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### 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting Issue Important Information Inside Register Today!

#### From The Keyboard -

What a summer! It's been going by fast and giving us everything we could ask for. Good birds, bizarre weather, fall fast approaching. After a disappointing spring migration it appears that the early stages of fall migration are looking good and maybe, just maybe, we'll have a decent fall migration. It'll be interesting to see what kind of summer totals Pete writes up for the Round-up in the December issue.

As you can see by the banner above, this issue has all the information for the 1998 Fall/Annual Meeting. This will also be the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Kansas Ornithological Society. The program actually gets started a little earlier than normal with a keynote presentation on Friday evening by Pete Dunne. Pete is a birdwatcher and a writer. If you haven't read any of his books, buy at least one between now and October. My personal favorite is still *Feather Quest!*

Of course there are the normal Saturday activities with the presented papers session, business meeting, banquet. Oh, the banquet location is going to be fun, and the banquet presentation, by Dr. Glen Woolfenden, has to rank high on the most creative titles in some time, "Jays of Our Lives: Nature's Soap Opera". I have often felt that no other hobby invites such word play as bird watching... but I'm not sure why!

Summer's gone by fast (just ask any youngster who's about to go back to school), but the best part of the year is yet to come! If you've never attended a KOS Annual Meeting, this will be a good one to start with! Have a good autumn everyone and get me those Christmas Count dates for the next newsletter!

*chuck*

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

## **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 :

Chuck Otte  
613 Tamerisk  
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or e-mail me at:  
otte@jc.net

I'm waiting to hear from you.....

## **Local Birdwatching Trips, Leaders and Locations Desired!**

The interest in birds and birdwatching continues to grow. One of the ways that KOS can benefit from this is to gain more members by showing these members that there are local opportunities for birdwatchers. Start leading a bird walk in your community. You don't have to be a Pete Janzen, Mike Rader or Chuck Otte to lead a bird walk.

Just set up a time and place and let the public know (via radio, newspaper, television and word of mouth) that it is going to happen. You don't have to tell them what your skill level or experience as a birder is or isn't. Simply tell them that you're all going on a walk together and your going to learn together. It's fun, you make new friends and you learn a lot in the process. The more eyes you have, the better your chance of seeing something unusual. If you do get something set up please let Susan Barnes or Chuck Otte (contact information on the front page) know about it so that they can help get the information out to more people. And if you need KOS membership brochures to hand out, just let us know!

## **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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## **Discussion Lists**

### Getting in Touch with Other Birders

*by Chuck Otte*

By now, many of you have read in *The Horned Lark* about the Kansas Bird Discussion List, also known as KSBIRD-L. Discussion lists are run by programs on computers on the Internet. You "subscribe" to this list, no cost involved. Then when a message is sent to "the list" it is automatically re-sent to everyone who is a subscriber on that list.

There are lots of discussion lists on the Internet, a recent review turned up over 75. There are quite a few regional and national discussion lists such as BirdChat which now has nearly 2,300 subscribers. There are also many state lists, like KSBIRD-L that will usually have a couple of hundred subscribers. Some subscribers are very active and you may see messages from them every day. Others are called "lurkers" who seldom write a message, but appreciate all the information that they receive from the list.

Colorado has had a list for several years. The Kansas list has been running for almost two years now. Within the past few months we now also have state discussion lists for Oklahoma, Missouri and Nebraska. How do you subscribe? Anyone with an Internet e-mail address can join these lists. There are different programs that manage these lists but they all require two e-mail addresses.

One address is the list manager address. You send messages to this address to control your subscription. The other address is the list address. This is where you send messages to go out on the list to all the other subscribers. Following is a quick listing of how you can get on each list. With each list you will receive a message back confirming your subscription along with a message that has all the information you need on how to send messages to the list as well as to manage your subscription. Keep this message, it is very important and saves the listowner a lot of work later on!

**Kansas** - Send a message to Chuck Otte, [otte@jc.net](mailto:otte@jc.net), giving your first and last name and that you wish to subscribe to KSBIRD-L.

