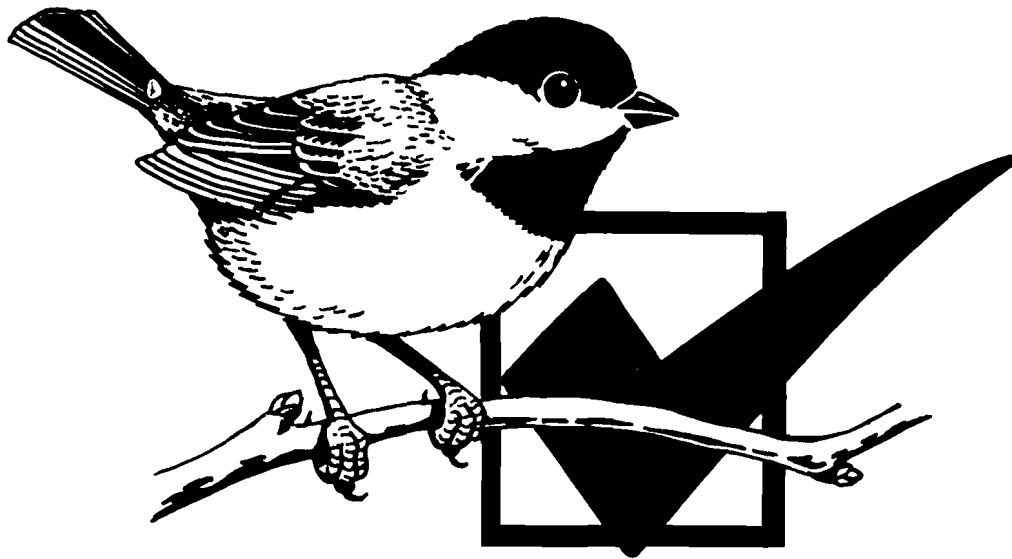


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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

March 5, 1982. At the present time it is snowing hard outside. I guess the Purple Martins which arrived March 2 and left March 3 were smart. Hopefully they went back south. They were a welcome sight and I hope spring can't be far behind.

The next issue of the KOS Newsletter will be in late April. I would like to have the Kansas bird banders send me their 1981 banding totals and any other records which they feel the membership would be interested in. I would like them by April 1, if possible.

The new KOS Checklist has yet to go to press. We are waiting on the AOU to send us the new common names as they will appear in the 6th edition of the AOU Checklist. We still have about 500 old ones left here at Southwestern College. The new one will have only a few changes and bids from the printers indicate a near doubling in cost. If you want cheap ones, you'd better write quick.

The KOS needs money to help pay for the area adjacent to the Dingus Natural Area (see article in this Newsletter). Several persons have indicated a willingness to donate funds if we can work out a deal with the owner. REMEMBER, donations to the KOS are tax deductible. ALSO, the KOS would be interested in talking to anyone that would like to include the KOS in their will. An Endowment would help assure that the organization would be able to carry on its activities such as the Dingus Natural Area plus institute new activities.

Chuck Ely and I have looked over the slides that were submitted for the "Birds of Kansas." Those slides not used have been returned. We would like to have all of the slides or black and white photos for the rest of the Kansas birds submitted by May 15. That will be through sparrows. Anyone who didn't submit photos the first round, can do so. We are missing a lot of photos such as Common Loons, Double-crested Cormorant, etc.

I appreciate all the information I get for the newsletter.

See you all in Great Bend on May 1-2.

Max C. Thompson

## THE DINGUS NATURAL AREA NEEDS HELP!

KOS members who have visited the reserve know the most fragile and exciting part is at the north end. The west one-fourth mile on the north goes to Little Sugar Creek while the east one-fourth mile stops short of the creek by a few hundred feet. The north boundary at this point is impossible to determine because of the dense growth of trees and understory vegetation and the fact that the boundary crosses the side of a hill. To survey and fence this boundary line would destroy the character of the area because of the extensive cutting that would be required. It would also be expensive.

