

# Season's Greetings



KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING 1983  
Breukelman Science Hall  
Emporia State University  
Emporia, Kansas  
October 1-2, 1983

The thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society was held at Emporia State University on October 1-2, 1983.

Saturday, October 1, Morning Session

John Parrish opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed KOS to Emporia State University. Cal Cink, President of KOS, responded to the welcome and thanked Emporia State University for hosting the KOS meeting. He announced that there would be a Board meeting over the noon hour. Announcements about local arrangements were made by John Parrish and Gil Leisman.

Roger Boyd chaired the morning paper session which went according to schedule. A business meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Cal Cink.

MINUTES: Roger Boyd made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published in the Newsletter. Eulalia Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The report of the Nominating Committee, Marvin Schwilling (chmn.), Eulalia Lewis and Larry Herbert, was made by Marvin Schwilling. The slate of candidates for officers and directors proposed by the committee was:

President: Calvin Cink  
Vice-president: Roger Boyd  
Corr. Secretary: Dwight Platt  
Memb. Secretary: Jane Hershberger  
Bus. Manager: Max Thompson  
Treasurer: Eugene Lewis  
Director: Jeffrey Burkhart  
Director: Robert Gress

The terms of Directors Larry Herbert and Scott Seltman do not expire this year.

APPOINTMENTS: Cal Cink announced the appointment of the following committees: Paper Awards Committee - Bob Waltner and Katherine Kelley; Resolutions Committee - David Bryan and Martin Brockway; Auditing Committee - Mark Crane and Tod Reeder.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Eugene Lewis reported that the total receipts for the year were \$2,455.80 and the total disbursements \$2,704.84. Balances in all accounts totaled \$11,830.09. Stan Roth moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Max Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jane Hershberger reported that there was a much better response in membership renewal last year with the separate mailing of renewal forms. Total members as of October 1, 1983 were 384 and there are 45 fully paid life members.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Max Thompson reported that the conflict with the telephone company over the burying of a cable on the Dingus Natural Area was settled when it was determined that the cable was not buried on the property. KOS T-shirts and bird checklists are available for sale.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: Cal Cink reported that Bulletin Editor John Zimmerman was at the AOU meetings. He had reported that John was in need of more manuscripts.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Elmer Finck asked those who were giving papers at the meeting to submit abstracts to him for publication in the Newsletter.

MEETINGS: Max Thompson announced that the Spring Meeting would be at Camp Horizon on the first weekend of May, May 4-6. Cal Cink asked for invitations for the Annual Meeting next Fall. Cal Cink announced that KOS is helping to host the AOU meeting in Lawrence in August 1984 and we will be helping with some of the activities.

The business meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

#### Saturday, October 1, Afternoon Session

The Bird Watcher's Hour coordinated by Katherine Kelley convened after lunch.

Roger Boyd opened the afternoon paper session at 2:00 p.m. and chaired this session, which went according to schedule.

Cal Cink convened the afternoon business meeting at 4:10 p.m.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT: The Auditing Committee reported that the Treasurer's books were in order. A motion was made to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: Nominations were opened for officers and directors. Eulalia Lewis moved that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary be asked to cast an unanimous ballot for the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee (See report of the Nominating Committee in minutes of the morning session). Celia White seconded the motion. The motion passed.

AMMENDMENTS TO KOS BYLAWS: Cal Cink presented the following ammendments to the KOS Bylaws as recommendations from the Board to clear up some inconsistencies and ambiguities:

Article II, Section 3G - The Board recommends deleting this section which provided for a patron class of membership. Mrs. Brockway moved to delete Article II, Section 3G. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Article X, Section 2 - The Board recommends amending this section to make it consistent with Article II, Section 4E. Roger Boyd moved to ammend Article X, Section 2 by inserting after "Bylaws" the phrase "except for Article II, Section 3" and to amend Article II, Section 4E, by substitution of the phrase "at any regular or special meeting" for the phrase "at the annual meeting." Mrs. Brockway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Article IV, Section 5 - The Board recommends rescinding the ammendment made to this section at the last Annual Meeting as it is ambiguous. Max Thompson moved to rescind the ammendment to Article IV, Section 5 that had been adopted on October 2, 1982. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Article VI, Section 6B - The Board recommends amending this section to read "Pay out and expend the same by check upon written authorization by the Business Manager." Max Thompson moved this amended statement. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Article VI, Section 7 - The Board recommends the addition of a part H to Section 7 to read "Be a member of the Board of Directors." Bryan Berger moved the addition of the above part H to Article VI, Section 7. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Article V, Section 1B - The Board recommends inserting after "elected" the phrase "at the annual meeting." Roger Boyd moved the above amendment to Article V, Section 1B. Max Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Article IV, Sections 1A and 1C - Amelia Betts moved to add "four (4) directors at large" to Section 1A of Article IV and to delete 1C. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

FIELD TRIPS: Cal Cink announced that KOS was planning six field trips for next year and the details would be in the November newsletter. He also asked members of local bird clubs or Audubon chapters to get schedules of their field trips to the Newsletter editor and they would be printed in the Newsletter.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS: Cal Cink announced that the Board had requested the Education Committee to prepare some educational materials on birds that could be sent to teachers or school children in answer to requests. A request was made that the address to which requests could be sent should be publicized.