**Colorado** - Send the message: subscribe CObirds Your Name to the following address: [listproc@lists.colorado.edu](mailto:listproc@lists.colorado.edu)  
The list address is: [cobirds@lists.colorado.edu](mailto:cobirds@lists.colorado.edu)

**Oklahoma** - Send the message: subscribe OKbirds Your Name to the following address: [listserv@listserv.ou.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.ou.edu)

**Missouri** - Send this message: subscribe MOBIRDS-L Your Name to this address:

[majordomo@proteus.mig.missouri.edu](mailto:majordomo@proteus.mig.missouri.edu)

**Nebraska** - Send this message: subscribe NEBirds Your Name to the address: [AutoShare@rip.physics.unk.edu](mailto:AutoShare@rip.physics.unk.edu)

As I said, it seems that there are now discussion lists for most states and areas. I have frequently joined a list a month or so before vacationing in an area just to get a feel for what birds are being seen or to make contact with local birdwatchers for additional information.

Many of the state ornithological societies also now have World Wide Web pages making it even easier to obtain information. In preparation for an upcoming trip I was able to obtain state checklists, as well as National Park and Wildlife Refuge checklists, and lots of other local information, on the Web. Many of these home pages have links to each other so once you get on one you can find others. A good place to start is at the KOS home page, <http://www-personal.ksu.edu/~drintoul/kos> and click on **Other Ornithological Societies**. If you do not have Internet access at home or work, don't despair. Many public libraries now have computers connected to the Internet for their patrons to use!

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

## **Last Call for Silent Auction Donations for Fall Meeting**

The fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society is coming on fast and will be here before we know it. The local committee has been hard at work in Lawrence and at KU and they have an outstanding program lined up for this very special event. There is still time to contribute to the 1998 KOS Silent Auction. **Anything** bird related is acceptable - be creative! The proceeds from this auction go to a very good cause, the Student Research Fund. These funds provide scholarships to students at our various colleges and universities around the state who are involved in research and studies of Kansas birds.

**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 let this wonderful opportunity pass you by!  
Donate an item and be sure to bid at the fall meeting!

## **Send In Your Christmas Bird Count Dates**

As in past years we like to include as many of the Christmas Bird Count dates and contact persons as possible in the December issue. If you are an organizer or compiler and you already know the dates of your count(s) please contact Chuck Otte at 785-238-8800 or 613 Tamerisk, Junction City KS 66441 or FAX at 785-238-7166 or e-mail at [otte@jc.net](mailto:otte@jc.net). We need those dates by November 1st.

## **Correction to the KOS Board Minutes Regarding the Bird Records Committee**

I wish to alert the membership of an error in the winter board meeting notes published in the June 1998 issue of the Horned Lark: Under the KBRC notes on p. 6 appears the statement, "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."

In fact, KBRC rules are not voted on directly by the KOS membership, as the minutes say, but by the committee itself, subject to approval by the KOS Board of Directors (KBRC Procedural Rules [rev. 26 Feb. 1994], V. Rules). I point this out to avoid potential confusion for anyone who might wish to initiate changes in KBRC procedural rules. Suggestions should initially be directed to the KBRC for discussion by the committee, not to the KOS membership at large nor to the Board of Directors. Before changes to KBRC Procedural Rules would become final the KOS Board of Directors would have to approve the changes.

*Dave Seibel, Chairman, KBRC*

*[editors note: the full KBRC Procedural rules can be reviewed in the June 1994 Horned Lark or at the Home Page of the Kansas Ornithological Society:  
<http://www-personal.ksu.edu/~drintoul/kos/kbcregs.htm>]*

## **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.

## 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.

...

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, four (4) Directors at large, Editor of the *Bulletin* and Editor of the Newsletter.

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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, Business Manager, Editor of the *Bulletin* and Editor of the Newsletter.

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Section 2. Elections.

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

...

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. ..."

Submitted for consideration by Roy Beckemeyer, President, KOS

**Deadline for submissions for the  
December, 1998 Horned Lark is  
November 1, 1998.**

# SPRING ROUND-UP

1 March, 1998 through 31 May, 1998

by Pete Janzen

There are endless ways in which a person can dissect and analyze a set of bird records such as these. Spring brings more birders into the field than any other season of the year, and the amount of information I have distilled to produce this report is quite voluminous. I think the advent of the KSBIRD on-line discussion group has resulted in a large increase in the amount of available bird records.

While many of the records posted to the chat group are not spine-tingling rarities, it is really fun to see how birders across the state did, for example, on a Saturday morning in May, when many of us are out seeking those elusive rare warblers.