On the other hand, the property that goes from the north boundary to the creek (said to be about 33 acres) would give the sanctuary a natural, well-defined boundary along the entire north end. A sense of urgency exists because the 33 acres is for sale by Dorothy Wade who has a small home east of the DNA. She was widowed a little more than a year ago and is hoping to sell the 33 acres, possibly to a developer or someone who might want to build a home or fishing cabin next to the creek. Unfortunately the asking price of \$10,000 is beyond the KOS treasury but perhaps some member has a secret to finding the money or at least has some suggestion on how to acquire the land. If you have an idea, please let me know. The Dingus Natural Area needs help!

E. R. Lewis, Chairman  
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### KOS WINTER BOARD MEETING December 6, 1981 Wichita/Sedgwick County Zoo, Wichita

Members present: Lewis, Hershberger, Thompson, Ely, Seibel, R. Boyd, Fauhl, Schwilling, Cink, Hall, Kingswood, Platt.

The winter meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Ornithological Society was called to order by President Charles Ely on Sunday afternoon, December 6, 1981, in the meeting room of the entrance building at the Wichita/Sedgwick County Zoo. An agenda for the meeting was distributed.

MINUTES: The minutes of the fall meeting were distributed. Any corrections or additions should be given to Dwight Platt.

OFFICERS' REPORTS: There were no President's report, Vice-president's report or Corresponding Secretary's report.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jane Hershberger reported that 154 members had paid dues for 1982. Membership renewals have been slow in coming in. A reminder for membership renewal will be included in the next Newsletter in February and individual reminders will be sent in March to those who have not renewed.

It was suggested that membership renewal response might be better if the dues notice were sent out separately from the Bulletin and Newsletter late in the year. David Seibel moved that the dues notices be sent out separately from the publications next year. The motion was seconded by Charles Hall. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer had no report since there had been little change since the fall meeting.

EDITORS' REPORTS: John Zimmerman was not present but it was reported that he still needs manuscripts for the June Bulletin. The current issues of the Newsletter and Bulletin were mailed on Friday.

SPRING FIELD TRIP: The spring field trip will be May 1-2 at Cheyenne Bottoms. Ed Martinez and the group at Hays will make the arrangements. The Colorado Field Ornithologists will not be joining the KOS for this meeting. Field trips for beginners in identifying shorebirds will be organized.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS: Article II, section 4M & 4N -- Amelia Betts had proposed that these sections of the KOS Bylaws be replaced by the following amendment:

"M. Principal amounts received from Life Memberships shall be placed in an endowment fund and invested in securities approved by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees, with interest therefrom used for the current expenses of KOS (in lieu of annual dues). Expenditures of the principal may be made after the death of a life member by a majority vote of the Board to further the objectives of the KOS."

Consideration of this proposed amendment had been postponed at the fall meeting. Max Thompson moved that the Board approve the above proposed amendment for article II, sections 4M & 4N of the KOS Bylaws and recommend it to the membership for adoption. Roger Boyd seconded the motion. Max Thompson and Roger Boyd accepted the following modification of the Bylaws amendment: to substitute the following for the last part of the first sentence -- ". . . with interest therefrom used, as needed, for the expenses of KOS (in lieu of annual dues)." The motion to approve the modified amendment passed.

BUSINESS MANAGER: A committee of Ely, Thompson, Lewis and Platt will define the duties of a KOS Business Manager and propose Bylaws amendments to implement this position. These will be circulated to the Board for approval by a mail vote. All Bylaws amendments will need to be provided to the membership in the February Newsletter.

MEETING GUIDELINES: Board members were asked to study the proposed meeting guidelines and send back comments to the President. These guidelines will be considered at the May meeting.