PHONE NUMBERS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: A suggestion was made that the phone numbers of officers and directors be printed along with their addresses in the Bulletin.

RARE BIRD ALERT: Cal Cink announced that the Board was looking into the feasibility of a Rare Bird Alert.

KANSAS BIRDS POSTER: Marvin Schwilling announced that a painting by Orville Rice on Kansas birds was to be printed by the Nongame Wildlife Program as a poster. The painting was on display.

The business meeting was adjourned.

#### Saturday, October 1, Evening Banquet

The annual banquet was served at the American Legion Hall at 310 W. 12th in Emporia. After the meal, John Parrish expressed appreciation to his local committee and students for their assistance in hosting the meeting. A drawing was held for the table floral displays.

Cal Cink thanked the local committee on behalf of KOS. He recognized new KOS members.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Martin Brockway read resolutions of poetic appreciation. They were adopted by acclamation.

LIFE MEMBERS: New life members were presented by Cal Cink and Jane Hershberger: Ruth Fahl, Jane Hershberger, Eugene and Eulalia Lewis, I. Leroy Holt II, Jay Newton, Stan Roth and Theodore Sperry. Life member pins were presented to those in attendance.

TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR: Marvin Schwilling reported on the ten best birds of the year (see attached report). Thirty-six records were considered. The top ten birds (in order) were: Golden-crowned Sparrow, Western Tanager, Varied Thrush, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Blank Brant, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Cape May Warbler, Great Egrets (nesting), Long-eared Owl (nesting) and Common Loon. Marvin also summarized the status of endangered species in Kansas and new re-introductions.

AWARDS FOR BEST PAPERS: Cal Cink presented awards for the best papers read at the meeting to Bill Stark (student category) and Larry Herbert (amateur category). They were each awarded a KOS T-shirt.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Marvin Schwilling announced that Ed Schulenberg has been in intensive care at the K. U. Medical Center since an operation in August.

John Parrish introduced Dr. Robert F. Clarke, of the Emporia State University Biology faculty, who presented an entertaining address appreciated by all entitled "Something Really Wild."

#### Sunday, October 2, Field Trips

The field trips went to the Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge near John Redmond Reservoir. Participants met for lunch at Camp Alexander. The compilation totaled 77 species of birds seen on the field trips (see attached list).

The annual meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt  
 Corr. Secretary  
 Kansas Ornithological Society

#### ABSTRACTS FOR THE PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE THIRTY-SIXTH KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING 1983

BOYD, Roger L. Baker University, Baldwin City, KS 66006. Least Terns in Kansas and Oklahoma: Population status in 1983.

Least Terns were surveyed June, July and August at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and along the Cimarron River from Meade County through Clark and Commanche Counties, Kansas and Beaver, Harper and Woods Counties in Oklahoma. Aerial surveys were made June 22 and August 16. Breeding population estimates included 25 pairs at Quivira, 20 pairs in 5 colonies along the Cimarron River in Kansas and 54 pairs in 7 colonies in Oklahoma. Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge is estimated to have 40-50 pairs, but was not studied this past summer. A total of 23 males, 32 females, and 90 juveniles were color-banded at eight different locations. In addition, 20 previously banded adults were recaptured at four locations. Fledging success was considered to be good with 14 known juveniles fledged at Quivira, while 74 fledged juveniles were counted along the Cimarron River in mid-August.

STARK, WILLIAM J. Department of Zoology, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS 67601. Population Densities in American Kestrels.

American Kestrels were censused by car in a 36 mile<sup>2</sup> grid, 4 miles west of Baldwin City, Kansas from February 15 to April 24, 1983. When possible, sex was determined for each sighting and recorded on a map. The seven censuses taken between February 15 and March 22 had 43 males (M) and 20 females (F). Average density of the birds was 0.36 birds/mile<sup>2</sup>. The five censuses taken between April 10 and 24 indicated a marked decrease in the total population 0.13/mile<sup>2</sup> and nearly equal proportion of sexes (12 M, 11 F). Birds sighted during the first period did not exhibit pairing, but birds sighted after April 10 did exhibit pairing. It is hypothesized that males are better adapted than females to marginal habitat. It is further hypothesized that this area is marginal habitat for American Kestrels and thus contains more males in the nonbreeding population.

