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From The Keyboard -

As I write this, to finish up another edition of the *Horned Lark*, May is just about history. In many ways the spring migration was disappointing. Everyone mentioned the lack of warblers and vireos. Bird numbers and bird distribution was somewhere between unusual and bizarre. And yet, at the same time, really good birds showed up around the state. But maybe, just maybe, we were a little jaded after the winter (and fall) of the gulls, the murrelet and a nuthatch. But birdwatchers are an optimistic lot and there are Breeding Bird Surveys to be done, and fall migration actually gets started in mid-July, most years, and who knows what that will bring!

This is an issue of introductions. Pete Janzen is introduced as the new Round-up editor. Each new editor (Pete is the fourth) for this popular feature brings a slightly new twist. Despite what Pete says in his first few paragraphs, he is very qualified to handle this important task and his debut is outstanding (even though a fourth of it is gulls... seriously)!

You also get to meet new KOS member Debarah Arnett. Debarah is a photographer and shares her visual thoughts of the Spring Meeting with us. I wish you could see these pictures in color - they are even more stunning. Debarah exemplifies what many of us know; the KOS membership is a very talented group! We are glad to have her as a contributor to this issue.

Some features are missing either due to lack of space, or, more likely, lack of material. See the plea for authors on page 2. You can write, you really can, and I'm here to help you. Get your rough thoughts down on paper and I'll help you polish them up. One consistent comment that I get from the membership is how much they enjoy hearing what other members are doing. I'd love to go around and interview each and every one of you, but I just don't get paid enough to do that. Help me out and send me your thoughts!

Fall is going to be here before we know it (yes, I know it isn't even summer yet, officially), so start making plans for the 50th Anniversary KOS Annual Meeting in Lawrence, October 9, 10 and 11. The local committee is putting together a great program with some special opportunities that don't come along every day. You'll get to meet and rub shoulders with KOS and other ornithological legends as well as regular birdwatchers like you and me. It'll be a great opportunity to, as one new KOS member said in Medicine Lodge, put some faces with some names. You'll be sorry if you miss this meeting!

Have a great summer!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Photo Op!

Sometimes a unique set of circumstances occur with wonderful results. I first "met" Debarah Arnett last year via e-mail. Debarah is a photographer and note card producer who likes birds and hosted a White-winged Crossbill (and a whole lot of birdwatchers) at her Johnson County home last fall. Shortly thereafter she joined KOS. I got to put a face with the name when I went to Johnson County in late December to see the Brown-headed Nuthatch.

Debarah, and her cameras, were at the Spring Field Trip in the Red Hills. The rest is now "photographic history!" Debarah's written impression of her first KOS meeting is on page 3. But you know the old story about a picture being worth a thousand words. Some of Debarah's pictures of the spring field trip start on page 4 and are scattered across several pages in this issue. Thank you, Debarah, for sharing your "impressions" of the spring field trip. Be on the lookout for Debarah at future KOS meetings. She'll be the one with the camera!

WANTED! Authors

Some of my favorite areas of coverage weren't written about in this issue, BECAUSE we need more authors! Pete Janzen has taken over the Birding Roundup so we need someone to take over a birding tips/hints column. Other responsibilities have forced Amy Rose to give up the Kid's Page. And we are always looking for articles about what you, the KOS members, are doing.

Don't use the excuse of, "I'm no writer." Just get your ideas and thoughts down on paper and this old editor will take it from there! Mail your stories, thoughts, ideas to :

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or e-mail me at:
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I'm waiting to hear from you.....

Upcoming Meeting Locations

Please note the upcoming tentative spring and fall meeting locations. Mark your calendars, look for more information in coming issues and plan to attend!

Fall 1998 - 50th Anniversary Meeting, Lawrence

Spring 1999 - Winfield

Fall 1999 - Hays

Spring 2000 - Southeast Kansas (maybe with Okla.)

KOS Items Available

If you would like to purchase KOS T-shirts, sweatshirts, window stickers, etc. then you need to contact the KOS Business Manager, James Barnes, at 1425 S Wichita, Wichita, KS 67213, 316-265-4059, or via e-mail at barnowls@juno.com

If you are also having problems getting your newsletter or bulletin let James know. And if you want to purchase back issues, he is your contact also.

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Reflections on the Spring KOS Meeting

by Debarah Arnett

If only allowed two words to describe my first KOS Spring Meeting, I would have to use my favorite Chuck Otte term "Sensory Overload". I had envisioned adding maybe ten new birds to my life list, I never expected forty new birds.

I have only been a birder for four years and the majority of that was just backyard birding to take bird photos. I became an avid birder after having the White-Winged Crossbill visit my feeders back in November 1997. I met a number of KOS members at my home when they came to see the Crossbill. One visitor told me about KOS and I decided to join. After the Crossbill I became an avid (or was that rabid) birder.

I wanted to share with other beginner birders like myself just how welcome the experienced birders of KOS made me feel. I can't remember when I last felt such warmth from a group of people. They truly shared in my excitement each and every time I added a new bird to my life list. They kept busy seeking out new birds for me to see.

I think Pete Janzen and Dave Williams will be a little more careful in their terminology with regards to promising certain species. They now refer to them as probable sightings. I held them to their promised sightings and they fulfilled each one. They almost failed by one species but produced it in our final 1/2 hour. It was a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. (Thanks Pete and Dave.)

I enjoyed the way the entire group birded together at times and then broke off in smaller groups and birded with different and new people throughout the day. I came alone to the KOS trip, but never felt like I came alone after I arrived. I feel like I made some permanent friendships that weekend. We have been busy e-mailing one another since I returned home. I truly enjoyed the birding, but I must say the second thing I enjoyed the most was the people. If you have not been to a KOS trip, don't wait until you get a rare bird at your feeder like I did, or you might miss the Fall meeting. Hope to meet you there.