FALCONRY BILL: Only one falconry bill (Senate Bill #59), held over from the last session, is now in the Legislature to be considered at the next session. This bill was discussed by the Board. Max Thompson moved that the Society be on record as opposing the falconry bill (Senate Bill #59) now being considered in the Legislature. Cal Cink seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

It was suggested that KOS should write a position paper on falconry. Charles Ely will write a draft paper and circulate it to the Board.

If another falconry bill is introduced in the Legislature, the President will contact other members of the Board to determine KOS position.

COMMITTEES' DUTIES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS: Charles Ely will ask all committee chairmen to write and submit to him a list of duties for the committee. All officers are also asked to write a list of duties for each respective office and submit them to Ely. After approval by the Board, copies of these duties lists will be kept with the Secretary's records as well as with each respective officer's record.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT AND PUBLICATIONS POLICY: The exchange policy was again raised but no decision was made.

The Librarian will send to Max Thompson for inclusion in the February Newsletter a list of the journals in the KOS library, information on how to use the KOS library and a list of publications available for sale.

The Librarian requested and received approval for xeroxing articles from the Bulletin and supplying copies at cost at her discretion when a number of copies of an article are requested.

The question of reprints of articles in the KOS Bulletin was raised. Max Thompson will inquire with the printer about the cost of getting author's reprints in small quantities.

Complaints were raised about the Editor's not supplying proof to authors of Bulletin articles before publication. Charles Ely will discuss this matter with the Editor.

The Librarian needs copies of the minutes each year for the archives. It was also suggested that it would be good to maintain a file of abstracts of papers presented at the annual meetings. We need to require abstracts for papers submitted for the annual meetings.

CHECKLIST COMMITTEE: Marvin Schwilling reported that the new checklist was being prepared for printing. Printing costs have doubled since the last edition and so the price will be doubled. It was suggested that we hold off on printing the checklist until we get word back from the AOU Committee on new names approved.

The advisability of expanding the checklist committee into a records committee was discussed. Roger Boyd moved that the checklist committee be reorganized into a bird records committee with an expanded membership of nine. Gene Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed. Suggestions for nominations for this committee should be sent to Charles Ely. Persons suggested by Board members included Jean Schulenberg, Jay Newton and Orville Rice.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There were no reports from the Publicity Committee, the Membership Committee or the Conservation Committee.

**NEW COMMITTEES:** The Local Field Trips Committee consists of Steve Kingswood (chairman) and Scott Seltman. Another member is needed from eastern Kansas. David Seibel agreed to organize activities in the Lawrence area.

The Education Committee consists of Katherine Kelly, Effie Edwards, Donna Cooper and Marie Swisher. No appointments have yet been finalized for the Awards Committee.

**FALL MEETING:** The fall meeting will be in Wichita on October 1-3, 1982.

**NONGAME WILDLIFE:** Marvin Schwilling reported on the nongame wild-life program. Work is progressing although the restrictions placed on the program by the last Legislature have not yet been removed or clarified. Discussion occurred on ways in which KOS could help to publicize the income tax checkoff.

The nongame program could probably publish a poster for KOS. Orville Rice, Max Thompson, John LaShelle and Marvin Schwilling were appointed to a committee to develop a poster for KOS.

**SLIDE LIBRARY:** Charles Hall asked whether KOS could organize a library of bird slides to be available for loan. It was pointed out that the Kansas Audubon Council has such a slide library available for its chapters. The Education Committee will be asked to look into this possibility.

**PATRON MEMBERSHIP:** Amelia Betts has proposed changing the patron membership dues to a donation to a special projects fund. Max Thompson moved that the patron membership of \$500 or more donated to the Society should be used in the manner directed by the patron and approved by the Board or if the use is undirected by the patron the funds can be used as the Board sees fit. Roger Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**SUMMER BIRD COUNT:** Cal Cink asked about the Summer Bird Count program to be done in Christmas Count areas or in counties. Cal was asked to write up an announcement about the Summer Bird Counts for the Newsletter.

