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# **Annual Spring Meeting May 3-5, 1985**

**Registration Enclosed**

## OFFICER'S CORNER

With this issue I begin my third year as Newsletter editor. I am looking forward to an exciting year for KOS members. Our spring meeting should be an excellent birding experience. We will meet at the Wildwood Outdoor Education Center near Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Management Area in Linn County on May 3-5 (see details in this issue). Our fall meeting will be hosted by Chuck Ely at Fort Hays State University in October. Scott Seltman has planned various field trips that will take you to some exciting birding spots in the state (see details in this issue). Remember that this is YOUR newsletter and YOUR observations and comments are needed to keep us all excited about birding and birds in the state.

Recently, the Nongame Advisory Council and others associated with the nongame program held a workshop in which the future of the program was discussed. Calvin Cink represents KOS on the advisory council and he would appreciate any comments that you may have about nongame bird issues. Several of our members have done excellent research on avian species with the support of monies from the Nongame program. These research projects have increased our knowledge of birds in the state. Remember one of the best ways for you to become active in the nongame program is to support the program by your contribution to the Chickadee Check-off on your tax form.

KOS is active in some of the recent legislative issues and we hope that as members you express your opinion on these issues to your legislators. The KOS Board adopted a resolution continuing our opposition to a bill that would have legalized falconry in the state. Contact Eulalia Lewis if you desire more information on this issue. The Save the Bottoms campaign is going strong. Two bills, one calling for a resolution in support of a feasibility study on the Bottoms and the other requesting funds for such a study, have been introduced into the house. KOS has issued a position paper in support of the feasibility study on the Cheyenne Bottoms (see this issue). If you want more information about the Bottoms contact either Jan Garton of the Kansas Audubon Council or me.

Again I urge you to send your comments and observations to me.

Elmer J. Finck  
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KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING  
February 9, 1985  
Marvin Schwilling home, Emporia

Members present: Roger Boyd, Elmer Finck, Robert Gress, Jane Hershberger, Gene Lewis, Dan Williamson, Dwight Platt.  
Non voting: John Zimmerman, Marvin Schwilling.

After a delicious lunch served by Mrs. Schwilling, the Board meeting was called to order by President Roger Boyd at 12:30 PM.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last Board meeting were approved as distributed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Gene Lewis reported that there were good balances in all the accounts. There is almost \$3900 in the Dingus Natural Area Fund and more than \$800 in the Amelia Betts Fund.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Jane Hershberger reported that there were 221 memberships paid so far for 1985. This compares with a total of 384 memberships paid in 1984. More memberships will come in when reminders are sent in March.

There are 57 fully paid life members, including 7 completed this year. We have no more life membership pins but Gene Lewis is having 50 of them made.

A new membership brochure has been printed. Jane distributed copies to Board members and asked that they be used to get new members.

Jane wrote a news article about the Annual Meeting and distributed it to all the daily newspapers and some of the weeklies in the state.

**BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT:** John Zimmerman reported that the March Bulletin is ready to go to the printer. The Winfield Daily Courier is again doing our printing. Their prices are reasonable and their service is good.

John reported that he had major articles for the June and September issues. He is still looking for memorial articles on Ivan Boyd, Amelia Betts and Grace Holcomb.

John reported that the bird-finding book for Kansas is making progress. Sebastian Patti will work with him on it. They have prepared some sample accounts and sent them to the publisher for review.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT:** Elmer Finck reported that he had sufficient copy for newsletters through the summer. After being approached by a representative of the North American Falconry Association, he agreed to publish both pro and con articles on the falconry bill being introduced into the Kansas Legislature. However when the article by the falconry proponent was submitted he found it unsatisfactory to use.

**CHECKLISTS:** Roger Boyd reported that Max Thompson had gotten a bid for a new printing of the checklist - 12,000 for less than \$400.

**SPRING MEETING:** The Spring Meeting will be held on May 3, 4 & 5 at Camp Wildwood north of La Cygne. Marvin Schwilling will finalize arrangements with the camp. He will arrange for a late supper on Friday, 3 meals on Saturday and 2 meals on Sunday. It was decided that Friday evening would be a social evening with a program on Saturday evening. Roger Boyd will contact Joe Schaeffer to present a program on the Nongame Wildlife Improvement Program on Saturday evening. The details will need to be worked out and sent to Elmer Finck so that they can be sent out with the March newsletter.

