA | BLS,DLS       | 08-17-88 | Clay      |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo   | 1 near Rexford. Now   | SS            | 06-04-88 | Thomas    |

recorded in every Kansas county.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|--------------|
| Greater Roadrunner        | 1 reported from Flint Hills                   |             | 07-10-88 | <u>Geary</u> |
|                           | to Ted Cable. Unprecedented in that locality. |             |          |              |
| Greater Roadrunner        | 1 at Point of Rocks                           | SS, m.ob.   | 08-19-88 | Morton       |
| Greater Roadrunner        | 2 at Point of Rocks                           | MM,SP       | 10-15-88 | Morton       |
| Long-eared Owl            | 1 along Bear Creek                            | SS          | 08-19-88 | Stanton      |
| Long-eared Owl            | 3 along Cimarron                              | LM,MM,SP,SS | 10-15-88 | Morton       |
| Common Poorwill           | 1 in Jetmore Cemetery                         | LM,SS       | 10-15-88 | Hodgeman     |
| <u>Broad-tailed Humm.</u> | 1 female at Satanta                           | MR, m.ob.   | 08-20-88 | Haskell      |
| Rufous Hummingbird        | 1 in Lakin Cemetery                           | TC,LM,MM    | 08-19-88 | Kearny       |
| Rufous Hummingbird        | 1 male photographed                           | MR          | 08-28-88 | Haskell      |
| Dusky Flycatcher          | 1 in Lakin Cemetery                           | SP, m.ob.   | 08-19-88 | Kearny       |
| <u>Gray Flycatcher</u>    | 1 very washed-out adult                       | MR,DS,SS    | 09-17-88 | Morton       |

(This bird was watched at length. Plumage grayish-white throughout with no olive or yellowish tones. Base of lower mandible orange. White outer tail feathers. Downward tail wag repeated often as it moved to at least 10 different perches. Silent.)

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| Western Flycatcher | 1 in Lakin            | m.ob. | 08-19-88 | Kearny  |
| Western Flycatcher | 1 in Garden City Cem. | SN,TS | 09-03-88 | Finney  |
| Cassin's Kingbird  | 2 along Bear Creek    | SP,SS | 08-19-88 | Stanton |

|                      |                                               |                  |                                 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tree Swallow         | 5 fledglings being fed by adults at Perry WMA | DLS              | 06-18-88 Jefferson and 06-19-88 |
| Violet-green Swallow | 1 imm. at Perry                               | DLS              | 10-15-88 Jefferson              |
| Barn Swallow         | 2 at CB                                       | DB, LB, DS, SS   | 11-12-88 Barton                 |
| Pygmy Nuthatch       | 1 at Ranger Station                           | WC, DK, JN, m.ob | 09-17-88 Morton                 |
| Carolina Wren        | 1 bird singing in G.C.                        | SN, TS           | 07-10-88 Finney                 |
| Mountain Bluebird    | 50+                                           | LM, MM, SP, SS   | 10-15-88 Morton                 |
| Mountain Bluebird    | 50 in two flocks                              | BLS, DLS, JLS    | 11-24-88 Wabaunsee              |
| Mountain Bluebird    | 100+                                          | SS               | 11-26-88 Trego                  |
| Varied Thrush        | 1 in Hugoton backyard                         | BN, RW           | 10-18-88 Stevens                |
| Varied Thrush        | 1 in Lawrence                                 | RR               | 11-07-88 Douglas                |

(Once thought to be extremely rare in Kansas, we are now receiving several of Varied Thrush each year.)

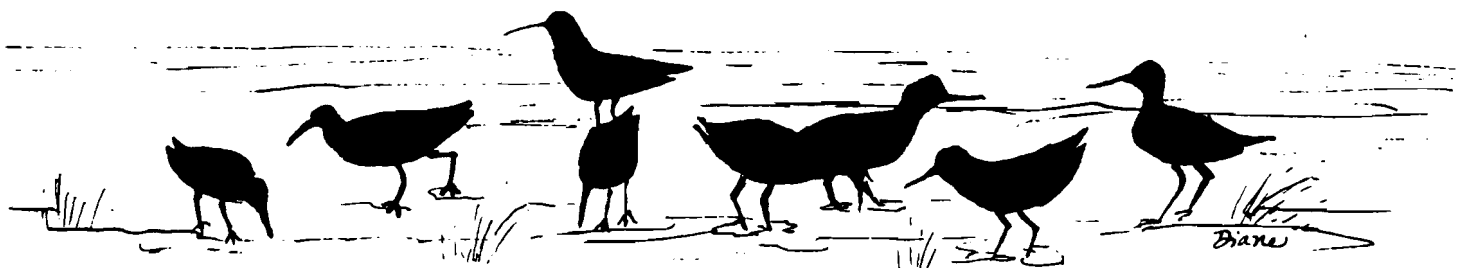
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| Sprague's Pipit        | 1 in wheat stubble                            | SS                 | 09-29-88 Pawnee |
| Sprague's Pipit        | 10 in grasslands                              | MJ, JM, DS, SS, VZ | 10-08-88 Norton |
| Sprague's Pipit        | 2                                             | SS                 | 10-12-88 Rush   |
| Sprague's Pipit        | 2                                             | SS                 | 10-17-88 Pawnee |
| Northern Shrike        | imm. at Point of Rocks                        | LM, SS             | 10-15-88 Morton |
| Northern Shrike        | 1 adult at Cedar Bluff                        | DB, DS, SS         | 11-12-88 Trego  |
| Northern Shrike        | imm. ne. of Liberal                           | SN, TS             | 11-20-88 Seward |
| Northern Shrike        | 1 adult                                       | SS                 | 11-21-88 Pawnee |
| Northern Shrike        | 1 adult                                       | SS                 | 11-23-88 Pawnee |
| Northern Shrike        | 1 adult                                       | SS                 | 11-29-88 Pawnee |
| Bell's Vireo           | Nest containing eggs found on soybean plant!! | RR                 | 1988 Jefferson  |
| Black-th. Gray Warbler | 1 in Garden City Cem.                         | SN, TS             | 09-03-88 Finney |
| Townsend's Warbler     | 1 in Garden City Cem.                         | SN, TS             | 09-03-88 Finney |
| Townsend's Warbler     | 1 at Ranger St.                               | WC, DK, JN, m.ob.  | 09-17-88 Morton |
| Prairie Warbler        | male at Point of Rocks                        | LM                 | 07-02-88 Morton |

(This bird, first reported on May 14, was still singing 9 weeks later. No mate was ever seen, which isn't too surprising when one considers that this bird was about four hundred miles out of its normal range.)

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Louisiana Waterthrush | nesting near Lake Perry | RR     | 1988 Jefferson                 |
| Summer Tanager        | 1 at Scott Lake         | DS, SS | 09-02-88 Scott                 |
| Scarlet Tanager       | 2 at Scott Lake         | DS, SS | 09-02-88 Scott                 |
| Painted Bunting       | 1 singing 1st year male | DLS    | 07-13-88 Jefferson to 07-31-88 |

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|----------------------|------------------------|--------|----------------|
| Chipping Sparrow     | 20 early migrants      | m.ob.  | 08-27-88 Scott |
| Clay-colored Sparrow | several early migrants | m.ob.  | 08-27-88 Scott |
| Baird's Sparrow      | one-eyed adult         | DS, SS | 10-27-88 Rush  |

(This very tame bird was watched at close range for half an hour. One eye was missing. Observed eating unknown food in pasture draw.)



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|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Song Sparrow | singing birds at Perry LM, m.ob. | Mid-July Jefferson |
| House Finch  | adults feeding fledglings E&EL   | Mid-June Shawnee   |
| House Finch  | adults coming to feeders LM      | Summer88 Wyandotte |
|              | but no nesting confirmed.        | and Johnson        |

LIST OF OBSERVERS: Dave Bryan (DB), Linda Bryan (LB), Ted Cable (TC), Wally Champeny (WC), Bob Fisher (BF), Evan and Ives Hannay (E&IH), Bill Hayes (BH), Mark Janos (MJ), Dan Kilby (DK), Bob LaShelle (BLS), Dan LaShelle (DLS), John LaShelle (JLS), Eugene and Eulalia Lewis (E&EL), Mick McHugh (MM), Jack Merchant (JM), Lloyd Moore (LM), Jay Newton (JN), Barbara Nordling (BN), Sara Norman (SN), Sebastian Patti (SP), Galen Pittman (GP), Mike Rader (MR), Richard Rucker (RR), Marvin Schwilling (MS), Diane Seltman (DS), Scott Seltman (SS), Tom Shane (TS), Retha Wagner (RW), Claudia Wilds (CW), Vic Zerbi (VZ), multiple observers (m.ob.).

Correction to Seasonal Summary in Vol.15, No. 1:

|            |                                 |                      |
|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Oldsquaw 1 | Ted Cable 11-18-87 Riley        | should be changed to |
| Oldsquaw 1 | Ted Cable 11-18-87 Pottawatomie |                      |

Bird observations for the Winter Summary (December 88 through February 89) should be sent to the editor no later than May 15.

#### KOS SPRING MEETING 1989

The Spring Meeting and field trip will be held May 6 & 7, 1989 at Camp Aldrich in Barton Co. From U.S. 156 turn north at the camp sign 4.0 miles NE of the rest area at south edge of Cheyenne Bottoms or 4.3 miles SW of Claflin turnoff. Camp is 1.1 miles north on a sand road. Lodging is dormitory-style in Martin and Trail's End Lodges, which are both equipped with bath and kitchen facilities and capacity for 40 in each. Those wishing to bring tents may camp nearby for the same fees and have use of the lodge facilities. Please bring your own bedding and towels and any food items you wish, but a continental breakfast (coffee, rolls, etc.) will be included in your registration fees for both mornings. Check-in time Friday evening is 5 PM; no meal will be provided Friday night but snacks will be available. Lunch Saturday is on your own. Saturday supper will be at the Black Angus Restaurant, 2920 10th St., Great Bend, an all-you-can-eat buffet in a private room. Meet at 8 PM to discuss the day's observations and Sunday's trips. Saturday and Sunday field trips will leave the Camp Aldrich parking lot no later than 8:00 AM. Sunday compilation and lunch will be at the Camp at 1 PM. For more information call Scott Seltman (913)-329-4411.

#### -----Clip and Mail-----

|                        | AMOUNT        | NUMBER | TOTAL   | GRAND TOTAL |
|------------------------|---------------|--------|---------|-------------|
| REGISTRATION FEES      | \$5.00/person | _____  | \$_____ |             |
| LODGING FRIDAY NIGHT   | \$4.00/person | _____  | \$_____ |             |
| LODGING SATURDAY NIGHT | \$4.00/person | _____  | \$_____ |             |
| SATURDAY SUPPER        | \$7.00/person | _____  | \$_____ |             |
| SUNDAY BOX LUNCH       | \$3.50/person | _____  | \$_____ | \$_____     |

Make checks payable to "KOS" and mail to Scott Seltman, RR Box 36, Nekoma, KS, 67559, by May 1, 1989.

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# NEWSLETTER

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## OFFICER'S CORNER

My tenure as President of KOS is beginning to come to an end. As it does I have been reflecting on changes in KOS. Two issues head my list of things that are changing. One is an ever increasing need for funding and the other is an increasing call for commitment. These two issues are not necessarily unrelated and they both seem to drive the system. Both issues are at the forefront of KOS.

We have been feeling the pinch of inflation because we have not had a dues increase for several years. This spring the KOS Board of Directors recommended an amendment to our By-Laws for a dues increase. If KOS is to maintain and improve our publications, namely the KOS Bulletin and KOS Newsletter, and remain active in the issues within the state that affect birds, we must increase dues to offset the cost. We need to decide whether we want to make a commitment for continued publication of these two items and whether we will be active in the affairs of the state of Kansas that affect birds. We need to increase our membership and increase attendance at both the spring and fall meetings as well as other field trips that we have throughout the state. You as a member must make your needs and wants known to the Board of Directors and those individuals who represent us on various committees, so we can move KOS in the direction that you as members want.

We are presently involved with a lot of issues within the state of Kansas that are now requiring an increased commitment. The Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks has recently increased their commitment to Cheyenne Bottoms and nongame across the state. They are asking us how we want to be involved. Are we going to be able to assist them as we have in the past or will we drop out? That is the choice of the membership, which will be shown by your support. We are active in the Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month and the Conservative Forum. Do you support both of these endeavors?

Become involved by serving on the various committees, by representing KOS at meetings across the state, and by letting the leadership know your opinion. Begin by attending the fall meeting in Wichita, writing or calling me and other KOS members about your ideas. As an organization we are on the verge of some exciting changes! I hope you are an active part of them.

*Elmer J. Finck*  
*KOS President*

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE! PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO KOS BYLAWS

The Board of Directors at the Spring meeting approved a proposed amendment to the KOS Bylaws to raise the membership dues. This proposal was approved because KOS income in recent years has been insufficient to cover current expenses. This amendment to the Bylaws will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in the Fall. A two-thirds majority vote supporting the amendment will be needed to pass it and, if passed, the revised dues will take effect in the 1989 membership year.

Current reading of Article II, section 3 of the Bylaws:

Sec. 3. Classes of membership and schedule of dues.

- A. Regular members: \$6.00 per year.
- B. Sustaining members: \$12.00 per year.
- C. Life members: \$125.00 in a lump sum or \$31.25 in each of four consecutive years.
- D. Family regular members: \$10.00 per year.
- E. Family sustaining members: \$20.00 per year.
- F. Student members: \$2.00 per year (elementary through college, including full time undergraduate and graduate students).

Proposed revision of Article II, section 3 of the Bylaws:

Sec. 3. Classes of membership and schedule of dues.

- A. Regular members: \$10.00 per year.
- B. Sustaining members: \$20.00 per year.
- C. Life members: \$150.00 in a lump sum or \$37.50 in each of four consecutive years.
- D. Family regular members: \$15.00 per year.
- E. Family sustaining members: \$25.00 per year.
- F. Contributing members: \$40.00 per year.
- G. Student members: \$5.00 per year (elementary through college, including full time undergraduate or graduate students).

KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING  
February 13, 1988  
Marvin Schwilling home, Emporia

Members present: Elmer Finck, David Seibel, Dwight Platt, Jane Hershberger, Eugene Lewis, Donna Cooper, Gerald Wiens, Ted Cable, Jean Schulenberg.  
Non-voting: Marvin Schwilling, Scott Seltman, John Zimmerman.

Again this year a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Schwilling, after which the Board meeting was called to order by President Elmer Finck at 12:35 PM.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Fall 1987 Board Meeting were accepted as published in the Newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Eugene Lewis reported that membership dues are coming in at a more rapid rate this year. However, income may be \$1000 less than expenses this year because of increased expenses and decreased interest income on life memberships. Jane Hershberger moved that Gene prepare a revision in dues structure that would meet the annual expenses of KOS and bring it to the Spring Meeting for consideration by the Board. Donna Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jane Hershberger reported that membership renewal cards were sent out separately this year and response was much better. About 14 members who dropped membership last year have renewed in 1988.

Jane reported that copies of Peterson's "First Guide to Birds" which we have been giving to new members are running out. Ted Cable moved that KOS discontinue the practice and when the supply is exhausted give new members a KOS decal and bird checklist instead. Gerald Wiens seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Elmer Finck brought up a suggestion by Joyce Wolf of a deadline for dues payments with a penalty fee for dues not paid by the deadline. This would save postage on special mail-

ings. Gene Lewis will consider this suggestion when preparing his recommendation for a revised dues structure.

KOS T-SHIRTS: There are very few T-shirts left. Donna Cooper volunteered to make arrangements for a new supply. David Seibel moved that we have new shirts printed. Jane Hersberger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that the March Bulletin went to the printer before the 1st of February. He has copy for the June and September Bulletins. David Seibel checked on prices for printing the Bulletin in Lawrence and found them to be very similar to what we are paying now.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Scott Seltman reported that he had plenty of copy. He asked about the reduced print used in some parts of the December Newsletter. The consensus was that it was more difficult to read but was legible. It was suggested that the minutes also be printed in the small type.

SPRING MEETING: The Spring Meeting will be from April 30 to May 1 at Camp Horizon.

FALL MEETING: The Fall Meeting will be October 1 and 2 at the Sedgwick County Zoo. Wichita Audubon Society and Wichita Wild will co-sponsor the meeting. Bob Gress, local chairman, would like suggestions for speakers. Eugene Lewis moved that the announcement of the Fall Meeting be sent by first class mail in mid-August. David Seibel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT: Marvin Schwilling reported that new county records are still coming in.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Eugene Lewis reported that many bird slides are on hand or have been promised to KOS. Slides of small birds are still needed. Gerald Wiens will prepare a script for the slide show. It was suggested that KOS cooperate with the Dept. of Wildlife and Parks in preparing this slide set. We might donate it to the Wildlife and Parks Library where it would be available to the public.

KANSAS NON-GAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL: Elmer Finck reported that the Council will continue to be an active part of the non-game wildlife program. \$50,000 of non-game wildlife funds will be used for improvements at Cheyenne Bottoms.

KANSAS WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH: March is Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month and the theme this year is "Forests: More Than Just Trees." March 23 will be Wildlife Appreciation Day at the Capitol in Topeka. Donna Cooper moved that KOS participate. Jean Schulenberg seconded the motion. Eulalia Lewis volunteered to prepare an exhibit on the Dingus Natural Area. The motion passed. KOS will pay for the expenses.

SAVE CHEYENNE BOTTOMS COMMITTEE: The committee has evaluated the report done by the Kansas Biological Survey and has made some recommendations. The Department of Wildlife and Parks has planned a program of improvements for which there will be funds in fiscal 1990. Organizations can contribute money for improvements such as interpretive trails and towers. Recommendations on this program can be sent to the Secretary or Under Secretary of Wildlife and Parks. A question was raised about recent regulations that restrict entry into the pools after 10 in the morning.

PUBLICITY: David Seibel presented estimates from Pandion Graphics for a new membership brochure for which Marvin Schwilling had written text. He suggested that we should either

substantially upgrade the brochure as per the estimates (from \$.85 to \$1.07 per brochure for an order of 1,000) or simply reprint the old brochure with minor modifications and updating. Gerald Wiens moved that we update the old membership brochure including the text written by Marvin Schwilling and reprint it. Ted Cable seconded the motion. The motion was passed. David Seibel volunteered to work on the layout.

ROCK SPRINGS RANCH: Ted Cable reported that the administration at Rock Springs Ranch seemed interested in nature interpretation but they had not made any suggestions of a project that would be useful. Ted will write a letter to them asking that they suggest a project and we will evaluate it.

CEDAR CREST: Ted Cable reported that the improvement of a public outdoor area at Cedar Crest is a big project involving many agencies. Organizations can assume responsibility for implementing projects but funds would probably be available from the money raised for implementation of the project. KOS might sponsor an interpretive nature trail. Ted will bring recommendations to the Spring Meeting.

BIRD FEEDER SURVEY: Marvin Schwilling reported that there had been 675 responses to the Bird Feeder Survey. John Briggs is preparing a paper on the results which will probably be presented at the Fall Meeting. A suggestion was made that weather data should be included on the survey form.

TRUST FUND FOR STUDENT RESEARCH: Eugene Lewis had circulated a proposal for a trust fund for student research to KOS Board members and to selected colleges and universities. The University of Kansas Museum of Natural History and Kansas State University are interested in cooperating on the project but he had received little response from others. Jean Schulenberg moved that the President appoint a committee to develop guidelines for establishing a trust. David Seibel seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Elmer appointed Jean Schulenberg, John Zimmerman and Eugene Lewis to the committee.

CONSERVATION FORUM: The Conservation Forum met in October and January. Roger Boyd represents KOS on the Forum.

KANSAS RURAL CENTER: To remain on the Kansas Rural Center mailing list will require a contribution of \$20.00. It was decided not to remain on the list.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Elmer Finck asked for suggestions of persons to serve on the Nominating Committee and for suggestions of a new Treasurer to replace Eugene Lewis who has asked to retire after this year. Jane Hershberger suggested Rose Fritz of Newton as a candidate for Treasurer.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT: Elmer Finck reported that he will be sending a letter from KOS to Senator Bob Dole in support of the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act.

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF BEST STUDENT PAPER: Jean Schulenberg pointed out that there were no guidelines for selecting the best student papers at the Fall Meeting and this had led to some frustration on the part of judges in the past. She moved that guidelines be drafted. Jane Hershberger seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt  
Corresponding Secretary, KOS



KOS SPRING BOARD MEETING  
April 30, 1988  
Camp Horizon, Cowley Co., Kansas

Members present: Elmer Finck, Dwight Platt, Jane Hershberger, Joyce Wolf, Gene Lewis, Gerald Wiens.

Non-voting: Scott Seltman

The meeting was called to order by President Elmer Finck at 7:50 PM.

DUES INCREASE: Gene Lewis had written a memo to the Board of Directors showing that the projected income of KOS was \$410 lower than the projected expense and that an increase in the membership dues was needed. He suggested two alternative proposals for a schedule of increased membership dues. After discussion of the question, Joyce Wolf moved that the Board recommend to the Annual Meeting next Fall a schedule of increased membership dues similar to proposal II -- regular and libraries \$10, regular family \$15, sustaining \$20, sustaining family \$25, contributing \$40, student \$5 and life \$150. Jane Hershberger seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Elmer announced that Diane Seltman had been appointed chair of the Nominating Committee. Anyone with suggestions of nominees for offices should contact her.

MEMBERSHIP: Jane Hershberger asked if she should continue to send a decal and checklist to new members. It was agreed that this was a good policy. She reported that she needs more membership cards and life membership pins and is making arrangements to order them.

DINGUS NATURAL AREA: Gene Lewis has served a contact person for the Dingus Natural Area. It was suggested that after Gene retires, Bob Weese of Mound City be asked to serve as contact person. It was suggested that Mrs. Dingus be made an honorary member of KOS. This will be proposed at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt  
Corresponding Secretary, KOS

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SPRING KOS MEETING / ARKANSAS CITY, APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 1988

About 41 KOS members attended the spring meeting at Camp Horizon near Arkansas City. On Saturday evening an excellent slide show was presented by Gerald Wiens. Field trips were taken to area hot-spots including Chaplain Nature Center and the Slate Creek Marsh. The birding was somewhat lackluster but by visiting a good variety of habitats we managed to tally a very respectable 150 species during the weekend. Good birds included: White-faced Ibis, Peregrine Falcon, Philadelphia Vireo, Henslow's Sparrow, and a very late flock of Evening Grosbeaks. Notable misses included: Wood Duck (!), Great-Horned Owl (!), and Eastern Wood-Pewee. We were apparently too early for specialty species such as Painted Bunting and strong southerly winds seemed to preclude any migrant fallout. Special thanks to Max Thompson and his helpers for organizing a great weekend!

## Registered Attendees At 1988 Spring Meeting

|                                                                                                           |                                                                           |                                                                |                                                                                   |
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| <u>Arkansas City</u><br>Gerald Wiens<br>Gene Young                                                        | <u>Newton</u><br>Jane Hershberger<br>Dwight Platt                         | <u>Topeka</u><br>Gene Lewis<br>Eulalia Lewis<br>Joanne Brier   | <u>Overland Park</u><br>Dave Bryan<br>Linda Bryan<br>David Herrin                 |
| <u>Winfield</u><br>Max Thompson<br>Charles Marchbanks<br>Charles Sturgis                                  | <u>McPherson</u><br>Allen Jahn<br><br><u>Emporia</u><br>Marvin Schwilling | <u>Ottawa</u><br>John Brockway<br>Eleanor Brockway             | <u>Shawnee</u><br>Todd Reeder                                                     |
| <u>Oxford</u><br>Wally Champeny                                                                           | <u>Randolph</u><br>Jim Mayhew                                             | <u>Baldwin City</u><br>Margaret Boyd<br>Katharine Kelley       | <u>Hays</u><br>Charles Ely<br>Laura Villaseñor<br>Earl Carlson<br>Marilyn Carlson |
| <u>Wichita</u><br>Bob Gress<br>Roberta Curtis<br>Pete Janzen<br>Debbie Janzen<br>Don Vannoy<br>Mike Lesan | <u>Manhattan</u><br>Elmer Finck<br>Lowell Johnson<br>Wanda Johnson        | <u>Lawrence</u><br>Joyce Wolf<br>Opal Callaway<br>David Seibel | <u>Nekoma</u><br>Scott Seltman<br>Diane Seltman                                   |
|                                                                                                           |                                                                           |                                                                | <u>Satanta</u><br>Mike Rader                                                      |

## 1988 Spring Meeting Bird List

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|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| P-B Grebe        | American Coot      | Hairy Wood.        | Brown Thrasher          |
| Eared Grebe      | L. Golden Plover   | Northern Flicker   | Cedar Waxwing           |
| White Pelican    | Snowy Plover       | Least Flycatcher   | Loggerhead Shrike       |
| D-C Cormorant    | S-P Plover         | Eastern Phoebe     | E. Starling             |
| American Bittern | Killdeer           | G-C Flycatcher     | White-eyed Vireo        |
| G-B Heron        | Am. Avocet         | Western Kingbird   | Bell's Vireo            |
| Great Egret      | Gr. Yellowlegs     | Eastern Kingbird   | Warbling Vireo          |
| L-B Heron        | Ls. Yellowlegs     | S-T Flycatcher     | Philadelphia Vireo      |
| Green-B Heron    | Spotted Sand.      | Horned Lark        | Red-eyed Vireo          |
| Night-Heron, sp. | Upland Sandpiper   | Purple Martin      | Tennessee Warbler       |
| White-faced Ibis | S-P Sandpiper      | Tree Swallow       | Orange-crowned Warbler  |
| Canada Goose     | Least Sandpiper    | N. R-W Swallow     | Nashville Warbler       |
| G-W Teal         | White-rumped Sand. | Cliff Swallow      | Northern Parula Warbler |
| Mallard          | Baird's Sand.      | Barn Swallow       | Yellow Warbler          |
| B-W Teal         | Pectoral Sand.     | Blue Jay           | Yellow-rumped Warbler   |
| N. Shoveler      | Common Snipe       | American Crow      | Cerulean Warbler        |
| Gadwall          | Wilson's Phal.     | Carolina Chickadee | Black-and-White Warbler |
| Am. Widgeon      | Franklin's Gull    | Tufted Titmouse    | Prothonotary Warbler    |
| Lesser Scaup     | Rock Dove          | W-B Nuthatch       | Ovenbird                |
| Turkey Vulture   | Mourning Dove      | Carolina Wren      | Kentucky Warbler        |
| S-S Hawk         | B-B Cuckoo         | Bewick's Wren      | Common Yellowthroat     |
| Cooper's Hawk    | Y-B Cuckoo         | House Wren         | Summer Tanager          |
| Swainson's Hawk  | E. Screech-Owl     | R-C Kinglet        | Northern Cardinal       |
| R-T Hawk         | Barred Owl         | B-G Gnatcatcher    | Rose-breasted Grosbeak  |
| Am. Kestrel      | C. Nighthawk       | Eastern Bluebird   | Blue Grosbeak           |
| Peregrine Falcon | Chuck-will's-widow | Swainson's Thrush  | Indigo Bunting          |
| R-N Pheasant     | Chimney Swift      | Hermit Thrush      | Dickcissel              |
| Wild Turkey      | Belted Kingfisher  | Wood Thrush        | Rufous-sided Towhee     |
| N. Bobwhite      | Red-headed Wood.   | American Robin     | Chipping Sparrow        |
| Virginia Rail    | Red-bellied Wood.  | Gray Catbird       | Clay-colored Sparrow    |
| Sora             | Downy Wood.        | N. Mockingbird     |                         |

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| Field Sparrow       | Song Sparrow       | E. Meadowlark      | Orchard Oriole     |
| Vesper Sparrow      | Lincoln's Sparrow  | W. Meadowlark      | Northern Oriole    |
| Lark Sparrow        | White-throated Sp. | Y-H Blackbird      | Pine Siskin        |
| Savannah Sparrow    | White-crowned Sp.  | Brewer's Blackbird | American Goldfinch |
| Grasshopper Sparrow | Harris' Sparrow    | G-T Grackle        | Evening Grosbeak   |
| Henslow's Sparrow   | Dark-eyed Junco    | Common Grackle     | House Sparrow      |
| Le Conte's Sparrow  | R-W Blackbird      | B-H Cowbird        |                    |

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#### WINTER FEEDERS/ December 1987 to February 1988 / by Scott Seltman

The Winter of 87-88 was a period full of contradictions in both birdlife and weather across the state of Kansas. It was a long cold winter in western Kansas, not so much because of heavy snowfall or severe cold but because of a relentlessly cool weather pattern. In westcentral Kansas daytime highs reached 40°F only a few times between Thanksgiving and February 12. Snowcover was not especially deep in the west but often the snow that did fall simply refused to melt. Here at Nekoma we had 32" of snow during the three month period, a fairly moderate amount, but it was enough to keep the ground white almost without interruption for ten weeks. Southcentral Kansas, an area not famous for snowfall, received two to three feet of snow in December. Wichita came within one-half inch of breaking their seasonal snowfall record. Meanwhile, in the eastern half of the state birders were wondering what all the fuss was about. Snowcover was very light or absent much of the time and daytime highs soared into the 40's and 50's on many occasions. Our Christmas Bird Count Editor declared in the first line of the March Bulletin that "winter did not arrive in the Kansas count area until the weekend after Christmas."

Imbedded within this rather mediocre winter was a week of remarkably frigid weather. Between January 5th and 7th about six to twenty inches of powder-dry snow fell across portions of western Kansas. This snowcover combined with clear nighttime skies and light winds to allow the temperature to freefall on several following nights. January 9th was probably the coldest morning of the decade in the west as many areas reached -20°F or lower. As organizer and compiler of the Cedar Bluff CBC I would like to take this opportunity to publicly apologize to the six other participants for scheduling our count for that date. I reported the starting temperature for the count as -15°F in the Bulletin but discovered at a March cattle auction from a rancher living just south of the count circle that thermometers in the neighborhood had reached -30°F. Let's see the Manhattan crowd break that CBC record!!

After an exciting fall season during which many northern birds arrived early our winter season proved to be "invasionless". Northern birds such as Snowy Owl, Northern Shrike, Common Redpoll, and Snow Bunting were all reported in Kansas but the overall numbers were quite tiny and probably lower than we might expect in an average winter. Those of us who are weather watchers may have noticed that the Northern Great Plains had a very mild December with daytime highs that were often ten to twenty degrees warmer than ours. So it would seem logical that many birds may have wintered far to our north. One species stood out as being unusually common, especially in the eastern third of the state. Many observers mentioned that many White-throated Sparrows wintered in their area and could be seen both at feeders in town and in the countryside. Their normal winter range is considered to be a little further south than Kansas.

Eastern reservoirs provided good birding all winter with several great birds being reported. The best bird of the season was probably the male Barrow's Goldeneye seen at Melvern. Several sight records already exist for this species but it has yet to be officially added to the state checklist. This sighting, involving three birders viewing the bird in excellent light at about fifty yards as it swam with male Commons, is quite convincing.

In the west several good vagrants were seen along with some very strange wintering birds. In late February very mild weather drew many migrants northward all across Kansas with some species arriving at near-record dates.

Many of the better bird sightings for the period occurred on Christmas Bird Counts and since they have already been summarized in the March Bulletin are largely excluded from this report.

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| Ross' Goose               | 1 on Cedar Bluff                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | SS          | 12-05-87 Trego          |
| Blue-winged Teal          | 2 at Cheyenne Bottoms                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | DS,SS       | 2-27-88 Barton          |
| Cinnamon Teal             | 6 near Cunningham                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | BH,RH,RW,MW | 2-28-88 Kingman         |
| Oldsquaw                  | 1 at Melvern Res.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | SC,RP       | 2-15-88 Osage           |
| <u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u> | 1 male seen at Melvern Res.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | LM,MM,MC    | 2-14-88 Osage           |
|                           | (This bird could not be refund.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |             |                         |
| Osprey                    | 1 at Perry Res.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | RR          | 1-15-88 Jefferson       |
|                           | (Although Ospreys occasionally linger until mid-December this record is extraordinary.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |                         |
| American Kestrel          | 1 male seen carrying an unidentified <u>snake</u> . Daytime high of 45'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | SS          | 12-30-87 Pawnee         |
| Peregrine Falcon          | 1 adult                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | DS          | 2-22-88 Rush            |
| Virginia Rail             | 1 at Scott Lake spillway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | MR,SS       | 1-16-88 Scott           |
|                           | (This bird was found after the very cold week described in the notes above. Virginia Rails have now been found three winters in a row at Scott Lake State Park. This bird survived temperatures of at least -20°F. The warm waters flowing from several springs in the state park are obviously capable of supporting several species of birds that would freeze or starve in other habitats.) |             |                         |
| Sandhill Crane            | 1 <u>leucistic</u> bird seen in flight near Cheyenne Bottoms. The bird was very light overall but the faint outline of the Sandhill Crane wing pattern was well seen. The bird had a red cap and was identical in size to other Sandhills. Any form of albinism is apparently quite rare in all cranes. This bird could have easily been mistaken for a Whooper.                               | DS,SS       | 2-27-88 Barton          |
| Franklin's Gull           | 1 at Rocky Ford                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | TC          | 2-28-88 Riley/Pott.     |
| <u>Thayer's Gull</u>      | 1 2nd-yr. at John Redmond                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | BF,MM       | 2-21-88 Coffey          |
| Glaucous Gull             | 1 1st-yr. at Melvern                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | LM          | 2-20-88 Osage           |
| Glaucous Gull             | 1 at Perry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | SC,RP       | 2-13-88 Jefferson       |
| Glaucous Gull             | 1 at Lake McKinney                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | SN,TS       | 2-20-88 Kearny          |
| Inca Dove                 | 1 bird reported in November remained until Wichita CBC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | BH          | 12-19-87 Sedgwick       |
| Ground Dove               | 1 reported near Winfield                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | MT          | 12- -87 Cowley          |
| Greater Roadrunner        | 1 in Gypsum Hills                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | BH,RH,RW,MW | 2-28-88 Barber          |
| Snowy Owl                 | 1 at Wolf Creek Cooling Lake                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | ??          | 12- -87 Coffey          |
| Snowy Owl                 | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | CW          | 1-02-88 Lyon            |
| Snowy Owl                 | 1 at Melvern                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | CH          | 2-04-88 Osage           |
| Burrowing Owl             | 1 wintered near Satanta                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | MR          | Jan-Feb Haskell         |
|                           | (Although one can easily imagine how a Burrowing Owl could survive through heavy snowfalls and sub-zero temperatures in the safety of its burrow, it is less clear what this bird was finding to eat.)                                                                                                                                                                                         |             |                         |
| Black-billed Magpie       | 1 at Clearwater                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | JW          | 2-10-88 <u>Sedgwick</u> |
| Chihuahuan Raven          | 2 northeast of Hugoton                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | SS          | 1-03-88 Stevens         |
| Rock Wren                 | 1 near Junction City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | BLS         | Late Dec. Geary?        |
| Marsh Wren                | 3 at Scott State Lake                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | MR,SS       | 1-16-88 Scott           |
| Hermit Thrush             | 1 near Junction City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | BLS         | Late Dec. Geary         |
| Varied Thrush             | 1 in Hoxie backyard                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | B&IH et.al. | 1-17-88 Sherman         |
|                           | (Many Colorado sightings in January.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |             | to 1-25-88              |

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| Sage Thrasher                 | 1 along Cimarron            | MR  | 2-28-88 Morton  |
| Northern Shrike               | 1                           | BLS | Late Dec. Geary |
| Northern Shrike               | 1 brownish immature         | SS  | 12-04-87 Pawnee |
| Northern Shrike               | 1                           | SS  | 1-18-88 Rush    |
| Northern Shrike               | 1                           | SS  | 2-04-88 Pawnee  |
| Vesper Sparrow                | 1                           | SS  | 12-02-87 Rush   |
| <u>Golden-crowned Sparrow</u> | 1 adult seen along Cimarron | MR  | 2-07-88 Morton  |

(This well described bird was seen in a flock of White-crowned Sparrows. This sighting followed another from the Scott Lake CBC by about a month. At least two birds were seen in the Denver/Boulder area in early winter with one bird being present all winter. This species is probably just as likely in Kansas as Varied Thrush, another northwestern species that has a tendency to wander.)

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|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Snow Bunting       | unknown number        | RR    | 2-05-88 Jefferson |
| Rusty Blackbird    | 20 along Ladder Creek | MR,SS | 1-16-88 Logan     |
| Brewer's Blackbird | 10 along Ladder Creek | MR,SS | 1-16-88 Logan     |
| Common Redpoll     | 1 at feeder           | GY    | 2-28-88 Cowley    |

Listed Observers: Steve Crawford (SC), Mel Cooksey (MC), Ted Cable (TC), Bob Fisher (BF), Bev Hodges (BH), Ruth Hodges (RH), Charles Hall (CH), Bill & Iveda Hoffeditz (B&IH), Bob LaShelle (BLS), Lloyd Moore (LM), Mick McHugh (MM), Sarah Norman (SN), Richard Parker (RP), Richard Rucker (RR), Mike Rader (MR), Scott Seltman (SS), Diane Seltman (DS), Tom Shane (TS), Max Thompson (MT), Ralph Wiley (RW), Mary Wiley (MW), Christine Wallace (CW), John Wherry (JW), and Gene Young (GY).

#### PLANNING TO CHANGE ADDRESSES SOON?

One of the more unnecessary expenses of our organization involves individuals who move without notifying us. Members are reminded that our publications are sent out at bulk-mail rates and are NOT FORWARDABLE. Our mailing lists are updated before each mailing (March, June, Sept., Dec. for the Bulletin plus one or two extra for the Newsletter.) The post office does not regularly return our publications at the time they send us an address correction. KOS receives a photocopy of the address portion of the publication, then we must bear the additional cost of providing replacement issues plus first-class postage to mail them.

When members fail to report address changes publications are received late. Your co-operation will allow us to serve you more quickly and efficiently. Address changes should be sent promptly to KOS, 2535 Arkansas, Lawrence, KS 66046.

#### FALL MEETING IN WICHITA

The Fall Meeting of KOS will be held in Wichita on October 1 and 2, 1988. The paper session will be held at the Sedgwick County Zoo on Saturday with field trips to area hot-spots on Sunday. Registration forms for the meeting and banquet are being mailed this month to all KOS members. All members are urged to attend.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be a "catch-up" as your editor attempts to get back on schedule and publish some items that have been omitted because of space limitations. Send spring bird sightings (March through May) to Nekoma immediately.

KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING  
OCTOBER 1 & 2, 1988

The Kansas Ornithological Society will meet this fall in Wichita. Paper sessions and business meetings will be held on Saturday in the Education Building at the Sedgwick County Zoo, 5555 Zoo Blvd. The annual banquet will be at the Canterbury Inn, 5805 West Hwy. 54, and will feature the "Best Birds of the Year" announcements, awards for the best student papers, and a dynamic presentation on the WICHITA WILD program by its Naturalist/Director, Bob Gress. Sunday's field trips will leave at various times for the El Dorado Reservoir, Harvey County West Park, Sedgwick County Zoo, and Botanica. Additional birding, a picnic lunch, and compilation will follow at the Chisholm Creek Park Nature Trails, 3238 N. Oliver.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 1

8:00 - 9:00 Registration, Education Building, Sedgwick County Zoo  
9:00 - 12:00 Opening session, paper presentations; first business meeting  
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch on your own; board meeting  
1:00 - 2:00 Birdwatchers' hour (bring your best slides, questions, etc.)  
2:00 - 5:00 Second session, paper presentations; second business meeting  
6:30 - 9:30 Banquet, Kings Room, Canterbury Inn

Sunday, October 2

6:00 - 12:00 Field trips (details to be announced)  
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch and compilation, Chisholm Creek Park Nature Trails

\*\*\*\*\* CALL FOR PAPERS \*\*\*\*\*

The only requirement for papers presented to the KOS is that they deal with birds in some way! Often the most interesting papers are by people who consider themselves amateurs, but nevertheless have considerable expertise. We invite you to share your experiences with the group. We especially encourage graduate and undergraduate students to present the results of their studies; there will be monetary awards for the best student papers.

We ask that you bring to the meeting an abstract or short summary--about 150 words--of your presentation for publication in the Newsletter.

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MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: David Seibel  
2907 W. 6th St. #108  
Lawrence, KS 66044  
PHONE: 913/843-6611 ext. 108 (home); 843-1234 (work)  
MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
SEPTEMBER 21, 1988!

AUTHOR(S) : \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME NEEDED FOR PRESENTATION & QUESTIONS: \_\_\_\_10 min. \_\_\_\_15 min. \_\_\_\_20 min.

AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED: \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd!!!!

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Registration Fee:

\_\_\_\_\_ student @ \$3.00 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ KOS member @ \$7.00 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ non-KOS member @ \$12.00 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday night banquet

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday box lunch

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$4.00 . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL REMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Kansas Ornithological Society

RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 23rd to: Bob Gress  
Naturalist/Director WICHITA WILD  
1409 W. 35th N.  
Wichita, KS 67204

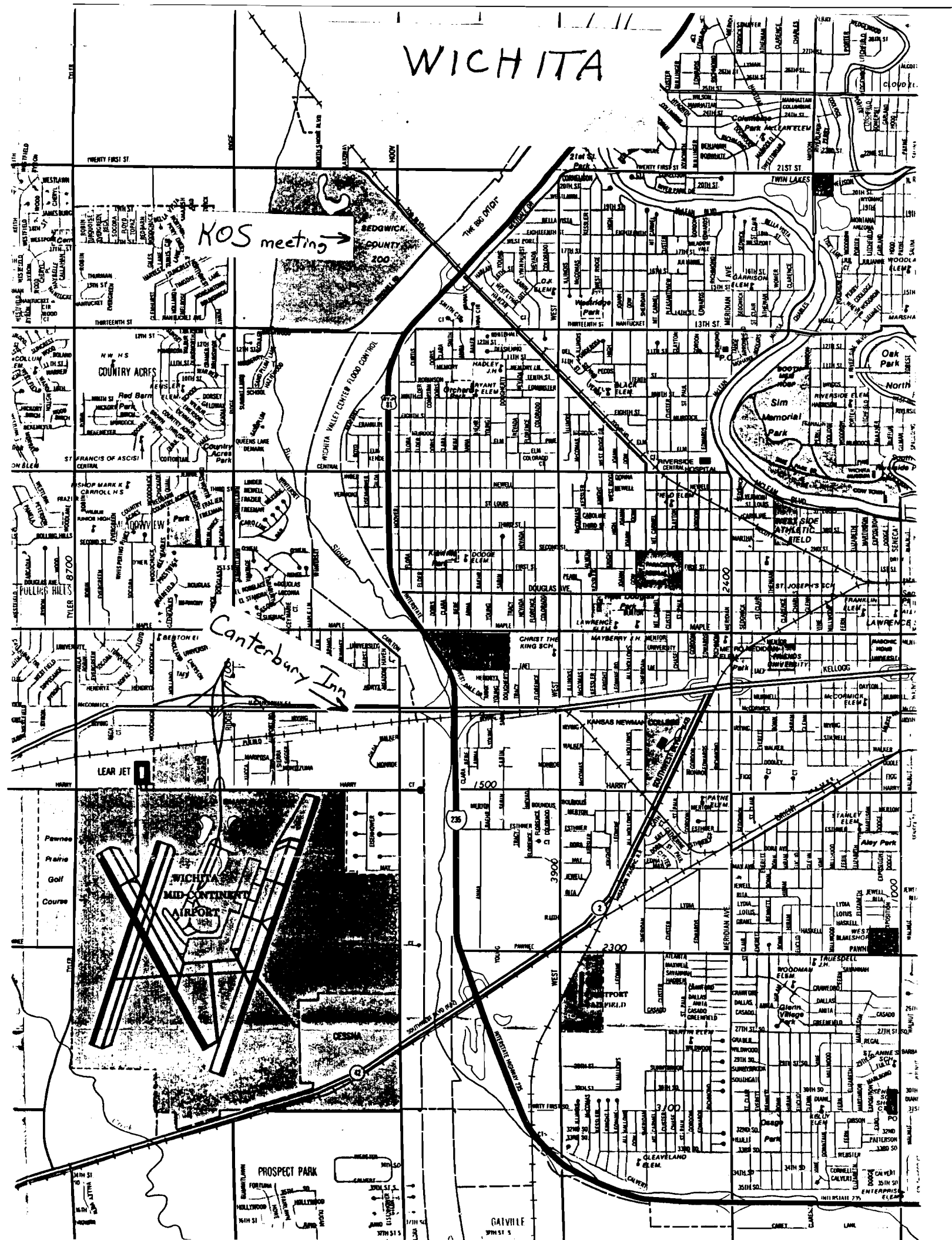
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MOTEL LIST (All of these motels are within a 4 block stretch of West Kellogg).

|                     |                 |          | Single | Double |
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| Canterbury Inn      | 5805 W. Kellogg | 942-7911 | \$42   | \$48   |
| Heritage Inn        | 5500 W. Kellogg | 943-2181 | 35     | 40     |
| Knights Inn         | 6125 W. Kellogg | 942-1341 | 25     | 30     |
| Motel 6             | 5736 W. Kellogg | 945-8440 | 22     | 28     |
| Stratford House Inn | 5505 W. Kellogg | 942-0900 | 38     | 42     |
| Wichita Inn         | 6150 W. Kellogg | 943-2373 | 31     | 36     |

Campgrounds:

Blasi Campgrounds 11209 W. Kellogg  
KOA Campground 15520 West Maple  
Lake Afton Southwest of Wichita (south of K-42)

# WICHITA





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## FALL ROUNDUP/ August to November 1987 / by Scott Seltman

The Fall of 1987 was an exciting season with an impressive list of rare and unusual birds being found by Kansas birders during the period. The birding was especially good in southwest Kansas where almost every week some new rarities made their appearance. As usual, Morton County won the rare-bird sweepstakes. But the most exciting hot-spot of the period was probably the backyard feeding station in Lakin where 8 of our state's 11 finch species dined during the month of November. In the east the number of unusual sightings was rather low. (In fact, some eastern birders maintained an almost eerie silence during much of the season.) Nevertheless, some good records came from the east as well.

The weather was generally dry and mild throughout the state this fall. Cold weather actually didn't arrive until the last week of November when 3 to 6 inches of wind-driven snow fell in the west and put an abrupt end to the relatively balmy temperatures. Because the weather was so favorable it is easy to understand why so many birds lingered well beyond their normal departure dates. More difficult, however, is an explanation for the very early arrivals of northern birds. Seeing Northern Shrikes and various northern finches so early led some birders to predict large-scale invasions during the winter months, but these prophecies unfortunately proved false.

The best bird of the season was obviously the Phainopepla seen in Morton County, the first ever to be reported in Kansas. Phainopeplas are rather common in central New Mexico and because of their propensity to wander are not totally unexpected as rare vagrants on the High Plains. Probably of more interest to ornithologists was the rediscovery of Western Screech-Owls at the Colorado line. Two or three Westerns were seen repeatedly from late September until the end of the year in the same spot where the species was first discovered in 1985. It now seems quite possible that Westerns are breeding within or very near the borders of our state. At any rate, it is going to be difficult to challenge their presence in Kansas since they were seen and heard by about 20 observers including 4 members of the Records Committee.

All of the following records are subject to review by the KOS Records Committee. Before assuming that a bird's official status has changed within Kansas or any Kansas county readers and researchers should await a decision from the committee.

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| <u>Red-necked Grebe</u> | 1 adult in near-breeding plumage well seen at Cedar Bluff                                                                                               | LM,MM,SS    | 11-07-87 Trego        |
| Tricolored Heron        | 1 at Slate Creek Salt Marsh                                                                                                                             | MT          | 8-10-87 Sumner?       |
| Oldsquaw                | 1                                                                                                                                                       | TC          | 11-18-87 Riley?       |
| Black Scoter            | 2 fem. & 1 imm.                                                                                                                                         | LM,MM,SS    | 11-07-87 Trego        |
| Surf Scoter             | 2 fem.                                                                                                                                                  | LM,MM,SS    | 11-07-87 Trego        |
| Surf Scoter             | 2 at Pott. Co. Lake #2                                                                                                                                  | TC          | 11-10-87 Pottawatomie |
| Northern Goshawk        | 1 at Konza Prairie                                                                                                                                      | m. ob.      | Late Sept. Riley      |
| Peregrine Falcon        | 1 at Quivira                                                                                                                                            | DV,FV,WC,DK | 8-10-87 Stafford      |
| Prairie Falcon          | 1 rather early                                                                                                                                          | SS          | 8-21-87 Pawnee        |
| Yellow Rail             | 1 flushed from forage sorghum by swather. Seen in flight 5 times with white secondaries and rich yellow coloration of head, neck, and breast well seen. | SS          | 9-29-87 Pawnee        |

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| Common Moorhen                 | 1 very late bird at Perry Res. RR                                                                                                   |  | 10-27-87 Jefferson |
| Piping Plover                  | 1 at Melvern Res. MM                                                                                                                |  | 8-09-87 Osage      |
|                                | (Piping Plover records should all be published now to assist those tracking their migrations. Watch carefully for color bands. Ed.) |  |                    |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper        | 6 following tractor SS                                                                                                              |  | 8-23-87 Pawnee     |
| Short-billed Dowitcher         | several at Cheyenne Bottoms DS,SS                                                                                                   |  | 8-01-87 Barton     |
| <u>Pomarine Jaeger</u>         | 2 at Winfield City Lake MT                                                                                                          |  | 10-01-87 Cowley    |
| <u>Parasitic Jaeger</u>        | 1 at El Dorado Res. MT                                                                                                              |  | 10-01-87 Butler    |
|                                | (No Long-taileds? Ed.)                                                                                                              |  |                    |
| Parasitic Jaeger               | 1 very dark bird at CB DS,SS                                                                                                        |  | 8-01-87 Barton     |
| <u>California Gull</u>         | 1st-year bird at Lake McKinney MM,SP                                                                                                |  | 10-16-87 Kearny    |
|                                | photographed by SS                                                                                                                  |  | 10-17-87 Kearny    |
| Sabine's Gull                  | 1 at n. end Milford Res. TC                                                                                                         |  | 9-27-87 Clay       |
| Sabine's Gull                  | 1 imm. at Cheyenne Bottoms TC                                                                                                       |  | 10-09-87 Barton    |
| Common Tern                    | 1 basic plumage bird seen very well at Cedar Bluff. Other LM,MM,SS                                                                  |  | 11-07-87 Trego     |
|                                | possible species considered and eliminated.                                                                                         |  |                    |
| Least Tern                     | 2 at Marais des Cygnes MM                                                                                                           |  | 8-16-87 Linn       |
| Inca Dove                      | 1 in Wichita BH, m. ob.                                                                                                             |  | 11-27-87 Sedgwick  |
| Greater Roadrunner             | 1 at Point of Rocks from this date onward to end of season. SP, m. ob.                                                              |  | 9-19-87 Morton     |
| Eastern Screech-Owl            | 7 along Cimarron R. SS                                                                                                              |  | 9-19-87 Morton     |
| <u>Western Screech-Owl</u>     | 2 heard SP, m. ob.                                                                                                                  |  | 9-18-87 Morton     |
|                                | 2 heard, 1 well seen by all. SP,MS,MC,EC, JG,NJ,PJ,DT,JT,SS                                                                         |  | 9-19-87 Morton     |
|                                | 3 heard SP,MT                                                                                                                       |  | 9-20-87 Morton     |
|                                | 1 well seen SP,MM                                                                                                                   |  | 10-16-87 Morton    |
| Snowy Owl                      | 1 at Wolf Creek DW                                                                                                                  |  | 11-19-87 Coffey    |
| Common Nighthawk               | 15 late migrants SS                                                                                                                 |  | 10-08-87 Rush      |
| Common Poorwill                | 2 at state line Cimm. R. TC,SS                                                                                                      |  | 10-10-87 Morton    |
| Common Poorwill                | 1 MM,SP,SS                                                                                                                          |  | 10-17-87 Morton    |
| Rufous Hummingbird             | 1 at Oxford WC                                                                                                                      |  | 9-11-87 Sumner     |
| Ladder-backed Woodpecker       | 1 male near Wilb. Bridge SS                                                                                                         |  | 9-19-87 Morton     |
| Western Wood-Pewee             | 1 DV,FV                                                                                                                             |  | 9-10-87 Morton     |
| Western Wood-Pewee             | SP                                                                                                                                  |  | 9-07-87 Morton     |
| Hammond's Flycatcher           | 2 DV,FV                                                                                                                             |  | 9-05-87 Morton     |
| Dusky Flycatcher               | 2 DV,FV                                                                                                                             |  | 9-05-87 Morton     |
| <u>Gray Flycatcher</u>         | 1 (details unknown) DV,FV                                                                                                           |  | 9-05-87 Morton     |
| <u>Ash-throated Flycatcher</u> | 1 SP                                                                                                                                |  | 9-07-87 Morton     |
| Western Kingbird               | 1 very late bird in Lakin Cem. MM,SP                                                                                                |  | 10-16-87 Kearny    |
| Eastern Kingbird               | flock of 110 birds PJ                                                                                                               |  | 8-28-87 Sedgwick   |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher      | 1 at river bridge at Lakin SN,TS                                                                                                    |  | 11-01-87 Kearny    |
| Barn Swallow                   | 1 at Lake McKinney MR                                                                                                               |  | 11-07-87 Kearny    |
| Chihuahuan Raven               | 50+ in field w. Hugoton TC,SS                                                                                                       |  | 10-10-87 Stevens   |
| Mountain Chickadee             | 1 at 'Boy Scout' area SC,RP                                                                                                         |  | 11-23-87 Morton    |
|                                | same bird MelC,AC,LM,DS,SS                                                                                                          |  | 11-27-87 Morton    |
| Bushtit                        | 5-6 at 'Boy Scout' area. SC,RP                                                                                                      |  | 11-23-87 Morton    |
|                                | 25+ at same place MelC,AC,LM,DS,SS                                                                                                  |  | 11-28-87 Morton    |
| Carolina Wren                  | 1 in Elkhart alley SP, m. ob.                                                                                                       |  | 9-19-87 Morton     |
|                                | same bird still present TC,SS                                                                                                       |  | 10-10-87 Morton    |
| Winter Wren                    | 1 on N. Fork Cimm. MM,SP,SS                                                                                                         |  | 10-17-87 Morton    |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet         | 30+ at Experiment Station SS                                                                                                        |  | 11-07-87 Ellis     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet           | 50+ in county TC,SS                                                                                                                 |  | 10-10-87 Morton    |

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| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  | 1 very late bird                                                                                                                                         | SC,RP            | 11-23-87 | Morton    |
|                        | still present after snow                                                                                                                                 | MelC,AC,LM,DS,SS | 11-28-87 | Morton    |
| Mountain Bluebird      | 25+ at Elkhart Airport                                                                                                                                   | TC,SS            | 10-10-87 | Morton    |
| Mountain Bluebird      | 30+ on river road                                                                                                                                        | SS               | 10-17-87 | Hamilton  |
| Sage Thrasher          | 2                                                                                                                                                        | SP, m. ob.       | 9-19-87  | Morton    |
| Sage Thrasher          | 2                                                                                                                                                        | MM,SP,SS         | 10-17-87 | Morton    |
| Curve-billed Thrasher  | 3                                                                                                                                                        | SS, m. ob.       | 9-19-87  | Morton    |
| Curve-billed Thrasher  | 1                                                                                                                                                        | MR               | 9-25-87  | Grant     |
| Sprague's Pipit        | 4                                                                                                                                                        | DS,SS            | 9-27-87  | Norton    |
| Bohemian Waxwing       | 2                                                                                                                                                        | JH               | 11-26-87 | Russell   |
| Northern Shrike        | 1 on river road                                                                                                                                          | MM,SP,SS         | 10-18-87 | Hamilton  |
| Northern Shrike        | 2 on river road                                                                                                                                          | DS,SS            | 11-14-87 | Hamilton  |
| Northern Shrike        | 1                                                                                                                                                        | SC,RP            | 11-23-87 | Morton    |
| Northern Shrike        | 2                                                                                                                                                        | SC,RP            | 11-22-87 | Hamilton  |
| Black-th. Blue Warbler |                                                                                                                                                          | DH,JHed          | 10-13-87 | Wyandotte |
| Black-th. Blue Warbler | 1 greenish imm. Pt. of Rocks                                                                                                                             | TC,SS            | 10-10-87 | Morton    |
| Pine Warbler           | 1 well seen Sunset Cemetery                                                                                                                              | TC               | 9-30-87  | Riley     |
| Blackpoll Warbler      | 1                                                                                                                                                        | SN,TS            | 11-01-87 | Morton    |
| Summer Tanager         | 1 female at Lakin Cemetery                                                                                                                               | SS               | 10-17-87 | Kearny    |
| Western Tanager        |                                                                                                                                                          | DV,FV            | 9-05-87  | Morton    |
| Dickcissel             | flightless male captured and released. No apparent injuries.                                                                                             | SS               | 11-03-87 | Pawnee    |
| Green-tailed Towhee    | 1 at Point of Rocks                                                                                                                                      | m. ob.           | 9-19-87  | Morton    |
| Lark Bunting           | 100+ west of Rolla                                                                                                                                       | DS,SS            | 11-27-87 | Morton    |
| Baird's Sparrow        | 1 juvenile flushed from alfalfa by swather and then seen by observer at very close range. Black feathers on back lightly tipped in tan very distinctive. | SS               | 10-07-87 | Pawnee    |
| LeConte's Sparrow      | 1 at Quivira                                                                                                                                             | PJ               | 10-13-87 | Stafford  |
| LeConte's Sparrow      | 5 in alfalfa                                                                                                                                             | SS               | 10-07-87 | Pawnee    |
| LeConte's Sparrow      | 3 in wheat stubble                                                                                                                                       | TC,SS            | 10-11-87 | Rush      |
| McCown's Longspur      | hundreds                                                                                                                                                 | SS               | 10-17-87 | Hamilton  |
| McCown's Longspur      | many                                                                                                                                                     | SS               | 10-17-87 | Stanton   |
| McCown's Longspur      | many                                                                                                                                                     | MM,SP,SS         | 10-17-87 | Morton    |
| Pine Grosbeak          | 1 fem./imm. seen at Pawnee Prairie Park. Field marks well described including vocalizations. Very early date.                                            | JY               | 9-28-87  | Sedgwick  |
| Purple Finch           | 1 male in Elhart (Rare in west.)                                                                                                                         | SN,TS            | 11-01-87 | Morton    |
| Purple Finch           | 1 male in same neighborhood                                                                                                                              | DS,SS            | 11-27-87 | Morton    |
| Purple Finch           | 1 female at Lakin feeder                                                                                                                                 | DS,SS            | 11-14-87 | Kearny    |
| Cassin's Finch         | 1 female at Lakin feeder                                                                                                                                 | MM,SP            | 10-16-87 | Kearny    |
| Cassin's Finch         | 1 female at Lakin feeder                                                                                                                                 | MR               | 11-08-87 | Kearny    |
| Cassin's Finch         | 1 male at Lakin feeder                                                                                                                                   | MelC,AC,LM       | 11-27-87 | Kearny    |
| House Finch            | 1 female with <u>3 fledglings</u> in Emporia. House Finches continue their march across the state.                                                       | MS               | 8-22-87  | Lyon      |
| Red Crossbill          | 1 male at Lakin feeder                                                                                                                                   | DS,SS            | 11-14-87 | Kearny    |
| White-winged Crossbill | 1 fem./imm. at Lakin feeder photographed                                                                                                                 | MM,SP            | 10-16-87 | Kearny    |
|                        | same bird still present                                                                                                                                  | SS               | 10-18-87 | Kearny    |
|                        |                                                                                                                                                          | DS,SS            | 11-29-87 | Kearny    |
| Evening Grosbeak       | 25+ at Lakin feeder                                                                                                                                      | m. ob.           | Nov.     | Kearny    |
| Grasshopper Sparrow    | 100+ flushed from alfalfa. Some examined and found to be in heavy molt. Very late for such a large concentration.                                        | SS               | 10-07-87 | Pawnee    |

Phainopepla 1 fem./imm. heard calling typical DV,FV 9-10-87 Morton  
'whirp' note at Point of Rocks.

Described as grayish bird with limited white in wings, distinctive crest, and with red eye. Seen perched in bush and well studied. Winter records exist for both Oklahoma and Nebraska. Vagrants have reached Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

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#### WHOOPIING CRANES IN KANSAS 1987

Ten years ago Whooping Cranes were seldom reported in our state. Occasionally a few family groups would be reported near Cheyenne Bottoms or at Quivira but these events were few and far between. Today things are different. Whooper numbers have doubled in the last decade and the Aransas flock now stands at about 130 birds. Because of these higher numbers and increased public awareness the reported sightings have skyrocketed. The following are a partial listing of Kansas Whooping Crane reports from last year:

|                                                                    |                                       |          |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| One juvenile with Sandhills                                        | Quivira NWR                           | 2-10-87  | Stafford |
| 7 birds                                                            | sw. of Culver Terry Funk, Tom Stuckey | 3-19-87  | Ottawa   |
| (According to U.S.F.&W. all birds still at Aransas on above date.) |                                       |          |          |
| One adult                                                          | sw. of Atwood Mrs. Linden Montgomery  | 3-26-87  | Rawlins  |
| 7 birds                                                            | w. of Hesston Bob Prather             | 4-03-87  | Harvey   |
| 3 birds                                                            | nw. of Hoxie Wes Wikoff               | 4-09-87  | Sheridan |
| 5 birds                                                            | w. of Sylvan Grove Bruce Zamrzla      | 4-10-87  | Lincoln  |
| 2 birds                                                            | se. of Zenith Mrs. Dale Paulsen       | 4-11-87  | Stafford |
| 3 birds                                                            | ne. of Windhorst Jim Kellenberger     | 4-13-87  | Ford     |
| 3 birds                                                            | s. of Kingsdown Tom Berger            | 4-14-87  | Clark    |
| 2 birds                                                            | nw. of Minneola Jim Kellenberger      | 4-14-87  | Clark    |
| 12 birds                                                           | Quivira NWR                           | 10-21-87 | Stafford |
| 6 birds                                                            | Cheyenne Bottoms WMA                  | 10-22-87 | Barton   |
| 8 birds                                                            | e. of Great Bend                      | 10-23-87 | Barton   |
| 3 birds                                                            |                                       | 10-22-87 | Smith    |
| 8 birds                                                            |                                       | 10-23-87 | Ford     |
| 5 birds                                                            |                                       | 10-24-87 | Stafford |
| 3 birds                                                            |                                       | 11-01-87 | Hodgeman |
| 3 birds                                                            | Quivira NWR James McCollum            | 12-04-87 | Stafford |

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| April 29 to May 1         | Spring Meeting of KOS at Camp Horizon near Arkansas City.<br>Registration form at the end of this newsletter.         |
| September 30 to October 2 | Fall Meeting of KOS held at Wichita. Presentation of papers<br>will be at Sedgwick County Zoo. Field trips on Sunday. |

# REPORT OF THE KOS OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Records Committee has processed a large volume of bird records in the past several years. Fortunately, that torrent of information has slowed somewhat with the committee now caught up to about June of 1987. Many of Kansas' 105 counties now have bird lists in excess of 200 species and some are over the 300 mark. Nevertheless, there are still some counties that have received very little coverage. Birders seeking information about particular county lists and those submitting records for the committee's consideration should contact the Chairman: Marvin Schwilling, P.O. Box 1525, Emporia, KS 66801.

All of the following records have been approved by a majority consensus of the committee's members. Because so many of the records involve only a few observers from a few counties these records have been listed according to county rather than in checklist order.

## FIRST COUNTY RECORDS

|                                |            |         |           |                         |               |          |           |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| D-C. Cormorant                 | E & JS     | 1985    | Atchinson | Thayer's Gull           | MM            | 10-06-85 | Douglas   |
| Great Egret                    |            |         |           | Western Grebe           | LH            | 10-23-85 | Finney    |
| Green-backed Heron             |            |         |           | Olive-sided Flycatcher  | TC            | 8-23-85  | Geary     |
| Chuck-will's-widow             |            |         |           | Surf Scoter             | CW            | 10-29-85 | Geary     |
| Whip-poor-will                 |            |         |           | Merlin                  | MeIC,MM,LM    | 1-01-86  | Geary     |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird      |            |         |           | Bohemian Waxwing        | MeIC,MM,LM    | 1-01-86  | Geary     |
| Belted Kingfisher              |            |         |           | Bald Eagle              | BW            | 12-01-85 | Harper    |
| Least Flycatcher               |            |         |           | Great Egret             | E & JS        | 1985     | Jackson   |
| Tree Swallow                   |            |         |           | Lesser Yellowlegs       |               |          |           |
| Carolina Wren                  |            |         |           | Caspian Tern            |               |          |           |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher          |            |         |           | Barred Owl              |               |          |           |
| Swainson's Thrush              |            |         |           | Least Flycatcher        |               |          |           |
| Wood Thrush                    |            |         |           | Carolina Wren           |               |          |           |
| Gray Catbird                   |            |         |           | Nashville Warbler       |               |          |           |
| Solitary Vireo                 |            |         |           | Northern Parula         |               |          |           |
| Yellow-throated Vireo          |            |         |           | American Redstart       |               |          |           |
| Red-eyed Vireo                 |            |         |           | Summer Tanager          |               |          |           |
| Warbling Vireo                 |            |         |           | Olive-sided Flycatcher  | MM            | 9-28-85  | Jefferson |
| Orange-crowned Warbler         |            |         |           | Magnolia Warbler        | LM            | 9-21-85  | Jefferson |
| Nashville Warbler              |            |         |           | Surf Scoter             | MeIC,BF,CH,MM | 11-03-85 | Jefferson |
| Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler |            |         |           | House Finch             | JH            | 9-28-85  | Kearny    |
| Blackpoll Warbler              |            |         |           | Sharp-shinned Hawk      | BW            | 9-27-85  | Kiowa     |
| Wilson's Warbler               |            |         |           | Ruff                    | GP,RR,DSeI    | 5-20-85  | Linn      |
| Summer Tanager                 |            |         |           | Ruddy Turnstone         | GP,RR,DSeI    | 5-20-85  | Linn      |
|                                |            |         |           | Red-necked Grebe        | LF,HM         | 1976     | Linn      |
| Broad-winged Hawk              | E & JS     | 1985    | Brown     | Peregrine Falcon        | LF            | 11-11-85 | Marion    |
| Least Sandpiper                |            |         |           | Upland Sandpiper        | E & JS        | 1985     | Marshall  |
| Least Flycatcher               |            |         |           | Semipalmated Sandpiper  |               |          |           |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch          |            |         |           | Least Flycatcher        |               |          |           |
| Water Pipit                    |            |         |           | Carolina Wren           |               |          |           |
| Red-eyed Vireo                 |            |         |           | Ruby-crowned Kinglet    |               |          |           |
| American Redstart              |            |         |           | Bell's Vireo            |               |          |           |
| Northern Waterthrush           |            |         |           | Red-eyed Vireo          |               |          |           |
| Wilson's Warbler               |            |         |           | Tennessee Warbler       |               |          |           |
| Scarlet Tanager                |            |         |           | Nashville Warbler       |               |          |           |
|                                |            |         |           | Black-and-White Warbler |               |          |           |
| Clark's Grebe                  | SS, w. ob. | 8-30-85 | Barton    | Scarlet Tanager         |               |          |           |
| Sage Thrasher                  | WH         | 9-22-85 | Barton    | Orchard Oriole          |               |          |           |
| Evening Grosbeak               | BHlav      | 1980    | Barber    | White Pelican           | TC,SS         | 9-21-85  | Morton    |
| Common Poorwill                | JM         | 10- -85 | Coffey    | Cattle Egret            | TC,SS         | 9-22-85  | Morton    |
| Thayer's Gull                  | LM, MeIC   | 3-17-85 | Coffey    | Red Phalarope           | TC,SS         | 9-21-85  | Morton    |
| Osprey                         | E & JS     | 1985    | Clay      | Western Screech-Owl     | SS            | 5-11-85  | Morton    |
| Swainson's Thrush              |            |         |           |                         |               |          |           |
| Solitary Vireo                 |            |         |           |                         |               |          |           |
| Tennessee Warbler              |            |         |           |                         |               |          |           |
| Orange-crowned Warbler         |            |         |           |                         |               |          |           |
| Nashville Warbler              |            |         |           |                         |               |          |           |
| Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler |            |         |           |                         |               |          |           |
| Black-and-White Warbler        |            |         |           |                         |               |          |           |
| Ovenbird                       |            |         |           |                         |               |          |           |
| Wilson's Warbler               |            |         |           |                         |               |          |           |
| Lazuli Bunting                 |            |         |           |                         |               |          |           |
| Clay-colored Sparrow           |            |         |           |                         |               |          |           |

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|------------------------------|--------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| American Black Duck          | MK     | 2-17-73  | Montgomery   | Clark's Grebe               | SS         | 10-19-85 | Phillips   |
| Caspian Tern                 | E & JS | 1985     | Nemaha       | Evening Grosbeak            | BW         | 12-01-85 | Pratt      |
| Barred Owl                   |        |          |              | Western Grebe               | TC         | 11-07-85 | Riley      |
| Least Flycatcher             |        |          |              | Olivaceous Cormorant        |            | 8-22-85  |            |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet         |        |          |              | Snowy Egret                 |            | 8-21-85  |            |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher        |        |          |              | Cattle Egret                |            | 10-02-85 |            |
| Swainson's Thrush            |        |          |              | Tundra Swan                 |            | 4- -69   |            |
| Solitary Vireo               |        |          |              | Ross' Goose                 |            | 11-13-85 |            |
| Tennessee Warbler            |        |          |              | Little Blue Heron           |            | 6-21-84  |            |
| Orange-crowned Warbler       |        |          |              | Broad-winged Hawk           |            | 9-08-84  |            |
| Nashville Warbler            |        |          |              | Black-bellied Plover        |            | 5-11-85  |            |
| Yellow Warbler               |        |          |              | Hudsonian Godwit            |            | 5-11-85  |            |
| Black-throated Green Warbler |        |          |              | Common Tern                 |            | 8-06-85  |            |
| American Redstart            |        |          |              | Swamp Sparrow               |            | 12-22-84 |            |
| Mourning Warbler             |        |          |              | Henslow's Sparrow           |            | 5-11-85  |            |
| Chipping Sparrow             |        |          |              | Evening Grosbeak            | SB         | 12-02-85 | Saline     |
| Clay-colored Sparrow         |        |          |              |                             |            |          |            |
| Vesper Sparrow               |        |          |              |                             |            |          |            |
| Red-necked Grebe             | DB,MW  | 11-16-85 | Osage        | Monk Parakeet               | JP         | 6- -85   | Sherman    |
| Western Grebe                | TC     | 11-07-85 | Pottawatomie | Pacific Loon                | SS         | 11-23-85 | Trego      |
| Horned Grebe                 |        | 4-07-85  |              | Trumpeter Swan              |            | 11-26-85 |            |
| White Pelican                |        | 9-08-84  |              | White-winged Scoter         |            | 10-15-85 |            |
| Olivaceous Cormorant         |        | 8-22-85  |              | Red-breasted Merganser      |            | 11-23-85 |            |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron    |        | 8-17-85  |              | "White-winged" Junco        |            | 11-02-85 |            |
| Ross' Goose                  |        | 11-13-85 |              | Evening Grosbeak            |            | 11-23-85 |            |
| Greater Scaup                |        | 4-02-85  |              |                             |            |          |            |
| Mississippi Kite             |        | 9-03-84  |              | White Pelican               | E & JS     | 1985     | Washington |
| Northern Goshawk             |        | 11-24-82 |              | Double-crested Cormorant    |            |          |            |
| Broad-winged Hawk            |        | 5-08-85  |              | Greater White-fronted Goose |            |          |            |
| Least Sandpiper              |        | 8-24-85  |              | Wood Duck                   |            |          |            |
| Solitary Sandpiper           |        | 8-17-85  |              | Least Flycatcher            |            |          |            |
| Stilt Sandpiper              |        | 8-24-85  |              | Blue-gray Gnatcatcher       |            |          |            |
| American Woodcock            |        | 2-26-85  |              | Swainson's Thrush           |            |          |            |
| Wilson's Phalarope           |        | 10-08-83 |              | Red-eyed Vireo              |            |          |            |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch        |        | 10-04-85 |              | Black-and-White Warbler     |            |          |            |
| Water Pipit                  |        | 4-16-85  |              | American Redstart           |            |          |            |
| Snowy Owl                    |        | 12-21-80 |              | Chipping Sparrow            |            |          |            |
| Hermit Thrush                |        | 12-18-82 |              |                             |            |          |            |
| Gray Catbird                 |        | 9-20-85  |              | Barrow's Goldeneye          | Cunningham | 12-11-38 | Wyandotte  |
| Cape May Warbler             |        | 5-17-84  |              |                             |            |          |            |
| Bay-breasted Warbler         |        | 5-19-84  |              | Snow Bunting                | J & MP     | 1983     | Lyon       |
| Yellow-breasted Chat         |        | 5-03-85  |              |                             |            |          |            |
| Hooded Warbler               |        | 5-08-85  |              | Rock Wren                   | BG         | 9-27-85  | Sedgwick   |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird      |        | 4-20-81  |              |                             |            |          |            |
| Brewer's Blackbird           |        | 1-12-85  |              |                             |            |          |            |
| Purple Finch                 |        | 12-17-83 |              |                             |            |          |            |
| Western Sandpiper            |        | 5-11-85  |              |                             |            |          |            |

Observers cited: Dave Bryan (DB), Shan Braile?(SB), Mel Cooksey (MelC), Ted Cable (TC), Bob Fisher (BF), Lloyd Fox (LF), Bob Gress (BG), Wayne Hoffman (WH), Bill Hlavachick (BHlav), Larry Herbert (LH), Chris Hobbs (CH), Jane Holland (JH), Marvin Kraft (MK), Jim Minnerath (JM), Lloyd Moore (LM), Mick McHugh (MM), Herb Moore (HM), Galen Pittman (GP), Jim & Margaret Ptacek (J & MP), John Palmquist (JP), Richard Rucker (RR), Ed & Jean Schulenberg (E & JS), Scott Seltman (SS), David Seibel (DSei), Bob Wood (BW), Mike Whited (MW), multiple observers (m. ob.).

