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FALL MEETING

The annual fall field trip was held at Cheyenne Bottoms on September 26-27. The secretary (membership) provides the following information:

"The Kansas Ornithological Society set two new records when it met at Cheyenne Bottoms Waterfowl Management Area on Sept. 27, with a short session the evening before. The attendance was the largest ever on either a fall or spring count--140 members and friends, 27 more than an equally fine day in 1968 at the Bottoms. The species count also exceeded that day by 17 with a count of 134. Two new species for a fall count were recorded--the Marbled Godwit and the Caspian Tern. Two very rare birds for the Bottoms were the Parasitic and Long-tailed Jaegers, which were seen both before and after the day of the count, but not on count-day. The birders were grateful to Marvin D. Schwilling for providing the accommodations."

The following birds were observed and recorded on Sunday (with some from the previous day also): Horned Grebe, Eared Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Little Blue Heron, Common Egret, Snowy Egret, Black-crowned Night Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, American Bittern, White-faced Ibis, Canada Goose, White-fronted Goose, Snow Goose, Mallard, Black Duck, Gadwall, Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, Shoveler, American Widgeon, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Canvasback, Lesser Scaup, Ruddy Duck, Common Merganser, Turkey Vulture, Mississippi Kite, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, Golden Eagle, Marsh Hawk, Pigeon Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, Bobwhite, Ring-necked Pheasant, Sandhill Crane, Virginia Rail, Sora, Am. Coot, Semipalmated Plover, Snowy Plover, Killdeer, Am. Golden Plover, Black-bellied Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Common Snipe, Long-billed Curlew, Spotted Sandpiper, Willet, Greater Yellow-legs, Lesser Yellow-legs, Knot, Pectoral Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Long-billed Dowitcher, Stilt Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper, Marbled Godwit, Sanderling, Avocet, Black-necked Stilt, Wilson's Phalarope, Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Franklin's Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Forster's Tern, Common Tern, Caspian Tern, Black Tern, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Barn Owl, Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl, Burrowing Owl, Common Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Yellow-shafted Flicker, Red-shafted Flicker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Bank Swallow, Rough-winged Swallow, Barn Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Blue Jay, Common Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Mockingbird, Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Robin, Swainson's Thrush, Water Pipit, Starling, Solitary Vireo, Black-and-White Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, House Sparrow, E. Meadowlark, W. Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Red-winged Blackbird, Rusty Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Cardinal, Am. Goldfinch, Savannah Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

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Members of the Society were saddened to hear of the death of Marshall Fauhl. He passed away in September. Treasurer Eugene Lewis writes, "Marshall Fauhl, husband of KOS Secretary Ruth Fauhl, passed away in September following an operation. Marshall knew the danger of the operation and, true to his character, thought of others in his final hours of waiting. One of his wishes was that, rather than flowers as a token of remembrance, friends who chose to could give to the Scholar-

ship Fund of the KOS. Activation of this fund was a part of the action taken in setting up Life Memberships, the residue of which will eventually go for scholarships."

KOS Treasurer Eugene Lewis has received donations from several interested persons and groups, and will continue to accept donations from anyone who wants to remember Mr. Fauhl in this way.

TREASURER'S REPORT

One year ago, in October, the finances of the KOS were in terrible shape. We had very little money in the bank and the September Bulletin and some lesser bills went unpaid. Then, with the 1970 financial year the dues for Sustaining Members was raised to \$6.00 and college students were required to pay the Regular Member amount of \$3.00 rather than the student rate of \$1.00. The Student Membership was reserved for high school and under.

After informing the membership of the financial plight last year, there was a great response, resulting in more members and more sustaining members--and some kind people gave extra money beyond their membership dues. The result of all this meant that this October we were able to pay the September Bulletin for 1970 and came close to paying some smaller bills. This does not say we are in good financial shape as yet. It only means we are not as bad off as last year. If our members will respond again in 1971 as they did in 1970, then we will be on a firm financial base.

KOS MEMBER HONORED

Dr. John W. Breukelman was honored recently by Emporia State. The new Biology Building was named in his honor. John was a member of the KSTC faculty from 1929 until his retirement in 1968. It is generally agreed that he was responsible for the education and training of more biology teachers for Kansas than any other single individual. His work as a writer of biological and science education materials earned him additional respect from throughout the country.

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President White recently received a note from Dwight Platt which I quote, "I hope things are going well with KOS. I heard good reports of the Fall Field Trip.