**FALL MEETING:** Roger Boyd reported that the Fall Meeting in 1985 would be held in Hays.

**MEETINGS CALENDAR:** Roger Boyd asked whether Board members were satisfied with having the Annual Meeting for papers in the Fall and a field trip in the Spring. Some concern was raised about the difficulty of getting papers for the Fall Meeting. However Board members feel that this arrangement is very good.

**CHEYENNE BOTTOMS POSITION PAPER:** A technical task force with representatives from a number of organizations, including KOS, has been formed to get a bill written for introduction into the Kansas Legislature that would provide for a study of the

problems at Cheyenne Bottoms. Elmer Finck, the KOS representative, reported that each organization has been asked to write a position paper that will be used in committee hearings. He has written a position paper for KOS stressing the educational uses of Cheyenne Bottoms and he will circulate it to Board members for their suggestions.

It was suggested that Brian Herrington might be a good expert to provide testimony. He has written a report on shorebirds that shows that the Cheyenne Bottoms is the most used shorebird area in the nation.

**NATURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AREAS PROGRAM:** Marvin Schwilling reported that a meeting had been held in Lawrence to talk about activating the Natural and Scientific Areas Program under the lead of the Kansas Biological Survey.

**NONGAME WILDLIFE WORKSHOP:** Marvin Schwilling reported that a nongame wildlife workshop will be held in Emporia on March 2. It will primarily be a meeting of the Kansas Nongame Wildlife Advisory Council and its committee members to review the program and decide on directions for the future. However the public is also invited.

**OFFICIAL RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Marvin Schwilling reported that the committee had met on December 3 to evaluate new county records that had been submitted. There were many new records considered and most of them were approved. The approved records have been given to the Newsletter Editor for printing.

Persons who see unusual birds should send Unusual Bird Report Forms to Marvin. Marvin can supply bird lists for a county.

**FALCONRY BILL:** HB 2141, a bill to legalize falconry in Kansas, has been introduced in the Kansas Legislature. Elmer Finck supplied copies of the bill and also supplied the names of the Subcommittee on Natural Resources of the House Committee on Energy and Natural Resources which will consider the bill. The Board discussed the KOS position on this bill. Eulalia Lewis has been contacting legislators about the bill. Elmer will include material in the Newsletter to alert KOS members about the bill. Elmer Finck moved that KOS continue its opposition to legalized falconry in Kansas and oppose HB 2141. The motion was seconded by Jane Hershberger. The motion passed.

The Secretary was asked to send a copy of this motion to members of the Subcommittee on Natural Resources.

**FALL MEETING IN 1986:** Roger Boyd announced that the Fall Meeting in 1986 will probably be in the Kansas City area.

**SPRING MEETING IN 1986:** The Board discussed sites for the Spring Meeting in 1986. It was felt that meeting at a camp was most satisfactory. It was decided to explore the possibility of meeting at Camp Aldrich and visiting Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira NWR. Marvin Schwilling will explore the possibility with the camp for the first weekend in May.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt, Corr. Sec.  
Kansas Ornithological Society

## KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY POSITION PAPER ON THE CHEYENNE BOTTOMS

The Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS) is a state-wide organization of approximately 400 ornithologists. KOS has a diverse make-up from the professional ornithologists at private and state colleges and universities to backyard birders, bird banders, and bird enthusiasts. Some of our members are avid hunters, while others are strong anti-hunters. The diversity of our organization is phenomenal. Our common bond is the desire to enjoy birds from those of us who like to understand the biology of birds to those of us who just love to see and count birds.

Our interest in Cheyenne Bottoms reflects this diversity. We believe that the people of Kansas should explore ways to determine the feasibility of saving this precious wetlands. Our members are at the Bottoms often. Some of us take classes to the Bottoms to have a rich and rewarding educational experience. Nowhere else in the state can one see such a diversity of bird species in such a small area and observe the birds so close-up that positive identification can be made by even the slowest of students. On any given spring or autumn day 85-110 bird species can be seen in and around the Bottoms. The educational value of the Bottoms is valuable to us even beyond the classroom. It serves as an excellent review for those of us who have been birding for a long time.

We are concerned that the Bottoms may be viewed as just another place to hunt or go birding. It is much more than that to us. The Bottoms is a major staging area for migrating birds of all kinds that use the Central Flyway, especially shorebirds and waterfowl. Many rare and unusual sightings of birds in Kansas take place at the Bottoms. Cheyenne Bottoms is certainly one of the ten most important birding spots in the state, as well as an important hunting spot; but it is much more than that.