**DINGUS NATURAL AREA COMMITTEE:** There was no report from the Dingus Natural Area Committee.

The meeting adjourned.

Dwight R. Platt  
Corr. Secretary  
Kansas Ornithological Society

FIRST COUNTY RECORDS

<u>Species</u>		<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>
White Pelican	17	9/4/81		Rush
Blue-winged Teal		9/5/81		Gove
Mississippi Kite Juv. lost during				
	migration?	9/5/81		Gove
	same bird	9/5/81		Lane
Solitary Sandpiper		9/5/81		Gove
Least Sandpiper		9/5/81		Gove
Screech Owl		9/12/81		Rush
Long-eared Owl		10/24/81		Rush
Common Nighthawk	1000+	9/12/81		Edwards
Belted Kingfisher		9/5/81		Gove
Great Crested Flycatcher		9/5/81		Gove
White-breasted Nuthatch		9/18/81		Graham
		10/2/81		Rush
Red-breasted Nuthatch		10/1/81		Rush
Townsend's Solitaire		10/27/81		Rush
Water Pipit		10/16/81		Rush
Solitary Vireo		10/16/81		Rush
Orange-crowned Warbler		9/18/81		Graham
Nashville Warbler		10/5/81		Rush
"Myrtle" Warbler		9/16/81		Rush
Wilson's Warbler		9/12/81		Rush
Mockingbird		9/12/81		Edwards
Orchard Oriole		9/12/81		Edwards
"Bullock's" Oriole	racial			
	purity doubtful	9/12/81		Rush
Lark Sparrow		9/12/81		Rush

Observer- Scott Seltman

Horned Grebe		11/24/81	Kanapolis Res.	Ellsworth
Dbl. cr. Cormorant		11/24/81	Kanapolis Res.	Ellsworth
Song Sparrow		11/24/81	Kanapolis Res.	Ellsworth
Tree Sparrow		11/26/81	Wilson Lake	Ellsworth
Brewers Blackbird		11/26/81	Wilson Lake	Ellsworth
Herring Gull		11/24/81	Marion Lake	Marion

Observer - Jim Ptacek

Prairie Falcon		12/3/81	Butler Lake	Butler
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Observer - Max Thompson

White Pelicans (2)		11/6/81		Chase
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Observer - Marvin D. Schwilling

<u>Species</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>
Oldsquaw (1)	11/25/81	Lyon County Fishing Lake	Lyon

Observer - Duane Mitchell

	Summer & Fall 1981		
Peregrine Falcon	" " " "	Stanton	
Greater Yellowlegs	" " " "	Stanton	
Long-billed Dowitcher	" " " "	Stanton	
Western Sandpiper	" " " "	Stanton	
Roadrunner	" " " "	Stanton	
Hairy Woodpecker	" " " "	Stanton	
Willow Flycatcher	" " " "	Stanton	
Brown-headed Cowbird	" " " "	Stanton	
Lazuli Bunting	" " " "	Stanton	
Great Blue Heron	" " " "	Haskell	
Upland Sandpiper	" " " "	Haskell	
Spotted Sandpiper	" " " "	Haskell	
Greater Yellowlegs	" " " "	Haskell	
Baird's Sandpiper	" " " "	Haskell	
Great-tailed Grackle	" " " "	Haskell	
Least Sandpiper	" " " "	Haskell	
Western Sandpiper	" " " "	Haskell	
Green Heron	" " " "	Grant	
Common Egret	" " " "	Grant	
Greater Yellowlegs	" " " "	Grant	
Western Sandpiper	" " " "	Grant	
Hairy Woodpecker	" " " "	Grant	
Willow Flycatcher	" " " "	Grant	
Wood Pewee	" " " "	Grant	
Common Crow	" " " "	Grant	
Bell's Vireo	" " " "	Grant	
Wilson's Warbler	" " " "	Grant	
Blue Grosbeak	" " " "	Grant	
Lazuli Bunting	" " " "	Grant	
House Finch	" " " "	Grant	
Black-crowned Night Heron	" " " "	Stevens	
Spotted Sandpiper	" " " "	Stevens	
Baird's Sandpiper	" " " "	Stevens	
Short-billed Dowitcher	" " " "	Stevens	
Willow Flycatcher	" " " "	Stevens	
Yellow-breasted Chat	" " " "	Stevens	
Lazuli Bunting	" " " "	Stevens	