CINK, CALVIN L. Biology Department, Baker University, Baldwin City, KS 66006. Distribution of Chuck-will's-widow and Whip-poor-will in Kansas.

During the summers of 1982 and 1983 a series of censuses were made in woodland habitats of eastern Kansas for the Chuck-will's-widow and Whip-poor-will. In addition to data on densities for these two species, new records of distribution were also compiled. Seven new county records for calling Whip-poor-wills and an additional eight new county records for nesting birds were obtained. Fourteen new county records for calling Chuck-will's-widows and an additional six county records for nesting birds were obtained. While these records do not extend the limits of the known range of distribution for either species to any great degree, they do substantiate a narrower band of occurrence in eastern counties for the Whip-poor-will and fill in gaps in our knowledge about the co-occurrence of these species.

HERBERT, LAWRENCE. RR #2 Box 116, Olpe, KS 66865. A Report on the Eastern Bluebird Nesting Box Project in Southern Lyon County, Kansas in 1983.

A brief history of the Bluebird trail in southern Lyon County, and a list of past and present researchers was presented. Proper construction and placement of Bluebird boxes was emphasized. Thirty boxes yielded 11 nesting attempts by Bluebirds with 7 successful nests. Nine complete clutches containing a total of 43 eggs fledged 30 birds. The causes of nest failure were human disturbance, displacement by House Sparrows, House Wrens and wasps, and one brood was destroyed by the weather. A brief discussion on sexing nestlings was presented.

SCHWILLING, MARVIN. 1407 College Drive, Emporia, KS 66801. Bluebird Nest Box Trails.

Eighty-two nest boxes were erected along five trails in east-central Kansas. Twenty-eight nests were established and at least 72 young fledged. Two nests in Franklin County had white egg clutches, all others were blue. All boxes were of the same basic design. However, materials and treatment varied. Painted boxes constructed of weathered wood were utilized equally as well as unpainted weathered wood. New wood boxes treated with linseed oil were not used until they had aged

and weathered several weeks. Chain saw shavings added in the bottom of boxes increased use. House Sparrows temporarily occupied many of the boxes near houses or farmsteads. Five Bewick's Wren nests and three Blackcapped Chickadee nests were also established. Ants were a nuisance where boxes were placed on wooded posts, but rarely bothered boxes on steel posts. Ants were controlled by painting a ring of axle grease around the posts below the box.

ERNSTING, GUY. Department of Zoology, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS 67601. Distribution of Colonial Nesting Herons in Kansas.

During the nesting seasons of 1982 and 1983, a comprehensive, statewide survey was conducted to determine locations of nesting heron colonies and the number of breeding birds present at each colony. The species included in this survey were the Black-crowned Night Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Little Blue Heron, Cattle Egret, Snowy Egret, and the Great Egret. Ten nesting colonies of these species were located and observed in eight counties of Kansas during the two-year study. Of nine colonies observed in 1982, eight remained stable into 1983, whereas, the ninth increased in species diversity and population. One additional colony was discovered in 1983.

FLANDERS, KRISTI and JOHN PARRISH\*. Division of Biological Sciences, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS 66801. Preliminary Evidence for Near-ultraviolet Light Detection in the Eastern Screech Owl.

Photopupillary responsiveness was utilized to determine whether the Eastern Screech Owl (Otus asio), is capable of detecting near-ultraviolet (UV) light wavelengths. A red-phase screech owl was placed into a test chamber and sensitivity to achromatic near-UV wavelengths was tested by exposing the bird to black-light, which was filtered through a Kodak glass UV-transmitting filter that transmitted less than 0.1% of light above 400nm (peak wavelength = 365nm). Preliminary evidence suggests that the screech owl is about 100 times more sensitive to UV light than to visible light with a peak wavelength near about 576nm. The importance of UV vision in owls is unknown, however, these results are not surprising, since the visual mechanisms of the owls have been shown to be essentially similar to those of the UV-sensitive birds, except for a marked reduction in the variety of retinal oil droplets associated with the cones.

LEWIS, EUGENE\* and EULALIA LEWIS. 1285 MacVicar Ave., Topeka, KS 66604. Some Breeding Season Birds of Smith County.

From June 2-5, 1983 a census was made of the birds found in Smith County, Kansas. That census was the 11th county in a series designed to delineate ranges and relative populations. The 71 species recorded were somewhat lower than found for most other counties censused, probably due to the lack of large bodies of water. A comparison of birds found in adjacent Jewell County in 1974 indicated a declining population of Orchard Oriole (Icterus spurius), Dickcissel (Spiza americana) and Swainson's Hawk (Buteo swainsoni), and an increase in Red-tailed Hawk (Buteo jamaicensis) and American Kestrel (Falco sparverius). The findings indicate a revisit to Jewell County in June of 1984, 10 years after the first census, would show whether the apparent population trend is real.