#### ESKIMO CURLEW - MORE THAN A FANTASY

For some time the birding world has heard all sorts of rumors about Eskimo Curlew sightings. Most of these records came from the Texas Coast and often were reported by very experienced birders. Now it appears that those who reported these "phantom" birds were not necessarily insane after all! In 1987 several birds were discovered breeding in the Canadian Arctic and now American and Canadian officials are estimating the total Eskimo Curlew population at 150 birds. No doubt this species came very close to extinction during the last 50 years, but now there are high hopes that recovery efforts can aid in its

continued survival. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service is now enlisting the help of Kansas birders to document the spring migration of Eskimo Curlews through our state. This request comes after the sighting of a lone Eskimo Curlew by a Fish and Wildlife biologist near Grand Island, Nebraska on April 16, 1987. This bird and no doubt others like it are obviously flying across Kansas each spring. Unfortunately, so little is known about this bird that finding it in Kansas will probably be more a matter of luck than anything else. It has been 85 years since the last Kansas sighting and 110 years since they occurred in any numbers. The optimum dates for seeing the bird are probably between April 20 and May 5, the traditional peak of Eskimo Curlew numbers in the last century. Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira are possible resting areas, but given the curlew's affinity for grassland it seems somewhat unlikely that they spend much time on mudflats with most other shorebirds. Instead, they most likely are using pastures and plowed fields around the peripheries of the refuges. Clues to the Eskimo Curlew's behavior can be found in Life Histories of North American Shore Birds, Part Two by Arthur Cleveland Bent, a book that most birders either own or can find at their local library.

Anyone seeing an Eskimo Curlew should immediately phone:

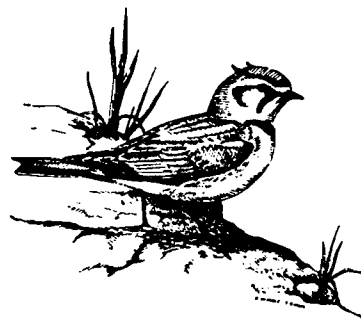
Dan Mulhern,  
Endangered Species  
Coordinator  
913-532-7320

Send written correspondence to U.S. Fish and Wildlife,  
Ackert Hall, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506.

#### AMERICAN BIRDS

Kansans have been quite remiss in reporting their bird sightings to American Birds magazine during the last two years. Beginning with the period from March 88 through May 88 the Southern Great Plains Region is being redefined and will now include records from only Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. This means that Kansas birds will receive more room in the seasonal reports and hopefully more attention. Send your spring records to the new regional editor: Joseph Grzybowski, 1701 Lenox, Norman, OK 73069.

HOPE TO SEE YOU  
  
AT CAMP HORIZON !!



## 1988 SPRING K.O.S. MEETING

The spring K.O.S. meeting will be held at Camp Horizon, near Arkansas City, April 29 - May 1. Although most people arrive on Saturday, arrangements have been made for the early birds. Field trips will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday with the major trips on Sunday morning. There is another group there on Friday so Renewal Lodge will not be available until Saturday on a first come basis. Field trips will be run to the Slate Creek Salt Marsh, Chaplain Nature Center, Kaw Wildlife Area and the Winfield City Lake among other places. We look forward to having you in Cowley County. --Max C. Thompson, Local Chairman.

Please note that you must bring your own bedding and towels.

Registration has a built in \$6.00 service charge required by Camp Horizon.

Please make all checks out to Southwestern College. Registration is due April 15. If you haven't paid by the time you arrive, you can pay at the door (before entering). PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE IF POSSIBLE SO WE CAN TELL THEM HOW MANY TO PREPARE FOR.

For those of you who have not been to Camp Horizon, it is just off U.S. 166 east of Arkansas City about 5 miles. There is a sign on the road where you turn.

Mail registration sheets to: Max C. Thompson  
Dept. of Biology  
Southwestern College  
100 College St.  
Winfield, KS 67156-2499

## Clip and Mail

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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| REGISTRATION:         | _____ PERSONS @ \$8.50 | \$ _____ |
| FRIDAY NIGHT LODGING: | _____ PERSONS @ 10.00  | _____    |
| SATURDAY BREAKFAST:   | _____ PERSONS @ 2.50   | _____    |
| SATURDAY LUNCH:       | _____ PERSONS @ 3.00   | _____    |
| SATURDAY DINNER:      | _____ PERSONS @ 4.50   | _____    |
| SATURDAY LODGING:     | _____ PERSONS @ 10.00  | _____    |
| SUNDAY BREAKFAST:     | _____ PERSONS @ 2.50   | _____    |
| SUNDAY LUNCH:         | _____ PERSONS @ 3.00   | _____    |

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## OFFICER'S CORNER

I have been involved with the Kansas Ornithological Society for a major portion of my life (since I was about eleven years old). I believe I would have joined the Society earlier if I had known about it and had known that kids could join. After nineteen-odd years of association with KOS I see little change in its public accessibility. The Society remains relatively obscure and uninviting -- perhaps even formidable in name -- to many people interested in birds but not intensely involved (or old) enough to actively seek and join any organization relating to birds.

I feel that KOS is a wonderful group of people and a potentially extremely valuable resource to birders at all levels of ability and interest. Yet at a time when birding is the second most popular "passive sport" in the country (behind gardening) membership in KOS is faltering and our dues revenues are not even sufficient to cover our costs for the few publications we produce.

The board of directors has been investigating reasons for these problems and is looking for solutions. I believe lack of publicity and lack of activity are the main culprits, and neither is a simple problem nor easy to overcome. We have made repeated attempts to remedy parts of these problems -- with a new membership flyer a few years back, the formation of an education committee, organization of local and regional field trips, etc. -- but without coordinated efforts in both publicity and activity, nothing has helped much. Following are several things that I think we need to do simultaneously and continually to boost the effectiveness and interest of our society: (Please note that while many of these views are shared by other board members, the ideas are collectively my own and do not necessarily represent the majority opinions of the board.)

- 1) Increase public awareness of KOS through frequent press releases distributed throughout Kansas (this can be done through a single press association in Topeka), detailing the involvement of KOS or its notable members in legislative issues, conservation, education, research, meetings, field trips, etc.
- 2) Prepare and distribute a professional, highly inviting brochure detailing the benefits of membership for everyone interested in birds, and dispelling the exclusively academic image created by the name "Ornithological."
- 3) Actively solicit personal recruitment of new members by individuals in the society and gift memberships.
- 4) Produce and publicize the availability of multi-age educational programs about birds -- slide programs for loan or rent, booklets and checklists as handouts -- to be distributed along with brochures and membership applications.
- 5) Increase the nontechnical and general interest content of the Newsletter.
- 6) Initiate and publicize local and regional field trips, identification and banding workshops, etc., perhaps in conjunction with local Audubon chapters and other conservation/wildlife-oriented organizations.

- 7) Offer more tangible membership benefits such as reduced prices on bird books and participation (again, in cooperation with other groups) in long-distance or specialty birding trips.

While any one of these steps would I believe, at least temporarily benefit the society, their collective impact would be far greater than the sum of their individual contributions. Further, I think that they are all necessary in order to sustain and increase the improvements they produce. For instance, as the public becomes more aware of the society, we need to offer obvious benefits to entice people to join and keep them involved; we need an ongoing educational program to provide a continuing supply of new interest and potential members; and the more people we have actively involved, the more talent and energy we will have among our members to maintain existing programs and start new ones.

None of these projects would be overly difficult or expensive to start, but they all need the ongoing support of volunteers if they are to have any lasting effect. I invite responses and additional ideas addressed either to me or the Newsletter. Together I believe we can make the Kansas Ornithological Society an even better vehicle for promoting a widespread appreciation and knowledge of birds.

David E. Seibel  
KOS Vice-President  
1446 Kentucky  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

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#### FORMER OFFICER PASSES

Ruth Broderson, longtime member and former officer of KOS, died in Wichita on May 29 after a serious illness. Ruth served as KOS Membership Secretary from 1977 to 1979. She was preceded in death by her husband Walter in 1983. The Brodersons had a broad interest in the natural world, were active Audubon members, and founded the Wichita Gem and Mineral Society. Survivors include daughter Cristina Wilson of St. Louis and two grandchildren. Donations in Ruth's memory to the Chaplin Nature Center are being accepted by the Wichita Audubon Society.

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#### KOS SPRING MEETING IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

KOS held its Spring Meeting in Cherokee County this year from May 1-3. Accommodations were at the Tri-County Baptist Camp just west of Weir. Birding trips were made to area hot-spots. About 50 people attended and about 144 species were tallied. Few unusual birds were seen. Notable misses included Bewick's Wren, which is normally fairly common in the area, and Pileated Woodpecker. Our thanks go out to Marvin Schwilling who organized the weekend and Floy Schwilling who made certain that we were the best fed campers in KOS history.

## Registered Attendees At 1987 Spring Meeting

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| <u>Baxter Springs</u><br>Robert Meyers                               | <u>Newton</u><br>Jane Hershberger<br>Rose Fritz<br>Dwight Platt                                                            | <u>Lawrence</u><br>Ruth Fauhl<br>Roseanne Smith<br>Richard Rucker<br>David Seibel | <u>Nekoma</u><br>Scott Seltman<br>Diane Seltman              |
| <u>McCune</u><br>Phil McKenna                                        | <u>McPherson</u><br>Allen Jahn                                                                                             | <u>Overland Park</u><br>Dave Bryan<br>Linda Bryan                                 | <u>Hays</u><br>Charles Ely<br>Mike Dwyer<br>Laura Villaseñor |
| <u>Pittsburg</u><br>Steve Ford<br>J.C. Johnson, Jr.                  | <u>Emporia</u><br>Marvin Kuehn<br>Brian Kuehn<br>Marvin Schwilling<br>Mark Crane                                           | <u>Shawnee Mission</u><br>Mick McHugh                                             | <u>Kensington</u><br>Mike Rader                              |
| <u>Parsons</u><br>Marge Gilpin<br>Bill Brewer                        | <u>Ottawa</u><br>Martin Brockway<br>Johnnie Brockway<br>John Brockway<br>Eleanor Brockway<br>Orville Flagler<br>Jo Flagler | <u>Topeka</u><br>Eulalia Lewis<br>Gene Lewis<br>Sarah Merrill<br>Mae Ahlstrom     |                                                              |
| <u>Arkansas City</u><br>Steven Hobis?<br>Steve Young<br>Clay Penenth | <u>Baldwin City</u><br>Margaret Boyd<br>Katharine Kelley                                                                   | <u>Manhattan</u><br>Elmer Finck<br>John Zimmerman<br>Dave Rintoul                 |                                                              |
| <u>Winfield</u><br>Max Thompson<br>Mike Fell                         |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                   |                                                              |
| <u>Wichita</u><br>Don Vannoy<br>Fran Vannoy                          |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                   |                                                              |

## Birds Seen At 1987 Spring Meeting - Cherokee County

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|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pied-billed Grebe   | Sora                   | Eastern Screech-Owl       |
| D-C Cormorant       | Common Moorhen         | Great Horned Owl          |
| Great Blue Heron    | American Coot          | Barred Owl                |
| Little Blue Heron   | Semipalmated Sandpiper | Common Nighthawk          |
| Cattle Egret        | Killdeer               | Chuck-will's- widow       |
| Green-backed Heron  | Greater Yellowlegs     | Whip-poor-will            |
| Night-Heron, sp.    | Lesser Yellowlegs      | Chimney Swift             |
| Canada Goose        | Solitary Sandpiper     | Ruby-throated Hummingbird |
| Wood Duck           | Spotted Sandpiper      | Belted Kingfisher         |
| Mallard             | Upland Sandpiper       | Red-headed Woodpecker     |
| Blue-winged Teal    | White-rumped Sandpiper | Red-bellied Woodpecker    |
| Ring-necked Duck    | Pectoral Sandpiper     | Downy Woodpecker          |
| Turkey Vulture      | L-B Dowitcher          | Hairy Woodpecker          |
| Mississippi Kite    | Common Snipe           | Northern Flicker          |
| Northern Harrier    | American Woodcock      | Eastern Wood-Pewee        |
| Cooper's Hawk       | Wilson's Phalarope     | Willow Flycatcher         |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | Forster's Tern         | Least Flycatcher          |
| Swainson's Hawk     | Rock Dove              | Eastern Phoebe            |
| Red-tailed Hawk     | Mourning Dove          | Great-crested Flycatcher  |
| American Kestrel    | Black-billed Cuckoo    | Western Kingbird          |
| Northern Bobwhite   | Yellow-billed Cuckoo   | Eastern Kingbird          |

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| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | White-eyed Vireo        | Rose-breasted Grosbeak |
| Horned Lark               | Bell's Vireo            | Blue Grosbeak          |
| Purple Martin             | Solitary Vireo          | Indigo Bunting         |
| N. Rough-winged Swallow   | Yellow-throated Vireo   | Dickcissel             |
| Barn Swallow              | Warbling Vireo          | Rufous-sided Towhee    |
| Blue Jay                  | Philadelphia Vireo      | Chipping Sparrow       |
| American Crow             | Red-eyed Vireo          | Clay-colored Sparrow   |
| Carolina Chickadee        | Tennessee Warbler       | Field Sparrow          |
| Tufted Titmouse           | Orange-crowned Warbler  | Vesper Sparrow         |
| White-breasted Nuthatch   | Nashville Warbler       | Lark Sparrow           |
| Carolina Wren             | Northern Parula Warbler | Savannah Sparrow       |
| House Wren                | Yellow Warbler          | Grasshopper Sparrow    |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet      | Yellow-rumped Warbler   | Lincoln's Sparrow      |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher     | Blackburnian Warbler    | White-throated Sparrow |
| Eastern Bluebird          | Yellow-throated Warbler | White-crowned Sparrow  |
| Veery                     | Blackpoll Warbler       | Harris' Sparrow        |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush       | Black-and-White Warbler | Red-winged Blackbird   |
| Swainson's Thrush         | American Redstart       | Eastern Meadowlark     |
| Hermit Thrush             | Prothonotary Warbler    | Great-tailed Grackle   |
| Wood Thrush               | Ovenbird                | Common Grackle         |
| American Robin            | Northern Waterthrush    | Brown-headed Cowbird   |
| Gray Catbird              | Louisiana Waterthrush   | Orchard Oriole         |
| Northern Mockingbird      | Kentucky Warbler        | Northern Oriole        |
| Brown Thrasher            | Common Yellowthroat     | Pine Siskin            |
| Cedar Waxwing             | Yellow-breasted Chat    | American Goldfinch     |
| Loggerhead Shrike         | Summer Tanager          | House Sparrow          |
| European Starling         | Northern Cardinal       |                        |

KOS SPRING BOARD MEETING  
Tri-County Baptist Camp, Weir  
May 2, 1987 7:00 PM

Members present: Elmer Finck, David Seibel, Gene Lewis, Jane Hershberger, Dwight Platt.  
Non-voting: John Zimmerman, Ruth Fauhl, Marvin Schwilling, Scott Seltman, Margaret Boyd.

FEDERAL NON-GAME: Elmer Finck circulated a letter and other material from Stan Senner, chairman of the U.S. Section of the International Council for Bird Preservation, asking for support for the appropriation of federal funds to implement a plan for research and management of migratory non-game birds. Zimmerman moved that President Finck write a letter the Kansas congressional delegation asking their support of this program. Seibel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

BIRD FEEDER SURVEY: Cornell University is sponsering a nationwide bird feeder survey. We will take action to organize the Kansas portion in October.

WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMISSION: Governor Hayden has asked 40 organizations to send him nominations of persons to be considered for appointment to the newly formed commission. Zimmerman moved that KOS nominate Roger Boyd for the Governor's consideration. Seibel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

SPRING 1988 MEETING: Max Thompson has invited KOS to Camp Horizon for next year's spring meeting. Hershberger moved that KOS accept. Zimmerman seconded. Motion passed.

FALL 1988 MEETING: Bob Gress has invited KOS to meet at Botanica in Wichita from Sept. 30- Oct. 2 in 1988. The Board approved this meeting place and Dwight Platt will send annual meeting instructions to Bob Gress.

SLIDE SET: David Seibel has the slides that were made for the AOU meeting. The Board asked him to try to get permission to use these slides to make an educational slide set with script that could be loaned to groups.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwight Platt  
KOS Corresponding Secretary

# SPRING ROUNDUP/ March 87 to May 87 / by Scott Seltman

The spring of 87 was a time when some of the decade's most remarkable weather produced some of the decade's most unremarkable birding. Yes, there were some good birds seen with one new candidate for the state checklist being reported. But overall birders across the state expressed frustration as bad weather that prevented birding alternated with good weather that prevented migrant fallout. The warbler migration, the yardstick with which we tend to measure all spring migration, was rather poor statewide except at Marais de Cygne where a respectable list was accumulated after frequent visits.

The season began with much promise as warmer than normal temperatures in early March brought many birds north quite early with some species challenging record dates for spring arrival. But a dramatic change occurred in the weather in late March as heavy rains turned to snow across western Kansas. What followed was the worst spring blizzard to hit the western half of Kansas in 30 years. On the 23rd and 24th one to two feet of snow fell across a broad area, mostly north and west of a line from Belleville to Great Bend to Greensburg to Ulysses. Incredible drifts occurred as 70 MPH winds howled across the landscape. On the 25th the wind died down somewhat and the storm seemed to be over. But on Friday the 27th snow began falling again, this time hitting northwest Kansas the hardest. After more wind and more drifting the weather system finally ran out of energy. On the morning of the 30th clear skies allowed temperatures to drop to 0°F over much of the snow blanketed areas while causing a killing frost over the remainder of the state. How deep was the snow? Very deep indeed. A Gove rancher showed where snowdrifts 15-20 feet deep had buried highline wires along the main road west of town. Near Lenora your editor helped fix fence wires broken by the weight of the snow 40 feet in the air above a deep ravine. Many snowfields could still be seen across western Kansas in late April.

While the effect of this storm on humans and their livestock was well covered in the press, little mention was given of the carnage that occurred in the bird world. During the twin storms the relentless snowfall and wind placed birds under incredible stress. Normally in spring storms patches of bare dirt here and there give birds at least a limited access to available food. But in this storm almost all food was buried for days. As a result many birds of many species perished. Farmers and ranchers began noticing the extent of the damage as soon as the snow began to melt with some reporting that they had found hundreds of dead birds in waterways and shelterbelts. Meadowlarks and Robins were mentioned most often but other early migrants such as Mourning Doves, Common Grackles, and Killdeer were also virtually wiped out. Casualties certainly numbered in the millions.

Whether a storm such as this has long-term effects on bird populations is doubtful. Many of the migratory birds that perished were merely replaced by later arrivals. And many of the resident species will likely rebound in numbers to fill the available habitat.

Ironically, the same snow that killed so many birds later produced lush spring plant growth, which in turn probably improved nesting success among the survivors.

The unseasonably cool weather of late March and early April was short-lived. Strong southerly winds persisted from mid-April to mid-May, giving migrating birds a free ride across the state and leaving many birders on the ground staring at empty trees and bushes. By the time stormy weather returned in late May migration had almost ended. Poor April birding may have been partly related to cold weather in late March; following the severe temperatures insect numbers seemed very low and probably gave little reason for resting birds to linger.

Although this report is already overlong, three major events involving important improvements in bird habitat occurred this spring and should not go unrecognized. The first is the refilling of Cheyenne Bottoms. Following the 1981 Great Bend Flood, in which Cheyenne Bottoms received an enormous amount of water, birders watched with dismay as the water gradually receded and disappeared. In 1985 The Bottoms was a virtual dust bowl and some people wondered if it would ever have water again. Last year heavy spring and autumn rains improved water levels somewhat but the prospects for 1987 weren't good. But beginning in March torrential rains and melting snow created a radical change at The Bottoms. This change was a result of heavy stream flows throughout the area but especially near Great Bend and Hoisington. Because of excessive natural runoff into the refuge a great deal of water was actually discharged through the outlet canal in April and May. This is not to say that the water crisis on the High Plains is over or that Cheyenne Bottoms will not once again be dry someday. But it does seem that the cycle of drought and flood that ruled the basin before the 1950's is very much alive.

Early May marked an even rarer event as for the first time since the late 70's the Arkansas was flowing bank full through cities like Garden City and Dodge City. The heavy flow was largely a result of massive releases of water from John Martin Reservoir in eastern Colorado. The releases were not a result of benevolence from our western neighbor, just a matter of all Colorado dams in the Arkansas watershed being too full to hold any more water. If such streamflows were to occur annually it would do much to improve riparian habitat along the currently decimated stretch of the river from Kearny to Ford County.

The spring of 1987 also marked a dramatic change in Kansas agriculture as large tracts of farmland were planted back to grass under the government's new Conservation Reserve Program. Over 400,000 acres were seeded to native grasses in the state this year with 500,000 acres scheduled to follow in 1988. Though these newly planted grasslands are decades away from having the rich mixture of grasses and forbs we associate with virgin prairie, they should still provide excellent habitat for many birds. Signup is especially heavy in the sandy soils of southwest Kansas and may eventually prove beneficial to birds such as the Lesser Prairie Chicken whose ranges were severely diminished by uncontrolled sodbusting in the 70's. KOS members living near CRP land might find it interesting to chose a particular field and document the changes in birdlife that occur during the next decade.

#### Unusual Birds of the Season

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|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Western Grebe        | 2 at Quivira      | Dave Bryan, Scott and 4-18-87 Stafford<br>Diane Seltman |
| Olivaceous Cormorant | 1 well seen at CB | Norm & Carol Reigle 5-23-87 Barton<br>Ruth Scott, S.S.  |

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| Great Egret                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | early arrival at Q                                       | D. Bryan, S.& D. S.     | 4-18-87   | Stafford |
| Little Blue Heron                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | early arrival at CB                                      | D. Bryan, S.& D. S.     | 4-18-87   | Barton   |
| Tricolored Heron                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2 at CB                                                  | Tom Shane, Mike Rader   | 4-25-87   | Barton   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                          | m. ob.                  |           |          |
| Oldsquaw                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 at CB                                                  | Tom Shane               | 3-22-87   | Barton   |
| Ruddy Duck                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | albinistic female                                        | D. Bryan, S.&D. S.      | 4-18-87   | Barton   |
| Yellow Rail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | One bird seen briefly but quite well at a                |                         | 3-08-87   | Linn     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | grassy meadow at Marais de Cygne. Mel Cooksey            |                         |           |          |
| (Tower kills suggest that Yellow Rails are common, even abundant migrants above Kansas but they are seldom reported alive and well on the ground.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                          |                         |           |          |
| Piping Plover                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 at Q                                                   | D. Bryan, S&D Selt.     | 4-18-87   | Stafford |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 at CB                                                  | Ted Cable               | 5-13-87   | Barton   |
| Greater Yellowlegs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | early arrival at Q                                       | Scott Seltman           | 3-07-87   | Stafford |
| Whimbrel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1 at CB                                                  | Ted Cable               | 5-13-87   | Barton   |
| Laughing Gull                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 at MDC                                                 | Lloyd Moore             | 5-02-87   | Linn     |
| California Gull                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Slides of 1st year gull taken at Rocky Ford              |                         | 3-05-87   | Riley    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | strongly suggest California Gull but are not diagnostic. | Ted Cable, Duane Kerr   |           |          |
| Black-billed Cuckoo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2                                                        | Scott Seltman           | 5-30-87   | Gove     |
| <u>Black-chinned Hummingbird</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 in Elkhart seen                                        | Sebastian Patti         | 5-08-87   | Morton   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | very well. 1st record! Mark Reidel                       |                         |           |          |
| (Until recently Kansas birders assumed all archilochus hummers had to be Ruby-throateds and all Colorado birders assumed that they must be Black-chinned. In fact either species is possible in border towns such as Elkhart. Black-chinneds nest about 60 miles west of Morton County in Colorado. Birds of this genus should be identified very carefully in southwest Kansas with females and immatures left as archilochus sp.) |                                                          |                         |           |          |
| Red-headed Woodpecker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | very early for nw. Kan.                                  | Scott Seltman           | 4-27-87   | Norton   |
| Purple Martin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 30+ early arrivals                                       | Max Thompson            | 3-04-87   | Cowley   |
| Sedge Wren                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2 or 3 at Gun Club                                       | Scott Seltman           | 5-08-87   | Barton   |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 male at Cedar Bluff                                    | Scott Seltman           | 3-14-87   | Trego    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | male wing and breast found after snowstorm               | Scott Seltman           | 4-10-87   | Rush     |
| Veery                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 in Elkhart                                             | Scott & Diane Seltman   | 5-15-87   | Morton   |
| Curve-billed Thrasher                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 banded & released                                      | Guy Ernsting            | Spring 87 | Barton   |
| Golden-winged Warbler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | male seen near John Redmond Res.                         |                         | 5-02-87   | Coffey   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | John Zimmerman, Elmer Finck, et. al.                     |                         |           |          |
| Blackburnian Warbler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2 at Sim Park                                            | Pete Janzen             | 5-06-87   | Sedgwick |
| Prairie Warbler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Singing male seen for 20 minutes at Scott County Lake.   | Tom Shane & Sara Norman | 5-10-87   | Scott    |
| (This is the westernmost report for our state but vagrants have reached the Denver area several times.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                          |                         |           |          |
| Lazuli Bunting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | unexpected at MDC                                        | Lloyd Moore             | 5-02-87   | Linn     |
| 'White-winged' Junco                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 in Junction City Cem.                                  | Ted Cable               | 3-01-87   | Geary    |
| McCown's Longspur                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 20+                                                      | Scott Seltman           | 3-03-87   | Pawnee   |
| Common Redpoll                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 at feeder                                              | Mick McHugh, et. al.    | 3-01-87   | Johnson  |
| Red Crossbill                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                          | Tom Shane               | 3-20-87   | Saline   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 12 on WSU campus                                         | Pete Janzen             | 4-16-87   | Sedgwick |

Observations for the summer months of June and July will be summarized in the November newsletter. Also in the next newsletter I would like to publish a list of Christmas Bird Counts with dates and the names of count leaders. Those wishing to be included in the list should send information by mid-November. - Ed.

KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, MANHATTAN, KS2 - 4 OCTOBER 1987

The annual fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society will be hosted by the Division of Biology, Kansas State University and the Northern Flint Hills Audubon Society. Saturday papers sessions and business meetings will be held in Ackert Hall on the K-State campus, and the annual banquet will take place in the Cottonwood Room of the K-State Union. Highlights of the banquet this year will be The Best Birds of the Year, the award for best student paper, and an illustrated presentation by Ron Klataske, Vice-president, National Audubon Society. Early morning field trips on Sunday will leave at various times and take you to the best fall birding sites in the Manhattan area, ending with a box lunch at the Konza Prairie Research Natural Area. For people arriving on Friday evening, there will be a get-together and open-house at the Zimmerman's, 1820 Virginia Drive beginning at 8 p.m. and lasting until the last person leaves.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Friday, 2 October

8 p.m. Social, at the Zimmerman's, 1820 Virginia Dr.

## Saturday, 3 October

8:00 - 9:00 Registration, lobby, Ackert Hall  
9:00 - 12:00 Opening session, papers presentation, first business meeting, AK120  
12:00 - 1:00 lunch on your own (board meeting)  
1:00 - 2:00 Bird-watchers' hour  
2:00 - 5:00 Papers presentation, second business meeting, AK 120  
6:30 - 8:30 Banquet, Cottonwood Room, K-State Union

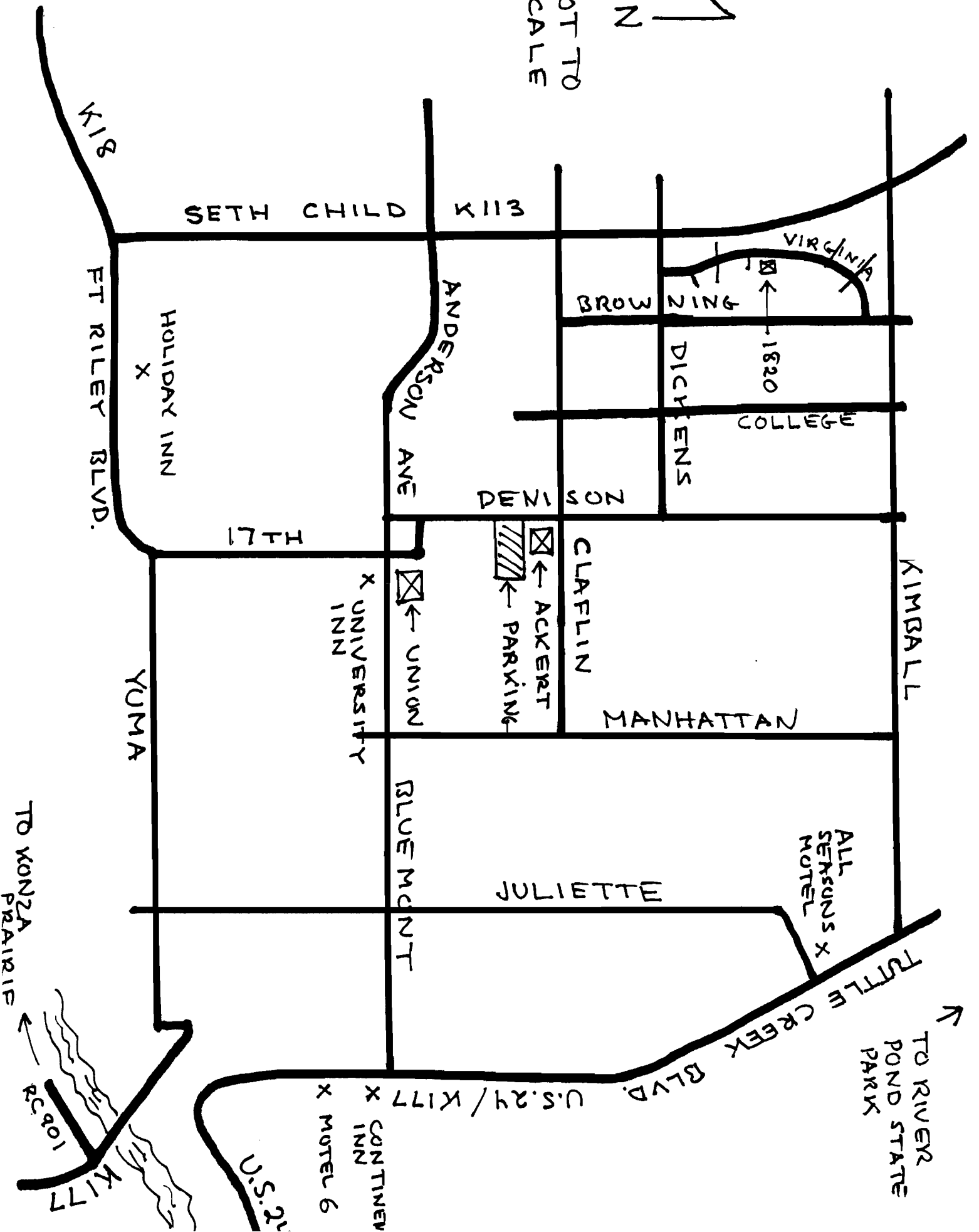
## Sunday, 4 October

6:00 - 12:00 Field trip to Fancy Creek and upper Tuttle Creek Lake  
6:30 - 12:00 Field trip to State Lake, River Ponds, Konza Prairie (separate sections starting at different places)  
7:00 - 12:00 Field trip to State Lake, River Ponds, Konza Prairie  
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch and compilation, Headquarters, Konza Prairie Research Natural Area



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## CALL FOR PAPERS

K.O.S. ANNUAL MEETING, 1987

The Kansas Ornithological Society will meet 2, 3, and 4 October 1987 at Manhattan. The contributed papers sessions will be on Saturday, 3 October in Ackert Hall 120 on the K-State campus. The only requirement is that papers deal with birds in some way! We especially encourage graduate and undergraduate students to present the results of their studies. There will be a monetary award for the best student paper. Often the most interesting papers are by people who consider themselves amateurs, but nevertheless have considerable expertise. We encourage you to share your experiences with the group. Both long and short presentations are welcome.

We ask that all contributors submit an abstract or short summary of their presentation for publication in the Newsletter. Make it about 150 words and bring it with you to the meeting.

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL TO: David Seibel  
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**SELECT APPROPRIATE TIME FOR PRESENTATION AND QUESTIONS:**

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## WINTER BIRD SUMMARY/ Dec. 86 - Feb. 87 / by Scott Seltman

The winter of 86/87 was a disappointment to many Kansas birders as there were few rarities and even expected species were present only in small numbers. Most observers attributed the scarcity of birds to the weather. The severe cold spell in late November pushed many birds out of our state and probably killed many of the half-hardy birds that remained. But by mid-December the weather moderated and the balance of the season was relatively mild. Snowfall was light in December and January throughout most of the state and February seemed more like March in western Kansas. Southcentral Kansas received locally heavy snow in late February, making life miserable for humans but probably having little effect on birds. During the winter months many northern birds were conspicuously absent from Kansas as a lack of snow cover and mild temperatures on the northern plains probably allowed many birds to winter far to our north. 'Asio' owls, several sparrow species, and longspurs were very scarce. In contrast, Pine Siskins were abundant and Red Crossbills made a good showing statewide. Bohemian Waxwings staged a minor invasion into western Kansas in January then retreated back north with the arrival of warmer temperatures. Many of the season's better sightings occurred during Christmas Bird Counts and have already been summarized in the March issue of the Bulletin. This report does include several entries from the Chautauqua County portion of the Hulah Reservoir CBC which is centered in Oklahoma.

|                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                  |                    |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Western Grebe                                                                                                                                           | Perry Res.                                                                       | G.Pittman R.Rucker | 12-06-86 Jefferson  |
| Mute Swan                                                                                                                                               | Hillsdale Res.                                                                   | Mike Muehler       | 1-24-87 Miami       |
| (As feral Mute Swans continue to increase in the Great Lakes region Kansas birders should not forget this species when encountering swans in the east.) |                                                                                  |                    |                     |
| Trumpeter Swan                                                                                                                                          | 4                                                                                | Bob LaShelle       | 12-18-86 Morris     |
| Trumpeter Swan                                                                                                                                          | 3                                                                                | Mike Rader T.Cable | 12-20-86 Saline     |
| Oldsquaw                                                                                                                                                | 2 on Cedar Bluff                                                                 | S. Seltman         | 1-24-87 Trego       |
| Oldsquaw                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                  | Bob Gress m.ob.    | 1-03-87 Sedgwick    |
| Merlin                                                                                                                                                  | Richardson's n. Seward                                                           | S. Seltman         | 2-05-87 Stafford    |
| Merlin                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                  | Sebastian Patti    | 12-31-86 Kearny     |
| Wild Turkey                                                                                                                                             | 70 at Cedar Bluff                                                                | S. Seltman         | 1-10-87 Trego       |
| Whooping Crane                                                                                                                                          | Imm. seen with Sandhills at Quivira. This bird retreated to Oklahoma until 3-18. | Jim McCollum       | 2-10-87 Stafford    |
| Thayer's Gull                                                                                                                                           | 2 below Tuttle                                                                   | Ted Cable          | 1-02-87 Riley       |
| Glaucous Gull                                                                                                                                           | 1 below Tuttle                                                                   | Ted Cable          | 12-05-86 Riley      |
| Glaucous Gull                                                                                                                                           | Junction City landfill                                                           |                    | 12-29-86 Clay?      |
| Eastern Screech-Owl                                                                                                                                     | Ness City park                                                                   | S. Seltman         | 1-24-87 Ness        |
| Snowy Owl                                                                                                                                               | Quivira Big Salt Marsh                                                           | Gary Sullivan      | 1-06-87 Stafford    |
| Barred Owl                                                                                                                                              | 6                                                                                | Don & Bo Verser    | 12-19-86 Chautauqua |
| Long-eared Owl                                                                                                                                          | Roost containing as many as 18 different birds.                                  | Versers, Droege to | 12-19-86 Chautauqua |
| Yellow-bellied Sap.                                                                                                                                     | 2 on Hulah CBC                                                                   | Don & Bo Verser    | 1-01-87             |
| Yellow-bellied Sap.                                                                                                                                     | definitely 'varius'                                                              | S. Seltman         | 12-19-86 Chautauqua |
| Scrub Jay                                                                                                                                               | 2 on Ark. R.                                                                     | Sebastian Patti    | 1-24-87 Ness        |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet                                                                                                                                  | Ness City                                                                        | S. Seltman         | 12-31-86 Hamilton   |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                  |                    | 1-24-87 Ness        |
| Mountain Bluebird                                                                                                                                       | 2 in Larned                                                                      | S. Seltman         | December Chase      |
|                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                  |                    | 2-03-87 Pawnee      |

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| Varied Thrush         | This male which visited a feeder near 95th & Roe was seen by many area birders. Length of stay unknown. Donna Snider m.ob. | 1-16-87 Johnson      |
| Curve-billed Thrasher | Jay & Verna Miller                                                                                                         | 12-01-86 Reno        |
| Bohemian Waxwing      | 1 in Lakin Cem. Sebastian Patti                                                                                            | 12-31-86 Kearny      |
| Bohemian Waxwing      | 4 in Ness City Cem. S. Seltman                                                                                             | 1-10-87 Ness         |
| Bohemian Waxwing      | 5 Don & Fran Vannoy                                                                                                        | 1-11-87 Ness         |
| Bohemian Waxwing      | 1 with 8 Cedars Dave Bryan S. Seltman                                                                                      | 1-17-87 Ness         |
| Bohemian Waxwing      | 5-10 with 300 Cedars S. Seltman                                                                                            | 1-26-87 Pawnee       |
| Northern Shrike       | S. Seltman                                                                                                                 | 12-25-86 Rush        |
| Northern Shrike       | adult along Ark. R. Vannoys & Seltmans                                                                                     | 1-04-87 Hamilton     |
| Northern Shrike       | S. Seltman                                                                                                                 | 1-13-87 Pawnee       |
| Painted Bunting       | Male which visited a feeder in Lawrence was seen by many area birders. Outside dates of occurrence unknown. Jan Conrad     | 1-07-87 Douglas      |
| Green-tailed Towhee   | nw. of McPherson Allen Jahn                                                                                                | 1-18-87 McPherson    |
| "White-winged" Junco  | Ted Cable                                                                                                                  | 1-19-87 Pottawatomie |
| Brewer's Blackbird    | 1 on Hulah CBC Don & Bo Verser                                                                                             | 12-19-86 Chautauqua  |
| Purple Finch          | 14 on Hulah CBC Don & Bo Verser                                                                                            | 12-19-86 Chautauqua  |
| House Finch           | 100+ Sebastian Patti                                                                                                       | 12-31-86 Kearny      |
| House Finch           | sev. in Hutchinson Jim Smith                                                                                               | January Reno         |
| Red Crossbill         | 2 fem. S. Seltman                                                                                                          | 1-24-87 Ness         |
| Red Crossbill         | 15-30 in Larned S. Seltman                                                                                                 | February Pawnee      |
| Red Crossbill         | several flocks in Wichita Pete Janzen                                                                                      | 1-26-87 Sedgwick     |
|                       |                                                                                                                            | to 2-10-87           |
| Evening Grosbeak      | 1 in Ness City S. Seltman                                                                                                  | 1-25-87 Ness         |

Editors Note: This is the first in a series of seasonal summaries to be printed in the Newsletter. This feature was created to provide a forum for the prompt and accurate reporting of unusual bird sightings in Kansas.

The reporting periods will correspond with those used by American Birds making it convenient for birders to mail copies of their records to that publication as well as the Newsletter. While the editor will edit the material carefully it should be noted that many of the entries will be sight records that are undocumented and uncorroborated.

All of the records printed here are subject to review by the Records Committee. Before assuming that a bird's official status has changed within Kansas or any Kansas county readers and researchers should await a decision from the committee. Material will be gathered from reports made to the editor and from the Kansas Rare-Bird-Alert. Since your March Newsletter arrived after the deadline date I had set a month earlier some of you may have felt it was too late to mail me your report. Be assured that all reports of unusual birds will be accepted for publication regardless of timeliness. Our purpose here is not to punish procrastinators or those unfamiliar with our publication but to arrange bird records into an interesting and standardized format. The next reporting period stretches from March to May 87. Compilation will occur about June 10.

#### BREEDING BIRD SURVEY VOLUNTEERS

John Zimmerman, state coordinator for the Breeding Bird Survey, is looking for able bodied birders to take responsibility for some of the routes. There are immediate openings available for the route in Ottawa County and another in Norton/Phillips counties.

Some of the veteran surveyors are about ready to retire, or at least drop some of their more distant routes. Those who have never conducted a Breeding Bird Survey are certain to find it challenging and fun, especially when several years have gone by on the same route. Interested parties are urged to contact John Zimmerman, Div. of Biology, Ackert Hall, Manhattan, Kansas 66506.

#### KOS BIRD SLIDES

At the KOS Midwinter Board Meeting the need was expressed for ready-made slide programs of Kansas birds to be used by teachers, other workers with youth or just about anyone who wants to present a program on birds. Consequently the Board voted to use the Amelia Betts Memorial Fund to finance several sets of programs each of which will be equipped with a written narrative and a prepared audio tape. As a beginning it is planned that two different programs will be designed with several sets of each program to be made available.

To make this project successful we need your help. Please share your high quality bird slides with us by sending the original (preferably) for duplication. The slides will be returned to you unless you indicate otherwise. If you are unsure whether your slides are good enough send them anyway. We'll decide if they can be used. Send the slides to any of the task group working on the project:

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Hays, KS 67601

Gerald Wiens  
Chaplin Nature Center  
Route One  
Arkansas City, KS 67005

Gene Lewis  
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Topeka, KS 66604

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN ORNITHOLOGY CLASS

This summer Phillips University of Enid, Oklahoma plans to offer a field ornithology course at its Colorado Field Camp located in the San Juan Mountains of southcentral Colorado. The weeklong class, lasting from May 30 to June 6, is designed for the semi-novice birder who has a developing interest and a desire to receive concentrated instruction to enhance their field identification skills.

The course is open to all persons with a pair of binoculars, a bird guide, and a desire to learn. Max Thompson, accomplished birder and Professor of Biology at Southwestern College, will be the instructor. Tuition is half price for those who audit the class. For details about enrollment contact: Jeff Burkhardt, P.O. Box 2000 University Station, Dept. of Biology, Phillips University, Enid, OK 73702.

#### PURPLE MARTIN COLONY REGISTRY PROGRAM

The Colony Registry Program of the newly formed Purple Martin Conservation Association seeks the help of all persons in locating and registering Purple Martin colonies throughout all of North America in preparation for several projects designed to help this man-dependent species which is experiencing long-term declines. If you know of someone who has a martin colony or is trying to attract one, or if you wish to start a colony yourself write to: P.M.C.A., P.O. Box 178, Edinboro, PA 16412.



REPORT FROM THE OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE / by Marvin Schwilling, Chairman.

The following records have been reviewed and approved by the Records Committee.

NEW COUNTY RECORDS

|                        |            |                                         |          |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Pacific Loon           | Geary      | Ted Cable, et. al.                      | 11-15-86 |
| Pacific Loon           | Lyon       | Jean Schulenberg, Jim & Margaret Ptacek | 11-27-86 |
| White-faced Ibis       | Edwards    | Sebastian Patti                         | 9-21-86  |
| White-faced Ibis       | Norton     | Jim Mayhew                              | 5- -84   |
| White-faced Ibis       | Lyon       | Jim Mayhew                              | 9-25-86  |
| Trumpeter Swan         | McPherson  | Allen Jahn                              | 11-24-85 |
| "Blue" Goose           | Phillips   | Scott Seltman                           | 11-22-86 |
| Oldsquaw               | Rooks      | Scott Seltman                           | 11-22-86 |
| Oldsquaw               | Trego      | Tom Shane, et. al.                      | 11-16-86 |
| Hooded Merganser       | Rush       | Scott Seltman                           | 11-04-86 |
| Red-breasted Merganser | Rooks      | Scott Seltman                           | 11-22-86 |
| Mississippi Kite       | Osage      | Jim Mayhew                              | 9-16-86  |
| Northern Goshawk       | Nemaha     | Kevin Church                            | 1-13-87  |
| Northern Goshawk       | Chase      | Marvin Schwilling                       | 12- -86  |
| Golden Eagle           | Chautauqua | Steve Capel                             | 12-02-86 |

Wild Turkey                      The Fish & Game Harvest Report for Spring 1986 reports hunter success with turkeys constituting new county records for the following counties: Allen, Atchinson, Brown, Cherokee, Clay, Cloud, Crawford, Dickinson, Doniphan, Gove, Jackson, Johnson, Lane, Lincoln, Labette, Marshall, Mitchell, Montgomery, Nemaha, Neosho, Ottawa, Republic, Scott, Thomas, Wabaunsee, and Wilson.

(Turkey records are still needed for Greeley, Wichita, Washington, Wyandotte, Haskell, Franklin, Anderson, Miami, and lowly Rush. - - Ed.)

|                         |              |                                        |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Virginia Rail           | Scott        | Sara Norman                            | 12-08-85     |
| Common Moorhen          | Jefferson    | Richard Rucker                         | 10-20-86     |
| Sandhill Crane          | Chase        | Bob Clarke                             | 9-30-86      |
| Whooping Crane          | Saline       | Kevin Church                           | 10-10-86     |
| Whooping Crane          | McPherson    | Jerry Almquist                         | 11-04-86     |
| Willet                  | Pawnee       | Scott Seltman                          | 4-16-86      |
| Spotted Sandpiper       | Thomas       | Scott Seltman                          | 5-31-86      |
| White-rumped Sandpiper  | Wichita      | Scott Seltman                          | 5-31-86      |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | Rush         | Scott Seltman                          | 9-10-86      |
| Laughing Gull           | Sedgwick     | Duane Mitchell                         | 7-15-86      |
| Bonaparte's Gull        | Trego        | Tom Shane                              | 11-16-86     |
| Sabine's Gull           | Jefferson    | Wayne Hoffman, Richard Rucker, et. al. | 10-19-86     |
| Monk Parakeet           | Sedgwick     | Duane Mitchell                         | 9-22-86      |
| Eastern Screech-Owl     | Thomas       | Scott Seltman                          | 5-31-86      |
| Eastern Screech-Owl     | Pottawatomie | Ted Cable                              | -86          |
| Rufous Hummingbird      | Sedgwick     | Ralph Wiley                            | 8-11-86      |
| Willow Flycatcher       | Cheyenne     | Scott Seltman                          | 7-12-86      |
| Hammond's Flycatcher    | Morton       | Scott Seltman, et. al.                 | 9-20-86      |
| Vermilion Flycatcher    | Meade        | Mark Goldsberry                        | Spring 85/86 |
| Tree Swallow            | Pawnee       | Scott Seltman                          | 9-16-86      |
| Violet-green Swallow    | Morton       | Ted Cable                              | 9-26-86      |
| Scrub Jay               | Hamilton     | Sebastian Patti                        | 12-31-86     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | Thomas       | Scott Seltman                          | 5-31-86      |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | Cheyenne     | Scott Seltman                          | 7-12-86      |

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|------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Rock Wren              | Saline   | Bob, Dan & John LaShelle            | 4-07-85  |
| Bewick's Wren          | Finney   | Larry Herbert                       | 4-05-86  |
| Sedge Wren             | Sedgwick | Christmas Count                     | 12- -86  |
| Sedge Wren             | Morton   | Mick McHugh, et. al.                | 9-19-86  |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | Kearny   | Sebastian Patti                     | 1-01-87  |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet | Trego    | Scott Seltman                       | 1-12-86  |
| Hermit Thrush          | Barber   | Bob Wood                            | 12-21-86 |
| Curve-billed Thrasher  | Reno     | Jay & Verna Miller                  | 12-05-86 |
| Sprague's Pipit        | Pawnee   | Scott Seltman                       | 10-09-86 |
| Bohemian Waxwing       | Kearny   | Sebastian Patti                     | 1-01-87  |
| Bohemian Waxwing       | Ness     | Scott Seltman                       | 1-10-87  |
| Bell's Vireo           | Gove     | Scott Seltman                       | 6-07-86  |
| Warbling Vireo         | Thomas   | Scott Seltman                       | 5-31-86  |
| Red-eyed Vireo         | Thomas   | Scott Seltman                       | 5-31-86  |
| Yellow Warbler         | Thomas   | Scott Seltman                       | 5-31-86  |
| Northern Cardinal      | Thomas   | Scott Seltman                       | 5-31-86  |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | Finney   | Larry Herbert                       | 5-10-85  |
| Indigo Bunting         | Gove     | Scott Seltman                       | 6-07-86  |
| LeConte's Sparrow      | Trego    | Scott Seltman                       | 10-18-86 |
| White-throated Sparrow | Trego    | Scott Seltman                       | 10-25-86 |
| Cassin's Sparrow       | Wichita  | Scott Seltman                       | 5-31-86  |
| Eastern Meadowlark     | Hodgeman | Scott Seltman                       | 6-06-86  |
| Rusty Blackbird        | Trego    | Seltmans and Corders                | 11-08-86 |
| "Bullock's" Oriole     | Gove     | Scott Seltman                       | 5-31-86  |
| House Finch            | Wichita  | Scott Seltman                       | 5-31-86  |
| Red Crossbill          | Trego    | Seltmans and Corders                | 11-08-86 |
| Evening Grosbeak       | Stafford | Champaney, Goodrick, Kilby, Seltman | 12-18-86 |

Correction: Delete Sage Thrasher from Jackson County, Kansas.

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#### KOS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

KOS passed the following resolution: Whereas Mrs. Charles Blades of Topeka, Kansas was the prime mover in the successful attempt to persuade the Topeka City Commission to discontinue use of DDT in a Dutch Elm Disease control program, therefore be it resolved that the Kansas Ornithological Society, meeting at Wichita, Kansas, May 5-6, 1962, extends to Mrs. Blades its sincere appreciation for and commendation of her tireless efforts and canny perception in carrying out this work in the name of conservation and for the public benefit.

KOS passed the following resolution: Whereas large white birds include Whooping Cranes, two species of swans, and the Ross' Goose, as well as Snow Geese, and whereas all of these species are occasionally shot by hunters who consider them all to be Snow Geese, and whereas most white birds killed in the Central Flyway are taken west of a line approximated by U.S. Highway 81, therefore be it resolved that the Kansas Ornithological Society press through appropriate agencies for a prohibition of hunting large white birds west of U.S. Highway 81 in the central United States.

#### KOS THIRTY YEARS AGO

At the Ninth Annual Meeting of KOS in Manhattan on May 4, 1957 auditors Hoffman and Menninger found a fifty cent error in the Warrant Book which was corrected. They then approved the Treasurer's Report.

## KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY 1987 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The KOS will hold it's annual spring meeting at the Tri-County Baptist Camp on May 1, 2 and 3 southwest of Pittsburg in Cherokee County. Following the precedent set in 1974 the meeting will start on Friday evening and end on Sunday after lunch.

The Tri-County Baptist Camp is located about two miles west of Weir. The entrance has two red brick pillars at the top of a hill on the south side of the road. There are no signs but we will have a temporary KOS sign to identify the camp.

The camp is located on 80 acres with strip pits on much of it. Habitat is much varied with walking trails that provide excellent birding. There are also numerous (12) units of Fish and Game owned public lands within two to nine miles of the camp. Schermerhorn Park is about 30 miles S.E. Accomodations are group cabins. A bed is provided but you must bring your own sheets, blankets and pillow as well as soap and towel. Meals will be prepared in the dining hall and costs are provided on the registration form.

You may bring your own camper or your own tent as space is available.

The field trips are being coordinated by the Southeast Kansas Audubon Society, and students from Pittsburg State University (PSU). They will include trips to strip pit areas. The PSU Raptor Reach Area, and Schermerhorn Park. Final field trip itineraries will be available at the camp.

Friday evening is left open as a social evening at the Camp. No meal will be served but snacks will be provided.

Advance Payment and Registration is required. The camp needs to know how many persons are going to attend the meeting so preparations can be made. We ask that you have your registration and payment in by April 24. You may select any combination of meals and lodging.

For more information or clarification, call Marvin Schwilling, 316-342-0658 during weekdays or 316-342-1985 after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends.

Make plans now for an exciting super warbler, woodland and water bird weekend.

(Be sure to order good weather.)



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| Registration Fee   | \$2.00 | _____       | \$ _____           |
| Lodging            |        |             |                    |
| Friday Night       | \$4.50 | _____       | \$ _____           |
| Saturday Night     | \$4.50 | _____       | \$ _____           |
| Meals              |        |             |                    |
| Breakfast Saturday | \$3.00 | _____       | \$ _____           |
| Lunch Saturday     | \$3.50 | _____       | \$ _____           |
| Dinner Saturday    | \$6.00 | _____       | \$ _____           |
| Breakfast Sunday   | \$3.00 | _____       | \$ _____           |
| Lunch Sunday       | \$3.50 | _____       | \$ _____           |

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# NEWSLETTER

Box 36, Nekoma, Kansas 67559

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## OFFICER'S CORNER

As of this issue our new K.O.S. President, Elmer Finck, has passed the editorship of this newsletter to my hands. As President, Elmer has many responsibilities of his own and it is only proper that he pass some of his old duties to another member. Elmer has done a fine job as Editor these last few years and deserves a hearty "Thank-You" from the entire membership.

Any regular reader of the Newsletter has undoubtedly seen my name in print, but for the benefit of those whom I have not met I offer a little personal background. Although I have been an "outdoors person" since childhood I only became interested in birding about 11 years ago. On my first day I managed to identify nine species but was hampered somewhat by a one-eyed pair of binoculars and a field guide that was mostly a collection of written descriptions. Still I was hopelessly hooked. Most amateur birders seem to pursue their hobby on weekends or family vacations but I can honestly say that I have been on only one field trip in my life--it began on April 16, 1976 and hasn't ended yet! As a farmer and cattle rancher I spend most of my waking hours outdoors and have probably as many birding opportunities as any other birder in the state. Because of the thousands of hours a year I spend "afield" I have become familiar with several species that some birders seldom see. My wife Diane and I often play host for birders searching for these specialty species and having other birders in our home has only confirmed what we realized soon after joining K.O.S. about nine years ago--that birders are some of the nicest folks on Earth! Whether my obsession with Kansas birds qualifies me to be an editor is debatable and I'm somewhat puzzled by Elmer's choice of myself for his replacement. (I do happen to have a degree in English but I doubt that many people want announcements that read like a Henry James novel or care to see bird records published in sonnet form.) Nevertheless, I have agreed to do the job and will endeavor to do my best.

I foresee no great changes in the Newsletter but would like to initiate a few new features. One thing that has been missing from the Newsletter has been the timely and organized compilation of bird records. I plan to begin providing seasonal summaries of the more extraordinary bird records. Although this may be a difficult task, other organizations do it quite well. (For example: Denver Field Ornithologists gather, edit, and publish monthly summaries of their best birds and often have it in the mail by the 10th day of the following month!) Some of my other ideas may be thwarted by budget concerns. Because of negative cash flow during 1986 the K.O.S. Board has asked the editors to be conservative in our use of expenditures. So until the Fall Meeting when our financial condition becomes more clear the Newsletter will probably be a bit briefer than normal. Finally, if you have any suggestions for our publication please don't be afraid to speak up and if you have items to be published send it to the new address above. Now if you'll excuse me, Diane says there are some Sandhills going over.

Scott Seltman  
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## Treasurer's Report

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September 30, 1986

|                                             |             |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance of all accounts, September 30, 1985 | \$16,013.57 |
| Checking balance, September 30, 1985        | 989.64      |

Receipts

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Dues                         | \$1800.00        |
| Checklists & decals          | 361.30           |
| Bulletins                    | 40.00            |
| T-shirts                     | 30.00            |
| Donations                    | 70.00            |
| Interest on checking account | 56.95            |
| Interest from 3 CD's         | 895.61           |
| From DNA savings account     | 107.00           |
| Spring meeting               | 740.00           |
|                              | <u>\$4100.86</u> |

Disbursements

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Bulletins                 | \$1780.80        |
| Newsletters               | 676.33           |
| Postage & mailing         | 407.61           |
| DNA liability insurance   | 107.00           |
| Safe deposit box          | 10.00            |
| Telephone hotline         | 146.54           |
| Misc. expense for hotline | 60.16            |
| Secretary of State        | 5.00             |
| Camp deposit              | 100.00           |
| Misc. printing            | 126.33           |
| Telephone                 | 8.51             |
| Wildlife Heritage Month   | 50.00            |
| Conservation Forum        | 15.00            |
| Dr. Hall funeral flowers  | 23.29            |
| Spring meeting            | 680.00           |
| Spring meeting refund     | 18.00            |
|                           | <u>\$4214.67</u> |

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Checking balance, September 30, 1986 | \$ 875.83 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|

Savings Accounts

| Cert. No.                                                   | Maturity Date |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| 5111982                                                     | 11/01/86      | 1261.17    |
| 5112887                                                     | 7/21/87       | 1161.57    |
| 885298                                                      | 4/21/88       | 1597.23    |
| 5072001                                                     | 4/26/88       | 1454.10    |
| 607455                                                      | 7/01/88       | 1503.58    |
| 5072857                                                     | 2/15/89       | 1051.98    |
| 5031271                                                     | 5/08/89       | 1025.74    |
| 837871                                                      | 5/17/89       | 1027.16    |
| 5159111                                                     | 2/04/90       | 1038.10    |
| Passbook                                                    |               | 1449.18    |
| Dingus Natural Area Account                                 |               | 4139.20    |
| Total of all accounts                                       |               | \$17584.84 |
| Amelia Betts Fund - \$901.54 (included in checking account) |               |            |

KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING  
Marvin Schwilling home, Emporia  
February 7, 1987

Members present: Elmer Finck, David Seibel, Dwight Platt, Jane Hershberger, Eugene Lewis, Joyce Wolf, Gerald Wiens, Donna Cooper.  
Non-voting: Ruth Fauhl, Marvin Schwilling, Scott Seltman.

After a delicious lunch served by Mrs. Schwilling, the Board meeting was called to order by President Finck at 12:55 PM.

MINUTES: David Seibel moved that the minutes of the Fall 86 Board Meeting be approved as published in the Newsletter. Jane Hershberger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Eugene Lewis circulated a modified treasurer's report with total expenses for 1986. It projected the income for 1987 with present dues structure or with a dues increase of \$2 and projected 1987 interest income. He pointed out that our spending exceeded our income in 1986 by more than \$1000 and that the general fund portion of our checking account is in arrears by approximately \$600. However total fund balances are still approximately \$17,000. Gene suggested that we need to find ways to get the costs of printing and distributing the Bulletin and Newsletter down. Joyce Wolf reported that David Bryan has offered to duplicate the Newsletter free of charge if an issue was limited to four pages (eight sides). There was a discussion of the pros and cons of limiting the size of the Newsletter. John Zimmerman moved that the maximum size of each issue of the Newsletter be limited to four pages. Jane Hershberger seconded the motion. A concern was raised as to whether we were taking advantage of Dave Bryan's generosity. The motion did not pass. Scott Seltman will confer with Dave to see what he is willing to do.

Raising of membership dues was discussed. There was a feeling that this would not increase cash flow since there would be some loss of membership. It was decided that it would be better to make a greater effort to increase membership. Giving premiums for new memberships was suggested. Joyce Wolf moved that KOS give a copy of Peterson's First Guide to Birds to any person who provides a gift membership in KOS in any category (except for students). David Seibel proposed an amendment to the motion to give a copy of the book to any new member of KOS, regular, sustaining, or life. John Zimmerman seconded the amendment. The amendment passed. The amended motion passed. It was decided that this policy would be effective as soon as it is announced in the Newsletter. An appeal to KOS members to find new members for KOS will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jane Hershberger reported that there are 183 members so far in 1987. There are 80 life members with 10 more paying on their life memberships. She reported that the supply of membership brochures is low and the brochure needs correcting. David Seibel suggested that we need a new and more effective membership brochure. He will bring a rough design of the replacement to the next Board meeting. In the meantime, Jane was asked to have enough corrected brochures printed to last through 1987.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman distributed a report showing that the size of the Bulletin has been rather constant over the last nine years, averaging 39 pages per year. John reported that he has sufficient copy through the September issue. A desktop publishing system was discussed. David Seibel will look into the system at the K.U. Museum and see if we could use that system.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Elmer Finck announced that Scott Seltman is willing to edit the Newsletter. Gene Lewis moved that the Board approve the appointment of Scott Seltman as Newsletter Editor. The motion was seconded by David Seibel. The motion passed.

BOARD RESIGNATION: Joe Schaefer has resigned from the KOS Board since he will be leaving the state. It was decided that an appointment to fill the remainder of his term is not needed since his term expires in October.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Joyce Wolf reported that she needs more envelopes for mailing the Bulletin. David Seibel volunteered to see if he could find a source where they could be obtained at lower cost.

Joyce Wolf also reported that she needs new computer software to handle the KOS membership list and mailings. The software would be shared by KOS and Jayhawk Audubon. Half of the cost would be \$28.60. John Zimmerman moved to approve the expenditure of \$28.60 for the computer software for the Business Manager. The motion was seconded by Jane Hershberger. The motion passed.

SPRING MEETING 1987: Marvin Schwilling has made arrangements for May 1-3 at Tri-County Baptist Camp in Cherokee County. The camp cannot furnish meals but Floy Schwilling has volunteered to manage the catering of the meals. Marvin proposed a registration fee of \$1, a charge of \$4.50 per night for lodging and meal charges of \$3 for breakfast, \$3.50 for lunch and \$5 for dinner. The Board suggested that the registration fee be raised to \$2. The Board accepted Floy's generous offer to supply meals.

SPRING MEETING 1988: Scott County State Lake and Cheyenne County were discussed as locations for the Spring 1988 field trip but neither was agreed to.

FALL MEETING 1987: John Zimmerman reported that the Fall Meeting in 1987 will be at Manhattan on October 3 and 4. Ed Pembleton of the Audubon Society will be the banquet speaker. The lunch and field trip compilation on Sunday will be at Konza Prairie Headquarters.

FALL MEETING 1988: It was suggested that the possibility of having the Fall Meeting 1988 in southcentral Kansas be explored.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS: Marvin Schwilling reported that the Committee on Educational Materials has met but has not made much progress. The National Audubon Society now has an introductory booklet on birdwatching available for 50¢. Marvin suggested that KOS might develop a leaflet that would introduce Kansas birds, birding spots, and KOS and that we could supply this leaflet, the Audubon booklet, and a Kansas Bird List to those who inquire about birds.

A suggestion was made that KOS might develop a taped narrative to go with a slide set for use by schools and organizations. The Audubon Council, K-State Extension, and the KU Museum all have slide sets and KOS might explore the possibility of using some of these slides. It was decided to appoint two committees: 1) A committee to develop written material on birds to send to those who inquire about birding-- Marvin Schwilling (chairman), David Seibel, Ruth Fauhl, and Roger Boyd. 2) A committee to develop a slide set and narrative-- Gene Lewis (chairman), Gerald Wiens, and Donna Cooper.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: A concern was raised about the need to activate the Publicity Committee. Elmer Finck will work on that. David Seibel volunteered to bring some ideas for publicity to increase membership to next Board meeting.

KANSAS WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH: The main emphasis this year will be Wildlife Appreciation Day on March 18 in the State Capitol. KOS participation was discussed. It was pointed out that to do a good display would be expensive, time is short, and effectiveness is uncertain. John Zimmerman moved that KOS not participate. Gerald Wiens seconded the motion. The motion passed (3 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstentions).

STATE WATER PLAN: Elmer Finck reported that he attended meetings on the State Water Plan. Some bills implementing the plan have passed the Senate.

NON-GAME WILDLIFE PROGRAM: Marvin Schwilling reported that Joe Schaefer will be leaving the program February 20 and is going to Florida to work in an urban wildlife extension program. Fish and Game is looking for a replacement.

Contributions to the Chickadee Checkoff rose to \$130,000. Marvin explained that the premiums offered to contributors cost very little to the checkoff fund. Marvin made available some literature from the Non-Game Wildlife Program.

Elmer Finck asked how the KOS President came to be designated as the representative to the Non-Game Wildlife Advisory Council. Dwight Platt explained that it was the result of Board action in 1980, but that it could be changed by Board action.

CONSERVATION ISSUES FORUM: Elmer Finck reported that Roger Boyd is the KOS representative to this forum. It provides us with information on legislative issues.

REORGANIZATION OF NATURAL RESOURCE AGENCIES: The Governor will be proposing a reorganization of the Kansas Fish and Game Commission and the State Park Authority under a cabinet-level Secretary of Wildlife and Parks. Roger Boyd will attend a meeting with the Governor on February 9 as a representative of KOS. KOS may at some time be asked for a position on this plan. John Zimmerman moved that the President supply information on this matter to Board members as soon as it is available and that he be authorized to determine a KOS opinion on the plan by canvassing the Board members without calling a special meeting. The motion was seconded by David Seibel. The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE: Marvin Schwilling distributed a report from the Records Committee.

BIRD FEEDER SURVEY: Marvin Schwilling reported that some other states are organizing winter bird feeder surveys. He distributed informational materials from Iowa and asked whether KOS should sponsor such a survey. It was decided to bring this issue up at the Fall Annual Meeting to see if there are volunteers to organize a survey.

INTERPRETIVE NATURE TRAIL AT ROCK SPRINGS RANCH: Ted Cable is pursuing the planning of this trail as a project for one of his classes.

SAVE CHEYENNE BOTTOMS: Elmer Finck reported that the Cheyenne Bottoms Report is now completed and if anyone wishes to see the report or the executive summary he should contact him. The report contains five options ranging from the status quo to ameliorative measures costing an estimated five million dollars. The Cheyenne Bottoms Task Force will be meeting at the end of February and KOS will be represented by Elmer.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES: Jane Hershberger moved that KOS charge non-members an extra \$3 registration fee to attend meetings. Donna Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TRUST FUND FOR STUDENT RESEARCH: Gene Lewis described a trust fund that makes grants for student research on birds that has been established by the Arkansas Audubon Ass'n. Gene was asked to bring a similar proposal before the next Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

Dwight R. Platt  
Corr. Secretary  
Kansas Ornith. Soc.

#### CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

At the Winter Board Meeting Eugene Lewis made it clear that the KOS Treasury is having cash flow problems. Our current assets are still at \$17,000, but nearly 70% of that amount is in the form of life memberships. The Treasurer is not allowed by our constitution to use any principal from the life membership fund for operating expenses. With interest rates dropping down to 6 or 7% on money-markets funds our income from CD's will soon nosedive. Expenses in 1986 exceeded income by \$1,000, an alarming deficit considering that our "accessible" reserves are only a few thousand dollars. One alternative is to raise dues, an event no one welcomes. The best alternative is to increase membership. With a larger membership we could not only increase revenues, but could also spread our fixed costs over a broader base.

To avoid an increase in dues for 1988 each KOS member should do one of the following:

- 1) Persuade a birding friend to join KOS.
- 2) Buy a Gift Membership for a friend.
- 3) Upgrade your own membership to a higher category.

Added Incentive: All NEW members in 1987 will receive a free copy a new field guide for beginners entitled Peterson's First Guide to Birds of North America, sugg. ret. \$3.95. This means that when you buy your friend a membership or convince them to join they are essentially receiving a \$4 book plus membership in KOS for as little as \$2.

Categories of Dues are as follows:

|                       |                                                  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Regular Individual    | \$ 6.00                                          |
| Regular Family        | 10.00                                            |
| Sustaining Individual | 12.00                                            |
| Sustaining Family     | 20.00                                            |
| Life Membership       | 125.00 (payable in four installments of \$31.25) |

|                               |                                 |                         |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Send payment to: Eugene Lewis | To check your membership status | Jane Hershberger        |
| 1285 MacVicar                 | you may call or write:          | 18 Circle Drive         |
| Topeka, Ks.                   |                                 | Newton, Ks. 67114       |
| 66686                         |                                 | ph. 1-800-362-0180 (KS) |
|                               |                                 | M-F 8AM to 5PM          |
|                               |                                 | home ph. 316-283-5129   |

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

|                   |                                                                                                       |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 1-3, 1987     | The Spring Meeting will be held in Cherokee County. Details will be published in the next Newsletter. |
| October 3-4, 1987 | The Fall Meeting will be at KSU in Manhattan.                                                         |

KOS FIELD TRIP TO CHEROKEE COUNTY/ May 3-4, 1986 / by S.S.

As a preview of the upcoming Spring Meeting it is appropriate that I offer this report from the same area on the first weekend of May last year. This field trip to one of the more interesting birding spots in Kansas at the most exciting time of year attracted only six participants: Ted Cable, Mike Rader, Neil Shanker, Dave Bryan, Mike Whited, and myself. The weather was partly cloudy, temperature 50-75°F, with winds S 0-20MPH. Because of the south wind we missed any significant migrant fallout, but nevertheless the birding was very good. Our species total was a mere 98 species, but included an impressive 73 passerines. Most birding time was divided between Galena's Schermerhorn Park and the "island" between Lowell and Riverton. Highlights were:

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| Red-shouldered Hawk | 2 adults were seen soaring s. of Riverton                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Solitary Sandpiper  | single bird seen by Dave Bryan - first county record                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Barred Owl          | nesting pair seen on island. half-grown owlet found on ground Sunday morning. bird apparently healthy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Acadian Flycatcher  | territorial bird watched at length                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Least Flycatcher    | 1 heard                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Fish Crow           | The most extraordinary sighting of the weekend involved 3 Fish Crows seen and heard repeatedly over a 2 hour period on the 4th. Several times they flew directly overhead and called to each other with their unmistakable nasal "caws". Cable and Seltman, both of whom are familiar with Fish Crows in Florida, Louisiana, and elsewhere, also agreed that the birds seem to be smaller and flew with faster wingbeats than typical American Crows (admittedly a very subjective fieldmark). The feeling on the Official Records Committee is that while this and a couple other Fish Crow records are convincing it will be very difficult to place this species on our state's checklist without obtaining a specimen. Considering the rate at which Fish Crows are increasing in Oklahoma, it is inevitable that we will soon be adding this bird to our avifauna. Who knows? Maybe we will see some <u>this</u> Spring!! |

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Carolina Wren           | After its population crash a few years, the Carolina Wren is definitely coming back. At least 4 pair were seen. |
| Bewick's Wren           | only 1                                                                                                          |
| Veery                   | 1 heard by Seltman at Schermerhorn Park                                                                         |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush     | 10+                                                                                                             |
| Swainson's Thrush       | 100+                                                                                                            |
| Wood Thrush             | 1 heard                                                                                                         |
| White-eyed Vireo        | 5                                                                                                               |
| Magnolia Warbler        | 1 male on "island"                                                                                              |
| Yellow-throated Warbler | very few seen, but perhaps the date was a little early                                                          |
| Cerulean Warbler        | 1 seen by Bryan and Whited                                                                                      |
| Prothonotary Warbler    | seen in good numbers as expected                                                                                |
| Ovenbird                | 1                                                                                                               |
| Northern Waterthrush    | 1                                                                                                               |
| Louisiana Waterthrush   | 1                                                                                                               |
| Kentucky Warbler        | several                                                                                                         |
| Great-tailed Grackle    | seen by Cable, et. al.                                                                                          |

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CALL FOR BIRD RECORDS      The Newsletter's first seasonal bird summary will be printed in the next issue. So if you have any interesting bird records for the period from Dec. 86 through Feb. 87 please send them to me by March 20. Do not include any records from Christmas Bird Counts.



SEPTEMBER IN MORTON COUNTY/ Sept. 19-21 and 27, 1986/ by S.S.

When Diane and I made our first September trip to Morton County in 1982 we knew that we had stumbled onto something special in Kansas birding. While watching a Western Tanager in the cottonwoods below Point of Rocks I noticed a Pygmy Nuthatch flitting through the same tree. Back at the car a few minutes later a flock of at least 100 Pinon Jays flew past us. Events like that make a Kansas birder sit up and take notice! Since then we have returned each September and have found new surprises every time.

In 1986 some "easterners" also made the trip. Participants were: Mark Corder, Steve Crawford, Bob Fisher, JoAnn Garrett, Nan Johnson, Mick McHugh, Lloyd Moore, Sebastian Patti, Mike Rader, Diane and Scott Seltman. A few additional records are included that were seen by Ted Cable, Rader and Seltman on the 27th. On the first weekend the weather was hot and windy, but the birding was simply HOT. Highlights were:

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| Cooper's Hawk               | Migrants had to dodge 8 different birds.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Broad-winged Hawk           | 2 were seen above the river on the 20th, 1 on the 27th.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Merlin                      | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Lesser Prairie Chicken      | 40 seen leaving milo n. of Wilburton at dusk on the 27th.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Common Barn Owl             | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| hummingbird sp.             | Unidentified hummer seen briefly by Corder.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Ladder-backed Woodpecker    | 2 seen including one at Point of Rocks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Western Wood-Pewee          | Of 15+ pewees seen several were identified as Westerns by call. Easterns also seen.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Hammond's Flycatcher        | 1 bird well seen by Seltman et. al. in Elkhart Cemetery. Identified by large gray head contrasting with olive back, long wings, short tail, hyperactive wing and tail flicking, and hard "pik" call.                                                                       |
| Dusky Flycatcher            | 1 closely observed by Cable, Rader and Seltman below Pt. of Rocks on 27th. Small head did not contrast with back, long tail, short wings, whitish outer tail webbing, and visibly excited by Dusky tape. Another washed-out bird in cemetery on 21st was probably a Dusky. |
| Gray Flycatcher             | 1 carefully observed by Patti and McHugh at Middle Springs on 20th. Identified by uniformly gray plumage, downward tail wag and soft "whit" call note.                                                                                                                     |
| Western Flycatcher          | 1 reported on 20th but no details known.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Cassin's Kingbird           | 30 counted including some roosting in w. Elkhart.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Violet-green Swallow        | Seen by Cable at sewer ponds on the 27th.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Rock Wren                   | 80+ counted by Seltmans throughout county on 20th.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Bewick's Wren               | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Sedge Wren                  | 1 at Middle Springs cattails seen by many. First in county.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Townsend's Solitaire        | 2 in Elkhart.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush         | 1 at cemetery on 9-27. Many Hermits seen.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Sage Thrasher               | 3 birds seen on the first weekend were surprising but Cable, Rader, and Seltman saw <u>18</u> on the 27th including one group of 7 and another of 5. This is the largest concentration reported in Kansas.                                                                 |
| Curve-billed Thrasher       | 3 birds seen including a juvenile in Elkhart.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Yellow-throated Vireo       | 1 seen by McHugh and possibly others.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Virginia's Warbler          | 1 seen at western river crossing by Patti et. al. This is the first sighting in Kansas in some time.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | One found by myself in Elkhart alley. Also seen by Patti and later by Diane. Probably the most out-of-place bird seen.                                                                                                                                                     |
| Townsend's Warbler          | 2 in cemetery and 1 at work station on the 21st.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| MacGillivray's Warbler      | 1 seen at Point of Rocks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Western Tanager             | 10+ seen.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Green-tailed Towhee         | 2 at Boy Scout area and 1 at Point of Rocks on the 27th.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Brown Towhee                | 2 at Pt. of Rocks on the 19th. At least 1 seen by most birders.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Brewer's Sparrow            | Several different groups seen in sagebrush s. of river.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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# NEWSLETTER

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Manhattan, KS 66506

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## **REPORT OF ANNUAL FALL MEETING & 1987 DUES REMINDER**

## OFFICER'S CORNER

As the old year ends and the new year begins, I would like to have you reflect along with me about this past year and what you and I have done for KOS and birds in general. I look back on 1986 as a very positive year for KOS. We began the year with a new Business Manager, Joyce Wolf. We thank Max Thompson for his many excellent years of service to KOS as Business Manager and wish Joyce continued success in this position. Our spring meeting at Camp Aldridge, the Cheyenne Bottoms, and Quivira was a great success. We thank Guy and Shelley Ernsting and their crew for the excellent time. Our fall meeting was at Camp Wildwood. Although the number of people in attendance was low, partially due to the flooding in eastern Kansas, the quality of the meeting and fellowship was excellent. We thank Dave and Linda Bryan and their crew for working so hard to make the meeting a success. The papers were excellent and were capped off by an excellent steak barbecue and banquet presentation on Alaska and the Pribiloff Islands by Wendell Mohling.

The year saw KOS members participating in many activities. We were part of the first annual Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month in March. Some of us gave presentations at the annual KOS fall meeting. We were active in Christmas Bird Counts and Breeding Bird Surveys. We went bird watching with friends new and old. We presented scientific papers at regional, national, and international meetings. We participated in the legislative issues concerning natural resources within the state and nation. We contributed articles and news items to the KOS Newsletter and Bulletin. We published papers in various ornithological journals. We responded to the call by President Roger Boyd, who we thank for his excellent service to KOS, to serve on committees and represented KOS at various functions across the state. We led the field trips and spoke at local club meetings and schools. We encouraged both young and old to appreciate our natural resources, especially birds. We were active on the Kansas Non-game Advisory Council and in the Conservation Forums. We conducted research on birds and watched them in our backyards.

For all of these activities, I as in-coming President of KOS and out-going Newsletter Editor, thank you. I encourage all of you to become active in KOS in your own way, to encourage other members of KOS to become active, and promote new memberships to KOS during 1987. YOU are the strength of KOS. Tell us what you want this society to be by your comments and actions.

Elmer J. Finck  
KOS Newsletter Editor  
Manhattan, KS

KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING 1986  
Camp Wildwood  
LaCygne, Kansas  
October 3-5, 1986

The thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society was held at Camp Wildwood on October 3-5, 1986

### Saturday, October 4, Morning Session

Elmer Finck opened the meeting at 9:05 AM and introduced Roger Boyd who welcomed members to the thirty-ninth Annual Meeting and thanked Dave Bryan for making arrangements.

Elmer Finck chaired the papers section. The papers were presented in the morning session according to schedule except that the paper by Dwight Platt was cancelled.

A business meeting was called to order at 11:25 AM by President Roger Boyd.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Cal Cink, Chairman, gave the report of the Nominating Committee (Cal Cink and Bob Gress). The slate of candidates proposed for officers and directors was:

President: Elmer Finck  
 Vice-President: David Seibel  
 Corr. Secretary: Dwight Platt  
 Memb. Secretary: Jane Hershberger  
 Treasurer: Eugene Lewis  
 Bus. Manager: Joyce Wolf  
 Director: Gerald Wiens  
 Director: Ted Cable

The terms of Directors Donna Cooper and Joe Schaefer do not expire.

The meeting adjourned until afternoon.

#### Saturday, October 4, Afternoon Session

The Birdwatcher's Hour convened at 1:30 PM and a number of members showed slides. Eulalia Lewis and Joanne Brier told of picking up 538 dead birds after tower kills at two radio towers near Topeka.

Elmer Finck chaired the afternoon paper session which convened at 2:15 PM. The first paper was cancelled.

The afternoon business meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM by President Roger Boyd.

MINUTES: Roger Boyd asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the last annual meeting which had been published in the Newsletter. The minutes were approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Eugene Lewis gave the Treasurer's report. He reported that the balance in all accounts was \$17,584.84 on September 30, 1986, as compared with \$16,013.57 on September 30, 1985. However disbursements from the general operating fund have been more than receipts during the last year.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT: An Auditing Committee composed of Rose Fritz and Ron Wolf reported that the Treasurer's books were in order. The Auditing Committee's report was accepted by a voice vote.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Joyce Wolf had no report.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that he needs manuscripts for the Bulletin. He has sufficient material for issues through March 1987 but nothing beyond that.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Elmer Finck asked members to keep information coming in for the Newsletter. He plans to finish publishing the backlog of county records in the next two issues. Subsequent issues will have maps of county records for some bird species. Dave Bryan has offered to print the Newsletter free of charge.

OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE'S REPORT: Marvin Schwilling, Chairman, reported for the Official Records Committee. The Committee has been considering reported county records. They compiled the ten best birds of the year.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jane Hershberger reported that KOS had 367 members as of September 30, 1986. She reported membership numbers for years back through 1977 which showed that memberships had dropped from a high of 433 in 1977, although membership has stabilized in the last few years.

MEETINGS: Marvin Schwilling reported that the Spring Field Trip Meeting will be the first weekend in May at a church camp (Tri-County Baptist Camp) in Cherokee County if all details can be worked out.

John Zimmerman reported that the 1987 Annual Fall Meeting will be at Kansas State University in Manhattan the first weekend in October.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: President Roger Boyd declared nominations open for officers and directors of KOS. Margaret Boyd moved that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee. John Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

AMMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS: President Roger Boyd presented the first ammendment which had been published in the Newsletter and was recommended by the Board:

Change Article II, Sec. 3F

from "Student members \$2.00 per year (elementary through high school)."

to "Student members \$2.00 per year (elementary through college, including full time undergraduate and graduate students)."

John Zimmerman moved that the ammendment be approved. Elmer Finck seconded the motion. Those opposing the ammendment suggested that college students could afford the extra \$4. Others felt the proposed change would bring in more student members. The motion was passed by more than a 2/3 majority.

Roger Boyd announced that the other ammendments published in the Newsletter were in error. Dwight Platt proposed a substitute motion to amend the Bylaws as follows.

1. Delte Article VI, Sec. 6C.
2. Change Article VI, Sec. 4.  
Add "E. Be authorized to countersign checks."
3. Change Article VI, Sec. 6A.  
Add at the end "All instruments for financial transactions must be signed by two of the following three officers: Treasurer, Business Manager or Corresponding Secretary."
4. Change Article VI, Sec. 6B.  
Delete "upon written authorization by the Business Manager."
5. Replace Article VI, Sec. 7G with the following:  
"G. Be authorized to countersign checks."

Marvin Schwilling seconded the motion. It was pointed out that these ammendments would replace the bonding of the Treasurer by a system of countersigning by two officers. Bonding has become very expensive. The motion passed unanimously.

The business meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

### Saturday, October 4, Evening Banquet

The annual banquet was served at 7:00 PM in the Dining Hall at Camp Wildwood. After the meal, Roger Boyd chaired the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Scott Seltman reported for the Resolutions Committee (Scott and Dianne Seltman). He read the resolutions in verse expressing appreciation to all those who had contributed time and effort to the annual meeting. The resolutions were adopted by acclamation.

APPRECIATION: Roger Boyd thanked Dave Bryan for serving as Local Arrangements Chairman for the meeting. Dave Bryan thanked the staff at Camp Wildwood for their efforts in our behalf.

BEST STUDENT PAPERS: Roger Boyd presented awards for the best student papers to:  
First -- Greg Farley  
Second -- Mike Dwyer

LIFE MEMBERS: Jane Hershberger read the names of the following 21 persons who had completed life memberships in the last two years and presented pins to those in attendance: Lorena Combs, Paul Finninger, Richard Rucker, Tom Flowers, Don Yockey, Nanette Johnson, Jack Tyler, Esther Stockebrand, Jean Bailey, Dwight Platt, Emma Johnson, Clyde Johnson, Mark Pheasant, Peter Lowther, Dan LaShelle, Daniel Williamson, Calvin Cink, Thomas Cannon, Louis Banker, David Hedges and Tom Rodehouse.

TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR: Marvin Schwilling reported for the Official Records Committee on the Ten Best Birds of the Year. Forty-two records were considered. The top ten were:

1. Pyrrhuloxia (in Stafford County)
2. Fish Crow (in Cherokee County)
3. Black Phoebe (in Topeka)
4. Roseate Spoonbill (at Melvern Reservoir & Cheyenne Bottoms)
5. Monk Parakeet (in Sherman and Sedgwick counties)
6. Gray Flycatcher (in Morton County)
7. Pacific Loon (at Cedar Bluff Reservoir)
8. Virginia Warbler (in Morton County)
9. Red-necked Grebe (at Pomona Reservoir)
10. California Gull (at Tuttle Creek Reservoir & Cheyenne Bottoms)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dave Bryan announced that the field trips would start after an 8:00 AM breakfast in the morning. Because of the high water it would be impossible to go to the Marais des Cygne Refuge but other sites would be found.

Dave Bryan introduced the speaker Wendel Mohling who gave a very interesting, illustrated talk on Alaska and the Pribiloff Islands.

### Sunday, October 5, Field Trips

Field trips were taken in Miami and Linn counties. Participants met for lunch at Camp Wildwood. The compilation totaled 91 species seen on the field trips.

The Annual Meeting adjourned.

Dwight R. Platt  
Corr. Secretary  
Kansas Ornithological Society

KOS FALL BOARD MEETING  
October 4, 1986  
Camp Wildwood  
La Cygne, Kansas

Members present: Roger Boyd, Elmer Finck, Dwight Platt, Jane Hershberger, Eugene Lewis, Joyce Wolf, David Bryan.  
Non-voting: John Zimmerman, Marvin Schwillling, Ruth Fauhl, Margaret Boyd.  
Guest (newly nominated officer): David Seibel

The KOS Board meeting was called to order by President Roger Boyd at 11:35 AM.

AWARDS FOR BEST STUDENT PAPERS: Roger Boyd asked what award should be given for the best student paper. Suggestions included a KOS membership, a T-shirt and a monetary award. Jane Hershberger moved that interest from the Amelia Betts Fund be used to award a \$25 first prize and a \$10 second prize for the best student papers presented at each Annual Meeting in 1986 and 1987. Elmer Finck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Eugene Lewis reported that we have more than \$17,000 in all funds. However we spent more from the general operating fund last year than our income to this fund. The cost of the Bulletin was higher, partly because issues were larger. David Bryan suggested that he could duplicate the Newsletter free of charge.

THE SUN CAME OUT!!

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that he had no backlog of manuscripts. The December Bulletin will probably be two pages. It was suggested that we might save typesetting costs if the editor submitted computer discs to the printer. John agreed to look into this.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Elmer Finck reported that he had a backlog of county records from the Official Records Committee to be published in the Newsletter. It was suggested that this list of records be published in the next couple of issues. It was also suggested that some of the maps showing county records for species might be published in the Newsletter.

REFUNDS FROM ANNUAL MEETING: There have been a number of cancellations for the Annual Meeting this year. David Bryan asked if we should give refunds. It was suggested that refunds be given if money is left after we have met the expenses.

SPRING MEETING: Marvin Schwillling reported that he had contacted the Tri-County Baptist Camp two miles west of Weir in Cherokee County for the Spring 1987 meeting. It is 25-30 miles from Schermerhorn Park but there is good birding around the camp. Elmer Finck moved that Marvin be asked to pursue this possibility and make the necessary arrangements. Dave Bryan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned to eat lunch at 12 noon. The Board meeting reconvened after lunch.

PRINTING THE NEWSLETTER: Elmer Finck moved that we accept the offer by David Bryan to duplicate the Newsletter free of charge. Joyce Wolf seconded the motion. The motion passed.

FALL MEETING 1987: John Zimmerman solicited suggestions for the next Annual Fall meeting but none were forthcoming.

AMMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS: The proposed ammendments which were discussed by the Board last Fall were printed in the Newsletter prior to this meeting. There was discussion of the proposed change in student memberships and some Board members were opposed to it. However it will be brought to the Annual Business Meeting as printed in the Newsletter for approval or disapproval.

It was pointed out that there were errors in the ammendments proposed to change the method of paying expenses. Eugene Lewis also pointed out that all financial transactions, not just checks, should require the signatures of two officers. It was decided that a substitute motion should be brought to the Annual Business Meeting. Such a substitute motion will require a 95% or more positive vote to pass since it was not circulated to members before the meeting. Dwight Platt was asked to write substitute ammendments before the business meeting.

KACEE: The Kansas Advisory Council on Environmental Education (KACEE) has asked to be placed on the KOS Newsletter mailing list. John Zimmerman moved that KACEE be placed on the Newsletter mailing list. Jane Hershberger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

CONSERVATION FORUM: Elmer Finck reported that the Conservation Forum met in June. It will be meeting again in October and Roger Boyd will be attending.

WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH: Elmer Finck has been representing KOS in the planning for Wildlife Heritage Month. Wildlife Appreciation Day will be March 18 and cooperating organizations are being asked to set up tables in the State Capitol to sell their programs. We need to decide what we will have at our table by the January Board meeting.

ROCK SPRINGS 4-H CENTER: Joyce Wolf reported that the Rock Springs 4-H Center is looking for a brochure on Kansas birds to be used in a natural history center for student groups. It was suggested that we might use money from the Amelia Betts Fund to develop such a brochure. It was suggested that Ted Cable, who has been nominated as a KOS Director, might give leadership to such an effort since he teaches nature interpretation. Elmer Finck will contact him and ask him to contact the people at Rock Springs if he is interested in this project. It was suggested that we might use this as our project for Wildlife Heritage Month. The question was raised as to whether such a brochure could be used at other camps. However it was suggested that the brochure might need to be site specific.

The Fall Board Meeting adjourned.

Dwight R. Platt  
Corr. Secretary  
Kansas Ornithological Secretary

TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR  
October 1, 1985 - September 30, 1986  
Official Records Committee

Information used in choosing the "top ten" included sightings reported on the Rare Bird Alert Hotline, Best Birds of the Season report forms, Christmas counts, correspondence and phone call reports.



As in the past, consideration was given to previous state records or specimens, geographic location in the state, season of sighting, nesting, etc., and committee judgements.

We considered 42 candidates:

#### TOP TEN CANDIDATES

|     |                                     |                              |            |                                        |
|-----|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Thayer's Gull                       | Clinton Resv.                | Oct. 6     | Mick McHugh                            |
|     | Thayer's Gull                       | Clinton Resv.                | Oct. 19&22 | Lloyd Moore                            |
|     | Thayer's Gull                       | Tuttle Creek Resv.           | Nov. 7     | Dave Rintoul & Ted Cable               |
|     | Thayer's Gull                       | Tuttle Creek Resv.           | Nov. 27    | Ted Cable                              |
| 2.  | Monk Parakeets                      | Sherman Co.                  | Oct. 15    | John Palmquist - 1st<br>seen in June   |
|     | Monk Parakeet                       | Sedgwick Co.                 | Sept. 22   | Dwane Mitchell                         |
| 3.  | Clark's Grebe                       | Kirwin Resv.                 | Oct. 15    | Scott Seltman                          |
| 4.  | Bohemian Waxwing                    | Russell                      | Nov. 11    | Jane Holland                           |
|     | Bohemian Waxwing                    | Junction City                | Jan. 4     | ?                                      |
| 5.  | Northern Shrike                     | Invasion in<br>Central, KS   | Nov.       | Scott Seltman                          |
| 6.  | Snow Bunting (2)                    | Clinton Resv.                | Nov. 9     | Lloyd Moore                            |
|     | Snow Bunting                        | E of Perry Resv.             | Dec. 2     | ?                                      |
|     | Snow Bunting                        | Scott Co.                    | Dec. 26    | Scott Seltman                          |
| 7.  | Red-necked Grebe (4)                | Pomona Resv.                 | Nov. 16    | Dave Bryan & Mike White                |
|     | Red-necked Grebe (1)                | Pomona Resv.                 | Sept. 27   | Mick McHugh                            |
| 8.  | Pacific Loon                        | Cedar Bluff Resv.            | Nov. 23-26 | Scott Seltman                          |
| 9.  | Trumpeter Swan                      | Cedar Bluff Resv.            | Nov. 26    | Scott Seltman                          |
|     | Trumpeter Swan (4)                  | Barber Co.                   | Feb. 1     | ?                                      |
|     | Trumpeter Swan<br>(1st KS Specimen) | Lyon Co.                     | Dec. 12    | John Hertling                          |
| 10. | Pygmy Nuthatch (2)                  | Junction City                | Dec. 21-29 | Dan LaShelle                           |
|     | Pygmy Nuthatch                      | Salina                       | Dec. 27    | Charley Morrison                       |
|     | Pygmy Nuthatch                      | Dodge City                   | Jan. 8     | Marvin Schwilling                      |
|     | Pygmy Nuthatch (5)                  | Morton Co.                   | Dec. 28    | Sebastian Patti & others               |
| 11. | Painted Bunting                     | Hutchinson                   | Feb. 7     | Dick Langenwalter                      |
| 12. | Ross' Geese (8)                     | Quivira                      | Jan. 22    | Gary Sullivan                          |
| 13. | Black Phoebe                        | Topeka                       | Mar. 2     | John Lamb                              |
| 14. | California Gull (?)                 | Tuttle Creek<br>(Rocky Ford) |            | Ted Cable                              |
|     | California Gull (ad)                | Cheyenne Bottoms             | Apr. 15    | Wayne Hoffman                          |
| 15. | Fish Crow (3)                       | Cherokee Co.                 | May 4      | Scott Seltman & others                 |
| 16. | Reeves (Ruff)                       | Cheyenne Bottoms             | May 12-17  | Wayne Hoffman                          |
| 17. | Black Rail                          | Quivira                      | May 8      | Jay Newton                             |
|     | Black Rail                          | Quivira                      | July 7     | Ted Cable                              |
| 18. | Olivaceous Cormorant                | Quivira                      | May 29     | Jay Newton                             |
| 19. | Great Egret (30 nest)               | Wichita                      | June       | Bob Gress                              |
| 20. | Mountain Bluebird<br>(4 young)      | Wallace Co.                  | June 8     | Marvin Schwilling                      |
| 21. | White-winged Dove                   | Sedgwick Co.                 | June 24    | Peter Janzen                           |
| 22. | Tri-colored Heron                   | Quivira                      | July 7     | Ted Cable                              |
| 23. | Laughing Gull (ad)                  | Cheney Resv.                 | July 15    | Duane Mitchell and<br>Gordon Schneider |
|     | Laughing Gull<br>(1st year)         | Cheyenne Bottoms             | Aug. 19    | Scott Seltman                          |

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| 24. | Rufous Hummingbird                                                    | Wichita            | Aug. 11     | Ralph Wiley & Others                       |
| 25. | Pyrrhuloxia (2)                                                       | Stafford           | Aug. 6      | Doris Blew                                 |
| 26. | Roseate Spoonbill                                                     | Melvern Resv.      | Aug. 24     | Charles Hall                               |
|     | Roseate Spoonbill (2)                                                 | Melvern Resv.      | Aug. 26     | Charles Hall & Don Patton                  |
|     | Roseate Spoonbill                                                     | Cheyenne Bottoms   | Sept. 2     | Wayne Hoffman                              |
| 27. | Anhinga                                                               | Melvern Resv.      | Sept. 1     | Marvin Schwilling                          |
| 28. | Evening Grosbeak                                                      | Invasion           |             |                                            |
|     | Added 16 counties to documented distribution, still lack 51 counties. |                    |             |                                            |
| 29. | White-winged Dove                                                     | Sedgwick Co.       | June 24     | Peter Janzen                               |
| 30. | Rock Wren                                                             | Geary & Saline Co. | 9-19 & 4-17 | Bob, Dan & John LaShelle                   |
| 31. | Western Flycatcher                                                    | Morton Co.         | Sept. 20    | Scott Seltman & others                     |
| 32. | Gray Flycatcher                                                       | Morton Co.         | Sept. 20    | Scott Seltman & others                     |
| 33. | Hammonds Flycatcher                                                   | Morton Co.         | Sept. 20    | Scott Seltman & others                     |
| 34. | Virginia Warbler                                                      | Morton Co.         | Sept. 20    | Scott Seltman & others                     |
| 35. | Black-throated<br>Blue Warbler                                        | Morton Co.         | Sept. 20    | Scott Seltman & others                     |
| 36. | Townsend's Blue<br>Warbler                                            | Morton Co.         | Sept. 20    | Scott Seltman & others                     |
| 37. | Western Tanager (10)                                                  | Morton Co.         | Sept. 20    | Scott Seltman & others                     |
| 38. | Sage Thrasher                                                         | Morton Co.         | Sept. 20    | Scott Seltman & others                     |
| 39. | Sabine Gull                                                           | Osage Co.          | Sept. 21    | Sebastian Patti                            |
| 40. | Red-naped Sapsucker                                                   | Morton             | Sept. 27    | Scott Seltman, Ted Cable<br>and Mike Rader |
| 41. | Dusky Flycatcher                                                      | Morton             | Sept. 27    | Scott Seltman, Ted Cable<br>and Mike Rader |
| 42. | Mountain Chickadee                                                    | Morton             | 12-4-85     | Scott Seltman                              |

## OF SPECIAL INTEREST

|    |                                                                        |                  |          |                  |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| 1. | Albino Robin                                                           | Fort Scott       |          | Howard Armstrong |
|    | Nestling raised to adult, bird now at Dillon Nature Center, Hutchinson |                  |          |                  |
| 2. | Albino Redtail                                                         | Marion Co.       |          |                  |
| 3. | Albino Barn Swallow                                                    | Cheyenne Bottoms |          | Wayne Hoffman    |
| 4. | Piping Plover - now on endangered list                                 |                  |          |                  |
|    |                                                                        | Cheyenne Bottoms | May 11   |                  |
|    |                                                                        | Quivira          | June 16  |                  |
| 5. | Peregrine Falcon                                                       | Kirwin Resv.     | Nov. 2   |                  |
|    | Peregrine Falcon                                                       | Cheyenne Bottoms | Sept. 6  |                  |
| 6. | Peregrine Falcon                                                       | Melvern Resv.    | Sept. 27 |                  |
| 7. | Whooping Crane - population now numbers near 177 birds                 |                  |          |                  |
| 8. | Least Tern - now on endangered list                                    |                  |          |                  |

## TOP TEN

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|----|-------------------|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| 1. | Pyrrhuloxia (2)   | Stafford                | Aug. 6  | Doris Blew             |
| 2. | Fish Crow (3)     | Cherokee Co.            | May 4   | Scott Seltman & others |
| 3. | Black Phoebe      | Topeka                  | Mar. 2  | John Lamb              |
| 4. | Roseate Spoonbill | Melvern Resv.           | Aug. 24 | Charles Hall           |
|    |                   | and<br>Cheyenne Bottoms | Sept. 2 | Wayne Hoffman          |

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| 5. Monk Parakeets       | Sherman Co.<br>and<br>Sedgwick Co. | Oct. 15<br>Sept. 22 | John Palmquist - 1st<br>seen in June<br>Dwane Mitchell |
| 6. Gray Flycatcher      | Morton Co.                         | Sept. 20            | Scott Seltman & others                                 |
| 7. Pacific Loon         | Cedar Bluff Resv.                  | Nov. 23-26          | Scott Seltman                                          |
| 8. Virginia Warbler     | Morton Co.                         | Sept. 20            | Scott Seltman & others                                 |
| 9. Red-necked Grebe (4) | Pomona Resv.                       | Nov. 16             | Dave Bryan & Mike White                                |
| Red-necked Grebe (1)    | Pomona Resv.                       | Sept. 27            | Mick McHugh                                            |
| 10. California Gull     | Tuttle Creek (Rocky Ford)          |                     | Ted Cable                                              |
| California Gull         | Cheyenne Bottoms                   | Apr. 15             | Wayne Hoffman                                          |

## HONORABLE MENTION

|                                                                       |                    |            |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1. Black-throated Blue<br>Warbler                                     | Morton Co.         | Sept. 20   | Scott Seltman & others                 |
| 2. Townsends Warbler                                                  | Morton Co.         | Sept. 20   | Scott Seltman & others                 |
| 3. Pygmy Nuthatch (2)                                                 | Junction City      | Dec. 21-29 | Dan LaShelle                           |
| and                                                                   | Salina             | Dec. 27    | Charley Morrison                       |
| and                                                                   | Dodge City         | Jan. 8     | Marvin Schwillling                     |
| and (5)                                                               | Morton Co.         | Dec. 28    | Sebastian Patti & others               |
| 4. Black Rail                                                         | Quivira            | May 8      | Jay Newton                             |
| and                                                                   | Quivira            | July 7     | Ted Cable                              |
| 5. Reeves (Ruff)                                                      | Cheyenne Bottoms   | May 12-17  | Wayne Hoffman                          |
| 6. Thayer's Gull                                                      | Clinton Resv.      | Oct. 6     | Mick McHugh                            |
| and                                                                   | Clinton Resv.      | Oct. 19&22 | Lloyd Moore                            |
| and                                                                   | Tuttle Creek Resv. | Nov. 7     | Dave Rintoul & Ted Cable               |
| and                                                                   | Tuttle Creek Resv. | Nov. 27    | Ted Cable                              |
| 7. Clark's Grebe                                                      | Kirwin Resv.       | Oct. 15    | Scott Seltman                          |
| 8. Anhinga                                                            | Melvern Resv.      | Sept. 1    | Marvin Schwillling                     |
| 9. Trumpeter's Swan<br>(1st Ks Specimen)                              | Lyon Co.           | Dec. 12    | John Hertling                          |
| Trumpeter Swan                                                        | Cedar Bluff Resv.  | Nov. 26    | Scott Seltman                          |
| Trumpeter Swan (4)                                                    | Barber Co.         | Feb. 1     | ?                                      |
| 10. Evening Grosbeak                                                  | Invasion           |            |                                        |
| Added 16 counties to documented distribution, still lack 51 counties. |                    |            |                                        |
| 11. Mountain Bluebird<br>(4 young)                                    | Wallace            | June 8     | Marvin Schwillling                     |
| 12. Laughing Gull (ad)                                                | Cheney Resv.       | July 15    | Duane Mitchell and<br>Gordon Schneider |

Marvin Schwillling, Chairman  
 Roger Boyd  
 Charles Ely  
 Mick McHugh  
 Scott Seltman  
 Max Thompson  
 Jay Newton  
 Mel Cooksie

KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
Report of the Membership Secretary, Jane Hershberger

TOTAL MEMBERS PAID FOR 1986 AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1986

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| REGULAR                           |            |
| Individual. . . . .               | 164        |
| Library . . . . .                 | 26         |
| Family. . . . .                   | 70         |
| SUSTAINING                        |            |
| Individual. . . . .               | 12         |
| Family. . . . .                   | 6          |
| STUDENT                           |            |
| Grade and High School only. . . . | 2          |
| LIFE                              |            |
| Fully Paid. . . . .               | 74         |
| Partially Paid. . . . .           | 11         |
| HONORARY . . . . .                | 2          |
| Total membership                  | <u>367</u> |

ABSTRACTS FOR THE PAPERS PRESENTED AT  
THE THIRTY-NINTH KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING

DWYER, MIKE. Hays, KS 67601. Breeding biology and behavior of the Great Egret in Sedgwick Co., Kansas.

The Mosteller Heronry is the third documentation of Great Egret (*Casmerodius albus*) nesting in Kansas. First arrival was 28 March and 30 March in the area and at the heronry, respectively. Males showed a clumped distribution using the tallest juniper, red mulberry, and Austrian pine in the area. Very few males, if any, built display platforms. Early males completed courtship by 10 April; late arrivals courted through late April. Nest construction was by both members of the pair. The earliest egg date was 20 April. Mean clutch size was 3.60. The incubation period was 27 days beginning with laying of the first egg. One pair renested after egg destruction. By 10 days of age siblings began to take boluses directly from the parent. Brood reduction occurred in 4 nests. Hatching and fledging percentage was 69% and 84% respectively. A total of 62 young were fledged from the 25 nests.

CINK, CALVIN L. Biology Department, Baker University, Baldwin City, KS 66006. Breeding densities of Kansas Whip-poor-wills and Chuck-will's Widows.

ZIMMERMAN, JOHN L. Division of Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506. Breeding birds of Konza Prairie.

As of the breeding season of 1986, 207 species have been recorded on the Konza Prairie Research Natural Area, a 3487 ha Nature Conservancy site in Riley and Geary counties managed by the Division of Biology at Kansas State University. Of these species, 62 have been documented as breeding, either by the observation of active nests or recently fledged young attended by adults. The distribution of these breeding species into four ecological communities (riparian forest, attenuated riparian forest and forest edge, shrubby rock outcrops, and grassland) is described.

FARLEY, GREG H. Division of Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506. Breeding ecology of Bell's Vireo and Bewick's Wren on Konza Prairie.

Reproductive strategies and habitat partitioning of Bell's Vireo (Vireo bellii) and Bewick's Wren (Thryomanes bewickii) were investigated during the 1986 breeding season on the Konza Prairie Research Natural Area. The productivity of Bewick's Wren and Bell's Vireo was 6.5 and 1.1 fledglings/female, respectively. The higher Bewick's Wren productivity was probably due to its cavity nesting habit, low predation, and low parasitism by Brown-headed Cowbird (Molothrus ater). Bell's Vireo had high parasitism and subsequent nest abandonment. Four habitat variables were compared for each species at both the territory and nest-site level using t-test. Bewick's Wren territories had significantly greater canopy height and significantly lower stem density, and nest-sites with lower than average canopy height, when compared to random points across Konza. Bell's Vireo had territories with low canopy height and high stem density, and nest-sites with significantly lower dead stem density.

JOHNSON, J. CHRIS JR. Department of Biology, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS 66762. Occupancy of nest cavities in a Colorado aspen grove, 1982-1986.

During the summers 1982-1986 obligate cavity-nesters were observed in an aspen grove bordering the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory at Gothic, near Crested Butte, Colorado. In 34 labeled trees we recorded 131 apparent nest cavities excavated by woodpeckers, mainly Red-naped (formerly Yellow-bellied) Sapsucker (Sphyrapicus nuchalis). The total number of nests studied over the five years was 74. Some cavities were occupied during consecutive summers, others alternately, and none more than three of the five summers. No consistent species nesting sequence in the years following excavation occurred. Northern (Red-shafted) Flicker, (Colaptes auratus) tended to re-use its cavities. The Red-naped Sapsucker used each cavity only once. The Tree Swallow (Iridoprocne bicolor) was most likely to first occupy cavities excavated by the sapsuckers the previous year; but the Violet-green Swallow (Tachycineta thalassina), House Wren (Troglodytes aedon), and Mountain Chickadee (Parus gambeli) also occupied year-old cavities.

FINCK, ELMER J. Division of Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506. Fluctuations of diurnal rodents and Northern Harriers on Konza Prairie.

The population fluctuations of diurnal rodents, namely Microtus ochrogaster, Synaptomys cooperi and Sigmodon hispidus have been monitored on the Konza Prairie Research Natural Area during October since 1981 as part of the NSF-funded Long Term Ecological Research program. Northern Harrier (Circus cyaneus) populations have been also monitored in both October and January over the same time period. There was a significant positive correlation between Northern Harrier winter abundance and fall diurnal rodent abundance, while there is no significant relationship between fall abundance of Northern Harrier and fall diurnal rodent abundance. Northern Harrier have only nested two summers since 1981 (1982 and 1986) when the diurnal rodent abundance was at a peak in their fluctuations.

EDITOR'S NOTE: To the authors who notice that your abstract is different than the one you submitted, you exceeded the 150 word limit. Therefore, I rewrote your abstract. I hope my revision reflects your intended message.

## KOS ATTENDANCE ROSTER - ANNUAL MEETING 1986

Americus  
Jim Mayhew

Hays  
Mike Dwyer

Lawrence  
Ruth Fauhl  
Wayne Hoffman  
David Seibel  
Joyce Wolf  
Ronald J. Wolf

Olathe  
Steve Crawford

Topeka  
Eulalia Lewis  
Gene Lewis

Baldwin City  
Jan Boyd  
Jon Boyd  
Margaret Boyd  
Roger Boyd  
Calvin Cink  
Katharine B. Kelley

McPherson  
Allen W. Jahn

Nekoma  
Diane Seltman  
Scott Seltman

Overland Park  
Dave Bryan  
Linda Bryan  
Carol Mohling  
Maria Mohling  
Wendell Mohling

Emporia  
Marvin Schwillling

Independence  
Robert Fisher

Manhattan  
Greg Farley  
Elmer Finck  
John Zimmerman

Newton  
Rose Fritz  
Jane Hershberger  
Dwight Platt

## ATTENTION BIRD FEEDING ENTHUSIASTS!

## INTRODUCING THE 1987 INTERNATIONAL BIRD FEEDING SURVEY

WHAT: The 1987 International Bird Feeding Survey  
WHEN: January 17, 1987  
WHERE: Backyards across the United States and Canada  
TIME: 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM (or as little as 15 minutes)

As you know, bird feeding is the largest wildlife related activity in the United States! On January 17, 1987 thousands of participants from all over the United States and Canada will be joining in a one day count of birds at bird feeders. This one day count, with simple, standardized guidelines will result in some very useful and exciting information. Bird abundance, distribution, feeder and feed preferences and even specific information such as migration patterns are examples of some of the results that will be obtained.

Wildlife Associates, a New York based wildlife conservation and education organization is the sponsor of this exciting annual event. There will be a \$5.00 fee to cover production and mailing expenses and data analysis. Each participant will receive all materials necessary for the count which includes the survey form, instructions and, after all data is analyzed, a published report.

The International Bird Feeding Survey is not just a serious wildlife study. It is a project that can be great fun for the whole family. Everyone should join in this record setting bird count. Just imagine how much fun it would be to join in with thousands of fellow bird feeding enthusiasts.

The International Bird Feeding Survey  
Wildlife Associates  
8 Wade Road  
Latham, New York 12110

## BIRDS SEEN ON THE FIELD TRIPS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING 1986

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pied-billed Grebe        | Hairy Woodpecker              |
| White Pelican            | Northern Flicker              |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Olive-sided Flycatcher        |
| Great Blue Heron         | Eastern Wood-Pewee            |
| Great Egret              | Eastern Phoebe                |
| Cattle Egret             | Eastern Kingbird              |
| Green-backed Heron       | Scissor-tailed Flycatcher     |
| Canada Goose             | Tree Swallow                  |
| Northern Pintail         | Northern Rough-winged Swallow |
| Blue-winged Teal         | Barn Swallow                  |
| Northern Shoveler        | Blue Jay                      |
| Ruddy Duck               | American Crow                 |
| Turkey Vulture           | Black-capped Chickadee        |
| Osprey                   | Tufted Titmouse               |
| Northern Harrier         | White-breasted Nuthatch       |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk       | House Wren                    |
| Cooper's Hawk            | Ruby-crowned Kinglet          |
| Red-shouldered Hawk      | Eastern Bluebird              |
| Broad-winged Hawk        | Wood Thrush                   |
| Swainson's Hawk          | American Robin                |
| Red-tailed Hawk          | Gray Catbird                  |
| American Kestrel         | Northern Mockingbird          |
| Merlin                   | Brown Thrasher                |
| Peregrine Falcon         | Loggerhead Shrike             |
| Northern Bobwhite        | European Starling             |
| American Coot            | Warbling Vireo                |
| Killdeer                 | Orange-crowned Warbler        |
| Spotted Sandpiper        | Nashville Warbler             |
| Franklin's Gull          | Yellow Warbler                |
| Bonaparte's Gull         | Ovenbird                      |
| Ring-billed Gull         | Summer Tanager                |
| Herring Gull             | Northern Cardinal             |
| Caspian Tern             | Indigo Bunting                |
| Forster's Tern           | Rufous-sided Towhee           |
| Rock Dove                | Chipping Sparrow              |
| Mourning Dove            | Clay-colored Sparrow          |
| Black-billed Cuckoo      | Vesper Sparrow                |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo     | White-crowned Sparrow         |
| Eastern Screech Owl      | Red-winged Blackbird          |
| Great Horned Owl         | Eastern Meadowlark            |
| Barred Owl               | Great-tailed Grackle          |
| Chimney Swift            | Common Grackle                |
| Belted Kingfisher        | Brown-headed Cowbird          |
| Red-headed Woodpecker    | American Goldfinch            |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker   | House Sparrow                 |
| Downy Woodpecker         |                               |

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**BIRD**

**RECORDS**



## EDITOR'S NOTE

This is a special issue of the Newsletter. At our fall meeting the KOS Board requested that I catch up on the backlog of county bird records. Therefore, this issue is an attempt to get us up to date with the bird records. The regular meeting issue will be published in early December.

## BIRD RECORDS

| <u>Species</u>          | <u>County</u> | <u>Observer</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Turkey                  | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Turkey                  | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Turkey                  | Rice          | Steve Capel     |
| Turkey                  | Saline        | Steve Capel     |
| Turkey                  | Sedgwick      | Steve Capel     |
| Sandhill Crane          | Greenwood     | Steve Capel     |
| Sandhill Crane          | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Sandhill Crane          | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Sandhill Crane          | Saline        | Steve Capel     |
| Sora                    | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| American Woodcock       | Elk           | Steve Capel     |
| Common Snipe            | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Common Snipe            | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Common Snipe            | Reno          | Steve Capel     |
| Spotted Sandpiper       | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Lesser Yellowlegs       | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Ground Dove             | Barton        | Steve Capel     |
| Ground Dove             | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Roadrunner              | Chautauqua    | Steve Capel     |
| Saw-whet Owl            | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Red-shafted Flicker     | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker  | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| Eastern Kingbird        | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Blue Jay                | Elk           | Steve Capel     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | Comanche      | Steve Capel     |
| Swainson's Thrush       | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush     | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Mountain Bluebird       | Reno          | Steve Capel     |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher   | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet  | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Cedar Waxwing           | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Bell's Vireo            | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| Bell's Vireo            | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Orange-crowned Warbler  | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| Nashville Warbler       | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Yellow Warbler          | Chautauqua    | Steve Capel     |
| Yellow Warbler          | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Myrtle Warbler          | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| Mourning Warbler        | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Yellow-breasted Chat    | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Bobolink                | Rice          | Steve Capel     |
| Western Meadowlark      | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Red-winged Blackbird    | Marion        | Steve Capel     |

| <u>Species</u>         | <u>County</u> | <u>Observer</u> |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Blue Grosbeak          | Chautauqua    | Steve Capel     |
| Blue Grosbeak          | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Blue Grosbeak          | Reno          | Steve Capel     |
| Blue Grosbeak          | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| Dickcissel             | Rice          | Steve Capel     |
| Evening Grosbeak       | Chase         | Steve Capel     |
| Pine Siskin            | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| American Goldfinch     | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| Lark Bunting           | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Lark Bunting           | Reno          | Steve Capel     |
| Oregon Junco           | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Oregon Junco           | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Chipping Sparrow       | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Field Sparrow          | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| White-crowned Sparrow  | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| White-throated Sparrow | Comanche      | Steve Capel     |
| White-throated Sparrow | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| White-throated Sparrow | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| White-throated Sparrow | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Fox Sparrow            | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Lapland Longspur       | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Pied-billed Grebe      | Cloud         | Robert Wood     |
| American Avocet        | Cloud         | Robert Wood     |
| Harris' Sparrow        | Kiowa         | Ken Brunson     |
| Ruddy Duck             | Kiowa         | Ken Brunson     |
| Greater Yellowlegs     | Kiowa         | Ken Brunson     |
| Yellow-shafted Flicker | Kiowa         | Ken Brunson     |
| Myrtle Warbler         | Kiowa         | Ken Brunson     |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet   | Kiowa         | Ken Brunson     |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  | Kiowa         | Ken Brunson     |
| Northern Waterthrush   | Kiowa         | Ken Brunson     |
| Northern Cardinal      | Kiowa         | Ken Brunson     |
| Field Sparrow          | Kiowa         | Ken Brunson     |
| Wood Duck              | Kiowa         | Ken Brunson     |
| Broad-winged Hawk      | Kiowa         | Ken Brunson     |
| Wilson's Phalarope     | Kiowa         | Ken Brunson     |
| Rough-winged Swallow   | Kiowa         | Ken Brunson     |
| White-faced Ibis       | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |
| Cattle Egret           | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |
| Wood Duck              | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |
| Ring-necked Duck       | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |
| Common Goldeneye       | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |
| Bufflehead             | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |
| Mississippi Kite       | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |
| Goshawk                | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |
| Broad-winged Hawk      | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |
| Peregrine Falcon       | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |
| Turkey                 | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |
| Black-bellied Plover   | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |
| White-rumped Sandpiper | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |
| Black-billed Cuckoo    | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |
| Rufous Hummingbird     | Sherman       | John Palmquist  |

| <u>Species</u>           | <u>County</u> | <u>Observer</u>          |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | Sherman       | John Palmquist           |
| Eastern Phoebe           | Sherman       | John Palmquist           |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher   | Sherman       | John Palmquist           |
| American Tree Swallow    | Sherman       | John Palmquist           |
| Bank Swallow             | Sherman       | John Palmquist           |
| Chihuahuan Raven         | Sherman       | John Palmquist           |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher    | Sherman       | John Palmquist           |
| Bullock's Oriole         | Sherman       | John Palmquist           |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak   | Sherman       | John Palmquist           |
| House Finch              | Sherman       | John Palmquist           |
| Green-tailed Towhee      | Sherman       | John Palmquist           |
| White-winged Junco       | Sherman       | John Palmquist           |
| McCown's Longspur        | Sherman       | John Palmquist           |
| Snow Bunting             | Sherman       | John Palmquist           |
| Canvasback               | Morton        | Sebastian Patti          |
| Green-winged Teal        | Jackson       | Gene Lewis               |
| American Wigeon          | Jackson       | Gene Lewis               |
| Wood Duck                | Jackson       | Gene Lewis               |
| Redhead                  | Jackson       | Gene Lewis               |
| Common Goldeneye         | Jackson       | Gene Lewis               |
| Ruddy Duck               | Jackson       | Gene Lewis               |
| American Coot            | Jackson       | Gene Lewis               |
| Chuck-will's Widow       | Pottawatomie  | Gene Lewis               |
| Rough-winged Swallow     | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis               |
| Vesper Sparrow           | Wilson        | Gene Lewis               |
| Sandhill Crane           | Coffey        | Bill Brecheisen          |
| Green-backed Heron       | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Cattle Egret             | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| White-faced Ibis         | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Brown Creeper            | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Carolina Wren            | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher    | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet     | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Cedar Waxwing            | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Solitary Vireo           | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Black & White Warbler    | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Orange-crowned Warbler   | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Ovenbird                 | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Northern Waterthrush     | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Yellow-breasted Chat     | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Northern Cardinal        | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak   | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Black-headed Grosbeak    | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Indigo Bunting           | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Lazuli Bunting           | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Red Crossbill            | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Field Sparrow            | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| White-throated Sparrow   | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Lincoln's Sparrow        | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Song Sparrow             | Haskell       | Erma Henley              |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | Anderson      | Bill Brecheisen          |
| Old Squaw                | Douglas       | K. Kelley & Amelia Betts |

| <u>Species</u>              | <u>County</u> | <u>Observer</u>          |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Snowy Owl                   | Douglas       | Cal Cink                 |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler | Douglas       | I. L. Boyd               |
| Hooded Warbler              | Douglas       | I.L. Boyd & K. Kelley    |
| Great-tailed Grackle        | Douglas       | K. Kelley & Cal Cink     |
| Lazuli Bunting              | Douglas       | K. Kelley & Amelia Betts |
| Western Tanager             | Douglas       | Roger Boyd               |
| Horned Grebe                | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Pied-billed Grebe           | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| White Pelican               | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Double-crested Cormorant    | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Little Blue Heron           | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Little Blue Heron           | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Black-crowned Night Heron   | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Least Bittern               | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Least Bittern               | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| White-fronted Goose         | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Snow Goose                  | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Gadwall                     | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Gadwall                     | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Pintail                     | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Pintail                     | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Green-winged Teal           | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Northern Shoveler           | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| American Wigeon             | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Redhead                     | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Ring-necked Duck            | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Canvasback                  | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Lesser Scaup                | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Common Goldeneye            | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Bufflehead                  | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Ruddy Duck                  | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Hooded Merganser            | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Hooded Merganser            | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Goshawk                     | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk          | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Osprey                      | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Prairie Falcon              | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Ring-necked Pheasant        | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Virginia Rail               | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| American Woodcock           | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Common Snipe                | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Common Snipe                | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Spotted Sandpiper           | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Solitary Sandpiper          | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Solitary Sandpiper          | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Greater Yellowlegs          | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Greater Yellowlegs          | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Lesser Yellowlegs           | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Lesser Yellowlegs           | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Pectoral Sandpiper          | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |
| Pectoral Sandpiper          | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards  |

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| White-rumped Sandpiper       | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Long-billed Dowitcher        | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Stilt Sandpiper              | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| American Avocet              | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Wilson's Phalarope           | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Wilson's Phalarope           | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Ring-billed Gull             | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Ring-billed Gull             | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Franklin's Gull              | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Forster's Tern               | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Least Tern                   | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Black Tern                   | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Ground Dove                  | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Black-billed Cuckoo          | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Barn Owl                     | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Burrowing Owl                | Marion        | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Barred Owl                   | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Long-eared Owl               | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Saw-whet Owl                 | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Whip-poor-Will               | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Red-shafted Flicker          | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Least Flycatcher             | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Rough-winged Swallow         | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Rough-winged Swallow         | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch        | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| House Wren                   | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Winter Wren                  | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Bewick's Wren                | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Sedge Wren                   | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Hermit Thrush                | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Swainson's Thrush            | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush          | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Veery                        | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Townsend's Solitaire         | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Water Pipit                  | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Cedar Waxwing                | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Bohemian Waxwing             | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Bell's Vireo                 | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Philadelphia Vireo           | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Warbling Vireo               | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Black & White Warbler        | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Orange-crowned Warbler       | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Yellow Warbler               | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Myrtle Warbler               | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Yellow-throated Warbler      | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Ovenbird                     | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Northern Waterthrush         | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Yellowthroat                 | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Yellowthroat                 | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| American Redstart            | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |
| Bobolink                     | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards |

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|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Bobolink                  | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird   | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird   | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Baltimore Oriole          | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Rusty Blackbird           | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Brewer's Blackbird        | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Scarlet Tanager           | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Summer Tanager            | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak    | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak    | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Evening Grosbeak          | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Purple Finch              | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Purple Finch              | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Common Redpoll            | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Pine Siskin               | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Pine Siskin               | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Baird's Sparrow           | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| LeConte's Sparrow         | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Oregon Junco              | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Chipping Sparrow          | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Chipping Sparrow          | Franklin      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| White-crowned Sparrow     | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| White-throated Sparrow    | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Fox Sparrow               | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Lincoln's Sparrow         | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Swamp Sparrow             | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Song Sparrow              | Anderson      | Charles & Effie Edwards   |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak    | Dickinson     | Stan Perry                |
| Common Loon               | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Pied-billed Grebe         | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| White Pelican             | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Little Blue Heron         | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Cattle Egret              | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Common Egret              | Doniphan      | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Common Egret              | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| White-fronted Goose       | Doniphan      | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| White-fronted Goose       | Edwards       | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| White-fronted Goose       | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Snow (Blue) Goose         | Edwards       | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Redhead                   | Edwards       | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Canvasback                | Edwards       | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Common Goldeneye          | Edwards       | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk        | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Swainson's Hawk           | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Rough-legged Hawk         | Doniphan      | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Ferruginous Hawk          | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Lesser Prairie Chicken    | Edwards       | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Ring-necked Pheasant      | Johnson       | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| American Coot             | Edwards       | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Herring Gull              | Edwards       | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Herring Gull              | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |

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| Ring-billed Gull          | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo      | Edwards       | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Screech Owl               | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Great-horned Owl          | Doniphan      | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Red-shafted Flicker       | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Hairy Woodpecker          | Ellsworth     | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Western Kingbird          | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | Edwards       | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Mockingbird               | Doniphan      | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Rusty Blackbird           | Edwards       | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Brewer's Blackbird        | Doniphan      | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Pine Siskin               | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Rufous-sided Towhee       | Miami         | Barbara & Michael Watkins |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch     | Dickinson     | Stan Perry                |
| Pied-billed Grebe         | Brown         | Gene Lewis                |
| Gadwall                   | Nemaha        | Gene Lewis                |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk        | Nemaha        | Gene Lewis                |
| Northern Harrier          | Nemaha        | Gene Lewis                |
| Yellow-shafted Flicker    | Brown         | Gene Lewis                |
| Vesper Sparrow            | Brown         | Gene Lewis                |
| Slate-colored Junco       | Brown         | Gene Lewis                |
| Oregon Junco              | Brown         | Gene Lewis                |
| Oregon Junco              | Nemaha        | Gene Lewis                |
| American Tree Sparrow     | Brown         | Gene Lewis                |
| White-throated Sparrow    | Nemaha        | Gene Lewis                |
| White-faced Ibis          | Russell       | Tom Cannon                |
| Oldsquaw                  | Russell       | Tom Cannon                |
| Common Loon               | Lincoln       | Tom Cannon                |
| Eared Grebe               | Lincoln       | Tom Cannon                |
| Double-crested Cormorant  | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                |
| Cattle Egret              | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                |
| Cattle Egret              | Lincoln       | Tom Cannon                |
| Common Egret              | Saline        | Tom Cannon                |
| Common Egret              | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                |
| Whistling Swan            | Lincoln       | Tom Cannon                |
| Canada Goose              | Osborne       | T. & J. Cannon            |
| Snow Goose                | Miami         | Tom Cannon                |
| Mallard                   | Wilson        | Tom Cannon                |
| Green-winged Teal         | Ellsworth     | Tom Cannon                |
| Green-winged Teal         | Gove          | Tom Cannon                |
| American Wigeon           | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                |
| Ring-necked Duck          | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                |
| Lesser Scaup              | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                |
| Bufflehead                | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                |
| Hooded Merganser          | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                |
| Common Merganser          | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                |
| Mississippi Kite          | Lincoln       | Tom Cannon                |
| Goshawk                   | Saline        | Tom Cannon                |
| Goshawk                   | Osage         | Charles Hall              |
| Osprey                    | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                |

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| Bobwhite                     | Saline        | Tom Cannon                   |
| Turkey                       | Russell       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Common Snipe                 | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Solitary Sandpiper           | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Greater Yellowlegs           | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Lesser Yellowlegs            | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Pectoral Sandpiper           | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Least Sandpiper              | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Long-billed Dowitcher        | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper       | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Western Sandpiper            | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Wilson's Phalarope           | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Ring-billed Gull             | Osborne       | T. & J. Cannon               |
| Franklin's Gull              | Osborne       | T. & J. Cannon               |
| Black-billed Cuckoo          | Osborne       | Covey & Breeding Bird Survey |
| Roadrunner                   | Russell       | Louise Bunker                |
| Snowy Owl                    | Lincoln       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Burrowing Owl                | Osborne       | J. & J. Piland               |
| Long-eared Owl               | Miami         | Tom Cannon                   |
| Short-eared Owl              | Allen         | Tom Cannon                   |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird    | Russell       | T. & J. Cannon               |
| Red-shafted Flicker          | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Red-shafted Flicker          | Woodson       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Red-headed Woodpecker        | Smith         | Tom Cannon                   |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker     | Lincoln       | Paul Roberts                 |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker     | Allen         | Tom Cannon                   |
| Willow Flycatcher            | Russell       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee           | Russell       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher       | Russell       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Horned Lark                  | Saline        | Tom Cannon                   |
| Bank Swallow                 | Smith         | Tom Cannon                   |
| Pinyon Jay                   | Russell       | Jeri Cannon                  |
| Purple Martin                | Sheridan      | T. & J. Cannon               |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch        | Lincoln       | Paul Roberts                 |
| Brown Creeper                | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Winter Wren                  | Russell       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Long-billed Marsh Wren       | Lincoln       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Hermit Thrush                | Lincoln       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Hermit Thrush                | Russell       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Eastern Bluebird             | Saline        | Tom Cannon                   |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher        | Russell       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Cedar Waxwing                | Lincoln       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Yellow-throated Vireo        | Russell       | J. & J. Piland               |
| Prothonotary Warbler         | Russell       | J. & J. Piland               |
| Tennessee Warbler            | Russell       | J. & J. Piland               |
| Myrtle Warbler               | Osborne       | T. & J. Cannon               |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | Russell       | J. & J. Piland               |
| Blackpoll Warbler            | Russell       | J. & J. Piland               |
| MacGillivray's Warbler       | Russell       | J. & J. Piland               |
| American Redstart            | Ellsworth     | J. & J. Piland               |
| Rusty Blackbird              | Lincoln       | Tom Cannon                   |
| Summer Tanager               | Osborne       | Tom Cannon                   |



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| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | Russell       | J. & J. Piland     |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak | Osborne       | Tom Cannon         |
| Black-headed Grosbeak  | Russell       | J. & J. Piland     |
| Lazuli Bunting         | Russell       | Tom Cannon         |
| Evening Grosbeak       | Russell       | Jane Holland       |
| House Finch            | Russell       | Jane Holland       |
| Red Crossbill          | Ellsworth     | Mrs. Frank Sibrava |
| Rufous-sided Towhee    | Ellsworth     | Tom Cannon         |
| Savannah Sparrow       | Osborne       | T. & J. Cannon     |
| LeConte's Sparrow      | Osborne       | T. & J. Cannon     |
| Slate-colored Junco    | Mitchell      | T. & J. Cannon     |
| Slate-colored Junco    | Osborne       | T. & J. Cannon     |
| Field Sparrow          | Lincoln       | Tom Cannon         |
| Harris Sparrow         | Mitchell      | T. & J. Cannon     |
| Fox Sparrow            | Osborne       | T. & J. Cannon     |
| Lapland Longspur       | Lincoln       | Tom Cannon         |
| Lapland Longspur       | Osborne       | Tom Cannon         |
| Ring-necked Duck       | Saline        | Tom Cannon         |
| Canvasback             | Ellsworth     | Tom Cannon         |
| Sandhill Crane         | Osborne       | Tom Cannon         |
| Sandhill Crane         | Mitchell      | T. & J. Cannon     |
| Common Egret           | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| White-fronted Goose    | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Wood Duck              | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Gadwall                | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| American Wigeon        | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Mallard                | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Green-winged Teal      | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Pintail                | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Canvasback             | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Northern Shoveler      | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Redhead                | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Ring-necked Duck       | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Lesser Scaup           | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Common Goldeneye       | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Bufflehead             | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Common Merganser       | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Ruddy Duck             | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| American Coot          | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Lesser Yellowlegs      | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| White-rumped Sandpiper | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Long-billed Dowitcher  | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Wilson's Phalarope     | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Brown Creeper          | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Northern Waterthrush   | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Rusty Blackbird        | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Brewer's Blackbird     | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Purple Finch           | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| Swamp Sparrow          | Clay          | Bill Layher        |
| White-faced Ibis       | Kingman       | Byron Walker       |
| Old Squaw              | Kingman       | Byron Walker       |
| White-fronted Goose    | Kingman       | Byron Walker       |

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| Snow Goose                 | Kingman       | Byron Walker    |
| Goshawk                    | Kingman       | Byron Walker    |
| Stilt Sandpiper            | Kingman       | Byron Walker    |
| Hudsonian Godwit           | Kingman       | Byron Walker    |
| Black-billed Magpie        | Kingman       | Byron Walker    |
| Lesser Goldfinch           | Kingman       | Byron Walker    |
| Cattle Egret               | Pratt         | Robert Wood     |
| Common Snipe               | Woodson       | Robert Wood     |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee         | Brown         | Robert Wood     |
| Indigo Bunting             | Brown         | Robert Wood     |
| Slate-colored Junco        | Atchison      | Robert Wood     |
| Cooper's Hawk              | Saline        | Robert Wood     |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker     | Saline        | Robert Wood     |
| Old Squaw                  | Shawnee       | Gene Lewis      |
| Black Scoter               | Shawnee       | Gene Lewis      |
| Eared Grebe                | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Eared Grebe                | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Pied-billed Grebe          | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Pied-billed Grebe          | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Double-crested Cormorant   | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Green-backed Heron         | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Yellow-crowned Night Heron | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Snow (Blue) Goose          | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Mallard                    | Nemaha        | Gene Lewis      |
| Pintail                    | Nemaha        | Gene Lewis      |
| Green-winged Teal          | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Cinnamon Teal              | Trego         | Gene Lewis      |
| Northern Shoveler          | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| American Wigeon            | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Redhead                    | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Ring-necked Duck           | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Ring-necked Duck           | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Canvasback                 | Dickinson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Canvasback                 | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Common Goldeneye           | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Common Goldeneye           | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Bufflehead                 | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Ruddy Duck                 | Dickinson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Red-breasted Merganser     | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Goshawk                    | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Goshawk                    | Shawnee       | Gene Lewis      |
| Peregrine Falcon           | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Virginia Rail              | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Sora Rail                  | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Semipalmated Plover        | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Semipalmated Plover        | Ottawa        | Gene Lewis      |
| Piping Plover              | Trego         | Gene Lewis      |
| Snowy Plover               | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Snowy Plover               | Trego         | Gene Lewis      |
| Golden Plover              | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Upland Sandpiper           | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Upland Sandpiper           | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |

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| Solitary Sandpiper        | Saline        | Gene Lewis      |
| Lesser Yellowlegs         | Trego         | Gene Lewis      |
| Pectoral Sandpiper        | Trego         | Gene Lewis      |
| White-rumped Sandpiper    | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| White-rumped Sandpiper    | Trego         | Gene Lewis      |
| Baird's Sandpiper         | Ottawa        | Gene Lewis      |
| Stilt Sandpiper           | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Stilt Sandpiper           | Trego         | Gene Lewis      |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper   | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Marbled Godwit            | Trego         | Gene Lewis      |
| Avocet                    | Clay          | Gene Lewis      |
| Wilson's Phalarope        | Dickinson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Ring-billed Gull          | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Ring-billed Gull          | Wilson        | Gene Lewis      |
| Bonaparte's Gull          | Shawnee       | Gene Lewis      |
| Forster's Tern            | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Caspian Tern              | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo      | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Black-billed Cuckoo       | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Black-billed Cuckoo       | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Short-eared Owl           | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Whip-poor-Will            | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Poor-will                 | Trego         | Gene Lewis      |
| Belted Kingfisher         | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Red-shafted Flicker       | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Pileated Woodpecker       | Shawnee       | Gene Lewis      |
| Red-headed Woodpecker     | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Downy Woodpecker          | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Hairy Woodpecker          | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Hairy Woodpecker          | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Western Kingbird          | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Willow Flycatcher         | Leavenworth   | Gene Lewis      |
| Least Flycatcher          | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher    | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Horned Lark               | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Bank Swallow              | Clay          | Gene Lewis      |
| Bank Swallow              | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Black-capped Chickadee    | Mitchell      | Gene Lewis      |
| Tufted Titmouse           | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch     | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| House Wren                | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Carolina Wren             | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Marsh Wren                | Clark         | Dan Larson      |
| Marsh Wren                | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Sedge Wren                | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Gray Catbird              | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Wood Thrush               | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Wood Thrush               | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Veery                     | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Swainson's Thrush         | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |

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| Eastern Bluebird             | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet       | Clark         | Dan Larson      |
| Cedar Waxwing                | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Cedar Waxwing                | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Bell's Vireo                 | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Bell's Vireo                 | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Bell's Vireo                 | Trego         | Gene Lewis      |
| Solitary Vireo               | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Philadelphia Vireo           | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Warbling Vireo               | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Tennessee Warbler            | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Orange-crowned Warbler       | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Orange-crowned Warbler       | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Nashville Warbler            | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Northern Parula Warbler      | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Myrtle Warbler               | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Blackburnia Warbler          | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Bay-breasted Warbler         | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Blackpoll Warbler            | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Ovenbird                     | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Kentucky Warbler             | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Common Yellowthroat          | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Common Yellowthroat          | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Wilson's Warbler             | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Canada Warbler               | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird      | Clay          | Gene Lewis      |
| Red-winged Blackbird         | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Orchard Oriole               | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Orchard Oriole               | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Orchard Oriole               | Mitchell      | Gene Lewis      |
| Great-tailed Grackle         | Shawnee       | Gene Lewis      |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak       | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak       | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Blue Grosbeak                | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Indigo Bunting               | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Purple Finch                 | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Purple Finch                 | Brown         | Gene Lewis      |
| Pine Siskin                  | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Pine Siskin                  | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| American Goldfinch           | Brown         | Gene Lewis      |
| American Goldfinch           | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Grasshopper Sparrow          | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Savannah Sparrow             | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| LeConte's Sparrow            | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Lark Sparrow                 | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Lark Sparrow                 | Leavenworth   | Gene Lewis      |
| Lark Sparrow                 | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Vesper Sparrow               | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Slate-colored Junco          | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Chipping Sparrow             | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |

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| Clay-colored Sparrow      | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Field Sparrow             | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Harris' Sparrow           | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| White-crowned Sparrow     | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| Lincoln's Sparrow         | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Swamp Sparrow             | Wabaunsee     | Gene Lewis      |
| Song Sparrow              | Jackson       | Gene Lewis      |
| Song Sparrow              | Kiowa         | Dan Larson      |
| Lapland Longspur          | Jefferson     | Gene Lewis      |
| White-faced Ibis          | Coffey        | Lloyd Moore     |
| Old Squaw                 | Jefferson     | Lloyd Moore     |
| Surf Scoter               | Linn          | Lloyd Moore     |
| White-winged Scoter       | Linn          | Lloyd Moore     |
| Whistling Swan            | Wyandotte     | Lloyd Moore     |
| Cinnamon Teal             | Coffey        | Lloyd Moore     |
| Prairie Falcon            | Linn          | Lloyd Moore     |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper   | Rice          | Lloyd Moore     |
| Sanderling                | Jefferson     | Lloyd Moore     |
| Franklin's Gull           | Marion        | Lloyd Moore     |
| Caspian Tern              | Wyandotte     | Lloyd Moore     |
| Snowy Owl                 | Wyandotte     | Lloyd Moore     |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | Coffey        | Lloyd Moore     |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | Miami         | Lloyd Moore     |
| Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | Coffey        | Lloyd Moore     |
| Willow Flycatcher         | Coffey        | Lloyd Moore     |
| Hermit Thrush             | Jefferson     | Lloyd Moore     |
| Water Pipit               | Barton        | Lloyd Moore     |
| Solitary Vireo            | Jefferson     | Lloyd Moore     |
| Philadelphia Vireo        | Jefferson     | Lloyd Moore     |
| Black & White Warbler     | Jefferson     | Lloyd Moore     |
| Nashville Warbler         | Jefferson     | Lloyd Moore     |
| Magnolia Warbler          | Stafford      | Lloyd Moore     |
| Blackburnian Warbler      | Coffey        | Lloyd Moore     |
| Ovenbird                  | Jefferson     | Lloyd Moore     |
| Brewer's Blackbird        | Jefferson     | Lloyd Moore     |
| Great-tailed Grackle      | Johnson       | Lloyd Moore     |
| Black-headed Grosbeak     | Coffey        | Lloyd Moore     |
| Henslow's Sparrow         | Jefferson     | Lloyd Moore     |
| Lark Sparrow              | Jefferson     | Lloyd Moore     |
| White Pelican             | Bourbon       | Bill Brecheisen |
| Canada Goose              | Bourbon       | Bill Brecheisen |
| White-fronted Goose       | Bourbon       | Bill Brecheisen |
| Snow (Blue) Goose         | Bourbon       | Bill Brecheisen |
| Turkey                    | Anderson      | Bill Brecheisen |
| Turkey                    | Bourbon       | Bill Brecheisen |
| Least Sandpiper           | Anderson      | Bill Brecheisen |
| Burrowing Owl             | Anderson      | Bill Brecheisen |
| Marsh Wren                | Anderson      | Bill Brecheisen |
| Wood Thrush               | Anderson      | Bill Brecheisen |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet    | Anderson      | Bill Brecheisen |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet      | Anderson      | Bill Brecheisen |
| Wilson's Warbler          | Anderson      | Bill Brecheisen |

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| Lark Bunting              | Anderson      | Bill Brecheisen     |
| Pied-billed Grebe         | Ellsworth     | Steve Burr          |
| White-fronted Goose       | Ellsworth     | Steve Burr          |
| Snow (Blue) Goose         | Ellsworth     | Steve Burr          |
| Bufflehead                | Ellsworth     | Steve Burr          |
| Ruddy Duck                | Ellsworth     | Steve Burr          |
| Goshawk                   | Ellsworth     | Steve Burr          |
| Osprey                    | Ellsworth     | Steve Burr          |
| Greater Yellowlegs        | Ellsworth     | Steve Burr          |
| Avocet                    | Ellsworth     | Steve Burr          |
| Wilson's Phalarope        | Ellsworth     | Steve Burr          |
| Snowy Owl                 | Ellsworth     | Steve Burr          |
| Mountain Bluebird         | Ellsworth     | Steve Burr          |
| Canvasback                | Ottawa        | Steve Burr          |
| Bufflehead                | Ottawa        | Steve Burr          |
| Prairie Falcon            | Ottawa        | Steve Burr          |
| Common Snipe              | Ottawa        | Steve Burr          |
| Greater Yellowlegs        | Ottawa        | Steve Burr          |
| American Avocet           | Ottawa        | Steve Burr          |
| Red-shafted Flicker       | Ottawa        | Steve Burr          |
| Brown Creeper             | Ottawa        | Steve Burr          |
| White-crowned Sparrow     | Ottawa        | Steve Burr          |
| Common Loon               | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Horned Grebe              | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Western Grebe             | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Double-crested Cormorant  | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| American Bittern          | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Common Egret              | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Snowy Egret               | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Snow (Blue) Goose         | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Cinnamon Teal             | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Gadwall                   | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Common Merganser          | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Osprey                    | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Golden Eagle              | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk        | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Broad-winged Hawk         | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Ferruginous Hawk          | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Pigeon Hawk (Merlin)      | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Virginia Rail             | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Sora Rail                 | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Semipalmated Plover       | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Common Snipe              | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Hudsonian Godwit          | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Least Sandpiper           | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| White-rumped Sandpiper    | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Pectoral Sandpiper        | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Baird's Sandpiper         | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Wilson's Phalarope        | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Ring-billed Gull          | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Herring Gull              | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |

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| Common Tern               | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Black Tern                | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Least Tern                | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Black-billed Cuckoo       | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Groove-billed Ani         | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Barred Owl                | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Long-eared Owl            | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Short-eared Owl           | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee        | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Purple Martin             | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Cliff Swallow             | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Black-billed Magpie       | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Winter Wren               | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Mountain Bluebird         | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Townsend's Solitaire      | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush       | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Swainson's Thrush         | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Gray Catbird              | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Water Pipit               | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Nashville Warbler         | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Magnolia Warbler          | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Palm Warbler              | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Blackpoll Warbler         | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Black & White Warbler     | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Yellowthroat              | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Wilson's Warbler          | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak    | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Blue Grosbeak             | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Chipping Sparrow          | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Field Sparrow             | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Vesper Sparrow            | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Lincoln's Sparrow         | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Oregon Junco              | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Smith's Longspur          | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Brewer's Blackbird        | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| House Finch               | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| Common Redpoll            | Saline        | Smoky Hills Audubon |
| White Pelican             | Saline        | Steve Burr          |
| Black Duck                | Saline        | Steve Burr          |
| Cooper's Hawk             | Ottawa        | Steve Burr          |
| Sora Rail                 | Ottawa        | Steve Burr          |
| Common Snipe              | Ellsworth     | Steve Burr          |
| American Avocet           | McPherson     | Steve Burr          |
| Rusty Blackbird           | Ellsworth     | Steve Burr          |
| LeConte's Sparrow         | Saline        | Steve Burr          |
| Field Sparrow             | Ottawa        | Steve Burr          |
| Fox Sparrow               | Saline        | Steve Burr          |
| Great-tailed Grackle      | Gove          | Marvin Schwilling   |
| Chipping Sparrow          | Stanton       | Marvin Schwilling   |
| Gray-colored Sparrow      | Stanton       | Marvin Schwilling   |
| Greater Scaup             | Morton        | Marvin Schwilling   |

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| Pectoral Sandpiper           | Morton        | Marvin Schwilling |
| Snowy Owl                    | Sheridan      | Les Pratt         |
| Western Grebe                | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| White Pelican                | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| Double-crested Cormorant     | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| Common Egret                 | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| Snowy Egret                  | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Black-crowned Night Heron    | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| American Bittern             | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Snow (Blue) Goose            | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Wood Duck                    | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Bald Eagle                   | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Pigeon Hawk (Merlin)         | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| Turkey                       | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| King Rail                    | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Long-billed Curlew           | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Upland Sandpiper             | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Willet                       | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Western Sandpiper            | Rooks         | Steve Schmidt     |
| Avocet                       | Thomas        | Steve Schmidt     |
| Black-billed Cuckoo          | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Barn Owl                     | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| Screech Owl                  | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Burrowing Owl                | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| Long-eared Owl               | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker     | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Eastern Phoebe               | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher       | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| American Tree Swallow        | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| American Tree Swallow        | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| Bank Swallow                 | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| White-breasted Nuthatch      | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch        | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Winter Wren                  | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Gray Catbird                 | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| Hermit Thrush                | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Veery                        | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Mountain Bluebird            | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher        | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet       | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Cedar Waxwing                | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Red-eyed Vireo               | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Black & White Warbler        | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Tennessee Warbler            | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Orange-crowned Warbler       | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt     |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler       | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Blackpoll Warbler            | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Ovenbird                     | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Northern Waterthrush         | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| Hooded Warbler               | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |
| American Redstart            | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt        |



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| Bobolink                 | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt      |
| Bullock's Oriole         | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt      |
| Rusty Blackbird          | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt      |
| Brewer's Blackbird       | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt      |
| Summer Tanager           | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt      |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak   | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt   |
| Lazuli Bunting           | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt      |
| House Finch              | Sheridan      | Steve Schmidt   |
| Common Redpoll           | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt      |
| Green-tailed Towhee      | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt      |
| Savannah Sparrow         | Sheridan      | Barb Pratt      |
| Horned Grebe             | Harvey        | Dwight Platt    |
| White Ibis               | Harvey        | Dwight Platt    |
| Cattle Egret             | Harvey        | Dwight Platt    |
| Least Bittern            | Harvey        | Dwight Platt    |
| Golden Eagle             | Harvey        | Dwight Platt    |
| Snowy Plover             | Harvey        | Dwight Platt    |
| Dunlin                   | Harvey        | Dwight Platt    |
| Stilt Sandpiper          | Harvey        | Dwight Platt    |
| Forster's Tern           | Harvey        | Dwight Platt    |
| Whip-poor-will           | Harvey        | Dwight Platt    |
| White-eyed Vireo         | Harvey        | Dwight Platt    |
| Great-tailed Grackle     | Harvey        | Dwight Platt    |
| Old Squaw                | Harvey        | Dwight Platt    |
| Cinnamon Teal            | Harvey        | Dwight Platt    |
| Garganey Teal            | Harvey        | Jay Newton      |
| Whistling Swan           | Harvey        | Jay Newton      |
| Herring Gull             | Harvey        | Jay Newton      |
| Bonaparte's Gull         | Harvey        | Jay Newton      |
| Caspian Tern             | Harvey        | Jay Newton      |
| Common Loon              | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| White Pelican            | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Cattle Egret             | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Little Blue Heron        | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Least Bittern            | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Tundra Swan              | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| White-fronted Goose      | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Snow Goose               | Pottawatomie  | Dan LaShelle    |
| American Wigeon          | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Old Squaw                | Riley         | Dan LaShelle    |
| Hooded Merganser         | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Common Merganser         | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Turkey Vulture           | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Osprey                   | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk       | Clay          | Dan LaShelle    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk       | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Red-shouldered Hawk      | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Swainson's Hawk          | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Ferruginous Hawk         | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Merlin                   | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Prairie Falcon           | Geary         | Dan LaShelle    |

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| Turkey                    | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Virginia Rail             | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Sandhill Crane            | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Black-bellied Plover      | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Piping Plover             | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| American Avocet           | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Lesser Yellowlegs         | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Willet                    | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Upland Sandpiper          | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Western Sandpiper         | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Least Sandpiper           | Cherokee      | Dan LaShelle    |
| Pectoral Sandpiper        | Cherokee      | Dan LaShelle    |
| Stilt Sandpiper           | Clay          | Dan LaShelle    |
| Wilson's Phalarope        | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Franklin's Gull           | Cherokee      | Dan LaShelle    |
| Bonaparte's Gull          | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Ring-billed Gull          | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Herring Gull              | Clay          | Dan LaShelle    |
| Caspian Tern              | Clay          | Dan LaShelle    |
| Black Tern                | Cherokee      | Dan LaShelle    |
| Black Tern                | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Black Tern                | Clay          | Dan LaShelle    |
| Rock Dove                 | Clay          | Dan LaShelle    |
| Black-billed Cuckoo       | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| E. Screech Owl            | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Chuck-will's-widow        | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Chuck-will's-widow        | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Hairy Woodpecker          | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Eastern Wood-Pee-wee      | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Willow Flycatcher         | Geary         | Dan LaShelle    |
| Great-crested Flycatcher  | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Purple Martin             | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| American Tree Swallow     | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Rough-winged Swallow      | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Bank Swallow              | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Bank Swallow              | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| White-breasted Nuthatch   | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch     | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Brown Creeper             | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Bewick's Wren             | Clay          | Dan LaShelle    |
| Bewick's Wren             | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Winter Wren               | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Marsh Wren                | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet    | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher     | Clay          | Dan LaShelle    |
| Townsend's Solitaire      | Ellsworth     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Swainson's Thrush         | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Cedar Waxwing             | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Cedar Waxwing             | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Northern Shrike           | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Bell's Vireo              | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |

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| Red-eyed Vireo           | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Warbling Vireo           | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Tennessee Warbler        | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Blackburnian Warbler     | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Pine Warbler             | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Blackpoll Warbler        | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| American Redstart        | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Louisiana Waterthrush    | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Common Yellowthroat      | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Wilson's Warbler         | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Canada Warbler           | Cherokee      | Dan LaShelle    |
| Summer Tanager           | Geary         | Dan LaShelle    |
| Summer Tanager           | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Blue Grosbeak            | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Blue Grosbeak            | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Rufous-sided Towhee      | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Lark Sparrow             | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Vesper Sparrow           | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Vesper Sparrow           | Morris        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Field Sparrow            | Clay          | Dan LaShelle    |
| Field Sparrow            | Morris        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Clay-colored Sparrow     | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Song Sparrow             | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Swamp Sparrow            | Clay          | Dan LaShelle    |
| White-throated Sparrow   | Clay          | Dan LaShelle    |
| White-throated Sparrow   | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| White-crowned Sparrow    | Clay          | Dan LaShelle    |
| Bobolink                 | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Bobolink                 | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Western Meadowlark       | Morris        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Western Meadowlark       | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Yellow-headed Blackbird  | Jefferson     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Rusty Blackbird          | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Orchard Oriole           | Nemaha        | Dan LaShelle    |
| Orchard Oriole           | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Pine Siskin              | Ellsworth     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Pine Siskin              | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| American Goldfinch       | Wabaunsee     | Dan LaShelle    |
| Ring-necked Pheasant     | Allen         | Steve Kingswood |
| Upland Sandpiper         | Allen         | Steve Kingswood |
| Black-billed Cuckoo      | Allen         | Steve Kingswood |
| Red-shafted Flicker      | Butler        | Steve Kingswood |
| Brewer's Blackbird       | Butler        | Steve Kingswood |
| Great-tailed Grackle     | Cherokee      | Steve Kingswood |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Clay          | Steve Kingswood |
| Lesser Golden Plover     | Clay          | Steve Kingswood |
| Willet                   | Clay          | Steve Kingswood |
| Ring-billed Gull         | Clay          | Steve Kingswood |
| Forster's Tern           | Clay          | Steve Kingswood |
| Black-bellied Plover     | Cowley        | Steve Kingswood |
| American Woodcock        | Cowley        | Steve Kingswood |
| Inca Dove                | Cowley        | Steve Kingswood |

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| Lark Bunting                 | Cowley        | Steve Kingswood |
| Black-throated Sparrow       | Cowley        | Steve Kingswood |
| Wood Duck                    | Ford          | Steve Kingswood |
| Pied-billed Grebe            | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Mallard                      | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| American Wigeon              | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Northern Shoveler            | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Wood Duck                    | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk           | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Broad-winged Hawk            | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Spotted Sandpiper            | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Barred Owl                   | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Chuck-will's-widow           | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Whip-poor-will               | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Belted Kingfisher            | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Red-shafted Flicker          | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker     | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Least Flycatcher             | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee           | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Cliff Swallow                | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Purple Martin                | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Brown Creeper                | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Bewick's Wren                | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Carolina Wren                | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Wood Thrush                  | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Hermit Thrush                | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Swainson's Thrush            | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet       | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Cedar Waxwing                | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Bell's Vireo                 | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Solitary Vireo               | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Red-eyed Vireo               | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Warbling Vireo               | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Tennessee Warbler            | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Orange-crowned Warbler       | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Nashville Warbler            | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Yellow Warbler               | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Magnolia                     | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Black-throated Green Warbler | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Blackpoll Warbler            | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Wilson's Warbler             | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| American Redstart            | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Western Meadowlark           | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Orchard Oriole               | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Scarlet Tanager              | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Summer Tanager               | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Blue Grosbeak                | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| American Goldfinch           | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Rufous-sided Towhee          | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Vesper Sparrow               | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Lark Sparrow                 | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |
| Slate-colored Junco          | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood |

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| Oregon Junco           | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Field Sparrow          | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Harris' Sparrow        | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood             |
| White-crowned Sparrow  | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood             |
| White-throated Sparrow | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Lincoln's Sparrow      | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Song Sparrow           | Franklin      | Steve Kingswood             |
| White-fronted Goose    | Harper        | Steve Kingswood             |
| Swainson's Thrush      | Kiowa         | Steve Kingswood             |
| Eastern Bluebird       | Kiowa         | Steve Kingswood             |
| Chimney Swift          | Morris        | Steve Kingswood             |
| Turkey                 | Osage         | Steve Kingswood             |
| Dunlin                 | Osage         | Steve Kingswood             |
| Least Bittern          | Pottawatomie  | Steve Kingswood             |
| Hooded Merganser       | Pottawatomie  | Steve Kingswood             |
| Swainson's Hawk        | Pottawatomie  | Steve Kingswood             |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | Pottawatomie  | Steve Kingswood             |
| Caspian Tern           | Pottawatomie  | Steve Kingswood             |
| Tree Swallow           | Pottawatomie  | Steve Kingswood             |
| Wood Thrush            | Pottawatomie  | M. Stapanian & S. Kingswood |
| Wilson's Warbler       | Pottawatomie  | Steve Kingswood             |
| Great-tailed Grackle   | Pottawatomie  | Steve Kingswood             |
| Fox Sparrow            | Pottawatomie  | Steve Kingswood             |
| Eared Grebe            | Pratt         | Steve Kingswood             |
| Swainson's Hawk        | Reno          | Steve Kingswood             |
| Least Tern             | Reno          | Steve Kingswood             |
| Least Flycatcher       | Reno          | Steve Kingswood             |
| Black-capped Chickadee | Reno          | Steve Kingswood             |
| Solitary Vireo         | Reno          | Steve Kingswood             |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | Reno          | Steve Kingswood             |
| Nashville Warbler      | Reno          | Steve Kingswood             |
| White-crowned Sparrow  | Reno          | Steve Kingswood             |
| Bonaparte's Gull       | Riley         | Steve Kingswood             |
| Caspian Tern           | Riley         | Steve Kingswood             |
| Veery                  | Riley         | Steve Kingswood             |
| LeConte's Sparrow      | Riley         | Steve Kingswood             |
| Great Egret            | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Snowy Egret            | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Sandhill Crane         | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Virginia Rail          | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Semipalmated Plover    | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Lesser Golden Plover   | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Willet                 | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Long-billed Dowitcher  | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Stilt Sandpiper        | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Hudsonian Godwit       | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Burrowing Owl          | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Least Flycatcher       | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee     | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| American Tree Swallow  | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Bank Swallow           | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Rough-winged Swallow   | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |

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| Black-capped Chickadee  | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Hermit Thrush           | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Swainson's Thrush       | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush     | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher   | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Bell's Vireo            | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Red-eyed Vireo          | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Blue-winged Warbler     | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Tennessee Warbler       | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Northern Parula Warbler | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Western Meadowlark      | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak  | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Black-throated Sparrow  | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Oregon Junco            | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| Clay-colored Sparrow    | Sedgwick      | Steve Kingswood             |
| White-faced Ibis        | Summer        | S. Kingswood & David Seibel |
| Whistling Swan          | Summer        | S. Kingswood & D. Seibel    |
| White-faced Scoter      | Summer        | S. Kingswood & D. Seibel    |
| Black Scoter            | Summer        | S. Kingswood & D. Seibel    |
| Black-bellied Plover    | Summer        | S. Kingswood & D. Seibel    |
| Lark Bunting            | Summer        | S. Kingswood & D. Seibel    |
| Northern Pintail        | Wilson        | Steve Kingswood             |
| White-faced Ibis        | Cheyenne      | Scott Seltman               |
| Inca Dove               | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman               |
| Horned Grebe            | Scott         | Scott Seltman               |
| Horned Grebe            | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman               |
| Eared Grebe             | Rush          | Scott Seltman               |
| White Pelican           | Rush          | Scott Seltman               |
| Great Blue HEron        | Comanche      | Scott Seltman               |
| Cattle Egret            | Rush          | Scott Seltman               |
| Wood Duck               | Pawnee        | Charles Ely                 |
| Common Merganser        | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman               |
| Mississippi Kite        | Gove          | Scott Seltman               |
| Green-winged Teal       | Ellsworth     | Scott Seltman               |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk      | Rush          | Scott Seltman               |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk      | Scott         | Scott Seltman               |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk      | Hodgeman      | Scott Seltman               |
| Mississippi Kite        | Lane          | Scott Seltman               |
| Red-tailed Hawk         | Edwards       | Scott Seltman               |
| Broad-winged Hawk       | Rush          | Scott Seltman               |
| Cooper's Hawk           | Edwards       | Scott Seltman               |
| Ferruginous Hawk        | Cowley        | Scott Seltman               |
| Ferruginous Hawk        | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman               |
| Osprey                  | Graham        | Scott Seltman               |
| Osprey                  | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman               |
| Osprey                  | Scott         | Scott Seltman               |
| Merlin                  | Trego         | Scott Seltman               |
| Merlin                  | Rush          | Scott Seltman               |
| Merlin                  | Edwards       | Scott Seltman               |
| Merlin                  | Gove          | Scott Seltman               |
| Merlin                  | Lane          | Scott Seltman               |

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| Greater Prairie Chicken   | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Turkey                    | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Whooping Crane            | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Virginia Rail             | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Sora Rail                 | Graham        | Scott Seltman   |
| Black Rail                | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Lesser Golden Plover      | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Black-bellied Plover      | Rush          | Charles Ely     |
| Whimbrel                  | Stafford      | Scott Seltman   |
| Solitary Sandpiper        | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Solitary Sandpiper        | Graham        | Scott Seltman   |
| Solitary Sandpiper        | Gove          | Scott Seltman   |
| Greater Yellowlegs        | Cheyenne      | Scott Seltman   |
| Greater Yellowlegs        | Ness          | Scott Seltman   |
| Greater Yellowlegs        | Edwards       | Scott Seltman   |
| Lesser Yellowlegs         | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Baird's Sandpiper         | Graham        | Scott Seltman   |
| Least Sandpiper           | Gove          | Scott Seltman   |
| Long-billed Dowitcher     | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Stilt Sandpiper           | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper   | Edwards       | Scott Seltman   |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper   | Hodgeman      | Scott Seltman   |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper   | Stafford      | Scott Seltman   |
| Northern Phalarope        | Scott         | Scott Seltman   |
| Wilson's Phalarope        | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Herring Gull              | Ellsworth     | Scott Seltman   |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo      | Graham        | Scott Seltman   |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo      | Norton        | Scott Seltman   |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo      | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Black-billed Cuckoo       | Barber        | Scott Seltman   |
| Black-billed Cuckoo       | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Screech Owl               | Edwards       | Scott Seltman   |
| Screech Owl               | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Burrowing Owl             | Norton        | Scott Seltman   |
| Barred Owl                | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Long-eared Owl            | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Long-eared Owl            | Hodgeman      | Scott Seltman   |
| Short-eared Owl           | Hodgeman      | Scott Seltman   |
| Saw-whet Owl              | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Poor-will                 | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Belted Kingfisher         | Gove          | Scott Seltman   |
| Red-shafted Flicker       | Hodgeman      | Scott Seltman   |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker    | Lane          | Scott Seltman   |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker    | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker    | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Hairy Woodpecker          | Ness          | Scott Seltman   |
| Hairy Woodpecker          | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | Graham        | Scott Seltman   |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Great-crested Flycatcher  | Gove          | Scott Seltman   |
| Eastern Wood Pewee        | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher    | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Pinyon Jay                | Morton        | Scott Seltman   |

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| Black-capped Chickadee  | Kiowa         | Scott Seltman   |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | Graham        | Scott Seltman   |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | Hodgeman      | Scott Seltman   |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | Norton        | Scott Seltman   |
| White-breasted Nuthatch | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch   | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch   | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch   | Scott         | Scott Seltman   |
| Brown Creeper           | Hodgeman      | Scott Seltman   |
| Brown Creeper           | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Brown Creeper           | Scott         | Scott Seltman   |
| Winter Wren             | Ellsworth     | Scott Seltman   |
| Marsh Wren              | Rooks         | Scott Seltman   |
| Rock Wren               | Graham        | Scott Seltman   |
| Northern Mockingbird    | Edwards       | Scott Seltman   |
| Sage Thrasher           | Gove          | Scott Seltman   |
| Sage Thrasher           | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Eastern Bluebird        | Norton        | Scott Seltman   |
| Eastern Bluebird        | Hodgeman      | Scott Seltman   |
| Townsend's Solitaire    | Hodgeman      | Scott Seltman   |
| Townsend's Solitaire    | Ness          | Scott Seltman   |
| Townsend's Solitaire    | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Townsend's Solitaire    | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Mountain Bluebird       | Lane          | Scott Seltman   |
| Mountain Bluebird       | Norton        | Scott Seltman   |
| Mountain Bluebird       | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Mountain Bluebird       | Edwards       | Scott Seltman   |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet    | Scott         | Scott Seltman   |
| Water Pipit             | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Sprague's Pipit         | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Cedar Waxwing           | Gove          | Scott Seltman   |
| Cedar Waxwing           | Hodgeman      | Scott Seltman   |
| Cedar Waxwing           | Ness          | Scott Seltman   |
| Cedar Waxwing           | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Northern Shrike         | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Solitary Vireo          | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Tennessee Warbler       | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Nashville Warbler       | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Nashville Warbler       | Scott         | Scott Seltman   |
| Myrtle Warbler          | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Blackpoll Warbler       | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Louisiana Waterthrush   | Barton        | Scott Seltman   |
| Wilson's Warbler        | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| American Redstart       | Stafford      | Scott Seltman   |
| Orchard Oriole          | Edwards       | Scott Seltman   |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak  | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Black-headed Grosbeak   | Edwards       | Scott Seltman   |
| Purple Finch            | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| House Finch             | Ness          | Scott Seltman   |
| American Goldfinch      | Gove          | Scott Seltman   |
| American Goldfinch      | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| American Goldfinch      | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |



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| American Goldfinch         | Graham        | Charles Ely     |
| American Goldfinch         | Norton        | Charles Ely     |
| Red Crossbill              | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Rufous-sided Towhee        | Edwards       | Scott Seltman   |
| Savannah Sparrow           | Ness          | Scott Seltman   |
| Grasshopper Sparrow        | Graham        | Charles Ely     |
| Grasshopper Sparrow        | Ness          | Charles Ely     |
| LeConte's Sparrow          | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| Sharp-tailed Sparrow       | Geary         | Scott Seltman   |
| Vesper Sparrow             | Edwards       | Charles Ely     |
| Lark Sparrow               | Edwards       | Scott Seltman   |
| Oregon Junco               | Ness          | Scott Seltman   |
| American Tree Sparrow      | Hodgeman      | Scott Seltman   |
| American Tree Sparrow      | Ness          | Scott Seltman   |
| Chipping Sparrow           | Ness          | Scott Seltman   |
| Chipping Sparrow           | Norton        | Scott Seltman   |
| Field Sparrow              | Pawnee        | Scott Seltman   |
| White-crowned Sparrow      | Edwards       | Scott Seltman   |
| White-crowned Sparrow      | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Lincoln's Sparrow          | Edwards       | Scott Seltman   |
| Swamp Sparrow              | Ness          | Scott Seltman   |
| Song Sparrow               | Hodgeman      | Scott Seltman   |
| Chestnut-collared Longspur | Rush          | Scott Seltman   |
| Northern Phalarope         | Haskell       | Sebastian Patti |
| Eastern Meadowlark         | Meade         | Sebastian Patti |
| Connecticut Warbler        | Douglas       | Sebastian Patti |
| Old Squaw                  | Linn          | Mick McHugh     |
| White-winged Scoter        | Linn          | Mick McHugh     |
| Common Merganser           | Morton        | Mick McHugh     |
| Goshawk                    | Linn          | Mick McHugh     |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper    | Linn          | Mick McHugh     |
| Sanderling                 | Linn          | Mick McHugh     |
| Bonaparte's Gull           | Linn          | Mick McHugh     |
| Burrowing Owl              | Johnson       | Mick McHugh     |
| Stellar's Jay              | Morton        | Mick McHugh     |
| Great-tailed Grackle       | Linn          | Mick McHugh     |
| Black-headed Grosbeak      | Linn          | Mick McHugh     |
| White-faced Ibis           | Cheyenne      | Lorena Combs    |
| White-faced Ibis           | Linn          | Lorena Combs    |
| White-winged Scoter        | Linn          | Lorena Combs    |
| Common Loon                | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Pied-billed Grebe          | Clay          | Lorena Combs    |
| Pied-billed Grebe          | Republic      | Lorena Combs    |
| Cinnamon Teal              | Butler        | Lorena Combs    |
| Northern Shoveler          | Marshall      | Lorena Combs    |
| Goshawk                    | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Common Merganser           | Pawnee        | Lorena Combs    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk         | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Osprey                     | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Swainson's Hawk            | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| King Rail                  | Republic      | Lorena Combs    |
| Long-billed Curlew         | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |

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| Solitary Sandpiper        | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Black Tern                | Clay          | Lorena Combs    |
| Black Tern                | Marshall      | Lorena Combs    |
| Black-billed Cuckoo       | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Barn Owl                  | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Burrowing Owl             | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Common Poor-Will          | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Belted Kingfisher         | Clay          | Lorena Combs    |
| Belted Kingfisher         | Marshall      | Lorena Combs    |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher    | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Bank Swallow              | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Black-capped Chickadee    | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Brown Creeper             | Marshall      | Lorena Combs    |
| Mountain Bluebird         | Lane          | Lorena Combs    |
| Bell's Vireo              | Clay          | Lorena Combs    |
| Tennessee Warbler         | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Orange-crowned Warbler    | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Nashville Warbler         | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Yellow Warbler            | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Myrtle Warbler            | Marshall      | Lorena Combs    |
| Blackburnian Warbler      | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Canada Warbler            | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| American Redstart         | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Bobolink                  | Marshall      | Lorena Combs    |
| Eastern Meadowlark        | Gray          | Lorena Combs    |
| Northern Cardinal         | Marshall      | Lorena Combs    |
| Indigo Bunting            | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Evening Grosbeak          | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| American Goldfinch        | Gove          | Lorena Combs    |
| Red Crossbill             | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| LeConte's Sparrow         | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Oregon Junco              | Clay          | Lorena Combs    |
| Chipping Sparrow          | Marshall      | Lorena Combs    |
| Chipping Sparrow          | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| White-crowned Sparrow     | Marshall      | Lorena Combs    |
| White-crowned Sparrow     | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| White-throated Sparrow    | Marshall      | Lorena Combs    |
| White-throated Sparrow    | Reno          | Lorena Combs    |
| Pied-billed Grebe         | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Double-crested Cormorant  | Clark         | Marie Swisher   |
| Little Blue Heron         | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Snowy Egret               | Clark         | Marie Swisher   |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Whistling Swan            | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Snow (Blue) Goose         | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Gadwall                   | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Northern Pintail          | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Cinnamon Teal             | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Wood Duck                 | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Ring-necked Duck          | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Canvasback                | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Common Goldeneye          | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |

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| Bufflehead                | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Ruddy Duck                | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Common Merganser          | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Turkey Vulture            | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Mississippi Kite          | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| American Woodcock         | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Avocet                    | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Wilson's Phalarope        | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Barn Owl                  | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Snowy Owl                 | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Vermillion Flycatcher     | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Bank Swallow              | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Brown Creeper             | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Carolina Wren             | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush       | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet    | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet      | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Ovenbird                  | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Bobolink                  | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Scarlet Tanager           | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Common Redpoll            | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |
| Pine Siskin               | Comanche      | Marie Swisher   |

Marvin Schwilling  
Emporia, KS

PERSONAL CORRECTIONS TO COUNTY BIRD LISTS/Scott Seltman

From my personal records

Gove

Sage Thrasher                      delete from Trego                      10-11-80

Graham

Green-winged Teal                      9-07-84

Morton

Ruddy Turnstone                      9-15-84

Red-necked Phalarope                      9-15-84

Black-billed Cuckoo                      9-15-84

Winter Wren                      by M. Schwilling                      9-15-84

Norton

Chestnut-sided Warbler                      9-07-84

Ovenbird

Wilson's Warbler

McCown's Longspur

Red-eyed Vireo                      6-30-84

Pawnee

|                     |  |          |
|---------------------|--|----------|
| Little Blue Heron   |  | 9-18-83  |
| Semipalmated Plover |  | 9-13-84  |
| Willow Flycatcher   |  | 9-05-84  |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee  |  | 8-24-82  |
| Red Crossbill       |  | 12-15-82 |

Rush

|                         |                       |         |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Greater Prairie Chicken |                       | 8-23-84 |
| Greater Prairie Chicken |                       | 9-05-84 |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper  |                       | 8-15-84 |
| Barred Owl              | well seen near Nekoma | 9-24-82 |
| Willow Flycatcher       |                       | 7-25-84 |
| Sprague's Pipit         |                       | 4-23-84 |
| Indigo Bunting          |                       | 5-05-83 |
| House Finch             |                       | 8-05-84 |

Stafford

|               |                     |         |
|---------------|---------------------|---------|
| Laughing Gull | 2 juv. after Alicia | 8-20-83 |
| Ross' Goose   | 2                   | 4-07-84 |
| Ross' Goose   | 1                   | 4-23-83 |

Stevens

|                 |                       |         |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Western Tanager | by Dave & Linda Bryan | 4-30-83 |
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From KOS Bulletin and CBC's

|                          |                     |                    |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Hermit Thrush            | Jim Rising          | 12-24-80 Cherokee  |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | Tom Shane           | 1-01-81 Ellsworth? |
| Rufous-crowned Sparrow   | Zimmerman and Combs | 12-26-82 Geary?    |

From American Birds

|                         |                                |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Greater Scaup           | 35:5 p.839 Donald Vannoy       | 3-31-81 Sedgwick         |
| White-throated Swift    | 33:2 p.192 at KSU              | 11-01-78 Riley           |
| Ash-throated Flycatcher | 32:2 p.225 Vannoy and Jehle    | 8-07-77 Sedgwick         |
| Cassin's Kingbird       | 32:2 p.225 Doug Kibbe          | 9-17-77 Cheyenne         |
| Rock Wren               | 32:2 p.225 Nan Johnson et al   | 10-29-77 Jefferson       |
| Varied Thrush           | 31:3 p.346 James Ayres et al   | Jan.-77 Johnson          |
| Sage Thrasher           | 32:2 p.225 Sue Jehle           | 11-09-77 Sedgwick        |
|                         | 31:3 p. 346 John Ault          | 1-31-77 Jackson          |
| Sharp-tailed Sparrow    | 32:2 p.225 Donald Vannoy       | 11-24-77 Reno            |
| Smith's & C-C Longspur  | 32:5 p.1028 Donald Vannoy      | 3-05-78 Sedgwick         |
| Snow Bunting            | 31:2 p. 245 H. Coswell & Nan J | Nov.-76 Jefferson/Coffey |
|                         | 32:2 p.225 Lloyd Moore         | Nov.-77 Jefferson        |
|                         | 31:5 p.1019 Donald Vannoy      | 1 & 2-77 Kingman         |

Dim Recollections

|                         |                        |               |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Cattle Egret            | at Sublette rookery    | 8-23 Haskell  |
| Oldsquaw                | Tom Cannon             | Russell       |
| Greater Prairie Chicken | personal communication | Ness & Graham |
| Lewis' Woodpecker       | D. Vannoy et al        | Sedgwick      |

Dim Recollections (continued)

|                      |                     |                      |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Steller's Jay        | winter 82-83???     | Reno                 |
| Black-billed Magpie  | Steve Kingswood     | Kingman              |
| Common Raven         | in 70's???          | Johnson or Wyandotte |
| Townsend's Solitaire | on refuge checklist | Stafford             |
| Townsend's Warbler   | ask Zimmerman       | Riley                |
| Rufous Hummingbird   | Orville O. Rice     | 10-4/9-84 Shawnee    |

NEW COUNTY BIRD DISTRIBUTION SIGHT RECORDS (Began December 13, 1985)

| <u>Species</u>                | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observer</u>                                            |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Evening Grosbeak           | Neosho        | 12-2-86     | Larry Tiemann                                              |
| 2. Trumpeter Swan             | Lyon          | 12-12-85    | John Hertling (specimen)                                   |
| 3. Pygmy Nuthatch             | Geary         | 12- -85     | John LaShelle                                              |
| 4. Pygmy Nuthatch             | Saline        | 12- -85     |                                                            |
| 5. Common Redpoll             | Stafford      | 12- -85     |                                                            |
| 6. Purple Finch               | Mitchell      | -----       | Betty Elder                                                |
| 7. Vesper Sparrow             | Mitchell      | -----       | Betty Elder                                                |
| 8. Clay-colored Sparrow       | Cloud         | -----       | Betty Elder                                                |
| 9. American Tree Swallow      | Ottawa        | -----       | Betty Elder                                                |
| 10. Veery                     | Smith         | -----       | Betty Elder                                                |
| 11. Pine Siskin               | Osborne       | -----       | Betty Elder                                                |
| 12. House Finch               | Jewell        | -----       | Betty Elder                                                |
| 13. Lark Bunting              | Coffey        | 8-1-81      | Leonard Jirak                                              |
| 14. Barrows Goldeneye         | Johnson       | 12-11-83    | Cunningham                                                 |
| 15. Merlin                    | Geary         | 1-1-86      | Mel Cooksey, Mick McHugh,<br>and Lloyd Moore               |
| 16. Bohemian Waxwing          | Geary         | 1-1-86      | Mel Cooksey, Mick McHugh,<br>and Lloyd Moore               |
| 17. Pygmy Nuthatch            | Ford          | 1-8-86      | Marvin Schwilling                                          |
| 18. Short-eared Owl           | Gray          | 1-9-86      | Marvin Schwilling                                          |
| 19. Evening Grosbeak          | Pott.         | 11-10-85    | Steve Hansen & Chris Smith                                 |
| 20. Turkey                    | Miami         | 1-24-85     | William Brecheisen                                         |
| 21. Trumpeter Swan            | Barber        | 2-1-86      | Unknown (4 birds, one<br>w/collar 33 NC)                   |
| 22. Painted Bunting           | Reno          | 2-6-86      | Dick Langenwaller (specimen<br>at Pratt, flew into window) |
| 23. Green-backed Heron        | Lane          | 5-17-85     | Arthur Nonhof                                              |
| 24. Eastern Screech Owl       | Gray          | 5-1-85      | Arthur Nonhof                                              |
| 25. Eastern Screech Owl       | Hodgeman      | 10-12-85    | Arthur Nonhof                                              |
| 26. Eastern Screech Owl       | Lane          | 5-23-85     | Arthur Nonhof                                              |
| 27. Eastern Screech Owl       | Ness          | 5- -85      | Arthur Nonhof                                              |
| 28. Whip-poor-will            | Hodgeman      | 10-13-85    | Arthur Nonhof                                              |
| 29. Ruby-throated Hummingbird | Gray          | 8-22-85     | Arthur Nonhof                                              |
| 30. Belted Kingfisher         | Lane          | 4 & 5-85    | Arthur Nonhof                                              |
| 31. Red-bellied Woodpecker    | Hodgeman      | 5-11-85     | Arthur Nonhof                                              |
| 32. Downy Woodpecker          | Lane          | 4-31-85     | Arthur Nonhof                                              |
| 33. Eastern Wood-Pewee        | Gray          | 9-2-85      | Arthur Nonhof                                              |
| 34. Eastern Wood-Pewee        | Lane          | 5-25-85     | Arthur Nonhof                                              |
| 35. Alder Flycatcher          | Gray          | 9- -85      | Arthur Nonhof (banded)                                     |

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| 36. Least Flycatcher             | Hodgeman      | Spring '85  | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 37. Least Flycatcher             | Lane          | Spring '85  | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 38. Great Crested Flycatcher     | Lane          | 5-18-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 39. Red-breasted Nuthatch        | Gray          | 4-29-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 40. Brown Creeper                | Gray          | 11-3-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 41. Ruby-crowned Kinglet         | Hodgeman      | 5-6-85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 42. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher        | Gray          | 5-6-85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 43. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher        | Lane          | 8-22-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 44. Veery                        | Gray          | 5-9-85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 45. Veery                        | Hodgeman      | 5-11-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 46. Veery                        | Lane          | 5-18-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 47. Veery                        | Ness          | 5-20-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 48. Gray-cheeked Thrush          | Lane          | 5-18-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 49. Gray-cheeked Thrush          | Ness          | 5-5-85      | Arthur Nonhoff         |
| 50. Swainson's Thrush            | Hodgeman      | 5-1-85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 51. Hermit Thrush                | Hodgeman      | - -85       | Arthur Nonhof (banded) |
| 52. Gray Catbird                 | Gray          | 5-14-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 53. Gray Catbird                 | Lane          | 5- -85      | Arthur Nonhof (banded) |
| 54. Bell's Vireo                 | Lane          | 5-4-85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 55. Yellow-throated Vireo        | Gray          | 4-18/19-85  | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 56. Red-eyed Vireo               | Ness          | 5-5-85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 57. Warbling Vireo               | Lane          | 5-4-85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 58. Tennessee Warbler            | Lane          | 5-24-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 59. Orange-crowned Warbler       | Gray          | 4-29-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 60. Orange-crowned Warbler       | Lane          | 5-4-85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 61. Orange-crowned Warbler       | Ness          | 5-4-85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 62. Nashville Warbler            | Gray          | 4-22-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 63. Nashville Warbler            | Hodgeman      | 10-12-85    | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 64. Yellow Warbler               | Lane          | 5-4-85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 65. Yellow Warbler               | Ness          | 5-4-85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 66. Myrtle Warbler               | Ness          | 5-4&5-85    | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 67. Audubons Warbler             | Gray          | 5-18-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 68. Audubons Warbler             | Ness          | 5-4&5-85    | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 69. Townsend's Warbler           | Gray          | 9-4-85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 70. Black-throated Green Warbler | Gray          | 9-21-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 71. Blackpoll Warbler            | Gray          | 5-22-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 72. Blackpoll Warbler            | Lane          | 5-17-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 73. American Redstart            | Gray          | 9-21-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 74. American Redstart            | Hodgeman      | 5-21-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 75. American Redstart            | Lane          | 5- -85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 76. American Redstart            | Ness          | 5-10-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 77. Ovenbird                     | Gray          | 5-6-85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 78. Ovenbird                     | Hodgeman      | 5-20-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 79. Ovenbird                     | Lane          | 5-24-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 80. Ovenbird                     | Ness          | 5-4-85      | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 81. Northern Waterthrush         | Gray          | 5-16-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 82. Northern Waterthrush         | Lane          | 5-17-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 83. MacGillivray's Warbler       | Lane          | 5-18-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 84. Wilson's Warbler             | Hodgeman      | 9-13-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 85. Wilson's Warbler             | Lane          | 9-28-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |
| 86. Wilson's Warbler             | Ness          | 9-14-85     | Arthur Nonhof          |

|      | <u>Species</u>         | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observer</u> |
|------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 87.  | Yellow-breasted Chat   | Gray          | 5-14-85     | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 88.  | Yellow-breasted Chat   | Hodgeman      | 5-11-85     | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 89.  | Yellow-breasted Chat   | Lane          | 5-18-85     | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 90.  | Yellow-breasted Chat   | Ness          | 9-14-85     | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 91.  | Summer Tanager         | Ness          | 5-5-85      | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 92.  | Rose-breasted Grosbeak | Gray          | 5-6-85      | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 93.  | Rose-breasted Grosbeak | Hodgeman      | 5-12-85     | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 94.  | Rose-breasted Grosbeak | Ness          | 5-5-85      | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 95.  | Black-headed Grosbeak  | Hodgeman      | 5-20-85     | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 96.  | Black-headed Grosbeak  | Ness          | 5-5-85      | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 97.  | Lazuli Bunting         | Gray          | 5-16-85     | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 98.  | Indigo Bunting         | Gray          | 5-6-85      | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 99.  | Indigo Bunting         | Lane          | 5-18-85     | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 100. | Rufous-sided Towhee    | Hodgeman      | 4-20-85     | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 101. | Rufous-sided Towhee    | Ness          | 5-4-85      | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 102. | Clay-colored Sparrow   | Gray          | 10-10-85    | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 103. | Lincoln's Sparrow      | Gray          | 4-30-85     | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 104. | Lincoln's Sparrow      | Ness          | 5-4-85      | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 105. | White-throated Sparrow | Gray          | 10-28-85    | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 106. | White-throated Sparrow | Hodgeman      | 10-12-85    | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 107. | White-crowned Sparrow  | Gray          | 4-21-85     | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 108. | Great-tailed Grackle   | Gray          | 4-22-85     | Arthur Nonhof   |
| 109. | Bullock's Oriole       | Lane          | 5-17-85     | Arthur Nonhof   |

Marvin Schwilling  
Emporia, Kansas

NEW COUNTY BIRD DISTRIBUTION SIGHT RECORDS (Began Feb. 18, 1986)

|     | <u>Species</u>              | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observer</u>                               |
|-----|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Whooping Crane              | Thomas        | 3/ /86      | rpt. Leonard Hopper                           |
| 2.  | Evening Grosbeaks (14)      | Woodson       | 3/22/86     | Tom Cannon                                    |
| 3.  | Brewer's Blackbird (2)      | Woodson       | 3/22/86     | Tom Cannon                                    |
| 4.  | White Ibis                  | Miami         | 8/ /85      | Jane Leo & Jane Lippencott                    |
| 5.  | Red-breasted Merganser      | Miami         | 11/ /85     | Mick McHugh, Mel Cooksey,<br>and Lloyd Moore  |
| 6.  | Veery                       | Stafford      | 5/ /84      | Mick McHugh & Chris Hobbs                     |
| 7.  | Sharp-tailed Sparrow        | Stafford      | 4/ /76      | Sebastian Patti                               |
| 8.  | Marbled Godwit              | Pratt         | 4/10/86     | Bob Wood, Bill Hlavachick,<br>and Ken Brunson |
| 9.  | Semipalmated Sandpiper      | Kiowa         | 4/15/86     | Bob Wood                                      |
| 10. | Cooper's Hawk               | Clark         | 4/15/86     | Bob Wood                                      |
| 11. | Solitary Sandpiper          | Dickinson     | 4/21/86     | Bob Wood & Bill Layher                        |
| 12. | Turkey                      | Washington    | 4/9/86      | Jim Mayhew                                    |
| 13. | Franklin Gull               | Washington    | 4/1/86      | Jim Mayhew                                    |
| 14. | Bonaparte's Gull            | Republic      | 4/16/86     | Jim Mayhew                                    |
| 15. | Purple Finch                | Marshall      | 3/20/86     | Jim Mayhew                                    |
| 16. | Pine Siskin                 | Marshall      | 3/20/86     | Jim Mayhew                                    |
| 17. | Evening Grosbeak            | Marshall      | 3/20/86     | Jim Mayhew                                    |
| 18. | American Woodcock           | Butler        | 4/7/86      | Carroll Lange                                 |
|     | (nest - 4 eggs, Butler SFL) |               |             |                                               |

|     | <u>Species</u>         | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observer</u>                                     |
|-----|------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 19. | Red-breasted Merganser | Pottawatomie  | 3/12/86     | Ted Cable                                           |
| 20. | Merlin                 | Pottawatomie  | 12/18-20/85 | Ted Cable                                           |
| 21. | Long-eared Owl         | Butler        | 12/19/85    | Steve Capel                                         |
| 22. | Lazuli Bunting         | Pottawatomie  | 5/13/86     | Ted Cable                                           |
| 23. | White-faced Ibis       | Hodgeman      | 5/12/86     | Bob Higgins, Lloyd Wilson,<br>Bob Wood, Bill Layher |
| 24. | Lesser Yellowlegs      | Hodgeman      | 5/12/86     | Bob Higgins, Lloyd Wilson,<br>Bob Wood, Bill Layher |
| 25. | Western Sandpiper      | Hodgeman      | 5/12/86     | Bob Higgins, Lloyd Wilson,<br>Bob Wood, Bill Layher |
| 26. | Long-billed Dowitcher  | Hodgeman      | 5/12/86     | Bob Higgins, Lloyd Wilson,<br>Bob Wood, Bill Layher |
| 27. | Little Blue Heron      | Harper        | 5/21/86     | Bob Wood                                            |
| 28. | Snowy Egret            | Harper        | 5/21/86     | Bob Wood                                            |
| 29. | Glaucous Gull          | Sedgwick      | 5/23/86     | Donald Vannoy                                       |
| 30. | Wood Thrush            | Stafford      | 5/25/86     | Lloyd Moore & others                                |
| 31. | Gray-cheeked Thrush    | Pottawatomie  | 5/13/86     | Ted T. Cable                                        |
| 32. | Veery                  | Pottawatomie  | 5/14/86     | Ted T. Cable                                        |
| 33. | Long-billed Dowitcher  | Allen         | 4/1/86      | Tom & Jeri Cannon                                   |
| 34. | Scaled Quail           | Pratt         | 6/5/86      | Kent Montei                                         |

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NEW COUNTY DISTRIBUTION SIGHT RECORDS (Began June 10, 1986)

|     | <u>Species</u>           | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u>            | <u>Observer</u>          |
|-----|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.  | Acadian Flycatcher       | Riley         | 6-22-86                | Ted Cable                |
| 2.  | Yellow-throated Vireo    | Riley         | 6-22-86                | Ted Cable                |
| 3.  | Fish Crow (3)            | Cherokee      | 5-3-86                 | Scott Seltman & Others   |
| 4.  | Evening Grosbeak         | Anderson      | 4-8-86                 | Effie Edwards            |
| 5.  | Evening Grosbeak         | Chautauqua    | 12-2-85                | Sara A. Patterson        |
| 6.  | Evening Grosbeak         | Crawford      | 1-8-86 thru<br>4-20-86 | Dr. Ted Sperry           |
| 7.  | Evening Grosbeak         | Jefferson     | 11-23-85               | Dan LaShelle             |
| 8.  | Evening Grosbeak         | Wabaunsee     | 2-16-86                | Dan & Betty LaShelle     |
| 9.  | Evening Grosbeak         | Labette       | - -86                  | Reported by Gerald Wiens |
| 10. | Western Kingbird         | Atchison      | 7-9-86                 | Bob Wood                 |
| 11. | Evening Grosbeak (40-50) | Jackson       | 12- -85                | Joanne Brier             |
| 12. | Evening Grosbeak         | Butler        | 12- -85                | Shirley Walton           |
| 13. | Evening Grosbeak (18)    | Coffey        | 1-5-86 thru<br>3-22-86 | Jim McMurray             |
| 14. | Turkey Vulture           | Harper        | 8-14-86                | Bob Wood                 |
| 15. | Great Egret              | Harper        | 8-14-86                | Bob Wood                 |
| 16. | Roseate Spoonbill        | Osage         | 8-24-86                | Charles Hall             |
| 17. | Anhinga                  | Osage         | 9-1-86                 | Marvin Schwillling       |
| 18. | Roseate Spoonbill        | Chase         |                        | Jerry Horak              |
| 19. | Parasitic Jaeger         | Woodson       | 3- -74                 | Tom Mosher               |
| 20. | Roseate Spoonbill        | Barton        | 9-3-86                 | Wayne Hoffman            |

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**KOS**

**ANNUAL**

**FALL**

**MEETING**

**OCTOBER 3-5, 1986**

## OFFICER'S CORNER

Some of the things I look forward to each year are weekends, migration, togetherness with good friends and family, and birding.

Living in the midwest affords us the opportunity to experience the change of seasons. I look forward to winter because I know Spring is soon to come; I welcome summer because I know mid-August will bring the beginning of the fall flights southward.

As a sales manager for a Fortune 50 company, I face tension, stress, and business goals each day and most nights carry the load home for a few more hours of work. I manage the stress and pressure by exercise and weekend birding.

I have a tendency to never stop birding (I observe birds during work sessions with my sales team and always on non-birding family vacations), but because of time pressures and family pursuits, I bird extensively during migration and bank time during the rest of the year to be reinvested during peak movement times.

I enjoy my family and look forward to the special times we enjoy together. Having a hobby that we all enjoy (they perhaps, not as ardent as I) keeps us together most weekends during migration. Birding with good friends is also important! Although I have the tendency to go with the same individuals, I always enjoy meeting people in the field or being a member of a large group during a field trip.

So, what's the bottom line? Perhaps birding would provide YOU with the same stress release, intellectual pursuit, family and friendship outlet that it provides for me and many others.

The Annual KOS meeting is coming up October 3-5 with field trips scheduled; please try to be there. Join any field trip of your choice or go out by yourself during the coming months.

Dave Bryan  
Overland Park, KS

## POMONA LAKE CIRCLE - KANSAS SUMMER BIRD COUNT 1986

June 7, 1986; 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Overcast to partly cloudy, temp. 71°F. Wind 5-8 mph. 8 observers in three parties, 0 at feeders, 15.5 total party hours (7.5 by foot, 8 by car), 0 feeders, 0 owling. Total party miles 108 (99 by car, 9 on foot).

Great Blue Heron 9; Wood Duck 9; Turkey Vulture 11; Northern Harrier 1; Red-tailed Hawk 6; American Kestrel 4; Northern Bobwhite 26; Killdeer 26; Upland Sandpiper 10; Rock Dove 1; Mourning Dove 55; Yellow-billed Cuckoo 32; Great Horned Owl 4; Common Nighthawk 2; Chimney Swift 21; Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-headed Woodpecker 14; Red-bellied Woodpecker 2; Downy Woodpecker 10; Hairy Woodpecker 3; Northern Flicker 9; Olive-sided Flycatcher 1; Eastern Wood-Pewee 17; Empidonax sp 4; Eastern Phoebe 4; Great Crested Flycatcher 19; Western Kingbird 6; Eastern Kingbird 41; Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 8; Purple Martin 16; Northern Rough-winged Swallow 8; Barn Swallow 56; Blue Jay 30; American Crow 21; Black-capped Chickadee 57; Tufted Titmouse 6; White-breasted Nuthatch 5; Carolina Wren 2; House Wren 5; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 10; Eastern Bluebird 30; American Robin 129; Gray Catbird 2; Northern Mockingbird 5;

Brown Thrasher 31; Loggerhead Shrike 19; European Starling 69; Warbling Vireo 18; Red-eyed Vireo 3; Northern Parula 3; Common Yellowthroat 2; Northern Cardinal 39; Blue Grosbeak 2; Indigo Bunting 31; Dickcissel 187; Chipping Sparrow 3; Field Sparrow 8; Lark Sparrow 1; Grasshopper Sparrow 6; Red-winged Blackbird 69; Eastern Meadowlark 87; Common Grackle 158; Brown-headed Cowbird 65; Northern Oriole 20; American Goldfinch 9; House Sparrow 137.

Other birds seen the day before the count - Caspian Tern; Black Tern.

Total Species 66; 1706 individuals. Participants - Bob Culbertson, Dave and Mary Dunsmoor, Dean Grisell, Phyllis Henney, Gene Lewis, Tanya Tims, Bunnie Watkins (Compiler: 3212 West 24th Street Terrace, Lawrence, KS 66046) and Dan Williamson.

#### KONZA PRAIRIE VISITORS' DAY

On September 27, 1986 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM the Konza Prairie Research Natural Area will have a Visitors' Day. The Visitor's Day provides an opportunity for YOU to see the 8,616 acre outdoor laboratory that is the Konza Prairie. The prairie, which once comprised the historic Dewey Ranch, is managed by Kansas State University for ecological research and is owned by The Nature Conservancy.

#### Scheduled Events

- 1) A slide show every half hour from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- 2) Guided hikes beginning at 9:30 AM and continuing until 3:30 PM. Hike length varies from a short hike (0.5 miles) to a moderate hike (2.0 miles) to a long hike (4.0 miles).
- 3) Demonstrations on prairie plants and animals, effects of fire on the prairie community, weather station, and current research.
- 4) History - The Riley County Historical Society will conduct tours of the ranch buildings throughout the day.

#### Location

From K-177: At the east end of the Kansas River bridge in Manhattan, follow McDowell Creek Road (Riley County 901) about 6 miles, turn south at the Konza Prairie sign and continue 1 mile to the headquarters area.

From I-70 heading east: Exit 307 and go northeast on McDowell Creek Road (RC-901) about 5 miles, turn south at the Konza Prairie sign and continue 1 mile to the headquarters area.

From I-70 heading west: Exit 313 and go north on K-177 for about seven miles to just south of the Kansas River bridge then turn left and follow McDowell Creek Road (RC-901) for about six miles, turn south at the Konza Prairie sign and continue 1 mile to the headquarters area.

For more information, Contact John L. Zimmerman, (913) 532-6659 or the Division of Biology Office, (913) 532-6615.

## KANSAS WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH 1987

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month is a cooperative effort of conservation organizations whose purpose is to increase the public's awareness of and appreciation for the wildlife and associated natural resources of Kansas by focusing on a series of activities in March.

Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month shall be the function of a Task Force, whose membership shall consist of representatives of Kansas conservation and education organizations and interested individuals. The Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month Coordinators shall be appointed by the Task Force through the consensus of the representative members in attendance at the annual April meeting. The Task Force shall meet monthly, or at the call of the Coordinators, to prepare and plan for the next Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month. The subject for the following Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month shall be determined by those in attendance at the May meeting of the Task Force. The Task Force functions shall be carried out by the Executive Committee, whose membership shall consist of the immediate past and present coordinators.

Plans are underway to celebrate our wildlife heritage during March 1987. The theme of the celebration will be Wetlands. Our permanent motto will be "Habitat - A Place To Grow" and will be incorporated into the logo, which is the 1986 poster with some modifications. The heron and the words KANSAS WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH will be kept. Along with the statewide activities carried out by numerous organizations to celebrate Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month, we are planning to observe Kansas Wildlife Day on Wednesday, March 18, 1987. We have reserved the first floor of the Capitol Building in Topeka from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM so that organizations and businesses can display their products or promote their organizations. We hope to be able to demonstrate the importance wildlife plays in the economic and recreational aspects of Kansas. We hope you and your organization can join with us on that day in Topeka.

Meetings about Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month will be occurring between now and March at various locations throughout the state. We encourage you to participate in these meetings and the celebration during March 1987.

### Meeting Dates, Times and Places

|              |            |                                           |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------------------------|
| August 19    | Emporia    | Room 153 Bruckelman Science Building, ESU |
| September 23 | Great Bend | Location to be announced                  |
| October 20   | Manhattan  | Room 202 Memorial Union, KSU              |
| November 18  | Topeka     | Location to be announced                  |
| December 15  | Manhattan  | Room 202 Memorial Union, KSU              |
| January 20   | Hays       | Location to be announced                  |
| February 17  | Manhattan  | Room 202 Memorial Union, KSU              |

All meetings will be from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

For more information about Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month and/or the monthly meetings contact either one of the 1987 coordinators.

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OR

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If you have any suggestions about KOS participation in Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month 1987 or Kansas Wildlife Day please contact me. We participated in Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month 1986 with a monetary contribution, by sending a representative to all of the planning meetings and Cedar Crest on Wildlife Day, and by starting a pamphlet about birds for beginning birders.

Elmer J. Finck  
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#### WHAT KIND OF BIRD(ER) WATCHER ARE YOU?

That's a question I've been asking myself since shortly after I began bird watching in 1975. Others, such as Roger Tory Peterson, Chuck Bernstein, Russ Peterson and Bill Oddie have tried to answer this question before but none to my complete satisfaction. Two important factors are ability and commitment, but even these are not enough. I have come to some of my own conclusions after meeting many people that are into birds. Let's see if you agree with me.

#### The Main Categories:

1. Sportsmen
2. Back-yard Bird Watcher
3. Typical Bird Watcher
4. Lister
5. Birder
6. Hard Core Birder (Twitcher)
7. Ornithologist & Good Nature Photographers

Sportsmen must be included in the group in that they are certainly interested in birds, if only game birds. Their total scope may be limited but they do watch birds, especially the ones they miss. Many bird watchers began as sportsmen and we do share a major common goal - Habitat Protection. If sportsmen and environmentalists could get together, they could form a very effective political team. I think the National Wildlife Federation and the Audubon Society realize this and am hopeful that someday we see some positive changes.

Back-yard Bird Watchers are just that. While they probably own a field guide and a cheap pair of binoculars, most have never gone on a field trip. Most have certainly never taken a vacation strictly for observing birds. They are probably the nicest people in the group and donate a lot of money to wildlife organizations.

Typical Bird Watchers usually go on three or four local field trips a year (usually in the spring). They may own a spotting scope and four or five bird books. They can probably identify up to 300 species without many mistakes. There is a wide range of abilities in this group. Some are pretty good while others are just "dicky"-birders (in Kansas that's spelled J. Dickey-Birders). These are the ones that are in far over their heads, like the guy I met at Cheyenne Bottoms who was excited about the Sharp-tailed Grouse which was really a female Ring-necked Pheasant. Then there was the lady calling the immature female Northern Harrier a Red-shouldered Hawk. Or there are those at the bird club meetings who say they hate hawks for eating their cardinals and

chickadees or the man who hates owls because they eat his Purple Martins. These people have no concept of the overall scene and yet say they enjoy birds. I am NOT knocking all bird watchers however. Most of them usually vote intelligently and give a lot of money to Audubon and other groups. Also, as I've said, many of them are pretty good at identifying birds and understanding nature.

Lister is often associated with the Birder, but some listers are not, nor never will be, good birders. They simply enjoy checking the bird off their life or whatever list and don't really care about them anymore. They are more like sportsmen with perhaps even less commitment to the overall bird scene.

Birders all keep life, year and at least one state list (see there is nothing really wrong with keeping lists). They own spotting scopes, expensive binoculars and possibly a camera with a telephoto lens. They go out almost every weekend (unless the temperature is below 20 degrees or above 95 degrees) to observe birds, often alone. They often go in the rain and sometimes their families come second to birds. They either belong to the American Birding Association or subscribe to American Birds. If they have a VCR they tape nature shows about birds. They can identify over 600 species of birds (many by song only) with only a little help from their bird books. They also have a small library of bird books.

Hard-Core Birders are the envied elite (although not necessarily for their egos). They think about very few things other than birds. They talk about scapulars, wing extension, tarsus length, mantle color, orbital ring, coverts, and other terms. They also like to talk about lumping and splitting (and why). They take trips to Texas, California, and Alaska to visit sewage lagoons, trash dumps and outer islands. They own Leitz or Zeiss binoculars and Questar spotting scopes and are much more likely to lead a bird tour/trip than to take one. They are probably Life Members of the American Birding Association and can identify over 1000 species of birds by their calls alone. They are usually single or if married, childless (hopefully for family sake). They have life lists either over or approaching 600, do Big Days, compile Christmas Counts and dedicate their lives to birds. They observe birds in all temperatures and weather conditions.

Ornithologists (and Nature Photographers) are the professionals. They usually have Masters or Doctorate degrees. They may not be able to tell a bird in the field but certainly can one in the hand. They are usually married with at least one child and actually take many weekends to be with them. Most of them do not keep lists and belong to the American Ornithologist's Union. Most are either tour leaders, teachers or work for the government. I do not profess to be anywhere near this group even though I have a degree in Biology. It is fun though, to study other aspects of birds besides just identifying them. This is the group I would most like to be in.

I tried not to take this too seriously. Birding (Watching) should most of all be FUN and however you enjoy it should be fine with everyone else (as long as nobody tries to force their standards on anybody else). Finally, what am I? Like most, at different times I am a little bit of each one. Overall however, I fit into the Birder category. So, where do you fit?

Good Birding,

Steve Crawford  
Olathe, Kansas

## KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY 1986 ANNUAL FALL MEETING

The KOS will hold its annual fall meeting at the Wildwood Outdoor Education Center, near the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Management Area in Linn County on October 3-5. The meeting will start on Friday evening and end on Sunday after lunch. Field trips will be held on Sunday.

Wildwood Outdoor Education Center is located at the north end of the LaCygne Power Lake a short distance east of Highway U.S. 69 near the Linn-Miami County Line. Turn east on a gravel road past the Bell Telephone relay tower to their large sign and gate that leads south into the camp.

Wildwood overlooks the upper end of the lake. Habitats in and around the camp are varied and should be excellent birding areas. Accomodations are dormitory or family room style. A bed is provided but you must bring your own sheets, blankets and pillow as well as soap and towel. The staff cooks the meals and all of us will eat in the dining hall unless you have other arrangements. If you bring your camper there is limited space for about five units. Check with the management for assigned parking area. There are no electrical hookups. Tent camping space is not available. You may want to use Linn County Park just south along the west side of the lake. Campers who prefer electrical hookups may also want to use this park.

The field trips are being coordinated by local Kansas City birders. They will include trips to the nearby Marais des Cygne Wildlife Management Area as well as LaCygne Power Lake. Final field trip itineraries will be available at Wildwood upon arrival.

Friday October 3 - Friday evening is left open as a social evening at Wildwood from 8:00-10:00 PM. There will be registration from 6:00-9:00 PM and a buffet supper from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Saturday October 4 - Registration begins at 8:00 AM. The paper session begins at 9:00 AM. The ever-popular Birdwatchers Hour will be from 1:00-2:00 PM. Saturday night we will enjoy a steak barbeque dinner grilled outside. Wendell Mohling, past president of the Burroughs Audubon Society, former co-director of the Prairie Center in Olathe, and one of the final 100 candidates for the Teacher in Space Program will be our banquet speaker.

Sunday October 5 - Several field trips are scheduled to the best birding spots in the area. We will compile the list at about noon at Camp Wildwood.

Advance Payment and Registration is Required. The center needs to know how many persons are going to attend the meeting so they can prepare for us. We ask that you have your registration and payment in by September 20. You must pay registration (the \$12.50 includes a \$10 fee that covers complete use of the Wildwood Camp facility, boating, fishing, hiking, tennis courts, meeting areas; \$2.50 for KOS, and then you may select any combination of meals and lodging). We ask your cooperation in promptly sending us your registration.

For more information or clarification, call Dave Bryan, 913-341-9584 during weekdays after 7 PM.

## REGISTRATION

Please return this portion with your registration fee and ENTIRE payment of lodging and meal selections by September 20. Cancellation and a refund can be made until October 1.

### FEES

Registration: \$12.50 per person (this fee includes \$10 for complete use of the Wildwood facility, boating, fishing, hiking, tennis courts, meeting areas, etc. and \$2.50 for K.O.S)

Lodging: \$10.00 per night, per person (bring own bedding, towel and soap).

Meals:            Breakfast    \$3.50 per person  
                      Lunch            \$3.00 per person  
                      Dinner         \$4.50 per person  
                      Banquet        \$10.50 per person

Camper Space: Trailers and campers \$3.00 per night, limit of 5 spaces. Tent camping not available (tent campers may want to use Linn County Park just south, along the west side of the lake).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

|                     |         | <u>No.</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------------|---------|------------|---------------|
| Registration Fee:   | \$12.50 | _____      | _____         |
| Meals:              |         |            |               |
| Dinner Friday Night | \$4.50  | _____      | _____         |
| Breakfast Saturday  | \$3.50  | _____      | _____         |
| Lunch Saturday      | \$3.00  | _____      | _____         |
| Banquet Saturday    | \$10.50 | _____      | _____         |
| Breakfast Sunday    | \$3.50  | _____      | _____         |
| Lunch Sunday        | \$3.00  | _____      | _____         |
| Lodging:            |         |            |               |
| Friday              | \$10.00 | _____      | _____         |
| Saturday            | \$10.00 | _____      | _____         |

SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION TO: Dave Bryan  
 Kansas Ornithological Society  
 9214 West 82nd Terrace  
 Overland Park, KS 66204

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Kansas Ornithological Society



## CALL FOR PAPERS

K.O.S. ANNUAL MEETING, 1986

The Kansas Ornithological Society will meet 3, 4, and 5 October 1986, at Camp Wildwood. The contributed paper sessions will be on Saturday, 4 October. The only requirement is that papers deal with birds in some way! We especially encourage graduate and undergraduate students to present the results of their studies. The most interesting papers are often by people who consider themselves amateurs but nevertheless have considerable expertise. We encourage you to share your experiences with the group. Both long and short presentations are welcome.

We are again requesting that all contributors submit an abstract or short summary of their presentations. These will be printed in the next issue of the Newsletter.

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Complete this form and mail to:

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BEST BIRDS OF THE SEASON

SPECIES \_\_\_\_\_ SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY &amp; LOCALITY \_\_\_\_\_

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

It has been recommended by the Board of Directors that the following three amendments to the Bylaws be considered and voted upon at the annual fall meeting.

Article II

## Sec. 3. Classes of membership,

- F. Student Members \$2.00 per year  
 (Change elementary through high school to read elementary through college, including full-time undergraduate and graduate students.)

Article VI

## Sec. 6. The Treasurer shall:

- C. (Delete "Be bonded")

## Sec. 7. The Business Manager shall:

- G. Authorize payment of bills and be authorized to (counter)sign checks (with the President or the corresponding secretary) in the absence of the Treasurer.