Ornithologists throughout the Central Flyway realize the importance of Cheyenne Bottoms as a major resting stop for migrating birds. John Janovy Jr. in his book Yellowlegs devotes two chapters to Kansas, one to the plains of Kansas and the other to the Bottoms. He speaks of the Bottoms as a one day flight from the Great Salt Plains in Oklahoma, another staging area for migrating birds. He writes "Migratory animals always headed for the Bottoms, just as they have always headed for the few other major staging areas along a prairie route to a place called South America." Thus, the Bottoms has international significance for migrating birds. It is the responsibility of the people of Kansas to save this important wetlands.

Many of the rewards of visiting the Bottoms are not easy to measure. What price can you place on the excitement of a boy scout seeing and identifying an American Avocet for the first time; or the thrill of an avid birder who sees the Greater Yellowlegs? The serenity and euphoria that one feels after a visit to the Bottoms is not measurable, but it is widespread from the professional ornithologist, the backyard birder, the student, and to the hunter. It's important to the well-being of many species of birds and to many people that the Cheyenne Bottoms be preserved. It is such an asset to our state. Let us tell present and future generations of Kansans that we care about them. The Kansas Ornithological Society urges you to fund a feasibility study to find out what our options are to preserve this essential wetland, we call the Bottoms.

Elmer J. Finck, Vice-President  
Kansas Ornithological Society

## OBSERVATIONS ON CANADA GEESE

On 1 June, I observed a pair of Canada Geese (lessers) and their four goslings at the disposal ponds that are on the north side of the road, 1 mile west of the entrance fee booth at Clinton State Park. The rangers at the park told me that the goose had laid five eggs in a grassy strip between two sewage disposal ponds, 1/2 mile east of the ponds where I observed the geese. Those mowing had attempted not to disturb the nest. The geese had walked with the goslings, along a bike path, to the ponds where I observed them.

Kenneth Highfill  
Lawrence, Kansas

## FIRST COUNTY RECORDS/FALL 1983

Little Blue Heron	white immature at Cedar Bluff	9-07-83	Trego
White-faced Ibis	1 immature	9-11-83	Morton
Mississippi Kite	(3)	8-26-83	Scott
Forster's Tern		9-11-83	Morton
Bank Swallow	(1)	9-07-83	Pawnee
Varied Thrush	roadkill specimen	10-29-83	Barton
Philadelphia Vireo		9-10-83	Stafford
Laughing Gull	2 immature	8-20-83	Stafford

## FALL SIGHTINGS/FALL 1983

Olivaceous Cormorant	(2) one seen on 9-10 at close range	9-03-83	Barton
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	roadkill - 2nd record	9-04-83	Pawnee
White-faced Ibis	group of 90-100	9-10-83	Stafford
Goshawk	another bird 10-24	10-17-83	Pawnee
Swainson's Hawk	flock following tractor at Pawnee Rock	10-02-83	Barton
Rough-legged Hawk	fall arrival	10-14-83	Rush
Golden Eagle	adult fall arrival	10-28-83	Pawnee
Prairie Falcon	very early fall arrival	8-24-83	Rush
Merlin	fall arrival	10-12-83	Pawnee
Greater Prairie Chicken	roadkill specimen	10-13-83	Norton
Sandhill Crane	40 fall arrivals	10-12-83	Rush
Snowy Plover	adult with 3 chicks	8-15-83	Barton
Black-bellied Plover	10+	8-20-83	Stafford
Black-necked Stilt	3	8-09-83	Barton
	30+	8-20-83	Stafford
Bonaparte's Gull	(1)	8-15-83	Barton
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		10-15-83	Barton
Olive-sided Flycatcher	(2)	9-10-83	Stafford
Eastern Bluebird	spotted juveniles abundant	Sept.	Pawnee
Sprague's Pipit	(1)	10-18-83	Rush
Tree Sparrow	fall arrivals	10-16-83	Pawnee
Harris Sparrow	fall arrivals	10-27-83	Pawnee