I haven't had as much time as I would like to get out birding since I arrived in India, but I have a list of over 60 species so far. I am trying to make a set of slides of Indian birds so might have something for a KOS program when I get back. To whet your appetite, let me list a few of the species seen: Green Bee-eater, Blue Roller, Drongo, Purple Sunbird, Purple-rumped Sunbird, Coppersmith, Green Barbet, Red-wattled Lapwing, Bronze-winged Jacana, Indian Tree-pie, Large Pied Wagtail, Red-winged Bush Lark, Golden Oriole, Green Parakeet, Jungle Babbler, Red-vented Bulbul, Baya Weaver Bird, Magpie-robin etc."

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A new organization in the State called Citizens for Environmental Action in Kansas, Inc. has been set up recently. The President appointed Elizabeth Cole as the KOS representative. You will be hearing more about this after the Board of Directors meeting on December 13.

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Winfield News--The banding station was inoperative this fall and I have had little time to do much birding. However, some of the highlights have been nine Sandhill Cranes near Udall and a lone Evening Grosbeak on the Southwestern Campus. The Arbor vitae cone crop on campus is the heaviest in years. Maybe this will attract large numbers of wintering birds. I have seen many large flocks of longspurs in the Flint Hills (from a plane). I assume they are either Smith's or Chestnut-collared from the habitat they were in. The new City of Winfield lake has been good for numerous waterfowl. Max C. Thompson

EDITOR'S REPORT

This a rather short newsletter since I have no reports from anyone and the files are empty. There will not be a newsletter in January as I will be in Africa. The entire mailing of both the newsletter and bulletin will be from Southwestern College. Chuck Ely will continue to do the editing at Hays but since the addressing facilities are here, we will mail it for him. Do you know how much it cost to have any plate corrected or changed (your address plate)? The Society has to pay \$.15 per plate for any changes. Please help the society by keeping these to a minimum. The dates for the Christmas Bird counts will be from December 19-January 3. Those of you who were compilers last year, will receive a form again this year. Some area counts have compilers who are not members of KOS (Wichita take note) and therefore, do not receive the necessary forms. Since these counts do not reach the editor, they are left out of the Bulletin. This can be taken care of if you will advise the Bulletin editor who is the compiler for your area. Max C. Thompson

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Anyone interested in organized birding trips outside the lower 48 States??? Many State bird clubs are running their own tours. Would KOS members be interested in this type of endeavor? The trips are run usually at cost to the Society and provide a competent guide to the area you are visiting. Please let me know and if there is enough interest, I will bring it up at the Board meeting December 13. Max C. Thompson, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas 67156.

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILMS

Would you like to see an Audubon wildlife film?? The following is a list of places where these are being shown during the 1970-71 season:

Emporia--February 25, April 13.

Hesston--February 5, March 3

Hutchinson--February 8, March 27, March 1

Lawrence--February 9, April 28

Topeka--February 3-4, March 4,8, April 29-30 (November 23-24)

Wichita--February 1-2, 26-27, April 26-27

Winfield--February 6, March 2, April 24

If there are any additions or corrections, they will come out in the February newsletter.

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This seems to be everything that I can cook up for this month. Don't forget to help out on the Christmas Count nearest you. Also this year, each participant is being charged \$.25 to help defray the extra cost of publication in the March Bulletin. Fall reports and early winter reports will be due for the February Newsletter by February 10. Max C. Thompson, Editor

FLASH!!!! As the Newsletter was going to press we got some additional news which is included on the following two pages!!!

Fall Notes from Towanyak--August 29, Sapsucker; September 3, Pine Warbler--plus few others unidentified, Least Flycatcher and 30 Robins; September 7, Myrtle Warbler 2; September 8, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Scarlet Tanager and Wood Thrush; September 16, Warbler wave--Black and White, Nashville, Myrtle, Black-throated Green, Wilson's, Redstart, Summer Tanager, Baltimore Orioles, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Solitary Vireo, Warbling Vireo; September 21, Golden-winged Warbler (1 male in good plumage--numerous others unidentified), Black-throated Green Warbler, Olive-sided Flycatcher, 6" rain September 23, Warbler wave, 20 or more in trees--unidentified, Magnolia Warbler 2, Mourning Warbler 1, Catbird, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Nighthawk; September 24, Broad-winged Hawk, Brown Thrasher; September 25, Summer Tanager; October 5, 65 flickers in back meadow on ground; October 12, junco (first date), Cedar Waxwing; October 27, White-breasted Nuthatch (first at feeder in 3 years), White-throated Sparrow, Ruby-crowned Kinglet; November 2, Fox Sparrow, Red-headed Woodpecker, Bluebirds (returned to currant dish); November 4, Cedar Waxwing, Purple Finch (2) early date and first date; November 12, Brown Creeper; November 14, Harri's Sparrow, Golden-crowned Kinglet, White-crowned Sparrow, Purple Finch, Brown Thrasher, White-breasted Nuthatch. Mary Louise Myers

CITIZENS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION IN KANSAS ORGANIZED AT SALINA--National concern for the quality of our environment calls for direct and active involvement of all citizens. Decisions concerning the environment must be made on the basis of fact and sound logic, not fear and emotion. Knowledge of problems and solutions followed by unity in action from all groups and individuals is needed.