Roger Boyd  
 Baldwin City, KS

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## BIRD RECORDS

| <u>Species</u>           | <u>County</u> | <u>Observer</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Old Squaw                | Linn          | Mick McHugh     |
| Stellars Jay             | Morton        | Mick McHugh     |
| Common Loon              | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Western Grebe            | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Pied-billed Grebe        | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| Pied-billed Grebe        | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| White Pelican            | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| White Pelican            | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Chautauqua    | Steve Capel     |
| Double-crested Cormorant | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Anhinga                  | Greenwood     | Steve Capel     |
| Green-backed Heron       | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| Little Blue Heron        | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Cattle Egret             | Lincoln       | Steve Capel     |
| Cattle Egret             | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Common Egret             | Greenwood     | Steve Capel     |
| Common Egret             | Reno          | Steve Capel     |
| Common Egret             | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Snowy Egret              | Elk           | Steve Capel     |
| American Bittern         | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| White-fronted Goose      | Butler        | Steve Capel     |
| White-fronted Goose      | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Snow Goose               | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Gadwall                  | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Gadwall                  | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Pintail                  | Ellsworth     | Steve Capel     |
| Green-winged Teal        | Comanche      | Steve Capel     |
| Green-winged Teal        | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| American Wigeon          | Ellsworth     | Steve Capel     |
| Wood Duck                | Harper        | Steve Capel     |
| Redhead                  | Ellsworth     | Steve Capel     |
| Canvasback               | Marion        | Steve Capel     |
| Lesser Scaup             | Ellsworth     | Steve Capel     |
| Bufflehead               | Clay          | Steve Capel     |
| Hooded Merganser         | Jewell        | Steve Capel     |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk       | Chautauqua    | Steve Capel     |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk       | Greenwood     | Steve Capel     |
| Bald Eagle               | Woodson       | Steve Capel     |
| Marsh Hawk               | Saline        | Steve Capel     |
| Osprey                   | Chautauqua    | Steve Capel     |
| Osprey                   | McPherson     | Steve Capel     |
| Scaled Quail             | Wichita       | Steve Capel     |
| Turkey                   | Ellsworth     | Steve Capel     |
| Turkey                   | Greenwood     | Steve Capel     |
| Turkey                   | Harvey        | Steve Capel     |
| Turkey                   | Hodgeman      | Steve Capel     |

Marvin Schwillling  
Emporia, KS

*Kansas Ornithological Society*

# NEWSLETTER

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**CHEYENNE BOTTOMS**

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

**PAGES 8 & 9,**

**PLEASE RESPOND TO**

**INDICATE YOUR**

**USAGE.**

## OFFICER'S CORNER

I'm certain the fact that we are in the midst of another election year has escaped the attention of few persons - especially with the plethora of gubernatorial candidates among which to choose. As the cacophony of the various campaigns becomes increasingly strident, those of us who enjoy the soothing quiet of a stroll through prairies, meadows, and woodlands are easily tempted to shut out the din and isolate ourselves from the process. While such a reaction cannot be wholly inexcusable, my appeal is to pause to examine the consequences of such inaction.

Those of us who enjoy and care about birds and other wild things need to continue the process of self-education concerning the issues which affect our environment and its creatures. (Acid rain, deforestation, continued threats to endangered species, air and water pollution, erosion, urban sprawl and loss of habitat, and misuse of our water resources to name but a few.) Thus educated, we can intelligently cast our ballots for those candidates who are willing to support the measures which will ensure the protection, conservation and enhancement of our natural resources.

One of the persons I most admire is Mary Cook, a retired school teacher who resides in Bloomington, Minnesota. She is an avid birder and a most enthusiastic supporter of the prairie-preservation movement. Originally from Iowa, Mary, more than any other person I know, epitomizes the best that the word environmentalist brings to mind. She takes the time to research the issues, gather facts and cohorts, then with great zeal and enthusiasm, digs into the foray to fight for what she believes in. It is that kind of dedication to our natural resources that I wish were more infectious - a wonderful antidote to "pass"ificism, aloofness, and apathy. May you each catch at least a mild case of "Mary Cook Disease" in the coming months!

Joyce Wolf  
Lawrence, Kansas

## EVENING GROSBEAK COUNTY RECORDS NEEDED

It has been an evening grosbeak year. We have received reports from widespread areas in the state. However, we still lack records from 63 counties. If you have sightings from any of the following counties please provide date, place and other pertinent information to Marvin Schwillling, Fish and Game Research Office, P.O. Box 1525, Emporia, KS 66801.

|            |             |              |            |
|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Allen      | Gove        | Logan        | Rush       |
| Anderson   | Grant       | Marion       | Scott      |
| Atchison   | Gray        | Marshall     | Seward     |
| Bourbon    | Greely      | Meade        | Smith      |
| Butler     | Greenwood   | Miami        | Stafford   |
| Chautauqua | Harper      | Mitchell     | Stanton    |
| Cheyenne   | Hodgeman    | Montgomery   | Stevens    |
| Clark      | Jackson     | Morris       | Thomas     |
| Coffey     | Jefferson   | Nemaha       | Wabaunsee  |
| Comanche   | Jewell      | Norton       | Wallace    |
| Crawford   | Kearny      | Osborne      | Washington |
| Decatur    | Labette     | Pawnee       | Wichita    |
| Dickinson  | Lane        | Phillips     | Wilson     |
| Doniphan   | Leavenworth | Pottawatomie | Woodson    |
| Edwards    | Lincoln     | Rawlins      | Wyandotte  |
| Ellsworth  | Linn        | Republic     |            |

Marvin Schwillling  
Emporia, KS

## KOS SPRING MEETING AT THE CHEYENNE BOTTOMS

The Spring Meeting of KOS was held at the Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivera May 9-11, 1986. We stayed at Camp Aldridge. Fifty-eight people registered. We saw a total of 169 species during the three days. We thank Guy Ernsting for arranging the accommodations, which made the weekend an exciting experience.

## List of Those Who Registered at the 1986 KOS Spring Meeting

|                      |                     |                      |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Baldwin</u>       | <u>Burlington</u>   | <u>Copeland</u>      |
| Jan Boyd             | Dan Williamson      | Art Nonhof           |
| Jon Boyd             |                     | Karen Nonhof         |
| Margaret Boyd        | <u>Clyde</u>        |                      |
| Roger L. Boyd        | Avis Jackson        | <u>Elkhart</u>       |
| Katherine B. Kelley  |                     | Lawrence Smith       |
|                      | <u>Ellinwood</u>    | Ruth Smith           |
| <u>Emporia</u>       | Guy Ernsting        |                      |
| Marvin Schwilling    | Shelley Ernsting    | <u>Garden City</u>   |
| Mark Crane           |                     | Aislin Herbert       |
|                      | <u>Gardner</u>      | Carleen Herbert      |
| <u>Great Bend</u>    | Maxine McKaughan    | Emily Herbert        |
| Stan Wood            |                     | Gene Herbert         |
|                      | <u>Hays</u>         | Lawrence Herbert     |
| <u>Hugoton</u>       | Donna Cooper        |                      |
| Barbara Nordling     | Mike Dwyer          | <u>Hutchinson</u>    |
| Bernie Nordling      | Charles A. Ely      | Loren Combs          |
| Charles Wagner       | Marvin E. Rolfs     |                      |
| Rita Wagner          | Jim Wagner          | <u>Lawrence</u>      |
|                      | Dennis Zehr         | Wayne Hoffman        |
| <u>Longton</u>       |                     |                      |
| H. L. Albright       | <u>Manhattan</u>    | <u>Nekoma</u>        |
| Sylvia Albright      | Elmer J. Finck      | Diane Seltman        |
|                      | Steve C. Hansen     | Scott Seltman        |
| <u>Newton</u>        | Lowell Johnson      | Marvin Seltzman      |
| Rose Fritz           | Wanda Mae Johnson   | Mrs. Marvin Seltzman |
| Jane Hershberger     |                     |                      |
| Richard H. Schmidt   | <u>North Newton</u> | <u>Ottawa</u>        |
|                      | Bob Regier          | John M. Brockway     |
| <u>Overland Park</u> |                     | Johnnie Brockway     |
| Dave Bryan           | <u>Russell</u>      | Martin Brockway      |
| Mrs. Dave Bryan      | Jane Holland        | Jo Flager            |
|                      | LeRoy Holt          | Orville Flager       |
| <u>Salina</u>        |                     |                      |
| Tom Shane            | <u>Wichita</u>      |                      |
|                      | David Banner        |                      |

## KOS Spring Board Meeting Minutes

- 1) Roger Boyd announced that Larry Herbert had accepted the opening on the Official Record Committee vacated by the late Orville Rice.

- 2) Falconry Resolution - The state legislature has passed a resolution directing Kansas Fish & Game to encourage development of a raptor program allowing falconry. Sentiment was expressed that this would allow open development of falconry. Kansas Fish & Game is reluctant to develop a falconry program.
- 3) Educational Brochure - The education committee has met and should have introductory information for the fall meeting.
- 4) Wildlife Heritage Month - The group has written organizational goals and objective. Wetlands is the topic for March 1987.
- 5) The 1987 KOS spring meeting will be in southeastern Kansas for birding at Shimmerhorn Park. Because of few options for meeting sites we discussed whether there would be an objection to camping out of state. The board thought that there is no reason to object. Therefore, Marvin Schwilling will explore possibilities near Joplin, MO.
- 6) Members in attendance were Roger L. Boyd, Elmer J. Finck, David Bryan, Dan Williamson, Donna Cooper, and Lawrence Herbert.

Lawrence Herbert  
Garden City, KS

#### Birds Seen at the 1986 KOS Spring Meeting

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pied-billed Grebe          | Forster's Tern            |
| Horned Grebe               | Black Tern                |
| Eared Grebe                | Rock Dove                 |
| White Pelican              | Mourning Dove             |
| Double-crested Cormorant   | Common Barn Owl           |
| American Bittern           | Eastern Screech Owl       |
| Least Bittern              | Great Horned Owl          |
| Great Blue Heron           | Burrowing Owl             |
| Great Egret                | Common Nighthawk          |
| Snowy Egret                | Chuck-will's Widow        |
| Little Blue Heron          | Chimney Swift             |
| Tricolored Heron           | Belted Kingfisher         |
| Cattle Egret               | Red-headed Woodpecker     |
| Green-backed Heron         | Red-bellied Woodpecker    |
| Black-crowned Night Heron  | Downy Woodpecker          |
| Yellow-crowned Night Heron | Hairy Woodpecker          |
| White-faced Ibis           | Northern Flicker          |
| Canada Goose               | Eastern Phoebe            |
| Wood Duck                  | Great Crested Flycatcher  |
| Green-winged Teal          | Western Kingbird          |
| Mallard                    | Eastern Kingbird          |
| Northern Pintail           | Scissor-tailed Flycatcher |
| Blue-winged Teal           | Horned Lark               |
| Cinnamon Teal              | Purple Martin             |
| Northern Shoveler          | Tree Swallow              |
| Gadwall                    | Bank Swallow              |
| American Wigeon            | Cliff Swallow             |
| Canvasback                 | Barn Swallow              |
| Redhead                    | Blue Jay                  |

Lesser Scaup  
 Bufflehead  
 Ruddy Duck  
 Turkey Vulture  
 Mississippi Kite  
 Northern Harrier  
 Swainson's Hawk  
 Red-tailed Hawk  
 Ferruginous Hawk  
 American Kestrel  
 Peregrine Falcon  
 Ring-necked Pheasant  
 Turkey  
 Northern Bobwhite  
 King Rail  
 Virginia Rail  
 Sora Rail  
 Common Moorhen  
 American Coot  
 Black-bellied Plover  
 Lesser Golden Plover  
 Snowy Plover  
 Semipalmated Plover  
 Piping Plover  
 Killdeer  
 Mountain Plover  
 Black-necked Stilt  
 American Avocet  
 Greater Yellowlegs  
 Lesser Yellowlegs  
 Willet  
 Spotted Sandpiper  
 Upland Sandpiper  
 Whimbrel  
 Hudsonian Godwit  
 Marbled Godwit  
 Ruddy Turnstone  
 Red Knot  
 Sanderling  
 Semipalmated Sandpiper  
 Western Sandpiper  
 Least Sandpiper  
 White-rumped Sandpiper  
 Baird's Sandpiper  
 Pectoral Sandpiper  
 Dunlin  
 Stilt Sandpiper  
 Long-billed Dowitcher  
 Common Snipe  
 Wilson's Phalarope  
 Red-necked Phalarope  
 Franklin's Gull  
 Ring-billed Gull  
 Caspian Tern  
 Common Tern

American Crow  
 Black-capped Chickadee  
 House Wren  
 Marsh Wren  
 Eastern Bluebird  
 Gray-cheeked Thrush  
 Swainson's Thrush  
 Wood Thrush  
 American Robin  
 Gray Catbird  
 Northern Mockingbird  
 Brown Thrasher  
 Cedar Waxwing  
 Loggerhead Shrike  
 European Starling  
 Bell's Vireo  
 Warbling Vireo  
 Tennessee Warbler  
 Orange-crowned Warbler  
 Nashville Warbler  
 Yellow Warbler  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler  
 American Redstart  
 Northern Waterthrush  
 Common Yellowthroat  
 Yellow-breasted Chat  
 Northern Cardinal  
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
 Black-headed Grosbeak  
 Indigo Bunting  
 Dickcissel  
 Rufous-sided Towhee  
 Chipping Sparrow  
 Clay-colored Sparrow  
 Field Sparrow  
 Vesper Sparrow  
 Lark Sparrow  
 Lark Bunting  
 Savannah Sparrow  
 Grasshopper Sparrow  
 White-crowned Sparrow  
 Bobolink  
 Red-winged Blackbird  
 Eastern Meadowlark  
 Western Meadowlark  
 Yellow-headed Blackbird  
 Great-tailed Grackle  
 Common Grackle  
 Brown-headed Cowbird  
 Orchard Oriole  
 Northern Oriole  
 House Finch  
 American Goldfinch  
 House Sparrow

Guy Ernsting  
 Ellinwood, KS



## MISSOURI PRAIRIE CONFERENCE

Columbia--The Missouri Prairie Foundation will host the first Missouri Prairie Conference on July 26-27, 1986 at the Ramada Inn in Columbia, Missouri. The conference will be part of the group's 20th anniversary celebration.

Patterned from a national gathering of prairie enthusiasts, the conference promises to be festive as well as educational. Talks on the history, management and ecology of the prairie will be presented. Agricultural and home landscaping uses of prairie plants will also be featured.

A morning field trip to prairie areas will give participants a first hand opportunity to experience prairie.

The conference will be highlighted by an evening banquet featuring Missouri grown buffalo meat. Banquet speaker will be Missouri Net news director and author Bob Priddy, on Missouri's historical links with the prairie.

One third of Missouri was covered with tall grass prairie at the time of the pioneers. Today less than one percent of the original acreage remains. The Missouri Prairie Foundation was organized in 1966 to save some of this once vast prairie for future Missourians to enjoy. Since that time the group has preserved over 1,100 acres and currently owns six prairie tracts totaling 713 acres.

Citizens interested in preserving the rich prairie heritage of Missouri are invited to attend this conference. For more information write Prairie Conference, P.O. Box 200, Columbia, MO 65202.

## UNUSUAL BIRDS JUNE-DECEMBER 1985

|                          |                                                                                                                                       |          |          |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Common Loon              | 10+ on Kirwin                                                                                                                         | 11-02-85 | Phillips |
| Western Grebe            | Very common this fall...10+                                                                                                           | 10-15-85 | Trego    |
| Western Grebe            | 2 on Pool 1 found by Dave Bryan                                                                                                       | 07-06-85 | Barton   |
| Double-crested Cormorant | 4 nests on duck blinds in Pool 2                                                                                                      | 07-09-85 | Barton   |
| Olivaceous Cormorant     | 2                                                                                                                                     | 06-22-85 | Barton   |
|                          | 4 seen with Paul Lehman                                                                                                               | 07-09-85 | Barton   |
|                          | 2                                                                                                                                     | 08-17-85 | Barton   |
| Tricolored Heron         | 1 on Big Salt Marsh                                                                                                                   | 07-10-85 | Stafford |
| Hooded Merganser         | 50+                                                                                                                                   | 11-23-85 | Trego    |
| Common Merganser         | 1 female on Cedar Bluff                                                                                                               | 06-04-85 | Trego    |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk       | One chased a Brewer's Blackbird into a large machine shed where they both took a couple laps around the inside and flew out unharmed. | 09-23-85 | Pawnee   |
| Northern Goshawk         | Very large imm. at Boy Scout area                                                                                                     | 12-04-85 | Morton   |
|                          | Small adult nearly hit by pickup                                                                                                      | 12-06-85 | Rush     |
| Broad-winged Hawk        | 1 over Elkhart with T. Cable                                                                                                          | 09-21-85 | Morton   |
| Merlin                   | Eating a Starling on Pool 2 dike                                                                                                      | 10-26-85 | Barton   |
|                          | 1                                                                                                                                     | 11-02-85 | Phillips |
| Peregrine Falcon         | Very dark imm. along shore at Kirwin                                                                                                  | 11-02-85 | Phillips |
| Turkey                   | Flock of 13                                                                                                                           | 11-23-85 | Trego    |

|                             |                                                                 |          |          |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Greater Yellowlegs          | 1 at Cedar Bluff - Temp. 10°F                                   | 11-09-85 | Trego    |
| Ruddy Turnstone             | 1 with Paul Lehman                                              | 07-10-85 | Barton   |
| Red Knot                    | 3                                                               | 09-07-85 | Barton   |
| Short-billed Dowitcher      | 5 positively identified by P. Lehman                            | 07-09-85 | Barton   |
| Red-necked Phalarope        | 18 on Elkhart sewage ponds                                      | 09-21-85 | Morton   |
| Parasitic Jaeger            | Many observations of 3rd-year adult identified by Wayne Hoffman | 08-31-85 | Barton   |
| Sabine's Gull               | Immature on Pool 2                                              | 10-10-85 | Barton   |
| Common Poorwill             | 1 flushed from grass along river                                | 09-22-85 | Morton   |
| Ladder-backed Woodpecker    | 1 at cemetery, 1 along river                                    | 12-04-85 | Morton   |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher      | 4 in Elkhart                                                    | 09-14-85 | Morton   |
| Willow Flycatcher           | One near Camp Aldrich                                           | 07-09-85 | Barton   |
| Cassin's Kingbird           | 5 in one tree!                                                  | 09-22-85 | Morton   |
| Pinyon Jay                  | 2 or 3 heard overhead                                           | 09-21-85 | Morton   |
| Mountain Chickadee          | Wilburton Crossing of Cimarron                                  |          |          |
| Bushtit                     | 1 at Boy Scout area                                             | 12-04-85 | Morton   |
|                             | 3 found by Diane, Boy Scout area                                | 09-14-85 | Morton   |
|                             | Same birds still present                                        | 09-21-85 | Morton   |
| Pygmy Nuthatch              | 3 in cottonwoods with Red and White-breasted also in view       | 09-21-85 | Morton   |
| Winter Wren                 | 1 near Camp Aldrich                                             | 10-10-85 | Barton   |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet      | 2 very early migrants                                           | 09-22-85 | Morton   |
| Eastern Bluebird            | Pair fledged one bird in Seltman yard                           | 07-14-85 | Rush     |
|                             | 6 fledglings from 2nd brood                                     | 08-12-85 | Rush     |
| Blue-gray Gnatcatcher       | Pair with 3 young near Quivira                                  | 08-17-85 | Stafford |
| Hermit Thrush               | 3                                                               | 09-21-85 | Morton   |
| Curve-billed Thrasher       | 1 in Elkhart                                                    | 12-04-85 | Morton   |
| Sprague's Pipit             | Peak migration of 20 birds                                      | 10-17-85 | Rush     |
|                             | 4                                                               | 10-15-85 | Norton   |
| Northern Shrike             | Singing imm. north of Ellis                                     | 10-18-85 | Ellis    |
|                             | Adult south shore of Cedar Bluff                                | 11-02-85 | Trego    |
|                             | Brownish imm. eating frozen cricket                             | 11-07-85 | Pawnee   |
|                             | Same bird seen 7 miles southeast                                | 11-08-85 | Pawnee   |
|                             | Adult chasing longspurs                                         | 11-18-85 | Rush     |
| Solitary Vireo              | Gray western form in Elkhart                                    | 09-21-85 | Morton   |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler | 2 at Wilburton Crossing                                         | 09-22-85 | Morton   |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler | 1 in same flock as above                                        | 09-22-85 | Morton   |
| Wilson's Warbler            | 300+ seen by Seltman & Cable                                    | 09-21-85 | Morton   |
| Ovenbird                    | Early migrant                                                   | 08-19-85 | Rush     |
| Western Tanager             | 3 in Elkhart, 1 at river                                        | 09-14-85 | Morton   |
|                             | 8                                                               | 09-21-85 | Morton   |
| Green-tailed Towhee         | 1 along river by Seltman & Cable                                | 09-22-85 | Morton   |
| LeConte's Sparrow           | 1                                                               | 10-31-85 | Rush     |
| Fox Sparrow                 | 1                                                               | 11-02-85 | Trego    |
| Lapland Longspur            | Very early arrivals                                             | 10-02-85 | Pawnee   |
| Red Crossbill               | 10                                                              | 12-12-85 | Barton   |
| Evening Grosbeak            | Portion of flock of 26 seen at Chaplin Nature Center            | 12-07-85 | Cowley   |

Scott Seltman  
Nekoma, KS

## CONSERVATION FORUM REPORT

A forum was held Saturday June 7, 1986 at Emporia, KS on conservation issues. The eight candidates for governor were invited, but only two, Mike Hayden and Bill McDonald attended. Four, Tom Docking, Jack Brier, Larry Jones, and Gene Bicknell, sent representatives. Barbara Pomeroy and Richard Peckham did not respond to the invitation. All of the candidates were asked to address two questions: 1) Increased economic development directly impacts natural resources. How will you provide for natural resource and conservation needs in your plans for economic development?, and 2) Given our state government's reduced revenues and cutbacks in federal financing, how do you plan to provide the necessary funding for the expanding needs of natural resource protection? Each candidate or representative was given about 20 minutes to address the forum. There were 63 people representing 28 organizations from around the state in attendance at the meeting.

Please become informed about where the candidates for governor stand on the natural resource issues and get out and vote.

Elmer J. Finck  
Manhattan, KS

# Conservation Forum



The eight candidates for Governor were invited to Emporia on Saturday, June 7, to present their positions on conservation issues to members and representatives of 28 conservation organizations.

Mike Hayden and Bill McDonald made their presentations in person; Jack Brier, Tom Docking, Larry Jones and Gene Bicknell sent representatives. What follows is a transcription of those presentations. There was also a question-and-answer period that is not included.

Each candidate was asked to address two questions:

(1) Increased economic development directly impacts natural resources. How will you provide for natural resource and conservation needs (habitat preservation; water, soil, air, and wildlife protections) in your plans for economic development?

(2) Given our state government's reduced revenues and cutbacks in federal financing, how do you plan to provide the necessary funding for the expanding needs of natural resource protection, such as: implementation of the minimum streamflows; the fish, wildlife and recreation, the stream recovery and aquifer

recharge, and the conservation subsections of the state water plan; restoration of Cheyenne Bottoms; implementation of the Kansas Natural Heritage Inventory; and adequate financial support for such agencies as the Kansas Water Office, Kansas Fish and Game Commission, State and Extension Forestry, Kansas Biological Survey, Kansas Geological Survey, Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment, Division of Water Resources, and County Conservation Districts?

## GENE BICKNELL

(represented by Rod McIntyre)

"Gene is unable to attend today, and has asked me to read you this brief letter: 'I want you to know that I share the concerns of all present for

the protection of our environment. Having grown up in the strip mining areas of southeast Kansas, I am painfully aware of the environmental prob-

lems we face in Kansas. I applaud your efforts to find solutions to these problems. I regret that a scheduling conflict prevents me from attending

the FORUM and I look forward to having another opportunity to share our views on these critical concerns. Sincerely, Gene Bicknell.'"

## MIKE HAYDEN

"What about economic development and its impact on the environment in Kansas? Well, one of the things I was proud to be involved in this last session, in fact, pushed it through, is the Natural Heritage Inventory. How does that relate to economic development? What the Inventory is going to do is help us identify the rare, the endangered, the threatened species of Kansas, so that we can get in place some protective mechanisms for them as we move ahead with economic development and job expansion and new industry. And let me say to you that in that Inventory, that we're going to pay for part of it out of the general fund.

"It has not been easy for those of us who care about environmental policy to get general fund monies for environmental issues. In fact, it's extremely rare in Kansas government. There's two other instances in which it occurs, both of which I've been instrumental in getting passed through the legislature. One is the Cheyenne Bottoms study, which has general fund monies in it; the other is the Chickadee Checkoff, the nongame wildlife program which is a voluntary checkoff on tax returns. It's not general fund money, per se, but it's also not user fees, because virtually everything else that Fish and Game deals with particularly is user fee money. So, some of us have been concerned about the inadequate, and in fact, the reluctance on the part of the

legislature and governmental leaders to put general tax dollars in environmental concerns for a long, long time, and we have finally broken the ice with the Cheyenne Bottoms study, and this year with the Natural Heritage Inventory.

"As Governor, I'm going to continue to push for the Environmental Coordination Act. It's part of the state water plan, and it didn't pass the legislature this year. I was disappointed that it didn't pass because it's part of the coordinated effort...that really recognizes the concerns of environmental groups. And we didn't get it through this year, but I have not given up. I learned a long time ago that when they knock you down, you just hop back up and take another run at it. I remember one time I worked on a bill — it took me seven years to get it passed — but I never gave up.

"Those of you who are concerned about the environmental issues when they don't receive the kind of priority we think they should, you just simply have to take another run at 'em, you simply have to work that much harder...

"I know that the conservation community feels that they have not received adequate attention. I've seen that frustration when I dealt with a number of the agencies you represent, or organizations you represent. When I become Governor, I'm going to appoint someone on my

staff in the Governor's office who will be a direct contact for those of you with environmental concerns...I'm talking about someone who's qualified, who has a background in environmental concerns and who can be a contact point right in the Governor's office for environmental issues.

"One of your questions is on funding. This year, we passed the mechanism at least for a new state lottery, and that lottery is going to provide a lot of money...I drafted up a bill proposing what we do with a state lottery, and it addressed a number of concerns — economic development, property tax relief, prison overcrowding. But in my draft, I had money set aside for environmental issues, especially the implementation of the state water plan...and also I had the wording broad enough that we could include projects like Cheyenne Bottoms restoration, and things like that. And I had it intentionally drawn with the broad language because (those projects fall) under the scope of economic development. And at the same time, it represents environmental improvement through flood control and water supply and recreation and improved habitat.

"And I went down to the governor's office with my proposal and discussed it with him several times. And he said, 'Mr. Speaker, I support property tax relief, and I support the economic development, and I support

the prison overcrowding, but I will NOT support this loosely worded language that might allow for the state water plan projects to be included. And the only way I'll support this bill is if you'll tighten up the language on economic development so that it's very specific.'

"The truth is, I didn't like that; it's not what I believe in, but I wanted to get the bill passed because I was concerned about economic development, I was concerned about property tax relief, and I was very much concerned about prison overcrowding. One of the things you find out about in politics is that you do what you can, and you get what you can even though most of the time you never get 100% of what you believe ought to be done.

"But there was the ideal opportunity, you see, for a whole new revenue source to be made available to environmental programs and concerns. Yet the Governor never heard from anybody. Or if he did hear, he didn't get the message. And consequently, that window of opportunity is now closed...that's why it's important to be involved in politics. It's all a matter of timing. You've got to be in the right place at the right time, and those opportunities for funding and new sources of funding don't come along but once in a while. And you've got to have someone there who can influence the Governor at the right moment."

## JACK BRIER

(represented by Ray Siehndel)

"We know that for an economic revitalization of Kansas, it must not be short-sighted. Any new industry will provide jobs and revenues in the short run, but the long run effects of proposed economic development projects upon our environment, our communities and our people must be considered as well. I'm sure that when the strip miners came to southeast Kansas, people were excited about the economic development they brought with them — the new jobs, the new grocery stores, and other new businesses — providing services for the workers who filled these new jobs. It was good for the economy for a while, but now we know that the strip mine companies left, and what

they left was destruction of the land, toxic waste, cancer rates many times the national average, and communities with eroded tax bases and serious difficulties both in the economic and environmental sectors.

"We must make sure that the businesses we attract to Kansas in the name of economic development, in reality are not those large businesses that come from other states, but in fact those that are healthy to the environment, those that will insure the quality of life we have and which is not available in other parts of the country.

"It may be very foolish in the short run to not try to attract these businesses that are large and look

like great numbers of jobs, but in reality they exhaust our non-renewable resources then abandon the state when there are no more resources to exhaust, leaving Kansas in worse shape than when they found it.

"Jack Brier is sensitive to these long-range concerns. His plans for economic development and revitalization of Kansas do not focus again on attracting these large industries from other states, but proposes then to work on the smaller businesses. Smaller businesses, especially those that have already made a commitment to Kansas.

"It would be politically expedient for Jack Brier to promise this

FORUM that he would recommend a massive infusion of new state money to expand natural resource protection. Though it would be expedient, given the depressed state of the Kansas economy, and the effect that has on the revenues available to state government, it would not be honest to promise massive new expenditures.

"State government must tighten its belt when individual Kansans are required to tighten theirs. Because it is a high priority, natural resource protection will benefit from the improvement of the state's financial picture which will come with any general economic upswing in Kansas...In the meantime, when money is scarce, we must do what we can with efficient

administration to preserve our natural resources. For example, so many agencies currently are involved in water protection, that it is

sometimes difficult to implement a consistent statewide conservation plan. We also need more initiative and more creativity in resource pro-

tection...Jack has known for a long time about the serious depletion of the aquifer, and yet the 1986 legislation was not there to help protect

it...There may be certain kinds of legislative programs that are needed to come in and help preserve what we have."

## BILL McDONALD

"I feel that the people that make the mess should clean it up. And if we have industry coming to Kansas we should require that they do not pollute our state; if they do, they're obligated to clean these things up or to operate their facilities in a manner that will not disturb the Kansas ecology.

"I, unlike some of the other candidates, believe that preservation of our natural resources is everyone's responsibility, not just the government's. The government has an obligation to the people to make those departments and agencies serve the people in providing for protection of our natural resources.

## TOM DOCKING

(represented by Jerry Karr)

"Lt. Governor Docking regrets he could not be here today. Tom believes that measures to protect and enhance our environment play an essential role in our state's future. He wants to act on the belief by promoting conservation of water, the safe disposal of hazardous wastes, the safe transport of all wastes, and other programs that act to affect the air, the soil, water and animal habitat.

"During the past year, the most important issues on the minds of Kansans and the state officials, and that includes the legislature as well as the executive branch, and I include both political parties, has been concerns about economic development and jobs for the future. The Lt. Governor shares your concern with natural resources and the environment, and is concerned about striking a balance — and a proper balance — between growth and stability, between new business formation and the protecting of our fragile environment of the state of Kansas.

"Tom Docking believes that too often economic development can be used as an excuse for not adequately maintaining our natural resources. Destruction of natural resources can

"I feel that as far as Kansas spending is concerned, we spend over 3½ billion dollars a year, and I feel that there's money there that probably could be utilized better than it has in the past as far as how we spend our funds.

"I didn't realize there was such a broad scope of different agencies that were concerned with resources, and I'm happy that there is concern. Speaking as a Kansan, at this point I don't see doom and gloom in the state, I see a lot of natural resources that we've maintained over the course of our 125 years, and I think that a lot of that has been caused by our conservative industries, our con-

result from a lack of very careful planning, but more importantly... (from lack of) very creative execution of any plans, whether they come from the legislature or the executive body. The Kansas economy of the future, however, must be one of greater diversity. It depends on those in charge and individuals who are doing the developing. The new business of our Kansas future will be smaller than some people would like; it'll have to be home-grown...and will not require massive commitments of land and natural resources. Some of the expansion and diversity of the future will be in the service sector, and require only minimal use of our natural resources and land. Others will be in small manufacturing. Again, very careful planning as to how we put these together, and it's not a short-term job. But no matter what types of business grow in Kansas, they'll have to meet meaningful standards of conservation and environmental protection.

"In the long run, the most valuable asset we can leave to our children is a healthy, beautiful place to live...Tom Docking realizes the growing

servative people. We take care of our state.

"I'm hearing that we do have severe water problems in western Kansas. We need to face those issues and come up with some kind of workable, logical way to provide for replenishment of resources that we have lost over the course of the last few years, the last generation.

"I think the most important reason that we should maintain our resources is not for us but for our children, and their children, and their children's children...The most precious natural resource that we have in Kansas are the people of Kansas. And I think government's first

economy we need in Kansas will need clean air, clean water and available energy as well as it needs financing and the state's assistance and guidance.

"No one in the community of state leaders who is fighting to bring new jobs suggests that we should give up on long-term well-being for short-term gains. This would be worse than foolhardy. It would be tragic. It's vitally important to look to small enterprises for growth. We must set reasonable standards for protecting natural resources. Finally, we must provide a future for both economic expansion and environmental protection. For Tom Docking, this is a critical and a necessary balance.

"In these times of tight state budgets...we must find the money for comprehensive environmental and resource planning. The Lt. Governor believes that this is a tremendously hard question to answer, and anyone who says it's going to be easy to find the money is a little less than honest.

(1) There must be...statewide consensus for funding of natural resource conservation...The competition is stiff enough, and thus we can-

not afford diversity within (conservation groups) if you're going to draw up goals and objectives.

(2) As state finances become tighter, we have been forced into what has been called defensive budget-making...The Docking campaign feels very strongly that if choices have to be made, they must be made by those who are experts in resource management, not by those who are unaware and unfamiliar with the problems and challenges. The next Governor of Kansas should regularly consult with environmental groups concerning problems and priorities.

(3) Finally, there is no question that we must and can bring better times to the state of Kansas. A growing tax base means more money to conserve our state the way it ought to be conserved. More jobs means more money to provide clean water and air and environment and preserve our surroundings...We must grow to survive. That means that environmentally (if) we have this type of growth, we'll be able to fund the type of concerns and projects that individual groups have."

## LARRY JONES

(represented by Diana Spaniol)

"The achievements and experiences of Larry Jones show clearly that he can do more for economic development than any Kansas candidate in this race. And while Larry realizes that increased economic development will impact our environment, he believes that careful planning and awareness will make it possible for that impact to be positive overall, both outdoors and in.

"You asked about water. Larry Jones believes that management of our water is the greatest long-range challenge facing Kansas today. He further believes that we must control our own water destiny. In doing so, we can be a leader in regional and national water plans and issues as well.

"Our state water plan recognizes the water challenges. Larry Jones as Governor will: carefully monitor our water usage and conservation; see that we are as vigilant about water quality as we are about water quantity; and assure that all water regula-

tions are complied with fully. He will also be an ardent individual in the preservation of soil.

"An example of his protection of wildlife and habitat will be in his support of the wetlands management program, presented to the Kansas legislature this year. And he is encouraged by the farm bill...It offers new protection for wildlife by providing financial incentives to landowners who protect the habitat through planting permanent covers.

In the specific areas you've listed, Governor Jones will: join the Kansas legislature in implementing the state water plan and providing the responsible agencies with appropriations necessary to do their work properly; support the feasibility study that is examining the problems and possible solutions in restoring the Cheyenne Bottoms; give substance to those agencies — that's the key, substance to the agencies — you can create all

the agencies in the world and if you don't give them the funding and the authority that they need to carry out their programs, they're useless...Those groups assure that our Kansas way of life, although we must recognize that some increases in user fees may result, it is necessary to do that in order to protect what we have.

"Larry will also support the establishment of a state Natural Heritage program in conjunction with the Kansas Biological Survey by securing funding from federal state and private sources. And the key to many of these programs is private source funding. We cannot look to government to pay for everything. It's just not possible — the funds aren't there. We saw that during the last legislative session...We have to recognize that there is a limit to what we can ask taxpayers to pay for. So sources from private funding is a

must.

"That brings up another important point. It obviously will be necessary for private enterprise to step in with the funding. Developing a workable, adequate partnership with private resource is something that Larry Jones is experienced with. He has worked with the private sector for years. He has a one-on-one relationship with many of the groups and organizations to whom we will look for funding. I firmly believe that the business and public service records of Larry Jones will show that he can bring exceptional talent and leadership in that effort to the Governor's office...I will conclude by urging you to regard the most important point of this meeting as HOW a candidate will deal with these problems rather than what he will actually do about them...the only thing that any reasonable individual can promise to do for you is to do their very best with what they have available to them."

*Kansas Ornithological Society*

# NEWSLETTER

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## **KOS SPRING MEETING AT CHEYENNE BOTTOMS**

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## OFFICER'S CORNER

### A CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Some said it looked like the sun as it rose into the sky. Some said that it represented the very cutting edge of technology. Still others commented that civilians had no place in going along. Regardless of what others have stated, N.A.S.A. attempted to place yet another shuttle into space. All of the personnel involved understood the risk and accepted the challenge.

It is not the intent of this note to express an opinion of right or wrong with reference to Challenger's final flight. However, it is the intent of this note to express the concern that Kansans acknowledge the economic and ecological challenges that the state faces. The funding requirements for research, the state Water Plan, Cheyenne Bottoms, and various other issues need our attention. Because of the complexities involved in controversial and political issues many times seeing a beginning point can be difficult. Having noted this fact, one current item that comes to mind is the Chickadee Checkoff. This income generating program sets the stage for the research necessary to develop an understanding of the issues. Hopefully the technology to resolve problems such as water level management in the Arkansas River and Cheyenne Bottoms, will follow. Finally, none of this can be accomplished without the involvement of the Kansas citizen as well as the political and academic communities. So, do your part and recruit and contribute.

Dan Williamson  
Director-At-Large  
Hartford, KS

### KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING

February 8, 1986

Marvin Schwilling home, Emporia

Members present: Roger Boyd, Elmer Finck, Jane Hershberger, Gene Lewis, Joyce Wolf, David Bryan, Dan Williamson, Dwight Platt.

Non-voting: John Zimmerman, Marvin Schwilling, Ruth Fauhl, Ron Wolf.

After a delicious lunch served by Mrs. Schwilling, the Board meeting was called to order by President Roger Boyd at 12:35 PM.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Winter 1985 and the Fall 1985 Board meetings were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gene Lewis reported that there was a good balance in KOS accounts.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jane Hershberger reported that 235 members were paid up so far this year. In 1985 there were a total of 373 members; so approximately 140 delinquent notices will need to be sent. There are 71 fully paid life members and 11 partially paid. Due to an oversight, life member pins were not given at the Annual Meeting. It was decided that they should be awarded at the next Annual Meeting.

**BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT:** John Zimmerman reported that the March issue of the Bulletin had gone to the printer. He asked about the procedure for mailing the Bulletin. It was decided that he should ask the printer to send all of the Bulletins to Joyce Wolf, the new Business Manager. She will handle the mailing list and send them to members. John Zimmerman reported that he had enough copy on hand for the next few issues. He asked about the policy for publishing obituaries in the Bulletin. It was agreed that obituaries will be published in the Bulletin only for charter members. Notices of the deaths of other members will be published in the Newsletter. Gene Lewis will prepare a notice of the death of Orville Rice.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT:** Elmer Finck reported that he had been receiving enough material for the Newsletter. The next issue will come out in March. Copy will be sent to Joyce Wolf to be duplicated in Lawrence.

**BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT (QUESTIONS):** Joyce Wolf, the new Business Manager, raised a number of questions:

How many Bulletin envelopes should be printed, whose return address should be on them and is the artwork for them still available? It was decided that one year's supply should be printed and they should have Joyce's address. Roger will check with Max Thompson about the artwork.

Who needs printouts of the mailing list? Jane Hershberger needs an occasional alphabetized mailing list and one by zip codes in the Fall. Gene Lewis needs a mailing list once a year separated by categories such as members, libraries, foreign, exchange, etc., with an occasional update through the year. Elmer Finck needs a list once a year to check names for the attendance list at the Annual Meeting. Roger Boyd needs a list occasionally. Ruth Fauhl needs a list of libraries and exchanges.

Should the Newsletter be saved to go out with the Bulletin in March? If she has not received the Bulletin by March 7, Joyce should go ahead and mail the Newsletter. John will call Joyce when he sends the galley back to the printer. Mailing of the Newsletter does not need to be with the Bulletin as some should come out between Bulletins. Roger will call Max Thompson to find out about the header for the front page of the Newsletter.

**NEWSLETTER ON MICROFILM:** A question was raised about putting the Newsletter on microfiche or microfilm. Ruth Fauhl has requested prices but has none yet. David Bryan volunteered to put it on microfilm free.

**PRICE FOR BACK ISSUES OF THE BULLETIN:** Gene Lewis asked about the price for back issues of the Bulletin. It was decided to sell a complete set of back issues for \$40.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** Roger Boyd announced that the Spring Field Trip will be May 9-11 at Camp Aldrich. The 1987 Spring Field Trip is tentatively set for Cherokee County. The Fall Annual Meeting will be October 3-5 at Camp Wildwood. It was suggested that Olin Sewall Pettingill might be contacted for banquet speaker. The Annual Meeting in 1987 will be at Kansas State University.

**EDUCATION MATERIALS:** Marvin Schwillling reported that he had checked with Joyce Harmon about the preparation of some education materials. She will be glad to advise KOS in their preparation but she cannot do it. Marvin showed many education materials on birds that are available. He asked what type of materials KOS was interested in preparing. It was suggested that the President appoint a committee to evaluate these materials and come to the Spring Meeting with recommendations of one that KOS might purchase and possibly a supplement that could be distributed with it. Roger Boyd appointed a committee consisting of Marvin Schwillling (chair), Joe Schaefer, Ruth Fauhl and Roger Boyd.



**WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH:** Elmer Finck reported that planning is well under way for Wildlife Heritage Month in March as a part of the celebration of Kansas' 125th year. The plan includes establishing a natural area at Cedar Crest, the governor's mansion. They want a representative of KOS to be at the governor's mansion on March 13 at 12:30 PM for a public dedication. Roger Boyd will represent KOS.

Elmer Finck moved that KOS donate \$50 toward the expenses of Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month. Jane Hershberger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**FALCONRY BILL:** A falconry bill will probably have committee hearings but probably will not get out of committee.

**KANSAS WATER PLAN:** Eulalia Lewis reported that the County Conservation Districts will be in charge of riparian habitat and wetlands. We should continue to monitor the development of the program.

**KANSAS NONGAME WILDLIFE PROGRAM:** Marvin Schwillling distributed copies of Nongame Notes and lists of projects in the nongame wildlife program. He reported that contributions to the Chickadee Checkoff were down \$30,000 last year. This year in the first 16,000 income tax returns there were only 22 contributors as compared to 57 last year. However with greater publicity this year it is hoped that contributions will be higher.

**CONSERVATION ISSUES FORUM:** A meeting of representatives of conservation organizations was held in October chaired by the Director of the Kansas Fish and Game Commission. Another meeting was called in January to set up a conservation coalition. However some organizations were hesitant to join a coalition so it was decided to hold a Conservation Issues Forum in June and October each year to talk about issues and hopefully plan coordinated programs. A three member steering committee was appointed to plan the forums for this year on June 7 and October 25. Each organization can send a voting representative but others can attend.

**SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING SEASON:** Roger Boyd reported that he had sent a letter to the Kansas Fish and Game Commission opposing a hunting season. He had received a reply indicating that the agency favored a hunting season. The Kansas Audubon Council is preparing an information sheet on the sandhill crane.

**FIELD TRIPS AND HOTLINE:** There was no report from the Field Trips Committee. The hotline is working okay although there have been some problems with the equipment.

**OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE:** Marvin Schwillling reported that they have 178 new county records that will be sent to the editor for publication in the Newsletter. He reported that there were two vacancies on the committee since Steve Kingswood has left the state and Orville Rice died. A number of suggestions were made for persons to fill these vacancies. Roger Boyd will make the appointments. (See attached report).

**NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE:** The Kansas Chapter of the Wildlife Society has requested a newsletter exchange with KOS. The Board was agreeable to such an exchange. David Case, with the information section of Kansas Fish and Game Commission, has requested to receive a copy of the Newsletter. The Board agreed to putting him on the mailing list for the Newsletter. If he wants the Bulletin also, he will need to join.

**CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS:** John Zimmerman announced that the number of sites doing Christmas Bird Counts was the highest ever last year. The number of participants was also highest.

INDEX TO THE BULLETIN: A question was raised about having five year indexes rather than fifteen year indexes to the Bulletin. No decision was made.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt  
Corresponding Secretary  
Kansas Ornithological Society

#### KOS FIELD TRIP TO CHEYENNE BOTTOMS AND QUIVIRA - June 8, 1985

The field trip through Barton and Stafford Counties on June 8 had a species total of 122. Our main objective, to find Black Rails at Quivira, was not achieved, the breeze that we had hoped for all day when the temperature touched 106°F arrived after dark when we needed calm winds to listen for rails! (As far as I know there were no reports of Black Rails anywhere in the state this year.) A few late migrants, especially ducks and shorebirds, were present but there were few rarities. Participants were Mel Cooksey, Bob Fisher, Lloyd Moore, Scott and Diane Seltman.

#### BEST BIRDS

|                        |                                                                                                           |         |          |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Tricolored Heron       | 1 in Pool 3                                                                                               | 6-08-85 | Barton   |
| Cinnamon Teal          | at least 2 pair                                                                                           |         | Barton   |
| King Rail              | Several at Quivira after dark                                                                             |         | Stafford |
| Virginia               | Several at Quivira after dark                                                                             |         | Stafford |
| Common Moorhen         | 2 along east edge of Pool 1                                                                               |         | Barton   |
| Black-bellied Plover   | 1                                                                                                         |         | Stafford |
| Golden Plover          | 3                                                                                                         |         | Stafford |
| Sanderling             | 1                                                                                                         |         | Barton   |
| Short-billed Dowitcher | 1 carefully studied                                                                                       |         | Barton   |
| Chuck-will's-widow     | Several at Quivira                                                                                        |         | Stafford |
| Cooper's Hawk          | Just a fleeting glimpse of a large accipiter at the refuge office. Cooper's have nested there previously. |         | Stafford |
| Say's Phoebe           | Nest with 5 young atop a light fixture in a Nekoma garage                                                 | 6-09-85 | Rush     |

Scott Seltman  
Nekoma, KS

#### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON COLOR-MARKED SNOW GEESE

Lesser Snow Geese will be color-marked at Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge in eastern Oklahoma to determine their migrational route and breeding grounds. Lesser Snow Geese use several refuges along the Central Flyway for wintering and migration purposes. This study will attempt to plot the breeding grounds, migration routes and wintering areas of geese using Sequoyah NWR. Knowledge gained from the study will help managers better coordinate management activities between refuges regarding the snow goose flock.

Geese will be sprayed with red paint. As time goes on this may fade into pink and will be shed with molting in the spring and summer.

If you see or hear of any snow geese so colored, please contact:

REFUGE MANAGER  
SEQUOYAH NWR  
RT. 1, BOX 18A  
VIAN, OK 74962  
918-773-5251

The date of observation, exact location and any other pertinent information will be important. We would also appreciate it if you would bring this request to the attention of others who may be in a position to observe any of these color-marked snow geese.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Marvin Schwilling  
Emporia, KS

#### KANSAS FIELD DAY

Paul Lehman, an avid birder from Goleta, California, spent about 4 hours on May 14, 1985 birding in extreme northwest Kansas and discovered the following first county records for Cheyenne County. Most of the passerine species were found along the river southwest of St. Francis while the waterbirds were seen at some of the temporary ponds in the southern part of the county.

#### First County Records

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Solitary Sandpiper     | (2)       |
| Whimbrel               | (2)       |
| Least Sandpiper        | (3)       |
| Stilt Sandpiper        | (28)      |
| Long-billed Dowitcher  | (1)       |
| Hermit Thrush          | (1)       |
| Water Pipit            | (1)       |
| Cedar Waxwing          | (10)      |
| Tennessee Warbler      | (1)       |
| "Audubon's" Warbler    | (2)       |
| Blackpoll Warbler      | (1 male)  |
| Northern Waterthrush   | (4)       |
| MacGillivray's Warbler | (2 males) |
| Bobolink               | (10)      |

#### Other Notable Sightings

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Upland Sandpiper       | (1)              |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | (2)              |
| Least Flycatcher       | (7)              |
| Swainson's Thrush      | (7)              |
| Gray Catbird           | (2)              |
| Warbling Vireo         | (15)             |
| Ovenbird               | (2)              |
| Yellow-breasted Chat   | (3)              |
| Black-headed Grosbeak  | (1)              |
| Lazuli Bunting         | (1 singing male) |

Paul Lehman  
P.O. Box 1061  
Goleta, CA 93116

FIRST COUNTY RECORDS - June-December 1985

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                               |          |          |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Arctic Loon            | 1 on Cedar Bluff still present 11-27                                                                                                                                                          | 11-23-85 | Trego    |
| Horned Grebe           | Several on Webster                                                                                                                                                                            | 10-15-85 | Rooks    |
| Eared Grebe            | (2) (actually a common migrant)                                                                                                                                                               | 11-09-85 | Trego    |
| Clark's Grebe          | 2 seen by many KC birders et. al.                                                                                                                                                             | 8-31-85  | Barton   |
| Clark's Grebe          | 4 on Kirwin                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10-19-85 | Phillips |
| White Pelican          | 1 on Elkhart sewage ponds                                                                                                                                                                     | 9-21-85  | Morton   |
| Great Egret            | 2 at new dam near LaCrosse                                                                                                                                                                    | 9-13-85  | Rush     |
| Cattle Egret           | 1 at Elkhart sewage ponds                                                                                                                                                                     | 9-21-85  | Morton   |
| Trumpeter Swan         | Huge adult identified by long neck, broad flattened bill, and posture. May have been an "escapee" from Neb. or S.D. flocks or a genuine vagrant driven from Canada by the "Siberian Express". | 11-27-85 | Trego    |
| White-winged Scoter    | 4 on Cedar Bluff                                                                                                                                                                              | 10-15-85 | Trego    |
| Common Merganser       | (1)                                                                                                                                                                                           | 11-15-85 | Rush     |
| Red-breasted Merganser | (4)                                                                                                                                                                                           | 11-09-85 | Trego    |
| Red-breasted Merganser | 30+ on Wilson Res.                                                                                                                                                                            | 11-16-85 | Russell  |
| Cooper's Hawk          | one flying across county line                                                                                                                                                                 | 8-21-85  | Norton   |
| Cooper's Hawk          | same bird                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8-21-85  | Graham   |
| Northern Goshawk       | Adult well seen on CBC                                                                                                                                                                        | 12-26-85 | Scott    |
| Merlin                 | 1 on K-4 north of Scott City                                                                                                                                                                  | 12-26-85 | Scott    |
| Virginia Rail          | 1 on CBC, previously seen by S. Norman                                                                                                                                                        | 12-26-85 | Scott    |
| Black-bellied Plover   | 1 on K-96 w. of Leoti                                                                                                                                                                         | 8-23-85  | Wichita  |
| Semipalmated Plover    | (1)                                                                                                                                                                                           | 6-05-85  | Rush     |
| Semipalmated Plover    | (1)                                                                                                                                                                                           | 9-05-85  | Trego    |
| Greater Yellowlegs     | (2)                                                                                                                                                                                           | 9-14-85  | Morton   |
| Sanderling             | 1 on KOS field trip at Cedar Bluff                                                                                                                                                            | 10-06-85 | Trego    |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | (2)                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8-23-85  | Wichita  |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | Several on KOS field trip                                                                                                                                                                     | 10-06-85 | Trego    |
| Least Sandpiper        | (1)                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8-23-85  | Wichita  |
| Least Sandpiper        | (20)                                                                                                                                                                                          | 9-05-85  | Trego    |
| White-rumped Sandpiper | (4)                                                                                                                                                                                           | 6-05-85  | Rush     |
| Baird's Sandpiper      | (1)                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10-06-85 | Trego    |
| Pectoral Sandpiper     | (7)                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8-23-85  | Wichita  |
| Common Snipe           | (1)                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10-13-85 | Rush     |
| Red Phalarope          | 1 among Red-necked Phalaropes on Elkhart sewage ponds seen with T. Cable. Later seen by D. Vannoy, R. Wiley, L. & R. Smith                                                                    | 9-21-85  | Morton   |
| Bonaparte's Gull       | several on Webster                                                                                                                                                                            | 10-15-85 | Rooks    |
| Bonaparte's Gull       | several on Cedar Bluff (reported before)                                                                                                                                                      | 10-19-85 | Trego    |
| Ring-billed Gull       | 2 near Hill City                                                                                                                                                                              | 10-15-85 | Graham   |
| Forster's Tern         | (30+) (actually seen previously)                                                                                                                                                              | 9-05-85  | Trego    |
| Eastern Screech Owl    | 3 near Lenora                                                                                                                                                                                 | 9-05-85  | Norton   |
| Eastern Screech Owl    | 2 near Hill City                                                                                                                                                                              | 10-15-85 | Graham   |
| Marsh Wren             | 40 on CBC (also seen last year)                                                                                                                                                               | 12-26-85 | Scott    |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet   | (1)                                                                                                                                                                                           | 9-05-85  | Norton   |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet   | 1 by KOS field trip                                                                                                                                                                           | 10-06-85 | Trego    |
| Gray Catbird           | 1 near Hill City                                                                                                                                                                              | 9-05-85  | Graham   |

|                      |                            |          |         |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------|---------|
| Warbling Vireo       |                            | 6-04-85  | Gove    |
| Sharp-tailed Sparrow | seen with McHugh and Moore | 10-26-85 | Rush    |
| "White-winged Junco  | (1)                        | 11-02-85 | Trego   |
| "White-winged" Junco | 6 well seen on CBC         | 12-26-85 | Scott   |
| "Gray-headed" Junco  | 1 at feeder                | 12-20-85 | Pawnee  |
| Snow Bunting         | 2 on CBC                   | 12-26-85 | Scott   |
| Purple Finch         | 1 at Russell Cemetery      | 11-16-85 | Russell |
| House Finch          | (present for many years)   | 9-05-85  | Trego   |
| Evening Grosbeak     | (2)                        | 11-23-85 | Trego   |

Scott Seltman  
Nekoma, KS

# LIFE MEMBERS AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1985

Katharine B. Kelley  
Carl S. Holmes  
Amelia J. Betts (deceased)  
Max C. Thompson  
Philip G. Kaul  
J. W. Butin  
Charles H. Franklin, Jr.  
Katherine Nelson  
Phebe B. Gates  
Robert G. Barnhardt  
Robert M. Mengel  
Ivan L. Boyd (deceased)  
Dorothy M. Ehart  
Chandler S. Robbins  
Richard H. Schmidt  
I. Mabel Willis  
Jerome Jackson  
Mrs. T. M. O'Keefe  
Wallace Champeny  
Margaret Boyd  
Gordon C. Sauer  
Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.  
Steve Burr  
Phyllis J. Henney  
Sebastian Patti  
Helen Garrett  
Richard Garrett  
Joyce Davis  
Marvin Schwillling  
Earl Carlson  
Phillip Menninger  
Marvin Kuehn  
Wally Boles

Marion Mengel  
Jane Holland  
George Neavoll  
Celia White  
Jay Newton  
Eulalia Lewis  
Eugene R. Lewis  
Shirley Weaver  
Jane Hershberger  
I. Leroy Holt II  
Theodore Sperry  
Stan Roth  
Ruth Fauhl  
Roger Boyd  
Donna Cooper  
Charles Ely  
Steve Kingswood  
James K. O'Toole  
Nada Voth  
John Parrish  
Lorena Combs  
Steven Crawford  
Paul C. Finninger  
Richard Rucker  
Ruth Broderson  
Tom Flowers  
Don Yockey  
Hazel Moore  
Nanette Johnson  
Jack Tyler  
Esther Stockebrand  
Jean M. Bailey  
Dwight Platt

Jane Hershberger  
Newton, KS

## NEW COUNTY RECORDS

| <u>Species</u>          | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observer</u>                 |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Redhead                 | Labette       | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                    |
| Ring-necked Duck        | Labette       | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                    |
| Lesser Scaup            | Labette       | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                    |
| Common Goldeneye        | Labette       | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                    |
| Common Merganser        | Labette       | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                    |
| Ruddy Duck              | Labette       | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                    |
| Greater Prairie Chicken | Labette       | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                    |
| American Coot           | Labette       | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                    |
| Chuck-wills-widow       | Labette       | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                    |
| Eared Grebe             | Neosho        | -/-/--      | Donald Stout                    |
| Cooper's Hawk           | Neosho        | -/-/--      | Donald Stout                    |
| Bank Swallow            | Neosho        | -/-/--      | Donald Stout                    |
| Leconte's Sparrow       | Neosho        | -/-/--      | Donald Stout                    |
| Water Pipit             | Neosho        | -/-/--      | Donald Stout                    |
| Magnificant Hummingbird | Linn          | -/-/78      | Martin & Barbara Pressgrove     |
| Ruff                    | Barton        | 6/22/82     | Roger Boyd                      |
| Western Grebe           | Osage         | 11/03/84    | Bob Fisher                      |
| Solitary Sandpiper      | Bourbon       | -/-/--      | Byron Berger                    |
| Screech Owl             | Atchison      | 11/03/84    | Byron Berger                    |
| White-throated Sparrow  | Atchison      | 11/03/84    | Byron Berger                    |
| White-crowned Sparrow   | Atchison      | 11/03/84    | Byron Berger                    |
| Harris Sparrow          | Atchison      | 11/03/84    | Byron Berger                    |
| Brown Creeper           | Atchison      | 11/03/84    | Byron Berger                    |
| Golden Crowned Kinglet  | Atchison      | 11/03/84    | Byron Berger                    |
| Pine Siskin             | Atchison      | 11/03/84    | Byron Berger                    |
| Northern Shrike         | Marion        | 12/18/84    | Marvin Schwillling              |
| Whooping Cranes (2)     | Marion        | 12/18/84    | Dale Snelling                   |
| Common Redpoll          | Sumner        | 12/10/84    | Wallace Champney                |
| Thayers Gull            | Wyandotte     | 1/06/85     | Mike McHugh                     |
| Worm-eating Warbler     | Marion        | 5/06/78     | Steve Crawford & Richard Parker |
| Bay-breasted Warbler    | Marion        | 5/06/78     | Steve Crawford & Richard Parker |
| Ovenbird                | Marion        | 5/06/78     | Steve Crawford & Richard Parker |
| Northern Waterthrush    | Marion        | 5/06/78     | Steve Crawford & Richard Parker |
| Hooded Warbler          | Marion        | 5/06/78     | Steve Crawford & Richard Parker |
| Red-necked Grebe        | Wyandotte     | 1/13/85     | Lloyd Moore                     |
| Glaucous Gull           | Wyandotte     | 1/13/85     | Mel Cooksie, et al.             |
| Blue Goose              | Atchison      | 1/05/85     | Gene Lewis                      |
| Hairy Woodpecker        | Atchison      | 1/05/85     | Gene Lewis                      |
| Tufted Titmouse         | Atchison      | 1/05/85     | Gene Lewis                      |
| Oregon Junco            | Atchison      | 1/05/85     | Gene Lewis                      |
| Western Meadowlark      | Atchison      | 1/05/85     | Gene Lewis                      |
| Brewers Blackbird       | Brown         | 1/05/85     | Gene Lewis                      |
| Pine Siskin             | Jackson       | 1/06/85     | Gene Lewis                      |
| Glaucous Gull           | Jefferson     | 12/29/84    | Gene Lewis                      |
| Prairie Falcon          | Miami         | 1/05/85     | Mike Mueller, et al.            |
| Red Crossbill           | Pratt         | 1/19/85     | Bob Wood                        |
| Trumpeter Swans (4)     | Anderson      | 1/23/85     | Bill Brecheisen                 |

|                  |        |         |            |
|------------------|--------|---------|------------|
| Tundra Swans (3) | Norton | 3/05/84 | Jim Mayhew |
| Hooded Merganser | Norton | 3/05/84 | Jim Mayhew |
| Herring Gull     | Norton | 3/05/84 | Jim Mayhew |
| Screech Owl      | Norton | 3/05/84 | Jim Mayhew |
| House Finch      | Norton | 3/05/84 | Jim Mayhew |
| Pine Siskin      | Norton | 3/05/84 | Jim Mayhew |

Marvin Schwillling  
Emporia, KS

#### REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Kansas Fish and Game Commission's Law Enforcement branch is subject to recent Supreme Court decisions regarding work time. Our officers are limited to no more than 171 hours in a 28-day period. If they go over in hours, they must be paid overtime rates. Since our budget is being stretched now, we are in no position to pay overtime. Therefore, we must curtail certain services, one of which is extensive travel and time involved in picking up and caring for sick, wounded, or otherwise grounded hawks, owls, and eagles.

In order to provide care for these birds, we are assessing the potential of voluntary help in picking up, temporarily possessing, and transporting raptors. We are not asking that volunteers climb trees, remove damage-causing birds, or anything other than picking them up and delivering them to places that are equipped to care for them.

Please fill out and return the following questionnaire:

1. Would be interested in being a volunteer.
2. Not interested in being a volunteer.
3. Interested, but would like more information.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Bill Hlavachick, Supervisor  
Species Management Section  
Kansas Fish & Game Commission  
Route 2, Box 54A  
Pratt, KS 67124

## COUNTY RECORD ADDITIONS FROM DR. ELY

| <u>Species</u>          | <u>County</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Western Grebe           | Harvey        |
| Brown Pelican           | Pratt (?)     |
| Cattle Egret            | Meade         |
| Great Egret             | Meade         |
| Least Bittern           | Clark         |
| White-faced Ibis        | Clark         |
| White-faced Ibis        | Meade         |
| Flamingo                | Stafford      |
| Tundra Swan             | Meade         |
| White-fronted Goose     | Greenwood     |
| White-fronted Goose     | Wilson        |
| Fulvous Tree Duck       | Pratt         |
| Mottled Duck            | Clark (?)     |
| Wood Duck               | Meade         |
| Wood Duck               | Osborne       |
| European Wigeon         | Shawnee       |
| Barrows Goldeneye       | Scott         |
| Barrows Goldeneye       | Stafford      |
| Barrows Goldeneye       | Trego         |
| Old Squaw               | Finney        |
| Broad-winged Hawk       | Meade         |
| Osprey                  | Harper        |
| Prairie Falcon          | Johnson       |
| Greater Prairie Chicken | Hamilton      |
| Lesser Prairie Chicken  | Anderson (?)  |
| Lesser Prairie Chicken  | Neosho (?)    |
| Lesser Prairie Chicken  | Douglas (?)   |
| Lesser Prairie Chicken  | Edwards       |
| Lesser Prairie Chicken  | Sheridan      |
| Whooping Crane          | Comanche      |
| Whooping Crane          | Sheridan      |
| Virginia Rail           | Clark         |
| Virginia Rail           | Seward        |
| Semipalmated Plover     | Meade         |
| Snowy Plover            | Pottawatomie  |
| Mountain Plover         | Anderson      |
| American Woodcock       | Morton        |
| Common Snipe            | Clark         |
| Long-billed Curlew      | Clark         |
| Long-billed Curlew      | Kiowa         |
| Willet                  | Clark         |
| Willet                  | Meade         |
| Greater Yellowlegs      | Clark         |
| Least Sandpiper         | Clark         |
| Dunlin                  | Sedgwick      |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper  | Clark         |
| Western Sandpiper       | Clark         |
| Western Sandpiper       | Meade         |
| Sanderling              | Meade         |



| <u>Species</u>         | <u>County</u>                     |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Short-billed Dowitcher | Coffey                            |
| Short-billed Dowitcher | Meade                             |
| Long-billed Dowitcher  | Clark                             |
| Parasitic Jaeger       | Russell                           |
| Glaucous Gull          | Kearny                            |
| Black-legged Kittiwake | Harvey (hypothetical)             |
| Band-tailed Pigeon     | Clark                             |
| White-winged Dove      | Russell                           |
| Inca Dove              | McPherson                         |
| Inca Dove              | Saline                            |
| Black-billed Cuckoo    | Ellsworth                         |
| Roadrunner             | Meade                             |
| Groove-billed Ani      | Allen                             |
| Barred Owl             | Meade                             |
| Carolina Parakeet      | Delete Lyon, found to be in error |

Chuck Ely  
Hays, KS

#### DATE GUIDE TO THE OCCURRENCES OF BIRDS IN OKLAHOMA

The Bird Records Committee of the Oklahoma Ornithological Society recently created a "Date Guide to the Occurrences of Birds in Oklahoma" as an aid to reporting noteworthy observations. The Date Guide provides information for bird species according to seven regions designated in Oklahoma. This Date Guide will be a functional element of our Verification and Bird Records. Copies are available for \$2.00 from:

Bill Dirck, Treasurer  
Oklahoma Ornithological Society  
P.O. Box 65  
Ada, OK 74820

Sightings of noteworthy observations in Oklahoma by KOS members can be sent to me (Joseph A. Grzybowski, 1701 Lenox, Norman, OK, 73069) or to regional compilers listed in our publication -- The Scissortail.

Joseph A. Grzybowski, Chairman  
Bird Records Committee  
Oklahoma Ornithological Society

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#### KOS FIELD TRIP

Field trip to Cherokee County on Saturday and Sunday May 3 & 4, 1986. Contact Scott Seltman 913-329-4411 for further details.

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### ANNUAL KOS SPRING MEETING

The 1986 KOS spring meeting will be held at Cheyenne Bottoms near Great Bend on May 9-11. Organized field trips to Cheyenne Bottoms and surrounding areas will be available Saturday, May 10, and Sunday May 11. Dormitory-style sleeping accommodations will be available at the Camp Aldridge Conference Center, located two miles east of Cheyenne Bottoms on HWY 156, for Friday and Saturday nights. You will need to bring your own bed and bath linens for these accommodations. Meals will be available at the Barton County Community College Student Union (U-building), located three miles south of the Cheyenne Bottoms Headquarters. If you plan to utilize the Camp Aldridge accommodations and eat meals with the group on campus, I must have your reservations no later than 30 April so that final arrangements can be made with the staff at the college. For those not wanting to stay at Camp Aldridge, there are several motels available in Great Bend, all located on 10th Street (HWY 156). The staging area for the Saturday morning field trips will be the parking lot in front of the Bottoms Headquarters. We are looking forward to having a great time and seeing many good birds.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

### MOTELS

Angus Inn (Best Western) 316-792-3541  
 Holiday Inn 316-792-2431  
 Econolodge 316-792-8235  
 Highland Manor Economy Hotel 316-792-7219  
 Welcome Inn 316-793-7854

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please return the registration form along with your registration fee and payment for any combination of lodging and meals you wish by April 30th. Registration begins after 5:00 PM Friday.

### FEES

|                                    |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Registration                       | \$2.00 per person           |
| Lodging                            | \$4.50 per person per night |
| (Trail's End Cabin, Camp Aldridge) |                             |
| Meals: Breakfast                   | \$2.50 per person           |
| Lunch                              | \$3.00 per person           |
| Dinner                             | \$4.00 per person           |

## RETURN THIS PORTION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

|                    |        |           |              |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------------|
| REGISTRATION FEE:  | \$2.00 | No. _____ | Amount _____ |
| LODGING:           |        |           |              |
| Friday Night       | \$4.50 | No. _____ | Amount _____ |
| Saturday Night     | \$4.50 | No. _____ | Amount _____ |
| MEALS:             |        |           |              |
| Breakfast Saturday | \$2.50 | No. _____ | Amount _____ |
| Lunch Saturday     | \$3.00 | No. _____ | Amount _____ |
| Dinner Saturday    | \$4.00 | No. _____ | Amount _____ |
| Breakfast Sunday   | \$2.50 | No. _____ | Amount _____ |
| Lunch Sunday       | \$3.00 | No. _____ | Amount _____ |
|                    |        |           | TOTAL _____  |

SEND REGISTRATION TO: GUY ERNSTING  
R. R. 2, BOX 152  
ELLINWOOD, KS 67526  
316-564-3394 (Evenings)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

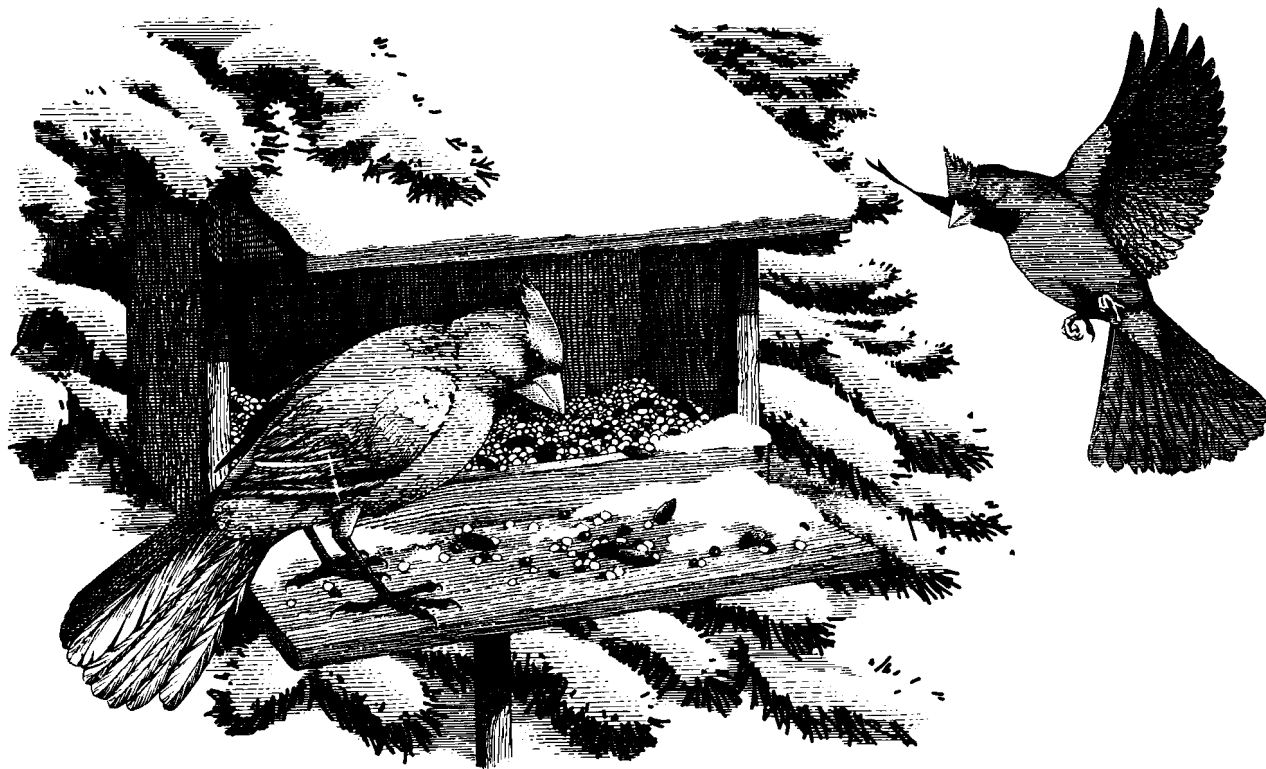
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# NEWSLETTER

Kansas State University  
Manhattan, KS 66502

December, 1985

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*Season's  
Greetings*

## OFFICER'S CORNER

I will forgo my usual comments for this section to bring to your attention Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month. Next year is the 125th birthday of the state of Kansas. In conjunction with this celebration Jan Garton and Terri Shuman invite you to celebrate our Kansas Wildlife Heritage in the month of March 1986. "Rivers--Highways of our Heritage" is the theme for this celebration. Jan and Terri encourage you as members of KOS and citizens of Kansas to come join them in the celebration. They are suggesting several ways for organizations, such as KOS, and individuals to become involved with this celebration. The KOS Board will decide at our January 1986 meeting how KOS will become involved. One suggestion is constructing information packets about birds for the 4th-6th grade age group. Contact me or other Board members, if you have any suggestions. If you so desire, Jan and Terri are accepting donations for promotions and brochures about Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month. Make checks payable to Kansas Wildlife Heritage and send to either Jan or Terri. The goal of this celebration is to reach people who may not be aware of their wildlife heritage or wildlife in general. For further details see Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month in this Newsletter or contact Jan or Terri.

