

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Only 80 K.O.S. members had paid 1976 dues by November 4. This is almost 40 less than the same time last year, when more than 200 were delinquent when dues were due on January 1. (Total membership for 1975 was 423 as of September 30).

Reminder cards are expensive for the Society and very time consuming for the membership secretary. So please hunt up the dues envelope that came with the September Bulletin and mail it at once. Or, find any old envelope and mail it and your check to Eugene R. Lewis, 1285 MacVicar, Topeka, Kansas 66604. DUE IT NOW. Amelia Betts.

HIGH NATIONAL COUNTS

Kansas had six of the highest counts on the National Christmas Bird Count last year according to "American Birds" for April 1975. Quivira had the most White-fronted Geese with 1650; Manhattan tied with Morrow Bay, Calif. with 7 Merlins; Manhattan had the most Brown Creepers with 110 and the most Tree Sparrows with 7206; Great Bend had the most Red-winged Blackbirds with 9,000,000; and Udall had the most Harris Sparrows with 2107.

In case you were a compiler and found out that the National Count called Harlan's Hawk, Oregon Junco and Red-shafted Flicker "races" and the Blue Goose a "form", you will be further confused to find that the last K.O.S. Check List calls them all "forms."

BIRD LIST SPRING FIELD TRIP

3-4 May 1975, Junction City-Rock Springs

Eared Grebe	Upland Plover	Eastern Phoebe
Pied-billed Grebe	Spotted Sandpiper	Least Flycatcher
Great Blue Heron	Wilson's Phalarope	Eastern Wood Pewee
Green Heron	Ring-billed Gull	Horned Lark
Mallard	Franklin's Gull	Tree Swallow
Gadwall	Forster's Tern	Bank Swallow
Blue-winged Teal	Black Tern	Rough-winged Swallow
Shoveler	Rock Dove	Barn Swallow
Wood Duck	Mourning Dove	Cliff Swallow
Redhead	Great Horned Owl	Purple Martin
Ruddy Duck	Barred Owl	Blue Jay
Turkey Vulture	Poor-will	Common Crow
Cooper's Hawk	Common Nighthawk	Black-capped Chickadee
Red-tailed Hawk	Chimney Swift	Tufted Titmouse
(Harlan's Hawk)	Belted Kingfisher	White-breasted Nuthatch
Rough-legged Hawk	Yellow-shafted Flicker	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Marsh Hawk	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Brown Creeper
Sparrow Hawk	Red-headed Woodpecker	House Wren
Greater Prairie Chicken	Hairy Woodpecker	Bewick's Wren
Bobwhite	Downy Woodpecker	Carolina Wren
Ring-necked Pheasant	Eastern Kingbird	Mockingbird
American Coot	Western Kingbird	Brown Thrasher
Killdeer	Great Crested Flycatcher	Catbird

Robin	Blackpoll Warbler	Dickcissel
Swainson's Thrush	Yellowthroat	American Goldfinch
Eastern Bluebird	American Redstart	Rufous-sided Towhee
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	House Sparrow	Grasshopper Sparrow
Loggerhead Shrike	Eastern Meadowlark	Henslow's Sparrow
Starling	Western Meadowlark	Vesper Sparrow
Yellow-throated Vireo	Red-wing	Lark Sparrow
Red-eyed Vireo	Orchard Oriole	Tree Sparrow
Warbling Vireo	Baltimore Oriole	Chipping Sparrow
Black-and-White Warbler	Common Grackle	Clay-colored Sparrow
*Blue-winged Warbler	Brown-headed Cowbird	Field Sparrow
Tennessee Warbler	Summer Tanager	Harris' Sparrow
Orange-crowned Warbler	Cardinal	White-crowned Sparrow
Nashville Warbler	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	White-throated Sparrow
Parula Warbler	Indigo Bunting	Fox Sparrow
Yellow Warbler	Painted Bunting	Lincoln's Sparrow
Myrtle Warbler		Song Sparrow

* - first time on an official list.

NOTES FROM MEMBERS

Baldwin: - Although I have spent almost as much time netting and trapping birds this fall, the results have been much less than last fall. From September 1 to mid-November, I banded 20 species and 143 individuals last year and only 13 species and 57 individuals this fall.

