

KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
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SPRING MEETING

Come to Manhattan and Kansas State University for the 23rd annual meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society, 1-2 May 1971. Chairman for local arrangements is John L. Zimmerman.

The program on Saturday will be held in the new biological sciences building, Ackert Hall, with a banquet that evening in the K-State Union. The banquet speaker will be Dr. Robert J. Robel, who will present a most interesting illustrated summation of his eight years work with Kansas prairie chickens, research that has received world-wide acclaim.

The Division of Biology welcomes you to explore their new facilities during your visit and there will be opportunities for you to familiarize yourself with ornithological and ecological research being conducted by both students and faculty in the Division, particularly in the Environmental Biology section.

The Sunday morning field trips are being planned so that each group will be small and cover a wide variety of habitats. Arrangements are being made with various bird populations in South and Central America to assure their presence in the Manhattan area on 2 May. But you must be present to see them. Don't disappoint them after such a long journey. You can reserve a box lunch for the noon compilation on the attached blank.

All payments of cost will be taken during your registration beginning at 0830 in the lobby of Ackert Hall, but the local committee must have your reservations by 23 April. Please send in the attached blank to John L. Zimmerman, Division of Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.  
John L. Zimmerman, Local Committee Chairman.

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Name	Number of Reservations		
	Banquet	Field Trip	Box Lunch
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Total	_____	_____	_____

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Manhattan Motels

- Continental Inn (Best Western), 100 Bluemont, tele: 776-4771  
Bob's Motel, 2 1/2 miles east on U.S. 24, tele: 778-5965  
Holiday Inn, 1501 Tuttle Creek Blvd., tele: 776-4887  
Lakeview Motel, RFD 4 (15 mi. from campus, near Stockdale area) tele: 485-2261  
University Ramada Inn, 17th & Anderson (across from campus), tele: 539-7531  
State Motel (AAA), 2710 Anderson, tele: 539-2663  
Travelers Motel, 3 mi. east on U. S. 24, tele: 776-4836  
Wareham Hotel, 418 Poyntz, tele: 776-4891

## CAMPING

Tuttle Creek State Park--River Pond area or Spillway area, about 5 miles from campus. State sticker required. Engineer's areas (no sticker) further north on both east and west sides of lake.

## "MEMBERSHIP DUES"

Have you paid your 1971 K.O.S. dues???? Dues envelopes were sent out with the September 1970 Bulletin in the hopes that most members would be paid up by 1 January. However, only about one-half were paid by then. Over one hundred members had not paid by 1 February.

So--if you have not paid yet, please send a check for \$3.00 (regular) or \$6.00 (sustaining) to Eugene R. Lewis, 1285 McVicar, Topeka, Kansas 66604 as soon as possible. If you are not sure whether you have paid or not, write to me (Baldwin City, Kansas 66006).

So far sustaining memberships have run behind last year's rate. We had 101 sustainers in 1970 and we need at least that many to make up for the grade and high school memberships which are only \$1.00.

Please do not forget that we need new members. Why not give someone a gift membership to get them started in K.O.S.? Or send me names of prospective members and I'll send them information about the society.--Amelia J. Betts, Membership Secretary.

A story in the October Newsletter stated that Dr. Alexander Wetmore of Washington, D. C. and a graduate of K.U. had been awarded the fourth Arthur A. Allen medal. It should have also mentioned that Dr. Wetmore is a charter member of KOS and has been a sustaining member as long as we have had such. Amelia J. Betts.

## Proposed Bird Tours

Three inquiries were received and Board of Directors took no action for lack of interest.

Notes from Elizabeth Cole-- In Duluth, Minnesota the 22 of September was the peak day for hawks, 26,173 of which 80% were Broadwings. There were 69,214 counted during the month of September. We looked for the Boreal Chickadee and missed it by 18 minutes. We've been on the Nogales, Arizona count and Tucson. Going on the Ramsey Canyon and Patagonia counts. Today we went out and got the Rufous-backed Robin to add to our US list. Hope to get into Western Mexico before we head home. Elizabeth Cole (& Dean).

Dodge City Notes--We had several real thrills earlier in the fall. On 25 November, Jim and Mary Louise Myers were in town and we went out to see what we could find. We were thrilled to see a Clark's Nutcracker and a pair of Evening Grosbeaks in addition to a number of Cedar Waxwings and House Finch new to them. Then a week later I again saw the Nutcracker and seven White-winged Crossbills. Earlier in the fall but later than your report (Hays) of warblers we had a wave. On 11 October shortly after our first snow fall we saw a large number, there must have been several hundred feeding in the Hackberry trees at the cemetery. Myrtle and Orange-crowns were most abundant but there were some Wilson's, Audubon, Chestnut-sided and Black-throated Greens. It was the largest aggregation of warblers I have ever seen. Most of the fall and winter birding has been very dull. Joan Challans

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
(Articles of Incorporation)  
THE KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND EMBLEM

The name of this organization shall be the Kansas Ornithological Society, Inc., and its emblem shall be the Horned Lark. It shall operate as a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the study of ornithology, to advance the members in ornithological science, to promote conservation, and to publish ornithological papers in the K.O.S. Bulletin. Upon dissolution of the Kansas Ornithological Society, Inc. the assets will be distributed for an exempt purpose specified in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, which the Board of Directors, at the time of dissolution will determine.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all persons interested in ornithology whose names may be proposed by an active member.