Don't Forget! Participate!

The fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society will be here before we know it. There is an active committee hard at work in Lawrence and at KU getting ready for this very special event. This would be a good time to start thinking about what items you want to contribute to the 1998 KOS Silent Auction. **Anything** bird related is acceptable - be creative!

This year it is important that you contact Susan Barnes (316-265-4059 or barnowls@juno.com) and tell her what you intend to submit. Susan is trying to have all the bid sheets and item information prepared in advance. Walk-in items will be accepted but prior notification would be preferred. For more information, or if you have questions, call or e-mail Susan - she loves to answer questions!

Don't forget those dates - **October 9, 10 & 11, 1998, University of Kansas, Lawrence Kansas**

Did you see a good bird, an unusual bird, a common bird out of season or 'out of location?' Be sure to call the KOS Hotline at **316-229-2777**.

Did you see a **REALLY** good bird?? Take the time to complete a KBRC Official Report form and send it to Dave Rintoul, 1124 Woodland, Manhattan, KS 66502. A KBRC report form was in the March, 1997 *Horned Lark* (pg. 17) and can also be found on the KOS World Wide Web homepage at <http://www-personal.ksu.edu/~drintoul/kos>. Click on the Rare Bird Record Committee menu option.

KOS Spring Meeting Photo

Above - Sometimes the really good birds require just a little more effort. Between KOS Spring Field Trip participants and the Rufous-crowned Sparrow was the Salt Fork of the Arkansas River (and yes, the water was chilly!)

Below - Everyone made it across, though, and enjoyed the picturesque walk through a beautiful section of the Red Hills.

photo by Debarah Arnett

KOS Spring Meeting Photo

Proposed change to KOS by-laws:

*To be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting
October 10, 1998*

Susan Barnes, Membership Secretary of KOS since last fall's election in Wichita, has been quite active during her tenure and has undertaken a number of initiatives aimed at increasing membership and developing awareness of KOS among Kansas citizens. The current definition of the duties and responsibilities of the Membership Secretary as defined in the by-laws are quite limited, involving essentially only record keeping functions. The proposed changes will make the position a more active one. These changes were requested by Susan at the Board meeting in Medicine Lodge and are included here for review by the membership prior to the October meeting, where they will be presented for approval.

In each proposed change, the existing language being changed is stricken through, and the new language proposed is enclosed in square brackets:

“Bylaws for the Kansas Ornithological Society, Inc.

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Article IV. The Governing Body.

Section 1. The Governing Body shall consist of a Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the Board) made up as follows:

A. Elected officers: President (Chairman of the Board), Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary (Secretary of the Board), ~~Membership Secretary~~ [Membership Development Coordinator], Business Manager, and four (4) Directors at large.

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Article V. Officers and Appointed Positions.

Section 1. Elected positions.

A. Officers: President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, ~~Membership Secretary~~ [Membership Development Coordinator], Treasurer, and Business Manager.

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Section 2. Elections.

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C. The Corresponding Secretary, the ~~Membership Secretary~~ [Membership Development Coordinator], the Treasurer, and the Business Manager may succeed themselves as elected.

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Article VI. Duties of Officers and Appointees.

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Section 5. The ~~Membership Secretary~~ [Membership Development Coordinator], shall:

A. Prepare and preserve a record of all members and their attendance at each meeting and make such records available.

B. Issue membership receipts (sent only on request), dues reminders, membership applications and invitations.

C. Advise the Business Manager of membership changes.

D. Make a written report at the annual meeting.

E. Be responsible for the local chapter program.

F. Be a member of the Board of Directors.

[G. Develop communications media for use in KOS membership development activities.

H. Develop activities to educate the public about KOS, its aims, and the benefits of membership.

I. Encourage interest of young people in birds and ornithology as part of long term membership development.

J. Develop outreach programs whereby KOS members can interact with the public, schools, and other organizations to further interest in ornithology in Kansas.]

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Article VIII. Local Chapters.

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Section 2. Applications for local chapter designations shall be made to the ~~Membership Secretary~~ [Membership Development Coordinator] and approved by the KOS Board. The affiliation may be revoked by the Board at any time.

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Submitted for consideration by Roy Beckemeyer,
President, KOS

**Deadline for submissions for the
September, 1998 Horned Lark is
July 15, 1998.**

KOS Winter Board Meeting

Great Plains Nature Center

Wichita Kansas

Saturday , 28 February 1998, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 -p.m.

Attendance: Roy Beckemeyer, Town Peterson, Mike Rader, James Barnes, Susan Barnes, Pete Janzen, Chuck Otte, Greg Farley, Ed Miller, Bill Busby, Karen Ganoung, Richard Johnston, Gene Young, Max Thompson, Jim Mayhew.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Miller presented a balance sheet as of 12-31-97. He noted that 96% of total assets are restricted funds with designated purposes; the Silent Auction raised \$548 at the fall meeting for the Student Research Fund; the balance from the fall meeting registration and meals was \$119. Attachment B

Minutes: The minutes of the Fall Board Meeting of 4 Oct 97 were read; Chuck Otte moved they be approved, motion seconded and carried.

Membership: Susan Barnes explained that the current membership canvass is intended to put information into computer files; a new directory, including e-mail addresses, is planned in the spring, and new membership cards are expected. By consensus of members present, she was given permission to pursue her idea of a calendar with picture-postcards in collage. Her idea of KOS-sponsored kids programs at local bird centers seemed good, if she can find suitable programs.

