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## KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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## KOS Conservation Committee

Action will be taken next month at the winter board meeting on the following ideas:

1. The ban of DDT and other chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides from use in the State of Kansas.
2. Encourage the preservation of a portion of the Kansas native prairie (10,000 acres or more).
3. Suggest that the Forestry, Fish, and Game Commission set up regulations to provide for protection of all hawks and owls in Kansas. Not only would this minimize the chances of an eagle being mistakenly destroyed, but it would protect important natural predators.
4. Encourage legislative action that would regulate the causes of air and water pollution.

The committee would appreciate hearing from the KOS membership if they have any ideas on conservation projects or if they have comments on the above suggestions. Write Stan Roth, Lawrence High School, Lawrence, Kansas 66044

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A Sage Sparrow and Black-throated Sparrow were seen extreme southwestern Morton County on 1 July 1969. Attempts were made to net them but high winds and a thunderstorm prevented the nets from working properly. Ed Martinez  
[Editors Note--The only previous records of either species are winter records.]

Southeastern Kansas Notes--Red, yellow, brown and green leaves are blanketing the ground and cooler weather is blowing from the north. Birds that have been absent from the yard all summer are returning to the feeders and suet, such as White-breasted Nuthatch, Red-bellied Woodpecker and Downy Woodpecker. We observed Blue Jays burying acorns and pecans which they pound into the ground with their bills and cover with an oak leaf. The Carolina Wren is again roosting in the same fleece lined houseshoe she used last year.  
Migration dates--Summer Tanager, 30 April-24 September; Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, 9 April-2 October; Rufous-sided Towhee, 10 April - 20 October; Chipping Sparrow, 8 April -19 October; Ruby-throated Hummingbird, 19 April-9 October; Broad-winged Hawk, 28 September (13); Slate-colored Junco, 16 October; Brown Creeper, 21 October; Song Sparrow 21 October; White-throated Sparrow, 22 October.

Notes from Hays--This winter shows promise of being a good one for birds. We have had unusually high numbers of Winter Wrens, Red-breasted Nuthatches and kinglets. Both Purple Finches and House Finches are here in good numbers also. Red Crossbills are still seen almost daily in flocks of up to 25 birds and at numerous localities in Hays and at the college experiment station. Several crossbills collected for racial determination were L. c. benti from the Central Rockies. In previous years other races were involved. Our mist nets produced a Northern Shrike on 27 October (our first record) and a White-winged Junco on 2 November. The junco is the first Ellis County record since the winter of 1883-1884 and apparently the first specimen for Kansas since 1934. Marvin Relfs saw

3 Pine Grosbeaks on 7 November, 7 on the 8th and 6 on the 12th. I finally saw one on the 12th. Included in the flock is a full plumaged male.

Other sightings include: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (11, 31 October, both singles); Blue Jay (1 still here on 7 November); Hermit Thrush (15, 30 October - singles); Eastern Bluebird (21 October, 12 November); Chestnut-sided Warbler (14 October); Rusty Blackbird (12 November); Tree Sparrow (first on 21 October); Chipping Sparrow (3 November - 2); Harris Sparrow (20 October- first); White-crowned Sparrow (3 October - first); White-throated Sparrow (11 November, 1 still here); Fox Sparrow (17 October, only bird all fall); Lincoln Sparrow (4 November- last); Lapland Longspur (12 November, 1st positive record this fall). Charles A. Ely.

Baldwin News--Three immature Little Blue Herons were seen by members of the Baldwin Bird Club on a farm pond southwest of Baldwin on 1 July 1969. Later, about 16 August, over forty immatures and three mature Little Blues were seen at Lakeview, northwest of Lawrence. Along with this group were one or two White Ibis [Editors Note--The White Ibis has never been reported from Kansas and I hope to have clarification on this from Miss Kelley by the next issue]. A Cattle Egret was reported by a farmer near Baldwin on 8 June, but it eluded club members. Katharine B. Kelley.

Further KOS Fall Field Trip Notes--Four new species were found on the fall field trip to Neeshe Waterfowl Refuge and to the Neeshe County State Lake. The Chuck-Will's -Widow, Purple Martin, Carolina Chickadee, and Blue-gray Graticatcher had never been seen on a KOS fall trip before.

The total fall species list of 227 species and subspecies is only seventeen below the total spring count. The highest fall count is the 117 found at Cheyenne Bottoms in 1968. Amelia J. Betts

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#### MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYABLE JANUARY 1

Membership dues for 1970 are due the first of the year. Reply envelopes to facilitate payment will be mailed with the December Bulletin. Please look for it and pay your dues before you forget!!

