

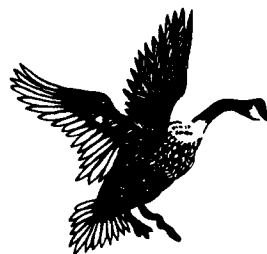
# Spring Meeting

## Camp Horizon

## Arkansas City

# May 4, 5, 6, 1984

Registration Form Inside



## OFFICERS' CORNER

After having passed through that inevitable and painful time in which the constitution and bylaws of an organization are updated, it has been a pleasure to serve as president of KOS this past year. I had the good fortune of being supported by experienced leadership of the other elected officers and directors and I thank them for their help this past year. KOS remains a strong organization largely through continuity in elected and appointed offices and the interest and support of an active membership. Our efforts as officers to better serve the needs of the membership are often stimulated by concerns or ideas for improvement expressed by KOS members. We encourage you to continue to submit such ideas to any of the officers or board members. We also like to hear your thoughts on any new projects we have implemented or are considering.

The newsletter always solicits your observations and your fellow members always enjoy reading about what you are seeing. Take a moment to send Elmer your latest news. He would also appreciate your comments on what we could be doing to make the newsletter more readable for you. What could we add to make it more attractive to birders in the state?

We are trying to schedule spring field trips to new and interesting areas of the state that most of the members have probably not yet visited. While there has been some concern about distance to travel, those who attended last spring trip to Morton County were very pleased with what they experienced. We are now working to start additional field trips beyond those of our fall and spring meetings. If you would like to lead a field trip or have ideas about where and when such trips could be held, let us know.

What did you think about the awards for best amateur and student papers at the fall meeting? We hope they will stimulate interest in presenting papers and the study of birds necessary to generate them. Should we similarly encourage the work of photographers in our group? We might reward the best slide or photograph displayed during our birders hour at the fall meeting. We have some outstanding talents among our membership that should be shown.

I continually look for people among the membership of KOS to serve on committees. Committees often have a rather formal and nonproductive image associated with them; I prefer to think of these groups of people in KOS as "idea generating guilds." If you have interests in particular areas such as conservation of birds, increasing our membership, stimulating interest in the work of KOS through publicity, or establishing and presenting awards for service to KOS (or best papers, or photographs, etc.) I would love to hear from you.

A growing membership is always of concern to an organization and KOS is no different. I encourage each of you to recruit a new member this year. Among our friends who are birders or are just becoming interested in birds, are potential members of KOS. Invite them to join. One way to sustain their interest in birds is to show them that there are organizations beyond local bird clubs that are interested in their bird observations. We have a newsletter that can keep them informed on what is being seen in Kansas and gives them a place to tell others what they are seeing. Some consideration of establishing a birding hotline is underway. It would facilitate exchange of information about unusual sightings around the state. The Bulletin may stimulate them to undertake more serious observations. We have outstanding meetings to increase their enjoyment of bird watching. It's easy to sell the benefits of KOS and everytime I have a captive audience of students (children or adults) I tell them how to join.

# Kansas Ornithological Society



## KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY 1984 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The KOS will hold its annual spring meeting at the United Methodist Horizon Center near Arkansas City on May 4-6. This meeting is unusual for KOS in that it will start on Friday evening and end on Sunday after lunch. Field trips will be held on Saturday and Sunday both.

Horizon Center is situated on a high bluff overlooking the Arkansas River near its confluence with the Walnut River and Grouse Creek. The area is covered with oak woodland on top and riparian habitat along the river. Accommodations are dormitory or family room style. A bed is provided but you must bring your own sheets, blankets and pillow (and of course a towel and soap). The staff cooks the meals and all of us will eat in the dining hall unless you have other arrangements. If you prefer a tent or camper, there is an area for you also. We ask that you check with the management prior to your setup for assignment to a camping area. There are no electrical hookups.

The field trips are being coordinated by Donald Vannoy. Areas of Grouse Creek, the Walnut River, the Baird Ranch heronery, Chaplin Nature Center, Slate Creek Salt Marsh, Southwestern College Banding Station and other areas will be visited on both days. There should be ample opportunity in the two days to visit most areas. Final field trip itineraries will be available at the Center upon arrival.

Friday evening will feature Gerald Wiens from Chaplin Nature Center with a multimedia slide show. On Saturday evening, Bob Gress will present another slide show. Bob was featured recently with one of his pictures on the front of American Birds. Both people are excellent photographers and the shows should be outstanding.

