



Left to right: Charles A. Ely, president, and Ed Martinez demonstrate to members of KOS techniques of banding and identification of shorebirds.

KOS SPRING FIELD TRIP AND BUSINESS MEETING

May 1 and 2, 1982
Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Refuge, Kansas

The Spring 1982 Field Trip of the Kansas Ornithological Society was held at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Refuge on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2. After the Sunday lunch, Calvin Cink presided at the compilation of the list of birds seen. The total number of species was about 157.

Business Meeting

A special business meeting of the Society was called to order at 1:40 p.m. on May 2.

MEMORIAL TO IVAN BOYD: Chuck Ely asked for a time of silence in memory of Dr. Ivan Boyd, first president and enthusiastic supporter of KOS, who died in early spring.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS: Chuck Ely presented a list of proposed amendments to the KOS Bylaws which were recommended by the Board of Directors and which had been circulated to the membership in the Newsletter. Amelia Betts moved that the amendments be considered paragraph by paragraph for possible amendments. The motion was seconded by Max Thompson. The motion passed.

The following amendments were considered:

- 1) Art. II, Sec. 2H -- change to read "Each membership class receives publications." No amendments were proposed.
- 2) Art. II, Sec. 3B -- delete and reletter succeeding lines in section 3. No amendments were proposed.
- 3) Art. II, Sec. 4E -- change to read "Family regular members: \$10 per year." No amendments were proposed.
- 4) Art. II, Sec. 4F -- change to read "Family sustaining members: \$20 per year." No amendments were proposed.
- 5) 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 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. No amendments were proposed.
- 6) Art. II, Sec. 4N -- delete (incorporated in 4M above). No amendments were proposed.

- 7) Art. IV, Sec. 1A -- to the list of elected officers add "Business Manager." No amendments were proposed.
- 8) 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." No amendments were proposed.
- 9) Art. IV, Sec. 3 -- change to read "Quorum: a simple majority of the voting Board members shall constitute a quorum to transact business." No amendments were proposed.
- 10) Art. V, Sec. 1A -- to the list of officers add "Business Manager." No amendments were proposed.
- 11) Art. V, Sec. 2C -- to this list add "Business Manager." No amendments were proposed.
- 12) 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." No amendments were proposed.
- 13) Art. V, Sec. 3A -- Change to read "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." Dwight Platt moved to amend the proposed amendment to Art. V, Sec. 3A to substitute "Kansas Bird Records" for "Kansas Check-list." Max Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 14) Art. V, Sec. 3B -- "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 the Board." No amendments were proposed.
- 16) Art. V, Sec. 3D -- "These appointees shall be notified of and should attend Board meetings (except executive sessions) but have no voting rights." No amendments were proposed.
- 17) 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." No amendments were proposed.
- 18) Art. VI, Sec. 7 -- replace this section with the following:
"The Business Manager shall:
"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."

Eugene Lewis moved to amend the proposed substitute Section 7G to delete "(submit vouchers to Treasurer)", to replace "countersign" with "sign" and to add at the end of the section "in absence of the Treasurer." Katherine Kelley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 19) Renumber Art. VI, Sec. 7 as Art. VI, Sec. 8. No amendments were proposed.
- 20) Renumber Art. VI, Sec. 8 as Art. VI, Sec. 9. No amendments were proposed.
- 21) Art. VII -- substitute the following wording:
 - "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 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. No amendments were proposed.

22) 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." Amelia Betts moved to delete the amendment to Art. IX, Sec. 2. Calvin Cink seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John Zimmerman moved to approve the proposed amendments to the KOS Bylaws as amended. Max Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Amelia Betts moved to amend Art. IX, Sec. 1 to substitute "a 2/3 positive vote" for "a majority vote." Eugene Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed by a greater than 95% positive vote.

Dwight Platt pointed out that Art. IX, Sec. 2 was still in contradiction with Art. II, Sec. 4K. Amelia Betts moved to delete Art. II, Sec. 4K. Calvin Cink seconded the motion. After some discussion Max Thompson moved to table the motion. Eugene Lewis seconded the motion to table. The motion to table passed.

BREEDING BIRD SURVEY ROUTES: John Zimmerman announced that some Breeding Bird Survey routes are open and he would like volunteers to run them.

