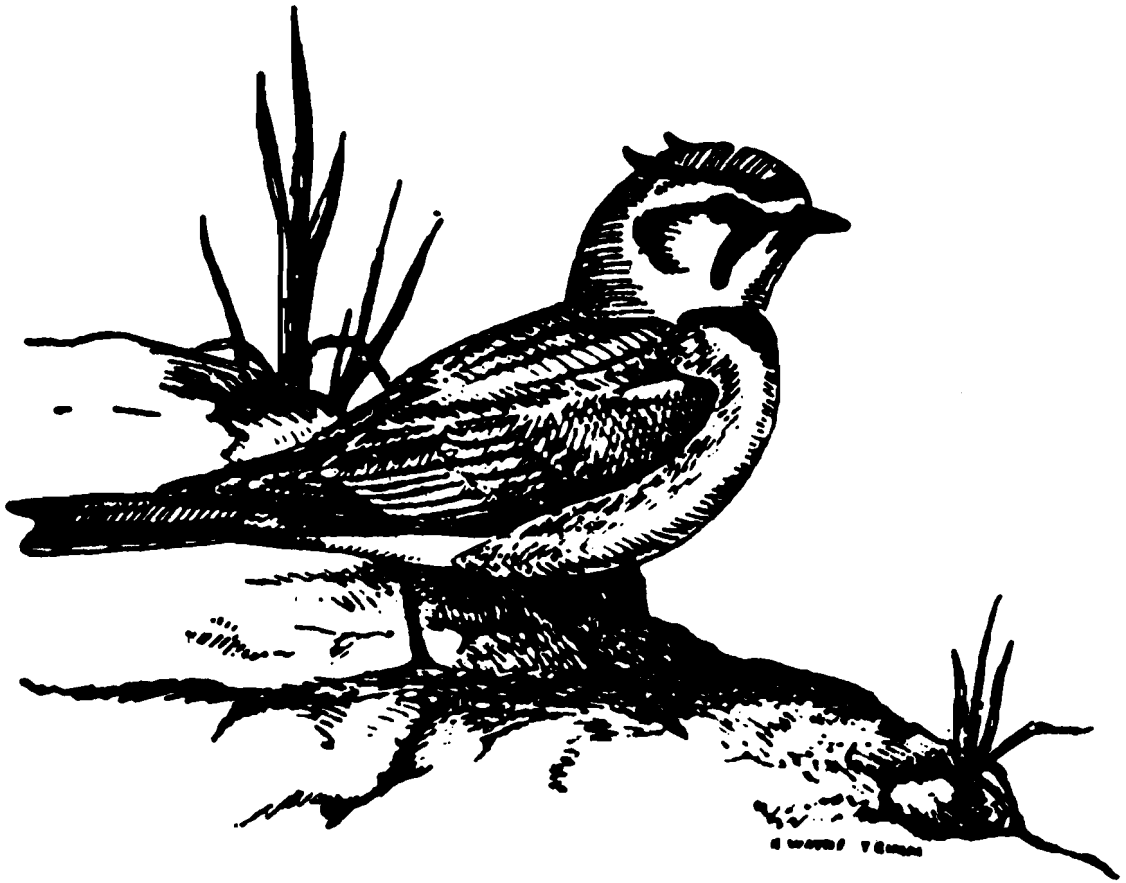


Happy Holidays



From the Conservation Committee Chairman---

After vigorous business and issues sessions at Manhattan, I look forward to hearing from members concerning greater activity in conservation and environmental issues.

In addition, these matters:

1. I need interested committee members and correspondents to tell the story of issues in their part of the state, and to help get the word out on Kansas-wide issues. Examples: destruction of habitat, chemicals, pipelines, reservoir construction, improper mined land reclamation, and environmental impact statement input.

2. About falconry: the issue might be a chance for KOS to issue its first position paper, a combination of likely scientific objections (abuse and destruction of prey animals, goes against threatened and endangered species work) and the way we feel about the abuse of the individual bird and our seeing its essence as a wild bird taken away. I will propose that the position statement begin: "The statewide wild bird organization, the KOS, opposes falconry because of the following reasons _____." "The Kansas Ornithological Society is devoted to protection of free-flying wild birds and integrity of their habitat, etc., etc."

3. I propose drafting a letter of the Nongame Advisory Council encouraging vigorous habitat acquisition and further action to preserve varied habitat throughout the state. What's threatened is habitat---marshes, forests, free-flowing streams, pockets of grasslands. For habitat examples throughout the state which will be disrupted or lost, I think we should encourage a photographic record to be made.

And this-- In addition to printed material (text) about wild birds, habitat protection, and the scientific function of KOS, I would like to see a dramatic, eye-catching bird poster used for educational purposes and to introduce KOS. I would suggest wording such as, "The Statewide Wild Bird Organization, The Kansas Ornithological Society---For Appreciation and Scientific Study of Birds and Habitat Protection."

Finally: I believe that the visibility of KOS and Nongame program in the Kansas City Area could be enhanced by contacting the Johnson County Parks and Recreation District, about some sort of cooperative agreement for nongame nature trails and booklets at their planned and existing parks. Parks under development are Stoll Memorial, Ernie Miller, and Heritage Parks. There may be opportunity to coordinate nature trail use with the District at Shawnee Mission Park.