One thing I really liked about Scott Seltman's and Chuck Otte's versions of this report were their insightful comments on the weather, and the corresponding effects on bird populations and movements. I'm afraid I am not so good at recalling the sequence of weather events beginning back in March. It takes a farmer (or an extension agent) to have that degree of awareness of the weather. With that caveat, it is pretty obvious that the odd El Nino weather pattern had effects on the birds that lingered well into the spring. A few of the gulls from the big winter invasion lingered in the area. Long-eared Owls seemed to hang around in their winter roost at Wilson much later than usual, but this may have been due primarily to an excellent food supply more than anything. The shorebird flight was good. For reasons of space, I have omitted some of the very many

shorebird records I received. Birds like Black-bellied Plover would take up an entire page if I printed all of the reports. The big shorebird "zootie" was the Red Phalarope found by Bob Fisher at Quivira, and the amazing number of Whimbrel records was a close second. The 86 seen in a flock by Vern Laux at Quivira must have been quite a sight!!!

The warblers and other neo-tropical migrant passerines were a bit of a disappointment to many. The strong southern winds of early and mid-May seemed to send many of these birds right over the state without even touching down, although a big front on the weekend of May 9 and 10 seemed to help many of the North American Migratory Bird Counts produce a lot of good finds. One striking feature of the NAMC was the large number of counts reporting flocks of Bobolinks on the 9th. Apparently they were in the right place at the right time to get forced down in numbers throughout the state. After this weekend though, many ardent warbler seekers were disappointed by the showing for the remainder of the migration. The numbers and diversity just weren't there. Hopefully this was only a local trend, although you can't help thinking those dark thoughts about rainforest destruction and North American habitat destruction as well. Curious was a flurry of interesting warbler records in the last few days of May, much later than would be expected in a typical year.

But the most notable bird event was the large number of southern species that appeared in both Kansas and adjoining states this spring. Certainly the Gull-billed Tern, a first record for our state, was the most exciting example. Found fittingly enough by Max Thompson, Gene Young, and Mike Rader, three of the best birders in Kansas, this bird lingered a few days at Quivira before disappearing. The Black Vulture found by Sebastian Patti and others in Cherokee County was the first recorded in Kansas in many years. This species is expanding its range in Oklahoma, and birders in southeastern Kansas need to be on the lookout for this bird in the future. Some other southern birds appearing were Black-bellied Whistling Duck, White Ibis, Neotropic Cormorant, Laughing Gull, Inca Dove, White-winged Dove, and Black-throated Sparrow. Perhaps the strong southern winds that made the passerine flight a disappointment, also sent these southern wanderers to us.

Lots of other things to say, but I promised to keep this down to six pages, and I'm getting real close! So read on, and dream of all those great fall birds coming your way!

CAPITAL LETTERS-first state record  
\* -report of sighting submitted to records committee

Species underlined-especially noteworthy

Date underlined-noteworthy date for species

County underlined-noteworthy county for species

<u>Species</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Observers</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Red-throated Loon</u>	4/18	1 alt. plumage at Marion Res.	TH,CS	Marion
<u>Red-necked Grebe</u>	5/19	1 alt plumage at Cheyenne Bot.	MR.MT,GY	Barton
Western Grebe	4/18	3 at Perry Res	LM,GP	Jefferson