FINCK, ELMER J. Division of Biology, Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS 66506. Diversionary Displays in Ground Nesting Birds.

The diversionary displays of the Common Nighthawk (Chordeiles minor), Upland Sandpiper (Bartramia longicauda), and ground nesting Mourning Dove (Zenaidura macroura) were studied on the Konza Prairie Research Natural Area. The display intensity was greater during the nestling stage than the egg stage for both altricial birds. While flushing distance, i.e., the distance from the observer to the nest at the moment the parent flushed from the nest, was lower during the nestling stage than during the egg stage. In the precocial Upland Sandpiper display intensity was high and flushing distance low until hatching and neither behavior was as variable as either the Common Nighthawk or Mourning Dove's diversionary display. In general the multibrooded Mourning Dove had lower display intensity and greater flushing distance than did either the Common Nighthawk or Upland Sandpiper, which are double and single brooded, respectively.

SCHWILLING, MARVIN D. 1407 College Drive, Emporia, KS 66801. Kansas Official Records Committee: Status Report.

(See committee reports this issue of the Newsletter)

LOHOEFNER, R.\*, L. LOHMEIER and C. A. ELY. Mississippi State University, State College, MS; Cottey College, Nevada, MO and Fort Hays State University, Fort Hays, KS. Riparian Habitat and Nesting Bird Associations in North-central Kansas.

We studied riparian vegetation and avifaunas on twenty study sites in four river systems in north-central Kansas, namely, Republican (5 sites), Solomon (5 sites), Saline (4 sites), and Smoky Hill (6 sites). The study was conducted from June 8 to June 23, 1983. Vegetation variables measured included ground and canopy cover and density, diversity and size distribution of trees, standing snags and shrubs. We censused birds in the early morning hours using a fixed circular plot method with six plots per study site. We analyzed the data for twenty-three species of birds that we considered truly "riparian" nesting birds. Bird densities were three to four fold higher using 50m circular plots as compared to 100m circular plots. By using cluster analysis, we showed that both shrub and tree florals differed among river systems and that bird faunas did not differ among river systems, but did show a strong east to west zonation.

\*presented paper at meeting



KOS FALL BOARD MEETING  
 October 1, 1983  
 Breukelman Science Hall  
 Emporia State University  
 Emporia, Kansas

Members present: Roger Boyd, Calvin Cink, Charles Ely, Jane Hershberger, Charles Hall, Larry Herbert, Eugene Lewis, Dwight Platt, Scott Seltman, and Max Thompson.

Others present: Ruth Fauhl and Elmer Finck.

The Fall Board Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society was convened at 12:40 p.m. on October 1, 1983 by President Cal Cink.

AMENDMENTS TO KOS BYLAWS: Dwight Platt had circulated to Board members a copy of the KOS Constitution and Bylaws consistent with the Secretary's records, indicating some editorial changes proposed to be made and some inconsistencies and some amendments that needed to be made. The editorial changes were considered satisfactory by the Board. The following amendments to the Bylaws were considered by the Board for recommendation to the annual business meeting:

Article II, Section 3 - The membership class "patron" has never been deleted. Larry Herbert moved to recommend the deletion of Article II, Section 3G. Charles Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Article X, Section 2 - Article II, Section 4E is inconsistent with the procedure permitted by this section. Charles Hall moved to recommend the amendment of Article X, Section 2, by inserting after "Bylaws" the phrase "except for Article II, Section 3" and the amendment of Article II, Section 4E, by substitution of the phrase "at any regular or special meeting" for the phrase "at the annual meeting". Ruth Fauhl seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Article IV, Section 5 - An amendment made to this section on October 2, 1982, is ambiguous and the sense of the amendment is already incorporated in the section. Larry Herbert moved to recommend that the amendment made to Article IV, Section 5 on October 2, 1982, be rescinded. Cal Cink seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Article V, Section 3D - Eugene Lewis moved to recommend the deletion of the phrase in parentheses "(except executive sessions)". Cal Cink seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Article VI, Section 6B - The stated procedure for paying bills has not been amended to make it consistent with current practice. Jane Hershberger moved to recommend the amendment of Article VI, Section 6B to read "Pay out and expend the same by check upon written authorization by the Business Manager." Charles Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Article VI, Section 7 - Eugene Lewis moved to recommend the addition of a part H to Article VI, Section 7, to read "Be a member of the Board of Directors." The motion was seconded by Jane Hershberger. The motion passed.