Elmer J. Finck  
Vice-president and Newsletter editor KOS

## KANSAS WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH

Kansas statehood began 125 years ago, but Kansas history is far older. Shaped by the forces that created the Rocky Mountains, Kansas was born from eroded mountains and prehistoric seas.

It took time unimaginable to build the rich prairie soils, to carve the rolling prairies, to cut the courses of our rivers and streams, and to sow the great grasslands.

We think of the Indians, the conquistadors, the trappers and mountain men as the first great explorers of the American West, but trails more ancient preceded them. Buffalo, elk, deer and antelope knew the prairie first.

Kansas once was home to the great predators -- grizzly and black bears, wolves, cougars.

We will never again see the spectacle of millions of buffalo crossing our prairies; we will never again thrill to the wolf's howl. We have lost forever the sight of skies darkened from dawn to dusk by uncounted birds in seasonal flights. The great overland migrations are no longer compatible with modern boundaries and fences.

Yet while the most visible and awesome patterns of our Kansas wildlife heritage will never be repeated, the prairies still remain. Our creeks and rivers are still lined with woods; we still have wetlands and marshes, sand hills and chalk formations, caves and canyons.

Our Kansas wildlife heritage extends from a time long before statehood. KANSAS WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH is as much a celebration of the future of our wildlife as it is the past. We hold title to the destiny of our native, natural resources, and this special month is a reminder of that trust. When Kansas is 250 years old, we must assure that the living legacy of wildlife remains a valuable part of our Kansas heritage.

"Rivers--Highways of our Heritage" is the theme of this year's celebration. Waterways were important avenues of travel for wildlife and for the early explorers. Our first settlements sprang up along rivers and creeks; even today most of our towns and cities are still tied to rivers. The more we learn about the values of rivers, the better we'll be able to insure their future -- and ours.

For more information contact either Terri or Jan.

Terri Shuman  
6811 W. 63rd St. Suite 211  
Shawnee Mission, KS 66202  
913-722-6024

Jan Garton  
219 Westwood Road  
Manhattan, KS 66502  
913-539-3004

#### FINNEY COUNTY, KANSAS, SUMMER BIRD COUNT, JULY 8 & 9, 1985

Garden City. 37° 57'N, 100° 50'W. Center junction of US 83 spur and US 50. Habitat coverage: Sand-sage prairie 30%, riparian woodland 30%, residential areas and parks 35%, pond, stream and tail-water pits 5%. July 8 & 9, 1985: 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM both days; 67-95 F; wind 0-20 mph both days. One observer. Total hours: 8. Total miles: 45 (40 by car, 3 by bike and 2 on foot).

Great Blue Heron 4; Black-crowned Night Heron 20; Mallard 1; American Wigeon 1; Turkey Vulture 1; Mississippi Kite 30; Red-tailed Hawk 1; Swainson's Hawk 1; American Kestrel 4; Ring-necked Pheasant 20; Lesser Prairie Chicken 6; Northern Bobwhite 14; Killdeer 7; Spotted Sandpiper 1; Rock Dove 16; Mourning Dove 38; Yellow-billed Cuckoo 1; Eastern Screech Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 1; Burrowing Owl 1; Common Nighthawk 10; Chimney Swift 5; Red-headed Woodpecker 12; Hairy Woodpecker 1; Downy Woodpecker 3; Northern Flicker 5 (red-shafted 4, yellow-shafted 1); Say's Phoebe 1; Great-Crested Flycatcher 2; Western Kingbird 31; Eastern Kingbird 6; Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 1; Purple Martin 4; Northern Rough-winged Swallow 2; Barn Swallow 8; Blue Jay 10; Black-billed Magpie 9; American Crow 1; House Wren 21; American Robin 5; Eastern Bluebird 4; Northern Mockingbird 8; Brown Thrasher 3; Curve-billed Thrasher 1; European Starling 17; Warbling Vireo 2; Common Yellowthroat 2; Northern Cardinal 2; Blue Grosbeak 2; Cassin's Sparrow 5; Field Sparrow 1; Lark Sparrow 13; Grasshopper Sparrow 2; Red-winged Blackbird 13; Western Meadowlark 27; Common Grackle 35; Brown-headed Cowbird 7; Orchard Oriole 18; Northern Oriole 23 (Baltimore 6, Bullock's 17); House Finch 10; American Goldfinch 4; House Sparrow 40. Total: 61 species (2 additional subspecies), about 544 individuals. Seen in area during count week but not on count days - Turkey, American Avocet, Belted Kingfisher, Horned Lark, Black-capped Chickadee, Pine Siskin, Lark Bunting.

Lawrence Herbert  
608 N. 11th  
Garden City, KS 67846

#### POMONA LAKE CIRCLE - KANSAS SUMMER BIRD COUNT 1985

38° 41'N, 95° 41'W, Center intersection US 75 and Dragoon Creek; Elevation 922 to 1175 ft. Habitat coverage: Grassland 15%, oldfields and fence rows 32%, cultivated fields 9%, riparian forest 17%, upland deciduous forest 12%; lakes and rivers 12%, residential 3%. Area 4 was not covered - June 22, 1985; 6:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Partly cloudy to clear, Temp 66-85F. Wind calm. 13 people in 3 parties. Total party hours 19 (9 on foot, 10 by car); Total party miles 141 (8 on foot, 133 by car).

Great Blue Heron 30; Cattle Egret 2; Green-backed Heron 6; Red-breasted Merganser 1; Turkey Vulture 15; Red-tailed Hawk 8; American Kestrel 3; Northern Bobwhite 19; Killdeer 32; Upland Sandpiper 17; Mourning Dove 97; Black-billed Cuckoo 12; Yellow-billed Cuckoo 24; Great Horned Owl 1; Common Nighthawk 6; Chuck-will's-widow 5; Whip-poor-will 3; Chimney Swift 13; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-headed Woodpecker 20; Red-bellied Woodpecker 7; Downy Woodpecker 7; Hairy Woodpecker 1; Northern Flicker 11; Eastern Wood Pewee 4; Eastern Phoebe 9; Great-Crested Flycatcher 6; Western Kingbird 11; Eastern Kingbird 55; Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 5; Purple Martin 2; Cliff Swallow 3; Barn Swallow 55; Blue Jay 17; American Crow 17; Black-capped Chickadee 18; Tufted Titmouse 8; White-breasted Nuthatch 2; Bewick's Wren 1; House Wren 3; Eastern Bluebird 9; American Robin 82; Gray Catbird 5; Northern Mockingbird 20; Brown Thrasher 61; Loggerhead Shrike 21; European Starling 43; Bell's Vireo 1; Warbling Vireo 9; Red-eyed Vireo 1; Northern Parula 1; Common Yellowthroat 5; Northern Cardinal 40; Rose-breasted Grosbeak 3; Blue Grosbeak 2; Indigo Bunting 28; Dickcissel 124; Rufous-sided Towhee 1; Chipping Sparrow 1; Field Sparrow 9; Lark Sparrow 5; Lark Bunting 1; Grasshopper Sparrow 16; Red-winged Blackbird 104; Eastern Meadowlark 89; Western Meadowlark 1; Rusty Blackbird 2; Great-tailed Grackle 1; Common Grackle 176; Brown-headed Cowbird 51; Orchard Oriole 10; Northern Oriole 36 (all Baltimore); American Goldfinch 10; House Sparrow 146.

Total species 68; 1673+ individuals. Jeanette Bame, Heidi Bond, Bob and Carol Culbertson, E. L. Dennis, Deon Grisell, Alane Harris, Dan Larson, E. R. Lewis, Steve Schoepflin, Diane Supple, B. A. Watkins (compiler), Dan Williamson.

KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING 1985  
 Albertson Hall 310  
 Fort Hays State University  
 Hays, Kansas  
 October 4-6, 1985

The thirty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society was held at Fort Hays State University on October 4-6, 1985.

Saturday, October 5, Morning Session

Charles Ely opened the meeting at 9:00 AM and read a welcome from Eugene D. Fleharty, Chairman of the Department of Biology at FHSU, who could not be present because of other commitments. Roger Boyd, President of KOS, responded to the welcome and thanked FHSU for providing facilities for this meeting.

Charles Ely made announcements about local arrangements and then turned the meeting over to Elmer Finck, Vice-president, who chaired the papers section. The papers were presented in the morning session according to schedule (see attached abstracts).

A business meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM by President Roger Boyd.

MINUTES: Max Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published in the Newsletter. The motion was seconded. The motion was passed.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The report of the Nominating Committee was made by Max Thompson (chairperson). The slate of candidates proposed for officers and directors was:

President: Roger Boyd  
 Vice-president: Elmer Finck  
 Corr. Secretary: Dwight Platt  
 Memb. Secretary: Jane Hershberger  
 Treasurer: Eugene Lewis

Bus. Manager: No nominee at this time. The committee will make a motion to let the President appoint a new Business Manager.

Director: Donna Cooper, Hays  
 Director: Joe Schaefer, Wichita

The terms of Directors David Bryan and Dan Williamson do not expire.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: Roger Boyd announced that a committee to judge non-professional papers has been appointed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Eugene Lewis reported that KOS started the year with \$13,700 in all accounts and ended the year with \$16,000 in all accounts. The Dingus Natural Area account has almost \$4,000 and the Amelia Betts fund has \$860. Max Thompson moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dwight Platt reported for Membership Secretary Jane Hershberger, who could not be present because of other commitments. Total members as of September 30, 1985 were 373. There are 64 fully paid life members.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that he has enough copy for the Bulletin through the June issue. However he still needs more manuscripts and he appealed to members to send him manuscripts. A question was raised about possibly including some of the Newsletter material in the Bulletin. John Zimmerman replied that the two publications serve different functions and this difference should be kept distinct. It was suggested that the abstracts from the meeting should be published in the Bulletin. John replied that this could be done but the Board would have to make this decision. John reported that the Bulletin had not been abstracted by the American Ornithologists Union since 1982 but he was trying to remedy this.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Elmer Finck asked members to keep sending in their reports. Abstracts of papers being presented at this meeting need to be sent to him before October 15. He would also like to get reports of the scheduled dates of Christmas Bird Counts before October 15.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: Richard Johnston moved to approve the reports. The motion was seconded. The motion was passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Charles Ely announced that the Board would meet at noon in the Prairie Room of the Student Union.

Max Thompson announced that those who buy checklists at the meeting can get them at bargain prices.

The business meeting adjourned until afternoon at 12:00 noon.

#### Saturday, October 5, Afternoon Session

The Bird Watcher's Hour convened after lunch.

The papers were presented in the afternoon session according to schedule.

The afternoon business meeting was called to order by Roger Boyd at 4:20 PM.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: Roger Boyd presented the slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee and the motion to allow the President to appoint a new Business Manager. Nominations were opened for officers and directors. It was moved that the proposals of the Nominating Committee be accepted. The motion was seconded. The motion was passed.

MEETINGS: Roger Boyd announced that the Spring Meeting and Field Trip would be at Camp Aldrich near Cheyenne Bottoms either the last weekend in April or the second weekend in May. Camp Aldrich is booked for the first weekend in May. Roger asked for preferences and problems with either date. It appeared that the last weekend in April was preferable.

The Fall Meeting in 1986 will be in the Kansas City area. However we cannot get a confirmation from Johnson Community College until August. We are also looking into the possibility of Camp Wildwood. The meeting will be October 3-5.

The Spring Meeting and Field Trip in 1987 will probably be in Cherokee County the first weekend in May.

The Fall Meeting in 1987 will be at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS: Roger Boyd announced that KOS will be exploring the feasibility of cooperating with the Education Department of Kansas Fish and Game Commission in producing some educational materials on birds for young people.

AMMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS: Roger Boyd announced that the Board would be bringing two proposals for ammending the Bylaws to the next Fall meeting, one raising the age for student membership and one changing the bonding of the Treasurer to a system of countersigning checks.

WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH: Elmer Finck announced that a group is working to get March 1986 designated as Wildlife Heritage Month and KOS will be cooperating with this effort.

KANSAS NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL: Roger Boyd reported on KNWAC. The program is going well but the donations are falling off. Some KOS members complained that their donations had been refused. Marvin Schwillling pointed out that donations can always be made to the Wild Trust at Kansas Fish and Game and designated for a specific project.

CONSERVATION ISSUES FORUM: Roger Boyd announced that Bill Hanzlick, Director of the Kansas Fish and Game Commission, is organizing a Conservation Issues Forum to which he has invited representatives of various conservation organizations to attempt to come up with a common agenda of issues and goals. Roger Boyd will be representing the Kansas Nongame Wildlife Advisory Council and Marvin Schwillling will be representing KOS.

HUNTING OF SANDHILL CRANES: Max Thompson asked about the status of the Sandhill Crane hunting bill. Marvin Schwillling reviewed the history of this bill and indicated that it was brought up in the Legislature this year but did not pass. The Kansas Fish and Game Commission will bring up a proposal in 1986. The issue was discussed. Marvin Schwillling will provide the proposed regulation to which KOS may respond.

FIELD TRIPS: Scott Seltman, Field Trips Chairperson, reported that attendance has been low at field trips. Some field trips are being planned for next Spring. Some

members expressed difficulty with getting information on the field trips by phone. It was suggested that we might use the hotline to give messages about the field trips or at least list more than one telephone number where information could be obtained.

HOTLINE: Marvin Schwilling reported that many calls are coming in to the Hotline but few are leaving messages.

AUDIT COMMITTEE'S REPORT: Bob Gress reported that the Audit Committee had examined the Treasurer's accounts and found them in order. Elmer Finck moved that the report of the Audit Committee be accepted. The motion was seconded. The motion was passed.

TOWER KILLS: A question was raised about bird kills at towers and whether KOS could get a list of towers in order to contact the managers to encourage them to let someone know when there has been a bird kill so that the birds can be salvaged. Marvin Schwilling reported that only towers over 700 feet tall are dangerous. It is usually a phenomenon that occurs the first year the towers are up when weather conditions are right.

EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS: Marie Swisher told of her experiences that the Soil Conservation Service and the Chickadee Fund are doing a good job in the schools with educational programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Charles Ely reported on details for the Sunday field trips.

The business meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

#### Saturday, October 5, Evening Banquet

The annual banquet was served at 6:30 PM in the Trails Room of the Memorial Union on the Fort Hays State University campus. After the meal, Charles Ely introduced his co-workers who helped with local arrangements and appreciation was given by applause.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Jean Schulenberg read the Resolutions Committee Report thanking Charles Ely, his co-workers, Fort Hays State University and the various persons who presented papers for their efforts in making this such a successful meeting. The report was adopted by acclamation.

BEST STUDENT PAPER: Mike Dwyer was presented a one year membership in KOS for presenting the best student paper at the Annual Meeting.

TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR: Marvin Schwilling reported on the ten best birds of the year. Thirty-three birds were considered in making the selections. (See the attached report.)

DOOR PRIZE: A drawing of tickets was used to award a door prize which went to Myron Swisher -- a copy of the book "Natural Kansas."

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Charles Ely announced details of the field trips for Sunday morning.

Charles Ely introduced Roger Boyd who gave an interesting illustrated lecture on his trips to Colima, Mexico.

## Saturday, October 6, Field Trips

Field trips went to Cedar Bluffs Reservoir and to locations around Hays. Participants met for lunch at Frontier Park. The compilation totaled 92 species of birds seen on the field trips. (See attached report.)

The Annual Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Dwight R. Platt, Corr. Secretary  
Kansas Ornithological Society

KOS FALL BOARD MEETING  
October 5, 1985  
Prairie Room, Memorial Union  
Fort Hays State University  
Hays, Kansas

Members present: Elmer Finck, Eugene Lewis, Max Thompson, Bob Gress, Roger Boyd, Dwight Platt, and Dan Williamson

Others present: Ruth Fahl, Marvin Schwilling, Margaret Boyd and John Zimmerman

The Fall Board Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society was convened at lunch on October 5, 1985 by President Roger Boyd.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS: There was discussion about KOS using some funds to produce educational materials about birds for students through junior high. It was suggested that KOS should work with the Kansas Fish and Game Commission in producing these materials. Marvin Schwilling will check with Kansas Fish and Game about their interest in such a project and whether we could cooperate on it through Wild Trust.

MEETINGS: The Spring Meeting will be at Camp Aldrich near Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira.

The next Fall Meeting will be in the Kansas City area. We could meet at Johnson County Community College but they cannot confirm use of their facilities until August. The use of Camp Wildwood was suggested. Roger Boyd will check into the availability of Camp Wildwood.

ABSTRACTING OF BULLETIN: John Zimmerman reported that the KOS Bulletin had not been abstracted by the American Ornithologists Union for the last few years. Calvin Cink had agreed to abstract the Bulletin but the last abstracting was of volume 32. John Zimmerman is willing to abstract the Bulletin and send them to AOU. John will check with Cal Cink.

It was also noted that the Bulletin is not abstracted by Biological Abstracts or reviewed for Zoological Record. Ruth Fahl will write to Biological Abstracts and Zoological Record to see if the KOS Bulletin can be abstracted.

ABSTRACTS OF PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING: There was discussion of where the abstracts of papers presented at the Annual Meeting should be published. It was decided that the abstracts will be published in the Newsletter and the authors will be encouraged to prepare manuscripts of the paper for the Bulletin.

BULLETIN ON MICROFICHE: Ruth Faulh inquired about the advisability of putting the first 30 volumes of the KOS Bulletin on microfiche since our stocks of some issues are very low. Ruth was asked to look into the cost of putting the Bulletin on microfiche.

AWARDS FOR BEST PAPERS: There was a discussion of suitable awards and of the categories. Max Thompson moved that an award be given to the best student paper presented at the Annual Meeting and that the award be a year's membership in KOS. John Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bob Gress moved that the award for the best non-professional paper be abolished. Max Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS: The question of age limits on student memberships was raised. There was a suggestion that student membership should be extended to include all full time students through graduate school. Max Thompson moved that an ammendment to the Bylaws should be proposed to the next Annual Meeting to raise the age limits on student membership to include all full time students through graduate school. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

BONDING OF TREASURER: Max Thompson pointed out that the Treasurer is only bonded for \$5,000 and yet KOS has \$16,000 in funds. Bonding of the Treasurer to cover \$16,000 would be very expensive. It was suggested that we go back to a system of countersigning checks and withdrawal from accounts. Max Thompson moved that the Corresponding Secretary be asked to prepare proposed ammendments of the Bylaws which would provide for countersigning of checks and withdrawal from accounts and delete the requirement to bond the Treasurer and present these proposals for consideration at the next Board meeting. Bob Gress seconded the motion. The motion passed.

KANSAS WILDLIFE HERITAGE MONTH: Elmer Finck reported that he had attended a meeting of the group which is working for the designation of March 1986 as Kansas Wildlife Heritge Month. The theme will be on rivers to emphasize the effect of the Kansas Water Plan on wildlife. Elmer Finck was asked to continue to represent KOS at the meetings and to bring proposals for KOS cooperation in the activities for consideration at the Winter Board meeting.

BUSINESS MANAGER: Roger Boyd reported that Joyce Wolfe of Lawrence will be contacted to see if she will serve as KOS Business Manager.

FUTURE MEETINGS: It was decided to explore the possibility of Cherokee County for the Spring 1987 Field Trip. Marvin Schwilling will check this out.

John Zimmerman invited KOS to Kansas State University in Manhattan for the Fall 1987 Meeting.

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwight R. Platt, Corr. Secretary  
Kansas Ornithological Society

ABSTRACTS FOR THE PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE  
THIRTY-EIGHTH KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING 1985

ROTH, STANLEY D. JR.\* and JOHN M. MARZLUFF. Lawrence High School, Lawrence, KS 66046 and Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ 86001. Reproductive success of Ferruginous Hawks in relation to nest locality in western Kansas.

Nest placement and reproductive success of Ferruginous Hawk (Buteo regalis) pairs at 64 nest sites in western Kansas were monitored from 1978 to 1983. Pairs nested on chalk ledges (53-69% of nests per year), chalk buttes (20-32%), in trees (6-10%), and on the ground (0-2%). Nest exposure was significantly nonrandom with north and east exposures favored (59% of nests) and south exposures avoided (15%). Neither percent of years a nest was active, nor production of nestlings was directly influenced by nest exposure, nest site type, or proximity to prairie dog towns. Nest success was related to an interaction between proximity to prey and nest accessibility to predators, with south facing nests, which were all inaccessible to predators having high success, accessible nests near prairie dogs having very low success, and inaccessible nests near prairie dog towns having very high success.

DWYER, MIKE. Hays, KS 67601. Breeding biology of an egret-heron rookery in southern Wichita.

The breeding biology of the Great Egret (Casmerodius albus), Snowy Egret (Egretta thula), Little Blue Heron (E. caerulea), Cattle Egret (Bubulcus ibis), and the Black-crowned Night Heron (Nycticorax nycticorax), was studied during 1985 at the Sunnyside Nursery in Haysville, Kansas. Average clutch size ranged from 3.1 in the Little Blue Heron to 4.6 in the Snowy Egret. When these species flew from the rookery they generally flew north and east towards the Arkansas River where they obtained fish to feed young, except for the Cattle Egret, which flew in all directions and fed its young mainly insects. Storms were the main reason for low hatching success. The Snowy Egret had the lowest hatching success (47%) and the Black-crowned Night Heron had the highest (86%). Fledgling success varied from 37% in the Little Blue Heron to 93% for the Snowy Egret.

ZIMMERMAN, JOHN L.\* and BRIAN WILLCUTTS. Division of Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506. Territory selection and habitat in Henslow's Sparrows.

Territories of Henslow's Sparrows (Ammodramus henslowii) were mapped on four watersheds of the Konza Prairie Research Natural Area near Manhattan, Kansas during the summer of 1985. Numbers of territorial males and the locations of their territories changed between early April and late May. Adjacent territories were seldom contiguous, and the territories of Henslow's Sparrows and those of Grasshopper Sparrows (A. savannarum) usually did not overlap. There was a significantly greater amount of standing dead vegetation within territory boundaries compared to areas not included within territories.

JOHNSTON, RICHARD F.\* and STEVEN G. JOHNSON. Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66045. Evolution of breeding season in the feral pigeon.

Feral populations of Columba livia show continuous reproductive activity even at high latitude localities. Productivity is low in winter, and winter breeding therefore has been thought to be a nonadaptive relic of the captive history of these birds. Advantages of normal, seasonal breeding include high efficiency of summertime reproduc-

tion, nonoverlap of breeding with molt, and feeding and thermoregulatory responsibility only for self in winter. But continuous breeding, which includes wintertime reproduction, can be shown to be adaptive to seasonal breeders. The necessary preadaptation for continuous breeding is cropmilk feeding of young. The origin of continuous breeding was artificial selection by humans. Reinforcement of continuous breeding is through addition of genes for such activity from captive populations, by means of preferential mating by feral birds with escaped captives.

KELLEY, KATHARINE B. Box 43, Baldwin City, KS 66006. Bird banding highlights.

During the past 24 years, I have banded over 25,000 birds, but only 95 of them have been reported to the Banding Office in Laurel, Maryland. Three species predominate: American Goldfinch (Carduelis tristis)--7,617 banded, 13 reported; Pine Siskin (Carduelis pinus)--6,701 banded, 30 reported; and Purple Finch (Carpodacus purpureus)--3,534 banded, 27 reported. These three species comprise 70 of the total of 95 reported birds. Several birds, rare or uncommon in the Baldwin City area, have been banded including White-winged Crossbill (Loxia leucoptera)--banded December 25, 1981; Great-tailed Grackle (Quiscalus mexicanus)--banded January 20, 1980; Groove-billed Ani (Crotophaga sulcirostris)--not banded but observed several days in November and December 1979; Common Redpoll (Carpodacus erythrinus)--2 banded March 7, 1970; and House Finch (Carpodacus mexicanus)--male banded February 22, 1977, seen daily until March 11, 1977 and also photographed at close range.

BOYD, ROGER L. Biology Department, Baker University, Baldwin City, KS 66006. Habitat management for Least Terns.

The Interior Least Tern (Sterna anathallorum athalassas) has recently been added to the official Federal Endangered Species List. My research since 1980 and that done by the Schulenbergs from 1980-1982 indicates that in Kansas Least Tern productivity is low (less than 0.5 young fledged per pair) and that populations have dropped in most sites. Several reasons have been postulated for these declines and low productivity including: flooding and coyote predation at the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, drying up of the Cimarron River and vegetation growth on nesting sites in Meade County, Kansas. In 1985 experimental gravel mounds (1 m dia.) were readily used as nest sites at Quivira, but coyotes depredated all nests. Therefore, in 1986 an electric fence will be installed to protect these artificial nest sites. A 2 acre area in Meade County has been cleared of vegetation to see if the Least Tern will recolonize this former nesting site.

LEWIS, EUGENE\* and EULALIA LEWIS. 1285 MacVicar Ave., Topeka, KS 66604. Some breeding season birds of Republic County, Kansas 1985.

A bird census was conducted June 1 to 4 1985 in Republic County, Kansas. Seventy-five species were found of which two were assumed non-breeding. The most abundant species was the Dickcissel (Spiza americana) 461, followed by the Mourning Dove (Zenaidura macroura) 243. In comparison to the two counties west of Republic County, Jewell County in 1984 and Smith County in 1983 had 260 and 113 Dickcissels and 530 and 599 Mourning Doves respectively. The three counties (Republic, Jewell, Smith) respectively had 61, 147, and 104 Northern Orioles (Icterus galbula); 133, 163, and 275 Eastern Kingbirds (Tyrannus tyrannus); 17, 81 and 208 Western Kingbirds (T. verticalis); 47, 37, and 123 Red-headed Woodpeckers (Melanerpes erythrocephalus); 19, 13, and 14 Orchard Orioles (I. spurius); 138, 132, and 111 American Robins (Turdus migratorius); 77, 85, and 120 House Wrens (Troglodytes aedon); and 31, 23, 31 Grasshopper Sparrows (Ammodramus savannarum).

THOMPSON, MAX C. Southwestern College, Winfield, KS 67157. Vocalization and hybridization in Black-capped and Carolina Chickadees in south-central Kansas.

In 1969-1970 a study was initiated to study the possible hybridization between the Black-capped Chickadee (Parus atricapillus) and the Carolina Chickadee (P. carolinensis) in south-central Kansas by Floyd Dowell and Max C. Thompson. The study was continued in 1984 by Steve K. Davis. Dowell and Thompson established that there was a zone of intergradation in south-central Kansas approximately ten miles wide. Davis continued the study but recorded the songs of the chickadees in an attempt to ascertain whether or not hybrids sang a different song. He found that in the zone of hybridization that there was a higher frequency of aberrant songs than in the areas with "pure" strains. Davis also established that the zone of hybridization may be further north than expected.

ELY, CHARLES A. Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS 67601. Dead birds do tell tales.

ZIMMERMAN, JOHN L.\* and SEBASTIAN PATTI. Division of Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506 and Chicago, Illinois. "Bird-finding in Kansas and western Missouri": last call for additions.

At the present time 97 locations are being considered for inclusion in "Bird-finding in Kansas and Western Missouri". These sites are distributed among ecological areas of the region in the following manner: 13 in the Ozark Forest, 25 in Forest-Prairie Mosaic, 8 in Oak-Hickory Forest/Riparian Forest, 19 in Tallgrass Prairie, 9 in Sand Prairie, 1 in Cedar Hills Prairie, 3 in Sand-sage Prairie, 12 in Mixed-grass Prairie, and 7 in Short-grass Plains. Members of the Kansas Ornithological Society are asked to suggest locations of other public-access sites that could be included.

EDITOR'S NOTE: To those authors who noticed that your abstract is substantially different than the one you submitted, you exceeded the 150 word limit. The authors of these long abstracts ranged from young to not so young and professional to amateur. The length of the abstract is not to exceed 150 words. The winner was 383 words!!! I hope my revision of your abstract reflects what you intended to say.

#### BIRDS SEEN ON THE FIELD TRIPS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING 1985

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Pied-billed Grebe        | Horned Lark             |
| Horned Grebe             | Barn Swallow            |
| Western Grebe            | Black-billed Magpie     |
| White Pelican            | American Crow           |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Black-capped Chickadee  |
| Great Blue Heron         | Red-breasted Nuthatch   |
| Canada Goose             | White-breasted Nuthatch |
| Wood Duck                | Rock Wren               |
| Mallard                  | House Wren              |
| Northern Shoveler        | Marsh Wren              |
| Gadwall                  | Ruby-crowned Kinglet    |
| American Widgeon         | Eastern Bluebird        |
| Redhead                  | Townsend's Solitaire    |

Ring-necked Duck  
 Ruddy Duck  
 Northern Harrier  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk  
 Cooper's Hawk  
 Swainson's Hawk  
 Red-tailed Hawk  
 American Kestrel  
 Golden Eagle  
 Ring-necked Pheasant  
 Northern Bobwhite  
 Sandhill Crane  
 Black-bellied Plover  
 Killdeer  
 Sanderling  
 Semipalmated Sandpiper  
 Baird's Sandpiper  
 Long-billed Dowitcher  
 Franklin's Gull  
 Bonaparte's Gull  
 Ring-billed Gull  
 Herring Gull  
 Rock Dove  
 Mourning Dove  
 Great Horned Owl  
 Common Nighthawk  
 Chimney Swift  
 Belted Kingfisher  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker  
 Downy Woodpecker  
 Hairy Woodpecker  
 Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)  
 Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)  
 American Coot

American Robin  
 Northern Mockingbird  
 Water Pipit  
 Cedar Waxwing  
 Loggerhead Shrike  
 European Starling  
 Orange-crowned Warbler  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler  
 Wilson's Warbler  
 Northern Cardinal  
 Rufous-sided Towhee  
 Chipping Sparrow  
 Clay-colored Sparrow  
 Field Sparrow  
 Vesper Sparrow  
 Lark Sparrow  
 Savannah Sparrow  
 Grasshopper Sparrow  
 Lincoln's Sparrow  
 White-throated Sparrow  
 White-crowned Sparrow  
 Harris' Sparrow  
 Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)  
 Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)  
 Lapland Longspur  
 Red-winged Blackbird  
 Western Meadowlark  
 Brewer's Blackbird  
 Common Grackle  
 Brown-headed Cowbird  
 House Finch  
 Pine Siskin  
 American Goldfinch  
 House Sparrow

# KOS ATTENDANCE ROSTER - ANNUAL MEETING 1985

## Admire

Jean Schulenberg

## Baldwin City

Jan Boyd  
 Jon Boyd  
 Margaret Boyd  
 Roger Boyd  
 Katharine Kelley  
 Barbara Pressgrove  
 David Pressgrove  
 Martin Pressgrove

## Coldwater

Marie Swisher  
 Martin Swisher

## Hays

Earl Carson  
 Chris Cooper  
 Donna Cooper  
 Mark Cooper  
 Charles Ely  
 Jan Ely  
 Marvin Rolfs  
 Bill Stark  
 Annie Laurie Steele  
 Tim Wagner  
 Denis Zehr  
 Linda Zehr

## Hoisington

Karen Genoung

## McPherson

Allen Jahn

## Mulvane

Mark Crawford

## Newton

Dwight Platt  
 Richard Schmidt

## Nekoma

Diane Seltman  
 Scott Seltman

## Russell

Jane Holland  
 LeRoy Holt



Copeland  
Arthur Nonhof

Edgerton  
Marno McKoughan

Elkhart  
Lawrence Smith  
Ruther Smith

Garden City  
Carleen Herbert  
Larry Herbert

Lawrence  
Ruth Fahl  
Richard Johnston  
Stan Roth

Manhattan  
Greg Farley  
Susan Farley  
Elmer Finck  
LaVonne Finck  
Steve Hansen  
John Zimmerman

Topeka  
Eulalia Lewis  
Gene Lewis

Wichita  
Harold Dwyer  
Mike Dwyer  
Sue Dwyer  
Bob Gress

Winfield  
Max Thompson

TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR  
October 1, 1984 - September 30, 1985  
Official Records Committee  
Marvin D. Schwilling, Chairman

In contrast to the previous two years this year we had an early spring. The first migrant warblers appeared in mid-April with all indications that their numbers would increase, however, it never happened. And it proved to be just a poor migration year. This fall too has been spotty and rather disappointing.

Information used in choosing the "top ten" included a search of the bulletin, newsletter, Christmas counts, "unusual bird report forms", and Rare Bird Alert Hotline reports.

As in the past, consideration was given to previous state records or specimens, geographic location in the state, season of sighting, nesting, etc., and committee judgments.

We considered 33 candidates:

TOP TEN CANDIDATES

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|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Brown Pelican                                | 18. Bairds Sparrow                              |
| 2. Northern Saw-Whet Owls<br>(possibly nesting) | 19. Ground Dove                                 |
| 3. Red-necked Grebe                             | 20. Mountain Bluebird<br>(possibly nesting)     |
| 4. Western Screech Owl                          | 21. Tri-colored Heron (nest, 3 yg.)             |
| 5. Clark's Grebes                               | 22. Sage Thrasher                               |
| 6. Thayer's Gulls                               | 23. Black Rail                                  |
| 7. Violet-green Swallow                         | 24. Cerulean Warbler<br>(first documented nest) |
| 8. Bushtits                                     | 25. Peregrine Falcon                            |
| 9. Broad-tailed Hummingbird (Oxford)            | 26. Olive-sided Flycatcher                      |
| 10. Trumpeter Swans                             | 27. Magnolia Warbler                            |
| 11. Olivaceous Cormorants                       | 28. Pygmy Nuthatch                              |
| 12. Western Tanagers                            | 29. Bohemian Waxwing                            |
| 13. Reeve's                                     | 30. Rufous-crowned Sparrow                      |
| 14. Long-tailed Jaeger                          | 31. Connecticut Warbler                         |
| 15. Little Gull                                 | 32. Mottled Duck                                |
| 16. Parasitic Jaeger                            | 33. Snow Bunting                                |
| 17. Red Phalarope                               |                                                 |

TOP TEN

1. Brown Pelican - Reported April 21, Meade State Lake, Mark Goldsberry.
2. Thayer's Gull - New bird for Kansas list reported at Cheyenne Bottoms, Sept. 2, 1984, and was number one on "top ten" list last year. Since then it has been reported from the Kaw River in the Kansas City area Jan. 6 & Jan. 10, 1985, Mick McHugh and Mel Cooksie; Kaw River state line January 13, Mick McHugh, Mel Cooksie, and Lloyd Moore; Tuttle Creek Reservoir Spillway January 15, by Ted Cable; Tuttle Creek Reservoir below the dam March 6, by Ted Cable; and at Perry Reservoir near the dam on March 17, by Lloyd Moore and Mel Cooksie - it was a Thayer's Gull year.
3. Western Screech Owl - First Kansas recorded record May 11 Morton Co., Scott and Diane Seltman.
4. Clark's Grebe - First Kansas recorded record August 30, Cheyenne Bottoms W.M.A. by Scott Seltman, many Kansas City birders and others.
5. Trumpeter Swans (4) - Reported January 23 through February 22, by Bill Brecheisen and Doug Sonntag at Garnett.
6. Red-necked Grebe - Reported January 13, Wyandotte County Lake, Lloyd Moore. The only other county record I am aware of is for Douglas County.
7. Reeve's (female Ruff) - Reported May 20 from Marais des Cygnes W.M.A. by David Seibel, Leland Pittman and Richard Rucker.
8. Broad-tailed Hummingbird - Reported August 17-18, at Oxford by Wallace Champney. There is one specimen from Morton County.
9. Little Gull - Reported November 4 at the Marais des Cygnes W.M.A. by Mel Cooksie, Lloyd Moore, and Nan and Nancy Johnson.
10. Bushtits - Reported September 14 at the Boy Scout area in Morton County by Scott and Diane Seltman and others.

HONORABLE MENTION

1. Connecticut Warbler - Reported May 6 in Wichita's Oak Park by Don and Fran Vannoy and in Lenexa, Johnson County May 28, Don Stout.
2. Black Rail - Reported October 17, at East waterfowl ponds in Morton County by Larry Smith and George Moore.
3. Long-tailed Jaeger - Reported August 31 at Cheyenne Bottoms W.M.A. by Steve Crawford, Richard Parker, and others.
4. Northern Saw-whet Owls (possibly nesting) - Reported July 27 at Hillsdale Reservoir by Mike Muehler.
5. Ground Dove - Reported October 6 in Edwards County by Scott Seltman.

6. Cerulean Warbler (nesting) - Reported May 26 just north of Marais des Cygnes W.M.A. by Roger Boyd, Don Stout, and Jackie Crossley.
7. Bairds Sparrow - Reported October 25 in Lyon County by Jean Schulenberg.
8. Tri-colored Heron (nesting) - Reported June 23 nest with 3 young, Cheyenne Bottoms W.M.A., Ed Martinez.
9. Red Phalarope - Reported September 14 at Elkhart sewer ponds Morton County and October 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms by Scott Seltman.
10. Rufous-crowned Sparrow - Reported \_\_\_\_\_ Morton County by Lloyd Moore.

#### THOSE NOT MAKING THE LISTS

1. Pygmy Nuthatch, Morton County
2. Violet-green Swallows, Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivera
3. Sage Thrasher
4. Mottled Duck
5. Western Tanagers
6. Olivaceous Cormorants
7. Snow Buntings
8. Mountain Bluebirds (possibly nesting in Finney County)
9. Parasitic Jaeger
10. Bohemian Waxwing
11. Peregrine Falcon
12. Olive-sided Flycatcher
13. Magnolia Warbler

#### LIFE MEMBERS, AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1985

Katharine B. Kelley  
 Carl S. Homes  
 Amelia J. Betts (deceased)  
 Max C. Thompson  
 Philip G. Kaul  
 J. W. Butin  
 Charles H. Franklin, Jr.  
 Katherine Nelson  
 Phebe B. Gates  
 Robert G. Barnhardt  
 Robert M. Mengel  
 Ivan L. Boyd (deceased)  
 Dorothy M. Ehart  
 Chandler S. Robbins  
 Richard H. Schmidt  
 I. Mabel Willis  
 Jerome Jackson  
 Mrs. T. M. O'Keefe  
 Wallace Champeny  
 Margaret Boyd  
 Gordon C. Sauer  
 Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.

Marion Mengel  
 Jane Holland  
 George Neavoll  
 Celia White  
 Jay Newton  
 Eulalia Lewis  
 Eugene R. Lewis  
 Shirley Weaver  
 Jane Hershberger  
 I. Leroy Holt II  
 Theodore Sperry  
 Stan Roth  
 Ruth Fahl  
 Roger Boyd  
 Donna Cooper  
 Charles Ely  
 Steve Kingswood  
 James K. O'Toole  
 Nada Voth  
 John Parrish  
 Lorena Combs  
 Steven Crawford

## LIFE MEMBERS CONTINUED

Steve Burr  
Phyllis J. Henney  
Sebastian Patti  
Helen Garrett  
Richard Garrett  
Joyce Davis  
Marvin Schwillling  
Earl Carlson  
Phillip Menninger  
Marvin Kuehn  
Wally Boles

Paul C. Finninger  
Richard Rucker  
Ruth Broderson  
Tom Flowers  
Don Yockey  
Hazel Moore  
Nanette Johnson  
Jack Tyler  
Esther Stockebrand  
Jean M. Bailey  
Dwight Platt

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

Please watch for Pine Siskins with bright colored breast feathers as I am again making banded siskins.

Katharine B. Kelley  
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## CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

Baldwin City  
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## CHEYENNE BOTTOMS RUN

In conjunction with the Kansas Wildlife Heritage Month the Kansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society, is tentatively scheduling a run from Cheyenne Bottoms to Topeka for 22-24 March 1986 with the runners reaching the State Capitol about 9:00 Monday morning. Plans are to have the route from Cheyenne Bottoms to Topeka follow the course of rivers as closely as possible.

For more details or if interested in participating, contact:

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## COLOR-MARKED AMERICAN WHITE PELICANS

In 1985 approximately 150 immature American White Pelicans were color-marked at Path Finder Reservoir, Wyoming to determine their post-fledgling dispersal, migration routes, and wintering areas. Birds were marked with a red plastic leg band with horizontal white strips on the right leg and a USFWS numbered band on the left leg. If you observe a color-marked American White Pelican the following information would be appreciated:

- 1) Date of observation
- 2) Location of observation
- 3) Behavior of bird (size of group, feeding, etc.)
- 4) Observer's name, address, and phone number

Please report sightings to:

Scott Findholt or Bob Oakleaf  
Game and Fish Department  
260 Buena Vista Drive  
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(307) 332-9110

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# NEWSLETTER

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# **Fall Meeting at Ft. Hays State October 4-6, 1985**

## OFFICERS' CORNER

It's the end of June. The third number in the current volume of the Kansas Ornithological Society Bulletin is due out in September. But when I open the file folder that contains manuscripts ready for publication, it is empty. There is nothing there. I have nothing to publish for the September Bulletin. Perhaps a one page number, that is, the masthead followed by the list of officers? Of course I could wait until something comes in the mail and make that the September issue (but what will I do for December?). Maybe the current volume will just be two issues (I remember back in WWII that happened with journals because of the scarcity of paper). When the ornithologists at the University of Kansas were involved in the Society, Bulletin space could always be filled with records of newly acquired dead birds (but I remember Jim Rising always considered that only as a last resort). The bottom line of this lament, of course, is the question, does the Kansas Ornithological Society need a quarterly publication limited to ornithological science? Like the lady from Chicago who writes a column in my daily newspaper says, if you don't use it (that is, provide the editor with manuscripts), you lose it. Many of you have good records from your location, some of them quite long-term; we've published similar efforts on Swope Park and McCoid Lake. Many of you have done Breeding-bird Surveys for the Fish and Wildlife Service for years; look what Ted Sperry did with his back in the September 1981 issue. There are important nesting and distributional records sitting in your notes that will disappear from the face of the earth, if you don't get them in print. In this regard, I got a note about an earlier House Finch record from eastern Kansas in response to Dave Rintoul's recent article; but if such records are not published in the accessible literature, they remain secrets. I obviously think there is a need for the Bulletin. But that's easy for me to say. The critical concurrence is, do you agree enough to do something about it?

John L. Zimmerman, Editor  
KOS Bulletin

## REEVE SIGHTING

On 20 May 1985 at 3:30 PM and for the following ca. 15 minutes in Unit G (NW side), Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Management Area, Linn County, Kansas we observed a Reeve (Philomachus pugnax). The bird had bright orange legs and a darkish down-curved bill that was not much longer than its head. The Reeve had a heavy body look that made the bird appear small-headed. The back was very scaly with dark vanes and whitish edges to the feathers. The scapulars were very long. The tail had a very distinctive white "U"-shaped pattern that was obvious when the bird preened. At this point we were observing the bird with 15-60x, 20-45x, and 25x spotting scopes from 75-80m. The bird flew approximately 300m then fed actively and preened in "knee"-deep water; we continued to observe it with 25x spotting scopes and 10x binoculars. No calls were given by the bird. Near the Reeve there were Wilson's Phalaropes, Stilt Sandpipers (Reeve distinctly bigger) and Lesser Yellowlegs (Reeve about same length, bill stouter and curved, body much thicker). We noted dark "smudges" covering much of the breast. The lighting conditions were excellent, there was virtually no wind, the bird was close and we could not have hoped for a better look at a Reeve. Galen Pittman, Richard Rucker and Dave Seibel.

David E. Seibel  
Lawrence, KS

So, how do you see 200 species in Kansas? We started at Marais des Cygnes, flew to Morton County and back to Great Bend. Time and wind killed our chances. The flight to Morton County was supposed to take 3 hours but 30 mph headwinds made it 5 hours. Add another hour and 45 minutes to fly to Great Bend and you have almost 7 hours in the air. That will not give you enough time to see the birds on the ground. It would be best to start at Marais des Cygnes and bird until 10:30 AM. Then fly (hopefully 1.5 hours) to Great Bend bird there until 5:00 PM. Then fly to Morton County (another 1.5 hours) to look for western species (maybe even Poor-will and Western Screech Owl at night). This second plan would give you at least an extra 1.5 hours on the ground looking at birds. Remember, on a Big Day your two worst enemies are time and weather.

On using an airplane, you must find a pilot willing to wait 5 hours for you on the ground or use 2 planes. Hopefully, you have a friend (as I do) who owns an airplane and won't charge an arm and a leg to fly you. Charter planes cost big bucks! Airplanes should not be disallowed however, because the whole point of a Big Day is how many birds can be seen, not how you get to them.

In conclusion, Kansas in May has 16 possible birds of prey, 7 owls, 4 night-jars, 17 flycatchers, 8 vireos, 35 warblers and many other passerines. While we had only 159 on our attempt, if I combine it with our 1984 try and our scouting trip to Morton County on April 25, 1985, I come up with 209 species! Add some other realistic possibilities and I arrive at around 235 species possible for a Big Day in Kansas! Time will probably prevent that number from being reached, but I am sure that 200 is possible with good weather and a fast airplane. OK, now somebody get out there and do it!

I would like to acknowledge Lawrence Smith, John Zimmerman, Scott Seltman, Roger Boyd, and Lloyd Moore for helping me come up with this plan.

#### 1985 BIG DAY LINN, MORTON, AND STAFFORD COUNTIES - May 11, 1985

Pied-billed Grebe  
White Pelican  
American Bittern  
Great Egret  
Green-backed Heron  
Canada Goose  
Green-winged Teal  
Northern Pintail  
Northern Shoveler  
Redhead  
Lesser Scaup  
Turkey Vulture  
Broad-winged Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
American Kestrel  
Ring-necked Pheasant  
Scaled Quail  
Black-bellied Plover  
Killdeer  
American Avocet  
Lesser Yellowlegs  
Least Sandpiper  
Baird's Sandpiper  
Stilt Sandpiper  
Short-billed Dowitcher  
Wilson's Phalarope

Eared Grebe  
Double-crested Cormorant  
Great Blue Heron  
Snowy Egret  
Black-crowned Night Heron  
Wood Duck  
Mallard  
Blue-winged Teal  
Gadwall  
Ring-necked Duck  
Ruddy Duck  
Mississippi Kite  
Swainson's Hawk  
Ferruginous Hawk  
Peregrine Falcon  
Northern Bobwhite  
American Coot  
Snowy Plover  
Black-necked Stilt  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Spotted Sandpiper  
White-rumped Sandpiper  
Pectoral Sandpiper  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper  
American Woodcock  
Franklin's Gull



## BIRDING SIGHTINGS

### Meade County - April 1, 1985

Wood Duck (pair)  
Ferruginous Hawk  
Golden Eagle  
Lesser Prairie Chicken  
Turkey  
Sandhill Crane 40  
Long billed Curlew  
Burrowing Owl  
Long-eared Owl  
Eastern Phoebe  
Say's Phoebe  
Bewick's Wren  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Vesper Sparrow  
Fox Sparrow

### Commanche County - April 2, 1985

Lesser Prairie Chicken 9 on lek  
Chestnut-collared Longspur 10

### Wichita - April 3, 1985

Great Egret  
Little Blue Heron  
Black-crowned Night Heron

### Quivira - March 31, 1985

Snowy Plover 3  
Baird's Sandpiper  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Lesser Yellowlegs

Roger Boyd  
Baldwin, KS

## HOW TO HAVE A 200 BIG DAY IN KANSAS

Move over California, Texas, and New Jersey! There are some other good birding states in the USA. Kansas is well situated in the Central Flyway and is one of the states where both eastern and western birds can be found. The Kansas list has 415 species, 39 with less than 5 records and 2 extinct. That leaves 374 species possible over one year (Scott Seltman had 293 in 1984). A variety of habitats is present in Kansas. The eastern one-third is mostly oak-hickory forest with some bluestem prairie. The middle one-third is bluestem-gramma prairie with some sandsage and northern floodplain forest. The western one-third has 3 prairie types: gramma-buffalo grass, sandsage-bluestem, and bluestem-gramma.

The keys to a Big Day in Kansas are:

1. Marais des Cygnes (Linn County) in eastern Kansas, where almost 25 species of warblers are possible 7 woodpeckers including Pileated Woodpecker, and numerous other eastern species. My own one day personal record is 127; others have higher.
2. Morton County in southwest Kansas, where such western birds as Say's Phoebe, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Poor-will, Chihuahuan Raven, Black-billed Magpie, Brown Towhee, Curve-billed Thrasher, House Finch, Cassin's Sparrow, Rufous-crowned Sparrow and Brewer's Sparrow, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Lark Bunting, Black-headed Grosbeak, Rock Wren, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Scaled Quail and possibly Black-throated Gray Warbler, Townsend's Warbler and MacGillivray's Warbler can be found.
3. Cheyenne Bottoms WMA and Quivira NWR (Barton and Stafford counties) are the main keys to a Big Day in Kansas. They are the best spots in the state for shorebirds and possibly one of the best in the Central Flyway. There could also be 4 rails, 21 waterfowl, 11 herons and bitterns, and White-faced Ibis. In one day 154 species can be seen between these two places alone.

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BEST BIRDS OF THE SEASON

SPECIES \_\_\_\_\_ SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY & LOCALITY \_\_\_\_\_

DETAILS: (Send separate sheet for each species).

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FIRST COUNTY RECORDS - JANUARY-MAY 1985

|                        |                             |                  |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Horned Grebe           | (2)                         | 3-23-85 Trego    |
| Eared Grebe            |                             | 4-29-85 Ness     |
|                        | several on feedlot lagoon   | 4-29-85 Hodgeman |
| American Bittern       |                             | 5-18-85 Barber   |
| Wood Duck              | (2)                         | 4-29-85 Rush     |
| Black-bellied Plover   | (1)                         | 5-17-85 Pawnee   |
|                        | several south of Coldwater  | 5-18-85 Comanche |
|                        | several north of Bucklin    | 5-18-85 Ford     |
|                        | one near Iuka               | 5-18-85 Pratt    |
| Golden Plover          | one south of Coldwater      | 5-18-85 Comanche |
| Semipalmated Plover    | (3)                         | 5-17-85 Pawnee   |
| Western Sandpiper      | several at Meade State Lake | 4-23-85 Meade    |
| Stilt Sandpiper        | 30+ north of Bucklin        | 5-18-85 Ford     |
| Tree Swallow           | (1)                         | 4-08-85 Rush     |
| Cedar Waxwing          | one at Cedar Bluff          | 1-15-85 Trego    |
|                        | 20+                         | 3-14-85 Norton   |
| Northern Shrike        | immature bird near Dundee   | 1-17-85 Barton   |
| Orange-crowned Warbler |                             | 4-29-85 Hodgeman |
| Common Yellowthroat    |                             | 4-29-85 Hodgeman |
| Yellow-breasted Chat   |                             | 5-18-85 Barber   |
| Hooded Warbler         | one female seen repeatedly  | 5-15-85 Pawnee   |
| Northern Cardinal      |                             | 4-29-85 Hodgeman |
| Lincoln's Sparrow      |                             | 4-29-85 Hodgeman |
| Pine Siskin            | 10+                         | 3-14-85 Norton   |

UNUSUAL BIRDS - JANUARY-MAY 1985

|                  |                                   |                  |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Merlin           | 5 sightings                       | January W. Kan.  |
| Peregrine Falcon |                                   | 3-19-85 Rush     |
| Prairie Falcon   | 17 sightings                      | January W. Kan.  |
| Swainson's Hawk  | one sitting on snow drift         | 3-31-85 Stafford |
| Ross' Goose      | one among mixed flock near Dundee | 1-07-85 Barton   |
| Whooping Crane   | 3 two-year-old adults             | 4-06-85 Stafford |

Forster's Tern  
Black Tern  
Mourning Dove  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
Eastern Screech Owl  
Burrowing Owl  
Common Nighthawk  
Whip-poor-will  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Olive-sided Flycatcher  
Acadian Flycatcher  
Eastern Phoebe  
Western Kingbird  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher  
Purple Martin  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
Black-billed Magpie  
Chihuahuan Raven  
Tufted Titmouse  
Carolina Wren  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Gray-cheeked Thrush  
American Robin  
Northern Mockingbird  
Loggerhead Shrike  
White-eyed Vireo  
Yellow-throated Vireo  
Philadelphia Vireo  
Tennessee Warbler  
Northern Parula  
Chestnut-sided Warbler  
Blackpoll Warbler  
American redstart  
Ovenbird  
Kentucky Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Scarlet Tanager  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
Indigo Bunting  
Rufous-sided Towhee  
Chipping Sparrow  
Field Sparrow  
Lark Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Bobolink  
Eastern Meadowlark  
Yellow-headed Blackbird  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Northern Oriole  
House Sparrow

Least Tern  
Rock Dove  
Black-billed Cuckoo  
Common Barn Owl  
Great Horned Owl  
Barred Owl  
Chuck-will's Widow  
Chimney Swift  
Red-headed Woodpecker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Pileated Woodpecker  
Eastern Wood-Pewee  
Least Flycatcher  
Great Crested Flycatcher  
Eastern Kingbird  
Horned Lark  
Tree Swallow  
Bank Swallow  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Black-capped Chickadee  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
House Wren  
Eastern Bluebird  
Swainson's Thrush  
Gray Catbird  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
Bell's Vireo  
Warbling Vireo  
Red-eyed Vireo  
Nashville Warbler  
Yellow Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)  
Cerulean Warbler  
Prothonotary Warbler  
Louisiana Waterthrush  
Mourning Warbler  
Summer Tanager  
Northern Cardinal  
Blue Grosbeak  
Dickcissel  
Cassin's Sparrow  
Clay-colored Sparrow  
Vesper Sparrow  
Lark Bunting  
Grasshopper Sparrow  
Harris' Sparrow  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Western Meadowlark  
Common Grackle  
Orchard Oriole  
American Goldfinch

Our group: Tim Bardsdale, Steve Crawford, and Mark Corder  
Non-participants: Lawrence Smith, Jim Garrison and Elaine Corder

Steve Crawford  
Olathe, Kansas

|                         |                                   |                  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Snowy Plover            | 10+                               | 3-31-85 Stafford |
| Piping Plover           | 4 along Redwing Dike - Pool 3     | 4-20-85 Barton   |
| Red-necked Phalarope    | 3 females                         | 5-19-85 Stafford |
| Snowy Owl               | grayish immature                  | 1-07-85 Barton   |
| Say's Phoebe            | several arrived 2 weeks early     | 3-26-85 Rush     |
| Chihuahuan Raven        | one heard                         | 4-23-85 Meade    |
| Mountain Bluebird       | 5                                 | 3-05-85 Rush     |
| Hermit Thrush           | 2                                 | 5-11-85 Morton   |
| Northern Shrike         |                                   | 1-10-85 Rush     |
|                         | immature attacking R-W Blackbirds | 1-15-85 Trego    |
| Northern Parula Warbler | 2                                 | 4-27-85 Morton   |
| Summer Tanager          | molting male found by Gene Lewis  | 4-27-85 Morton   |
| Lazuli Bunting          | one at Colorado Line              | 5-11-85 Morton   |
| Painted Bunting         | 10+                               | 5-18-85 Comanche |
| Pine Grosbeak           | found by Charles Ely in Hays      | 1-05-85 Ellis    |
| Evening Grosbeak        | 6 at south Hays feeder            | 1-11-85 Ellis    |
| House Finch             | pair building nest in Larned      | 4-11-85 Pawnee   |

Scott Selman  
Nekoma, Kansas

#### COUNTY RECORDS

| <u>SPECIES</u>               | <u>COUNTY</u>     |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Chuck-wills-widow         | Ellsworth         |
| 2. Chuck-wills-widow         | Meade             |
| 3. Ruby-throated Hummingbird | Mitchell          |
| 4. Ladder-backed Woodpecker  | Meade             |
| 5. Cassin's Kingbird         | Clark (doubtful)  |
| 6. Eastern Phoebe            | Clark             |
| 7. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | Meade             |
| 8. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | Sheridan          |
| 9. Acadian Flycatcher        | Clark (doubtful)  |
| 10. Acadian Flycatcher       | Ellis             |
| 11. Acadian Flycatcher       | Saline (doubtful) |
| 12. Traill's Flycatcher      | Saline            |
| 13. Traill's Flycatcher      | Wabaunsee         |
| 14. Least Flycatcher         | Cloud             |
| 15. Least Flycatcher         | Osborne           |
| 16. Least Flycatcher         | Mitchell          |
| 17. Eastern Wood Pewee       | Ellsworth         |
| 18. Eastern Wood Pewee       | Kiowa             |
| 19. Eastern Wood Pewee       | Seward            |
| 20. Western Wood Pewee       | Kingman           |
| 21. Olive-sided Flycatcher   | Clark             |
| 22. Violet-green Swallow     | Sherman           |
| 23. Bank Swallow             | Ottawa            |
| 24. Purple Martin            | Wichita           |
| 25. Scrub Jay                | Ellsworth         |
| 26. Common Raven             | Haskell           |
| 27. Common Raven             | Jewell            |
| 28. Common Raven             | Johnson           |
| 29. Clark's Nutcracker       | Pottawatomie      |

| <u>SPECIES</u>             | <u>COUNTY</u>           |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 30. Carolina Chickadee     | Harvey (hypothetically) |
| 31. Mountain Chickadee     | Finney                  |
| 32. Mountain Chickadee     | Haskell                 |
| 33. Sage Thrasher          | Jackson (doubtful)      |
| 34. Curve-billed Thrasher  | Riley                   |
| 35. Varied Thrush          | Finney                  |
| 36. Varied Thrush          | Haskell                 |
| 37. Varied Thrush          | Pottawatomie            |
| 38. Varied Thrush          | Douglas                 |
| 39. Wood Thrush            | Haskell                 |
| 40. Wood Thrush            | Ottawa                  |
| 41. Wood Thrush            | Republic                |
| 42. Wood Thrush            | Saline                  |
| 43. Hermit Thrush          | Meade                   |
| 44. Swainson's Thrush      | Lane                    |
| 45. Gray-checked Thrush    | Trego                   |
| 46. Veery                  | Wabaunsee               |
| 47. Eastern Bluebird       | Smith                   |
| 48. Golden-crowned Kinglet | Kiowa                   |
| 49. Bohemian Waxwing       | Russell                 |
| 50. Cedar Waxwing          | Clay                    |
| 51. Northern Shrike        | Scott                   |
| 52. Bell's Vireo           | Meade                   |
| 53. Solitary Vireo         | Bourbon                 |
| 54. Solitary Vireo         | Lincoln                 |
| 55. Solitary Vireo         | Russell                 |
| 56. Red-eyed Vireo         | Ellsworth               |
| 57. Red-eyed Vireo         | McPherson               |
| 58. Red-eyed Vireo         | Meade                   |
| 59. Red-eyed Vireo         | Mitchell                |
| 60. Philadelphia Vireo     | Meade                   |
| 61. Philadelphia Vireo     | Sheridan                |
| 62. Black & White Warbler  | Kiowa                   |
| 63. Black & White Warbler  | Mitchell                |
| 64. Black & White Warbler  | Ottawa                  |
| 65. Golden-winged Warbler  | Kiowa                   |
| 66. Tennessee Warbler      | Cloud                   |
| 67. Tennessee Warbler      | Lincoln                 |
| 68. Tennessee Warbler      | Ottawa                  |
| 69. Tennessee Warbler      | Saline                  |
| 70. Tennessee Warbler      | Meade                   |
| 71. Tennessee Warbler      | Mitchell                |
| 72. Tennessee Warbler      | Osborne                 |
| 73. Wilson's Warbler       | Cloud                   |
| 74. Wilson's Warbler       | Labette                 |
| 75. Wilson's Warbler       | Wallace                 |
| 76. Canada Warbler         | Wabaunsee               |
| 77. American Redstart      | Clark                   |
| 78. American Redstart      | Mitchell                |
| 79. American Redstart      | Osborne                 |
| 80. Bobolink               | Bourbon                 |
| 81. Bobolink               | Gray                    |

| <u>SPECIES</u>                    | <u>COUNTY</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 82. Bobolink                      | Mitchell      |
| 83. Eastern Meadowlark            | Gray          |
| 84. Bullock's Oriole              | Greeley       |
| 85. Rusty Blackbird               | Sheridan      |
| 86. Great-tailed Grackle          | Atchison      |
| 87. Great-tailed Grackle          | Dickinson     |
| 88. Great-tailed Grackle          | Finney        |
| 89. Great-tailed Grackle          | Osage         |
| 90. Western Tanager               | Clark         |
| 91. Scarlet Tanager               | Elk           |
| 92. Scarlet Tanager               | Haskell       |
| 93. Cardinal                      | Hodgeman      |
| 94. Rose-breasted Grosbeak        | Clark         |
| 95. Rose-breasted Grosbeak        | Ellsworth     |
| 96. Rose-breasted Grosbeak        | Meade         |
| 97. Rose-breasted Grosbeak        | Republic      |
| 98. Black-headed Grosbeak         | Clark         |
| 99. Lazuli Bunting                | Kiowa         |
| 100. Magnolia Warbler             | Lincoln       |
| 101. Magnolia Warbler             | Ottawa        |
| 102. Magnolia Warbler             | Wabaunsee     |
| 103. Black-throated Blue Warbler  | Wabaunsee     |
| 104. Audubon's Warbler            | Clark         |
| 105. Black-throated Gray Warbler  | Sheridan      |
| 106. Black-throated Green Warbler | Mitchell      |
| 107. Blackburnian Warbler         | Bourbon       |
| 108. Chestnut-sided Warbler       | Bourbon       |
| 109. Chestnut-sided Warbler       | Meade         |
| 110. Chestnut-sided Warbler       | Lyon          |
| 111. Bay-breasted Warbler         | Mitchell      |
| 112. Blackpoll Warbler            | Clark         |
| 113. Blackpoll Warbler            | Cloud         |
| 114. Blackpoll Warbler            | Mitchell      |
| 115. Blackpoll Warbler            | Ottawa        |
| 116. Palm Warbler                 | Haskell       |
| 117. Ovenbird                     | Cloud         |
| 118. Ovenbird                     | Ottawa        |
| 119. Ovenbird                     | Saline        |
| 120. Northern Waterthrush         | Ottawa        |
| 121. Louisiana Waterthrush        | Rush          |
| 122. Louisiana Waterthrush        | Saline        |
| 123. Connecticut Warbler          | Sedgwick      |
| 124. Connecticut Warbler          | Wabaunsee     |
| 125. Mourning Warbler             | Clark         |
| 126. Mourning Warbler             | Lincoln       |
| 127. Common Yellowthroat          | Ness          |
| 128. Common Yellowthroat          | Osborne       |
| 129. Yellow-breasted Chat         | Clay          |
| 130. Yellow-breasted Chat         | Osborne       |
| 131. Purple Finch                 | Haskell       |
| 132. House Finch                  | Gove          |
| 133. House Finch                  | Harvey        |
| 134. House Finch                  | Hodgeman      |

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| 135. House Finch                 | Mitchell |
| 136. Pine Siskin                 | Mitchell |
| 137. American Goldfinch          | Lane     |
| 138. Red Crossbill               | Haskell  |
| 139. Red Crossbill               | Mitchell |
| 140. Red Crossbill               | Russell  |
| 141. Red Crossbill               | Kiowa    |
| 142. LeConte's Sparrow           | Clark    |
| 143. Henslow's Sparrow           | Barton   |
| 144. Sharp-tailed Sparrow        | Reno     |
| 145. White-winged Junco          | Haskell  |
| 146. Chipping Sparrow            | Meade    |
| 147. Clay-colored Sparrow        | Mitchell |
| 148. Fox Sparrow                 | Lincoln  |
| 149. Lincoln Sparrow             | Kiowa    |
| 150. Snow Bunting                | Saline   |
| 151. Blue-winged Warbler         | Sheridan |
| 152. Blue-winged Warbler         | Sherman  |
| 153. Virginia's Warbler          | Haskell  |
| 154. Black-throated Gray Warbler | Haskell  |
| 155. Pine Warbler                | Sheridan |
| 156. Yellow-throated Warbler     | Sheridan |
| 157. Yellow-throated Warbler     | Sherman  |
| 158. White-winged Crossbill      | Allen    |
| 159. Fox Sparrow                 | Meade    |

Chuck Ely  
Hays, KS

#### CHEYENNE BOTTOMS UPDATE

The Kansas legislature has funded an eighteen month feasibility study of the Cheyenne Bottoms. The study will be a cooperative effort among the Kansas Biological Survey, Kansas Geological Survey and the Kansas Fish and Game. The latter has the final responsibility for writing the final report and presenting it to the Governor and legislature in January 1987. Jan Garton would like to thank all who participated in this endeavor and she encourages you to write to your legislators to thank them for their efforts. If you want to keep better informed on the Bottoms, write to Jan Garton and she will send you the Bottoms line, a newsletter with the purpose of keeping Kansans informed about the Bottoms.

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She will also accept contributions for this newsletter. Keep informed.

Elmer J. Finck  
KOS Representative  
Cheyenne Bottoms Technical Task Force

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Scott Seltman has diligently set up several KOS field trips. Thus far in 1985 they have seen a total of 230+ species and hope to exceed 260 after the Labor Day field trip. However, he informs me that very few people are showing up. In fact only eight (8)!!! people have come thus far. Let me repeat John Zimmerman's warning -- If you do not use it, you may lose it. These field trips are designed for YOU.

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## KOS FIELD TRIPS 1985

Not all of the KOS Field Trips were well attended. But although the numbers of participants were often small we found some great birds. Whether you are a novice looking for your first Robin or an expert looking for a first state record I hope you will consider coming along in 1985. Call me for details.

Scott Seltman  
Nekoma, Kansas 67559  
(913) 329-4411

## Labor Day Weekend - August 31, September 1 & 2, 1985 - Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira

Birders who have never been to The Bottoms in late summer will be surprised at the numbers of birds that are present. Thirty species of shorebirds should be in the area along with many waterfowl and early passerine migrants. It now seems unclear as to whether we will spend more time at Cheyenne Bottoms or Quivira. To arrange a meeting place with the group please call Scott Seltman, (913) 329-4411.

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## Motels in Hays

Please make your reservations early because KOS coincides with Homecoming. The rates given are usually: single (1 person/1 bed); double (2 persons/2 beds). Different motels handle the extra person differently. I suggest that you specify exactly what you want.

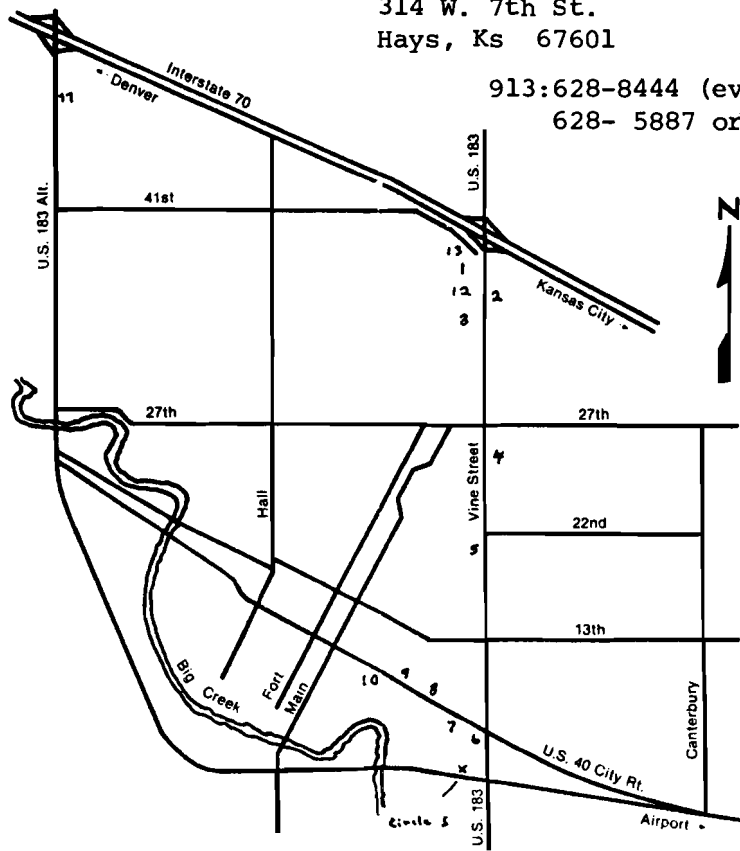
|                                |                              |             |          | single   | double                       | xtra    |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|------------------------------|---------|
| 1                              | Holiday Inn Holidome         | Hgw 183 N   | 625-7371 | 42       | 49                           | 6       |
| 2                              | Motel 6                      | 3404 N Vine | 628-1037 | 18       | 22                           | 3       |
| 3                              | Ramada Inn Hotel             | 3205 N Vine | 628-8261 | 33       | 45                           | 5       |
| 4                              | Best Western Vagabond        | 2524 Vine   | 625-2511 | 30       | 38                           | 4       |
| 5                              | Midway Hotel                 | Vine & 20th | 625-5636 | 30       | 36                           | 2       |
| 6                              | Budget Inn Villa             | 810 E 8th   | 625-2563 | 23       | 29                           | 3       |
| 7                              | Rainbow Motel                | 722 E 8th   | 625-6581 | 13       | 18                           | 2       |
| 8                              | Riley Motel                  | 609 E 8th   | 625-2567 | 13       | 18                           | 2       |
| 9                              | Friendship Inn, Ft.Hays      | 527 E 8th   | 625-2581 | 16       | 24                           | 4       |
| 10                             | Sunset Motel                 | 500 E 8th   | 625-2571 | 13       | 22                           | 3       |
| 11                             | Frontier City Best Value Inn | I-70 West   | 628-1076 | 14       | 19                           | 3       |
| 12                             | Econo Lodge (new)            | 3503 Vine   | 625-4839 | 26       | 31                           | 2       |
| 13                             | Hampton Inn (new)            | 3801 Vine   | 625-8103 | 27       | 31                           | 5       |
| Circle S Trailer Park 501 Vine |                              |             |          | 625-6119 | Self contained, full hookups | \$11.00 |
|                                |                              |             |          |          | RR & Showers                 | \$2.00  |

Tent \$8.00 + \$2.00 for RR & Showers

If you plan to camp, write me soon and we will try to get additional spaces out of town at a lower rate.