	4/25	10 at Cheyenne Bottoms	MR	Barton
Clark's Grebe	4/25	1 courtship display w/Western	BV	Barton
	4/19-4/25	1 at Elkhart lagoons	JC	Morton
White Pelican	3/2	1 at El Dorado Res.	BL	Butler
<u>Neotropic Cormorant</u>	3/26	1 at Tuttle Park	GS	Riley
Great Egret	4/4	4 near Milford	CO	Geary
Little Blue Heron	3/28	2 at Salina	DW	Saline
<u>Tri-colored Heron</u>	5/24	1 at Quivira	GS	Stafford
<u>Glossy Ibis</u>	4/18	1 at Quivira	MR,SS	Stafford
	5/2	1 at Quivira	CH, m.ob	Stafford
<u>White Ibis</u>	*5/6-19	2 at Quivira	DK	Stafford
<u>Black Vulture</u>	*4/25	1 at Schemmerhorn	SP et. al	Cherokee
<u>Black-bellied Whist. Duck</u>	*3/28-5/10	1 on pond in Salina	DWb, m.ob	Saline
	*3/28	1 at Moorings, Wichita	LI,m.ob	Sedgwick
Tundra Swan	3/2	11 at Slate Creek Wetlands	GY	Sumner
Ross's Goose	3/1	2 at 29th & West landfill	PJ	Sedgwick
	3/1	1 at El Dorado Res.	TH	Butler
	3/17	5 at Clinton	DW	Douglas
Mottled Duck	5/24	1 at Quivira	SP,MR,AS	Stafford
Greater Scaup	3/16	7 at Lone Star	AS	Douglas
	3/22	2 at Quivira	MR	Stafford
	4/30-5/24	1 drake at Quivira	JN, m.ob	Stafford
Common Merganser	5/3	1 late at Clinton	M&PW	Douglas
Red-breasted Merganser	3/25	6 at Clinton	LM	Douglas
	3/22	2 at Melvern	Mo. Audubon	Coffey
	3/4	6 at Milford	CO	Geary
	4/26	1 at Quivira	MR	Stafford
	5/1	3 at Lone Star	PW	Douglas
	5/10	3 at Quivira	m.ob	Stafford
Hooded Merganser	5/10	1 late fem. at Quivira	MR	Stafford
	5/22	<u>adults w/chick at Benedictine Bottoms</u>	BB, JS	Leavenworth
Bald Eagle	3/26	7 active nests statewide	DM	various
Ferruginous Hawk	5/1	1 near Salt Fork	KOS	Comanche
Broad-winged Hawk	3/24	1 early near Topeka	HH	Shawnee
	5/3	1	Bbr	Butler
	5/3	1 on Medicine R	KOS	Barber
Swainson's Hawk	3/3	1 early arrival	RJ	Linn
Golden Eagle	5/4	1 imm.	BB,KZ	Meade
Prairie Falcon	3/24	1 at Slate Creek	GY	Sumner
	5/2	1 near Belvidere	MS, m.ob	Kiowa
	5/3	1	M&PW	Osage
	5/4	1 at Quivira	DK, WH	Stafford
Peregrine Falcon	3/13	pair regular in Topeka in March	JB	Shawnee
	3/22	1 at Quivira	MR	Stafford
	5/3	1 attacking Lesser Pr-Chicken lek	BB, KZ	Clark
Northern Goshawk	3/1	1 adult near Osage Trail	JN	Harvey
Merlin	3/2	1 near El Dorado Dam	BL	Butler
	5/2	1 near Sawyer	PJ, m.ob	Pratt
	5/3	1	Bbr	Butler
Lesser Prairie Chicken	5/2	several active leks	KOS	Barber, Comanche, Kiowa
Black Rail	4/26	first of season at Quivira	BV	Stafford
	5/1	1 at Coldwater L.	KOS	Comanche
Black Rail -Many May reports from Quivira, often of birds well seen in the open along the Wildlife Drive				
King Rail	4/30	1 at Coldwater L.	KOS	Comanche
Virginia Rail	4/23	6 flushed during burn	KK	Linn