Section 2. Applicants may become members upon formal recommendation by a member to a (any) member of the Board of Directors and payment of dues.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. The Society shall hold at least one regular meeting each year at the time and place voted in the previous regular meeting or determined by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The exact date and place of any regular meeting may be changed at the discretion of the President, upon notice given in writing by mail to each member not less than ten days prior to such meeting.

Section 3. Special meetings may in like manner be called at such other times and places as may be directed by the President.

ARTICLE V. THE GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. The governing body shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the immediate Past President, the following officers elected at regular annual meetings from the membership of the society: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Bulletin Editor and Four Directors-at-large and the following appointive officers: Editor of the News Letter, and chairman of standing committees on Conservation, Membership, Publicity, and the Kansas Checklist. Of the four Directors-at-large, two shall be elected each year to serve two years, due consideration being given to obtain representatives from areas not otherwise represented on the Board.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Society. Four Board members shall constitute a quorum. At other time the Board may consider matters pertaining to the Society by mail.

Section 3. The President of the Society shall be Chairman of the Board during his term of office and a member of the Board until replaced by the next retiring President.

Section 4. The Secretary of the Society shall also serve as Secretary of the Board.

Section 5. The Board shall have the power to act on all matters pertaining to the Society, except as otherwise provided by this Constitution. The Board is directed and empowered to consider, adopt, and put into effect practicable ways and means by which the Society may further the objectives for which it is founded.

Section 6. The Board shall not amend the Constitution of the Society or change the annual dues of the members, or incur financial obligations beyond the actual content of the Treasury.

Section 7. The proceedings of the Board, including the financial transactions, shall be reported at each annual meeting of the Society by the Secretary.

#### ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and such other officers as from time to time may be deemed desirable.

Section 2. The officers of the Society shall be elected for a term of one year and shall function until the end of the regular annual meeting in which their respective successors have been installed.

Section 3. The election of officers shall be held at the regular meeting each year. Nomination of the various offices herein provided may be submitted at the appointed time by a committee named for that purpose by the President. Nominations shall also be in order from the Floor. Voting shall be by secret ballot if more than one candidate is nominated for a given office. A majority of those present and voting shall be required to elect all officers of the Society.

Section 4. The President and Vice-President may not be elected to their offices for more than two consecutive years. The other officers may succeed themselves indefinitely.

#### ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings and he shall be empowered to call special meetings. The President shall appoint standing Committees on Conservation, Membership, Publicity, and the Kansas Checklist and such other ad hoc committees as he may deem necessary to serve during his term of office. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees and shall perform such other duties as may properly come within his province. He shall be a member of the Board and during his term of office as President, shall act as Chairman of the Board.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or in the event of his inability to perform such duties. He shall carry out orders as directed by the President. The Vice-President shall act as chairman of the Program Committee during his term of office. He shall be a member of the Board.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep complete and accurate minutes of all meetings and shall be in charge of the records, papers, and property belonging to the Society, except as otherwise specified. He shall issue vouchers for all expenditures, to be countersigned by the President. He shall, as directed by the President, carry on the correspondence pertaining to the affairs of the Society. The Secretary shall be a member of the Board and act as Secretary of the Board.

Section 4. The Membership Secretary shall prepare and preserve a record of all members and their attendance at each meeting and make such records available to the Secretary. He shall issue membership receipts, dues reminders, membership applications and invitations, and advise the Editor of membership changes. He shall be a member of the Board.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds belonging to the Society and he shall pay out and expend the same only upon vouchers duly authorized and approved by the President and Secretary. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Board.

Section 6. The Editor shall be charged with the organizing, editing, and publishing of the K.O.S. Bulletin and such newsletters or other printed matter as shall be approved by the Board of Directors. He may appoint such Associate and Assistant Editors as shall be necessary to aid in the performance of his duties. The library and all scientific papers belonging to the Society shall be in his care for preservation and reference. The Editors of the K.O.S. Bulletin and of the News Letter shall be members of the Board.

#### ARTICLE VIII. DUES

Section 1. Each member of the Society shall be required to pay annual dues in such amount as the Society may from time to time fix by resolution, or a life membership of \$100.00 payable in a lump sum or \$25.00 for four consecutive years. Annual dues of the Society shall run for the calendar year and shall be due on January 1 of each year. All membership dues shall be paid directly to the Treasurer, who shall notify the Membership Secretary of the date and amount of each receipt.

Section 2. Active members may attain the status of "sustaining" members by the payment of dues at a greater annual rate such as the Society may fix by resolution.