Observer - Kevin Will



Bert S. Chewning, Lawrence, died December 15, 1981, at a Lawrence hospital. He was born at La Grange, MO., son of the Rev. Ernest W. and Mrs. Idella Stinson Chewning. He lived in Lawrence since 1931. Mr. Chewning retired as assistant postmaster at Lawrence after 30 years service. His wife, Mrs. Helen Shaner Chewning, a charter member of K.O.S., died September 4, 1980.

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

In the next issue of the Newsletter we plan to initiate a new series "Who's \_\_\_\_\_." This will be short biographies of several KOS members taken AT RANDOM, with their permission of course. A number of bird organizations do this and the people I've talked with enjoy reading them. It will help members become acquainted and hopefully get people more involved in the organization. You will have a chance to express your interests and areas of expertise and, if you are willing, you may be asked to serve on KOS committees, the Board or become an officer. Or if you prefer to quietly enjoy birding without being bothered, that's OK too.

If you are willing to participate in "Who's \_\_\_\_\_" please supply a short biography and send it to me. Include the types of information that you would like to know about other birders. Some suggestions include: home town, occupation, hobbies, special interest, pet projects; when you started birding (age), memorable experiences, when you joined KOS; are you a family birder? a photographer? do you feed birds? travel widely for birding? band? Include whatever you wish but don't make it too long. No biography will be printed until the person submitting it has approved the copy.

Also: Are you interested in serving on a KOS Committee? \_\_\_\_\_  
Which ones? Would you like to lead a local KOS field trip? \_\_\_\_\_ Help lead  
one? \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in one? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any other comments or suggestions for improving KOS jot them down and send them along. I'll pass your ideas on to the Board. We appreciate as much input as we can get.

Charles Ely (Pres.)  
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Hays, KS 67601

### QUIVIRA NOTES

Some of the fall flight of whooping cranes visited Quivira Refuge in Stafford County for the first time since 1978.

Four adult birds were present on October 19. One of these had a white plastic band and a regular aluminum band on the right leg. The colored band on the left leg had apparently been lost. It would have been banded as a young bird in 1977 or 1978. They were present for about three hours after sighting and were followed for about twenty miles in a SSE direction before they were lost.

We had a report of six whooping cranes over Cheyenne Bottoms late in the afternoon on October 24. They could not be located at Quivira before dark or during the following day. Six adult whooping cranes were present on the morning of October 26. One of these had a red band on the left leg and what appeared to be a short red band on the left leg (this may have been a blue band with red stripe and would indicate that the bird was banded in 1980). Another bird had a red band with a white stripe on the right leg and only an aluminum band on the left leg. It was probably banded in 1978. They departed in about two and one-half hours and were also followed about twenty miles in a SSE direction. This group of whoopers remained at low altitude for some time, they were rather vocal, and were joined by a group of about twenty-eight white pelicans over the south end of the refuge and remained with the cranes until lost from sight.

A Bonaparte's gull was observed on October 30 and eight were seen on November 7. As near as I could determine, this latter group had four adults and four juvenile birds. I could only find one previous record of this gull at Quivira.

Charles R. Darling  
Refuge Manager

#### GULF OIL DONATES LAND

PRATT--Kansas sportsmen just received a late Christmas present from the Gulf Oil Corporation; 8,200 acres of mined land in southeast Kansas and \$250,000 to manage it for wildlife.