Scott Seltman  
Nekoma, Kansas

## FIRST COUNTY RECORDS/FALL 1984

Common Loon	2	11-10-84	Trego
Eared Grebe	10+	11-10-84	Trego
Greater Scaup	several	11-10-84	Trego
Red-breasted Merganser	one female along U.S. 50	11-03-84	Reno
Osprey	one migrating overhead	10-16-84	Rush
Ground Dove	photographed	10-06-84	Edwards
Barn Owl		10-20-84	Edwards
Northern Shrike	one seen on CBC	12-24-84	Scott
Snow Bunting	one with Horned Larks	12-27-84	Rush
Red Crossbill	5+ at ranger station	11-23-84	Morton
	2 in Greensburg	12-19-84	Kiowa

## UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTINGS/FALL 1984

Western Grebe	4 dark phase	11-10-84	Trego
Common Goldeneye	hundreds	11-10-84	Trego
Bufflehead	50	11-10-84	Trego
Hooded Merganser	3	11-10-84	Trego
Common Merganser	10	11-10-84	Trego
Northern Goshawk	adult	10-21-84	Rush
Swainson's Hawk	an adult with a cloudy right eye; this is the latest Swainson's I have seen	10-23-84	Rush
Golden Eagle	immature	11-23-84	Morton
	adult	12-07-84	Pawnee
Prairie Falcon	7	Sept.	W. Kan.
	10	Oct.	W. Kan.
	15	Nov.	W. Kan.
	14	Dec.	W. Kan.
Eastern Screech Owl	2	11-23-84	Morton
Long-eared Owl	2	11-23-84	Morton
Eastern Phoebe	late migrant	10-16-84	Rush
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	100+	10-06-84	Barber
Violet-green Swallow	5+ at Cheyenne Bottoms	9-25-84	Barton
Mountain Bluebird	2	10-10-84	Norton
	18	10-14-84	Pawnee
	1	10-20-84	Morton
Curve-billed Thrasher	3 in Elkhart	11-23-84	Morton
Sprague's Pipit		9-21-84	Rush
Northern Shrike	immature	11-08-84	Rush
	immature	11-10-84	Trego
	adult	11-11-84	Pawnee
	adult	11-21-84	Pawnee
Fox Sparrow		11-21-84	Pawnee
"White-winged" Junco		11-23-84	Morton
Purple Finch	1	12-01-84	Ellis
Red Crossbill	40+	11-10-84	Ellis
	200+	12-01-84	Ellis
Evening Grosbeak	9 at a south Hays feeder	12-13-84	Ellis

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Nekoma, Kansas

## NEW COUNTY RECORDS

<u>Species</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Observer</u>
Long-eared Owl	Ford	11/23/83	Marvin Schwilling
Whooping Crane	Edwards	11/22/83	Jim Kellenberger
Lapland Longspur	Edwards	11/22/83	Marvin Schwilling
Marsh Wren	Sheridan	11/4/83	Tom Cannon
Connecticut Warbler	Jefferson	5/23/82	Dan La Shelle
Red Knot	Jefferson	10/10/82	Dan La Shelle
Trumpeter Swan	Cheyenne	---	Harold Burgess
Upland Sandpiper	Kiowa	8/13/83	Ken Brunson
House Finch	Sedgwick	12/23/83	Daniel Kilby and Mr. & Mrs. Frey
Greater Scaup	Coffey	3/15/80	Lloyd Moore
Philadelphia Vireo	Russell	9/26/81	Jim & Jean Piland
Red-breasted Merganser	Clay	4/11/70	Bill Layher
Red-breasted Merganser	Sheridan	3/10/83	Steve Schmidt
Greater Scaup	Morton	3/28/83	Paul Lehman
Greater Scaup	Jefferson	1/1/82	E. R. Lewis
Pine Warbler	Geary	4/11/76	E. R. Lewis
White-winged Dove	Hodgeman	10/2/83	Christopher Hobbs
Golden-crowned Sparrow	Cowley	2/15&17/83	James Barnes
Chihuahuan Raven	Edwards	8/15/81	Barbara Watkins
Chihuahuan Raven	Lincoln	3/28/82	Jim & Jean Piland
Western Tanager	Shawnee	5/5/78	Francis Grisell
Black Vulture	Elk	9/21/80	Steve Capel
Rufous Hummingbird	Sheridan	6/9/80	Barb Pratt
Worm-eating Warbler	Sheridan	4/22/80	Barb Pratt
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Sheridan	4/8/74	Barb Pratt
Greater Scaup	Sheridan	4/8/83	Barb Pratt
Glaucous Gull	Riley	2/10/83	Dave Rintoul
Glaucous Gull	Pottawatomie	2/10/83	Dave Rintoul
House Finch	Logan	4/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Pied-billed Grebe	Wallace	4/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Pied-billed Grebe	Gove	4/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Warbling Vireo	Harper	6/11/84	Steve Capel
Burrowing Owl	Harper	6/11/84	Steve Capel
Double-crested Cormorant	Meade	11/3/83	Scott Seltman
American Bittern	Pawnee	4/17/84	Scott Seltman
Little Blue Heron	Trego	9/7/83	Scott Seltman
Little Blue Heron	Rush	5/21/84	Scott Seltman
Bonaparte's Gull	Rush	4/21/84	Scott Seltman
Ring-billed Gull	Ness	4/21/84	Scott Seltman
Forster's Tern	Morton	9/11/83	Scott Seltman
Black-billed Cuckoo	Cloud	6/18/83	Scott Seltman
Mississippi Kite	Scott	8/26/83	Scott Seltman
Common Barn Owl	Gray	1/1/84	Scott Seltman
Eastern Screech Owl	Pawnee	1/4/84	Scott Seltman
Cassin's Kingbird	Greeley	5/2/84	Scott Seltman
Bank Swallow	Pawnee	9/7/83	Scott Seltman
Brown Creeper	Ness	1/7/84	Scott Seltman
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Rush	11/6/83	Scott Seltman
Swainson's Thrush	Meade	11/5/83	Scott Seltman