FALL MEETING: Chuck Ely announced that the KOS Fall meeting will be October 2 and 3 in Wichita.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight R. Platt
Corr. Secretary
Kansas Ornithological Society

SPRING FIELD TRIP

The spring field trip was held at Cheyenne Bottoms. The official list will appear in the next newsletter. The best bird was the Black-throated Gray Warbler which was originally identified by a group as a Black and White, then by others as a Blackpoll and finally by Tom Shane and Chuck Ely with the correct name. About thirty or more birders got to see it. Amazing how easy it is for birders to misidentify!!!!

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
Geographic and Song Variation in Western Field Sparrows

My Master's Degree project examines the patterns of variation in plumage coloration, skin and skeletal characteristics, and song among western populations of the Field Sparrow. As one moves west of the eastern deciduous forest these populations although present, become scarce and disjunct. In order to locate breeding populations from west of the Flint Hills, I ask for your assistance. Please include the following information, if available: location (county and mileage from a known geographic point); the habitat association in which the Field Sparrows were seen; the number of birds; and the year(s) in which they have been observed. Thank you in advance for your help.

Mark Holmgren
Museum of Natural History
University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS 66045

RETURN OF NATIVE IS GOAL OF PROJECT

PRATT -- A Kansas native has returned after an absence of more than 50 years. Sharptailed grouse have been reintroduced to northwest Kansas in an attempt to re-establish reproducing populations in an area that once was home for thousands of the birds.

Sharptails were one of three species of prairie grouse that lived in pre-settlement Kansas. Unable to adjust to man-made changes in the land as well as its cousins--lesser prairie chickens and greater prairie chickens--sharp-tails finally disappeared.

Overgrazing of rangelands and conversion of native range to agricultural crops had already drastically reduced grouse numbers in Kansas by the start of the 20th century, explained Randy Rodgers, leader of the reintroduction effort. The fragmenting of their western Kansas range into smaller and smaller units during the later 1800s and early 1900s had reduced their ability to replenish their numbers. The Dust Bowl of the 1930s dealt the final blow. But modern wildlife management may bring them back.

"We want to re-establish some small, sustaining populations on what remains of good rangeland in northwest Kansas," Rodgers said.

About 100 birds have been released in Rawlins County. The birds were trapped by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, then shipped by air to Kansas, and trucked in boxes to the release site.

Several techniques were applied by Rodgers and his crew to make the grouse feel at home in Kansas. Recordings of sharptails on their "dancing grounds" were played at the release site. Sharptail decoys were placed in the area. The birds were tranquilized prior to release to reduce stress and keep them from scattering.

Rodgers hopes to receive about 50 more birds from North Dakota this year. Once the initial stocking is completed, the reintroduction project will depend on how well the birds take to their new surroundings. Obviously, Rodgers is hoping sharptails will succeed in Kansas like some other species of native wildlife--deer, wild turkey, and pronghorns--whose decades-long absence from the state turned out to be only temporary.

KANSAS FISH & GAME NEWS RELEASE

FIRST COUNTY RECORDS

Red-bellied Woodpecker	pair at feeder in Dighton	2-13-82	Lane County
Northern Shrike	field marks well seen	1-6-82	Pawnee County
Brown Creeper		1-4-82	Rush County
Sage Thrasher		1-2-82 to 1-20-82	Rush County

WINTER NOTES

Black-crowned Night Heron	immature - later found dead	1-7-82	Barton County
Bald Eagle	one sub adult 15 A, 5 I	2-20-82 2-25-82	Trego County Barton County
Peregrine Falcon	immature attacking Short-eared Owl	1-13-82	Pawnee County
Short-eared Owl	Very common	Feb. 82	Pawnee, Rush & Barton Counties
Long-eared Owl	2	1-7-82	Rush County
Common Yellowthroat	female at outlet canal, Cheyenne Bottoms	1-7-82	Barton County
Lapland Longspur	50,000 (?) accompanying arctic front	1-15-82	Rush County

Scott Seltman

IVAN L. BOYD, professor emeritus of biology at Baker University and charter member of KOS, was killed in a tractor accident March 19 while he was supervising the burning of the B. U. Wetlands south of Lawrence--a 573 acre prairie marsh preserve. His funeral was Monday, March 22, with burial in Oakwood cemetery in Baldwin.

