

NEWSLETTER

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The time is drawing near when your name will be removed from the active KOS files if you haven't paid your dues. As of February 19, 171 members have paid their dues. This leaves 90 members in arrears. We have also added eight new regular members and four new student memberships so far this year. As for sustaining members, we have 27 paid up so far this year as opposed to 35 last year. You will find enclosed with this newsletter, a membership appeal. Please pass it on to prospective members. We now offer more for your money than at this time last year at the same price!

The annual spring meeting of the Board of Directors was held in Baldwin (home of Betts and Kelley) with six directors present (Cole, Johnson, Betts, Carson, Johnston and Holmes). Dave Parmelee attended as chairman of the Local Committee for the annual meeting to be held at Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia on May 2-3. Treasurer Carson reported a treasury balance of \$585.76 (December Bulletin not yet paid for). The possibility of starting an endowment fund for the Society was discussed as was the need of declaring KOS a non-profit organization as added incentive for tax-deductible gifts. Johnston moved that the treasurer be authorized to apply for non-profit organization status whenever he deems it necessary. Editor Johnston reported that several complete files of the Bulletin had been sold lately and suggested the cost now be raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00 plus postage.-----The Secretary-----

The annual Burroughs Club ten best birds for the year have been selected as follows: Laughing Gull, Black Rail, Brant, White Ibis, Louisiana Heron, Knot, Snowy Plover, Purple Gallinule, Glossy Ibis, Sharp-tailed Sparrow. These birds were all seen in Missouri and were compiled by Jim Rising.

The annual midwinter waterfowl survey in Kansas has been completed. The total number of waterfowl counted during the two-day survey on January 6-7 was 394,200 birds. This represents an increase of 8.4% from the figures a year ago. The 15,362 geese counted are more than twice the number recorded in 1963 during a similar period. Mallards, which made up more than 93% of this year's grand total, were up in numbers 13.2%. Eagles are also tallied during the survey and this year's count revealed an increase of 8 Bald Eagles and a drop of 23 Golden Eagles. The actual numbers counted were 173 Bald Eagles and 65 Golden Eagles.

Jon C. Barlow has asked that anyone knowing the whereabouts of White-eyed Vireos breeding notify him at the Museum of Natural History, The University of Kansas. Jon has completed a study of the "Natural History of Bell's Vireo." This publication is currently available from the museum office.

The Bulletin comes out next month and there will not be a newsletter. I hope that you will send some notes on the beginning of the spring migration for the April issue. Max C. Thompson, Assistant Editor

K A N S A S O R N I T H O L O G I C A L S O C I E T Y

Sixteenth Annual Meeting: 1964

Preliminary Announcement and Call for Papers

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the K.O.S. will be held at Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, May 2-3, 1964. These dates immediately follow those for the Kansas Academy of Science meeting, also at Emporia. Chairman of the local arrangements committee for the K.O.S. meeting is Dr. David F. Parmelle.

The program of reports by members at sessions on Saturday, May 2, is now being planned. The success of the program depends entirely upon contributions by members concerning their observations of and experiences with birds, in Kansas or out-of-state. Speaker at the banquet will be Edward J. Ryan, M.D., of Emporia; his presentation will concern avian ecology and will be followed by showing of his colored slides.

If you have anything to present at the Saturday reports sessions, please fill out the form below and send it to the address indicated no later than April 13.

Details of the meeting, available housing, etc., will be mailed to you later. The general schedule of events will be as follows:

- Saturday, May 2
- 9:00 a.m.--Registration
- 10:00 a.m.--Reports
- 11:30 a.m.--Business meeting
- Lunch
- 1:30 p.m.--Reports
- 4:00 p.m.--Business meeting
- 6:30 p.m.--Annual banquet and program
- Sunday, May 3
- 6:00 a.m.--Field trips
- 12:00 --Lunch in the field
- 1:00 p.m.--Compilation of observations.

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Call for Papers

Title of report: _____

Name of person giving report: _____

Length of report (15 minute limit): _____ minutes.

Projection equipment needed: _____

Mail, by April 13, to:
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