Article V, Section 1B - There is no statement indicating when the directors are to be elected each year. Cal Cink moved to recommend the insertion after "elected" the phrase "at the annual meeting." Larry Herbert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Article IV, Section 5A was discussed by the Board but no changes were made. The sense of the Board was that the report of Board proceedings could be abbreviated if the minutes had already been published.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PINS: Jane Hershberger reported that she was running out of life membership pins and that she could obtain new engraved pins for \$5 each. Roger Boyd moved to authorize Jane Hershberger to order 50 engraved life membership pins. The motion was seconded by Cal Cink. The motion passed.

FIELD TRIPS: Cal Cink reported that Amelia Betts has expressed a concern that KOS should have more field trips in different parts of the state. After a discussion by the Board of the pros and cons of additional field trips and various ways of coordinating them, Roger Boyd moved that the Field Trip Committee be asked to coordinate a minimum of six field trips a year in addition to those at the Fall and Spring meetings, the schedule to be published in the November Newsletter for the following year. Charles Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

It was also suggested that local bird groups should be asked to send schedules of their field trips for publication in the Newsletter. Ruth Fauhl will contact Audubon chapters with this request.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT BIRDS: Amelia Betts continues to receive requests from teachers and children for informational materials about birds because her name and address is on some 4-H materials. Cal Cink reported that she would like to have her gift to KOS used to prepare some informational materials and to have another contact person to receive requests for KOS. Max Thompson moved that the Education Committee be asked to prepare some materials (mainly lists of sources of information) that could be sent to teachers and school children in response to inquiries about birds. Chuck Ely seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ANNUAL MEETING IN THE FALL: There was a discussion about our present meetings schedule with the Annual Meeting in the Fall. The Board endorsed the continuation of the Annual Meeting in the Fall.

WINTER BOARD MEETING: The board will hold its Winter Meeting sometime in the second week of February.

RARE BIRD ALERT: Scott Seltman raised the question of having a Rare Bird Alert. The Board asked him to check into the cost and bring a recommendation to the February meeting.

The Board adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

KOS FALL BOARD MEETING  
Second Session  
October 2, 1983  
Camp Alexander

Members present: Calvin Cink, Jane Hershberger, Dwight Platt, Eugene Lewis, and Roger Boyd.

The KOS Board was convened briefly by Cal Cink after the lunch and compilation. Cal Cink reported that there was a tentative invitation to hold the Fall Meeting in 1984 in Kansas City. It was moved that KOS hold the 1984 Annual Meeting in Kansas City, if an invitation is forthcoming. The motion was seconded and passed.

The KOS Fall Board Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt  
 Corr. Secretary  
 Kansas Ornithological Society

KANSAS OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE  
 Annual Report - 1983

At the December 6, 1981, KOS Board Meeting, action was taken to establish an Official Records Committee. President Ely acted shortly thereafter and appointed eight people to this committee. Since appointment, this committee has developed an Unusual Bird Report Form, prepared a list of Kansas birds on which "Information is Needed". This list is in addition to the Audubon Societies "Blue List", the Federal and State Endangered and Threatened lists and the state list of those "In Need of Conservation". These lists along with rules, including duties, functions, purposes, etc. were published in our Newsletter in November 1982. So, I need not repeat that information.

One of the goals of the official records committee is to document as best we can the distribution of the birds that occur in Kansas by county. In looking at the recorded record that was originally compiled by Max Thompson and Charles Ely, it was obvious that many county records from competent birders within the state had not been included. The needs list was too long to publish in the KOS Newsletter, so we decided to try to reduce it first to a shorter list that could be published. Thus, I prepared a long needs list, copied it and sent it to 26 KOS members that I thought could contribute the most. From this mailing, I hoped to fill in numerous county records reducing the list to something that could be published in the Newsletter so that all members would have a chance to see what records are needed and might assist in making the record as complete as possible.

We received back from this mailing, to the 26 selected members, over 2,200 additional county records. These additions were circulated to committee members for critical review and only about 160 were considered questionable by at least one committee member and only 34 were considered questionable by more than half of the committee members. So we did add a lot of dots on our state species distribution maps--but we still have a long ways to go.

Also, we have computerized our county records for each species. Stan Perry spent many hours to enter some 19,000 plus records and these are now on permanent tape. From this, we can print: 1) county listings by species or groups, 2) print out counties in which a species has been seen, and 3) produce map by species--however, this gets expensive when you are dealing with so many species of wildlife. I'm told there are many other forms in which this information can be retrieved by someone who can write a program. I personally know very little about computer procedures, there were no computers when I was in school.

The committee also has the responsibility to review and finalize the list of ten best birds of the year that is presented at the annual banquet each year, and they have done this this year. Hopefully, we will do a better job.

October 1, 1983

Marvin D. Schwilling

## DINGUS NATURAL AREA COMMITTEE REPORT

No research activity was reported to me during the past year. A mild controversy arose over a telephone cable buried along the south edge of the property. Permission was denied by The Nature Conservancy but the cable was laid anyway in early spring of 1982. On August 26, 1983 I met with an engineer from the company that did the work and it was determined to my satisfaction that the buried cable was within the right-of-way of the road, or at least near enough to do no harm.

