

## TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The 1975 annual spring meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society will be held in the Junction City area on May 3 and 4, with headquarters at the Rock Springs State 4-H Center.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m., May 3, in the lobby of Williams Hall at Rock Springs. (You can stay there the night before if you make a reservation.) Three Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast will be served in this hall; note meal times. Paper sessions will be in the conference auditorium, across the parking lot from Williams Hall.

Rock Springs Ranch is located at the end of a 4-mile state highway, K-157. K-157 joins U.S. 77 about eight miles south of the junction of U.S. 77 and I-70. The ranch is 16 miles from Junction City, and 18 miles from Herington(via 77).

Accommodations, meals and arrangements will be somewhat different than usual this time, as Rock Springs is operated as a camp. Housing there will be in men's or women's dormitories (heated if necessary); no couples' housing is available at the ranch. Meals, including the banquet, will not be fancy. The Sunday morning field trips will start later than usual, but pre-dawn trips will be held for those who want to get up early.

The banquet speaker will be Robert W. Regier, professor of art at Bethel College, and a birder and KOS member. His slide-tape show is entitled "Images of the Prairie."

Special field trips are planned. Tom Shane will lead a canoe float trip down Lyons creek, which has been designated one of the three wild or scenic rivers in Kansas. Bring your own canoe and rubber boots for this Sunday morning trip; be expecting to have to carry your canoe over a log jam or two.

A bird-listening hour-- in the dark and abetted by the playing of recorded calls-- will be held both Friday and Saturday nights if the weather is suitable. In the immediate Rock Springs area, there are possibilities of four caprimulgid and four owl species.

Early Sunday morning field trips will be scheduled for all those who want to go, starting at dawn with prairie chicken booming.

Late risers may want to spend the rest of Sunday morning, walking and birding through the ranch; leaders will be available for this trip. There also will be an early walking trip if desired.

Lunch Sunday will be served from 12:00 to 1:00 at the old barn in Rolling Hills park on the south side of Milford lake. A crew of outdoor-cookery experts from the Geary County Fish & Game Association will serve a fish fry. President Carl (Red) Gray will be in charge.

FLASH: Charles and Darleen Ayres of Ottumwa, Iowa, will lead the listening hours. She is president of the IOU, and he has been president three terms. They bird and band often in Kansas.

There will be no charge for the fish fry. However, if you wish, you may make a donation to the association's fund to send boys and girls to the Environmental Camp at Rock Springs this summer. The game association has sent at least two youths to this camp every summer since the camp was started. See reservation form.

There are no hook-ups for campers or trailers at Rock Springs. However, a limited few may be allowed. The campground at Geary state fishing lake, four miles away on U.S. 77, also is available. If you are planning to bring your camper or trailer, please make a special note of it on your reservation form.

For those who do not want to camp at Rock Springs, the following motels are available in Junction City. The newer and plusher ones are listed first. The first group is located in the south part of town along I-70, 16 miles from the ranch. The second group is east of town along I-70, 18 miles from the ranch. The mailing address for all of these is: Junction City, Kansas 66441.

Travelodge, 1024 S. Washington	913 762 2727
Ramada Inn, 1133 S. Washington	238 1141
Ed's Motel, 820 S. Washington	238 4341
Rambler Motel, 608 S. Washington	238 4668

Hilton Inn, 1001 E. Sixth(halfway between)	238 8101
Plaza Inn (Best Western), E. Hwy 40	238 5147
Jayhawk III (Best Western), E. Hwy 40	238 5188
Park Terrace, E. Hwy 40	238 4181
Dreamland Motel, E. Hwy 40	238 1108

Remember to bring your best slides for the birdwatchers' hour Saturday after lunch. Celia White will be in charge and will have some of her African and Australian trips to show.

Before the meeting, a reception and buffet will be hosted by the Junction City group of KOS members, at the residence of Captain and Mrs. Steve Hickok, 523 West Elm, in Junction City. This will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2. The Hickok home is in the southwest part of town, a few blocks from the first group of motels listed above. All KOS members are invited.

Please note carefully the housing and meal arrangements at Rock Springs. Meal times are:

breakfast	7:30 a.m.
lunch	12:00 noon
supper	6:00 p.m.

You may bring your own bedding(\$4 per person per night), or Rock Springs will supply the bedding(\$6.50 per person per night). Either way, soap and towels are not supplied, so bring your own.

Please return your pre-registration form immediately, as reservations have to be made early, April 22, at Rock Springs. Housing, meals and space will not be available for you at the ranch, unless you pre-register. Send it, and make checks payable to:

Bob LaShelle KOS  
105 West 4th  
Junction City, Kansas 66441

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SNOWY OWL INVASION

I am collecting all the data I can on the unprecedented invasion of snowy owls in Kansas this last winter. I will present a summary to KOS, possibly at the spring meeting, and to Bird Populations Institute. BPI put out some publicity to the news media, which resulted in reports of about 25 sightings from non-birders. I also have some reports from the game commission personnel.

What are wanted are sightings, food if observed, encounters with other raptors, disposition of dead or injured birds, and any other incidents. If you have reports like these, why don't you send them with your pre-registration form for the spring meeting?

Bob LaShelle  
(address below)

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM, KOS SPRING MEETING, MAY 3 & 4, 1975,  
JUNCTION CITY

names

addresses

Registration, \$1.50 per person (\$1 goes to Rock Springs) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

HOUSING at Rock Springs

Friday night @\$6.50 \_\_\_\_\_ Own bedding @\$4.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday night @\$6.50 \_\_\_\_\_ Own bedding @\$4.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MEALS at Rock Springs

Saturday breakfast @\$1.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday lunch @\$2.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday banquet @\$2.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday breakfast @\$1.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION (optional) to Geary County Fish & Game Ass'n \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
To send youths to Environmental Camp

SUNDAY lunch, fish fry (no charge) persons \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONS REGISTERING \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL TRIPS: Friday night listening hour \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday night listening hour \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunday morning prairie chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
Canoe float trip \_\_\_\_\_

RECEPTION, FRIDAY NIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Bob LaShelle, 105 West 4th, Junction City, Kansas 66441