John LaShelle, Chairman of the
Conservation Committee
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Alma, KS 66401

Recommendations of the Ornithological Committee
Kansas Non-game Wildlife Advisory Council

The committee has identified six areas of interest that should receive additional or initial attention (not in order of priority):

1. Habitat surveys to determine critical areas needing protection and other areas of concern.
2. Species in need of study and conservation.
3. Re-introduction of species formerly nesting in the state but believed to be extirpated by man's activities.
4. Habitat modification projects.
5. Hiring a full-time non-game specialist.
6. Production of colored wall posters depicting endangered species in the state.

We feel that most of these suggested projects are relatively easy to conduct and it is essential to carry out or at least initiate these projects in order to make the non-game program a success both for wildlife and for the publicity needed to increase revenues next year. The following habitats are listed in order of sensitivity within the state and thus in the need of protection:

1. Marshes - survey the original 13 marshes listed by Schoewe (Ks Acad. Sc. 1953 56(2).) in order to determine status of each with the possibility of purchase or leasing for protection.
2. SandSage Prairie - it is essential to identify some areas of sand sage prairie (west-central Kansas, south of Arkansas River) that could be preserved from development either by lease or purchase agreement.
3. Gypsum Hills Area (primarily Barber County) - This area is unique for its avifauna in the state, as well as other non-game species, but has received very little investigation.
4. Eastern border forest - development pressures from housing, industry, and fire wood have drastically increased the need to identify remaining tracts of mature woodlands that are in need of protection.

Critical nesting habitat might be protected as Bird Management Areas during the nesting season.

We feel that it is necessary and valuable to continue current projects that have been initiated or approved, such as:

1. Least Tern population and reproduction studies.
2. Improved habitat for wildlife around retirement homes, etc.
3. Construction of Bald Eagle perching posts around Kansas reservoirs. In some locations a platform might encourage nesting.
4. Survey of pertinent counties to obtain data for the forthcoming "Birds of Kansas."

The following is a list of birds currently identified as the most critical within the state. We have not included species historically considered to be accidental or as rare or irregular migrants.

A. Endangered

1. Bald Eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus
2. Peregrine Falcon, Falco peregrinus
3. Whooping Crane, Grus americana
4. Eskimo Curlew, Numenius borealis

B. Threatened

1. Prairie Falcon, Falco mexicanus
2. Least Tern, Sterna albifrons

C. Species in need of conservation

1. White-faced Ibis, Plegadis chihi
2. Mottled Duck, Anas fulvigula
3. Red-shouldered Hawk, Buteo lineatus
4. Common Gallinule, Gallinula chloropus
5. Snowy Plover, Charadrius alexandrinus
6. Mountain Plover, Charadrius montanus
7. Long-billed Curlew, Numenius americanus
8. Whip-poor-will, Caprimulgus vociferus
9. Tree Swallow, Iridoprocne bicolor
10. Sage Thrasher, Oreoscoptes montanus
11. Black-capped Vireo, Vireo atricapilla
12. Prairie Warbler, Dendroica discolor
13. Bobolink, Dolichonyx oryzivorus
14. Scarlet Tanager, Piranga olivacea
15. Henslow's Sparrow, Ammodramus henslowii

The committee also strongly supports the re-introduction projects of the following species:

1. Peregrine Falcon
2. Mountain Plover
3. Swallow-tailed Kite

Other species may be considered at future meetings.

Due to the unknown status of many of the raptors in the state it is recommended that surveys of these birds be made either by species or region in the next several years. The Whip-poor-will is apparently experiencing population decreases but distribution is not well known. We recommend a census of the Whip-poor-will be done next summer if possible. It may also be helpful to collect data on the size woodland necessary to maintain viable populations of woodland birds.

Two other items appear to be extremely necessary for continued success of non-game projects in the state.

1. Hire a full-time non-game specialist, possibly with an emphasis in urban wildlife.
2. Prepare a full color wall poster depicting endangered species in the state of Kansas.

Both of these should greatly increase the visibility and ability for carrying out the on-going projects and increase support for the chickadee check-off system.

Max Thompson, Chairman
Roger Boyd
Marvin Schwilling
Charles Ely (ex officio)

TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR (10/1/80 - 9/30/81)

No procedural changes from last year. Information used in choosing the "top ten" included the "best birds" reports, plus a search of the bulletin, newsletter, Christmas counts and "unusual bird report cards."

As in the past, consideration was given to previous state records or specimens, geographic location in the state, season of sighting, nesting, etc. and as always personal judgments.

TOP TEN (all are hypothetical except number 1)

1. Tule Goose - observed at Kirwin NWR on 15 December 1980, was a collar marked goose from Cook Inlet west of Kenai, Alaska.

2. Rose-throated Becard - observed on 16 May 1981 by Dan LaShelle and Brad Trimble in open oak woodland, Schermerhorn Park, Cherokee County, bird seen 3-5 minutes perched in dead tree 25 yards distance.
3. Blue Grouse - observed on 25 June 1981 by JoAnn Garrett, Carrie Swink, Florence Lowe, and Lilyan Warner, two birds (a pair) 2 1/2 miles north of Elkhart, Old Forest Service Headquarters, a single bird seen this area by Garrett and Swink on 27 June -- 2 days later.
4. Little Gull - observed on 13 March 1981 by Ed Martinez at Cheyenne Bottoms WMA (Redwing Dike). Black-headed adult plumage.
5. European Wigeon - observed on 21 March 1981 by Nanette Johnson, Mick McHugh, Bob Fisher, Norm McLaughlin, Kelly Hobbs and Marvin Schwilling in the river outlet below the dam at John Redmond Reservoir.
6. Yellow-throated Vireo - observed on 17 June 1981 by Dan LaShelle, 4 miles southeast of Valley Falls, Jefferson County, feeding young - few nesting records.
7. Saw-whet Owl - observed on 21 December 1980 by Jean Schulenberg (Emporia Christmas Count), also seen in Pawnee County.
8. Black Rail - observed on 22 June by Roger Boyd and Don Stout at Quivira NWR.
9. Mottled Duck - observed by Roger Boyd and Don Stout on 22 or 23 June in Pratt or Barber County.
10. Hooded Warbler - observed in May, 1981, by Allen Jahn in McPherson.