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Hermit Thrush	Rush	11/6/83	Scott Seltman
Varied Thrush	Barton	10/29/83	Scott Seltman
Northern Shrike	Rush	1/26/84	Scott Seltman
Philadelphia Vireo	Stafford	9/10/83	Scott Seltman
Whooping Crane	Gray	10/20/83	Joe Kramer
Black-throated Blue Warbler	Russell	10/11-14/83	Jim & Jean Piland
Sora	Osborne	10/7/83	Jim & Jean Piland
Surf Scoter	Marion	10/22/83	Lloyd Moore
Whooping Crane	Kiowa	10/30/83	James Smith
Green-tailed Towhee	Sheridan	5/8/82	Steve Schmidt & Barb Pratt
Brewer's Blackbird	Sheridan	5/8/82	Schmidt & Pratt
Northern Oriole (Bullocks)	Sheridan	5/8/82	Schmidt & Pratt
Orange-crowned Warbler	Sheridan	5/8/82	Schmidt & Pratt
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubons)	Sheridan	5/8/82	Schmidt & Pratt
Eastern Phoebe	Sheridan	5/8/82	Schmidt & Pratt
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sheridan	5/8/82	Schmidt & Pratt
Black-crowned Night Heron	Sheridan	5/8/82	Schmidt & Pratt
Double-crested Cormorant	Sheridan	5/8/82	Schmidt & Pratt
Greater Scaup	Sheridan	5/9/80	Schmidt & Pratt
Lapland Longspur	Morris	11/17/83	Marvin Schwilling
Pied-billed Grebe	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Greater White-fronted Goose	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
American Black Duck	Mitchell	---	Kenny Tompkins
Ring-necked Duck	Mitchell	Hunter's Bag	Kenny Tompkins
Hooded Merganser	Mitchell	Hunter's Bag	Kenny Tompkins
Osprey	Mitchell	October 1983	Kenny Tompkins
Cooper's Hawk	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Ferruginous Hawk	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Rough-legged Hawk	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Eastern Screech Owl	Mitchell	---	Kenny Tompkins
Eastern Screech Owl	Lyon	Christmas Counts	Marvin Schwilling
Eastern Screech Owl	Chase	---	Marvin Schwilling
Eastern Screech Owl	Linn	---	Marvin Schwilling
Burrowing Owl	Mitchell	---	Kenny Tompkins
Northern Flicker (Red Shafted)	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Tufted Titmouse	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Brown Creeper	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Sprague's Pupit	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Field Sparrow	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Song Sparrow	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
White-throated Sparrow	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
White-crowned Sparrow	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Lapland Longspur	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Horned Grebe	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Eared Grebe	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Virginia Rail	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Bonaparte's Gull	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Herring Gull	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Marsh Wren	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling

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Rufous-sided Towhee	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Swamp Sparrow	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Rusty Blackbird	Mitchell	11/16/83	Marvin Schwilling
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Ottawa	11/17/83	Marvin Schwilling
Marsh Wren	Ottawa	11/17/83	Marvin Schwilling
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Ottawa	11/17/83	Marvin Schwilling
Swamp Sparrow	Ottawa	11/17/83	Marvin Schwilling
Evening Grosbeak	Ottawa	11/17/83	Marvin Schwilling
Lapland Longspur	Ottawa	11/17/83	Marvin Schwilling
Rusty Blackbird	Ottawa	11/17/83	Marvin Schwilling
Audubons Warbler	Pawnee	5/20/84	Scott Seltman
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Pawnee	4/27/84	Scott Seltman
Townsend's Warbler	Rush	4/27/84	Scott Seltman
Rufous-sided Towhee	Norton	4/26/84	Scott Seltman
Fox Sparrow	Rush	11/6/83	Scott Seltman
Great-tailed Grackle	Scott	5/2/84	Scott Seltman
Great-tailed Grackle	Rush	5/16/84	Scott Seltman
Purple Finch	Scott	1/7/84	Scott Seltman
House Finch	Lane	1/7/84	Scott Seltman
House Finch	Pawnee	4/9/84	Scott Seltman
Sabine's Gull	Morton	5/26/84	Scott Seltman
Wild Turkey	Lyon	6/24/84	Brian Todd
American Woodcock	Pratt	10/--/81	Ron Spomer
Whip-poor-will	Pratt	7/--/83	Brian Todd
Rufous-sided Towhee	Kiowa	5/3/84	Bob Wood/Bill Layher
White-crowned Sparrow	Kiowa	5/3/84	Bob Wood/Bill Layher
Willet	Comanche	5/3/84	Bob Wood/Bill Layher
Pectoral Sandpiper	Comanche	5/3/84	Bob Wood/Bill Layher
Tree Swallow	Comanche	5/3/84	Bob Wood/Bill Layher
Barred Owl	Atchison	8/28/84	Marvin Schwilling
Barred Owl	Doniphan	8/28/84	Marvin Schwilling
Barred Owl	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Red-shouldered Hawk	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Mallard	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Blue-winged Teal	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Northern Shoveler	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Gadwall	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Pintail	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Franklin Gull	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Ring-billed Gull	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Hairy Woodpecker	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Tree Swallow	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Bank Swallow	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Tennessee Warbler	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Yellow-rumped Warbler/Myrtle	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Wilson's Warbler	Labette	9/4/84	Marvin Schwilling
Barred Owl	Doniphan	8/28/84	Marvin Schwilling

Marvin Schwilling  
Emporia, Kansas

## KOS FIELD TRIPS 1985

There are so many areas of the state worth visiting that it is difficult to decide where to start. The Field Trip Committee needs more input from members concerning possible trips. If there is a particular area that you would like to visit or if there are certain species that you would like to look for, please drop me a note containing your ideas.

Because of the Spring Meeting being held at Marais de Cygne I have not scheduled any additional trips in eastern Kansas for spring migrants. If the weather cooperates, most birders should be able to find a fantastic assortment of warblers and waterbirds on the first weekend of May in Linn County. Most of the breeding birds of eastern Kansas should be present by that time.

The fall schedule is still open. I would like to arrange field trips to eastern Kansas lakes in October and November to look for scoters, swans, and rare gulls. Also, I am willing to lead a September field trip to Morton County if there are enough requests.

Not all of the 1984 KOS Field Trips were well attended. But although the numbers of participants were often small we found some great birds. Whether you are a novice looking for your first Robin or an expert looking for a first state record I hope you will consider coming along in 1985.

Meeting times and places for two of the following trips have not been determined. Call me for details.

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April 27 - Saturday/Cedar Bluff-Castle Rock-Monument Rocks-Scott Lake

We will be looking for rare waterfowl, migrating raptors, shorebirds, flycatchers, western warblers, and sparrows. This area is beautiful in April and in this barren region every treebelt and watercourse is a migrant trap. We will be driving on some very poor roads. Call for meeting place and time. 913-329-4411

May 18 and 19 - Sat. and Sun./Barber, Comanche, Clark, and Meade Counties

This area is seldom visited by most Kansas birders but has some of the more exciting possibilities. We will be going to some of those privately owned hot-spots to look for Painted Buntings, Roadrunners, and Migrating Warblers. Vermilion Flycatchers are regularly seen in this area and the legendary Black-capped Vireo nested here at one time. Wildflowers should be near their peak in the Gyp Hills. Call for details. 913-329-4411

June 8 - Saturday/Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira

Meet at the Cheyenne Bottoms headquarters at 8:00 AM. We will bird until 1:00, break for lunch, and then head to Quivira to look for species we missed. Plan to stay late and listen for Black Rails. Be sure to bring your supper, plenty

of drinking water, and mosquito repellent. White-faced Ibis, Snowy Plover, Black-necked Stilt, Least Tern, and Bobolink should all be present. We will try to minimize disturbance of nesting birds.