Charles A. Ely  
314 W. 7th St.  
Hays, Ks 67601

913:628-8444 (evening)  
628- 5887 or 4214 (day)



## ANNUAL FALL MEETING

The annual fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society will be held in Hays October 4 through 6 1985. The Saturday activities will be at Albertson Hall on the campus of Fort Hays State University. It is imperative that you preregister for the banquet and the Sunday lunch. Registration must be received by October 1.

Friday, October 4 - An informal get together will be at the Ely residence, 314 W. 7th St. from 7:00 PM to ?? Anyone coming early is invited to attend.

Saturday, October 5 - Albertson Hall, Room 310. Albertson is at the SW corner of the main quadrangle on campus. The campus is at the west side of Hays between W 6th and W 8th streets. Parking should be plentiful early but a problem later (Homecoming activities). Registration begins at 8:00 AM and coffee and donuts will be available. The paper session will begin at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be available at the FHSU Union or at fast food places in Hays.

The ever-popular Birdwatchers Hour will be from 1:00-2:00 PM. There will also be exhibits, posters and perhaps other activities in Albertson Hall across the hall in Rooms 311 and 313. The bird collection will be open upon request.

The banquet will be in the Black and Gold Room of the Memorial Union at 6:30 PM.

Sunday, October 6 - Several field trips are scheduled to the better birding areas in the Hays area. All trips will depart from the south side of Albertson Hall. Lunch will be in the park in south Hays.

### MOTELS AND OTHER ACCOMODATIONS:

The enclosed brochure lists the motels available and their location. A few dormitory rooms will be available (\$14.00, 2 persons, provide your own linen; or \$18.00, 2 persons, linen provided) on a first come-first serve basis. Very early reservations will be necessary for these rooms!

Early reservations for motels is highly recommended because this is also Homecoming weekend. However, I have been assured that with our two new motels there should be no problem.

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### REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

|                                      | NUMBER | TOTAL    |
|--------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Registration Fee.... \$3.00 .....    | _____  | \$ _____ |
| Saturday Banquet.... \$7.50 .....    | _____  | \$ _____ |
| Sunday Lunch..... <b>13.75</b> ..... | _____  | \$ _____ |
|                                      | TOTAL  | \$ _____ |

Make checks payable to Kansas Ornithological Society. Banquet and Sunday lunch tickets must be reserved in advance (by October 1). MAIL TO: Charles Ely, Department of Biology, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas 67601

## CALL FOR PAPERS

K.O.S. ANNUAL MEETING, 1985

The Kansas Ornithological Society will meet 4, 5, and 6 October 1985, on the campus of Fort Hays State University in Hays. The contributed papers session will be on Saturday, 5 October. We are hoping for a wide variety of contributions. The only requirement is that they deal with birds in some way! We especially encourage graduate and undergraduate students to present the results of their studies. The most interesting papers are often by persons who consider themselves amateurs but nevertheless have considerable expertise. We encourage you to share your experiences with the group. We are planning a poster and exhibit room to supplement the formal paper session. This will be advantageous to contributors who have numerous charts and/or accompanying material. Members will have an opportunity to examine the exhibits at their leisure and to discuss them with the contributors. Results of banding studies will be presented in this way. The disadvantage is that one cannot address the entire audience at one time. Both long and short presentations are welcome.

We are again requesting that all contributors submit an abstract or short summary of their presentations. These will be printed in the Newsletter so that others can see our activities and so we will have a better record of the activities of Kansas birders.

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Complete this form and mail to:

Elmer J. Finck  
Division of Biology  
Kansas State University  
Manhattan, KS 66506  
Phone (913) 532-6629 or (913) 537-1171

Contributed Papers Session, 5 October 1985

AUTHOR(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF PAPER: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ABSTRACT: Send now or bring it to the meeting - but don't forget! Short summary of 150 words.

Time for presentation and questions: 10 min. 15 min. 20 min.

Audio-visual equipment needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Formal presentation: \_\_\_\_\_; Poster paper: \_\_\_\_\_; Exhibit: \_\_\_\_\_

MUST BE SENT BY SEPTEMBER 20, 1985

**Fall Meeting  
at  
Ft. Hays State  
October 4-6,  
1985**

#### FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER'S DESK

My duties as business manager of the society include several areas but all include helping to control the society funds. I am responsible for seeing that all publications are printed and mailed at the cheapest rate possible. How can members help out with this? The main mailing cost the society 6 cents for each piece. When you move without telling us, it costs us 32 cents to find out you have moved as we have to pay for getting your new address. It costs an additional 22 cents to mail it to your new address. We had one person move two times before they slowed down for the mail to catch up with them. That cost the society \$1.20. So if you plan to move, don't forget to inform the business manager or membership secretary that you are moving.

Did you ever think of including the society in your estate planning? Just leaving the society a few hundred dollars would go a long way in insuring that we don't have to keep raising dues. Did you know that all contributions to the society are tax deductible? If you would like to pick up the tab for the rare bird alert for one month, you could take that off your taxes and it wouldn't cost the society so much to operate. Maybe you would like to pick up the liability insurance that the society must carry every year. That is only \$121.00.

Even the best laid plans sometimes go awry. The Bulletin Editor put the manuscript for the March Bulletin out in plenty of time, but we had trouble with the typesetting and it had to make several trips between the editor and the publisher. We have now changed publishers, but since it is so close to the June Bulletin, we are mailing them out at the same time. Don't take it out on the Editor. He did his job!!! We aren't sure what happened to page 13 in the last Newsletter!!!

Max C. Thompson

#### CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Kansas City. 39° 03' N, 94° 45' W. Center near Morris, KS. Habitat coverage: upland deciduous forest 30%, residential areas 27%, rivers and lakes 15%, cultivated fields 15%, riparian forest 12%, marsh 1%. December 22, 1984. 5:30 AM to 5:00 PM; 19°F to 41°F; wind E to Ne, 5-8 m.p.h.; water open; no snow cover; partly cloudy in AM, clear in PM. Twenty-five observers in 7 parties and 2 observers at feeders. Total party-hours 57.5 (19 on foot, 38.5 by car) plus 0.5 hrs owling and 3 hrs at feeders. Total party-miles 508 (22 on foot, 486 by car) and 4 miles owling.

Pied-billed Grebe 10; Horned Grebe 1 (excellent details - Ed.), Double-crested Cormorant 1; Snow Goose (white morph) 2141; Snow Goose (blue morph) 500; Canada Goose 106; Green-winged Teal 1; Mallard 1417; Northern Pintail 10; Gadwall 17; American Wigeon 11; Lesser Scaup 2; Common Goldeneye 48; Bufflehead 1; Common Merganser 606; Bald Eagle 2; Northern Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 1; Accipiter sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 61; American Kestrel 35; Northern Bobwhite 16; American Coot 2; Common Snipe 1; Franklin's Gull 1 (details seem convincing but seen by only one observer - Ed.); Ring-billed Gull 688; Herring Gull 24; Rock Dove 2822; Mourning Dove 243; Eastern Screech Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 4; Belted Kingfisher 8; Red-headed Woodpecker 11; Red-bellied Woodpecker 37; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 52; Hairy Woodpecker 5; Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 38; Horned Lark 14; Blue Jay 287; American Crow 579; Black-capped Chickadee 216; Tufted Titmouse 82; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 61;

Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 1; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; Eastern Bluebird 29; American Robin 25; Northern Mockingbird 7; Cedar Waxwing 15; Logger-head Shrike 1; European Starling 153,113; Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler 1; Northern Cardinal 319; American Tree Sparrow 329; Fox Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 13; Lincoln's Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 27; Harris' Sparrow 6; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 629; Red-winged Blackbird 99; Eastern Meadowlark 4; Western Meadowlark 1; Sturnella sp. 20; Common Grackle 33; Brown-headed Cowbird 5; Purple Finch 1; Common Redpoll 1 (excellent details - Ed.); Pine Siskin 173; American Goldfinch 211; House Sparrow 702. Total 73 species, about 165,519 individuals. Seen in area during count period, but not on count day - Killdeer.

Byron Berger, Dave Byran, Peggy Clabaugh, Evelyn Conrad, Mel Cooksey (compiler - 5700 Blackhoof Trail, Merriam, KS 66203), Michael Cooper, Pat Devine, Bob Fisher, Greg Gerard, Dan Guthrie, Dale Haar, Rodney Jensen, Frank Kaul, Cleona McGuire, Mick McHugh, Lloyd Moore, Lars Nelson, Kate Poaster, Carol Reigle, Norm Reigle, Tim Schallberg, Kevin Sink, Robert Sink, Paul Watson, Sue Wilson (Burroughs Audubon Society).

#### BIRDLIST FOR KOS SPRING MEETING, MAY 3-5, 1985 LINN COUNTY

Eighty-one plus birders attended the Spring Meeting and saw 162 species of birds and one probable Blue-winged Teal - Cinnamon Teal hybrid.

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pied-billed Grebe        | White Pelican             |
| Double-crested Cormorant | American Bittern          |
| Great Blue Heron         | Great Egret               |
| Cattle Egret             | Green-backed Heron        |
| Snow Goose               | Canada Goose              |
| Wood Duck                | Mallard                   |
| Northern Pintail         | Blue-winged Teal          |
| Northern Shoveler        | Gadwall                   |
| American Wigeon          | Ring-necked Duck          |
| Lesser Scaup             | Hooded Merganser          |
| Ruddy Duck               | Turkey Vulture            |
| Osprey                   | Northern Harrier          |
| Cooper's Hawk            | Red-shouldered Hawk       |
| Broad-winged Hawk        | Red-tailed Hawk           |
| American Kestrel         | Northern Bobwhite         |
| Sora Rail                | American Coot             |
| Semipalmated Plover      | Piping Plover             |
| Killdeer                 | Greater Yellowlegs        |
| Lesser Yellowlegs        | Solitary Sandpiper        |
| Willet                   | Spotted Sandpiper         |
| Upland Sandpiper         | Semipalmated Sandpiper    |
| Western Sandpiper        | Least Sandpiper           |
| White-rumped Sandpiper   | Baird's Sandpiper         |
| Pectoral Sandpiper       | American Woodcock         |
| Ring-billed Gull         | Forster's Tern            |
| Rock Dove                | Mourning Dove             |
| Yellow-billed Cuckoo     | Great Horned Owl          |
| Barred Owl               | Common Nighthawk          |
| Chuck-will's Widow       | Whip-poor-will            |
| Chimney Swift            | Ruby-throated Hummingbird |
| Belted Kingfisher        | Red-headed Woodpecker     |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker   | Downy Woodpecker          |

Hairy Woodpecker  
 Pileated Woodpecker  
 Eastern Wood-Pewee  
 Least Flycatcher  
 Great Crested Flycatcher  
 Eastern Kingbird  
 Horned Lark  
 Tree Swallow  
 Bank Swallow  
 Blue Jay  
 Black-capped Chickadee  
 White-breasted Nuthatch  
 Carolina Wren  
 Sedge Wren  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
 Eastern Bluebird  
 Swainson's Thrush  
 American Robin  
 Northern Mockingbird  
 Cedar Waxwing  
 European Starling  
 Solitary Vireo  
 Warbling Vireo  
 Tennessee Warbler  
 Nashville Warbler  
 Yellow Warbler  
 Black-throated Green Warbler  
 Yellow-throated Warbler  
 Cerulean Warbler  
 American Redstart  
 Ovenbird  
 Louisiana Waterthrush  
 Common Yellowthroat  
 Yellow-breasted Chat  
 Scarlet Tanager  
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
 Indigo Bunting  
 Rufous-sided Towhee  
 Chipping Sparrow  
 Field Sparrow  
 Savannah Sparrow  
 Lincoln's Sparrow  
 White-crowned Sparrow  
 Red-winged Blackbird  
 Western Meadowlark  
 Great-tailed Grackle  
 Brown-headed Cowbird  
 Northern Oriole  
 American Goldfinch

Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)  
 Olive-sided Flycatcher  
 Acadian Flycatcher  
 Eastern Phoebe  
 Western Kingbird  
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher  
 Purple Martin  
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
 Barn Swallow  
 American Crow  
 Tufted Titmouse  
 Brown Creeper  
 House Wren  
 Golden-crowned Kinglet  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
 Veery  
 Wood Thrush  
 Gray Catbird  
 Brown Thrasher  
 Loggerhead Shrike  
 White-eyed Vireo  
 Yellow-throated Vireo  
 Red-eyed Vireo  
 Orange-crowned Warbler  
 Northern Parula  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)  
 Blackburnian Warbler  
 Blackpoll Warbler  
 Black-and-White Warbler  
 Prothonotary Warbler  
 Northern Waterthrush  
 Kentucky Warbler  
 Wilson's Warbler  
 Summer Tanager  
 Northern Cardinal  
 Blue Grosbeak  
 Dickcissel  
 American Tree Sparrow  
 Clay-colored Sparrow  
 Lark Sparrow  
 Grasshopper Sparrow  
 White-throated Sparrow  
 Harris' Sparrow  
 Eastern Meadowlark  
 Yellow-headed Blackbird  
 Common Grackle  
 Orchard Oriole  
 Pine Siskin  
 House Sparrow

Mick McHugh

KOS ATTENDANCE ROSTER - KOS Spring Field TripAltamont

Elsie Vail

Baldwin City

Margaret Boyd

Roger &amp; Jan Boyd

Calvin Cink

Mike Dwyer

Katharine Kelley

Martin &amp; Barbara Pressgrove

Emporia

Mark Crane

Tod Reeder

Marvin Schwilling

Garden City

Larry &amp; Carleen Herbert

Gardner

Roberta Gay

Garnett

Esther Stockebrand

Hartford

Daniel Williamson

Hays

Betty Elder

Charles Ely

Tim Wagner

Greater Kansas City Area

Joan Berkley

Marcia Berkley

David &amp; Linda Bryan

Earl (Mick) McHugh

Jean Hiersteiner

Catie Jensen

Lloyd Moore

Mel Cooksie

Paul &amp; Marie Watkins

Ruth Welti

Lawrence

Ruth Fahl

Manhattan

Kevin Fay

Elmer Finck

Steve Hansen

Delia Marcellus

Don &amp; Ruth Okuland

David Rintoul

Neil Schanker

John Zimmerman

McPherson

Allen Jahn

Nekoma

Scott &amp; Diane Seltman

Newton

David &amp; Rose Fritz

Jane Hershberger

Olathe

Steve Crawford

Ottawa

John &amp; Eleanor Brockway

Johnnie Brockway

Martin &amp; Mrs. Brockway

Oxford

Wallace Champeny

Parsons

Mildred Waring

Russell

Jane Holland

Leroy Holt

Salina

Dan Larson

Matt Larson

Harold &amp; Virginia Lear

Marge Streckfus

Dennis Zehr

St. John

Roberta Curtis

Topeka

Joanne Brier

Gene Lewis

Sarah Merrill

Gussie Tlentie

Wamego

Duane Kerr

Welda

Bill Brecheisen

Wichita

Bob Gress

Bev &amp; Ruth Hodges

Dan Kilby

Joe Schaefer

Don &amp; Fran Vannoy

Ralph &amp; Mary Wiley

Winfield

Max Thompson

Colorado

James Brockway, Boulder

Beth Sweetkind, Boulder

Missouri

Robert Aramant, Kansas City

Louis Banker, Buckner

Bob Fisher, Independence

Hugh Hadley, Kansas City

Town not recorded

Joni Winer

HAVE YOU SEEN A HENSLow'S SPARROW? If so write John L. Zimmerman, Division of Biology, Ackert Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506. Give date and exact location.



HAVE YOU GOT A HOT BIRDING SPOT? If you have not written John Zimmerman about it, please do. The only criterion is that the site must be open to public access. Give exact location, a brief description of the habitat, the birds to be expected, and directions on how to get there. Send to John L. Zimmerman, Division of Biology, Ackert Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506.

# NEW COUNTY RECORDS

| <u>Species</u>           | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observer(s)</u>                     |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------------------------|
| White-winged Crossbill   | Morton        |             | Allen Tubbs                            |
| Red Crossbill            | Morton        | 11/25/84    | Scott Seltman                          |
| Old Squaw                | Pottawatomie  | 11/--/84    |                                        |
| Pine Grosbeak            | Harper        | 11/--/84    | Walt Champney                          |
| Bald Eagle               | Smith         | 1/7/84      | State Survey                           |
| Rufous Hummingbird       | Jewell        | -/-/84      | Byron Berger                           |
| White-crowned Sparrow    | Jewell        | -/-/67      | Byron Berger                           |
| White-throated Sparrow   | Jewell        | -/-/67      | Byron Berger                           |
| Water Pipit              | Jewell        | -/-/67      | Byron Berger                           |
| Dunlin                   | Jewell        | -/-/67      | Byron Berger                           |
| Baird's Sandpiper        | Jewell        | -/-/67      | Byron Berger                           |
| Orange Crowned Warbler   | Jewell        | -/-/67      | Byron Berger                           |
| Magnolia Warbler         | Jewell        | -/-/67      | Byron Berger                           |
| Black & White Warbler    | McPherson     | -/-/67      | Byron Berger                           |
| Tundra Swan              | Scott         | 12/5/84     | Fred Trowbridge                        |
| Black Rail               | Morton        | 10/17/84    | Lawrence Smith and<br>George Moore     |
| Greater Scaup            | Cowley        | 9/-/84      | Max Thompson                           |
| Great-tailed Grackle     | Harper        | -/-/84      | Max Thompson and<br>Marvin Schwillling |
| Short-eared Owl          | Jefferson     | 3/15/84     | Mick McHugh & others                   |
| Osprey                   | Rush          | 10/16/84    | Scott Seltman                          |
| Barn Owl                 | Edwards       | 10/20/84    | Scott Seltman                          |
| Eared Grebe              | Trego         | 11/10/84    | Scott Seltman                          |
| Cinnamon Teal            | Chase         | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| Hooded Merganser         | Chase         | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| Western Sandpiper        | Chase         | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| White-rumped Sandpiper   | Chase         | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| Dunlin                   | Chase         | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| Herring Gull             | Chase         | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| Black-billed Cuckoo      | Chase         | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| Blackburnian Warbler     | Chase         | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| Rusty Blackbird          | Chase         | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Decatur       | -/-/--      | Donald Stout                           |
| Ring-necked Duck         | Decatur       | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| Poor-will                | Decatur       | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Hodgeman      | -/-/--      | Donald Stout                           |
| Little Blue Heron        | Hodgeman      | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| Cinnamon Teal            | Hodgeman      | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| American Coot            | Hodgeman      | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| Greater Yellowlegs       | Hodgeman      | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| Wilson's Phalarope       | Hodgeman      | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |
| Ring-billed Gull         | Hodgeman      | -/-/84      | Donald Stout                           |

| <u>Species</u>                    | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observer(s)</u>   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Snow Goose                        | Labette       | -/-/--      | Donald Stout         |
| Green-winged Teal                 | Labette       | -/-/84      | Donald Stout         |
| American Wigeon                   | Labette       | -/-/84      | Donald Stout         |
| Canvasback                        | Labette       | -/-/84      | Donald Stout         |
| Stilt Sandpiper                   | Grant         | 5/1/83      | Scott Seltman        |
| Stilt Sandpiper                   | Edwards       | 5/17/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Forster's Tern                    | Grant         | 5/1/83      | Scott Seltman        |
| Forster's Tern                    | Graham        | 5/19/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Least Tern                        | Scott         | 5/28/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Yellow-shafted Flicker            | Kiowa         | 5/17/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee                | Norton        | 5/19/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Bank Swallow                      | Haskell       | 4/30/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Rough-winged Swallow              | Kiowa         | 5/17/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Black-billed Magpie               | Kiowa         | 5/17/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Swainson's Thrush (5+)            | Norton        | 5/19/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Eastern Bluebird                  | Kiowa         | 5/17/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet              | Wallace       | 4/16/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Water Pipit                       | Greeley       | 4/16/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Bell's Vireo                      | Pawnee        | 5/13/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Warbling Vireo                    | Ness          | 5/14/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Black-and-White Warbler           | Norton        | 5/19/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Tennessee Warbler                 | Norton        | 5/19/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Yellow Warbler                    | Kiowa         | 5/17/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Magnolia Warbler (3)              | Norton        | 5/19/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Northern Parula Warbler           | Rush          | 4/29/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler<br>(Myrtle) | Norton        | 5/19/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Blackpoll Warbler                 | Norton        | 5/19/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Blackpoll Warbler                 | Rush          | 5/15/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| MacGillivray's Warbler            | Rush          | 5/12/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Yellow-breasted Chat              | Rush          | 5/21/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Hooded Warbler                    | Rush          | 5/7/83      | Scott Seltman        |
| American Redstart                 | Norton        | 5/19/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Eastern Meadowlark                | Kiowa         | 5/17/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Orchard Oriole                    | Kiowa         | 5/17/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Brewer's Blackbird                | Wichita       | 4/11&16/83  | Scott Seltman        |
| Blue Grosbeak                     | Kiowa         | 5/17/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| American Goldfinch                | Kiowa         | 5/17/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Savannah Sparrow                  | Greeley       | 4/16/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Chipping Sparrow                  | Kiowa         | 5/17/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Clay-colored Sparrow              | Norton        | 5/19/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Clay-colored Sparrow              | Ness          | 5/14/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Field Sparrow                     | Kiowa         | 5/17/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Lincoln's Sparrow                 | Norton        | 5/19/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Chestnut-collared Longspur        | Greeley       | 4/16/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| American Goldfinch                | Norton        | 5/19/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Ruddy Turnstone                   | Cloud         | 3 June 84   | Gene & Eulalia Lewis |
| Ruddy Turnstone                   | Morton        | Sept. 84    | Scott Seltman        |
| Lesser Golden Plover              | Cloud         | 3 June 84   | Gene & Eulalia Lewis |
| Least Tern                        | Cloud         | 3 June 84   | Gene & Eulalia Lewis |
| Yellow Warbler                    | Cloud         | 3 June 84   | Gene & Eulalia Lewis |
| Chuck-will's Widow                | Cloud         | 3 June 84   | Gene & Eulalia Lewis |
| Tree Swallow (nesting)            | Cloud         | 3 June 84   | Gene & Eulalia Lewis |

| <u>Species</u>                       | <u>County</u>         | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observer(s)</u>             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Say's Phoebe                         | Pottawatomie          |             | Orville Rice                   |
| Say's Phoebe                         | Mitchell              |             | Orville Rice                   |
| Pileated Woodpecker                  | Shawnee               |             | Orville Rice                   |
| Prairie Falcon                       | Jackson               |             | Orville Rice                   |
| Northern Goshawk                     | Jefferson             |             | Orville Rice                   |
| Cinnamon Teal                        | Shawnee (Silver Lake) |             | Orville Rice                   |
| Tundra Swan                          | Wabaunsee             |             | Orville Rice                   |
| Yellow-crowned Night Heron           | Harper                |             | Orville Rice                   |
| Great-tailed Grackle                 | Geary                 |             | Orville Rice                   |
| Snow Bunting                         | Jefferson             |             | Orville Rice                   |
| Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed)        | Shawnee               |             | Orville Rice                   |
| Short-eared Owl                      | Jackson               |             | Orville Rice                   |
| Black-billed Cuckoo                  | Pottawatomie          |             | Orville Rice                   |
| Baird's Sandpiper                    | Mitchell              |             | Orville Rice                   |
| Osprey                               | Anderson              | 3 Oct. 84   | William R. Brecheisen          |
| Blackpoll Warbler                    | Osborne               | 5/15/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Orange-crowned Warbler               | Osborne               | 5/15/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Yellow Warbler                       | Osborne               | 5/15/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Black-capped Chickadee               | Mitchell              | 7/5/83      | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Purple Martin                        | Osborne               | 8/22/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Spotted Sandpiper                    | Osborne               | 8/30/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Great Egret                          | Ellsworth             | 9/6/83      | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Snow Goose                           | Ottawa                | 9/30/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Greater White-fronted Goose          | Ottawa                | 9/30/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Black-billed Magpie                  | Dickinson             | 9/30/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher            | Jackson               | 9/30/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Black-bellied Plover                 | Jackson               | 9/30/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Red-winged Blackbird                 | Jackson               | 9/30/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Greater Yellowlegs                   | Jackson               | 9/30/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Long-billed Dowitcher                | Jackson               | 9/30/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Savannah Sparrow                     | Jackson               | 9/30/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Vesper Sparrow                       | Ottawa                | 4/15/83     | Tom & Jeri Cannon              |
| Black-billed Magpie                  | Jefferson             |             | Mobe Rucker                    |
| Great-tailed Grackle<br>(nesting)    | Russell               |             | Tom Cannon                     |
| Tree Swallow (nesting)               | Russell               |             | Tom Cannon                     |
| Bobwhite (nesting)                   | Osborne               |             | Tom Cannon                     |
| Blue Grosbeak (nesting)              | Russell               |             | Jim & Jean Piland              |
| White-breasted Nuthatch<br>(nesting) | Russell               |             | Jim & Jean Piland              |
| Barred Owl                           | Atchison              | 8/28/84     | Marvin Schwilling              |
| Wood Stork                           | Linn                  | 7/--/75     | Lloyd Fox                      |
|                                      |                       |             | Harry Gregory                  |
|                                      |                       |             | Mick McHugh                    |
| Ross' Goose                          | Linn                  | 2/--/84     | Mel Cooksey and<br>Chris Hobbs |
| Short-billed Dowitcher               | Linn                  | 5/--/83     | Chris Hobbs                    |
| Snow Bunting                         | Linn                  | 12/--/83    | Christmas Count                |
| Horned Grebe                         | Miami                 | 3/--/83     | Mick McHugh                    |
| Eared Grebe                          | Miami                 | 7/--/83     | Chris Hobbs and<br>Mick McHugh |
| White-rumped Sandpiper               | Miami                 | 5/--/83     | Mick McHugh                    |

| <u>Species</u>                | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observer(s)</u>             |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Dunlin                        | Miami         | 5/--/83     | Mick McHugh                    |
| Whip-poor-will                | Miami         | 5/--/83     | Chris Hobbs and<br>Mick McHugh |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow | Miami         | --/--/71    | Mick McHugh                    |
| Great-tailed Grackle          | Miami         | 5/--/83     | Chris Hobbs and<br>Mick McHugh |
| House Finch                   | Logan         | 4/4/84      | Marvin Schwillling             |
| Great-tailed Grackle          | Trego         | 4/5/84      | Marvin Schwillling             |

Wallace County Records observed between 20 April through 25 July, 1983--Ed & Jean Schulenberg.

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Pied-billed Grebe         | Golden-winged Warbler   |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | Tennessee Warbler       |
| White-faced Ibis          | Nashville Warbler       |
| Lesser Scaup              | Magnolia Warbler        |
| Bufflehead                | Blackburnian Warbler    |
| Ruddy Duck                | Blackpool Warbler       |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk        | Cerulean Warbler        |
| Broad-winged Hawk         | Black-and-White Warbler |
| Solitary Sandpiper        | Ovenbird                |
| Western Sandpiper         | Northern Waterthrush    |
| Stilt Sandpiper           | Mourning Warbler        |
| Long-billed Dowitcher     | Wilson's Warbler        |
| Eastern Phoebe            | Yellow-breasted Chat    |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet      | Summer Tanager          |
| Varied Thrush             | Rose-breasted Grosbeak  |
| Water Pipit               | Indigo Bunting          |
| Bell's Vireo              | Field Sparrow           |
| Solitary Vireo            | House Finch             |
| Red-eyed Vireo            |                         |

Marvin Schwillling

#### KOS FIELD TRIPS 1985

The fall schedule is still open. I would like to arrange field trips to eastern Kansas lakes in October and November to look for scoters, swans, and rare gulls. Also, I am willing to lead a September field trip to Morton County if there are enough requests.

Not all of the 1984 KOS Field Trips were well attended. But although the numbers of participants were often small we found some great birds. Whether you are a novice looking for your first Robin or an expert looking for a first state record I hope you will consider coming along in 1985.

Scott Seltman  
Nekoma, Kansas 67559  
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June 8 - Saturday/Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira

Meet at the Cheyenne Bottoms headquarters at 8:00 AM. We will bird until 1:00, break for lunch, and then head to Quivira to look for species we missed. Plan to stay late and listen for Black Rails. Be sure to bring your supper, plenty of drinking water, and mosquito repellent. White-faced Ibis, Snowy Plover, Black-necked Stilt, Least Tern, and Bobolink should all be present. We will try to minimize disturbance of nesting birds.

Labor Day Weekend - August 31, September 1 & 2/Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira

Birders who have never been to The Bottoms in late summer will be surprised at the numbers of birds that are present. Thirty species of shorebirds should be in the area along with many waterfowl and early passerine migrants. You can bird for one day or all three. Details of meeting times and places will be in the summer Newsletter.

WICHITA AUDUBON AFIELD

June 2 - Sunday/Birds of Chaplin Center

Meet at 7:00 AM at CNC parking lot. Bring sack lunch. Compilation and lunch at noon. Leader: Mike Lesan, 524-6332.

June 8 - Saturday/Spring Wildflowers at Lake Afton

Meet at 9:00 AM just inside east entrance. Leader: Bob Gress, 838-4130

July 6-9/Colorado High Plains and Rocky Mountains

Leaders: Dan Kilby and Ralph Wiley

*Kansas Ornithological Society*

# NEWSLETTER

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Manhattan, KS 66502

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## **Annual Spring Meeting May 3-5, 1985**

**Registration Enclosed**

## OFFICER'S CORNER

With this issue I begin my third year as Newsletter editor. I am looking forward to an exciting year for KOS members. Our spring meeting should be an excellent birding experience. We will meet at the Wildwood Outdoor Education Center near Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Management Area in Linn County on May 3-5 (see details in this issue). Our fall meeting will be hosted by Chuck Ely at Fort Hays State University in October. Scott Seltman has planned various field trips that will take you to some exciting birding spots in the state (see details in this issue). Remember that this is YOUR newsletter and YOUR observations and comments are needed to keep us all excited about birding and birds in the state.

Recently, the Nongame Advisory Council and others associated with the nongame program held a workshop in which the future of the program was discussed. Calvin Cink represents KOS on the advisory council and he would appreciate any comments that you may have about nongame bird issues. Several of our members have done excellent research on avian species with the support of monies from the Nongame program. These research projects have increased our knowledge of birds in the state. Remember one of the best ways for you to become active in the nongame program is to support the program by your contribution to the Chickadee Check-off on your tax form.

KOS is active in some of the recent legislative issues and we hope that as members you express your opinion on these issues to your legislators. The KOS Board adopted a resolution continuing our opposition to a bill that would have legalized falconry in the state. Contact Eulalia Lewis if you desire more information on this issue. The Save the Bottoms campaign is going strong. Two bills, one calling for a resolution in support of a feasibility study on the Bottoms and the other requesting funds for such a study, have been introduced into the house. KOS has issued a position paper in support of the feasibility study on the Cheyenne Bottoms (see this issue). If you want more information about the Bottoms contact either Jan Garton of the Kansas Audubon Council or me.

Again I urge you to send your comments and observations to me.

Elmer J. Finck  
Division of Biology  
Kansas State University  
Manhattan, KS 66506

### KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING February 9, 1985 Marvin Schwillling home, Emporia

Members present: Roger Boyd, Elmer Finck, Robert Gress, Jane Hershberger, Gene Lewis, Dan Williamson, Dwight Platt.

Non voting: John Zimmerman, Marvin Schwillling.

After a delicious lunch served by Mrs. Schwillling, the Board meeting was called to order by President Roger Boyd at 12:30 PM.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last Board meeting were approved as distributed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Gene Lewis reported that there were good balances in all the accounts. There is almost \$3900 in the Dingus Natural Area Fund and more than \$800 in the Amelia Betts Fund.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Jane Hershberger reported that there were 221 memberships paid so far for 1985. This compares with a total of 384 memberships paid in 1984. More memberships will come in when reminders are sent in March.

There are 57 fully paid life members, including 7 completed this year. We have no more life membership pins but Gene Lewis is having 50 of them made.

A new membership brochure has been printed. Jane distributed copies to Board members and asked that they be used to get new members.

Jane wrote a news article about the Annual Meeting and distributed it to all the daily newspapers and some of the weeklies in the state.

**BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT:** John Zimmerman reported that the March Bulletin is ready to go to the printer. The Winfield Daily Courier is again doing our printing. Their prices are reasonable and their service is good.

John reported that he had major articles for the June and September issues. He is still looking for memorial articles on Ivan Boyd, Amelia Betts and Grace Holcomb.

John reported that the bird-finding book for Kansas is making progress. Sebastian Patti will work with him on it. They have prepared some sample accounts and sent them to the publisher for review.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT:** Elmer Finck reported that he had sufficient copy for newsletters through the summer. After being approached by a representative of the North American Falconry Association, he agreed to publish both pro and con articles on the falconry bill being introduced into the Kansas Legislature. However when the article by the falconry proponent was submitted he found it unsatisfactory to use.

**CHECKLISTS:** Roger Boyd reported that Max Thompson had gotten a bid for a new printing of the checklist - 12,000 for less than \$400.

**SPRING MEETING:** The Spring Meeting will be held on May 3, 4 & 5 at Camp Wildwood north of La Cygne. Marvin Schwillling will finalize arrangements with the camp. He will arrange for a late supper on Friday, 3 meals on Saturday and 2 meals on Sunday. It was decided that Friday evening would be a social evening with a program on Saturday evening. Roger Boyd will contact Joe Schaeffer to present a program on the Nongame Wildlife Improvement Program on Saturday evening. The details will need to be worked out and sent to Elmer Finck so that they can be sent out with the March newsletter.

**FALL MEETING:** Roger Boyd reported that the Fall Meeting in 1985 would be held in Hays.

**MEETINGS CALENDAR:** Roger Boyd asked whether Board members were satisfied with having the Annual Meeting for papers in the Fall and a field trip in the Spring. Some concern was raised about the difficulty of getting papers for the Fall Meeting. However Board members feel that this arrangement is very good.

**CHEYENNE BOTTOMS POSITION PAPER:** A technical task force with representatives from a number of organizations, including KOS, has been formed to get a bill written for introduction into the Kansas Legislature that would provide for a study of the



problems at Cheyenne Bottoms. Elmer Finck, the KOS representative, reported that each organization has been asked to write a position paper that will be used in committee hearings. He has written a position paper for KOS stressing the educational uses of Cheyenne Bottoms and he will circulate it to Board members for their suggestions.

It was suggested that Brian Herrington might be a good expert to provide testimony. He has written a report on shorebirds that shows that the Cheyenne Bottoms is the most used shorebird area in the nation.

**NATURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AREAS PROGRAM:** Marvin Schwilling reported that a meeting had been held in Lawrence to talk about activating the Natural and Scientific Areas Program under the lead of the Kansas Biological Survey.

**NONGAME WILDLIFE WORKSHOP:** Marvin Schwilling reported that a nongame wildlife workshop will be held in Emporia on March 2. It will primarily be a meeting of the Kansas Nongame Wildlife Advisory Council and its committee members to review the program and decide on directions for the future. However the public is also invited.

**OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Marvin Schwilling reported that the committee had met on December 3 to evaluate new county records that had been submitted. There were many new records considered and most of them were approved. The approved records have been given to the Newsletter Editor for printing.

Persons who see unusual birds should send Unusual Bird Report Forms to Marvin. Marvin can supply bird lists for a county.

**FALCONRY BILL:** HB 2141, a bill to legalize falconry in Kansas, has been introduced in the Kansas Legislature. Elmer Finck supplied copies of the bill and also supplied the names of the Subcommittee on Natural Resources of the House Committee on Energy and Natural Resources which will consider the bill. The Board discussed the KOS position on this bill. Eulalia Lewis has been contacting legislators about the bill. Elmer will include material in the Newsletter to alert KOS members about the bill. Elmer Finck moved that KOS continue its opposition to legalized falconry in Kansas and oppose HB 2141. The motion was seconded by Jane Hershberger. The motion passed.

The Secretary was asked to send a copy of this motion to members of the Subcommittee on Natural Resources.

**FALL MEETING IN 1986:** Roger Boyd announced that the Fall Meeting in 1986 will probably be in the Kansas City area.

**SPRING MEETING IN 1986:** The Board discussed sites for the Spring Meeting in 1986. It was felt that meeting at a camp was most satisfactory. It was decided to explore the possibility of meeting at Camp Aldrich and visiting Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira NWR. Marvin Schwilling will explore the possibility with the camp for the first weekend in May.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt, Corr. Sec.  
Kansas Ornithological Society

## KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY POSITION PAPER ON THE CHEYENNE BOTTOMS

The Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS) is a state-wide organization of approximately 400 ornithologists. KOS has a diverse make-up from the professional ornithologists at private and state colleges and universities to backyard birders, bird banders, and bird enthusiasts. Some of our members are avid hunters, while others are strong anti-hunters. The diversity of our organization is phenomenal. Our common bond is the desire to enjoy birds from those of us who like to understand the biology of birds to those of us who just love to see and count birds.

Our interest in Cheyenne Bottoms reflects this diversity. We believe that the people of Kansas should explore ways to determine the feasibility of saving this precious wetlands. Our members are at the Bottoms often. Some of us take classes to the Bottoms to have a rich and rewarding educational experience. Nowhere else in the state can one see such a diversity of bird species in such a small area and observe the birds so close-up that positive identification can be made by even the slowest of students. On any given spring or autumn day 85-110 bird species can be seen in and around the Bottoms. The educational value of the Bottoms is valuable to us even beyond the classroom. It serves as an excellent review for those of us who have been birding for a long time.

We are concerned that the Bottoms may be viewed as just another place to hunt or go birding. It is much more than that to us. The Bottoms is a major staging area for migrating birds of all kinds that use the Central Flyway, especially shorebirds and waterfowl. Many rare and unusual sightings of birds in Kansas take place at the Bottoms. Cheyenne Bottoms is certainly one of the ten most important birding spots in the state, as well as an important hunting spot; but it is much more than that.

Ornithologists throughout the Central Flyway realize the importance of Cheyenne Bottoms as a major resting stop for migrating birds. John Janovy Jr. in his book Yellowlegs devotes two chapters to Kansas, one to the plains of Kansas and the other to the Bottoms. He speaks of the Bottoms as a one day flight from the Great Salt Plains in Oklahoma, another staging area for migrating birds. He writes "Migratory animals always headed for the Bottoms, just as they have always headed for the few other major staging areas along a prairie route to a place called South America." Thus, the Bottoms has international significance for migrating birds. It is the responsibility of the people of Kansas to save this important wetlands.

Many of the rewards of visiting the Bottoms are not easy to measure. What price can you place on the excitement of a boy scout seeing and identifying an American Avocet for the first time; or the thrill of an avid birder who sees the Greater Yellowlegs? The serenity and euphoria that one feels after a visit to the Bottoms is not measurable, but it is widespread from the professional ornithologist, the backyard birder, the student, and to the hunter. It's important to the well-being of many species of birds and to many people that the Cheyenne Bottoms be preserved. It is such an asset to our state. Let us tell present and future generations of Kansans that we care about them. The Kansas Ornithological Society urges you to fund a feasibility study to find out what our options are to preserve this essential wetland, we call the Bottoms.

Elmer J. Finck, Vice-President  
Kansas Ornithological Society

## OBSERVATIONS ON CANADA GEESE

On 1 June, I observed a pair of Canada Geese (lessers) and their four goslings at the disposal ponds that are on the north side of the road, 1 mile west of the entrance fee booth at Clinton State Park. The rangers at the park told me that the goose had layed five eggs in a grassy strip between two sewage disposal ponds, 1/2 mile east of the ponds where I observed the geese. Those mowing had attempted not to disturb the nest. The geese had walked with the goslings, along a bike path, to the ponds where I observed them.

Kenneth Highfill  
Lawrence, Kansas

## FIRST COUNTY RECORDS/FALL 1983

|                    |                               |          |          |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Little Blue Heron  | white immature at Cedar Bluff | 9-07-83  | Trego    |
| White-faced Ibis   | 1 immature                    | 9-11-83  | Morton   |
| Mississippi Kite   | (3)                           | 8-26-83  | Scott    |
| Forster's Tern     |                               | 9-11-83  | Morton   |
| Bank Swallow       | (1)                           | 9-07-83  | Pawnee   |
| Varied Thrush      | roadkill specimen             | 10-29-83 | Barton   |
| Philadelphia Vireo |                               | 9-10-83  | Stafford |
| Laughing Gull      | 2 immature                    | 8-20-83  | Stafford |

## FALL SIGHTINGS/FALL 1983

|                            |                                        |          |          |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Olivaceous Cormorant       | (2) one seen on 9-10 at close range    | 9-03-83  | Barton   |
| Yellow-crowned Night Heron | roadkill - 2nd record                  | 9-04-83  | Pawnee   |
| White-faced Ibis           | group of 90-100                        | 9-10-83  | Stafford |
| Goshawk                    | another bird 10-24                     | 10-17-83 | Pawnee   |
| Swainson's Hawk            | flock following tractor at Pawnee Rock | 10-02-83 | Barton   |
| Rough-legged Hawk          | fall arrival                           | 10-14-83 | Rush     |
| Golden Eagle               | adult fall arrival                     | 10-28-83 | Pawnee   |
| Prairie Falcon             | very early fall arrival                | 8-24-83  | Rush     |
| Merlin                     | fall arrival                           | 10-12-83 | Pawnee   |
| Greater Prairie Chicken    | roadkill specimen                      | 10-13-83 | Norton   |
| Sandhill Crane             | 40 fall arrivals                       | 10-12-83 | Rush     |
| Snowy Plover               | adult with 3 chicks                    | 8-15-83  | Barton   |
| Black-bellied Plover       | 10+                                    | 8-20-83  | Stafford |
| Black-necked Stilt         | 3                                      | 8-09-83  | Barton   |
|                            | 30+                                    | 8-20-83  | Stafford |
| Bonaparte's Gull           | (1)                                    | 8-15-83  | Barton   |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker   |                                        | 10-15-83 | Barton   |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher     | (2)                                    | 9-10-83  | Stafford |
| Eastern Bluebird           | spotted juveniles abundant             | Sept.    | Pawnee   |
| Sprague's Pipit            | (1)                                    | 10-18-83 | Rush     |
| Tree Sparrow               | fall arrivals                          | 10-16-83 | Pawnee   |
| Harris Sparrow             | fall arrivals                          | 10-27-83 | Pawnee   |

Scott Seltman  
Nekoma, Kansas

## FIRST COUNTY RECORDS/FALL 1984

|                        |                          |          |         |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------|
| Common Loon            | 2                        | 11-10-84 | Trego   |
| Eared Grebe            | 10+                      | 11-10-84 | Trego   |
| Greater Scaup          | several                  | 11-10-84 | Trego   |
| Red-breasted Merganser | one female along U.S. 50 | 11-03-84 | Reno    |
| Osprey                 | one migrating overhead   | 10-16-84 | Rush    |
| Ground Dove            | photographed             | 10-06-84 | Edwards |
| Barn Owl               |                          | 10-20-84 | Edwards |
| Northern Shrike        | one seen on CBC          | 12-24-84 | Scott   |
| Snow Bunting           | one with Horned Larks    | 12-27-84 | Rush    |
| Red CrossBill          | 5+ at ranger station     | 11-23-84 | Morton  |
|                        | 2 in Greensburg          | 12-19-84 | Kiowa   |

## UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTINGS/FALL 1984

|                           |                                                                             |          |         |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Western Grebe             | 4 dark phase                                                                | 11-10-84 | Trego   |
| Common Goldeneye          | hundreds                                                                    | 11-10-84 | Trego   |
| Bufflehead                | 50                                                                          | 11-10-84 | Trego   |
| Hooded Merganser          | 3                                                                           | 11-10-84 | Trego   |
| Common Merganser          | 10                                                                          | 11-10-84 | Trego   |
| Northern Goshawk          | adult                                                                       | 10-21-84 | Rush    |
| Swainson's Hawk           | an adult with a cloudy right eye; this is the latest Swainson's I have seen | 10-23-84 | Rush    |
| Golden Eagle              | immature                                                                    | 11-23-84 | Morton  |
|                           | adult                                                                       | 12-07-84 | Pawnee  |
| Prairie Falcon            | 7                                                                           | Sept.    | W. Kan. |
|                           | 10                                                                          | Oct.     | W. Kan. |
|                           | 15                                                                          | Nov.     | W. Kan. |
|                           | 14                                                                          | Dec.     | W. Kan. |
| Eastern Screech Owl       | 2                                                                           | 11-23-84 | Morton  |
| Long-eared Owl            | 2                                                                           | 11-23-84 | Morton  |
| Eastern Phoebe            | late migrant                                                                | 10-16-84 | Rush    |
| Scissor-tailed Flycatcher | 100+                                                                        | 10-06-84 | Barber  |
| Violet-green Swallow      | 5+ at Cheyenne Bottoms                                                      | 9-25-84  | Barton  |
| Mountain Bluebird         | 2                                                                           | 10-10-84 | Norton  |
|                           | 18                                                                          | 10-14-84 | Pawnee  |
|                           | 1                                                                           | 10-20-84 | Morton  |
| Curve-billed Thrasher     | 3 in Elkhart                                                                | 11-23-84 | Morton  |
| Sprague's Pipit           |                                                                             | 9-21-84  | Rush    |
| Northern Shrike           | immature                                                                    | 11-08-84 | Rush    |
|                           | immature                                                                    | 11-10-84 | Trego   |
|                           | adult                                                                       | 11-11-84 | Pawnee  |
|                           | adult                                                                       | 11-21-84 | Pawnee  |
| Fox Sparrow               |                                                                             | 11-21-84 | Pawnee  |
| "White-winged" Junco      |                                                                             | 11-23-84 | Morton  |
| Purple Finch              | 1                                                                           | 12-01-84 | Ellis   |
| Red Crossbill             | 40+                                                                         | 11-10-84 | Ellis   |
|                           | 200+                                                                        | 12-01-84 | Ellis   |
| Evening Grosbeak          | 9 at a south Hays feeder                                                    | 12-13-84 | Ellis   |

Scott Seltman  
Nekoma, Kansas

## NEW COUNTY RECORDS

| <u>Species</u>              | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observer</u>                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Long-eared Owl              | Ford          | 11/23/83    | Marvin Schwilling                   |
| Whooping Crane              | Edwards       | 11/22/83    | Jim Kellenberger                    |
| Lapland Longspur            | Edwards       | 11/22/83    | Marvin Schwilling                   |
| Marsh Wren                  | Sheridan      | 11/4/83     | Tom Cannon                          |
| Connecticut Warbler         | Jefferson     | 5/23/82     | Dan La Shelle                       |
| Red Knot                    | Jefferson     | 10/10/82    | Dan La Shelle                       |
| Trumpeter Swan              | Cheyenne      | ---         | Harold Burgess                      |
| Upland Sandpiper            | Kiowa         | 8/13/83     | Ken Brunson                         |
| House Finch                 | Sedgwick      | 12/23/83    | Daniel Kilby and<br>Mr. & Mrs. Frey |
| Greater Scaup               | Coffey        | 3/15/80     | Lloyd Moore                         |
| Philadelphia Vireo          | Russell       | 9/26/81     | Jim & Jean Piland                   |
| Red-breasted Merganser      | Clay          | 4/11/70     | Bill Layher                         |
| Red-breasted Merganser      | Sheridan      | 3/10/83     | Steve Schmidt                       |
| Greater Scaup               | Morton        | 3/28/83     | Paul Lehman                         |
| Greater Scaup               | Jefferson     | 1/1/82      | E. R. Lewis                         |
| Pine Warbler                | Geary         | 4/11/76     | E. R. Lewis                         |
| White-winged Dove           | Hodgeman      | 10/2/83     | Christopher Hobbs                   |
| Golden-crowned Sparrow      | Cowley        | 2/15&17/83  | James Barnes                        |
| Chihuahuan Raven            | Edwards       | 8/15/81     | Barbara Watkins                     |
| Chihuahuan Raven            | Lincoln       | 3/28/82     | Jim & Jean Piland                   |
| Western Tanager             | Shawnee       | 5/5/78      | Francis Grisell                     |
| Black Vulture               | Elk           | 9/21/80     | Steve Capel                         |
| Rufous Hummingbird          | Sheridan      | 6/9/80      | Barb Pratt                          |
| Worm-eating Warbler         | Sheridan      | 4/22/80     | Barb Pratt                          |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler | Sheridan      | 4/8/74      | Barb Pratt                          |
| Greater Scaup               | Sheridan      | 4/8/83      | Barb Pratt                          |
| Glaucous Gull               | Riley         | 2/10/83     | Dave Rintoul                        |
| Glaucous Gull               | Pottawatomie  | 2/10/83     | Dave Rintoul                        |
| House Finch                 | Logan         | 4/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling                   |
| Pied-billed Grebe           | Wallace       | 4/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling                   |
| Pied-billed Grebe           | Gove          | 4/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling                   |
| Warbling Vireo              | Harper        | 6/11/84     | Steve Capel                         |
| Burrowing Owl               | Harper        | 6/11/84     | Steve Capel                         |
| Double-crested Cormorant    | Meade         | 11/3/83     | Scott Seltman                       |
| American Bittern            | Pawnee        | 4/17/84     | Scott Seltman                       |
| Little Blue Heron           | Trego         | 9/7/83      | Scott Seltman                       |
| Little Blue Heron           | Rush          | 5/21/84     | Scott Seltman                       |
| Bonaparte's Gull            | Rush          | 4/21/84     | Scott Seltman                       |
| Ring-billed Gull            | Ness          | 4/21/84     | Scott Seltman                       |
| Forster's Tern              | Morton        | 9/11/83     | Scott Seltman                       |
| Black-billed Cuckoo         | Cloud         | 6/18/83     | Scott Seltman                       |
| Mississippi Kite            | Scott         | 8/26/83     | Scott Seltman                       |
| Common Barn Owl             | Gray          | 1/1/84      | Scott Seltman                       |
| Eastern Screech Owl         | Pawnee        | 1/4/84      | Scott Seltman                       |
| Cassin's Kingbird           | Greeley       | 5/2/84      | Scott Seltman                       |
| Bank Swallow                | Pawnee        | 9/7/83      | Scott Seltman                       |
| Brown Creeper               | Ness          | 1/7/84      | Scott Seltman                       |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet      | Rush          | 11/6/83     | Scott Seltman                       |
| Swainson's Thrush           | Meade         | 11/5/83     | Scott Seltman                       |

| <u>Species</u>                   | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u>      | <u>Observer</u>            |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Hermit Thrush                    | Rush          | 11/6/83          | Scott Seltman              |
| Varied Thrush                    | Barton        | 10/29/83         | Scott Seltman              |
| Northern Shrike                  | Rush          | 1/26/84          | Scott Seltman              |
| Philadelphia Vireo               | Stafford      | 9/10/83          | Scott Seltman              |
| Whooping Crane                   | Gray          | 10/20/83         | Joe Kramer                 |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler      | Russell       | 10/11-14/83      | Jim & Jean Piland          |
| Sora                             | Osborne       | 10/7/83          | Jim & Jean Piland          |
| Surf Scoter                      | Marion        | 10/22/83         | Lloyd Moore                |
| Whooping Crane                   | Kiowa         | 10/30/83         | James Smith                |
| Green-tailed Towhee              | Sheridan      | 5/8/82           | Steve Schmidt & Barb Pratt |
| Brewer's Blackbird               | Sheridan      | 5/8/82           | Schmidt & Pratt            |
| Northern Oriole (Bullocks)       | Sheridan      | 5/8/82           | Schmidt & Pratt            |
| Orange-crowned Warbler           | Sheridan      | 5/8/82           | Schmidt & Pratt            |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubons) | Sheridan      | 5/8/82           | Schmidt & Pratt            |
| Eastern Phoebe                   | Sheridan      | 5/8/82           | Schmidt & Pratt            |
| White-breasted Nuthatch          | Sheridan      | 5/8/82           | Schmidt & Pratt            |
| Black-crowned Night Heron        | Sheridan      | 5/8/82           | Schmidt & Pratt            |
| Double-crested Cormorant         | Sheridan      | 5/8/82           | Schmidt & Pratt            |
| Greater Scaup                    | Sheridan      | 5/9/80           | Schmidt & Pratt            |
| Lapland Longspur                 | Morris        | 11/17/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Pied-billed Grebe                | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Greater White-fronted Goose      | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| American Black Duck              | Mitchell      | ---              | Kenny Tompkins             |
| Ring-necked Duck                 | Mitchell      | Hunter's Bag     | Kenny Tompkins             |
| Hooded Merganser                 | Mitchell      | Hunter's Bag     | Kenny Tompkins             |
| Osprey                           | Mitchell      | October 1983     | Kenny Tompkins             |
| Cooper's Hawk                    | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Ferruginous Hawk                 | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Rough-legged Hawk                | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Eastern Screech Owl              | Mitchell      | ---              | Kenny Tompkins             |
| Eastern Screech Owl              | Lyon          | Christmas Counts | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Eastern Screech Owl              | Chase         | ---              | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Eastern Screech Owl              | Linn          | ---              | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Burrowing Owl                    | Mitchell      | ---              | Kenny Tompkins             |
| Northern Flicker (Red Shafted)   | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Tufted Titmouse                  | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch            | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Brown Creeper                    | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet           | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Sprague's Pupil                  | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Field Sparrow                    | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Song Sparrow                     | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| White-throated Sparrow           | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| White-crowned Sparrow            | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Lapland Longspur                 | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Horned Grebe                     | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Eared Grebe                      | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Virginia Rail                    | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Bonaparte's Gull                 | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Herring Gull                     | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |
| Marsh Wren                       | Mitchell      | 11/16/83         | Marvin Schwilling          |

| <u>Species</u>               | <u>County</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Observer</u>      |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Rufous-sided Towhee          | Mitchell      | 11/16/83    | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Swamp Sparrow                | Mitchell      | 11/16/83    | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Rusty Blackbird              | Mitchell      | 11/16/83    | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch        | Ottawa        | 11/17/83    | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Marsh Wren                   | Ottawa        | 11/17/83    | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet       | Ottawa        | 11/17/83    | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Swamp Sparrow                | Ottawa        | 11/17/83    | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Evening Grosbeak             | Ottawa        | 11/17/83    | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Lapland Longspur             | Ottawa        | 11/17/83    | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Rusty Blackbird              | Ottawa        | 11/17/83    | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Audubons Warbler             | Pawnee        | 5/20/84     | Scott Seltman        |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler  | Pawnee        | 4/27/84     | Scott Seltman        |
| Townsend's Warbler           | Rush          | 4/27/84     | Scott Seltman        |
| Rufous-sided Towhee          | Norton        | 4/26/84     | Scott Seltman        |
| Fox Sparrow                  | Rush          | 11/6/83     | Scott Seltman        |
| Great-tailed Grackle         | Scott         | 5/2/84      | Scott Seltman        |
| Great-tailed Grackle         | Rush          | 5/16/84     | Scott Seltman        |
| Purple Finch                 | Scott         | 1/7/84      | Scott Seltman        |
| House Finch                  | Lane          | 1/7/84      | Scott Seltman        |
| House Finch                  | Pawnee        | 4/9/84      | Scott Seltman        |
| Sabine's Gull                | Morton        | 5/26/84     | Scott Seltman        |
| Wild Turkey                  | Lyon          | 6/24/84     | Brian Todd           |
| American Woodcock            | Pratt         | 10/--/81    | Ron Spomer           |
| Whip-poor-will               | Pratt         | 7/--/83     | Brian Todd           |
| Rufous-sided Towhee          | Kiowa         | 5/3/84      | Bob Wood/Bill Layher |
| White-crowned Sparrow        | Kiowa         | 5/3/84      | Bob Wood/Bill Layher |
| Willet                       | Comanche      | 5/3/84      | Bob Wood/Bill Layher |
| Pectoral Sandpiper           | Comanche      | 5/3/84      | Bob Wood/Bill Layher |
| Tree Swallow                 | Comanche      | 5/3/84      | Bob Wood/Bill Layher |
| Barred Owl                   | Atchison      | 8/28/84     | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Barred Owl                   | Doniphan      | 8/28/84     | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Barred Owl                   | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Red-shouldered Hawk          | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Mallard                      | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Blue-winged Teal             | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Northern Shoveler            | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Gadwall                      | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Pintail                      | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Franklin Gull                | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Ring-billed Gull             | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Hairy Woodpecker             | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Tree Swallow                 | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Bank Swallow                 | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Tennessee Warbler            | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler/Myrtle | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Wilson's Warbler             | Labette       | 9/4/84      | Marvin Schwilling    |
| Barred Owl                   | Doniphan      | 8/28/84     | Marvin Schwilling    |

Marvin Schwilling  
Emporia, Kansas

## KOS FIELD TRIPS 1985

There are so many areas of the state worth visiting that it is difficult to decide where to start. The Field Trip Committee needs more input from members concerning possible trips. If there is a particular area that you would like to visit or if there are certain species that you would like to look for, please drop me a note containing your ideas.

Because of the Spring Meeting being held at Marais de Cygne I have not scheduled any additional trips in eastern Kansas for spring migrants. If the weather cooperates, most birders should be able to find a fantastic assortment of warblers and waterbirds on the first weekend of May in Linn County. Most of the breeding birds of eastern Kansas should be present by that time.

The fall schedule is still open. I would like to arrange field trips to eastern Kansas lakes in October and November to look for scoters, swans, and rare gulls. Also, I am willing to lead a September field trip to Morton County if there are enough requests.

Not all of the 1984 KOS Field Trips were well attended. But although the numbers of participants were often small we found some great birds. Whether you are a novice looking for your first Robin or an expert looking for a first state record I hope you will consider coming along in 1985.

Meeting times and places for two of the following trips have not been determined. Call me for details.

Scott Seltman  
Nekoma, Kansas 67559  
(913)-329-4411

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April 27 - Saturday/Cedar Bluff-Castle Rock-Monument Rocks-Scott Lake

We will be looking for rare waterfowl, migrating raptors, shorebirds, flycatchers, western warblers, and sparrows. This area is beautiful in April and in this barren region every treebelt and watercourse is a migrant trap. We will be driving on some very poor roads. Call for meeting place and time. 913-329-4411

May 18 and 19 - Sat. and Sun./Barber, Comanche, Clark, and Meade Counties

This area is seldom visited by most Kansas birders but has some of the more exciting possibilities. We will be going to some of those privately owned hot-spots to look for Painted Buntings, Roadrunners, and Migrating Warblers. Vermilion Flycatchers are regularly seen in this area and the legendary Black-capped Vireo nested here at one time. Wildflowers should be near their peak in the Gyp Hills. Call for details. 913-329-4411

June 8 - Saturday/Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira

Meet at the Cheyenne Bottoms headquarters at 8:00 AM. We will bird until 1:00, break for lunch, and then head to Quivira to look for species we missed. Plan to stay late and listen for Black Rails. Be sure to bring your supper, plenty



of drinking water, and mosquito repellent. White-faced Ibis, Snowy Plover, Black-necked Stilt, Least Tern, and Bobolink should all be present. We will try to minimize disturbance of nesting birds.

Labor Day Weekend - August 31, September 1 & 2/Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira

Birders who have never been to The Bottoms in late summer will be surprised at the numbers of birds that are present. Thirty species of shorebirds should be in the area along with many waterfowl and early passerine migrants. You can bird for one day or all three. Details of meeting times and places will be in the summer Newsletter.

WICHITA AUDUBON AFIELD

March 24 - Sunday/Great Salt Plains

Oklahoma's answer to Cheyenne Bottoms. Meet at ranger headquarters at 9:30 AM. Location north and west of Jet, Oklahoma off U.S. 64. Bring lunch. Leader: Dan Kilby, 943-5136.

April 27 - Saturday/Harvey County Park West

Meet at Ranger House at 7:30 AM. Bring lunch. Go west out of Newton on U.S. 50 three miles past Halstead. Look for Harvey County West sign and go three miles north. Leader: Jay Newton, Newton, 283-7769.

May 4 - Saturday/Oak Park Warbler Walk

Meet at lily pond at 7:00 AM. Wild area between 11th and Little Arkansas River. Nationally known birding area. Leader: Don Vannoy, 838-4062.

May 10-11-12/Camp Horizon Weekend

Nature programs and guided field trips. Camping or rooms; meals. Reservations: Mary Wiley, 838-1063.

May 18 - Saturday/Cheyenne Bottoms

Meet at headquarters at 9:30 AM. Turn east at sign north of Great Bend on U.S. 281. Bring lunch for all-day stay. Leader: Ralph Wiley, 838-1063.

June 2 - Sunday/Birds of Chaplin Center

Meet at 7:00 AM at CNC parking lot. Bring sack lunch. Compilation and lunch at noon. Leader: Mike Lesan, 524-6332.

June 8 - Saturday/Spring Wildflowers at Lake Afton

Meet at 9:00 AM just inside east entrance. Leader: Bob Gress, 838-4130

July 6-9/Colorado High Plains and Rocky Mountains

Leaders: Dan Kilby and Ralph Wiley

## KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY 1985 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The KOS will hold its annual spring meeting at the Wildwood Outdoor Education Center, near the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Management Area in Linn County on May 3-5. Following the precedent set last year the meeting will start on Friday evening and end on Sunday after lunch. Field trips will be held on both Saturday and Sunday.

Wildwood Outdoor Education Center is located at the north end of the LaCygne Power Lake a short distance east off Highway U.S. 69 near the Linn-Miami County Line. Turn east on a gravel road past the Bell Telephone relay tower to their large sign and gate that leads south into the camp.

Wildwood overlooks the upper end of the lake. Habitats in and around the camp are varied and should be an excellent birding area. Accomodations are dormitory or family room style. A bed is provided but you must bring your own sheets, blankets and pillow as well as soap and towel. The staff cooks the meals and all of us will eat in the dining hall unless you have other arrangements. If you bring your camper there is limited space for about five units. Check with the management for assigned parking area. There are no electrical hookups. Tent camping space is not available so tent campers may want to use the Linn Co. Park just south of Wildwood along the west side of the lake. Campers who prefer electrical hookups may also want to use this park.

The field trips are being coordinated by Mel Cooksie, Mick McHugh, and Lloyd Moore. They will include trips to the nearby Marais des Cygne Wildlife Management Area as well as LaCygne Power Lake. Final field trip itineraries will be available at Wildwood upon arrival.

Friday evening is left open as a social evening at Wildwood. On Saturday evening, Joe Schaefer will present a slide/talk show concerning the Kansas Urban Wildlife program.

Advance Payment and Registration is Required. The center needs to know how many persons are going to attend the meeting so they can prepare for us. We ask that you have your registration and payment in by April 26. You must pay registration (the \$11 includes a \$10 fee that covers complete use of the Wildwood Camp facility, boating, fishing, hiking, tennis courts, meeting areas, etc.) and then may select any combination of meals and lodging. We ask your cooperation in promptly sending us your registration.

For more information or clarification, call Marvin Schwillling, 316-342-0658 during weekdays or 316-342-1985 after 5:00 or on weekends.

Make plans now for an exciting super warbler and marsh bird weekend.

# **Annual Fall Meeting**

**September 29 - 30**

**Topeka**

**Registration  
Enclosed**

## OFFICERS' CORNER

Amelia Betts, who died in May, was an extraordinary member of KOS. Although KOS has had many good leaders, few have devoted as much time, effort and concern to the welfare of the organization as did Amelia. She served on the KOS Board for most of its existence as Secretary and Membership Secretary. And after retirement from the Board, she continued to express her concerns to the Board and to the membership for the betterment of KOS.

Found among Amelia's papers was a draft of a letter to me and to the KOS Board written a little more than a month before her death. Among the concerns she expressed was the following: "Another subject -- I think I can remember that we voted a few years ago to make 'Student Affairs' (or some similar name) a standing committee. To treat it as an ad hoc committee is to relegate it to second-class status and I think we should be looking for new-to-the-list members as we do to 'ditto' bird species. We've ignored kids for 35 years and our membership has not grown for several years. And WE are all getting older!"

KOS should certainly be a forum for scientific reports on birds. KOS should be an association of enthusiastic birders who can talk birding jargon and share birding experiences. But Amelia was concerned that, if KOS is not to wither away, it must also be promoting an interest in birds and bird conservation; that means interesting new people in birds, be they adults or students. How can we do this? How can we stimulate the enthusiasm of new members or prospective members and help them develop their interest and proficiency in birding? How can we develop the interest of young people so that we can attract more student members who will be regular members in a few years? I hope you will think about this and bring your ideas and suggestions to the Board. Probably even more important, each of us can relate to persons with a budding interest in birds and help to nourish that interest and spark their enthusiasm. These are responsibilities of all KOS members. For Amelia showed by her example that even if you are not on the KOS Board, you can have concern and enthusiasm for KOS and good ideas for its program and activities.

Dwight Platt  
Corresponding Secretary

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Enclosed in this newsletter is the announcement for two meetings: one, is the annual KOS Fall meeting and the other is Saving Cheyenne Bottoms Conference. I feel the Bottoms Conference is of special interest to KOS members and encourage you to attend. Please do not mix up the forms for the two meetings. I am looking forward to seeing you at the KOS meeting in Topeka.

## NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

Steve Kingswood has accepted a position as mammalogist at the San Antonio Zoo. He said, if any KOS member was planning a trip south to Texas and would like to see the zoo or do some good birding, they should contact him at:

San Antonio Zoological Gardens  
3903 North St. Mary's Street  
San Antonio, Texas 78212  
512-734-7183

We will miss Steve's enthusiasm for birding, but wish him well!!

## POMONA RESERVOIR - KANSAS SUMMER BIRD COUNT

38° 41' N 95° 41' W, Center intersection US 75 and Dragoon Creek; Elevation 922 to 1175 ft. Habitat coverage: oldfields and fence rows 23%, riparian forest 21%, grassland 17%, cultivated fields 15%, lakes and rivers 14%, residential areas 5%, upland deciduous forest 3%, marsh 2% - June 16, 1984; 7:15 am to 6:00 pm. Clear, Temp. 75-89°F. Wind S, 5-20 mph. Wildfood crop good. Nine observers, 9 in 3 parties. Total party hours, 30.75 (11.5 on foot, 16.25 by car, 3 by canoe); Total party miles 215 (11 on foot, 201 by car, 3 by canoe).

Great Blue Heron 7; Green-backed Heron 1; Mallard 1; Turkey Vulture 35; Red-tailed Hawk 5; American Kestrel 5; Northern Bobwhite 80; Killdeer 28; Upland Sandpiper 18; Rock Dove 17; Mourning Dove 127; Yellow-billed Cuckoo 60; Great Horned Owl 1; Common Nighthawk 1; Chimney Swift 65; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-headed Woodpecker 23; Red-bellied Woodpecker 10; Downy Woodpecker 9; Hairy Woodpecker 2; Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 23; Eastern Wood-Pewee 10; Empidonax sp 13; Eastern Phoebe 7; Great Crested Flycatcher 21; Western Kingbird 1; Eastern Kingbird 67; Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 11; Horned Lark 2; Purple Martin 13; Northern Rough-winged Swallow 26; Barn Swallow 70; Blue Jay 71; American Crow 36; Black-capped Chickadee 75; Tufted Titmouse 14; White-breasted Nuthatch 2; House Wren 7; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 4; Eastern Bluebird 23; American Robin 170; Northern Mockingbird 33; Brown Thrasher 66; Cedar Waxing 2; Loggerhead Shrike 27; European Starling 109; Bell's Vireo 1; Warbling Vireo 19; Red-eyed Vireo 5; Northern Parula 14; Kentucky Warbler 5; Common Yellow-throat 6; Summer Tanager 1; Northern Cardinal 109; Rose-breasted Grosbeak 3; Blue Grosbeak 3; Indigo Bunting 50; Dickcissel 365; Rufous-sided Towhee 4; Chipping Sparrow 1; Field Sparrow 50; Lark Sparrow 17; Grasshopper Sparrow 7; Red-winged Blackbird 148; Eastern Meadowlark 162; Western Meadowlark 2; Meadowlark sp 53; Common Grackle 266; Brown-headed Cowbird 160; Orchard Oriole 7; Northern (Baltimore) Oriole 55; American Goldfinch 18; House Sparrow 237.