ADVANCE PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. The Center needs to know how many persons are going to attend the meeting so they can prepare for us. We ask that you have your registration and payment in by April 25. You must pay registration and then may select any combination of meals and lodging. WE ASK YOUR COOPERATION IN PROMPTLY SENDING US YOUR REGISTRATION.

For more information call: Max C. Thompson, 316-221-4150 ext. 304 during the day for 316-221-1856 in the evening. If he is not in, leave your name and number with a secretary or answering machine and the call will be returned as quickly as possible.

MAKE PLANS NOW FOR AN EXCITING DIFFERENT TYPE OF WEEKEND!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PROGRAM

FRIDAY MAY 4

Registration  
Buffet Supper  
Program "Gerald Wiens"

5:00-9:00 PM  
6:30-8:00 PM  
8:00-10:00 PM

SATURDAY MAY 5

Early Birding  
Breakfast  
Field Trips  
Lunch  
Field Trips  
Dinner  
Program "Bob Gress"

6:00-8:00 AM  
8:00  
9:00-11:45 AM  
12:00  
1:00-5:00 PM  
5:30 PM  
8:00 PM

SUNDAY MAY 6

Early Birding  
Breakfast  
Field Trips  
Lunch  
Compilation of bird list

6:00 AM  
8:00 AM  
9:00 AM  
12:00  
1:15 PM

PLEASE BE PROMPT FOR MEALS

Camp Horizon is situated east of Arkansas City just off of US 166. Go four miles east and where the highway turns to go northeast, turn south at the signs and it is approximately 3 1/2 miles to the camp. If you come via the Kansas Turnpike, exit the South Haven exit on US 166 and go east through Arkansas City. US 77 also passes through Arkansas City from the North and intersects US 166. It is not hard to find but if you get lost ASK.

SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATIONS TO:

Max C. Thompson, Business Manager  
Kansas Ornithological Society  
1729 E. 11th St.  
Winfield, KS 67156

Make checks payable to: Kansas Orni. Society.

REGISTRATION

Please return this portion with your registration fee and ENTIRE payment of lodging and meals chosen by April 25. Cancellation and a refund can be made until May 2 except on registration.

FEEES

Registration--\$2.00 per person  
Lodging--\$9.50 per night, per person  
Meals--Breakfast \$2.50 per person  
Lunch 4.00 per person  
Dinner 4.00 per person

Camping Space: Tents, \$4.00 per night  
Trailers and campers \$5.00 per night.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$2.00 No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Meals

Dinner Friday Night \$4.00  
Breakfast Saturday 2.50  
Lunch Saturday 4.00  
Dinner Saturday 4.00

Breakfast Sunday 2.50  
Sunday Lunch 4.00

Lodging:

Friday Night 9.50  
Saturday Night 9.50

Camping:

Friday and Saturday  
(see schedules)

It looks like the spring meeting is shaping up into a great field trip. If the weather cooperates we should see a variety of interesting birds. I hope to see all of you there. May 1984 bring many additions to your life list.

Calvin L. Cink  
President-KOS

KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING  
February 12, 1984  
Marvin Schwilling home, Emporia

Members present: Lewis, Thompson, Seltman, Cink, Burkhart, Gress, Herbert, Platt.  
Non voting: Zimmerman, Fauhl, Finck, Schwilling

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Cal Cink.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gene Lewis reported a balance in all accounts of \$14,083.35.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that the proof for the March issue is being read. He has enough copy for the June issue and some for the September issue.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT: Elmer Finck has sent in the copy for the next issue. Newsletter and Bulletin should be sent out on March 1. A current membership list will be sent out with the Newsletter. A question was raised as to whether the membership list should be sent out to libraries and exchanges since we have turned down requests for the use of the KOS membership list by other organizations. It was suggested that it be included with all Newsletters but that a note be put on it stating that it is intended for the use of the society membership only.

SPRING MEETING: Max Thompson reported that Camp Horizon has been reserved for Friday night, Saturday and Sunday, May 4, 5 & 6. Board and room will be \$20 per day. Camping is also permitted. Birding trips will be run on both Saturday and Sunday. There will be a preliminary announcement in the next Newsletter and reservations will need to be in by early April.

INQUIRY: Max Thompson had received an inquiry from the Connecticut Audubon Society asking about our Bylaws and funding methods. Platt will reply.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: In the absence of the Membership Secretary, a written report was distributed. A total of 318 members had paid dues for 1984 as of February 12.