Business Manager: James Barnes discussed mailing expense and inventory; he was instructed to order more sweatshirts and some ball caps. After discussion on the values of an improved printing method, Susan Barnes moved that it be used; motion seconded and carried. Extra copies of the *Horned Lark* can be distributed free to schools, stores, etc.

KOS 50th Anniversary: Town Peterson, of the KU Museum, presented several plans and ideas for the fall meeting to be held in Lawrence Oct 2-4. Those of special interest include an exhibit of special museum collections; explanations of certain technological efforts at the museum; an effort to invite charter members and other past members. Ideas from the group included having two types of speakers-- academic and general interest; inviting exhibits from outside organizations, such as a zoo; spending money for this special meeting. Max Thompson moved that up to \$1000 of KOS funds be allowed to use as desired for this 50th Anniversary meeting; if expenses exceed this, the Board can then reconsider the extra amount. Motion

seconded and carried. Tasks for planning and arrangements are to be shared by Town and Greg Farley.

Spring meeting: Pete Janzen shared plans for the May 1-3 meeting in Medicine Lodge; registration forms are to be in the coming issue of the *Horned Lark*. Attachment C

Horned Lark: Chuck Otte reminded the Board that material for the March issue must be in by March 4; May 16 is the deadline for the June issue, which will contain information about the fall meeting. Amy Rose has ended her KIDS' PAGE --another such writer would be welcome.

Bulletin: Max Thompson thinks the next three publications have adequate material; the June issue will use a color picture.

Finance Committee: Max Thompson expressed disappointment that every officer had not yet presented a formal budget.

Hot Line: Gene Young updates this feature 13 times a month; he receives information about rare birds from others by both telephone and e-mail.

KBRC: Pete Janzen reported that a new checklist will be out in May to coincide with publication of the 7th edition of the AOU list. An identification workshop is being planned for the fall meeting. Persons nominated and approved by the Records Committee to fill expired terms in May are Mike Rader, Tom Flowers, and Richard Rucker, alternate position. Pete moved that these nominations be accepted by the Board; motion seconded and carried. It was explained again that KBRC rules were accepted and voted on by the membership; therefore, these rules can be changed and refined by agreement of the membership. Attachment C

10 Best Birds of the Year: The Board agreed that this event at the fall meeting is more fun if nominations for the Best Birds come from the membership instead of from the KBRC.

Future meetings: Mike Rader is to look at possibilities of a North Central Kansas meeting, perhaps at Waconda Reservoir; Pete Janzen will continue to explore the idea of a joint meeting with Oklahoma, in northeast OK. This year the Colorado group meets in Lamar on May 8-10, and KOS members are welcome to attend.

Newspaper column: Richard Johnston has compiled 10 Bird-of-the-Month articles on common Kansas bird species. They have appeared in the Lawrence Journal-World but he hopes they will appear in additional state-wide newspapers. Susan Barnes volunteered to help in this effort by using computerized distribution. Attachment D

History Committee: Jim Mayhew and Chuck Otte are collecting information in preparation for the 50th anniversary in Lawrence on Oct 2-4; additional pertinent information is solicited. Mention was made again of the need for KOS to have a permanent repository for papers of historical value, perhaps a state museum or Historical Society.

Milford Wetlands: Chuck Otte presented plans from the Corps of Engineers to develop a series of wetlands; construction to begin in '99 with Wildlife and Parks in charge. His motion for KOS support was seconded and carried. Chuck will draft this letter of support for the Wakefield Wetland project, including a suggestion of reviewing said plans with an expert, especially one who will consider the impact on non-game wildlife. Attachment E

KBBAT Financial Report: KOS has been asked to help with the funding of publishing expense, and this question will be given to the finance committee for recommendation. A majority of the board seemed to feel that some amount should come from KOS; a decision is required by Dec. '98. Attachment F

Seaboard Hog Operations: KOS Board members Roy Beckemeyer and Richard Johnston attended a small forum in Topeka on 23 Feb. 98 to discuss the establishment of a hog-finishing facility near Great Bend, specifically, the effect on Cheyenne Bottoms, and related considerations. Members are urged to become informed, and to contact legislators. Attachment G

Dingus Natural Area: This area of 146 acres, west of Mound City in Linn County (east of Emporia), belongs to KOS, although many members are unfamiliar with it. A suggestion was heard to prepare a KOS brochure to describe this beautiful area. Jim Mayhew moved that money from the Dingus Fund be approved for the necessary survey and fencing; motion seconded and carried. Max Thompson moved to adjourn; motion seconded and carried, and the meeting adjourned at 1:05. A snack lunch was provided.

Attachments: A - Great Plains Nature Center, B - treasurer's report, C - Records Committee and Spring '98 meeting, D - Birds of the Month (house finch, bald eagle, pigeon), E - Milford Wetlands project, F - KBBAT Financial Summary, G - Hog-finishing facility forum,.

Karen Ganoung
Corresponding Secretary

Thanks Pete!

As you can see throughout the *Horned Lark* there was a lot of fun at the spring KOS meeting in the Red Hills. Pete Janzen spearheaded this effort and was helped by Bill Busby and several others. New members were signed up, new friendships were forged and old friendships were strengthened. And while the warblers and vireos didn't really cooperate, the birding was great anyway and the scenery was fantastic. Thank you Pete and crew for getting a lot of us into the beautiful Red Hills! Start thinking now about spring 1999 and Winfield!