HONORABLE MENTION

1. Sharp-tailed Sparrow, 2. Pine Warbler (2 areas), 3. Laughing Gull,
4. Glaucous Gull, 5. Ladder-backed Woodpecker, 6. LeConte Sparrow,
7. Burrowing Owl, 8. Curve-billed Thrasher, 9. Northern Oriole (winter),
10. Blue-winged Teal (late date), 11. Northern Shoveler (late date),
12. Hermit Thrush, 13. Peregrine Falcon, 14. Whooping Crane.

Marvin D. Schwilling

WHY I WANT TO CHANGE "PATRON" MEMBERSHIP TO "SPECIAL PROJECTS" FUND

I suggest the patron membership class because, as a charter member and an officer for many years, I was concerned that KOS has built up no reserve for contingencies nor for special projects. Membership dues have always been just enough to cover expenses--printing and postage mostly. The interest-income from life memberships was to approximate the sustaining rate, with none of the principal to be used while such a member lived.

Toward the patron idea, I gave the treasurer a check to prove I was in earnest. If the by-laws had been debated before adoption (as Roberts' Rules of Order specifies), I would have designated what I meant by "patron." Without such in the by-laws, some members interpret it to mean an endowment to insure that annual dues will be kept reasonable and that the present high-class Bulletin be continued. However, it is not the remote future I am concerned about. I would like to see a good, up-to-date Kansas bird book and some kind of educational help for school teachers and school kids now--or soon thereafter. KOS has many requests for both.

Please do not get the idea that I am rich--the interest I live on (with Social Security) is not enough to require an income tax, usually. But for the first time ever, I am getting interest on my checking account. I have lived without it, so I propose to give it to a good cause and to one that is not continually asking for money. I ask that the stipulation of "\$500 in one lump sum" be changed to any amount, any time, and tax deductible, when the name is changed to "Special Projects Fund."

If any KOS member wishes to continue this Patron membership as an endowment to help KOS in future years, I have no objections. Just offer the treasurer \$500. But I am just selfish enough to want to see something accomplished toward a Kansas bird book and school aids soon.

Amelia J. Betts

NEW COUNTY RECORDS

<u>Species</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Observer</u>
Upland Plover	Osborne	8-4-81	James Ptacek
*Short-billed Dowitcher	Sherman	7-25-81	Dwaune Mitchell
Foresters Tern	Sherman	7-25-81	Dwaune Mitchell
Solitary Vireo	Chase	9-12-81	James Ptacek
Peregrine Falcon	Coffey	10-12-81	Steve Williams
Western Grebe	Chase	10-14-81	Steve Williams

Yellow-throated Vireo	Chase	10-2-81	sight & voice	James Ptacek
Bl-throated Green Warbler	Chase	10-5-81	2 mature 1 imm.	James Ptacek
Caspian Tern	Stafford (Quivira NWR)	4-24-81	1 bird	Marvin Schwilling
Great-tailed Grackle	Ottawa	7/-/81	8 birds	Marvin Schwilling

*seen both long and short billed Dowitchers side by side, also used side plumage pattern to get proper identification

KOS FALL BOARD MEETING
October 2, 1981
Ackert Hall, Kansas State University

Members present: Charles Ely, Gene Lewis, Calvin Cink, Dwight Platt, Effie Edwards, John LaShelle, Bob LaShelle, John Zimmerman, Marvin Schwilling, Ruth Fahl

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Ornithological Society was called to order by President Charles Ely on Friday evening, October 2, 1981. Charles Ely distributed an agenda for the meeting (copy attached).

MINUTES: The minutes of the Spring Board Meeting had been distributed to all Board members. The minutes were approved as distributed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dwight Platt reported on an inventory of society supplies and the need to order some supplies. John Zimmerman moved that Dwight Platt be authorized to order stationery as needed up to a maximum five year's supply. The motion was seconded by Bob LaShelle. The motion passed.

Effie Edwards made a motion to authorize the printing of 10,000 copies of the Kansas Checklist as soon as it is revised. John Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that all arrangements had been made for the meeting and 61 were preregistered.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that the Bulletins have been coming out on time. The December issue is at the printer. Only one short article is on hand for the June issue. Members need to be encouraged to submit manuscripts.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Another Newsletter will go out in October.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: The Membership Secretary could not attend the meeting and no report was available on the membership. Charles Ely reported that he had written to all members who had failed to renew their memberships this last year to find out why they had dropped. So far he has received three replies.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gene Lewis reported that the bank balance was more than \$1,000 higher than at this time last year. This was primarily due to the receipt of \$800 from The Nature Conservancy for the management of Dingus Natural Area and the receipt of a \$500 patron membership. Printing costs for the Bulletin this last year were \$1324 and for the Newsletter \$627.