Labor Day Weekend - August 31, September 1 & 2/Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira

Birders who have never been to The Bottoms in late summer will be surprised at the numbers of birds that are present. Thirty species of shorebirds should be in the area along with many waterfowl and early passerine migrants. You can bird for one day or all three. Details of meeting times and places will be in the summer Newsletter.

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March 24 - Sunday/Great Salt Plains

Oklahoma's answer to Cheyenne Bottoms. Meet at ranger headquarters at 9:30 AM. Location north and west of Jet, Oklahoma off U.S. 64. Bring lunch. Leader: Dan Kilby, 943-5136.

April 27 - Saturday/Harvey County Park West

Meet at Ranger House at 7:30 AM. Bring lunch. Go west out of Newton on U.S. 50 three miles past Halstead. Look for Harvey County West sign and go three miles north. Leader: Jay Newton, Newton, 283-7769.

May 4 - Saturday/Oak Park Warbler Walk

Meet at lily pond at 7:00 AM. Wild area between 11th and Little Arkansas River. Nationally known birding area. Leader: Don Vannoy, 838-4062.

May 10-11-12/Camp Horizon Weekend

Nature programs and guided field trips. Camping or rooms; meals. Reservations: Mary Wiley, 838-1063.

May 18 - Saturday/Cheyenne Bottoms

Meet at headquarters at 9:30 AM. Turn east at sign north of Great Bend on U.S. 281. Bring lunch for all-day stay. Leader: Ralph Wiley, 838-1063.

June 2 - Sunday/Birds of Chaplin Center

Meet at 7:00 AM at CNC parking lot. Bring sack lunch. Compilation and lunch at noon. Leader: Mike Lesan, 524-6332.

June 8 - Saturday/Spring Wildflowers at Lake Afton

Meet at 9:00 AM just inside east entrance. Leader: Bob Gress, 838-4130

July 6-9/Colorado High Plains and Rocky Mountains

Leaders: Dan Kilby and Ralph Wiley

## KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY 1985 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

The KOS will hold its annual spring meeting at the Wildwood Outdoor Education Center, near the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Management Area in Linn County on May 3-5. Following the precedent set last year the meeting will start on Friday evening and end on Sunday after lunch. Field trips will be held on both Saturday and Sunday.

Wildwood Outdoor Education Center is located at the north end of the LaCygne Power Lake a short distance east off Highway U.S. 69 near the Linn-Miami County Line. Turn east on a gravel road past the Bell Telephone relay tower to their large sign and gate that leads south into the camp.

Wildwood overlooks the upper end of the lake. Habitats in and around the camp are varied and should be an excellent birding area. Accommodations are dormitory or family room style. A bed is provided but you must bring your own sheets, blankets and pillow as well as soap and towel. The staff cooks the meals and all of us will eat in the dining hall unless you have other arrangements. If you bring your camper there is limited space for about five units. Check with the management for assigned parking area. There are no electrical hookups. Tent camping space is not available so tent campers may want to use the Linn Co. Park just south of Wildwood along the west side of the lake. Campers who prefer electrical hookups may also want to use this park.

The field trips are being coordinated by Mel Cooksie, Mick McHugh, and Lloyd Moore. They will include trips to the nearby Marais des Cygne Wildlife Management Area as well as LaCygne Power Lake. Final field trip itineraries will be available at Wildwood upon arrival.

Friday evening is left open as a social evening at Wildwood. On Saturday evening, Joe Schaefer will present a slide/talk show concerning the Kansas Urban Wildlife program.

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 26. You must pay registration (the \$11 includes a \$10 fee that covers complete use of the Wildwood Camp facility, boating, fishing, hiking, tennis courts, meeting areas, etc.) and then may select any combination of meals and lodging. We ask your cooperation in promptly sending us your registration.

For more information or clarification, call Marvin Schwillig, 316-342-0658 during weekdays or 316-342-1985 after 5:00 or on weekends.

Make plans now for an exciting super warbler and marsh bird weekend.