Wanted! KOS History

Jim Mayhew is spearheading the effort to assemble the KOS history for its first 50 years. If you have any items, stories, photos or anything else to share you can contact Jim at:

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Remember KOS.... If you would like to help the Kansas Ornithological Society's future growth consider leaving a memorial trust for the Society or including the KOS in your will. If you would like more information feel free to contact any of the Board Members.

WINTER ROUND-UP

1 December, 1997 through 28 February, 1998

by Pete Janzen

This is the Kansas Seasonal Birding Roundup for the winter period, Dec. 1, 1997 through Feb. 28, 1998. This report has to date been compiled by others, whom I consider to be more qualified than myself, but I am gratified to be asked, and will attempt to do an adequate job. I welcome all comments, corrections, and suggestions about this report from readers.

The winter season in Kansas this year was uncommonly mild for the most part, although the western and northern parts of the state experienced a number of substantial snowstorms. The warm water event in the eastern Pacific, known as El Nino, was the big weather maker for much of the US. Here at Wichita, the big lakes never froze over at all, and this was the case across most of the state. The weather elsewhere, however, had a major effect on Kansas birding. A series of strong storms pounded the west coast, apparently pushing a number of west coast gull species inland, including two new species for Kansas, Glaucous-winged and Mew Gulls. At the same time, some of the strongest "nor'easters" in recent memory were lashing the east coast, and this may have been the reason that a number of North Atlantic gull species showed up at numerous inland locales, including Kansas. These included Greater and Lesser Black-backed Gulls, and Iceland Gull. Thirteen gull species in all were reported for the season in Kansas, and in many cases were reported from multiple locations, although the Wichita garbage landfill, Waconda Reservoir, and the Tuttle Creek spillway were perhaps the hottest locations. By the end of the season, an article appeared in the Wichita Eagle, describing this author and others as a "birding maniacs", simply because we spent hours on end staring at gulls in the heart of the landfill. Some folks just don't understand.

Northern finch species also put on a good showing, with the most White-winged Crossbill records that I can ever recall in a single season. Common Redpolls and Purple Finches were also widely reported, although the statewide Red Crossbill invasion of last year was not repeated.

Another northern visitor, the Gyrfalcon, made it this far south for the only about the 4th time. Another one was apparently trapped at Cheyenne Bottoms by a falconer in January. While legal, I personally think it is abhorrent that a person can trap and keep such a regal and powerful bird. At the least it is selfish to keep such a rare bird for one's personal enjoyment, at the worst, it is a shame to see

such a free-spirited bird held captive. But this isn't the editorial page, I guess.

The oddest bird of the season was the Brown-headed Nuthatch that spent nearly a month in Mission Hills, Ks., just a city block from the state line. Many birders were able to add this fairly cooperative bird to their life and state lists. I seriously doubt that this species will ever be reported again in Kansas, as it wanders very, very, rarely from its southeastern pine woods. Sure was a cute little guy, too.

Eurasian Collared Doves are destined for "ho-hum" status within a decade or so, but still cause a stir out here on the leading edge of their range expansion. The two at Topeka were the only records for the winter, but the spring season has brought several additional reports. Tune in next time for details.

In the west, a major owl invasion took place. Based on comments from hunters and his own observations, Seltman estimated that hundreds of Short-eared Owls were present in Pawnee and Rush Counties in the first week of December. Long-eared Owls also formed several large roosts in various locations, and 2 reports of N. Saw-whet Owl were received.

I could comment more on these records, but this looks like enough space to me. You can glean out the rest of the gems for yourself.

I feel that I should comment briefly on the criteria used to select bird records for this report. It has never been the stated policy of this column to act as an arm of the Records Committee. Some of the rarer birds that are reported to the hotline or the KSBIRD chat group are not documented for the Records Committee. I have always whole-heartedly supported the concept of a records committee, and have for some years been a part of its proceedings. I recognize that some members of KOS do not share this support, for a variety of reasons. I will not use the submission of documentation to the KBRC as a criteria for inclusion in this report. I will note KBRC-documented records with an asterisk. This is not a judgmental notation, merely an archival one. As the compiler, I reserve the final judgment on the inclusion or exclusion of records. Omitted records are done primarily for economy of space.

I have detected many errors in proofreading this column several times, but I am sure that I still missed some. Please bring to my attention any errors that you are aware of.

It is very obvious that many areas of the state are poorly represented here, especially the southeast. I actively encourage the submission of all bird records for this report.

Species underlined-Exceptional sighting.
Date underlined-Unusual date for the species..
Location underlined-Unusual location for the species.
Species name capitalized -First state record
Asterisk denotes that the sighting was submitted to the records committee.