In a recent note from Wilson and Eunice Dingus they said they have reluctantly sold Windy Knob, their home away from home near the north side of the DNA. Don Yeates, the new owner is from Mound City. In their letter the Dingus also enclosed a check for \$1000 which has been put into the Dingus Natural Area Account.

Another property change of interest involved the acreage between the north boundary and the creek. This is the land KOS thought about buying, but the asking price was too high. Dorothy Wade sold it to Clarenc Byrd of Shawnee and it is my understanding he does not intend to do anything with it for a few years. While Dorothy Wade had the land the abandoned road marking the boundary line between her property and ours was kept open by activities such as motor bikes but now the road is growing over so that it will lose its identity in a few years.

I am still looking for volunteer committee members living within an hour or so of the area. Please help!

October 1, 1983

Gene Lewis, Chairman

## HIMALAYAN TREK

Dr. Robert Waltner (KOS Member) is organizing another trek for the summer of 1984 (7 June-19 July). He lived in India for 17 years. Nepal treks in which he has participated have resulted in new records of birds for that country. The trip will be of interest to students as well as adults who especially enjoy adventure, photography, hiking, birding, and meeting new people. The trip features views of 20,000' peaks from a distance of 6 miles; camping in subtropical, temperate and alpine habitats; crossing passes in excess of 13,000'; leisurely pace carrying only day-packs; porters or pack ponies carry necessities; Hindi speaking tour leader with experience in ecology of the Himalayas; 200 species of birds; visit people of a different culture; "normal" tourist attractions i.e. Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri, Jaipur, Red Forts in Agra and Delhi; six weeks with options for first or last three weeks; small group.

Total cost of \$3450 includes round trip air fare Wichita-Delhi-Wichita and tour expenses in India (based on current air fare rates and monetary exchange rates). Group size is limited to 5-10 participants.

For further information contact: Dr. Robert Waltner  
2216 E. 51st St. South  
Wichita, KS 67216

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Night (316) 524-3016

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, October 1, 1982 (checking) \$ 711.61

Receipts

Dues	\$1993.00
Checklists & decals	146.85
Bulletins	24.00
Donation	4.00
T-shirts	187.95
Sedgwick County Zoo (reimbursement)	100.00
Total receipts	\$2455.80

Disbursements

Bulletin (3)	366.28
Newsletter	678.13
Postage, duplicating & phone	127.46
Misc. printing	163.17
Safe Deposit Box	9.00
Secretary of State	5.00
Treasurer's Bond	25.00
Checklists	401.70
T-shirts	429.10
Total Disbursements	\$2704.84

Balance, September 28, 1983 (checking) \$ 462.57

On Hand, Southwestern College, September 1, 1983 \$ 34.18

Savings Accounts

Cert. No.	Maturity Date	
5031271	11- 8-83	\$1162.02
837871	11-15-83	1141.42
885298	4-21-85	1155.07
5072001	4-26-85	1071.87
607455	7- 1-85	1127.48
5072857-BB	2-14-86	1000.00
Passbook Savings		490.32
Bank Savings (checking)		559.68
Bank Savings (Dingus Natural Area)		3625.48
Total of All Accounts		\$11830.09

October 1, 1983

Gene Lewis

TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR  
 October 1, 1982-September 30, 1983  
 Official Records Committee  
 Marvin D. Schwilling, Chairman

Information used in choosing the "top ten" included the "best birds" reports, plus a search of the bulletin, newsletter, Christmas counts, and "unusual bird report forms".

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.

Contestants were: (36 considered)

"BEST BIRDS" report forms

1. White-faced Ibis (2), Coffee County
2. Connecticut Warbler, Lyon County
3. Ovenbird, Saline County
4. Northern Goshawk, Ellsworth County
5. Wood Thrush (nesting), Cowley County
6. Black Brant, Lyon County
7. Willet, Anderson County
8. Ash-throated Flycatcher (nesting), Meade County
9. Golden Eagle, Meade County
10. Long-eared Owl (nesting), Morton County
11. Yellow-throated Vireo, Douglas County
12. Bay-breasted Warbler, Douglas County
13. LeConte's Sparrow (winter), Douglas County
14. Savannah Sparrow (winter), Douglas County

"UNUSUAL BIRDS" report forms

1. Golden-crowned Sparrow, Cowley County
2. Whip-poor-will, Stafford County
3. Lazuli Bunting, Linn County

CHRISTMAS COUNTS - (3) super year, 146 species listed (ties record number set last year)

1. Common Redpoll, Douglas County
2. Northern Goshawk, (8 counties)
3. Green-backed Heron, Douglas County
4. Nashville Warbler, Wyandotte County
5. Cape May Warbler, Cowley County
6. Western Tanager, Douglas County
7. Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Geary County