Gene Lewis reported that there was over \$900 in the Dingus Natural Area fund. He asked whether this fund should be used for administrative expenses such as liability expenses or only for physical maintenance. John Zimmerman moved that the Dingus Natural Area Fund be used only for capital improvements and property acquisition as opposed to administrative costs. The motion was seconded by Dwight Platt. The motion passed.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT: John LaShelle, Chairman of the Conservation Committee has just been appointed. He asked for ideas on the direction this committee should be taking. He reported that a Kansas Register is starting in January to let people know about the activities of agencies and the Legislature. He will get information from this publication on conservation issues into the Newsletter. The Board suggested that the Conservation Committee should concentrate on Kansas issues rather than federal issues.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT: Bob LaShelle reported that he wanted to have a meeting of all Christmas Bird Count leaders during the annual meeting. He will send news releases on the counts to newspapers in all towns with a Christmas Bird Count. He stated that he would like to encourage a Christmas Bird Count in the Great Bend area and would like to find recruits to help with it.

CHECKLIST COMMITTEE REPORT: Marvin Schwilling announced that the committee has been waiting for the AOU name changes in order to complete revision of the list. A new printing of checklists will be made as soon as the revision has been completed.

Marvin Schwilling reported that he felt that the Checklist Committee needed to be expanded into a Records Committee. A Records Committee would maintain records of birds observed in the state and would evaluate additions to or deletions from the Kansas list. Guidelines needed to be established for additions to and deletions from the list. Marvin has obtained copies of the guidelines used by the Colorado Field Ornithologists. No action was taken on this proposal.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Charles Ely reported that he plans to appoint three additional committees: a committee on local field trips, a committee to examine the procedures by which the society gives awards and an education committee to work with teachers and plan educational activities.

COMMITTEE DUTIES: Dwight Platt pointed out that the new Constitution provides for a listing of duties of all standing committees by the Board. He is not aware that these listings have ever been prepared. Charles Ely stated that he will ask committee chairmen to prepare a listing of duties for their committees. These will be submitted to the Board for revision and/or adoption.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Ruth Fauhl reported that many professional organizations are phasing out their exchange programs because of the cost. She asked whether KOS wanted to modify its exchange policy. Journals received on exchange are in the Science Library at Kansas University. They are placed on the shelves with other journals and not all in one place but they are included in the serials list. No action was taken on exchange policy but it was suggested that the Librarian publish a listing of the journals received on exchange in the Newsletter.

MEETINGS: Charles Ely reported that the Spring meeting will be at Cheyenne Bottoms on May 1-2. He has not received a reply to his invitation to the Colorado Field Ornithologists to meet with KOS.

There is a tentative invitation to hold the Fall meeting in Wichita October 1-3, 1982.

BUSINESS MANAGER: A motion passed at the Spring business meeting provided that the question of adoption of a Business Manager by KOS be decided at the Fall meeting. Charles Ely reported that he had contacted the Oklahoma Ornithological Society and found out that their business manager handles all business activities of the organization including all printing and mailing and all legal agreements. It is an elected non-paid position.

Marvin Schwilling moved that the Board recommend to the membership the adoption of a Business Manager as an elected officer and a member of the Board and that a subcommittee be appointed to write the needed Bylaws amendments to be brought to the membership in the Spring. John LaShelle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS: A memorandum from Dwight Platt to the Board of Directors proposing amendments to the KOS Bylaws was considered. Gene Lewis moved that the following amendments to the KOS Bylaws be recommended by the Board for consideration by the membership at the Spring meeting.

Art. II, Sec. 2H -- change to read "Each membership class receives one set of publications."

Art. II, Sec. 3B -- delete and reletter succeeding lines in section 3.

Art. II, Sec. 4E -- change to read "Family regular members: \$10 per year."

Art. II, Sec. 4F -- change to read "Family sustaining members: \$20 per year."

Art. IV, Sec. 2 -- add to the end of this section "Other meetings may be scheduled by the Board of Directors or may be called by the president with 30 days notice to each Board member. Board business may also be conducted by mail or telephone, if necessary, but any such actions must be recorded by the secretary and included in the secretary's report."

- Art. IV, Sec. 3 -- change to read "Quorum: a simple majority of the voting Board members shall constitute a quorum to transact business."
- Art. V, Sec. 2D -- change to read "A slate of officers shall be submitted by the nominating committee which shall have been appointed by the president at least three months prior to the annual meeting."
- Art. V, Sec. 3 -- change to read "A. Appointed positions are: Editor of the Bulletin, Editor of the Newsletter, Librarian, and the Chairman of each of the standing committees on Conservation, Membership, Publicity, and Kansas Check-list.
- "B. The two editors and the Librarian shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the Board for one year terms which shall begin with the annual spring field trip. They may be reappointed at the discretion of the president and Board.
- "C. The chairmen of the standing committees shall be appointed by the president within 60 days of the election and shall serve until the next annual meeting. They may be reappointed.
- "D. These appointees shall be notified of and should attend Board meetings (except executive sessions) but have no voting rights."
- Art. VI, Sec. 2F -- change to read "Appoint, subject to approval by the Board, the Editor of the Bulletin, the Editor of the Newsletter and the Librarian."
- Art. IX, Sec. 2 -- change to read "At any annual business meeting amendments may be made to the Bylaws (with the exception of amendments of Article II, Sec. 4) by a 95% affirmative vote of KOS members present and voting."

The motion was seconded by Cal Cink. The motion passed.