Key to observer's initials follows the report.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Observer</u>
Common Loon	12/13	1 at Waconda Res.	Mitchell	MR,SS
Common Loon	12/21	2 at Winfield L.	Cowley	CBC
Common Loon	1/2	1 at Clinton	Douglas	AP
Common Loon	1/23	1 at Winfield L.	Cowley	MT, GY
Common Loon	2/7	1 at LaCygne L.	Linn	SR
<u>Pacific Loon</u>	12/20	1 at Wilson L.	Russell	MR
<u>Pacific Loon</u>	12/22	1 at Winfield L.	Cowley	MT,GY
<u>*Red-throated Loon</u>	12/16	1 at Wilson	Russell	MR
<u>Red-throated Loon</u>	12/21	1 at Winfield L.	Cowley	CBC
Horned Grebe	12/23	1 at Winfield L.	Cowley	MT, GY
Horned Grebe	12/20	1 at Clinton L.	Douglas	MC
Eared Grebe	12/14	3 at Melvern	Osage	CH,mob
<u>Red-necked Grebe</u>	12/13	1 at Waconda Res.	Mitchell	MR,SS
<u>Western Grebe</u>	1/2	1 at Clinton	Douglas	AP
<u>Clark's Grebe</u>	12/13	1 at Waconda Res.	Mitchell	MR,SS
White Pelican	1/13	1 at Tuttle Creek	Riley	DR
Great Egret	12/6	1 at El Dorado Res.	Butler	CS
Black-crowned Night-Heron	12/28	2 on Junction City	Geary	CBC
Tundra Swan	12/8	1 at Marion Res. dam	Marion	NW
Tundra Swan	2/7-2/14	3 at Quivira	Stafford	WH,mob
Tundra Swan	2/19-2/27	11 at Slate Creek	Sumner	SP,GY
Tundra Swan	2/23	1 in Meade area	Meade	TF
Tundra Swan	2/24	1 at Marais des Cygnes	Linn	LM
Trumpeter Swan	2/23	1 in Meade area	Meade	TF
Trumpeter Swan	12/8?	3 w/orange tags	Miami	V&RO
Trumpeter Swan	12/10	5 at Perry	Jefferson	RR
Trumpeter Swan	1/25	tagged birds at Clinton	Douglas	AP, DT
White-fronted Goose	late Dec.	<u>98,000</u> at Quivira	Stafford	Q staff
Snow Goose	late Dec.	<u>60,000</u> at Quivira	Stafford	Q staff
Ross's Goose	1/1	2 on Wichita sandpit	Sedgwick	CO, PJ, JB
Ross's Goose	1/17	2 at Perry	Jefferson	AP
Ross's Goose	1/24	2 at Harvey East Lake	Harvey	BD
Ross's Goose	1/24	1 at Milford	Geary	CO
Ross's Goose	2/7	1 at McCoid L.	Seward	BG
Ross's Goose	2/15	2 at L. Shawnee	Shawnee	DL
Canada Goose	late Dec.	<u>381,000</u> at Quivira	Stafford	Q staff
Canada/White-fronted hybrid	1/25	1 at K-96 bridge	Sedgwick	JB
American Black Duck	2/15	1 at Melvern	Osage	GP
Cinnamon Teal	2/27	2 at Slate Creek	Sumner	GY
Greater Scaup	1/1	7 at Lone Star	Douglas	DW
Oldsquaw	12/30	1 at Liberal	Seward	SP
Oldsquaw	1/2	1 on Wakefield	Geary	CBC
Oldsquaw	1/11-2/1	1 at Wichita sandpit	Sedgwick	TH, mob
White-winged Scoter	12/26	1 at Lone Star	Douglas	CS
Common Merganser	1/19	5000 at Milford	Geary	CO

Red-breasted Merganser	1/23	9 at Winfield L.	Cowley	MT, GY
Bald Eagle	2/20	incubating at Clinton	Douglas	DM
Bald Eagle	2/20	incubating at Hillsdale		DM
Bald Eagle	2/22	incubating at Wolf Creek	Coffey	MM,GP
N. Rough-winged Hawk	1/15	<u>18</u> in one day	Pawnee	SS
Ferruginous Hawk	1/17	1 near landfill	Sedgwick	JB, PJ
Northern Harrier	12/2	25 in one field	Pawnee	SS
Red-shouldered Hawk	2/19	1 at Slate Creek	<u>Sumner</u>	SP,GY
Northern Goshawk	12/6	1 at Clinton Lake	Douglas	DB
Northern Goshawk	1/2	Leavenworth CBC	Atchison?	CBC
Northern Goshawk	2/3	1 imm. at Wilson	Russell	MR
Northern Goshawk	2/8	1 at Tuttle	Riley	DR
Northern Goshawk	2/8	1 at Chisholm Cr	Sedgwick	ML
Golden Eagle	1/12	1 n. of Rozel	Pawnee	SS
Golden Eagle	1/18	1 at Redmond	Coffey	MM,RM,GP
Golden Eagle	2/7	1 at Cimm. bridge	Seward	BG
Merlin	1/11	1 at Newton	Harvey	GF
Peregrine Falcon	1/2	1 on Wakefield CBC	Geary	CBC
Peregrine Falcon	2/1	1 near Lawrence	Douglas	RA
Peregrine Falcon	approx. 2/4	1 videotaped in Topeka	Shawnee	JK
Peregrine Falcon	2/15	2 near nest box	Shawnee	Jbr
Prairie Falcon	12/12	1 at Lawrence airport	Douglas	GP
Prairie Falcon	12/6	4 at Cedar Bluff	Trego	SS
Prairie Falcon	1/14	7 in one day	Pawnee	SS
<u>*Gyrfalcon</u>	2/12	1 near Waconda	Mitchell	CH,SP,MR
Lesser Prairie Chicken	2/21	several early boomers	Morton	SS, T&SS
Whooping Crane	2/19	1 imm at Koppenhaver L.	Meade	USFW
Sandhill Crane	/late Dec.	<u>25,000</u> at Quivira	Stafford	Q staff
Sandhill Crane	1/3	15 near Med. Lodge	Barber	GF, PJ
Virginia Rail	12/23	1 at Milford	Geary	CO
Virginia Rail	12/24	3 at Slate Creek	Sumner	CBC
Virginia Rail	12/20-1/1	2 at Sedg. Co. Park	Sedgwick	ES, mob
Snowy Owl	1/6	1 north of Russell	Russell	MR
Long-eared Owl	12/8	<u>19</u> at Wilson Res.	Russell	MR
Long-eared Owl	12/13	<u>40</u> at Wilson Res.	Russell	MR,SS
Long-eared Owl	1/9	roost at Slate Creek	Sumner	GY
Long-eared Owl	1/4	12 at Milford	Geary	GS
Long-eared Owl	1/25	several at Milford	Geary	GS
Long-eared Owl	2/22`	6 at Lyon Co. L	Lyon	MM,GP
Short-eared Owl	12/6	30+ in CRP land	Pawnee	SS
Short-eared Owl	12/6	20+ in CRP land	Pawnee	SS
Short-eared Owl	1/4	3 at Milford	Geary	GS
Short-eared Owl	1/8	8 on consecutive posts	Rush	SS
Short-eared Owl	1/23	2 near Towanda	Butler	BB
Short-eared Owl	2/7	1 at Quivira	Stafford	WH
N. Saw-whet Owl	early Dec.	1 at Bennington (photo)	Ottawa	fide MR
N. Saw-whet Owl	1/7	1 at Wilson Res.	Russell	MR
<u>*Pomarine Jaeger</u>	12/5	1 at Melvern Res.	Osage	ML
Franklin's Gull	1/18	1 alt. plumage at Redmond	Coffey	MM. GP
Franklin's Gull	2/3	1 alt. plumage at dump	Sedgwick	JN, ST
Bonaparte's Gull	12/14	15 at Melvern	Coffey	CH,mob
Bonaparte's Gull	1/18	50 at John Redmond	Coffey	MM.RM.GP
<u>*MEW GULL</u>	1/14-1/18	1 ad. at Wichita sandpit	Sedgwick	TH, PJ, m.ob
<u>MEW GULL</u>	1/16	1 first-winter at sandpit	Sedgwick	JB, PJ, JN
<u>MEW GULL</u>	1/28	1 first-winter at landfill	Sedgwick	TH