Sora	4/23	12 flushed during burn	KK	Linn	
	4/25	1 yard bird in Shawnee	NC	Johnson	
	5/1	2 at Coldwater L	KOS	Comanche	
	5/3	1	BB,KZ	Clark	
<u>Yellow Rail</u>	5/8	1 seen and heard at Quivira	WC,DKy,DV	Stafford	
	4/25	1 flushed near Prescott	DG	Linn	
Whooping Crane	4/9&10	2 west of Viola	DZ, m.ob	Kingman	
Sandhill Crane	<u>5/4</u>	600 n. of Meade	BB, KZ	Meade	
	<u>5/4</u>	9 more late birds near Dodge	JD	Ford	
Amer. Golden Plover	3/25	10 at Marais des Cygnes	BF,JG,EJ	Linn	
Piping Plover	3/30	<u>10</u> at Quivira	GS	Stafford	
	4/26	1 at Quivira	MR	Stafford	
	5/2	<u>10</u> at Quivira	SS, m.ob	Stafford	
Mountain Plover	5/4	2	CH, m.ob	Morton	
Whimbrel	5/2	1 near Kiowa	MT,GY	Barber	
	5/4	1 at Quivira	Dwb	Stafford	
	5/5	1 at Quivira	CH, m.ob	Stafford	
	5/13	<u>86</u> at Quivira	VL	Stafford	
	5/19	9 at Quivira	MT, m.ob	Stafford	
	5/25	2 at Quivira	GF	Stafford	
	Long-billed Curlew	4/6	<u>100's</u> 3 miles w. of Holcomb	L&SB	Finney
		4/26	1 at Quivira	MR	Stafford
5/4		4	CH, m.ob	Morton	
5/27		adult w/2 chicks	LH	Morton	
Ruddy Turnstone	5/2	1 at Quivira	CH, m.ob	Stafford	
	5/4	several at Quivira	WH	Stafford	
	5/17	1 at Clinton	MM,GP,PW	Douglas	
	5/20	1 at Kaw Fish Farm	LM	Douglas	
Red Knot	4/30	1 at Quivira	PJ,JN	Stafford	
Dunlin	5/10	5 at Quivira	MR	Stafford	
	4/2	6 at Quivira	MR	Stafford	
	5/2	4 at Quivira	SS, m.ob	Stafford	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	5/17	1 at Clinton	LM	Douglas	
	4/14	1 on slough near Derby	L&TH	Sedgwick	
	4/24	3 at Slate Creek Wetland	GY,WAS	Sumner	
	5/2	flock near Kiowa	DV, m.ob	Barber	
Short-billed Dowitcher	4/26	6 at Quivira	MR	Stafford	
	5/2	near Kiowa	MT,GY	Barber	
	5/3	Quivira	M&PW	Stafford	
	5/10	2 at Quivira	MR	Stafford	
American Woodcock	3/1-3/10	Displaying birds various locations	RH,RM	Johnson	
	3/24	1 in Zimmerman yard	JZ	Pott	
Red-necked Phalarope	5/25	1 at Quivira	JBa	Stafford	
	5/27	1 at Quivira	CO	Stafford	
<u>Red Phalarope</u>	5/10	1 alternate plumage at Quivira	BF, m.ob	Stafford	
Laughing Gull	5/14	1 on Nature Cons prop near CB	CH,SP	Barton	
	5/21	1 at Tuttle Creek	GS	Riley	
	5/25	1 at Shawnee Mission Lake	M&MG, ML	Johnson	
California Gull	3/1	1 adult at K-96 bridge	PJ	Sedgwick	
Thayer's Gull	3/1	1 1st yr. at K-96 bridge	PJ	Sedgwick	
	<u>3/14</u>	1 ad. & 1 first year at Clinton	AP	Douglas	
<u>Lesser Black-backed Gull</u>	<u>3/1</u>	1 1st year near landfill	PJ	Sedgwick	
<u>Sabine's Gull</u>	5/2	1 imm at Quivira	D&SS	Stafford	
Caspian Tern	5/3	1 at Kaw Wildlife Area	TH	Cowley	
	5/9	2 at K-96 bridge	JB,PJ	Sedgwick	