Charles Ely submitted to the Board additional proposed amendments to the Bylaws that had been suggested by Amelia Betts:

- Art. II, Sec. 4K -- delete this section. The Board did not recommend approval of this amendment.
- Art. II, Sec. 4M -- change to read "Principal amounts received from life memberships shall be placed in an endowment fund and invested in securities approved by the Board of Directors, with the interest therefrom used for the current expenses of the Society. Expenditures of the principal may be made after the death of any life member by a majority vote of the Board, with a report of such made at the annual meeting." The Board postponed consideration of the amendment until past Board actions on the use of life membership funds can be researched.
- Art. VII, Sec. 1A -- change to read "Be formed at any institution or locality, having all or a majority of its members as active members of the KOS, upon approval by the KOS Board and upon payment of an annual affiliation fee suggested by that Board and approved by the Society." The Board did not recommend approval of this amendment.

REPORT OF THE NONGAME WILDLIFE PROGRAM: Marvin Schwilling reported that the tax checkoff had brought in approximately \$127,000 for the nongame wildlife program. The Legislature approved the expenditure of almost \$100,000 with restrictions on the amount that can be spent for administrative purposes. A Nongame Wildlife Advisory Council was formed last November and has met seven times.

Increases in the budget of the Kansas Fish and Game Commission are limited by law to 10 per cent per year. If this limitation applies to the funds for the Nongame Wildlife Program, it will make it difficult to spend all of the funds in coming years.

Marvin Schwilling has a poster on endangered and threatened species that will be on display at the meetings tomorrow. Also he will have an issue of the Kansas School Naturalist on endangered species available for distribution.

MEETING GUIDELINES: Dwight Platt distributed a revised set of guidelines for KOS annual meetings. These will be discussed at the winter board meeting.

WINTER BOARD MEETING: The winter board meeting was scheduled for sometime during the Midwest Wildlife Meetings in Wichita, December 6-9, possibly the evening of December 7.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt
Corresponding Secretary
Kansas Ornithological Society

KOS FALL BOARD MEETING

Second Session

October 3, 1981

Kansas State University Union Cafeteria

Members present: Charles Ely, Calvin Cink, Dwight Platt, Eugene Lewis, Roger Boyd, Robert LaShelle, Margaret Boyd, John Zimmerman, Ruth Faulh, Steve Kingswood, Marvin Schwilling, John LaShelle, Effie Edwards, Max Thompson.

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Ornithological Society was called to order at 12:40 p. m.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS: A series of amendments to the KOS Bylaws proposed by Amelia Betts were considered by the Board. John Zimmerman moved that the following substitute wording for Article VII of the KOS Bylaws be recommended by the Board for consideration by the membership at the Spring meeting:

- Sec. 1. A local chapter of the Kansas Ornithological Society may:
- A. be formed at any institution, city, town or other place upon affirmation by the KOS Board that a majority of its members are members in good standing in KOS and that its purpose coincides with that of KOS and upon payment of an annual affiliation fee as determined by the KOS Board and approved by the KOS membership.
 - B. elect its own officers, assess additional dues, and conduct its own meetings.
 - C. be known by a name of its own selection plus the designation: "Chapter of the Kansas Ornithological Society, Inc."
 - D. provide a rallying point for monthly meetings and local field trips.
- Sec. 2. Applications for local chapter designation shall be made to the membership secretary and approved by the KOS Board. The affiliation may be revoked by the KOS Board at any time.

The motion was seconded by Max Thompson. The motion passed.

Gene Lewis moved that the following substitute wording for article IX of the KOS Bylaws be recommended by the Board for consideration by the membership at the Spring meeting:

- Sec. 1. The Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special called meeting of the KOS by a two-third vote of those KOS members present and voting provided such amendments have been submitted to the Board of Directors and notice mailed to each KOS member or published in the Newsletter at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.
- Sec. 2. At any annual business meeting, amendments may be made to the Bylaws by an 85% vote of the KOS members present and voting.

The motion was seconded by Bob LaShelle. The motion did not pass.

Consideration of the other amendments proposed by Amelia Betts was postponed until the Winter Board meeting.

FALCONRY BILL: Charles Ely reported that the falconry bill considered in the last session of the Kansas Legislature is still in committee and will come up again in the spring. Also another more restrictive bill may be written by the Kansas Audubon Council. The Kansas Fish and Game Commission does not endorse or oppose falconry.

KOS passed a resolution in 1977 in opposition to any falconry bill. A discussion followed on the adequacy of this policy. Steve Kingswood moved that the Board recommend to the membership that the Board be empowered to evaluate falconry bills that are proposed, to provide input to the writing of falconry bills and to respond to proposals to legalize falconry in a manner commensurate with the goals of the Society. Cal Cink seconded the motion. The motion passed.

WINTER BOARD MEETING: The KOS Board will next meet on the afternoon of December 6 in Wichita.

OBITUARY FOR CHARTER MEMBERS: Max Thompson pointed out that two charter members, Elizabeth Cole and Helen Chewing, have died and there have been no obituaries printed in the Bulletin.

STATIONERY: Dwight Platt asked if officers and Board members needed both the small and large size stationery. Interest in having both sizes was expressed. Dwight Platt announced that those officers or Board members needing stationery or envelopes should see him or Jane Hershberger tomorrow.

NEW COMMITTEES: Charles Ely announced that he would be appointing three new committees: Local Field Trips chaired by Steve Kingswood, Education and Awards. He asked if there was support for local field trips. It was suggested that he get input from the membership at the afternoon meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt
Corresponding Secretary
Kansas Ornithological Society

KOS ANNUAL FALL MEETING 1981
Little Theatre, Student Union
Kansas State University
Manhattan, Kansas
October 3-4, 1981

The thirty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society was held at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, on October 3-4, 1981.