BULLETIN, NEWSLETTER, and CORRESPONDENCE

1. Varied Thrush, Wallace County
2. Golden-winged Warbler, Wallace County
3. Cerulean Warbler, Wallace County
4. Blackburnian Warbler, Wallace County
5. Magnolia Warbler, Wallace County
6. Woodcock (nesting), Bourbon County
7. Great Egret (nesting), Sedgwick County
8. Common Loons (7, all summer), Coffey County
9. Sandhill Crane (1, all winter), Greenwood County
10. Fulvous Whistling Duck, Linn County
11. Greater White-fronted Goose (2, all summer), Linn County
12. Ladder-backed Woodpecker (nesting), Morton County

ENDANGERED

1. Whooping Crane - Fall 1982, October 12, 2 adults at Quivira NWR; October 31, 6 adults and 1 young at Cheyenne Bottoms WMA; November 2, 2 adults and 1 young at Eureka airport (radio family); November 2, 1 adult southeast at Atwood. Spring 1983, Two radio-equipped young stopped in Kansas on April 11-15 in Hoxie; April 12-18 in Kiowa-Quivira-Beloit; April 18, 2 adults at Quivira.
2. Peregrine Falcon - Three single birds reported on Christmas Counts, Junction City, Pawnee/Rush Counties, and Pomona Reservoir.
3. Bald Eagle - Winter Survey, January 7 and 8, 1983, recorded 436 wintering bald eagles - no county records for 12 counties - Barber, Brown, Greeley, Harper, Jackson, Kiowa, Sheridan, Smith, Stanton, Washington, Wichita, and Wilson.

REINTRODUCTIONS

1. Ruffed Grouse - August/September, 1983 - 41 ruffed grouse young released in Jefferson County.
2. Swallow-tailed Kite - June 17, 1983 - 4 young to Newton, 3 died, one larger young was hatched and fledged, Harvey County.
3. Mountain Plover - July 21 (15) and July 28 (3) - 18 young released in Wallace County.

HONORABLE MENTION

1. Connecticut Warbler, October 16, Lyon County
2. Cerulean Warbler, May 10, Wallace County
3. Golden-winged Warbler, May 10, Wallace County
4. Lazuli Bunting, May 7, Linn County
5. Fulvous Whistling Duck, September 13, Linn County
6. Sandhill Crane (all winter), Greenwood County
7. Greater White-fronted Goose (all summer), Linn County
8. Ladder-backed Woodpecker (nesting), April 30, Morton County

TOP TEN

1. Golden-crowned Sparrow - Observed February 15 and 17 in Cowley County by James L. Barnes.
2. Western Tanager - Observed December 18 in Douglas County (Lawrence Christmas Count) by Roger Boyd and Cal Cink.
3. Varied Thrush - Observed May 9 in Wallace County by Ed and Jean Schulenberg.
4. Rufous-crowned Sparrow - Observed December 26 in Geary County (Christmas Count) by John Zimmerman and others.
5. Blank Brant - Observed April 21 and 14, a single bird in Lyon County by Gilbert Leisman.
6. Ash-throated Flycatcher - Observed on July 10, adults feeding 3 or 4 fledglings, Wolf Canyon, Meade County by Roger Boyd, Bill Starks, and Tim Wagner.
7. Cape May Warbler - Observed on December 19 in Cowley County (Udall-Winfield Christmas Count).
8. Great Egrets - Observed nesting June 13 (3 nests) in Sedgwick County by Bob Gress.
9. Long-eared Owl - Observed nesting on May 1 (young in nest) in Morton County (spring KOS meeting) by Calvin Cink.
10. Common Loon - Seven birds remained all summer at Wolf Creek Reservoir, Coffey County, Steve Williams and Dan Williamson.

KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
 REPORT of the Membership Secretary, Jane Hershberger  
 October 1, 1983

## TOTAL MEMBERS PAID FOR 1983 as of OCTOBER 1, 1983

## REGULAR

Individual	170
Library	29
Family	66

## SUSTAINING

Individual	41
Family	14

STUDENT (Grade and High School only)	3
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## LIFE

Fully paid	45
Partially Paid	15

## HONORARY

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BIRDS SEEN ON THE FIELD TRIP DURING ANNUAL KOS FALL MEETING -  
OCTOBER 1 - 2, 1983 LYON AND COFFEE COUNTY