Myrtle Warblers are down considerably -- 5 against 35 in 1974; as are Ruby-crowned Kinglets -- 5 against 27. The one Canada Warbler caught this November almost offsets the 2 Nashvilles caught last year. No new titmouse has shown up but the old ones repeat very often. The only increases are Dark-eyed Juncos (by 5) and White-breasted Nuthatches (by 4). I had 19 Cedar Waxwings in 1974 but none this fall.

However the year so far has been better -- over 110 more than all 1974. Katharine B. Kelly.

Baldwin: - We don't have much to report. On Sunday November 9 several local birders (Kelly, Betts, Boyds) located a scoter (we assume American Scoter) on Douglas Co. State Lake. A Common Loon was there also. Birding has been rather poor around here this fall.

We have activated our "hot line" system among Baldwin Bird Club members. This has been our policy for many years. Ivan L. Boyd.

Junction City: - An Old Squaw duck was shot by hunters at Milford Lake. Two of us saw a White-winged Scoter and a Western Grebe on the state lake. The scoter flew by us and its identification marks were readily visible -- white wing "flaps" next to the all-dark body. A Western Grebe had also been reported from Milford Lake during the Summer. Bob LaShelle.

Southeast Kansas: - In mid-September Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were still at feeders after nidification period. Around feeders flight is slow, almost lazy-like. They hand in mid-air gracefully moving up and down especially if approached by another hummingbird. We found three nests in 1975--we usually find around 10. They migrate according to weather and this year were gone by September 21. Our latest record in October 6.

At the bird bath we observed: adult and young Catbirds, adult and young Robins, Tufted Titmice, Black-capped Chickadees, House Sparrows and Baltimore Orioles. Also singing or calling were Carolina Wren, Blue Jay, White-breasted Nuthatch, Mourning

Dove and Yellow-billed Cuckoo. Wood Pewee and Chipping Sparrows are in the yard; House Wrens and young have finally left the yard. On July 12 I saw a female Chipping Sparrow feeding two young cowbirds. She had none of her own. We eliminated one and eased her constant search for food.

On a mid-September motor trip we saw: 1 immature Little Blue Heron, 1 Great Blue Heron, 1 American Bittern, 2 Killdeer and a few ducks on the water. On the river Wild Clematis entwines itself around weeds and tree limbs making white streamers and bridal veils that sway in the breeze. Pink and white blossoms of Rose Mallows outline the shoreline of the sloughs and the Yellow Lotus Lily cast a yellow glow on the backwater.

Other sightings were: Pileated Woodpecker (1 in yard, September 24); Summer Tanager (October 8 & 9); Scissor-tail (1 male, October 9). On October 19 in a field north of Lowell were large flocks of Killdeers, Rock Doves and unidentified ducks. On November 5 we saw a few local birds and 2 Pied-billed Grebes. Migration is slow due to warm weather. On November 5 we went to three different places on the river and found no signs of migration not even a Slate-colored Junco. Mrs. W. H. Qualls.

Lyon County and vicinity: A Ring-necked Pheasant with young was observed by J. C. McKinney in mid-summer. Virginia Rails were seen at McKinney Marsh several times with Mr. McKinney reporting an adult on July 4 and an immature on 11th; also two nests of Least Bitterns fledged at the marsh. Nest boxes put out by Jake Miller and Tom Hutton were used by wild bees rather than by Wood Ducks (females were in the marsh on July 11). A Least Sandpiper was seen in the county on July 4 and immature Bewick's Wrens were in the Schulenberg's yard on August 23.

Fall reports from the county include: Common Loon (2 on October 28); Black-crowned Night Heron (1 on November 5); American Bittern (singles on Oct. 18 and Nov. 5, Leann Foster). Wood Ducks were staging in good numbers during October and into November. Two Canvasbacks were seen on Oct. 28. Sharp-shinned Hawks (singles) were seen on September 25 and October 27; Cooper's Hawks on Oct. 25 and 26 (Ed Schulenberg) and an immature Broad-winged Hawk in September (Anne Hutton). Ed Schulenberg saw 2 Prairie Falcons in Chase County and Larry Herbert saw two in Waubensee on same day.

Marsh and Shorebirds were scarce due to dry conditions: Virginia Rail (stayed through October 29, Anne Hutton); Sora (1 on September 22, Larry Herbert); American Woodcock at Ross Nat. Hist. Reservation; Greater Yellowlegs (November 1); Long-billed Dowitcher (last seen November 8, LH); Caspian Tern (2 on September 22 for first county record, LH). Anne Hutton saw a female Lark Bunting in Chase Co. in August.