Saturday, October 3, Morning Session.

John Zimmerman opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. by welcoming those in attendance and introducing Dr. Terry Johnson, Director of the Division of Biology at Kansas State University. Dr. Johnson welcomed KOS on behalf of the university. Charles Ely, President of KOS, responded to this welcome and expressed appreciation for the invitation to KOS to meet in Manhattan.

John Zimmerman made some announcements in regard to local arrangements and then turned the meeting over to Vice-president Cal Cink, who chaired the morning papers session. The morning session consisted of eight papers (see attached program).

A business session was called to order by Charles Ely at 12 noon. He announced that the Board would meet during the lunch hour. He stated that the Board was working on some amendments to the Bylaws that would meet some of the concerns that had been expressed by Amelia Betts in her paper.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Spring 1981 meeting were read and approved.

APPOINTMENTS: Charles Ely appointed Allen Jahn and Steve Fretwell to an Auditing Committee and Martin Brockway and Elmer Finck to a Resolutions Committee.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The report of the Nominating Committee, Donna Cooper (Chmn.), Tom Cannon and Scott Seltman, was made by Charles Ely. The slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee was:

President: Charles Ely (Hays)
Vice-president: Cal Cink (Baldwin)
Corr. Secretary: Dwight Platt (Newton)
Membership Secretary: Jane Hershberger (Newton)
Treasurer: Eugene Lewis (Topeka)
Director: David Seibel (Arkansas City)
Director: Charles Hall (Lebo)

The terms of directors Roger Boyd (Baldwin) and Robert LaShelle (Alma) do not expire. Mrs. Martin Brockway moved that the nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for the proposed slate of officers. The motion was seconded and passed.

The business meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Saturday, October 3, Afternoon Session.

The Bird Watcher's Hour was held from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m.

Charles Ely convened the afternoon business meeting at 1:50 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Eugene Lewis reported that the balance in the KOS checking account was \$921 a year ago and \$743 today. Receipts were approximately \$2700 and disbursements \$2895. The total balance of KOS assets in checking account, certificates of deposit and passbook savings is \$6614.68 (see attached report).

DINGUS NATURAL AREA REPORT: Eugene Lewis reported that KOS now owns the Dingus Natural Area as we have received title from The Nature Conservancy. The Nature Conservancy also sent KOS the money in their Dingus Natural Area management fund.

BULLETIN EDITOR'S REPORT: John Zimmerman reported that the Bulletin had been coming out on time and that the increase in dues had allowed an increase in the size of the Bulletin. The March Bulletin is getting larger each year and it will continue to get larger as new areas do Christmas Bird Counts. There is not enough copy for the June Bulletin and he appealed for members to submit manuscripts.

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT: Allen Jahn reported that the Auditing Committee had found the records of the Treasurer in order.

CHECKLIST COMMITTEE'S REPORT: Marvin Schwilling reported that there were only about 200 copies of the Checklist left. It will be reprinted as soon as the list has been revised. It was suggested that possibly some could be printed with Nongame Wildlife tax checkoff funds and be distributed free for educational purposes.

NEW COMMITTEES: Charles Ely reported that he was appointing three new committees. Steve Kingswood has been appointed chairman of a Local Field Trips Committee. He will implement a program of local field trips around the state, with some planned for beginning birders. A committee will also be appointed to review the process of recognition and awards by KOS. An Education Committee will also be appointed.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: John Brockway moved that the reports of officers and committees be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Martin Brockway. The motion passed.

SPRING MEETING: The Spring Field Trip will be held May 1-2 at Cheyenne Bottoms. This may be a joint meeting with the Colorado Field Ornithologists.

BUSINESS MANAGER: Charles Ely reported a recommendation from the Board of Directors that a Business Manager be adopted by KOS as an elected officer and a member of the Board and that a committee be appointed to write the needed Bylaws changes and bring them to the membership in spring. Amelia Betts moved that the Board recommendation be adopted. The motion was seconded. A question was raised about the propriety of electing a business manager. A straw vote was taken and indicated that opinion was divided on this point. The motion passed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS: Charles Ely reported that a number of amendments to the Bylaws will be submitted to the membership for consideration in the spring.

FALL MEETING: Charles Ely reported that the KOS has tentatively been invited to Wichita for the Fall Meeting, October 2-3, 1982, by Steve Kingswood. If this does not work out the meeting will be held in Winfield.

NONGAME WILDLIFE PROGRAM: Marvin Schwilling reported that \$127,000 had been contributed to the Nongame Wildlife Program through the income tax checkoff. Thirteen states are now using the tax checkoff procedure in raising money for nongame wildlife and the Kansas law has been used as a model. Minnesota received \$700,000 in the first year of the program and Colorado, in its fourth year, received \$740,000.

A Kansas Advisory Council on Nongame Wildlife has been organized and has met seven times. The Legislature authorized use of approximately \$100,000 in the Nongame Wildlife Program but put a restriction limiting use for administrative purposes (including personnel, advertising, studies, etc.) to 15% of the budget.

It was suggested that we need to urge income tax preparers to call the tax checkoff to the attention of their clients. Also those who have no income tax to pay should be reminded that they can send contributions to the program.