Pied-billed Grebe	Mourning Dove
White Pelican	Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Double-crested Cormorant	Barred Owl
Great Blue Heron	Common Nighthawk
Little Blue Heron	Chimney Swift
Green-backed Heron	Belted Kingfisher
Wood Duck	Red-headed Woodpecker
Green-winged Teal	Red-billed Woodpecker
Northern Pintail	Downy Woodpecker
Blue-winged Teal	Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Shoveler	Yellow-shafted Flicker
American Wigeon	Olive-sided Flycatcher
Turkey Vulture	Eastern Phoebe
Osprey	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Northern Harrier	Horned Lark
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Tree Swallow
Cooper's Hawk	Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Swainson Hawk	Bank Swallow
Red-tailed Hawk	Barn Swallow
American Kestrel	Blue Jay
Merlin	American Crow
Peregrine Falcon	Black-capped Chickadee
Ring-necked Pheasant	Tufted Titmouse
Northern Bobwhite Quail	White-breasted Nuthatch
American Coot	House Wren
Killdeer	American Robin
Greater Yellowlegs	Northern Mockingbird
Lesser Yellowlegs	Loggerhead Shrike
Semipalmated Sandpiper	European Starling
Western Sandpiper	Yellow Warbler
Least Sandpiper	Common Yellowthroat
Silt Sandpiper	Northern Cardinal
Long-billed Dowitcher	Savannah Sparrow
Common Snipe	Red-winged Blackbird
Franklin's Gull	Eastern Meadowlark
Ring-billed Gull	Common Grackle
Herring Gull	Brown-headed Cowbird
Rock Dove	American Goldfinch
	House Sparrow

Roger Boyd

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FALCONRY BILL REVISITED

With the start of the legislative session coming up soon, Eulalia M. Lewis would like to remind you that your letters in opposition to this bill are needed. Please see the KOS Newsletter 10(2):4 and contact Eulalia for more information.

Eulalia M. Lewis  
1285 MacVicar Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66604

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### BURROWING OWL COLORMARKING: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

During the breeding season of 1983, burrowing owls were colormarked in south-central Saskatchewan, during a research program investigating movements of these owls. Information is requested from anyone seeing a colormarked owl to aid in determining migration routes and wintering areas, which are presently unknown. Each owl carries a Fish and Wildlife band and from one to three colored plastic leg jesses. Jess colors are yellow, fluorescent red, light blue and dark green and are one centimeter wide and extend approximately 1.5 cm beyond the leg.

Persons observing colormarked owls please record the following: location, date, color and position of leg jess or jesses, leg of attachment of metal leg band and jess or jesses and any details of the owl's situation. Please send this information to Bird Banding Office, Canadian Wildlife Service, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0E7, plus an additional copy to the bander, Elizabeth A. Haug, Department of Veterinary Anatomy, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0W0. Thank you for your assistance.

NOTE: Owls were banded with colored leg jesses in Saskatchewan and with colored leg bands in Manitoba. Please note this difference if marked birds are seen.

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### KOS FIELD TRIPS FOR 1984

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Sunday, February 12, Flint Hill N. W. R./John Redmond Reservoir (in conjunction with Emporia Audubon Society's Eagle Day). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the refuge headquarters in Hartford. Contact Bob Culbertson - 316-364-2522.

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

JAN. 21, Sat. OKLAHOMA - LOOK FOR LONGSPURS, EAGLES. Take Highway 177 south out of Ponca City. Proceed approximately 20 miles to OG&E power plant. Take first dirt road (south of plant) east to parking lot. Bring warm clothes, sack lunch. Meet at parking lot 9-9:30 a.m. Leader: Wallace Champeny, 316-455-3543.

FEB. 12, Sun. LAKE CHENEY. LOOK FOR EAGLES! Meet at Headquarters at 8:30 a.m. Take 21st west to park entrance; turn right to intersection, turn right to intersection, turn right again to headquarters at west end of dam. Leader, Daniel Kilby, 316-945-5136.

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 inside 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

January 21, 1984 EAGLE WATCH FIELD TRIP. Meet at Ackert Hall parking lot (time to be announced).

January 28, 1984 MAMMAL SIGNS FIELD TRIP. (to be announced).

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).

#### Hillsdale Lake Field Trip

January 7, 1984. Hillsdale Lake Field Trip. 7:00-4:30. Meet at Hillsdale Lake Visitor Center. Leader: Barb Kiddoo, 913-783-4366.

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#### CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

December 17, 1983 Wichita, KS Contact Wallace Champeny.

December 17, 1983 Manhattan, KS Contact John Zimmerman.

December 18, 1983 Pomona, KS Contact Steve Kingswood.

December 26, 1983 Junction City, KS Contact Bob LaShelle.

December 26, 1983 Arkansas City, KS Contact Don Vannoy.

December 31, 1983 Cimarron National Grassland. Contact Sebastian Patti 312-929-8939.

December 31, 1983 Oskaloosa/Perry Lake. Contact Richard Rucker 913-842-3845.

January 1, 1984 Black Mesa Contact Sebastian Patti.

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