Dr. Boyd had spent 40 of his 77 years with the biology department at Baker. He had many other interests, including scouting, local history, tall grass prairie preservation, bee-keeping, bird banding, and local weather observation. He was one of the six organizers of the Kansas Ornithological Society and served as its first president. He served as editor of the KOS Bulletin for the next four years. As a frequent appointee to the nominating committee his influence was felt on many later occasions as he sought officer candidates.

His survivors include his wife, Margaret Boyd of the home; his son, Roger L. Boyd also of Baldwin; his daughter, Barbara Pressgrove, Pleasanton; and two grandsons.

Amelia Betts

BALDWIN NOTES

Chapter Two of the White-winged Crossbill saga at Baldwin--good news and bad news--or perhaps better stated as happy news and sad news.

First the sad--the White-winged that was first seen on a thistle feeder on Christmas 1981 and caught in a net and banded on New Year's Day was seen many times afterward at our feeders or at a feeder next door east and at another a block and a half north of us. We recaptured her on March 7 and several more birders got to view her close-up.

On March 23 she got in the net again. Her weight had gone down from 25 to 17 grams. Donald Betts (next door) had noticed that she had much difficulty in cracking sunflower seeds, even the small black ones. She had to turn her head sideways to pick up any seed on the trays. None of the dozens of Pine Siskins, Purple Finch, nor Goldfinch ever drove her away.

So we put her in a cage on the back porch with cracked sunflower seed and niger. She drank readily from the water in the glass fastened on the side of her cage. Bent reported they often ate apples, so we offered her a slice.

The next day she was very dumpy in the morning but revived about noon so much we thought some of releasing her. But the weather was threatening, so we decided to wait a day. But the next day--exactly three months after we first saw her--she never recovered from her early morning lethargy and died.

So, like the Groove-billed Ani that visited this area in late 1979 and lived for a time on frozen grasshoppers, we were fortunate in that both died after we had retrieved them. Both will become study skins in the biology department of Baker University.

The happier news is that while we were reading Dr. Zimmerman's summary of the winter count which noted that Baldwin had--in the Crossbill-- the "most exciting find" in northern finches we had a phone call from Sublette. A new member of KOS (Ermalea Henley) had seen a male White-winged this winter. Haskell County is about as far southwest as Douglas is northeast in Kansas. So from corner to corner White-winged Crossbills visited the state. We commented on the Grackles turning over every leaf in our yard hunting for food. She asked how we would appreciate this species if each one were ten thousand or so as they have there. We were envious of her Black-crowned Night Heron. She said her husband, a native of Eudora in Douglas County, would be very happy to see a Cardinal.

Kansas is really a wonderful birding state!

Amelia Betts and Katherine Kelley

The KOS field trip committee has recently been formed to further the Society's goals of promoting ornithological study and to advance its members in the science of ornithology by conducting field trips on a local level. These activities should serve to bring KOS members together more frequently, hence increase communication and exchange of ideas within the organization, and just as importantly to attract potential members. Thus, these field trips should be varied in scope to meet the above goals. The committee welcomes feedback and ideas concerning its activities from all KOS members. We are also looking for volunteers to become actively involved on the committee, particularly from members residing in an area whose geographical region is not represented on the committee. The committee is represented by Steve Kingswood (Wichita), Dave Seibel (Lawrence), and Scott Seltman (Nekoma).

I am planning on conducting a Summer (Breeding) Bird Count at Pomona Reservoir with the same procedure as that used on the Christmas Bird Counts. A definite date has not been set, but the count is tentatively planned for Saturday, June 19. Anyone interested in participating should contact me.

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MANHATTAN NOTES

Red-throated loon: 10 April 1982, River Pond State Park, Tuttle Creek Reservoir, Manhattan. Single individual. Identified independently by Lowell Johnson and John Zimmerman.

IBBA

The Inland Bird Banding Association is proud to announce the Willetta Lueshen Student Membership Awards. These awards will consist of a one-year free membership in the Inland Bird Banding Association and will be awarded to several high school, undergraduate, or graduate students who have demonstrated a sincere interest in bird banding and who show potential for making contributions to our knowledge of North American birds through the use of bird banding.