FALL MEETING 1984: At the Fall 1983 meeting the Board had approved meeting in Kansas City for the Fall Meeting 1984 if a tentative invitation was made firm. Cal Cink reported that the Burroughs Audubon Society was willing to host the meeting but they would also be hosting a Regional Audubon Meeting on the first weekend in October. The Board felt that trying to have a joint meeting would be complicated. It was suggested that it would be better to postpone a Kansas City meeting until 1985. Gene Lewis invited KOS to Topeka for the Fall meeting on the first weekend in October 1984. Max Thompson moved that KOS accept this invitation. The motion was seconded by Jeff Burkhart. The motion was passed.

CONCERNS FROM AMELIA BETTS: Dwight Platt read a letter from Amelia Betts in which she asked that the membership dues schedule be restored to the back page of the Bulletin and that all the officers be asked to write in the Newsletter. John Zimmerman agreed that the dues schedule would be printed on the back page of the

Bulletin. Max Thompson moved that the Newsletter Editor solicit a report from one office (elected and appointed) for the lead-in article for each issue of the Newsletter. The motion was seconded by Cal Cink. The motion was passed.

PROFILES OF MEMBERS: There was discussion on the inclusion of profiles of individual KOS members in the Newsletter. Cal Cink moved that the President solicit profiles from individual KOS members to be printed in the Newsletter. Max Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS UNION MEETING: The American Ornithologists Union is meeting in Lawrence in August and KOS is helping with some of the hosting. Gene Lewis reported that Eulalia is helping to get packets together for field trips and that all materials for these packets need to be submitted by April 1.

KANSAS CHECKLISTS: Max Thompson reported that the supply of Kansas checklists was down to about 3000 (out of a printing of 12,000) and that we would need to reprint it in the near future.

DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES: Dwight Platt pointed out that the new Bylaws require the Corresponding Secretary to keep a listing of the duties of each standing committee as specified by the Board but that no lists of duties had been adopted by the Board. The President will ask committee chairpersons to propose a list of duties for their committees and to submit these for consideration by the Board at the Spring meeting.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Cal Cink requested that the names of members who would be interested in serving on the various committees of the Society be submitted to him.

FINDING BIRDS IN KANSAS: John Zimmerman reported that the University Press of Kansas is interested in publishing a book on finding birds in Kansas and western Missouri and had approached him about writing it. He distributed a tentative outline for criticism and suggestions. He asked whether KOS might be willing to sponsor the book. The Board was positive concerning this project and would be willing to consider sponsorship.

DINGUS NATURAL AREA REPORT: There was no Dingus Natural Area report.

FALCONRY BILL: A falconry bill will probably not be reported out of committee in this legislative session.

RARE BIRD ALERT: Scott Seltman reported that a Kansas Rare Bird Alert would require a separate phone line and the equipment to play a recorded message and to record incoming messages. It would need to be located where someone could update it regularly. Marvin Schwilling indicated that he would be willing to have it located in his house. John Zimmerman moved that Scott Seltman be asked to explore the feasibility of a Kansas Rare Bird Alert seriously and come to the Spring meeting with a recommendation on costs and location. Jeff Burkhart seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dwight R. Platt  
Corr. Secretary  
Kansas Ornithological Society

A CALL FOR INFORMATION

RAPTOR COLLISIONS WITH UTILITY LINES

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Sacramento, in cooperation with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, is assembling all available published and unpublished information concerning collisions of raptors with power lines and other utility lines. Actual case histories -- no matter how circumstantial or fragmentary -- are needed. Please acknowledge that you have such information by writing to Dr. Richard R. (Butch) Olendorff, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825 U.S.A. (Phone (916) 484-4541). A form on which to record your information will then be sent by return mail.

1983 DODGE CITY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Canada Goose	316	Red-breasted Nuthatch	3
Green-winged Teal	1	White-breasted Nuthatch	4
Mallard	117	Brown Creeper	5
Northern Harrier	17	Golden-crowned Kinglet	1
Red-tailed Hawk	8	American Robin	447
Ferruginous Hawk	1	European Starling	1018
Rough-legged Hawk	9	Northern Cardinal	24
Golden Eagle	1	Rufous-sided Towhee	2
American Kestrel	7	American Tree Sparrow	844
Ring-necked Pheasant	65	Field Sparrow	15
Rock Dove	76	Song Sparrow	6
Screech Owl	1	White-crowned Sparrow	17
Great Horned Owl	3	Harris Sparrow	646
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	Dark-eyed Junco	113
Downy Woodpecker	16	Lapland Longspur	946
Hairy Woodpecker	5	Red-winged Blackbird	6
Yellow-shafted Flicker	4	Western Meadowlark	798
Red-shafted Flicker	6	Common Grackle	2
Horned Lark	925	House Finch	63
Blue Jay	5	Pine Siskin	58
Black-billed Magpie	76	American Goldfinch	56
American Crow	37	House Sparrow	894
Black-capped Chickadee	23		

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KOS FIELD TRIPS FOR 1984

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Sunday, April 29 Marais des Cygnes W.M.A. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Trading Post (5 miles north of Pleasanton). Contact Mick McHugh - 913-677-1436.