FALCONRY BILL: Charles Ely reported that there is a falconry bill in a legislative committee that will be coming before the Legislature in the spring. The Kansas Audubon Council may be writing a different bill. KOS passed a resolution in 1977 in opposition to any falconry bill. The Board discussed this issue and recommends to the membership that the Board be empowered to evaluate falconry bills that are proposed, to provide input to the writing of falconry bills and to respond to proposals to legalize falconry in a manner

commensurate with the goals of the Society. Effie Edwards moved the adoption of the Board recommendation. Max Thompson seconded the motion. Discussion indicated that some KOS members thought KOS should provide input to help write a better falconry bill while others were strongly opposed to any bill legalizing falconry. The difficulty of enforcing regulations was pointed out.

Amelia Betts moved to amend the motion to substitute "majority of the Board" for "Board" in the Board recommendation to be adopted. Steve Fretwell seconded the motion. The amendment passed. T

The amended motion was passed.

A request was made that reports about the difficulty of enforcing falconry regulations be published in the Newsletter.

The business meeting adjourned at 2:55 p. m.

The afternoon papers session was chaired by Steve Fretwell. Seven papers were presented (see attached program).

Saturday, October 3, Evening Banquet.

The annual banquet was served in the Flint Hills Room of the Kansas State Student Union at 6:00 p. m. After the meal, Charles Ely thanked the local committee for a fine job of arrangements for the meeting. John Zimmerman introduced members of the local committee.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Martin Brockway read resolutions in rhyme prepared by the committee (see attached copy). The resolutions were adopted by acclamation.

TEN BEST BIRDS OF THE YEAR: Marvin Schwilling reported on the ten best birds of the year. The report was based on nominations submitted by members as well as reports in the KOS Bulletin and Newsletter and reports submitted on unusual bird report cards. The ten best birds were: Tule Goose, Rose-throated Becard, Blue Grouse, Little Gull, European Wigeon, Yellow-throated Vireo, Sawhet Owl, Black Rail, Mottle Duck and Hooded Warbler. A copy of the report is attached.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS: Charles Ely announced that there were four new KOS life members: Phil Menninger, Marion Mengel, Earl Carlson and Marvin Kuehn. They were not present so life membership pins will be mailed to them.

MEETINGS: Steve Kingswood reported that tentative plans were to hold the next Fall Meeting at the Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita. The Spring Field Trip at Cheyenne Bottoms on May 1-2 will include field groups for those just learning to identify shorebirds.

Steve Fretwell introduced Dr. Clenton Owensby of the Range Management Department at Kansas State University who gave a delightful illustrated talk on Prairie Wildflowers."

Sunday, October 4, Field Trips.

Field trips in the vicinity of Manhattan were held on Sunday morning. Lunch was served at the headquarters area of the Konza Prairie Research Natural Area. Compilation of the bird list was held at 1:15 p.m. A total of 101 birds were reported.

The annual meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Legalized Falconry?

I Say No -- Eulalia Lewis

"FALCONRY: to make a pet out of a bird of prey or sometimes to train and fly one for sport using jesses, bewits, hoods, leashes and bow and block perches for its restraint and care."

Falconry is in direct contradiction to protection of birds of prey and the enjoyable sport of Hawk Watching. Except in isolated cases, such as the mass slaughter of Bald Eagles in Wyoming several years ago, predatory birds have won a widespread and admiring audience. For some, this interest is so intense that they must capture and handle the birds. These "Falconers" are following an ancient "sport" but there is growing opposition, and for good reason.

First, despite national and international laws and attempted law enforcement there is much abusive activity, both in the maltreatment of the birds and in the traffic between states and nations. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service knows of sales to Arab States of falcons for \$10,000 to \$25,000, and can not control it. The same goes for interstate traffic.

The good of the bird populations is in doubt. With persistent pesticides and much habitat loss it is highly questionable if the capture and possession of any bird of prey is acceptable. In California there were 499 licensed falconers in 1969 and in four years the number had risen to over 800. In 1978 there were 909 falconers. During those same years the raptor population declined. In an effort to control the growth of Falconry, most states, including California, have made the licensing more difficult, but it has had little effect.

Most "falconers" are of high school or college age and there is little evidence that those birds are ever flown. Merely keeping the birds as showpieces satisfies many. To show the captured bird to groups seldom fails to raise the "falconers" ego and to recruit more youngsters to take their first bird, with or without training. The number of deserted nests, the number of tame birds in "Hospitals" and the extent of trapping is greatest around metropolitan areas and is the result of the number of illegal falconers. It is clear that the failure of the Redshouldered Hawk in Orange County, CA, is the result of increased falconry in that area. It has been proven that birds that have been captured, held, then released or escaped are much more vulnerable to shooting due to a decreased fear of man. Dr. Don Snyder of the USFWS terms falconry the greatest threat to the Coopers Hawk.

The world over an awareness of the damage of falconers to raptor populations is being published. At the 1970 information Council for the Bird Preservation Conference, Dr. Claus Koming blamed falconers on the disappearance of the Peregrine in southwest Germany. In British Columbia there is a move to prohibit Falconry and to supply complete protection to raptors. In the publication "Birds" of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, seldom an issue goes by without mention of gross violations of the current laws of the "Sport" of Falconry.

The legal harvest of Birds of prey without a reliable knowledge of the annual mortality rate or productivity is unsound scientifically. The information that is available indicated that few raptors that can withstand an uncontrolled take. Because of the expected growth of falconry steps must be taken now to curtail harvest in our state.

At this time there are few (5-10) falconers in Kansas. A bill in any form will not be beneficial for the raptors. The sportsmen would have to finance the entire program. (The raptors would not be non-game). The cost is said to be \$65,000 the first year and \$4,000 every year thereafter, if inflation stops. It would be impossible to control, KF&G enforcement personnel agree, (off the record) and to ask the falconers to control themselves would be wrong and ineffective.

