

K.O.S. FALL FIELD TRIP TO CHEYENNE BOTTOMS

The K.O.S. Fall Field Trip again will be to Cheyenne Bottoms Waterfowl Management Area in central Kansas, near Great Bend.

Date of Meeting: September 6 & 7, 1975

Meeting Grounds: Meet at the Cheyenne Bottoms W.M.A. Headquarters Building (5mi. north and 2 mi. east of Great Bend).

Time of Assembly: Saturday, September 6 at 6:00 P. M.
Sunday, September 7 at 7:15 A. M. and late comers at 8:00 A.M.

Motels: Highland Manor Motel, 30017 10th St., Ph. 792-2431
Holiday Inn Motel, 5220 10th St., Ph. 793-8486
Airliner Motel, 4200 10th St., Ph. 793-5448
Sands Motel, 1015 10th St., Ph. 792-4307
Baltzell Motel, 805 E. 10th St., Ph. 792-4395
* the newer and more plush motels are listed first

Cafes and Restaurants: Great Bend and Hoisington have sufficient restaurant facilities; make your own choice.

Saturday and Sunday field trip plans are for the groups to assemble at the prescribed times. Maps of tour routes can be furnished to each car and to tour leaders on hand. All COFFEE BREAK hounds should return to the headquarters at 10:00 A. M., Sunday morning for coffee and doughnuts. Here you can regroup and return to the field to locate what others saw and you missed

Final assembly will be at the headquarters at 1:30 P. M., Sunday to compile the final list.

If there is interest in a wooded-stream habitat trip a section of the Arkansas River and Wet Walnut Creek is part of the area and a field trip leader can be provided.

Your arrangements committee has arranged an informal get together to be in the Brit Spaugh Park's educational building at the north edge of Great Bend. The educational building is about a half block south of the swimming pool near the north entrance which^{1/2} across from the Dairy Queen on U. S. Highway 281. Meeting to be at 8:00 P. M., Saturday, September 6. We will have a Carousel slide projector set up and encourage anyone with slides to show to bring them. Hope that Jo Garrett will bring her yellow rail slides taken last year.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Rare Bird Hotline: I have had quite a bit of response on the suggestion for a rare bird hotline. It seems, after discussing it with a number of persons, that it would be better to organize it on a local level but coordinate it on a state level. Any local group can organize a telephone network to let persons know of "good" birds seen in the local area. If you would like to receive collect calls when "good" birds are seen in neighboring communities, please send me the following information:

1. Telephone number to be called.
2. Time of day when calling would be convenient.
3. Region from which you would be interested in receiving calls (for example, within 50 miles of your community)
4. Any guidelines on what type of birds you would like to be notified of.

This information will then be published as a supplement to the Newsletter

Natural Areas: A resolution was passed at the Annual Meeting encouraging local and state governments to set aside some areas of land that they own as small natural areas or maintain them for wildlife habitat. There is a state program to develop a system of natural and scientific areas. However it is probably up to you as a member to encourage your local government units to consider this type of land use. Are there some small pieces of land in your area that should be maintained for these uses? Maybe there is a roadside where prairie wildflowers could be protected. Or a small area of waste land that is a good birding area. What can you do to protect them?

Dingus Natural Area: KOS has now signed a lease with Nature Conservancy for the Dingus Natural Area, a beautiful woodland area near Mound City. A management committee will soon be developing guidelines for its management and use. You will be hearing more about it and I hope you will be able to visit this beautiful spot in the near future.

Membership: The Membership Committee has worked hard and been particularly effective this year. As of April 26, 71 new members had joined KOS this year and 371 members had paid up for 1975, 3 more than all of 1974. We have persons on the Membership Committee responsible for membership activities in all regions of the State except the northwest region. I have not been able to find anyone willing to push KOS membership in the northwest. So you people out there at Hays, get together and let me know who would be willing to coordinate membership activity in your area.

Thanks to all of you who have given time and effort to help KOS this past year. I look forward to similar cooperation this next year so that we can make KOS better serve bird study and bird conservation activities in the State.

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