Saturday, May 12 Douglas County (Baldwin Bird Club Spring Count). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Rice Woodland (2 miles north and 1 mile east of Baldwin). Contact Roger Boyd - 913-594-3172.

Saturday, May 19 Graham and Norton Counties. Contact Scott Seltman - 913-329-4411.

Saturday, July 21 Sedgwick County Egret and Heron Rookery. Meet at 6:00 P.M. at Sunnyside Nursery (6750 S. Broadway) Haysville. Special arrangements can be made for bird blind photography. Contact Steve Kingswood - 316-942-5134.

Saturday and Sunday, September 15 & 16 Morton County. Meet at noon on the 17th at the El Rancho Restaurant in Elkhart. Contact Scott Seltman - 913-329-4411.

Sometime in November Perry Reservoir (in conjunction with a pending Topeka Audubon Society field trip). Contact Gene Lewis - 913-232-1847.

If you are planning to attend any of the above field trips, please let the contact person know so they might have an idea of how much interest there is in each field trip. The field trip committee solicits feedback and/or questions on these trips or potential future trips. Contact Steve Kingswood (316-942-5134) or Scott Seltman (913-329-4411).

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#### OTHER FIELD TRIPS

##### Topeka Audubon Society

Field trips the second Saturday of each month. Meet at the Topeka Zoo parking lot, Gage Park at 7:30 A.M. Some trips are flowers, tree, etc., but birds are always watched. Contact Paul Willis - Field Trip Chairman or Jo Ramberg - President.

##### Wichita Audubon Afield

APRIL 27, 28, 29 CONCAN, TEXAS. Exciting migrants, southern summer residents, western vagrants -- such as Black-capped Vireo, Golden-cheeked Warbler, Green Kingfisher. Planner-leader: Ralph Wiley. Call him 316-838-1063, for plans and reservations.

May 6, Sun. OAK PARK WARBLER WALK. Meet at lily pond, 7:00 a.m. Wild area between 11th and Little Arkansas River. Nationally known birding area. Leader: Don Vannoy, 316-838-4062.

MAY 11, 12, 13 HORIZON WEEK-END. Nature programs and guided field trips. Camping or rooms; meals. Reservations, Mary Wiley, 316-838-1063.

JUNE 3, Sun. FIELD TRIP TO CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at parking lot. Bring sack lunch. Compilation and lunch at noon. Leader: Dan Kilby, 316-943-5136.

JUNE 9, Sat. SPRING WILD FLOWERS AT LAKE AFTON. Meet at 9 a.m. just insider east entrance. A different type of watching! Leader: Bob Gress, 316-838-4130.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FIELD TRIPS CALL DAN KILBY, CHAIRMAN, 316-943-5136.



Northern Flint Hills Audubon Society

April 28-29, 1984 CHEYENNE BOTTOMS FIELD TRIP. Ackert parking lot. Leave at 9:00 a.m. Saturday Return at 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

May 12, 1984 SATURDAY MORNING BIRDING. (to be announced).

May 19, 1984 KONZA WILDFLOWER. (to be announced).

June 16-17, 1984 CHEYENNE BOTTOMS FIELD TRIP. (to be announced).

Kanza Audubon Society in Emporia

Saturday, April 21st. KU Museum of Natural History, Lawrence. Contact Mark Crane (316) 343-3303.

Saturday, May 19th. Burrough's Audubon Nature Conservancy Land, Miami County, Kansas. Contact Mark Crane (316) 343-3303.

Saturday and Sunday, June 2nd and 3rd. Marsh Nesting Birds - Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. Contact Mark Crane (316) 343-3303.

Ornithology Class Field Trips

Kansas State University - Saturday and Sunday April 28 & 29 Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira. Call John Zimmerman (913) 532-6656.

Baker University - Every Thursday, i.e., April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, Vicinity of Baldwin, Cheyenne Bottoms April 28. Contact Calvin Cink (913) 594-6546 after 5 p.m.