

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation from the Iowa Ornithologists' Union

Gene Lewis received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Ayres, Jr. The Ayres' are KOS members who reside in Ottumwa, Iowa. Expressing their regrets at not being able to attend the spring meeting this year they went on to write:

"We have thoroughly enjoyed getting acquainted with the Kansas birders since joining the KOS. How we would love having some of you come to our Iowa Meetings! This spring the annual meeting will be held in Davenport on May 15-16. We get fantastic birding along the Mississippi. Pete Petersen and his wife will be in charge of arrangements. Why don't you drum up a carload of birders and try us out? We'd roll out the red carpet. Honest!"

In addition to the gracious invitation they commented upon the birding in their area:

"Iowa seems to have had a good invasion year for Evening Grosbeaks and Pine Siskins. Purple Finches are down though. We have banded 26 Evening Grosbeaks so far and hope to get a few more as time goes on. Our Ottumwa group of eight birders who were participating in the Christmas census at Lake Rathbun had a "once in a lifetime" sighting. An Ivory Gull!! Absolutely no mistaking the distinctive immature plumage at one hundred feet distance with a spotoscope. What a day that was!"

If more information is desired on the Iowa meeting their address is: Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Ayres, Jr., 922 N. Green Street, Ottumwa, Iowa, 52501.

Ohio Member says "Hello"

Amelia Betts was the recipient of a letter from a former KOS board member who now writes a weekly column ("Outdoor Panorama") for "The Bluffton News". Mr. Roy W. Henry of 218 S. Jackson, Bluffton, Ohio, 45817 reminisced about the good birding the "gang from the Newton-Halstead area" used to have.

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Lyon, Coffey and Osage County Bird Notes
 Winter Season; December-1, 1975 to March 30, 1976

<u>Species</u>	<u>Observations:</u>	<u>Observers:</u>	<u>County</u>
Bald Eagle	All winter at Flint Hills Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge. (10 adult, 6 immature on 2/28) (21 adult, 6 immature on 2/15) Present on 3/2	Larry Herbert Dorothy Laird Mike Long Ed Schulenberg	Coffey
Cooper's Hawk	1, slightly injured, banded 1/23 and released. 1 on 3/2	Bob Gress Randy Clark Jean Schulenberg D.L.	Lyon Coffey
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1 on 3/28	J.S. E.S.	Lyon
Prairie Falcon	1 on 1/23, 1 on 2/1		Lyon
Saw-Whet Owl	1 on 1/24, observed daily until 3/18 or 19. Gone on 3/21	Bob Gress Dennis Ronse Gerald Weins R.C.	Lyon
Screech Owl	many wintered at Ross Res.	R.C. & B.G.	Lyon
Long-eared Owl	Up to 7 present all winter	R.C. & B.G.	Lyon
Short-eared Owl	Individuals all winter 12 on 2/29 12 on 3/7	J.S. D.R. J.S. & E.S.	Lyon Coffey Coffey
Sandhill Crane	1 on 2/13	B.G.	Lyon
Great Blue Heron	1/4 and 1/6	John Breukelman	Lyon
Hooded Merganser	1 female on 3/30	J.S.	Lyon
Red-breasted Merganser	1 pair on 3/7, with common Mergansers	J.S., et. al.	Coffey
Eared Grebe	First sightings on 3/2	D.L.	Coffey
Canvasback	10 on 2/17	L.H.	Lyon
Glaucous Gull	1 on 2/1	J.S., et.al.	Coffey
American Golden Plover	First sightings on 2/29, 1 on 3/37 1 on 3/21 25 to 30 on a burn, 3/28	J.S. & E.S. E.S.	Coffey Osage Coffey
American Woodcock	1 on 2/29 1 on 3/12 (captured in a rabbit trap)	B.G. B.G. & R.C.	Coffey Lyon
Pileated Woodpecker	1 on 1/4, observed 2 miles east of the usual area	L.H.	Lyon

