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KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY -- Spring Field Trip 1980

The K. O. S. Spring Field Trip will be held for the first time in Cherokee County in extreme southeastern Kansas. This is true Ozarkian country; hopefully some bird species will be seen which would not normally be recorded in other parts of the state.

Dates of the meeting: Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4, 1980. The hours for the official species count extends from noon Saturday through the final assembly at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Meeting place: Schermerhorn Park, about one mile south of Galena, Kansas, on Route 26. The park is operated by the City of Galena; it is about 10 miles northeast of Baxter Springs, Kansas, and about the same distance west of Joplin, MO. We will use the shelter house along Shoal Creek, just inside the park entrance. Miami, OK is about 25 miles to the southwest, and Pittsburg, KS lies about 30 miles to the northwest.

Time of assembly: Saturday, May 3, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A group will go out at about 8:00 for owls, caprimulgids....  
Sunday, May 4. Two groups will be organized as follows.  
6:00 a.m., shortly before sunrise.  
8:00 a.m., for late comers.

Saturday and Sunday trip plans are for the groups to leave Schermerhorn Park at the times listed above. Maps of approximate tour routes will be available. Those wanting a break during Sunday morning can come back at about 10:00 for coffee and donuts; this will allow time to go out if desired to locate those elusive species.

Final assembly/species compilation will be at the park at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

There will also be a special trip just across the line in Missouri to observe a large colony of Great Blue Herons; the birds and nests are easily seen from a nearby hill -- bring spotting scopes. This trip will leave the park at 10:30 a.m.

Accommodations: In the vicinity are many motels of varying prices and qualities; there should be no difficulty in finding lodging even without advance reservations, but it is wise to plan ahead, i.e., if you want to stay in any of the motels listed below, advance reservations are suggested. All accept VISA and MasterCard.

Motels (rates include tax)

In Baxter Springs (15 minutes from Schermerhorn Park)

	Phone	One person	Two persons
Capistrano Motel 2210 Military Ave. Baxter Springs, KS 66713	316-856-2348	\$13.39	\$16.48

In Joplin (15-20 minutes from Schermerhorn Park) -- ZIP Code for all: 64801.

Quality Inn 2600 Range Line Rd.	417-624-7400	\$19.78	\$26.03
Budget Inn 3535 Range Line Rd.	417-624-7700	\$20.70	\$26.95
Sheraton Motor Inn 3600 Range Line Rd.	417-624-8400	\$23.94	\$27.07
Howard Johnson Motor 3500 Range Line Rd.	417-624-0100	\$26.03	\$30.30
Ramada Inn 3320 Range Line Rd.	417-781-0500	\$29.16	\$31.24
Holiday Inn (Holidome) I-44 & 71 Hsy	417-782-1000	\$30.72	\$34.88

NOTE: Range Line Rd. is Highway 71, running north-south through the east edge of Joplin. To reach Schermerhorn Park, take I-44 westward for about seven miles, then exit at Baxter Springs-Galena Exit; the park entrance is about five miles northward, immediately past the bridge over Shoal Creek. Or go west on Rte. 66 from Joplin to Galena, then south.

Camping: There are several sites at Schermerhorn Park.

Food: There are several 24-hr restaurants on Range Line Rd. (US 71) in Joplin and along I-44.

Local arrangements are being made by J. C. (Chris) Johnson, Jr. and T. M. (Ted) Sperry. Please direct any questions to them at Dept. of Biology, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS 66762 -- phone: 316-231-7000.

MARVIN SCHWILLING REPORTS . . .

Scott and Diane Seltman reported a lark bunting in Rush County on October 7, 1979.

An Inca Dove was observed and photographed 4 miles west and 5.5 miles north of Larned, Kansas (Pawnee Co.) on October 18, 1979 by Scott Seltman.

George Lippert observed 12 Sandhill Cranes 1 mile northwest of Chanute (Neosho Co.), considerably east of their normal range, on November 25, 1979.

A Whistling Swan was seen by Rick Warhurst and Marvin Schwilling on December 4, 1979 at the Marais des Cygnes WMA (Linn Co.).

Marvin Schwilling observed a Goshawk on January 24, 1980 at Cedar Bluff Reservoir in Trego County.

The second annual eagle survey was conducted in Kansas on January 11 and 12, 1980 with 331 Bald Eagles and 33 Golden Eagles recorded across the state.

SOME MORE WINTER NOTES

Short-eared Owl	Pawnee Co.	January 3, 1980
Merlin (2 different birds)	Pawnee Co.	January 4 and 5, 1980
Townsend's Solitaire	Pawnee Co.	throughout January
Brown Thrasher	Pawnee Co.	throughout January
Common Goldeneye	Quivera NWR, Stafford Co.	January 12, 1980
Mockingbird	Pawnee Co.	January 16, 1980
Bald Eagle (6 adult, 3 immatures)	Cheyenne Bottoms	February 3, 1980
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Cheyenne Bottoms	February 3, 1980

Scott Seltman. Nekoma, KS 67559

PARTIALLY ALBINO ? JUNCO

Beginning in late November and then regularly throughout the winter a strikingly different junco has been coming with the slate-colored juncos visiting the ground feeder of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Qualls of Lowell, Kansas (Route 1, Box 304, Baxter Springs, KS 66713). This bird is a junco with a reddish-brown back, a "mouse-grey" belly, and white outer tail feathers. But the most obvious plumage character is a white cap, a white chin and throat extended on each side around the neck, but not completely, and flecks of white on the back and in the wing coverts. The Qualls also note that this bird is more nervous than the other juncos.



HANG TEN  
ON THE  
BIG WARBLER WAVE  
MAY 3-4

WELCOME TO OZARKIAN SOUTHEAST KANSAS

1980 Spring Field Trip  
The Kansas Ornithological Society

May 3-4, 1980  
at  
SCHERMERHORN PARK  
Galena, Cherokee Co., Kansas

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events centered at or leave from Schermerhorn Park

Saturday, May 3

- 6:00-8:00 p.m.--Initial assembly and registration.
- 8:00-p.m.--Local trip for nocturnal species.  
Leader to be announced.

Sunday, May 4

- 6:00 a.m.--Trip #1: south and west; see map.  
General leader: J. C. "Chris" Johnson.
- 8:00 a.m.--Trip #2: north and west; see map.  
General leader: T. M. "Ted" Sperry.
- 10:00 a.m.--Coffee break at the Park.
- 10:30 a.m.--Special trip to Great Blue Heron colony in adjacent Newton Co.,  
Missouri. Bring spotting scopes.  
Leaders: W. H. and Lena Qualls.
- 1:30 p.m.--Final assembly and compilation of species.  
Bring own lunch; coffee/coke will be provided.  
Compiler: Marvin Schwillling

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Schermerhorn Park is administered by the City of Galena; please observe regulations.

The hours for the official species count extends from noon on Saturday through 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

We would like no more than 4 or 5 cars in each caravan; if necessary, trips will be subdivided into groups leaving at staggered times.

Please contribute to the coffee/coke (voluntary) fund.

Special thanks go to Ted Sperry, W. H. and Lena Qualls, Bessie Boso, and Marvin Schwillling for their work in helping to arrange this meeting.

We'll look for you at Baldwin next Fall! Have a safe trip home.

Oct 4,

CHEROKEE COUNTY  
KANSAS