GULL-BILLED TERN	5/17	20 at Clinton	LM	Douglas
	*5/19	1 at Quivira	MR,MT,GY	Stafford
	5/20-24	seen again by many	m.ob	Stafford
Common Tern	4/25	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	JZ, m.ob	Barton
	5/22	1 at Quivira	GP, m.ob	Stafford
Least Tern	5/4-7	1 along Tuttle Dam	TC	Riley
<u>White-winged Dove</u>	4/24-4/27	1 at feeder in Winfield	MT	Sumner
	*5/5-7	1 yard bird in Elkhart	GC,L&RS	Morton
Inca Dove	3/3-3/7	1 at feeder in Wilson	M&ER	Ellsworth
	3/3	1 present since Feb. at feeder	TM	Sedgwick
	4/28	1 feeder bird in Elkhart	JC, m.ob	Morton
	4/30-5/4	2 nest building in Larned	GSc, m.ob	Pawnee
<u>Eurasian Collared Dove</u>	4/23	pair copulating in Pratt	KB	Pratt
	4/28	1 at Wichita feeder	MH	Sedgwick
	5/9	2 at Topeka	NAMC	Shawnee
Greater Roadrunner	4/30-5/2	3 seen various locations	KOS Barber,	Comanche
Barn Owl	4/15	1 at Osage Trail	BD	Harvey
Long-eared Owl	3/10	1 10 miles n. Council Grove	EF	??
	3/20	<u>20</u> still at winter roost-Wilson Res	MR	Russell
	3/22	1 at Lyon Co. Lake	Miss. Audubon	Lyon
	4/19	2 at Wilson HQ	MR	Russell
	4/30	1 probably on nest-Coldwater L	KOS	Comanche
	5/3	1 confirmed nesting	CH, MM, SP	Morton
Burrowing Owl	<u>3/4</u>	1st date for Garden City	MO	Finney
Chuck-wills-widow	5/22	calling at night on Smoky Hill R.	MR	<u>Russell</u>
Common Poorwill	5/1	1 on nest w/eggs Swartz Canyon	KOS	Comanche
	5/15	1 near Partridge	H&SG	Reno
Pileated Woodpecker	2/11	1 on Ft. Riley	JK	<u>Geary</u>
Acadian Flycatcher	5/10	1 singing in Oak Park	PJ	Sedgwick
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	5/9	1 at Presbyterian Camp	JB,PJ	Sedgwick
Dusky Flycatcher	5/4	1	CH, m.ob	Morton
Ash-throated Flycatcher	5/4	2	CH, m.ob	Morton
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	4/2	early arrival at Harvey East L	BD	Harvey
<u>Fork-tailed Flycatcher</u>	5/4	1 possible near Wellington	MC	Sumner
Barn Swallow	3/31	2 at Milford	C&JO	Geary
Tree Swallow	5/11	nest w/5 eggs at Slate Creek	GY	Sumner
Fish Crow	4/25	nest constructing near Galena	SP et. al	Cherokee
Sedge Wren	4/18	1 at Quivira	MR,SS	Stafford
	5/3	2 at Quivira	M&PW	Stafford
	5/17	1 at Ft. Leavenworth	GP, MM,PW	Leavenworth
Veery	5/4		CH, m.ob	<u>Morton</u>
	5/10	1 at Oak Park	ST, m.ob	Sedgwick
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/4		CH, m.ob	<u>Morton</u>
Hermit Thrush	5/4		Ch, m.ob	Morton
Mountain Bluebird	<u>3/4-3/20</u>	5 at Wilson Res.	MR	Russell
Brown Thrasher	3/12	1 early arrival Sim Park	RB	Sedgwick
White-eyed Vireo	4/17-5/4	1 at Sim Park	RB	Sedgwick
	5/21	pair at Sim Park	RB	Sedgwick
	5/4	1 at Burcham Park	RA	Douglas
	5/25	1 at Burcham	RA	Douglas
Northern Shrike	3/1	1 near LaCrosse	SS	Rush
Golden-winged Warbler	5/10	1 yard bird	DV, m.ob	Sedgwick
	5/9	1 at Fancy Creek Park	LJ	Riley
	5/13	1 at Marais des Cygnes	RA, JH	Linn
	5/19	1 at Overland Park Arboretum	DS, MS	Johnson