On June 20, 1970, a "steering committee" for C.E.A.K was formed. The first formal organizational meeting of CEAK was held September 26th at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. There the final purposes, objectives, policies and by-laws were selected.

Dr. Philip Humphrey presided as temporary chairman, 35 organizations were represented, 56 persons attended (8 of whom were officially designated to represent an organization). These 8 automatically became the first board of directors. The tentative by-laws were so efficiently drawn up by Jim Bradley and Dick Dawson that very few changes were made by the group.

Dick Dawson, as an authorized delegate, became the temporary chairman of the immediate board meeting to determine our next meeting time. It was set for Sunday November 8 at Salina. Official delegates as well as individual members were invited.

November 8 the following officers were elected: David Rancher (Kansas Wesleyan University) President...John Reed (Explorer Scouts-Quivira Council) President elect.. Betty Davis (Reno County Environmental Action Committee) Secretary..Larry Wagner (Prairie National Park Assoc.) Treasurer (4101 W. 54 Terrace, Shawnee-Mission, 66208.

Cecilia White asked me in September to represent KOS because she was unable to contact our KOS Conservation Chairman, Stan Roth. I was also authorized to represent the Kansas Associations of Garden Clubs. Now, I hope Stan will take over for KOS since the by-laws designate one vote for each organization's delegate. Dwight Platt worked so hard for this affiliation of conservation-minded organizations, I hope we can become charter members of CEAK.

The membership is so set up that there are 3 classes of membership:

1. An club, organization, or association, within the State of Kansas.... shall have a membership with the right of a delegate who is empowered to vote.... and is therefore a member of the board of directors.
2. An individual who is in agreement with purposes and functions of this corporation as expressed in the by-laws... may be an associate member, non-voting capacity.
3. Cooperators: May be designated by the board, at their discretion, for organizations not eligible to elect or appoint an official delegate, but may participate in board meetings in a non-voting capacity.

Dues have been set up by the board of directors as follows:

Charter Members effective until January 1, 1971.....	Organizations	\$10.00
	Individuals	3.00
	Cooperators	0.00

At the November meeting the Board set 1971 dues as follows:

Organizational Groups (under 50 members).....	\$15.00
Individual Memberships.....	5.00
Organizational Groups (50 to 150 members).....	20.00
Organizational Groups (over 150 members).....	25.00
Cooperators.....	0.00

It is difficult to interrupt the above decisions! This CEAK is designed to be an ACTION GROUP...with LOBBYING and POWER to influence legislation in Kansas concerning environmental issues.. Do not be confused by the fact that individual members do not vote... they may attend every meeting and can speak up and influence the delegates who vote. They may and MUST also serve on action committees!!! Elizabeth L. Cole.

A few of the by-laws:
Article II.

Section 3a. This corporation shall be a non-profit corporation. As an action organization, contributions are not tax-deductible.

Article III

Section 4. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS: Members and Associate Members of this corporation may participate in its activities and serve on or otherwise engage in the activities of any committees, workshops, or task forces set up by the Board of Directors. Members only shall appoint or elect official delegates to the Board of Directors although any Associate Member is eligible to be nominated and elected as an Director-at-Large. Associate Members, excepting those who may be serving currently as Directors-at-Large, shall not be entitled to vote excepting as members of committees, workshops, task forces, or action groups.

Article V, Section 2. Delegates: Each Member organization shall elect or appoint from among its own number an official delegate, and alternate if desired, to the Board of Directors who shall serve for a term of one year or until a successor has been elected or appointed.

Article VIII, Section 2. ACTION GROUPS: Action Groups shall be temporary, ad hoc committees formed with prior approval of the Executive Committee for specific activities in order to accomplish the short-term objectives of CEAK. Action Groups may appoint their own leaders and establish their own method of operation, subject to approval by the Executive Committee. The life of an Action Group shall be determined by the Executive Committee, subject to review by the Board of Directors.

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES!!!!!!! THEY ARE DUE JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR!!!!!!!