A Ruby-throated Hummingbird on October 24 (A. Hutton) was late. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers (Dorothy Laird) and Brown Creepers were numerous in November. Other sightings include: Red-breasted Nuthatch (Oct. 24, J.S. & A.H.), Winter Wren (Nov. 11), Short-billed Marsh Wren (Sept. 15, Barbara Johnson & J.S.), Purple Finch (Nov. 5, AH); Pine Siskin (Nov. 3, AH; Nov. 5, JS); LeConte's Sparrow (Oct. 19 through Nov. 4); Swamp Sparrow (good numbers); Lapland Longspur (first flocks on Oct. 31).

There was a good migration of fall sparrows but birds appeared to be moving in and out quickly. Some warblers in early September, then nothing much but yellow-rumped. Good habitat for most species except waterfowl. Very dry warm windy weather. The week end of Oct. 27 brought a mild frontal system and a big movement of waterfowl mainly diving ducks and Mallards. Jean Schulenberg.

OLD CHECK LISTS

If you like the smaller size of the older check lists (for filing purposes, etc.) you may still get some from me. I have found about 200 of the second edition and about 20 of the first. The price of both printings was 3¢ each but please send postage too (with the envelope 2 weigh one ounce; 5 weigh 2 ounces). These lists were at home or in the car and were not damaged by the fire at the store. If you want just a few send stamps as payment--the Society can always use them.
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BIRD LIST FALL FIELD TRIP

6-7 September 1975, Cheyenne Bottoms

Pied-billed Grebe	Lesser Yellowlegs	Horned Lark
White Pelican	Knot	Tree Swallow
Double-crested Cormorant	Pectoral Sandpiper	Bank Swallow
Great Blue Heron	White-rumped Sandpiper	Rough-winged Swallow
Green Heron	Baird's Sandpiper	Barn Swallow
Little Blue Heron	Least Sandpiper	Cliff Swallow
Cattle Egret	Short-billed Dowitcher	Blue Jay
Common Egret	Long-billed Dowitcher	Common Crow
Snowy Egret	Stilt Sandpiper	Black-capped Chickadee
Black-crowned Night Heron	Semipalmated Sandpiper	White-breasted Nuthatch
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	Western Sandpiper	House Wren
Least Bittern	Sanderling	Winter Wren
American Bittern	American Avocet	Mockingbird
White-faced Ibis	Black-necked Stilt	Catbird
Canada Goose	Wilson's Phalarope	Brown Thrasher
Mallard	Herring Gull	Robin
Gadwall	Ring-billed Gull	Swainson's Thrush
Pintail	Franklin's Gull	Loggerhead Shrike
Green-winged Teal	Sabine Gull	Starling
Blue-winged Teal	Forster's Tern	Bell's Vireo
American Wigeon	Least Tern	Red-eyed Vireo
Shoveler	Caspian Tern	Warbling Vireo
Wood Duck	Black Tern	Yellow Warbler
Redhead	Rock Dove	Yellowthroat
Mississippi Kite	Mourning Dove	Wilson's Warbler
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Roadrunner	American Redstart
Cooper's Hawk	Barn Owl	House Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	Screech Owl	Bobolink
Swainson's Hawk	Great Horned Owl	Eastern Meadowlark
Marsh Hawk	Common Nighthawk	Western Meadowlark
Sparrow Hawk	Chimney Swift	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Ring-necked Pheasant	Belted Kingfisher	Red-wing
Virginia Rail	Yellow-shafted Flicker	Baltimore Oriole
American Coot	Red-shafted Flicker	Brewer's Blackbird
Semipalmated Plover	Red-headed Woodpecker	Great-tailed Grackle
Killdeer	Downy Woodpecker	Common Grackle
Black-billed Plover	Eastern Kingbird	Brown-headed Cowbird
Common Snipe	Western Kingbird	Cardinal
Upland Plover	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Indigo Bunting
Spotted Sandpiper	Great Crested Flycatcher	Dickcissel
Solitary Sandpiper	Empidonax sp.	American Goldfinch
Greater Yellowlegs	Eastern Wood Pewee	Lark Bunting
		Lark Sparrow

QUICKIE NOTES

Richard A. Hill reports that hunters at Cheyenne Bottoms brought in a Ross' Goose and White-winged Scoter in November. Eugene Lewis and others saw a flock of Evening Grosbeaks at Topeka on November 8.