Total 72 species; 3167+ individuals. Rob and Carol Culbertson, Dean Grisell, Steve Kingswood (Compiler), E. M. and E. R. Lewis, Evelyn and Ken Redman, Dan Williamson.

## REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

I am soliciting information on the past and present distribution of the Piping Plover (Charadrius melodus). Data will be used to further evaluate the status of this threatened species. If you have Piping Plover skins or egg sets in your collection, I am interested in the following information from each specimen: date collected, location, age, sex and collector.

Susan Haig  
Delta Waterfowl Research Station  
Rural Route 1  
Portage la Prairie  
Manitoba, Canada R1N 3A1

## SPRING OBSERVATIONS FOR 1984

House Finch on January 1 in Harvey County  
American Woodcock nest April 14 Harvey County  
Western Grebe May 3 at Harvey County East Lake  
Cape May Warbler May 3 Harvey County East Lake in hedgerow  
Lark Bunting pair May 25 Sedgwick County  
Fulvous Whistling Duck June 14 Cheyenne Bottoms

These sightings seem to be an interesting contrast of eastern and western species. This makes Kansas Birding always exciting and never completely predictable.

Jay Newton  
Newton, KS

OBSERVATIONS IN KIOWA COUNTY MAY 3, 1984

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mallard                 | Barn Swallow            |
| Blue-winged Teal        | American Crow           |
| **Northern Shoveler     | American Robin          |
| Gadwall                 | Loggerhead Shrike       |
| Turkey Vulture          | European Starling       |
| Swainson's Hawk (nest)  | Yellow-rumped Warbler   |
| Ring-necked Pheasant    | Dickcissel              |
| American Coot           | **Rufous-sided Towhee   |
| Killdeer                | Vesper Sparrow          |
| Greater Yellowlegs      | Lark Sparrow            |
| **Long-billed Dowitcher | **White-crowned Sparrow |
| **Wilson's Phalarope    | Harris' Sparrow         |
| Mourning Dove           | Red-winged Blackbird    |
| Northern Flicker        | Western Meadowlark      |
| Western Kingbird        | Great-tailed Grackle    |
| Eastern Kingbird        | Common Grackle          |
| Horned Lark             | Brown-headed Cowbird    |
| Cliff Swallow           | House Sparrow           |

\*\*New county records

Bob Wood and Bill Layher

BIRD OBSERVATION IN COMMANCHE COUNTY MAY 3, 1984

|                       |                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wood Duck             | Tree Swallow                  |
| Mallard               | Northern Rough-winged Swallow |
| Blue-winged Teal      | Cliff Swallow                 |
| American Wigeon       | Barn Swallow                  |
| Turkey Vulture        | Blue Jay                      |
| Swainson's Hawk       | White-breasted Nuthatch       |
| Red-tailed Hawk       | House Wren                    |
| Killdeer              | American Robin                |
| Lesser Yellowlegs     | Northern Mockingbird          |
| Willet                | Brown Thrasher                |
| Upland Sandpiper      | Loggerhead Shrike             |
| Pectoral Sandpiper    | Northern Cardinal             |
| Long-billed Dowitcher | Field Sparrow                 |
| Wilson's Phalarope    | Lark Sparrow                  |
| Mourning Dove         | Lark Runting                  |
| Red-headed Woodpecker | White-crowned Sparrow         |
| Northern Flicker      | Harris' Sparrow               |
| Eastern Phoebe        | Red-winged Blackbird          |

Great Crested Flycatcher  
Western Kingbird  
Eastern Kingbird  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher  
Horned Lark

Western Meadowlark  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
House Sparrow

Bob Wood and Bill Layher

# UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTINGS JAN-MAY 1984

|                             |                                                                             |         |          |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Tri-colored Heron           |                                                                             | 5-27-84 | Barton   |
| Ross' Goose                 | (2)                                                                         | 4-07-84 | Stafford |
|                             | (14)                                                                        | 4-21-84 | Barton   |
| Brant                       | light form                                                                  | 3-10-84 | Barton   |
| Canvasback                  |                                                                             | 5-26-84 | Morton   |
| Goshawk                     |                                                                             | 4-04-84 | Pawnee   |
| Peregrine Falcon            | (1)                                                                         | 4-28-84 | Barton   |
|                             | (1)                                                                         | 4-28-84 | Stafford |
| Lesser Prairie Chicken      | (3)                                                                         | 5-26-84 | Morton   |
| Short-billed Dowitcher      | (2) carefully studied                                                       | 6-03-84 | Barton   |
| Red-necked Phalarope        | (3) females                                                                 | 5-28-84 | Barton   |
| Bonaparte's Gull            | (2)                                                                         | 4-21-84 | Rush     |
| Glaucous Gull               |                                                                             | 2-19-84 | Barton   |
| Sabine's Gull               | individual in full breeding plumage; photographed and also shown to Smith's | 5-26-84 | Morton   |
| Common Tern                 |                                                                             | 5-28-84 | Barton   |
| Poorwill                    | at dusk n. of river                                                         | 5-26-84 | Morton   |
| Ladder-backed Woodpecker    |                                                                             | 5-26-84 | Morton   |
| Western Wood-Pewee          |                                                                             | 5-26-84 | Morton   |
| Western Flycatcher          | seen and heard                                                              | 5-26-84 | Morton   |
| Cassin's Kingbird           | on wire at Whitelaw                                                         | 5-02-84 | Greeley  |
| Chihuahan Raven             | watch for this species either sw. or w. of Moscow, Kansas                   |         |          |
|                             | (4)                                                                         | 5-26-84 | Stevens  |
|                             | (2) s. of Rolla                                                             | 5-26-84 | Morton   |
| Veery                       |                                                                             | 5-19-84 | Rush     |
|                             |                                                                             | 6-02-84 | Linn     |
| Hermit Thrush               |                                                                             | 5-26-84 | Morton   |
| Sprague's Pipit             |                                                                             | 4-23-84 | Rush     |
| Northern Shrike             |                                                                             | 1-26-84 | Rush     |
| Black-throated Gray Warbler |                                                                             | 4-27-84 | Pawnee   |
| Townsend's Warbler          | photographed                                                                | 4-27-84 | Rush     |
| Yellow-throated Warbler     | one singing                                                                 | 6-02-84 | Linn     |
| Cerulean Warbler            |                                                                             | 6-02-84 | Linn     |
| Black-and-White Warbler     | several singing                                                             | 6-02-84 | Linn     |
| Northern Waterthrush        |                                                                             | 4-29-84 | Linn     |
|                             |                                                                             | 5-26-84 | Morton   |
| Brewer's Sparrow            | s. of Rolla                                                                 | 5-26-84 | Morton   |
| McCown's Longspur           |                                                                             | 3-27-84 | Pawnee   |
| Purple Finch                | rare in the west                                                            | 1-07-84 | Scott    |
| House Finch                 | first record                                                                | 4-09-84 | Pawnee   |
|                             | nesting failed                                                              | 6-05-84 | Pawnee   |

Scott Seltman  
Nekoma, Kansas

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# KOS FIELD TRIPS FOR 1984

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Saturday and Sunday, September 15 & 16 Morton County. Meet at noon on the 15th at the El Rancho Restaurant in Elkhart. Contact Scott Seltman - 913-329-4411.

Saturday, November 10 Perry Reservoir (in conjunction with a Topeka Audubon Society field trip). Meet at 7:30 AM at parking lot of Gage Park Zoo. Contact Gene Lewis - 913-232-1847.

If you are planning to attend any of the above field trips, please let the contact person know so they might have an idea of how much interest there is in each field trip. The field trip committee solicits feedback and/or questions on these trips or potential future trips. Contact Steve Kingswood (316-942-5134) or Scott Seltman (913-329-4411).

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## OTHER FIELD TRIPS

### Topeka Audubon Society

Field trips the second Saturday of each month. Meet at the Topeka Zoo parking lot, Gage Park at 7:30 A.M. Some trips are flowers, tree, etc., but birds are always watched. Contact Paul Willis - Field Trip Chairman or Jo Ramberg - President.

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## PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND "SAVING CHEYENNE BOTTOMS"

The Kansas Audubon Council and Kansas Wildlife Federation are sponsoring SAVING CHEYENNE BOTTOMS, a one-day conference at Great Bend on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Conference participants will learn about Colorado's impact on the Arkansas River, what water supplies exist above and below ground around Great Bend, what the state water plan will mean to wildlife and wildlife habitat in Kansas, and why Cheyenne Bottoms is so vital. Persons from Kansas Fish and Game will explain in detail the problems confronting the Bottoms, and propose some alternatives to improve the situation.

Highlighting the program is Lynn Greenwalt, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service until dismissed by James Watt; he'll talk about Cheyenne Bottoms from a national perspective. Legislators Ron Fox and Joe Norvel will give insights into how the legislature works, and how to be effective in working with the legislature.

Other events surrounding SAVING CHEYENNE BOTTOMS will be a Friday evening film fest for those who arrive early, and a Sunday morning field trip to Quivira National Wildlife Refuge for those who stay over. A Saturday afternoon tour of the Bottoms and the diversion dam on the Ark River will be scheduled if enough people are interested.



Registration is \$3.00 per person. There are limited camping facilities available nearby; a list of Great Bend motels and prices will be returned with your registration confirmation.

We wildlife enthusiasts have an opportunity to speak out for one of our favorite areas, and if we don't do it, who will? Please plan to attend SAVING CHEYENNE BOTTOMS -- and bring a friend! Send in your registration today!

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REGISTRATION  
SAVING CHEYENNE BOTTOMS CONFERENCE  
Saturday, September 22, Great Bend

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICER ? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names & addresses of persons attending with you:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

| REGISTRATION FEE                   | AMOUNT |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Number of persons _____ @ \$3.00 = | _____  |

MEALS:

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Saturday luncheon _____ @ \$4.25 = | _____ |
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|                                   |       |
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| Saturday banquet _____ @ \$5.95 = | _____ |
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(Please enclose fees so your registration can be processed.)

Check if you will be attending the following events:

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday evening film fest

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday afternoon tour of Cheyenne Bottoms

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday morning field trip to Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

Make checks payable to: Saving Cheyenne Bottoms and return to: Saving Cheyenne Bottoms, 219 Westwood, Manhattan, KS 66502.

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SAVING CHEYENNE BOTTOMS  
A Conference at Barton County Community College  
Great Bend, Kansas  
September 22, 1984

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00 p.m.      Film Fest

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00-10:00      Registration - Fine Arts Building

10:00            Welcome -- Jerry Lindberg, Great Bend Chamber of Commerce

10:05            Introductory remarks  
                 Rep. Ron Fox, Vice-Chairman  
                 House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

10:15            "Cheyenne Bottoms: Endangered Wetland"  
                 Northern Flint Hills Audubon Society

10:30            "What's so important about Cheyenne Bottoms?"  
                 Jean Schulenberg, Admire

10:45            "Is it all Colorado's fault?"  
                 John Campbell, Assistant Attorney General of Kansas

11:05            "Where's the water?"  
                 Tom McClain, Kansas Geological Survey

11:25            "How does the state water plan protect wetland and wildlife  
resources like Cheyenne Bottoms?"  
                 Joseph Harkins, Kansas Water Office

11:45            Questions and answers

12:15            Luncheon -- BCCC Union  
                 "What's the legislature's role in saving the Bottoms, and how  
can grassroots groups be effective?"  
                 Senator Joe Norvell, Assistant Minority Leader

1:30            Kansas Fish and Game Presentation  
                 "A close look at the problems, management, ecological and  
economic values, and future of Cheyenne Bottoms"

3:00            Questions and answers

3:30            Break

3:45            Caucus of organizations and individuals to meet and coordinate  
goals and activities.  
                 Mari Peterson, Executive Director  
                 Kansas Natural Resource Council

3:45            Tour of Cheyenne Bottoms and the Arkansas River diversion dam

6:00            Banquet  
                 "Why Cheyenne Bottoms is of national significance?"  
                 Lynn Greenwalt, National Wildlife Federation

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:30            Birding trip to Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

10:00           Return

## ANNUAL FALL MEETING

The annual fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society will be held in Topeka September 28 through September 30, 1984. The Saturday activities will be at Stoffer Science Hall on the campus of Washburn University. It is imperative that you preregister for the banquet and the Sunday lunch. Registrations must be received by September 24.

Friday, September 28 - An informal get together will be at the Lewis residence, 1285 MacVicar Avenue from 7:00 pm to ?? Anyone coming early is invited to attend.

Saturday, September 29 - Stoffer Science Hall, Room 103. Stoffer is at the northeast corner of the campus near 17th and Washburn Avenue. Plenty of parking right there. Registration begins at 8:00 am, coffee and doughnuts will be available. Paper sessions will begin at 9:00 am. Lunch will be available at the Washburn Union or at some fast food places nearby.

The ever-popular Birdwatchers Hour will be from 1:00-2:00 pm. Here is a chance to show some of your slides and brag about the ones that didn't get away.

The banquet will be held in the Washburn Union at 6:30 pm, Max Thompson will speak on Tierra del Fuego - the land of fire.

Sunday, September 30 - Several field trips are being scheduled to some of the very good birding places around Topeka. We hope to have the groups small and the lists large. The trips will begin at Stoffer Science Hall. Lunch will be barbeque and will be held at Lake Shawnee, Shelterhouse #1, west side of lake.

Motels and Other Accomodations

The enclosed brochure lists the motels available and their location. Camping, both RV and tent, is available at Lake Shawnee on the east side. The campground is fenced and patrolled, and the cost is reasonable. See map.

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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

|                                  | NUMBER | TOTAL    |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Registration Fee.....\$3.00..... | _____  | \$ _____ |
| Saturday Banquet.....\$7.50..... | _____  | \$ _____ |
| Sunday Lunch.....\$3.75.....     | _____  | \$ _____ |
|                                  | TOTAL  | \$ _____ |

Make checks payable to Kansas Ornithological Society. Banquet and Sunday lunch tickets must be reserved in advance. We must receive them by September 24.

MAIL TO: E. R. Lewis  
1285 MacVicar Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66604

CALL FOR PAPERS  
KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING, 1984

The Kansas Ornithological Society will meet 28, 29, and 30 September 1984, on the Washburn University campus in Topeka. The contributed papers session will be on Saturday, 29 September. A successful, well-rounded and interesting paper session depends on contributions from a large segment of the membership of KOS, at all levels of expertise in ornithology and birdwatching. We encourage graduate students and undergraduates to share the results of their studies. Bird banders, breeding bird survey participants and observers of nesting activity in backyard situations are just a few of the examples of interesting information that can be shared with us. Long and short presentations are welcome. If you can present a paper, or know of another person, member or not, that will present a paper, please fill out the form below and mail before the 10th of September.

We are again requesting that all contributors submit an abstract or short summary of their presentation. These will be printed in the Newsletter so that others can see our activities and so we will have a better record of the activities of Kansas birders. We all thank you for your willingness to share those activities with us.

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Complete this form and mail to: Dr. Roger L. Boyd  
Biology Department  
Baker University  
Baldwin City, Kansas 66006  
913-594-6451 ext. 547 or 594-3172

Contributed Papers Session, 30 September 1984

AUTHOR(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF PAPER: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ABSTRACT: Send now or bring it to the meeting - but don't forget! Short summary of 150 words.

Time for presentations and questions: 10 min. 15 min. 20 min.

Audio-visual Equipment needed: \_\_\_\_\_

## KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY RARE BIRD ALERT

The KOS Rare Bird Alert number has been activated at Emporia. Persons interested in finding out what is being seen in the state should dial 316-343-7061. They should receive a recording of about 90 seconds telling you what has been going on the past week. It will be updated immediately if something rare is spotted (and reported) otherwise, Marvin Schwilling will update it on Sunday of each week. Those of you having sightings to report can call the rare bird alert number, listen to the recording and then at the sound of the tone, leave your sightings for updating the recording. You may also call Marvin directly at his home at Emporia if you wish.

The installation of the phone at Emporia cost the KOS about \$50+ and we pay \$11.92 per month rent on the line. If anyone wishes to contribute to KOS to help defray the cost, it is tax deductible as a gift to a charitable organization. Why not pick your favorite month and send the treasurer a check to cover the cost of your use of the recording.

What do you do if you loose the number and need to call information to retrieve it? Don't ask for KOS as it isn't listed. Ask for Max C. Thompson, Emporia and they will give you the listing. Economics deemed it necessary to list it in his name.

## T-SHIRTS

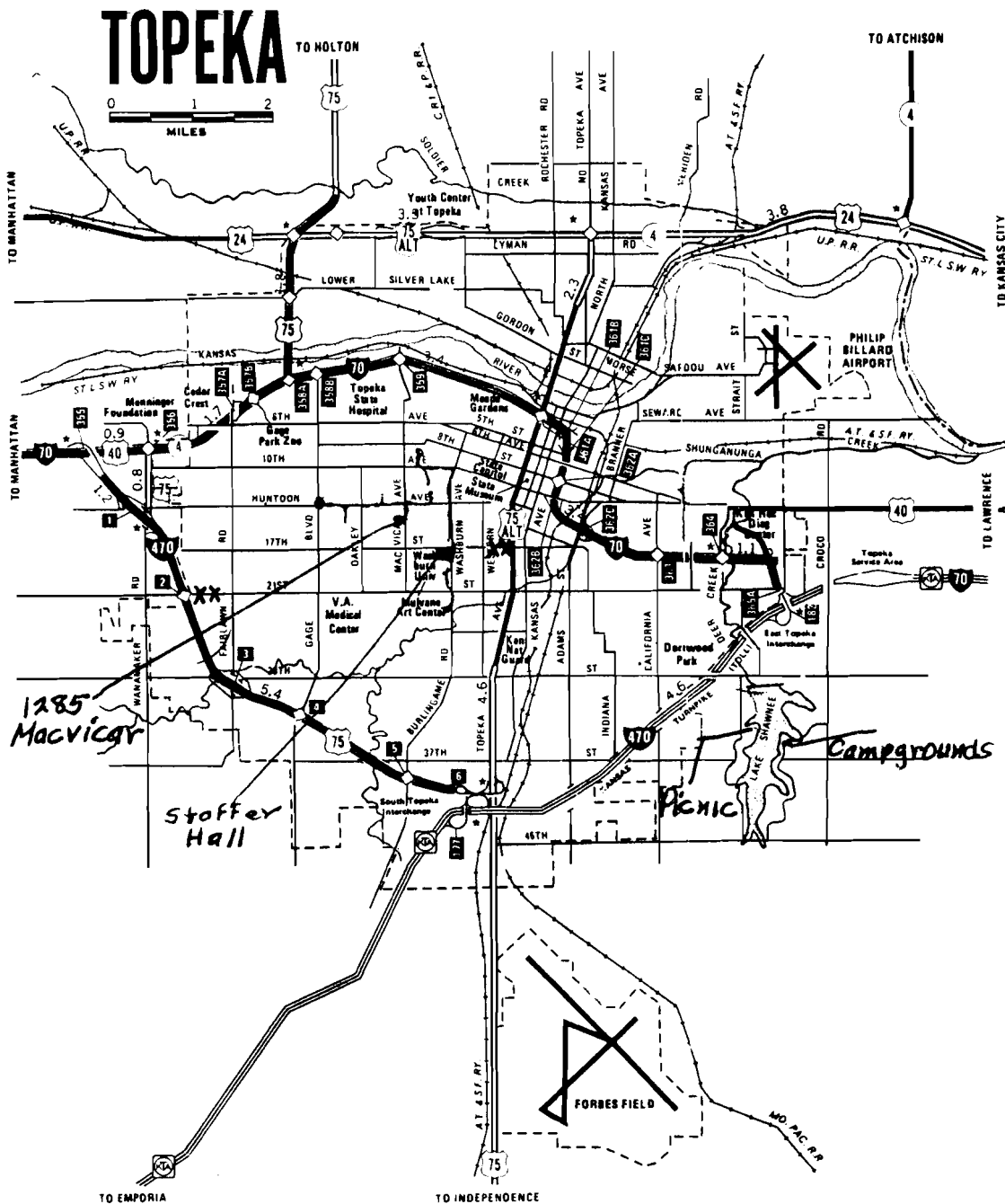
There are still T-Shirts available from the Business Manager. We have at least 3 sizes available S-M-L. There may be a few XL left but we aren't sure. Only white with colored neck and sleeves are left.

## CHECK-LISTS

There are still a few Kansas Field Check-lists left from the Business Manager. We are getting low and there will be a new printing within the next year or so. If you need some, write now before the fall migration starts.

## NOTE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

The June mailings may have been fouled up. If you received a newsletter with double pages, pages missing, please advise the Business Manager and he will try and send you another page. We doubled some while putting it together and then had to xerox pages to finish out the mailing. Some of these got upside down while xeroxing. In fact the whole June mailing was jinxed from start to finish. The type was set for the Bulletin and then when the corrected copy came back from the Editor, the computer typesetter was on the blink for four weeks. Finally the Bulletin was printed and Max and the good elves started to assemble it only to find that the printer forgot to trim it. He was brought in from his Saturday nap to do that. I would like to thank Agnes and Ross Williams, Donna Wilt and the Andersons for the evenings they have helped get your mailings out to you.--Max C. Thompson



### AFRICA TOUR

Max C. Thompson is leading a tour to Kenya and Tanzania during August 1985. The probable date of departure is August 5. The tour will be gone approximately 25 days. Big game parks visited will be: Samburu, Tsavo, Amboseli, Mountain Lodge, The Ark, Lake Nakuru, Lake Naivasha, Masa Mara. In Tanzania, we visit: Mt. Arusha, Tarangire (a little known park but some of the best birding in East Africa), Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro and Serengeti. The tour will depart from New York City probably via Europe although the airline routing has not been established. For more information contact:

Max C. Thompson  
Southwestern College  
100 College St.  
Winfield, KS. 67156-2499

# Annual Fall Meeting

September 29 - 30

Topeka

Registration in  
August Newsletter

## OFFICERS' CORNER

It's not too early to start thinking about the fall K.O.S. meeting. It is scheduled for September 29-30 at Washburn University in Topeka. As Calvin Cink pointed out in the last Newsletter, we now have awards for the best amateur and student papers. Start thinking about something you have done or are doing this summer that could be presented. We are interested in learning of your birding activities and at the same time you will get a little more out of your projects. Most of us accomplish more when we have a goal in mind. Set that goal as presenting your findings at our fall meeting and see where it takes you.

I hope you have an enjoyable and productive summer and see you in September.

Roger L. Boyd  
Vice President - KOS

## REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

With support from the Kansas Fish and Game Commission's non-game program funded by your chickadee check-off money, I will be beginning a study of the habitat requirements of the Henslow's Sparrow in Kansas. Part of this work involves determining the western limit of the species' range in the state. This line will occur somewhere in the following counties: Smith, Jewell, Republic, Osborne, Mitchell, Cloud, Russell, Lincoln, Ottawa, Barton, Ellsworth, Saline, Rice, McPherson, Stafford, Reno, Harvey, Pratt, Kingman, Sedgwick, Barber, Harper, Sumner. Generally I believe the limit will fall along the area of transition between the tallgrass and the mixed grass prairies. If you spend any time in these counties and know of pastures that have not been burned for at least two years (including the spring of the year you are there), could you see if any Henslow's Sparrows are there this season? Then tell me the location of the field (an "X" on a county map would be great) and whether there were any Henslow's Sparrows there. Not finding Henslow's Sparrows is just as important as finding Henslow's Sparrows. So please let me know where you did not find Henslow's Sparrows, as well as where you did find them. Send your reports to me, John L. Zimmerman, Division of Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506.

## PRELIMINARY ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Set aside the dates of September 29 and 30, 1984 on your calendar for the Annual Meeting to be held in Topeka. The meeting was originally scheduled for a week later in Kansas City, but the Regional Audubon meeting there prompted the change to Topeka. The date change was due in part to the Audubon conflict and to scheduling problems in Topeka. This will be the first meeting in Topeka in 18 years and the fourth since KOS was founded in Topeka April 1949. We intend to have a good meeting, and interesting field trips will be lined up for you. Please plan to attend!

Gene Lewis

## BIRD OBSERVATIONS - LAKE SHAWNEE AT TOPEKA

On April 14, 1984 an unusual variety of water birds were seen on Lake Shawnee. There were three Common Loons, four types of Grebes--Pied-billed, Horned, Eared and a single Western, and about eight Red-breasted Mergansers in addition to a few puddle ducks. The lake had recently been stocked with fingerling trout and the fishing was especially good for the diving ducks, who seemed to appreciate the repast put out for them.

Gene Lewis



BIRD OBSERVATIONS - SPRING 1983

| Species                     | Date    | County   |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Ross' Goose                 | 4-23-83 | Stafford |
| Cinnamon Teal               | 6-4-83  | Stafford |
| Redhead female with 6 young | 7-2-83  | Barton   |
| Hooded Merganser (2)        | 3-29-83 | Barton   |
| Common Merganser (10)       | 3-29-83 | Barton   |
| Red-breasted Merganser      | 3-29-83 | Barton   |
| Ferruginous Hawk            | 6-14-83 | Rush     |
| Peregrine Falcon            | 5-12-83 | Barton   |
| Turkey                      | 3-29-83 | Pawnee   |
| Piping Plover               | 4-23-83 | Barton   |
| Long-billed Curlew (5)      | 4-23-83 | Stafford |
| (2)                         | 7-1-83  | Rush     |
| Red Knot (20)               | 5-24-83 | Barton   |
| Hudsonian Godwit (50)       | 4-23-83 | Barton   |
| (5)                         | 4-23-83 | Stafford |
| Black-necked Stilt (10)     | 6-4-83  | Stafford |
| Glaucous Gull               | 3-6-83  | Barton   |
| Common Tern (2)             | 6-4-83  | Stafford |
| Barn Owl                    | 5-28-83 | Gove     |
| Blue Grosbeak               | 5-28-83 | Gove     |
| Harris' Sparrow             | 5-19-83 | Norton   |

Scott Seltman

FIELD TRIP REPORT

In response to membership suggestions I have listed below a report of a recent field trip that I was on and hope that you will do the same for your field trips. You may send me a photo copy of the check list you used, if you want. I will type your report for you. Please include species seen, date, time and place for your field trip report.

From noon Saturday until 10:30 am Sunday May 5-6, 1984, four of us saw 109 species of birds in parts of Geary, Riley and Pottawatomie counties.

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Pied-billed Grebe        | Barn Swallow            |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Blue Jay                |
| Great Blue Heron         | American Crow           |
| Green-backed Heron       | Black-capped Chickadee  |
| Wood Duck                | Tufted Titmouse         |
| Blue-winged Teal         | White-breasted Nuthatch |
| Northern Shoveler        | Bewick's Wren           |
| Gadwall                  | House Wren              |
| Lesser Scaup             | Blue-gray Gnatcatcher   |
| Turkey Vulture           | Swainson's Thrush       |
| Osprey                   | American Robin          |
| Cooper's Hawk            | Northern Mockingbird    |
| Red-tailed Hawk          | Brown Thrasher          |
| American Kestrel         | Cedar Waxwing           |
| Ring-necked Pheasant     | European Starling       |
| Greater Prairie Chicken  | Solitary Vireo          |

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Northern Bobwhite             | Warbling Vireo         |
| Virginia Rail                 | Red-eyed Vireo         |
| Sora                          | Tennessee Warbler      |
| American Coot                 | Orange-crowned Warbler |
| Killdeer                      | Nashville Warbler      |
| Lesser Yellowlegs             | Northern Parula        |
| Willet                        | Yellow Warbler         |
| Spotted Sandpiper             | Yellow-rumped Warbler  |
| Upland Sandpiper              | Black-and-Warbler      |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper        | Louisiana Waterthrush  |
| Least Sandpiper               | Kentucky Warbler       |
| Wilson's Phalarope            | Common Yellowthroat    |
| Franklin's Gull               | Northern Cardinal      |
| Bonaparte's Gull              | Rose-breasted Grosbeak |
| Ring-billed Gull              | Indigo Bunting         |
| Forster's Tern                | Dickcissel             |
| Rock Dove                     | Rufous-sided Towhee    |
| Mourning Dove                 | Chipping Sparrow       |
| Great Horned Owl              | Clay-colored Sparrow   |
| Barred Owl                    | Field Sparrow          |
| Common Nighthawk              | Vesper Sparrow         |
| Common Poor-will              | Lark Sparrow           |
| Chuck-will's Widow            | Savannah Sparrow       |
| Chimney Swift                 | Grasshopper Sparrow    |
| Red-headed Woodpecker         | Lincoln's Sparrow      |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker        | White-throated Sparrow |
| Downy Woodpecker              | White-crowned Sparrow  |
| Hairy Woodpecker              | Harris' Sparrow        |
| Northern Flicker              | Bobolink               |
| Least Flycatcher              | Eastern Meadowlark     |
| Eastern Phoebe                | Western Meadowlark     |
| Great Crested Flycatcher      | Common Grackle         |
| Western Kingbird              | Brown-headed Cowbird   |
| Eastern Kingbird              | Northern Oriole        |
| Horned Lark                   | Pine Siskin            |
| Purple Martin                 | American Goldfinch     |
| Northern Rough-winged Swallow | House Sparrow          |
| Bank Swallow                  |                        |

Elmer J. Finck

#### POMONA RESERVOIR SUMMER BIRD COUNT

Steve Kingswood ran a Summer Bird Count similar to the Christmas Bird Count. He encourages other members of KOS to do the same in their area. Listed below is the report from his count.

#### Pomona Reservoir - Kansas

38 41'N 95 41'W, center intersection US 75 and Dragoon Creek; Elevation 922 to 1175 ft. Habitat Coverage: oldfields and fence rows 29%, grassland 17%, riparian forest 15%, cultivated fields 11%, residential areas 11%, upland deciduous forest 10%, lakes and rivers 7% - June 11, 1983; 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Overcast with intermittent rain. Temp. 66-77°F. Wind SE, 10-40 mph. Wild food crop good. Seven observers, 7 in 3 parties. Total party hours, 24.5 (10.25 on foot, 14.25 by car); Total party miles 177.5 (8.5 on foot, 169 by car).

Double-crested Cormorant 1; Great Blue Heron 16; Green-backed Heron 2; Wood Duck 2; Mallard 2; Turkey Vulture 26; Swainson's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 9; American Kestrel 5; Northern Bobwhite 90; Killdeer 19; Upland Sandpiper 7; Least Tern 1; Rock Dove 2; Mourning Dove 151; Black-billed Cuckoo 1; Yellow-billed Cuckoo 27; Barred Owl 1; Common Nighthawk 2; Chimney Swift 20; Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-headed Woodpecker 24; Red-bellied Woodpecker 11; Downy Woodpecker 9; Hairy Woodpecker 5; Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 10; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Eastern Wood-Pewee 15; Empidonax sp 1; Eastern Phoebe 6; Great Crested Flycatcher 20; Western Kingbird 8; Eastern Kingbird 42; Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 11; Purple Martin 11; Northern Rough-winged Swallow 5; Barn Swallow 36; Blue Jay 46; American Crow 33; Black-capped Chickadee 42; Tufted Titmouse 23; White-breasted Nuthatch 8; House Wren 8; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 10; Eastern Bluebird 16; American Robin 147; Gray Catbird 2; Northern Mockingbird 23; Brown Thrasher 52; Loggerhead Shrike 29; European Starling 96; Warbling Vireo 6; Red-eyed Vireo 8; Northern Parula 4; American Redstart 2; Louisiana Waterthrush 4; Kentucky Warbler 1; Common Yellowthroat 7; Summer Tanager 3; Northern Cardinal 69; Rose-breasted Grosbeak 2; Blue Grosbeak 1; Indigo Bunting 23; Dickcissel 118; Field Sparrow 41; Lark Sparrow 4; Grasshopper Sparrow 3; Red-winged Blackbird 73; Eastern Meadowlark 116; Western Meadowlark 2; Meadowlark sp 62; Common Grackle 294; Brown-headed Cowbird 98; Orchard Oriole 3; Northern (Baltimore) Oriole 37; American Goldfinch 30; House Sparrow 161.

Total, 77 species; 2300+ individuals. Bud and Carol Culbertson, Effie Edwards, Steve Kingswood (Compiler - Sedgwick County Zoo, 5555 Zoo Boulevard, Wichita, KS 67212), E. M. and E. R. Lewis, Dan Williamson.

#### CHARTER MEMBER AND LIFE MEMBERS

As of January 1984 the following people are listed as Charter Members of KOS.

Amelia Betts, Baldwin City, KS  
 Margaret Boyd, Baldwin City, KS  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dingus, Lenexa, KS  
 Henry S. Fitch, Lawrence, KS  
 Mrs. W. H. Gier, Rogers, AR  
 Dr. E. Raymond Hall, Lawrence, KS  
 Mary F. Hall, Lawrence, KS  
 Grace Hobson, Lawrence, KS  
 Grace Holcombe, Topeka, KS  
 Katherine B. Kelley, Baldwin City, KS  
 Philip B. Menninger, Topeka, KS  
 E. Maurice Nuss, Topeka, KS  
 Olin S. Pettingill Jr., Wayne, ME  
 Richard H. Schmidt, Newton, KS  
 Theodore M. Sperry, Pittsburg, KS  
 Bernice Tatum, Kansas City, KS

The following members are listed as Life Members as of January 1984.

Jean M. Bailey, Atchison, KS  
 Robert G. Barnhardt, Rucklin, KS  
 Amelia Betts, Baldwin City, KS  
 Walter Boles, Sydney, Australia  
 Margaret Boyd, Baldwin City, KS  
 Steve Burr, Salina, KS  
 Dr. J. Walker Butin, Wichita, KS  
 Thomas A. Cannon, Lucas, KS

Earl V. Carlson, Hays, KS  
 Wallace Champeny, Oxford, KS  
 Calvin Cink, Baldwin City, KS  
 Donna Cooper, Hays, KS  
 Steven J. Crawford, Olathe, KS  
 Joyce Davis, El Paso, TX  
 Dorothy Ehart, Leavenworth, KS  
 Charles A. Ely, Hays, KS  
 \*\*Ruth A. Fahl, Lawrence, KS  
 Charles H. Franklin Jr., Independence, KS  
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garrett, Lawrence, KS  
 Mrs. Chester Gates, Baldwin City, KS  
 David Hedges, Lake Quivera, KS  
 Phyllis Henney, Topeka, KS  
 \*\*Jane Hershberger, Newton, KS  
 Jane Holland, Russell, KS  
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holmes, Camano Island, WA  
 David W. Holmes, Columbia, MD  
 \*\*I. Leroy Holt II, Russell, KS  
 Jerome Jackson, State College, MS  
 Nanette C. Johnson, Kansas City, MO  
 Philip G. Kaul, Shawnee Mission, KS  
 Katherine B. Kelley, Baldwin City, KS  
 \*\*Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Lewis, Topeka, KS  
 Robert M. Mengel, Lawrence, KS  
 Philip Menninger, Topeka, KS  
 Mrs. Hazel Moore, Dodge City, KS  
 George Neavoll, Wichita, KS  
 Mrs. J. H. Nelson, Lawrence, KS  
 \*\*Jay P. Newton Jr., Newton, KS  
 Mrs. T. M. Okeefe, Dodge City, KS  
 James O'Toole, Newton, KS  
 Sebastian Patti, Chicago, IL  
 Olin S. Pettingill Jr., Wayne, ME  
 Dwight Platt, Newton, KS  
 Chandler Robbins, Laurel, MD  
 \*\*Stanley D. Roth Jr., Lawrence, KS  
 Richard C. Rucker, Lawrence, KS  
 Dr. Gordon Sauer, Kansas City, MO  
 Marvin D. Schwilling, Emporia, KS  
 Richard H. Schmidt, Newton, KS  
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Seltman, Nekoma, KS  
 \*\*Theodore M. Sperry, Pittsburg, KS  
 Max C. Thompson, Winfield, KS  
 Nada Voth, Walton, KS  
 Mrs. Ralph White, Junction City, KS  
 \*\*Mrs. Shirley Weaver, Independence, KS  
 Daniel Williamson, Hartford, KS

\*\*New Life Member in 1983

#### Honorary Life Members\*

Ray Wackly, Olathe, KS  
 Bob Weese, Mound City, KS

To become a life member you need to pay the dues of \$125, which can be paid in four installments of \$31.25.

Jane Hershberger

SMOKY HILL FIELD TRIP - APRIL 16, 1983

Five intrepid observers left Ness City in search of winged wonders on the morning of April 16. Though the weather had been horrible just two days earlier, the field trip could not have been scheduled for a nicer day. The temperature climbed from 35°F to 65°F, the wind was calm, and the sky was clear. Seventy-two species and two additional forms were seen with most being seen by all observers. The species count would be respectable anywhere in Kansas in mid-April, but it was quite good for the high plains. Participants were Dave Bryan, Joan Challans, Janell O'Keefe, Scott and Diane Seltman.

HIGHLIGHTS

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Wood Duck pair     | Scott Co. |
| Osprey             | Scott Co. |
| Wilson's Phalarope | Scott Co. |
| Forster's Tern     | Scott Co. |
| Purple Martin      | Scott Co. |

FIRST COUNTY RECORDS

|                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Pied-billed Grebe             | Wichita Co.             |
| Eared Grebe (4)               | Wichita Co.             |
| Double-crested Cormorant (10) | Scott Co.               |
| Black-crowned Night Heron     | Wallace Co.             |
| Canvasback                    | Scott Co.               |
| Redhead                       | Wichita Co.             |
| Lesser Scaup                  | Wallace and Wichita Co. |
| Bufflehead                    | Greeley and Wichita Co. |
| Ruddy Duck                    | Wichita Co.             |
| Goshawk                       | Wallace Co.             |
| Baird's Sandpiper             | Wichita Co.             |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet          | Wallace Co.             |
| Water Pipit                   | Greeley Co.             |
| Brewer's Blackbird            | Wichita Co.             |
| Savannah Sparrow              | Greeley Co.             |
| Chestnut-collared Longspur    | Greeley Co.             |

Scott Seltman

MILFORD LAKE FIELD TRIP

August 16, 1983; 7:00 am - 5:00 pm; Temp 80-100°F; Sky clear; Total species 60; Observers Dan, John and Robert LaShell.

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| White Pelican            | Eastern Wood-Pee-wee          |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Great Crested Flycatcher      |
| Great Blue Heron         | Western Kingbird              |
| Little Blue Heron        | Eastern Kingbird              |
| Green-backed Heron       | Scissor-tailed Flycatcher     |
| Green-winged Teal        | Northern Rough-winged Swallow |
| Mallard                  | Cliff Swallow                 |
| Turkey Vulture           | Barn Swallow                  |
| Red-shouldered Hawk      | Blue Jay                      |
| American Kestrel         | American Crow                 |
| Ring-necked Pheasant     | Black-capped Chickadee        |

Northern Bobwhite  
 Black-bellied Plover  
 Killdeer  
 American Avocet  
 Solitary Sandpiper  
 Spotted Sandpiper  
 Upland Sandpiper  
 Long-billed Curlew  
 Pectoral Sandpiper  
 Ring-billed Gull  
 Forster's Tern  
 Least Tern  
 Black Tern  
 Mourning Dove  
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
 Barred Owl  
 Chimney Swift  
 Belted Kingfisher  
 Red-headed Woodpecker

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
 American Robin  
 Brown Thrasher  
 Loggerhead Shrike  
 European Starling  
 Warbling Vireo  
 Northern Cardinal  
 Blue Grosbeak  
 Indigo Bunting  
 Dickcissel  
 Field Sparrow  
 Grasshopper Sparrow  
 Red-winged Blackbird  
 Western Meadowlark  
 Common Grackle  
 Brown-head Cowbird  
 Northern Oriole (Baltimore)  
 American Goldfinch  
 House Sparrow

John LaShelle

FIRST COUNTY RECORDS - SPRING 1983

| <u>SPECIES</u>                 | <u>DATE</u> | <u>COUNTY</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Horned Grebe                   | 3-10-83     | Pawnee        |
| Pied-billed Grebe              | 3-18-83     | Pawnee        |
| Double-crested Cormorant       | 4-25-83     | Ness          |
| Goshawk                        | 4-15-83     | Rush          |
| Greater Prairie Chicken        | 4-12-83     | Pawnee        |
| Solitary Sandpiper             | 5-19-83     | Norton        |
| Forster's Tern                 | 5-19-83     | Graham        |
| Least Tern                     | 5-28-83     | Scott         |
| Black-billed Cuckoo            | 6-18-83     | Cloud         |
| Long-eared Owl                 | 3-5-83      | Hodgeman      |
| Eastern Wood-Pee-wee           | 5-19-83     | Norton        |
| Rock Wren                      | 6-13-83     | Rush          |
| Swainson's Thrush              | 5-19-83     | Norton        |
| Warbling Vireo                 | 5-14-83     | Ness          |
| Bell's Vireo                   | 5-13-83     | Pawnee        |
| Black-and-White Warbler        | 5-19-83     | Norton        |
| Tennessee Warbler              | 5-19-83     | Norton        |
| Parula Warbler                 | 4-29-83     | Rush          |
| Magnolia Warbler               | 5-19-83     | Norton        |
| Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler | 5-19-83     | Norton        |
| Blackpoll Warbler              | 5-19-83     | Norton        |
| Ovenbird                       | 5-15-83     | Rush          |
| MacGillivray's Warbler         | 5-12-83     | Rush          |
| Yellow-breasted Chat           | 5-21-83     | Rush          |
| Hooded Warbler                 | 5-7-83      | Rush          |
| American Redstart              | 5-19-83     | Norton        |
| Clay-colored Sparrow           | 5-14-83     | Ness          |
|                                | 5-19-83     | Norton        |
| Lincoln's Sparrow              | 5-19-83     | Norton        |

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## KOS SPRING FIELD TRIP

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## AMELIA BETTS PASSES AWAY

It was with great sadness that the editors learned of Amelia's passing on 27 May 1984. Amelia's contributions to the KOS were many. Her obituary will appear in a future issue of the Bulletin.



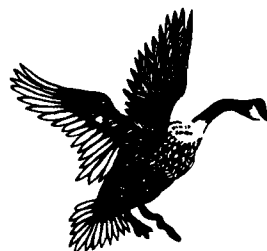
# Spring Meeting

## Camp Horizon

## Arkansas City

## May 4, 5, 6, 1984

Registration Form Inside



## OFFICERS' CORNER

After having passed through that inevitable and painful time in which the constitution and bylaws of an organization are updated, it has been a pleasure to serve as president of KOS this past year. I had the good fortune of being supported by experienced leadership of the other elected officers and directors and I thank them for their help this past year. KOS remains a strong organization largely through continuity in elected and appointed offices and the interest and support of an active membership. Our efforts as officers to better serve the needs of the membership are often stimulated by concerns or ideas for improvement expressed by KOS members. We encourage you to continue to submit such ideas to any of the officers or board members. We also like to hear your thoughts on any new projects we have implemented or are considering.

The newsletter always solicits your observations and your fellow members always enjoy reading about what you are seeing. Take a moment to send Elmer your latest news. He would also appreciate your comments on what we could be doing to make the newsletter more readable for you. What could we add to make it more attractive to birders in the state?

We are trying to schedule spring field trips to new and interesting areas of the state that most of the members have probably not yet visited. While there has been some concern about distance to travel, those who attended last spring trip to Morton County were very pleased with what they experienced. We are now working to start additional field trips beyond those of our fall and spring meetings. If you would like to lead a field trip or have ideas about where and when such trips could be held, let us know.

What did you think about the awards for best amateur and student papers at the fall meeting? We hope they will stimulate interest in presenting papers and the study of birds necessary to generate them. Should we similarly encourage the work of photographers in our group? We might reward the best slide or photograph displayed during our birders hour at the fall meeting. We have some outstanding talents among our membership that should be shown.

I continually look for people among the membership of KOS to serve on committees. Committees often have a rather formal and nonproductive image associated with them; I prefer to think of these groups of people in KOS as "idea generating guilds." If you have interests in particular areas such as conservation of birds, increasing our membership, stimulating interest in the work of KOS through publicity, or establishing and presenting awards for service to KOS (or best papers, or photographs, etc.) I would love to hear from you.

A growing membership is always of concern to an organization and KOS is no different. I encourage each of you to recruit a new member this year. Among our friends who are birders or are just becoming interested in birds, are potential members of KOS. Invite them to join. One way to sustain their interest in birds is to show them that there are organizations beyond local bird clubs that are interested in their bird observations. We have a newsletter that can keep them informed on what is being seen in Kansas and gives them a place to tell others what they are seeing. Some consideration of establishing a birding hotline is underway. It would facilitate exchange of information about unusual sightings around the state. The Bulletin may stimulate them to undertake more serious observations. We have outstanding meetings to increase their enjoyment of bird watching. It's easy to sell the benefits of KOS and everytime I have a captive audience of students (children or adults) I tell them how to join.

# *Kansas Ornithological Society*



## KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY 1984 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The KOS will hold its annual spring meeting at the United Methodist Horizon Center near Arkansas City on May 4-6. This meeting is unusual for KOS in that it will start on Friday evening and end on Sunday after lunch. Field trips will be held on Saturday and Sunday both.

Horizon Center is situated on a high bluff overlooking the Arkansas River near its confluence with the Walnut River and Grouse Creek. The area is covered with oak woodland on top and riparian habitat along the river. Accomodations are dormitory or family room style. A bed is provided but you must bring your own sheets, blankets and pillow (and of course a towel and soap). The staff cooks the meals and all of us will eat in the dining hall unless you have other arrangements. If you prefer a tent or camper, there is an area for you also. We ask that you check with the management prior to your setup for assignment to a camping area. There are no electrical hookups.

The field trips are being coordinated by Donald Vannoy. Areas of Grouse Creek, the Walnut River, the Baird Ranch heronery, Chaplin Nature Center, Slate Creek Salt Marsh, Southwestern College Banding Station and other areas will be visited on both days. There should be ample opportunity in the two days to visit most areas. Final field trip itineraries will be available at the Center upon arrival.

Friday evening will feature Gerald Wiens from Chaplin Nature Center with a multimedia slide show. On Saturday evening, Bob Gress will present another slide show. Bob was featured recently with one of his pictures on the front of American Birds. Both people are excellent photograpers and the shows should be outstanding.

ADVANCE PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. The Center needs to know how many persons are going to attend the meeting so they can prepare for us. We ask that you have your registration and payment in by April 25. You must pay registration and then may select any combination of meals and lodging. WE ASK YOUR COOPERATION IN PROMPTLY SENDING US YOUR REGISTRATION.

For more information call: Max C. Thompson, 316-221-4150 ext. 304 during the day for 316-221-1856 in the evening. If he is not in, leave your name and number with a secretary or answering machine and the call will be returned as quickly as possible.

MAKE PLANS NOW FOR AN EXCITING DIFFERENT TYPE OF WEEKEND!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PROGRAM

FRIDAY MAY 4

Registration  
Buffet Supper  
Program "Gerald Wiens"

5:00-9:00 PM  
6:30-8:00 PM  
8:00-10:00 PM

SATURDAY MAY 5

Early Birding  
Breakfast  
Field Trips  
Lunch  
Field Trips  
Dinner  
Program "Bob Gress"

6:00-8:00 AM  
8:00  
9:00-11:45 AM  
12:00  
1:00-5:00 PM  
5:30 PM  
8:00 PM

SUNDAY MAY 6

Early Birding  
Breakfast  
Field Trips  
Lunch  
Compilation of bird list

6:00 AM  
8:00 AM  
9:00 AM  
12:00  
1:15 PM

PLEASE BE PROMPT FOR MEALS

Camp Horizon is situated east of Arkansas City just off of US 166. Go four miles east and where the highway turns to go northeast, turn south at the signs and it is approximately 3 1/2 miles to the camp. If you come via the Kansas Turnpike, exit the South Haven exit on US 166 and go east through Arkansas City. US 77 also passes through Arkansas City from the North and intersects US 166. It is not hard to find but if you get lost ASK.

SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATIONS TO:

Max C. Thompson, Business Manager  
Kansas Ornithological Society  
1729 E. 11th St.  
Winfield, KS 67156

Make checks payable to: Kansas Orni. Society.

REGISTRATION

Please return this portion with your registration fee and ENTIRE payment of lodging and meals chosen by April 25. Cancellation and a refund can be made until May 2 except on registration.

FEES

Registration--\$2.00 per person  
Lodging--\$9.50 per night, per person  
Meals--Breakfast \$2.50 per person  
Lunch 4.00 per person  
Dinner 4.00 per person

Camping Space: Tents, \$4.00 per night  
Trailers and campers \$5.00 per night.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$2.00 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Meals

Dinner Friday Night \$4.00  
Breakfast Saturday 2.50  
Lunch Saturday 4.00  
Dinner Saturday 4.00

Breakfast Sunday 2.50  
Sunday Lunch 4.00

Lodging:

Friday Night 9.50  
Saturday Night 9.50

Camping:

Friday and Saturday  
(see schedules)

It looks like the spring meeting is shaping up into a great field trip. If the weather cooperates we should see a variety of interesting birds. I hope to see all of you there. May 1984 bring many additions to your life list.

Calvin L. Cink  
President-KOS

KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING  
February 12, 1984  
Marvin Schwilling home, Emporia

Members present: Lewis, Thompson, Seltman, Cink, Burkhart, Gress, Herbert, Platt.  
Non voting: Zimmerman, Fauhl, Finck, Schwilling

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Cal Cink.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gene Lewis reported a balance in all accounts of \$14,083.35.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that the proof for the March issue is being read. He has enough copy for the June issue and some for the September issue.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Elmer Finck has sent in the copy for the next issue. Newsletter and Bulletin should be sent out on March 1. A current membership list will be sent out with the Newsletter. A question was raised as to whether the membership list should be sent out to libraries and exchanges since we have turned down requests for the use of the KOS membership list by other organizations. It was suggested that it be included with all Newsletters but that a note be put on it stating that it is intended for the use of the society membership only.

SPRING MEETING: Max Thompson reported that Camp Horizon has been reserved for Friday night, Saturday and Sunday, May 4, 5 & 6. Board and room will be \$20 per day. Camping is also permitted. Birding trips will be run on both Saturday and Sunday. There will be a preliminary announcement in the next Newsletter and reservations will need to be in by early April.

INQUIRY: Max Thompson had received an inquiry from the Connecticut Audubon Society asking about our Bylaws and funding methods. Platt will reply.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: In the absence of the Membership Secretary, a written report was distributed. A total of 318 members had paid dues for 1984 as of February 12.

FALL MEETING 1984: At the Fall 1983 meeting the Board had approved meeting in Kansas City for the Fall Meeting 1984 if a tentative invitation was made firm. Cal Cink reported that the Burroughs Audubon Society was willing to host the meeting but they would also be hosting a Regional Audubon Meeting on the first weekend in October. The Board felt that trying to have a joint meeting would be complicated. It was suggested that it would be better to postpone a Kansas City meeting until 1985. Gene Lewis invited KOS to Topeka for the Fall meeting on the first weekend in October 1984. Max Thompson moved that KOS accept this invitation. The motion was seconded by Jeff Burkhart. The motion was passed.

CONCERNS FROM AMELIA BETTS: Dwight Platt read a letter from Amelia Betts in which she asked that the membership dues schedule be restored to the back page of the Bulletin and that all the officers be asked to write in the Newsletter. John Zimmerman agreed that the dues schedule would be printed on the back page of the

Bulletin. Max Thompson moved that the Newsletter Editor solicit a report from one office (elected and appointed) for the lead-in article for each issue of the Newsletter. The motion was seconded by Cal Cink. The motion was passed.

PROFILES OF MEMBERS: There was discussion on the inclusion of profiles of individual KOS members in the Newsletter. Cal Cink moved that the President solicit profiles from individual KOS members to be printed in the Newsletter. Max Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS UNION MEETING: The American Ornithologists Union is meeting in Lawrence in August and KOS is helping with some of the hosting. Gene Lewis reported that Eulalia is helping to get packets together for field trips and that all materials for these packets need to be submitted by April 1.

KANSAS CHECKLISTS: Max Thompson reported that the supply of Kansas checklists was down to about 3000 (out of a printing of 12,000) and that we would need to reprint it in the near future.

DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES: Dwight Platt pointed out that the new Bylaws require the Corresponding Secretary to keep a listing of the duties of each standing committee as specified by the Board but that no lists of duties had been adopted by the Board. The President will ask committee chairpersons to propose a list of duties for their committees and to submit these for consideration by the Board at the Spring meeting.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Cal Cink requested that the names of members who would be interested in serving on the various committees of the Society be submitted to him.

FINDING BIRDS IN KANSAS: John Zimmerman reported that the University Press of Kansas is interested in publishing a book on finding birds in Kansas and western Missouri and had approached him about writing it. He distributed a tentative outline for criticism and suggestions. He asked whether KOS might be willing to sponsor the book. The Board was positive concerning this project and would be willing to consider sponsorship.

DINGUS NATURAL AREA REPORT: There was no Dingus Natural Area report.

FALCONRY BILL: A falconry bill will probably not be reported out of committee in this legislative session.

RARE BIRD ALERT: Scott Seltman reported that a Kansas Rare Bird Alert would require a separate phone line and the equipment to play a recorded message and to record incoming messages. It would need to be located where someone could update it regularly. Marvin Schilling indicated that he would be willing to have it located in his house. John Zimmerman moved that Scott Seltman be asked to explore the feasibility of a Kansas Rare Bird Alert seriously and come to the Spring meeting with a recommendation on costs and location. Jeff Burkhart seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dwight R. Platt  
Corr. Secretary  
Kansas Ornithological Society

A CALL FOR INFORMATION

RAPTOR COLLISIONS WITH UTILITY LINES

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Sacramento, in cooperation with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, is assembling all available published and unpublished information concerning collisions of raptors with power lines and other utility lines. Actual case histories -- no matter how circumstantial or fragmentary -- are needed. Please acknowledge that you have such information by writing to Dr. Richard R. (Butch) Olendorff, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825 U.S.A. (Phone (916) 484-4541). A form on which to record your information will then be sent by return mail.

1983 DODGE CITY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

|                        |     |                         |      |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|------|
| Canada Goose           | 316 | Red-breasted Nuthatch   | 3    |
| Green-winged Teal      | 1   | White-breasted Nuthatch | 4    |
| Mallard                | 117 | Brown Creeper           | 5    |
| Northern Harrier       | 17  | Golden-crowned Kinglet  | 1    |
| Red-tailed Hawk        | 8   | American Robin          | 447  |
| Ferruginous Hawk       | 1   | European Starling       | 1018 |
| Rough-legged Hawk      | 9   | Northern Cardinal       | 24   |
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| American Kestrel       | 7   | American Tree Sparrow   | 844  |
| Ring-necked Pheasant   | 65  | Field Sparrow           | 15   |
| Rock Dove              | 76  | Song Sparrow            | 6    |
| Screech Owl            | 1   | White-crowned Sparrow   | 17   |
| Great Horned Owl       | 3   | Harris Sparrow          | 646  |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | 1   | Dark-eyed Junco         | 113  |
| Downy Woodpecker       | 16  | Lapland Longspur        | 946  |
| Hairy Woodpecker       | 5   | Red-winged Blackbird    | 6    |
| Yellow-shafted Flicker | 4   | Western Meadowlark      | 798  |
| Red-shafted Flicker    | 6   | Common Grackle          | 2    |
| Horned Lark            | 925 | House Finch             | 63   |
| Blue Jay               | 5   | Pine Siskin             | 58   |
| Black-billed Magpie    | 76  | American Goldfinch      | 56   |
| American Crow          | 37  | House Sparrow           | 894  |
| Black-capped Chickadee | 23  |                         |      |

Joleen Fromm

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KOS FIELD TRIPS FOR 1984

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Sunday, April 29 Marais des Cygnes W.M.A. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Trading Post  
(5 miles north of Pleasanton). Contact Mick McHugh - 913-677-1436.

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May 6, Sun. OAK PARK WARBLER WALK. Meet at lily pond, 7:00 a.m. Wild area between 11th and Little Arkansas River. Nationally known birding area. Leader: Don Vannoy, 316-838-4062.

MAY 11, 12, 13 HORIZON WEEK-END. Nature programs and guided field trips. Camping or rooms; meals. Reservations, Mary Wiley, 316-838-1063.

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Northern Flint Hills Audubon Society

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May 19, 1984 KONZA WILDFLOWER. (to be announced).

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Kanza Audubon Society in Emporia

Saturday, April 21st. KU Museum of Natural History, Lawrence. Contact Mark Crane (316) 343-3303.

Saturday, May 19th. Burrough's Audubon Nature Conservancy Land, Miami County, Kansas. Contact Mark Crane (316) 343-3303.

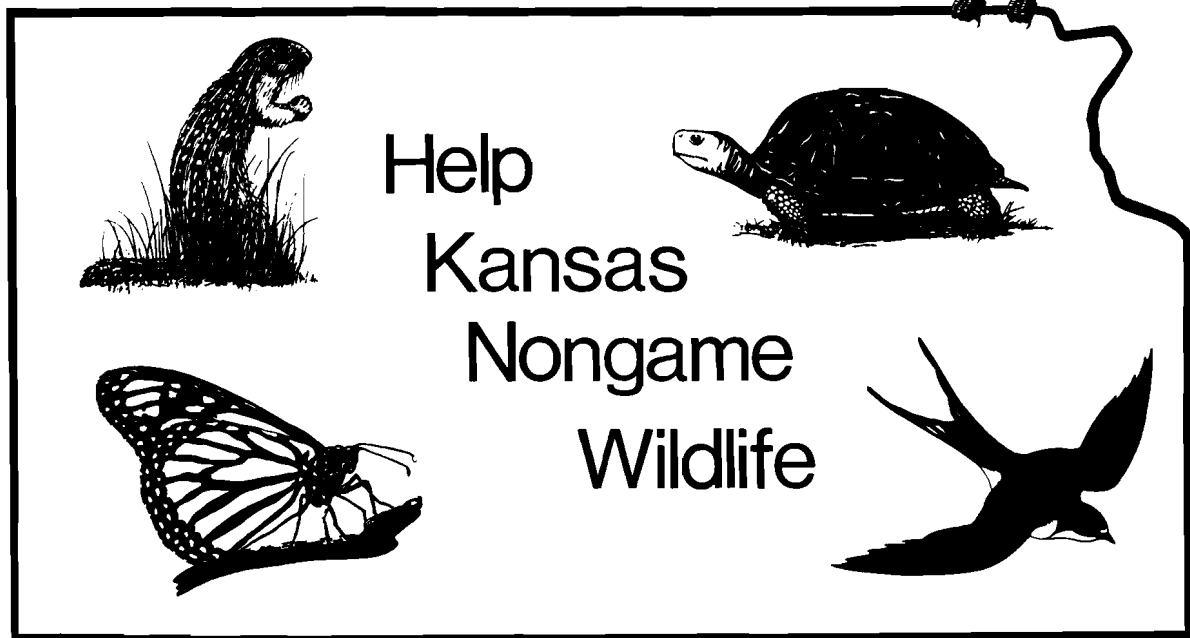
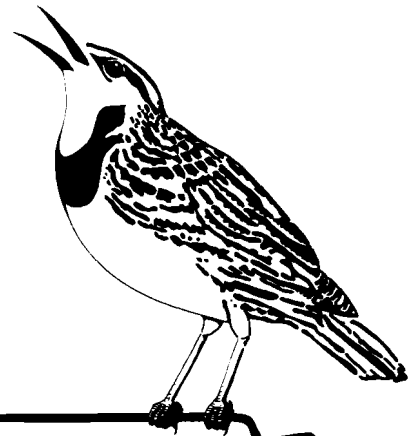
Saturday and Sunday, June 2nd and 3rd. Marsh Nesting Birds - Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. Contact Mark Crane (316) 343-3303.

Ornithology Class Field Trips

Kansas State University - Saturday and Sunday April 28 & 29 Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira. Call John Zimmerman (913) 532-6656.

Baker University - Every Thursday, i.e., April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, Vicinity of Baldwin, Cheyenne Bottoms April 28. Contact Calvin Cink (913) 594-6546 after 5 p.m.

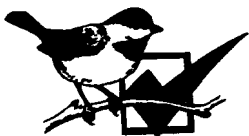
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## KOS MEMBERS:

This issue marks the beginning of the second year for me as Newsletter editor. I have had an exciting year. I am particularly happy with the additions of the fall meeting abstracts and the listing of field trips. I welcome your comments on these two items or anything else that you wish to say about improving the Newsletter. Remember this is your newsletter. Please, continue to submit articles on sightings, requests for information, field trip plans, etc. I ask that you remember the deadlines for submission of information, i.e., February 1, April 1, May 15, August 15 and November 1. This is particularly important for members sending in abstracts, minutes of meetings, listing of field trips, meeting announcements or any other announcements that are dated.

Thank you for the great year!!

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## AQU SLIDE PRESENTATION ON KANSAS

The local committee is planning a slide show entitled "The Birds and Habitats of Kansas" in which they will show birds typically found in the outstanding habitats of Kansas and adjacent states. If you have excellent bird slides which might be appropriate, we would like to hear about them for possible uses as part of our program. Please write to Pamela Rasmussen and describe the slides. If they are slides we need, we will let you know. Do not send slides until you hear from us.

Our priorities are first to obtain quality slides of birds in the selected Kansas habitats listed below, and second, to obtain superior slides showing birds in other Kansas habitats. Finally, habitat shots without birds will help us introduce the various physiographic regions of the state. The areas we especially wish to show are:

Cheyenne Bottoms  
Marais des Cygnes NWR  
Konza Prairie  
Red Hills area around Medicine Lodge  
Cimarron National Grassland (Morton County)  
Salt Plains NWR (Oklahoma)  
Squaw Creek NWR (Missouri)  
Gove County  
Trego County  
Baldwin Wood and other eastern forests  
and Quivira NWR.

We plan to show a few of the characteristic birds of each locality, especially those that would interest people from other areas. Below is a list of bird species for which we are particularly interested in obtaining good slides.

# Bird Photos especially needed:

|                         |                                     |
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| Little Blue Heron       | Chuck-will's Widow                  |
| Least Bittern           | Ladder-backed Woodpecker            |
| White-faced Ibis        | Scissor-tailed Flycatcher           |
| Mississippi Kite        | Horned Lark                         |
| Harlan's Hawk           | Carolina Wren                       |
| Krider's Red-tail Hawk  | Gray-cheeked Thrush                 |
| Bald Eagle              | Sprague's Pipit                     |
| Prairie Falcon          | Northern Shrike                     |
| Merlin                  | Bell's Vireo                        |
| Prairie Chickens (both) | Black-and-White Warbler             |
| Wild Turkey             | Golden-winged Warbler               |
| Sandhill Crane          | Louisiana Waterthrush               |
| King Rail               | Kentucky Warbler                    |
| Piping Plover           | Great-tailed Grackle                |
| Upland Sandpiper        | Blue Grosbeak                       |
| <u>Calidris</u> peeps   | Painted Bunting                     |
| White-rumped Sandpiper  | Lark Bunting                        |
| Buff-breasted Sandpiper | Harris' Sparrow                     |
| Hudsonian Godwit        | Longspurs                           |
| Black-billed Cuckoo     | Grassland Sparrows i.e., LeConte's, |
| Barred Owl              | Baird's, Henslow's, Grasshopper     |

Hybrid Orioles, Flickers, Grosbeaks, Buntings, and Juncos to emphasize Kansas as an area of overlap between eastern and western birds.

Acknowledgments will be given at the end of the slide show at the AOU meeting for those slides used.

Pamela C. Rasmussen  
 AOU Local Committee  
 Museum of Natural History  
 The University of Kansas  
 Lawrence, KS 66045

## SAVE THE BOTTOMS

As a marshland, Cheyenne Bottoms is one of nature's most diverse and productive ecosystems. Kansas birders have long enjoyed an intimate relationship with this 13,000 acre wetland, and outnumber hunters in visits to the area. But according to Stan Wood, refuge manager, Cheyenne Bottoms could soon revert back to its earlier condition as an intermittent wetland, being dry two out of three years.

When the Bottoms became a state-owned waterfowl management area, it was guaranteed up to 30,000 acre-feet of water yearly from the Arkansas River, but since 1980, has been able to get less than 10% of that amount.

The Kansas Audubon Council has initiated a program to alert its members and the citizens of Kansas to the failing water supplies that threaten the existence of Cheyenne Bottoms. The Council authorized the printing of several thousand pamphlets and posters to explain the problems and to urge concerned Kansans to write or visit with state officials about finding solutions to prevent the death of the Bottoms, as we know it today. If you would like more information, contact:

Jan Garton  
Northern Flint Hills Audubon Society  
219 Westwood  
Manhattan, KS 66502

#### FALCONRY BILL

The falconry issue has surfaced in the state legislature again. Let the members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee know your feelings on this issue. Ron Fox is the chairman of that committee. For more information contact:

Eulalia M. Lewis  
1285 MacVicar Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66604

#### UNWANTED ISSUES OF AMERICAN BIRDS

I have available, the following issues of American Birds, which I would be willing to donate to an interested birder.

Vol. 31, Nos. 5-6 (1977)  
Vol. 32, Nos. 1-6 (1978)  
Vol. 33, Nos. 1-4, 6 (1979)  
Vol. 34, Nos. 1-6 (1980)  
Vol. 35, Nos. 1-6 (1981)  
Vol. 36, Nos. 1-6 (1982)

If you are interested in these publications please contact me at 316-672-5911 (office) or 316-672-2562 (home) to arrange delivery.

Robert D. Wood

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#### KOS FIELD TRIPS FOR 1984

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Sunday, March 4 Emporia Area. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Science Hall of Emporia State University. Contact Larry Herbert - 316-475-3783.

Sunday, March 25 Cheyenne Bottoms/Quivera N.W.R. Meet at 9:00 A.M. at the Cheyenne Bottoms' Headquarters. Contact Scott Seltman - 913-329-4411.

Sunday, April 28 Marais des Cygnes W.M.A. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Trading Post (5 miles north of Pleasanton). Contact Mick McHugh - 913-677-1436.

Saturday, May 12 Douglas County (Baldwin Bird Club Spring Count). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Rice Woodland (2 miles north and 1 mile east of Baldwin). Contact Roger Boyd - 913-594-3172.

Saturday, May 19 Graham and Norton Counties. Contact Scott Seltman - 913-329-4411.

Saturday, July 21 Sedgwick County Egret and Heron Rookery. Meet at 6:00 P.M. at Sunnyside Nursery (6750 S. Broadway) Haysville. Special arrangements can be made for bird blind photography. Contact Steve Kingswood - 316-942-5134.

Saturday and Sunday, September 17 & 18 Morton County. Meet at noon on the 17th at the El Rancho Restaurant in Elkhart. Contact Scott Seltman - 913-221-1856.

Sometime in November Perry Reservoir (in conjunction with a pending Topeka Audubon Society field trip). Contact Gene Lewis - 913-232-1847.

If you are planning to attend any of the above field trips, please let the contact person know so they might have an idea of how much interest there is in each field trip. The field trip committee solicits feedback and/or questions on these trips or potential future trips. Contact Steve Kingswood (316-942-5134) or Scott Seltman (913-329-4411).

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#### OTHER FIELD TRIPS

##### Topeka Audubon Society

Field trips the second Saturday of each month. Meet at the Topeka Zoo parking lot, Gage Park at 7:30 A.M. Some trips are flowers, tree, etc., but birds are always watched. Contact Paul Willis - Field Trip Chairman or Jo Ramberg - President.

##### Wichita Audubon Afield

APRIL 14, Sat. HARVEY COUNTY PARK WEST. Meet at Ranger House at 7:30 a.m. Bring lunch. Go west out of Newton on U.S. 50 3 miles past Halstead. Look for sign, Harvey County West; go 3 miles north. Leader: Jay Newton, Newton.

APRIL 27, 28, 29 CONCAN, TEXAS. Exciting migrants, southern summer residents, western vagrants -- such as Black-capped Vireo, Golden-cheeked Warbler, Green Kingfisher. Planner-leader: Ralph Wiley. Call him 316-838-1063, for plans and reservations.

May 6, Sun. OAK PARK WARBLER WALK. Meet at lily pond, 7:00 a.m. Wild area between 11th and Little Arkansas River. Nationally known birding area. Leader: Don Vannoy, 316-838-4062.

MAY 11, 12, 13 HORIZON WEEK-END. Nature programs and guided field trips. Camping or rooms; meals. Reservations, Mary Wiley, 316-838-1063.

JUNE 3, Sun. FIELD TRIP TO CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at parking lot. Bring sack lunch. Compilation and lunch at noon. Leader: Dan Kilby, 316-943-5136.

JUNE 9, Sat. SPRING WILD FLOWERS AT LAKE AFTON. Meet at 9 a.m. just insider east entrance. A different type of watching! Leader: Bob Gress, 316-838-4130.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FIELD TRIPS CALL DAN KILBY, CHAIRMAN, 316-943-5136.

#### Northern Flint Hills Audubon Society

March 16-17-18, 1984 PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE. Kearney, Nebraska. Sandhill Crane Field Trip. Contact Audubon Regional Office, Manhattan, Kansas.

March 24, 1984 EARLY MIGRANTS FIELD TRIP. (to be announced).

April 28-29, 1984 CHEYENNE BOTTOMS FIELD TRIP. Ackert parking lot. Leave at 9:00 a.m. Saturday Return at 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

May 12, 1984 SATURDAY MORNING BIRDING. (to be announced).

May 19, 1984 KONZA WILDFLOWER. (to be announced).

June 16-17, 1984 CHEYENNE BOTTOMS FIELD TRIP. (to be announced).

#### ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The annual spring meeting will be held at Camp Horizon near Arkansas City on May 4-6. The Horizon Center is a total facility overlooking the Arkansas River. They will provide housing and food at a nominal charge. Although we don't expect great numbers to arrive on Friday evening, we are holding that space and will need to know soon after the registration materials are sent to you in early April what nights you will be there. There are also some camping spaces provided and you may choose to eat with the group and pitch your tent or park your RV. Bob Gress will provide the evening talk on Saturday night. There will be field trips on Saturday as well as Sunday. This is the first time KOS has had a place where we could all stay together and eat in one spot. We are looking forward to a great time. Be sure and return the registration blanks promptly when you get them. You will need to make reservations in advance so the Center can plan the meals and for the accomodations.--Max C. Thompson, Local Chairman