<u>*MEW GULL</u>	2/1-2/14	adult at Tuttle outlet	Riley	JR, m.ob
<u>*MEW GULL</u>	1/29	2d winter at Waconda	Mitchell	MR,SS
<u>MEW GULL</u>	2/13	1st winter at landfill	Sedgwick	DV, m.ob
California Gull	12/14	1 adult at Milford	Geary	C&JO
California Gull	1/16	2 at K-96 bridge	Sedgwick	DV
California Gull	1/16	and 1 near the landfill	Sedgwick	DV
California Gull	1/17	2 at river and sandpits	Sedgwick	m.ob
California Gull	1/20	1 at Wilson	Russell	MR
California Gull	1/24	1 at landfill	Sedgwick	m.ob
*California Gull	1/30	1 at Waconda	Mitchell	MR
California Gull	1/31	1 at Redmond outlet	Coffey	MM, GP
California Gull	2/3	1 at K-96 bridge	Sedgwick	PJ
California Gull	2/13	2 at landfill	Sedgwick	SP, m.ob
Thayer's Gull	12/13	<u>10</u> 1st winter at Waconda	Mitchell	MR,SS
Thayer's Gull	1/10	2 at Tuttle outlet	Riley	GS, m.ob
Thayer's Gull	1/18-1/24	1 at Tuttle outlet	Riley	GS
Thayer's Gull	1/17	1 first-winter at K-96	Sedgwick	JB
Thayer's Gull	1/24	3 at landfill	Sedgwick	m.ob
Thayer's Gull	2/8	2 at Milford	Geary	C&JO
Thayer's Gull	2/13	2 at landfill	Sedgwick	SP,m.ob
<u>*Iceland Gull</u>	1/24	2 at Wilson	Russell	MR,SS
<u>*Iceland Gull</u>	2/13	1 near landfill	Sedgwick	SP,m.ob
<u>*Iceland Gull</u>	2/15	1 1st winter at CB	Barton	MR, C&JO
<u>*Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	12/4-12/10	3rd yr. at K-96 bridge.	Sedgwick	PJ, m.ob
<u>*Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	1/24-1/28	1-3rd and 1-4th yr at landfill	Sedgwick	PW, m.ob
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	2/13	1 1st winter at landfill	Sedgwick	SP, m.ob
<u>*GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL</u>	1/24	1 2d year at landfill	Sedgwick	PW, m.ob
<u>*GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL</u>	2/5	1 adult at Tuttle outlet	Riley	GS
<u>GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL</u>	2/13	1 2d yr. near landfill	Sedgwick	SP, m.ob
Glaucous Gull	12/14	1 1st winter at Waconda	Mitchell	MR,SS
Glaucous Gull	1/4	1 1st winter at Redmond	Coffey	AS
Glaucous Gull	1/12	1 1st winter at K-96 br	Sedgwick	PJ
Glaucous Gull	1/16	2 at K-96 bridge	Sedgwick	DV
Glaucous Gull	1/17-1/24	1 in landfill area	Sedgwick	JB, PJ, JN
Glaucous Gull	1/15-1/22	1 at Tuttle Creek outlet	Riley	BC
Glaucous Gull	1/18	1 at Redmond	Coffey	AP
Glaucous Gull	1/24	1 at Tuttle	Riley	DR
Glaucous Gull	1/25	1 at Milford	Geary	GS
Glaucous Gull	1/24	<u>9</u> at Waconda	Mitchell	MR, SS
Glaucous Gull	1/28	1 at Harvey East L.	Harvey	NV
Glaucous Gull	2/3-2/5	1 near Tuttle dam	Riley	GK, DM
<u>*Great Black-backed Gull</u>	1/16	1 1st winter at bridge	Sedgwick	MC
<u>*Great black-backed Gull</u>	1/17	still there	Sedgwick	TH
<u>Great Black-backed Gull</u>	1/26	1 1st winter in Redmond spillway		AS
<u>Great Black-backed Gull</u>	2/13	1 1st winter near landfill	Sedgwick	SP, m.ob
<u>Great Black-backed Gull</u>	2/14	1 1st winter at CB	Barton	SP, SS
Black-legged Kittiwake	1/4-1/27	1 1st winter at Redmond	Coffey	AS, m.ob
Black-legged Kittiwake	2/3-2/18	1 1st winter at Tuttle	Riley	C&JO
<u>*Eurasian Collared Dove</u>	2/21	2 at Topeka feeder	Shawnee	DK
<u>*Rufous hummingbird</u>	12/2	1 fem. at feeder	Johnson	NL, JG
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	2/21	1 on Cimm. River	Morton	SS, T&SSh
Pileated Woodpecker	12/21	1 near Manhattan	?	CBC
Black-billed Magpie	12/4	1 at Mulvane	<u>Sedgwick</u>	TH
<u>*BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH</u>	12/25-1/22	1 in Mission Hills	Wyandotte	MM, mob
Carolina Wren	12/24	1 in St Francis	<u>Cheyenne</u>	MRu