In a ceremony December 30, 1:30 p.m., at Kansas Fish and Game Commission headquarters in Pratt, John C. Williams, vice-president of the Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company, a Gulf subsidiary, and Gulf Attorney John Bachmann deeded the tract of strip-mined land in Cherokee county over to the Commission and set up a Management Fund for use in developing it into a wildlife area for Kansas hunters and fishermen. Originally mined for coal by P&M, the area includes 800 acres of strip-mine lakes ranging from under an acre in size to over 50 acres.

According to Commission Director Bill Hanzlick, the major effort "will be to develop wildlife habitat, improve the fisheries in existing waters, and provide access to many of those pits. We hope to turn the area into an enjoyable sportsman's paradise."

Hanzlick said much of the land already has permanent cover and will only require proper management. "There are slightly over 2,000 acres that have been leveled, but not returned to native vegetation. The \$250,000 fund will go towards re-vegetating these lands."

Hanzlick noted that the Gulf lands, adjacent to the existing Mined Land Wildlife Area, should become an economic asset to southeast Kansas. "The average hunter spends slightly over nine dollars per day when he hunts. The average fisherman spends approximately \$6.50 per day. The dollars add up when you consider the many thousands of sportsmen who will be using these mined lands."

Kansas Assistant Attorney General Terry Hershman oversaw the signing ceremony, as Commission Chairman Joe Rishel and Commissioner Ron Hopkins received the donation for the agency.

Kansas Fish and Game Commission News Release

EUROPEAN WIGEON AT JOHN REDMOND RESERVOIR  
COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS

On 21 March, 1981 five members of the Burroughs Audubon Society - Earl (Mick) McHugh, Nanette Johnson, Bob Fisher, Norm McLaughlin, Kelly Hobbs and I - observed at length a male European Wigeon (Anas penelope) in the river outlet below the dam at John Redmond Reservoir. Nanette saw a wigeon with a 'red head' just before it flushed with a large concentration of several species of ducks. After consulting her field guide, she was certain the bird she saw was a European Wigeon. It was a windy day and the lake water was rough, so we checked quiet water areas in hopes of again finding this bird, but to no avail, and as usual, most of the party were interrogating Nanette for details, but stopping short of doubting her observation. We checked waterfowl on the rough water of the lake, most were mergansers, some Red-breasted, but mostly Common.

Meanwhile, ducks were again funneling back into the spillway river area. This time we returned to the area cautiously. Almost immediately, Bob located the duck among many American Wigeon. All in the party observed the single European Wigeon at length, using four spotting scopes and six pairs of binoculars.

This was the culmination of a super field trip which had been arranged to see Smith's Longspurs. Earlier, we had no problem in locating about 30 of these longspurs in the Otter Creek picnic area at the southwest end of the dam. Ed and Jean Schulenberg discovered that Smith's Longspurs used this area in March, 1978. Some of these birds must have wintered there this past winter.

Other species seen on the field trip included: Short-eared Owl, 3; Hooded Merganser, 2; Dowitcher, 1; Pectoral Sandpiper, 4; Least Sandpiper, 1; Common Snipe, 1; Lesser Yellowlegs, 1; Ring-billed and Herring Gulls, many; Mallard, Pintail, Gadwall, Blue-winged Teal, Green-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Redhead, Canvasback, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead and Ruddy Ducks.

Yes, it was a good day at John Redmond!

Marvin D. Schwilling  
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Emporia, KS 66801

## RENO COUNTY NESTING RECORDS

In the October, 1981 issue of the KOS Newsletter, I noticed the "Miscellaneous Records of Birds Breeding in Kansas" and thought that I might be able to fill in a few of the blanks for Reno County. During my tenure as Director of the Dillon Park Outdoor Education Center in Hutchinson from 1972 until 1974, my personal observations of nesting birds of the area along with the records of young birds received at the Center for raising, indicate the following species nested in Reno County:

Mallard	Belted Kingfisher
Shoveller	Common (Yellow-shafted) Flicker
Blue-winged Teal	Red-headed Woodpecker
Mississippi Kite	Hairy Woodpecker
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Downy Woodpecker
Red-tailed Hawk	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Swainson's Hawk	Eastern Kingbird
American Kestrel	Western Kingbird
Bobwhite Quail	Great Crested Flycatcher
Ring-necked Pheasant	Eastern Phoebe
Great Blue Heron	Horned Lark
Green Heron	Barn Swallow
Black-Crowned Night Heron	Cliff Swallow
Sora	Bank Swallow
American Coot	Purple Martin
Killdeer	Blue Jay
Upland Plover	Common Crow
Rock Dove	Black-capped Chickadee
Mourning Dove	House Wren
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Carolina Wren
Screech Owl	Catbird
Great Horned Owl	Mockingbird
Barn Owl	Brown Thrasher
Burrowing Owl	Robin
Common Nighthawk	Wood Thrush
Chimney Swift	Eastern Bluebird
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Starling
Red-eyed Vireo	Common Grackle
Yellow Warbler	Brown-headed Cowbird
Ovenbird	Northern (Baltimore) Oriole
Yellowthroat	Cardinal
House Sparrow	Indigo Bunting
Eastern Meadowlark	American Goldfinch
Western Meadowlark	Lark Sparrow
Red-winged Blackbird	Chipping Sparrow
Boat-tailed Grackle	Field Sparrow

My best wishes for a happy 1982 to all my friends at KOS.

Michael J. Janis, Director  
Akron Zoological Park

## BALDWIN NOTES

After forty years of birding hither and yon, we certainly did not expect to get another life bird as a Christmas present. But there it was in our backyard on the tray attached below the finch feeder to catch the dropped seeds.

This bird was slightly larger than the Pine Siskins also on the tray. It had a greener-gold back and the white wing stripe was wider and brighter. When we finally got the binoculars focused on it, we could easily see that she also had a curved bill. Both Pough and Robbins were better books than Peterson in identifying this as a female White-winged Crossbill.

We are a little dubious of sight-listed rare life birds. So on New Year's Day when weather and other obligations permitted, we hung up the mist net and soon had about ten Siskins caught. Kelley had removed seven of them before she noticed that the next one in the net was the Crossbill.

While she was banding it, I was phoning witnesses to come see her. The Boyds came at once and soon afterward Dr. Cal Cink, who weighed and measured and affirmed our identification. Phone calls to members of the Baldwin Bird Club brought over two dozen birders from Lawrence, Ottawa, Richmond, Edgerton, Wellsville and Gardner who rated a new bird above a radio football game. Ms. *Loxia leucoptera* was photographed several times.

During that week we are sure we saw the immature male with his orangey rump, rather than the yellow one of the female, but only once and never in a trap or the net. The female is seen often next door near a large pine tree.

Our human visitors also viewed--from inside a warm room--our bird visitors at the suet, walnut, sunflower, and thistle feeders--Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Brown Creeper, Purple Finch and Yellow-shafted Flicker--besides the ordinary tits and chicks and 'peckers.

To tell the truth, we will be somewhat disappointed if we hear there is a White-winged invasion in Kansas and that every birder has at least one in his backyard!

A. Betts and K. Kelley

## AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS OF THE BYLAWS

The following amendments or changes, approved by the Board of Directors at the winter meeting or by mail will be voted on, in addition to those printed in previous newsletters:

Replace Article II Sec. 4M and 4N by the following:

- M. Principal amounts received from Life Memberships shall be placed in an endowment fund and invested in securities approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, with interest therefrom used as needed, for the expenses of KOS in lieu of annual dues. Expenditure of the principal may be made after the death of a Life Member by a majority vote of the Board to further the objectives of the KOS.

Replace Article IV, Sec. 1A

..... Membership Secretary, Treasurer and Business Manager.

Replace Article V, Sec. 1A with

..... Membership Secretary, Treasurer and Business Manager.