The changes in the schedule of memberships were made at the May 1969 meeting. Sustaining dues were increased to \$6.00 and memberships of \$1.00 were limited to grade and high school students. Regular dues stayed at \$3.00. Life memberships are also available at \$100, payable in one payment or over four consecutive years. Two members, Miss Katharine Kelley and Carl S. Homes, have life memberships paid in full and four others are making payments of \$25 per year.

This year saw a new high in sustaining memberships with a total of 78. That is 23 more than the year before.

The Society needs many more sustainers. Postage and printing expenses continue to rise. The last Bulletin of the year and part of the one before it have to be paid out of the next year's receipts. Contributions to the expense of the Bulletin over and beyond the payment of membership dues will be very welcome.

Membership for 1969 went over the 300 mark for the first time--but only by four. There is a great need for a larger membership. The Society has a new supply of letters to send to prospective members. If each member would send me the name of just one prospect, we probably would gain a hundred or so. Or members may ask for application blanks and enroll new members themselves. LETS MAKE IT 400 MEMBERS IN 1970!!!!!! Amelia J. Betts, Membership Secretary.

Excerpts from A Little Bird--The Linn County Audubon Society held their annual meeting on October 6 and elected the following officers: T. T. Concannon, president; Wilson J. Dingus, vice-president; Eunice B. Dingus, secretary; Frank M. Kenney, treasurer; Frank C. Wood, chairman of the board; Mabel Concannon, Cecil Boots, Margaret Wood, Elva Bacon and Margaret Kenney, directors. Eunice B. Dingus, Editor.

Notes from Winfield--It looks like it will be a Red Crossbill year. A flock of 30 appeared on the Southwestern College campus on 14 November. We seem to have higher numbers of Golden-crowned Kinglets and Red-breasted Nuthatches than we usually do. The banding station at Udall was closed on 16 November. The following is a banding summary for the period 26 August-16 November: Bobwhite 1; E. Phoebe 5; Acadian Flycatcher 1; Yellow-bellied Flycatcher 3; Traill's Flycatcher 3; Least Flycatcher 18; E. Wood Pewee 3; Black-capped Chickadee 18; Carolina Chickadee 3; Tufted Titmouse 13; Brown Creeper 1; House Wren 26; Winter Wren 6; Carolina Wren 11; Catbird 13; Brown Thrasher 1; Hermit Thrush 2; E. Bluebird 4; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 12; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 17; Red-eyed Vireo 4; Warbling Vireo 2; Black and White Warbler 1; Orange-crowned Warbler 210; Nashville Warbler 431; Parula Warbler 2; Yellow Warbler 17; Myrtle Warbler 49; Audubon's Warbler 1; Black-throated Green Warbler 1; Chestnut-sided Warbler 1; Blackpoll Warbler 1; Ovenbird 1; N. Waterthrush 1; Mourning Warbler 28; Yellowthroat 6; Wilson's Warbler 78; Canada Warbler 2; Orchard Oriole 3; Common Grackle 7; Cardinal 41; Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1; Blue Grosbeak 2; Indigo Bunting 161; Painted Bunting 7; Am. Goldfinch 163; Rufous-sided Towhee 9; Slate-colored Junco 3; Oregon Junco 5; Chipping Sparrow 1; Harris Sparrow 4; White-crowned Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 8; Fox Sparrow 3; Lincoln's Sparrow 7; Swamp Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 18. Total Banded 1447.

During the days the banding station was operated, a Pileated Woodpecker was seen nearly everyday, many times in the tree above where we were banding. They have been quite a few reports of this woodpecker from the Winfield-Arkansas City area in the past few years and we no longer consider it to be a rare bird here. Hopefully, we can produce it at the KOS meeting next spring.

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Interested in buying bird seed??? Standard Seed Company, 931 W. 8th St., Kansas City, Mo. 64101 lists the following quotation for sunflower seed in 1000 pound lots. Add 50¢ per hundred for lots under 1,000 pounds.

Small black	\$9.50
Medium Black	11.00
Large Black	12.50
Medium Gray	14.50
Large Gray	16.50

Your freight would be on top of this but is still cheaper than buying from your local feed store if you are feeding it in quantities over 100 pounds.

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The next newsletter will be mailed in late February. We would like to have the news in by the 15th of the month. Please make sure that your addresses are correct, especially your zip codes. It just cost the Society \$3.90 to have the zips looked up on the mailing list and corrected. We are sending the Newsletter by bulk mail and the post office won't accept them without the correct code.  
Editor