Some say that falconers rehabilitate the birds, but there is a permit available for that now, without falconry being made legal. Let us be a pioneer in the new trend against falconry. The world is going that way, so we should hold fast to a good thing. Write your representative today. The letter will be filed and next January, write a reminder that you do not want any bill for falconry ever!

Harry the Hawk is Center Stage in Battle Over NY Wildlife Laws

New York Times News Service

New Paltz, NY -- A hawk named Harry that had a bit part in the New York City Opera production of "Der Freischutz" was seized by conservation officers last week and has become a leading character in a wild-life legal battle.

Among other things, the court fight could determine what is best for Harry--an actor's life on stage or a raptor's life in the wild. In the meantime, the bird is being held virtually incommunicado by the state.

State conservation officials contend that the stage-trained bird was illegally kept by an internationally known expert on birds of prey and should be retrained by a "federally licensed rehabilitator" and then be set free in the wild.

But the bird expert, Dr. Heinz Meng, a professor at the State University at New Paltz, who was keeping Harry between performances, denies the state charge and contends that releasing the hawk would amount to killing him.

The opening act of the real-life drama began on Nov. 5 when 30 state and federal conservation officers raided 11 sites in New York State to inspect birds held by falconers, all of whom hold licenses to raise or train wild birds. Twelve persons were charged with illegal possession of hawks, and 13 birds were seized.

The raids culminated an undercover operation into illegal falconry practices, conservation officials said. There were no charges that birds were mistreated, but of illegal holding or transfer of hawks and falcons, violations less serious than misdemeanors.

One confrontation occurred at the aviary here of Meng, a biology professor and pioneer breeder of peregrine falcons.

He said he showed five conservation officers 20 birds in breeding chambers, as well as three peregrine falcons, one hybrid Lanner falcon, one gyrfalcon and one Harris hawk.

The Harris hawk was Harry, a 16-year-old bird owned by William Robinson of Saugerties. Harry, who resembles a golden eagle, was to appear that night in the opera.

Harry had appeared in the opera on three recent occasions and Meng was paid \$300 for each appearance.

Over Meng's objections, the officers took Harry away, charging that Meng had violated his scientific collector's permit by acquiring him without prior written approval from the state.

It's ridiculous," said Meng, who has pleaded not guilty. Conviction could bring a fine of up to \$250 and loss of license.

With no time to get a stand-in, the flight of the bird across the stage on Nov. 5 was left to audience imagination. But on Tuesday night, a red-tailed hawk owned by Nancy Washo of Pleasant Valley, N.Y., appeared.

Capt. Earl T. Washburn, chief of the law-enforcement branch of the regional office of the Department of Environmental Conservation in New Paltz, said Harry was being retrained to be introduced to the wild.

"I hope they are not planning to let Harry go because that would be the equivalent of killing him," Meng said. "Harry is a tame bird used to humans and has never hunted for himself. There is no way an imprinted bird of that kind can be retrained to return to the wild."

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RESOLUTIONS for Kansas Ornithological Society
for Fall Meeting at Manhattan 2, 3 & 4 October, 1981

Be it resolved that we do say
Great thanks to many persons today
And tho it takes a little time
We'll "Be Resolved" in doggerel rhyme.

To the Division of Biology who invited
us here
And Dr. Johnson's welcome which
drew us near,
To Dr. Ely who guides so well
And Dr. Cink who cast his spell
On all the speakers to keep them in line
So we heard them all in time to dine.

Marzold about Konza told some about
burning and grazing and prairie
untouched and wild.
Then Zimmerman let us hear of the
chickens--
Prairie, of course, and others more
mild.

The yellow-billed cuckoo we found
from Fleischer
Might use another's nest.
Then Murphy said Kingbirds reproduce
more
When cicadas were present the best.

Grade school children need books on
birds That's what Amelia said
And pushed for check-lists to give away
Besides, not just instead.

Does ultra-violet mean anything
To birds from day to day?
John Parrish found thru lab test box
They react without delay.

To Seibel who let us know that birds
Have individual traits
And Kelly talked of Purple Finch
And of banded ones, their fates.

To John Brockway who guided our
Bird-Watcher's Hour
Picture by Hansen a few;
Then Steve Fretwell took over the reins
And guided the speakers on thru.

Birds on ships and out to sea
Pictures by Pittman were fine
Then Jean Schulenberg told of Interior
Least Tern;
Snowy plover by Boyd next in line.

A tree plantation in Kansas ? Could be?
Allen Tubbs reports birds there, too.
Can Kansas grow wood for an energy source?
Will bird habitat ensue?

Cal Cink took slides from burlap blind
Showing Kentucky Warblers, yellow.
"He's moving North" said Steven Hansen.
"That great-tailed grackle fellow."

"Birds of Kansas" Max Thompson reports
Are coming along, tho slow.
And new check lists is coming soon
Six new names to know.

Resolved: our food was really great,
Nothing but approbation.
And "Prairies Wildflowers" by Prof.
Owensby
We wait with anticipation.

And in advance we thank those folks
Who'll guide us in the field
To All those spots we need to find
A high bird count to yield.

We want to thank the committee in charge
The Board and our officers, too.
Thanks to them for their obvious work
Plus the unseen things they do.

Not only those who speak and those in charge
Deserve our thanks today,
But also those who came just to hear
What other folks choose to say.

So with this couplet now each friend
Our resolutions come to an end.

Dr. S. Martin Brockway, D.C.
Elmer Finck

Resolution Committee