

CHANDLER ROBBINS TO BE FEATURED BANQUET SPEAKER AT ANNUAL KOS CONVENTION IN HAYS IN APRIL

The well known ornithologist Chandler Robbins will be the featured banquet speaker at the annual KOS meeting to be held at Fort Hays State College, Hays on 29-30 April. Robbins is the author of the well known field guide, "Birds of North America". Chan works for the U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and is headquartered at the Patuxent Research Refuge. He is the organizer of the breeding bird survey that has been running in Kansas now for the past few years. Those of us who know Chan will be looking forward to seeing him again and for those of you who don't, here is your chance to introduce yourselves and talk to him. Plan now to be at the convention.

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It is hoped that the May issue of the newsletter can be devoted to the subject of bird banding in Kansas. Here is your chance to write up some of the things that you have been doing so that other persons in Kansas will know who is banding and might want to see your operation. The editor had one letter last year with a Blue Jay recovery but the letter got *msl*ayed. Could the bander who wrote the note please send me the data again and any other data they might have. So, if the following minimum data could be sent, it would be appreciated;

Name, address, location of banding station, number of birds banded in 1971, returns and recoveries that would be of interest to the general membership.

Any additional little papers you might want to write, we will publish. Some might even be sent to the Bulletin. If this May edition works out, we might make it an annual letter. That doesn't mean we won't publish other items in the May issue. It is as big as the news I have to put into it.

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P.S. Mrs. Boso I found your Blue Jay paper. Send me some more like it.

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Advance registrations on the KOS African Safari, August 3-23 number six. We could use alot more people. The prices are now fixed at \$1850 for six persons, \$1795 for 10 persons and \$1550 for 15 persons. If you know anyone wanting to go to Africa, he doesn't have to be a KOS member to go. There was an increase in airfare on April 1 which boosted our projected costs. Anyone planning on going should write immediately. The deadline is May 1.

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The loaf of bread I'll bring from home,  
The book of verse I'll borrow,  
The jug of wine, all nearly corked,  
Awaits our jaunt tomorrow.  
But thou must tell me where we'll sing,  
For this I've not provided:  
Dost thou know a wilderness  
That's not been sub-divided--Anonymous

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Enclosed in this combination Bulletin and Newsletter is a copy of the new Kansas Checklist of Birds. This is a compilation of all the birds known to occur within the State up to December 1 (another new species has been added since). The reason for charging a dime for one checklist was the numerous requests for "just one". It cost us 8¢ to mail so the society was loosing money on the deal.

The checklist was sent to many persons for editing but despite it all, an error crept into the final publication. The Gray-cheeked Thrush became the Gray-checked Thrush. There will be copies of the new checklist at the meeting in Hays for purchase. If you aren't going to the meeting, write the Newsletter Editor at Southwestern College and they will be shipped to you. After the meeting, the Membership Secretary will have them also.

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The spring migration is underway in south-central Kansas. The Barn Swallows arrived in Udall on March 23, the earliest date on record. Purple Martins were in Ponca City on March 6 and in Winfield on March 7. Chimney Swifts were seen at Winfield on April 10. One Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was perched on a fence near Udall on April 9. Shorebirds started arriving in early March (Baird's Sandpiper) and several species have been seen since that time. I don't know what happened to the goose and duck migration. A few Canadas were around but soon disappeared, except for a small flock on Timber Creek Reservoir. They nested there last year and raised three young. Maybe we will have them nesting again. Max C. Thompson, Winfield, Kansas

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Some annual conventions coming up are fairly close to Kansas this year. The Cooper Ornithological Society meeting is at Las Cruces, New Mexico on April 21-23. The annual American Ornithologist Meeting is in Grand Forks, North Dakota, August 15-17.

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Get behind the eight-ball and pay your dues. Your membership expires with this issue. The May issue will be mailed only to those paid up members.

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Annual Meeting is  
at HAYS!!!!

April 29-30, 1972

See you there!!!

Editors

P.S. How about some news