Section 3. No resolution changing the annual dues shall be adopted except by a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting at a regular meeting immediately following not less than ten days' notice of such proposal given in writing by mail to each members.

Section 4. The annual membership dues for regular members shall be \$3.00 (all of which goes for subscription to the K.O.S. Bulletin), for sustaining members-\$6.00 (of which \$3.00 goes for subscription to the Bulletin), and for student members (to include only Grade and High School Students)-\$1.00.

Section 5. The dues of new members paid during the last four months of any calendar year shall be applied to membership for the following year.

#### ARTICLE IX. LOCAL CHAPTERS

Section 1. A local chapter of the Kansas Ornithological Society may be formed at any institution, city, town, or other place upon application of five or more active members of the Society. Such chapters may elect their own local officers, assess additional dues, and conduct their own meetings. Such chapters may be known by the name of their own selection plus the designation "Chapter of the Kansas Ornithological Society, Incorporated."

Section 2. The function of such local chapters shall be to provide a rallying point for monthly meetings and local field trips.

ARTICLE X. AFFILIATIONS

Section 1. The Kansas Ornithological Society, Incorporated may consider or seek affiliation with other organizations having similar goals, for the purpose of strengthening the Society or furthering ornithological development or publication.

Section 2. Active affiliation with another organization may become binding only after being approved by a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting at a regular meeting.

Section 3. No affiliation can be considered binding to the Kansas Ornithological Society, Incorporated if that affiliation in any way restricts the autonomy of the Society, interferes with the purpose of the Society as stated in Article II, limits the membership of the Society, or in any other way runs counter to provision of the constitution and by-laws of the Society.

ARTICLE XI. BY-LAWS

Section 1. The Society may adopt such By-Laws as may be deemed proper for its guidance by a two-thirds vote of all those present and voting at any regular meeting.

Section 2. Due notice of such proposed By-Laws shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member at least ten days prior to the next regular meeting.

Section 3. By-Laws may be submitted by any member of the Society. They shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors which shall proceed as directed in Section 2 of this Article.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution or to the By-Laws may be adopted at any regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of all of those present and voting.

Section 2. Due notice of such proposed amendments shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member at least ten days prior to the next regular meeting.

Section 3. An Amendment to the Constitution or to the By-Laws may be submitted by any member of the Society. It shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors, which shall proceed in accord with Section 2 of this Article.

## CONSERVATION NOTES

Topeka--The Kansas House Wednesday engaged itself in a debate over the relative virtues of the bluejay.

Rep. Robert Keenan, D-Great Bend, attacked the bird and successfully amended a bird protection bill under discussion to make it lawful to shoot bluejays. At the end of the extended debate, Rep. Fred Linde, R-Wichita, floor manager of the bird bill observed: "I didn't know this would ruffle so many feathers." [From Wichita Eagle, February 25].

Dr. E. Raymond Hall Asserts Planned Dam One of Worst-- Topeka (AP)--A University of Kansas professor appeared before the Water Resources Committee of the Kansas House Wednesday to ask removal of the proposed Hillsdale Reservoir from the state water plan.

Removal of the proposed reservoir from the plan would make it doubtful that the federal government would proceed with construction of the project in northern Miami County and southern Johnson County.

Dr. E. Raymond Hall, Summerfield distinguished professor of systematics and ecology, told the committee Hillsdale is one of the worst reservoirs proposed in Kansas.

He said his investigations into the project indicate the benefits would be about 27 cents per \$1 cost of construction. He said "the Corps of Engineers which has proposed the project, claims benefits would be \$2.10 for each dollar cost of construction in the 17-year period (1954-1970) after the reservoir was authorized for study, and because land acquisitions and construction has not begun, the spending of \$35 million to \$40 million to construct the reservoir now seems unwarranted," Hall told the committee.

He said he was appearing just as a concerned citizen in opposing the plan.

He said construction of the reservoir would destroy a significant percentage of the natural habitat essential for native plants and animals, and sacrifice much productive agricultural land.

Sen. Wint Winter, R-Ottawa, told the committee there are people in Miami and Johnson counties who support the proposed reservoir and would want to be heard before the committee takes any action. [From Wichita Eagle, February 25, condensed by Newsletter editor].

### Editors Corner

The Newsletter files are again empty. We need your winter reports by March 30. The April Newsletter will be devoted to winter happenings.

There are still about 1,500 Kansas checklists left in the KOS inventory. We would like to deplete the supply as soon as possible. They are still 50 for a \$1.00.

If you are interested in joining our sister organization in Colorado, send \$3.00 to Miss Sadie Morrison, 1283 Elizabeth St., Denver, Colorado 80206. Their annual meeting will be held at Manitou Experimental Forest, Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, 7 miles north of Woodland Park on 22-23 May. They put out a Newsletter with a lot of information.

Spring is just around the corner unless you happen to look outside at the snow drifts above the window. Some waterfowl are moving northward as are some of the blackbirds.

Please pay your dues or you will be removed from the mailing list after the March Bulletin!!!!!!!!!!!! Max C. Thompson