Replace Article V, Sec. 2C with

..... Membership Secretary, the Treasurer and the Business Manager may succeed themselves as elected.

Replace Article VI Sec. 7 with:

- A. Be responsible for conducting business activities of the Society in collaboration with members of the Board of Directors.
- B. Maintain the mailing list and oversee the printing and distribution of the Bulletin, Newsletter and other publications.
- C. Prepare all legal agreements with individuals and organizations.
- D. Inventory and maintain stocks of all supplies and print replacement stationery, forms, etc. as needed.
- E. Assist the Treasurer in management of investments.
- F. Be an ex officio member of all committees which involve legal agreements, contracts or major outlay of funds.
- G. Authorize payment of bills (submit vouchers to Treasurer) and be authorized to countersign checks.

The last four changes are necessitated by the addition of a Business Manager.

Change Sec. 7 to Sec. 8

Change Sec. 8 to Sec. 9

All suggested amendments and revisions printed in the Newsletter since the October meeting will be voted on during the special meeting which I am calling at 1:30 pm May 2 during the spring field trip.

Charles Ely, President

KOS SPRING FIELD TRIP TO CHEYENNE  
BOTTOMS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

DATE: Saturday May 1 and Sunday May 2, 1982

PLACE: Cheyenne Bottoms (just east of Highway U.S. 281 between Hoisington and Great Bend).

ASSEMBLY POINT: Kansas Fish and Game headquarters building at Cheyenne Bottoms (5 miles north of Great Bend and 2 miles east of Highway 281 on county road). Stan Wood has indicated that their new headquarters building should be ready by May 1 and if so we will meet there. (If this is not possible we will probably meet at the 4-H building).

TIME: Bird as you wish but official trips start as follows: 6:30 pm, Saturday; 7:00 am Sunday; 1:00 pm Sunday (lunch and compilation). A special business meeting will be held at 1:30 Sunday to vote on changes in the KOS bylaws.

TRIPS: Depending on the amount of interest we plan two trips by "old pros" for those who know most of the shorebirds and three or more trips for beginners and for those who know "some" of the species. Pick the trip that meets your needs and interest span. If conditions are favorable, Ed Martinez will be banding on the flats and will demonstrate banding and shorebird identification.

MEALS: There is a good assortment of cafes and restaurants in Great Bend. Early breakfast is served at Sambo's, McDonald's and Highland Manor and Holiday Inn. Coffee, soft drinks, donuts and rolls will be available (at cost) at the headquarters building on Sunday morning. A box lunch (probably \$2.50) will be available Sunday noon for those who request them IN ADVANCE.

LOCAL INFORMATION: An information board will be available at the headquarters building.

CAMPING: Available at Cheyenne Bottoms just west of the headquarters.

MOTELS: Great Bend:

Airliner Motel 4200 10th St. 316-793-5448 (\$21 single; \$26 double).  
Baltzell R. D. Motel 805 E. 10th 316-792-4395 (\$13.65, single;  
\$16.80 2, 1 bed; \$18.90 2, 2 beds)  
Best Western Angus Inn 2920 10th 800-528-1234 (\$30 single,  
\$33 double)  
Highland Manor Hotel 3017 10th Street (Economy, north side of  
street) 800-362-2292 (\$24 single, \$27 double)  
Holiday Inn 5220 10th 316-793-8486 (\$29 single, \$34 double)  
Golden Belt Motel 1315 10th 316-793-7847  
Jayhawker Motel 3600 10th 316-792-4319  
Sands Motel 1015 10th (economy) Highway 56 East 316-792-4307  
Welcome Inn 3209 10th 316-739-7854

Hoisington:

Motel Redwood 270 W. 9th 316-653-4161

OTHER INFORMATION: Contact Charles Ely, 314 West 7th, Hays 67601  
913-628-8444 or Ed Martinez, 5848 Broadway, Great Bend 67530  
316-792-2062

Send requests for box lunches to Charles Ely at Hays.

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