Marsh Wren	12/24	1 at Slate Creek	Sumner	CBC
Marsh Wren	1/1	1 at Sedg. Co Park	Sedgwick	CO,PJ,JB
Mountain Bluebird	12/6	6 at Wilson Res.	Wilson	MR
Mountain Bluebird	12/21	23 on Winfield CBC	Cowley	CBC
Mountain Bluebird	1/20	7 at Wilson Res.	Russell	MR
Mountain Bluebird	1/4	200 SW of Med. Lodge	Barber	TH,CS, JNk
Townsend's Solitaire	1/19	1 at Junction City	Geary	CO
<u>*Varied Thrush</u>	12/7	Tuttle Creek	Riley	TC
<u>Varied Thrush</u>	12/23	1 found dead at Eldor.L	Butler	CBC
Northern Shrike	12/3	1 at Nekoma	Rush	SS
Northern Shrike	Dec. 6	1 at Cedar Bluff	Trego	SS
Northern Shrike	12/8	1 near Russell	Russell	MR
Northern Shrike	12/6	1 near Lebo	Coffey	BF,MM
Northern Shrike	1/10	1 at Rozel	Pawnee	SS
<u>*Pine Warbler</u>	1/6	1 at Perry	Jefferson	RR
Chipping Sparrow	1/14	1 at feeder in Manhattan	Pottawatomie	DB
Lark Bunting	12/23-2/28	2 at feeder near G. City	Finney	MO, mob
Savannah Sparrow	12/24	14 at Slate Creek	Sumner	CBC
Savannah Sparrow	12.20	1 at Camp Hawk	Harvey	CBC
Savannah Sparrow	1/3	1 near Med. Lodge	Barber	CBC
Savannah Sparrow	2/14	1 at Quivira	Stafford	SP,SS
LeConte's Sparrow	12/24	3 at Slate Creek	Sumner	CBC
LeConte's Sparrow	12/20	2 along Ark R.	Sedgwick	JN,PJ
<u>*Golden-crowned Sparrow</u>	12/23-2/28	2 at feeder near G. City	Finney	MO, mob
Lapland Longspur	1/25	1000's dead in tower kill	Hamilton	
Smith's Longspur	12/4	5-6 in flight	Marshall	DM
Smith's Longspur	1/24-1/28	flock at Osage Trail	Harvey	BD
Smith's Longspur	2/8	15 at Lyon St. L.	Lyon	BF
Smith's Longspur	2/22	2 at Lyon Co. St. L	Lyon	MM, GP
Rusty Blackbird	2/14	3 at CB	Barton	SS
Bullock's Oriole	1/17	1 in Garden City yard	Finney	TS
Purple Finch	12/8	several at feeder	Shawnee	KM
Purple Finch	12/15	6 at Marion Res.	Marion	DW
Purple Finch	1/2	1 at Lone Star	Douglas	PW
<u>White-winged Crossbill</u>	12/12	1 feeder in St. Mary's	Pottawatomie	BMg
<u>White-winged Crossbill</u>	1/18-1/21	1 at Wichita feeder	Sedgwick	fide BM
<u>White-winged Crossbill</u>	1/20	2 at feeder near Perry	Jefferson	JV
Red Crossbill	12/14	2 pair at Perry	Jefferson	AP
Red Crossbill	1/3-1/10	12 at Perry	Jefferson	AP
Common Redpoll	1/14	1 at Salina feeder	Saline	DRk
Common Redpoll	12/20	1 on SE KC CBC	?	CBC
Common Redpoll	12/1-?	feeder in Andover	Sedg.	KJ, mob
Common Redpoll	2/4	1 at Manhattan feeder	Riley	DM

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KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY SPRING 1998 FIELD TRIP

APRIL 30 - MAY 3, RED HILLS

An even 50 persons attended the 1998 spring meeting of KOS, held in the Red Hills of south-central Kansas. Excellent weather prevailed, and many interesting birds were found. Field trips visited portions of Barber, Comanche, and Kiowa Counties. Please find listed below a list of species, with county codes where available, and also a listing of all participants.