The awards have been named for Willetta Lueshen in recognition of her continuing enthusiasm and zeal in recruiting new members for the organization. Send nominations for student membership awards to:

Noel J. Cutright
Treasurer, Inland Bird Banding Assoc.
3352 Knollwood
West Bend, WI 53095

Inland Bird Banding Association is an organization for banders and others interested in the serious study of birds, their conservation and ecology. A refereed quarterly scientific journal and quarterly newsletter are published. Articles and notes, not published in other journals, containing significant knowledge about bird banding or studies incorporating bird banding as part of the project will be considered for publication in North American Bird Bander; authors should contact Dr. Jerome Jackson, Dept. Biological Sciences, P. O. Box Z, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

For more information about the Association or about bird banding, write to:

IBBA
Route 2, Box 26
Wisner, NE 68791

BREEDING BIRD SURVEY

Are you interested in conducting a Breeding-bird Survey during June over one of the 36 routes in Kansas? Openings occur from time to time, and the help of competent Kansas birders is needed. For example, two routes in Washington and Marshall counties need to be filled immediately. Others may be open this year. Several in southeastern Kansas will be open in a year or two. Please send your name to John L. Zimmerman, Div. Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506.

ATTENTION: The following memberships have lapsed. Anyone knowing these people might ask them if they know their membership has lapsed and see if they will renew.

Jim Alldritt, Lawrence	Emma Messerly, Bartlesville, OK
Charles Bankston, LaCrosse	Martin E. Mills, K. C.
Felicia Bart, Parkville, MO	Duane Mitchell, Emporia
Alice F. Beesley, Hutchinson	Lee Morris, Benedict, NE
Byron E. Berger, Lawrence	Robert Mossman, Mt. Pleasant, UT
William Bloom, Lawrence	Weir Nelson, Cedar Rapids, IA
David Bolz, Bushton	Doug Neufeld, Emporia
John Bucher, Lawrence	Arthur Nonhof, Salina
Margaret Caldwell, Hutchinson	Larry Nuss, Ft. Scott
James H. Cane, Lawrence	Julia Oehrle, Dodge City
Joan Challans, Dodge City	John Palmquist, Goodland
Hazel Chaplin, Arkansas City	Mark Ports, Ok City
William W. Deacon, Overland Park	Barbara Pressgrove, Fleasanton
Fred Dexter, Mulvane	James Ptacek, Emporia
Dr. James Fisher, Wichita	Everett Renberger, LaCrosse & Melba
Terry Flageolle, Federal Heights, CO	John A. Rentko, Shawnee
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Fretwell, Manhattan	Douglas Rich, Ashland
Lloyd, Ann and Mike Fugate, K.C.	Kathleen Robinson, Scott City
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Goldsberry, Meade	LeAnn Ronsse, Hoyt
Harry L. Gregory, K.C.	Bob Rose, Paola
Lori J. Hinde, Topeka	Marguerite and Oliver Russ, Manhattan
Alice and Amy Horn, Moline	Margaret Schulenberg, Admire
Jean and Lloyd Hulbert, Manhattan	Frank Shipley, Manhattan
Greg Hutchins, Geuda Springs	Daniel Shorter, Alva, OK
Peter D. Janzen, Newton	Guy, Phoebe, & Andrianna Smith, Manhattan
Lori L. Johnson, Stillwater, OK	Robert Spencer, Cameron, MO
Dean Kettle, Lawrence	Robert Squier, Lawrence
Irma Kidwell, Lawrence	Michael Stearns, Courtland
Joseph Krieg, Broomfield, CO	Keith Tillotson, Garden City
John R. LaShelle, K.C., MO	Harvard Townsend, Manhattan
Patricia and Elmo Law, Overland Park	Mary Treece, Lawrence
Howard Levenson, Lawrence	Dr. Allen Tubbs, St. Charles, MO
David Lickteig, Hanover	Mrs. Dwerl Vogler, Barnes
George E. Lippert, Chanute	Ron Warman, Topeka
Geneva McFarland, Lenexa	Helen Whorton, Hawaii
Bruce McGillivray, Lawrence	Don Wissman, Manhattan
Jim McMurray, K.C.	

FALL MEETING
Wichita
Sedgwick County Zoo
Educational Building

October 2 - 3, 1982

Call for papers and announcements will be sent
out later