Red-headed Woodpecker	Throughout the winter		Lyon
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Throughout the winter	D.L.	Lyon
Loggerhead Shrike	First observed on 1/12 Captured and banded on 2/4 Bird had plainly barred breast and bi-colored lower mandible.	J.S.	Lyon
Dickcissel	1 on 12/8, at a feeder	J.S.	Lyon
Common Redpoll	Observed for several weeks	Ed Ryan Helen Ryan	Lyon
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2 on 1/4		Lyon
Bewick's Wren	First observed on 3/7		Lyon
Eastern Bluebird	Observed throughout the winter		Lyon
Orange-crowned Warbler	1 on 12/31	J.B.	Lyon
Fox Sparrows	First observed on 2/29 and again on 3/7		Coffey Lyon
Mourning Dove	One pair observed building nest on 2/12	D.L.	Lyon

Jean Schulenberg

Notes from "The Little Bird"

The albino Turkey Vulture discovered or found in Miami County in poor condition was taken to the Swope Park Zoo Hospital. I have not had a report on its condition or where the bird is at this time. A full account of the episode was recently published in "The Miami Republican", January 29, 1976.

Sandhill Cranes are being used as foster parents for Whooping Cranes. In the past Whoopers have never been known as good reproducers. Only two eggs are normally laid in each nest but usually only one chick survives. Removal of one of the eggs may actually increase the number of naturally surviving chicks. The Whooping Crane population has risen to at least eighty-three birds, sixty of which are in the wild.

M. Concannon

The annual meeting will be held at Southwestern College on May 1-2.
The sequence of events is as follows:

April 30

7:00 - ? Early arrivals get-together at Max C. Thompson's, 1704 E. 9th.

May 1

8:00 - 9:00 Registration, Darbeth Hall, Southwestern College. Doughnuts and coffee available in President's Gallery.

9:00 - 11:30 Paper session.

11:30 - 12:00 Business meeting.

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch. Tri-D is reserved in the Student Union for members. The Cafeteria will be open for members.

College bird collection will be open for members during the noon hour and by arrangement with Max Thompson at other times. The college greenhouses will be open all day if you want to look at flowers.

1:00 - 2:00 Birding Hour. Members are invited to bring slides, etc.

Board Meeting in Kibbe Conference Room.

2:00 - 4:00 Second paper session.

4:00 - 5:00 Business meeting

5:30 - 6:30 Social Hour, Tri-D, Student Center

6:30 Banquet

8:00 Featured Speaker: Dr. Thomas Mastin, Cleveland, Ohio, will show a film on Kenya. The film will show birds and animals observed on the January 1976 Southwestern College trip to W. Kenya.

9:00 - Night trip for Caprimulgids and owls.

May 2

Field trips start at 7-7:30 depending on the trip. A real early trip will be departing for the Greater Prairie Chicken booming ground (time to be announced). Other field trips: Winfield City Lake and surrounding woods; Southwestern College banding station on Arkansas River; Salt Marsh south of Oxford for shorebirds (providing it rains as the marsh is now dry); Wichita Audubon Society Chaplin Nature Center; prairie trip near Udall for Sprague's Pipit.

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch catered by Kentucky Fried Chicken.

1:00 List compilation.

Southwestern College is in northeast Winfield. If you come in on K-15/77 from the north, turn left on 5th Street to College, turn left to Warren and follow signs. Coming from south, turn right on 9th Street to College, turn left and follow signs. You can always find the campus by looking for the tall TV tower. It is on campus.

The camping spots are on US-160 (W. 9th) just at the north end of the fairgrounds; and at Island Park (north Winfield) in the area to the east of the lagoon, not in the park itself. Restrooms are available at both spots.

Send Jean Schulenberg, R. R. 1, Admire, Ks. 66830, your topic for the paper session. She has only enough papers to fill the morning schedule.

REGISTRATION SHEET

Name _____

Address _____

Please make accommodations for me at _____

No. of Persons _____, Arrival Time: _____

Departure: _____.

You may pay in advance or at the registration desk.

Registration Fee:	\$.75
Banquet	3.50
Sunday Lunch	1.50
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