SPECIES - County codes: B=Barber, C=Comanche, K=Kiowa, *compiled by Pete Janzen*

Pied-billed Grebe-B,C	Sora-C	Downy Woodpecker -B,C
Eared Grebe-C	American Coot-C	Hairy Woodpecker-B,C
American White Pelican-C	Semipalmated Plover-B	Northern Flicker -B,C
Double-crested Cormorant-B,C	Killdeer-B,C	Eastern Wood-Pewee
American Bittern-B	American Avocet-B	Willow Flycatcher-B
Great Blue Heron-B,C,K	Greater Yellowlegs-B	Least Flycatcher-B,C
Great Egret-B	Lesser Yellowlegs-B,C	Eastern Phoebe -B,C
Snowy Egret-B	Solitary Sandpiper-C	Great Crested Flycatcher-B,C
Cattle Egret-B	Willet-B	Western Kingbird -B,C
Green Heron-C	Spotted Sandpiper-B,C	Eastern Kingbird-B,C
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Upland Sandpiper-C	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher-B,C
White-faced Ibis-C	Whimbrel-B	Horned Lark-B,C
Canada Goose-B,C	Hudsonian Godwit-B	Purple Martin-C
Wood Duck-B,C	Marbled Godwit-B	Tree Swallow
Green-winged Teal	Semipalmated Sandpiper-B,C	Northern Rough-winged Swallow-C
Mallard-B,C	Western Sandpiper-B	Cliff Swallow-B,C
Northern Pintail -	Least Sandpiper-B,C	Barn Swallow-B,C
Blue-winged Teal-B,C	White-rumped Sandpiper-B	Blue Jay-B,C
Cinnamon Teal-B	Baird's Sandpiper-B,C	Black-billed Magpie
Northern Shoveler-C	Stilt Sandpiper-C	American Crow--B,C
American Wigeon	Buff-breasted Sandpiper-B	Carolina Chickadee-B,C
Redhead-C	Short-billed Dowitcher-B	Tufted Titmouse-B
Ring-necked Duck-B	Long-billed Dowitcher-B,C	White-breasted Nuthatch-B
Ruddy Duck-C	Wilson's Phalarope-C	Rock Wren-C
Turkey Vulture-B,C,K	Franklin's Gull-B,C	Carolina Wren-B
Osprey-C	Ring-billed Gull-C	Bewick's Wren-C
Mississippi Kite-C	Herring Gull-C	House Wren-B,C
Northern Harrier-B	Forster's Tern -C	Marsh Wren-B
Sharp-shinned Hawk-C	Rock Dove-B,C	Ruby-crowned Kinglet-B
Cooper's Hawk	Mourning Dove-B,C	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher-B,C
Broad-winged Hawk-B	Yellow-billed Cuckoo-B	Eastern Bluebird-B,C
Swainson's Hawk-C	Greater Roadrunner-B,C	Swainson's Thrush-B
Red-tailed Hawk-B,C,K	Barn Owl-C	American Robin-B,C
Ferruginous Hawk-C	Eastern Screech-Owl-C	Gray Catbird-C
American Kestrel-B,C,K	Great Horned Owl-B,C	Northern Mockingbird-B,C
Merlin-B,K	Barred Owl-B,C	Brown Thrasher-B,C
Peregrine Falcon-C	Long-eared Owl-C	Cedar Waxwing-B
Prairie Falcon-K	Common Nighthawk	Loggerhead Shrike-B,C
Ring-necked Pheasant-B,C	Common Poorwill-C	European Starling
Lesser Prairie-Chicken-B,C,K	Chuck-will's-widow-B	Bell's Vireo-C
Wild Turkey-B,C	Chimney Swift-B	Warbling Vireo-B,C
Northern Bobwhite-B,C	Ruby-throated Hummingbird-B	Tennessee Warbler
Black Rail-C	Belted Kingfisher-B,C	Orange-crowned Warbler-B,C
King Rail-C	Red-headed Woodpecker	Nashville Warbler-C
Virginia Rail-C	Red-bellied Woodpecker-B,C	

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Yellow Warbler	Rufous-crowned Sparrow-C	Red-winged Blackbird-B,C,K
Yellow-rumped Warbler-B,C	Chipping Sparrow-B,C,K	Eastern Meadowlark-B,C
Black-throated Green Warbler-C	Clay-colored Sparrow-B,C,K	Western Meadowlark-B,C
Black-and-white Warbler	Field Sparrow-B,C,K	Yellow-headed Blackbird-B,C
Northern Waterthrush-K	Vesper Sparrow-B,C	Great-tailed Grackle-C
Louisiana Waterthrush-C,K	Lark Sparrow-B,C,K	Common Grackle-B,C
Common Yellowthroat-B,C	Savannah Sparrow-C	Brown-headed Cowbird-B,C
Yellow-breasted Chat	Grasshopper Sparrow-B,C	Baltimore Oriole-B,C
Northern Cardinal-B,C,K	Song Sparrow-C	House Finch-B,C
Black-headed Grosbeak	Lincoln's Sparrow-C	American Goldfinch-B,C
Blue Grosbeak-B,C	White-throated Sparrow-B	House Sparrow-B,C, K
Dickcissel	White-crowned Sparrow-B,C	
Spotted Towhee-B,C	Harris's Sparrow-B,C	TOTAL 172 SPECIES
Cassin's Sparrow-C		

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KOS Spring Meeting Photo

KOS members at the spring field trip to Swartz Canyon are all focused in on the Rufous-crowned Sparrow. With so many good birds seen it was hard to pick a "best one", but this was a life bird and state bird for many on this field trip.

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KOS Spring Meeting Photo

Above - It's a long walk up Swartz Canyon, and sometimes you just have to sit and let the birds come to you. Shortly after this picture was taken the group flushed a Common Poorwill and subsequently found it on eggs at the nest!

Below - It's lunch time and this group appears to be a little low on energy. A hike in the Red Hills can have that affect on birdwatchers. The afternoon birding was not nearly so vigorous!

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KOS Spring Meeting Photo

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