	<u>5/27</u>	1 at Overland Park Arboretum	DS	Johnson
Blue-winged Warbler	5/3	1 at Oak Park	ST, m.ob	Sedgwick
Tennessee Warbler	5/27	1 late sighting	GP	Leavenworth
Magnolia Warbler	4/26	1 early at Burcham	RA	Douglas
	5/20	1 late at Burcham	RA	Douglas
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/24	1 late at Burcham Park	RA	Douglas
	<u>5/28</u>	1 late yard bird in Wichita	PJ	Sedgwick
	<u>5/29</u>	1 in Burcham Park	RA	Douglas
<u>Cape May Warbler</u>	5/12	1 at Baldwin Woods	BB, m.ob	Douglas
<u>Black-throated Blue Warbler</u>	5/5	1 yard bird in Olathe	MC	Johnson
Townsend's Warbler	5/4		Ch, m.ob	Morton
Black-throated. Green Warbler	4/30	1 at Coldwater L.	KOS	Comanche
Blackburnian Warbler	5/24	1 rather late at Burcham	RA	Douglas
	5/24	2 at Ft. Leavenworth	JAS	Leavenworth
	5/24	Osage Nature Trail	BD	Harvey
	<u>5/27</u>	1 even later at Overland Park	DS	Johnson
Pine Warbler	4/30	1 at Belle Plaine	TH	Sumner
	5/10	1 in Oak Park	PJ	Sedgwick
Prairie Warbler	5/12	1 in Burcham Park	DK	Douglas
	5/16-19	2 in Shawnee	CH	Johnson
Palm Warbler	4/19	1 at Oak Park	HG,D&FV	Sedgwick
	5/9	1	NAMC	Leavenworth
	5/9	3	NAMC	Shawnee
	5/10	1 eastern race at Burcham	DK, RA	Douglas
Bay-breasted Warbler	5/12	1 at overland Park Arboretum	MM	Johnson
	5/17	1 yard bird in Wichita	JN	Sedgwick
Blackpoll Warbler	5/24	1 late at Burcham Park	RA	Douglas
Kentucky Warbler	5/10	1 at Oak Park	PJ,ST	Sedgwick
Mourning Warbler	5/2	1 in Elkhart	CH, MM, SP	<u>Morton</u>
MacGillivray's Warbler	5/22	1 at Oak Park	PJ	<u>Sedgwick</u>
<u>Connecticut Warbler</u>	5/11	1 male well seen at Burcham	RA	Douglas
	5/24	1 at Weston Bend	DA,CH,EP	Leavenworth
Hooded Warbler	5/22	1 male at Oak Park	DV	Sedgwick
Canada Warbler	5/19	1 at Overland Park Arboretum	DS, MS	Johnson
	5/22`	1 at Oak Park	PJ	Sedgwick
	5/24	2 at Ft. Leavenworth	JAS	Leavenworth
	<u>5/27</u>	1 at Overland Park Arboretum	DS	Johnson
Louisiana Waterthrush	5/2	Pair nest building Swartz Can	SR, BW	<u>Comanche</u>
Scarlet Tanager	5/9-10	1 at Oak Park	BL, m.ob	Sedgwick
	5/10	1	BD	Harvey
Black-headed Grosbeak	5/2	1 near Belvidere	KOS	Kiowa
	5/2	1 female at feeder	BM	Sedgwick
	5/6	1 at feeder	Bmc	Riley
	5/9	1 at Presbyterian Camp	JB,PJ	Sedgwick
Painted Bunting	5/24	1 on Walla-Walla Rd	CO	Geary
Lazuli Bunting	5/10	2 yard birds near Newton	CM	Harvey
Dickcissel	<u>3/3</u>	1 at feeder in Olathe	MC	Johnson
Green-tailed Towhee	5/3-4	2	CH, m.ob	Morton
Canyon Towhee	5/3	1	CH, m.ob	Morton
Cassin's Sparrow	5/1	several singing at Swartz Canyon	KOS	Comanche
	5/14	1 singing near Quivira	CH, SP	Stafford
<u>Rufous-crowned Sparrow</u>	*5/1	2-3 at Swartz Canyon	KOS	Comanche
Tree Sparrow	3/10	many at feeders statewide during blizzard/cold snap		
Chipping Sparrow	3/25	1 early arrival in yard	CH	Wyandotte
Brewer's Sparrow	5/4		CH, m.ob	Morton

Lark Sparrow	3/22	6 early at Pawnee Prairie	D&LM	Sedgwick
<u>Black-throated Sparrow</u>	*3/5-4/1	1 feeder bird in Wichita for weeks	PG	Sedgwick
LeConte's Sparrow	4/18	6 at Marais des Cygnes	CH	Linn
	4/19	several at Marais des Cygnes	MC,LM,GP	Linn
	4/30	1 at Quivira	PJ	Stafford
	5/11	2 at Slate Creek	GY	Stafford
Henslow's Sparrow	4/18	4 at Marais des Cygnes	CH	Linn
	4/19	several at Marais des Cygnes	MC,LM,GP	Linn
<u>Baird's Sparrow</u>	5/4	2 at Kaw Fish Farms	DT	Douglas
Savannah Sparrow	3/2	1 at El Dorado Res.	BL	Butler
Golden-crowned Sparrow	3/4	1 still at Garden City feeder	MO	Finney
White-crowned Sparrow	5/17	1 very late Ft. Leavenworth	GP, m.ob	Leavenworth
McCown's Longspur	3/13	1 in large Lapland flock	SS	Pawnee
Lapland Longspur	3/7-3/13	flocks up to 10,000	SS	Rush
Smith's Longspur	3/4	flocks on K-177 near El Dorado	BL	Butler
	3/13	1 in large Lapland flock	SS	Pawnee
	4/4	small flock	DA	Johnson
Chestnut-collared. Longspur	3/13	2 near Rozel	SS	Pawnee
	4/18	5 very late N. Pawnee Co.	SS	Pawnee
Bobolink	5/9	small flocks statewide	NAMC	Sedgwick
Purple Finch	3/8	15 at feeders	KM	Shawnee
	4/26	1 still at feeder	PW	Douglas

RA-Robert Antonio, DA-Debarah Arnett, JBa-James Barnes, RB-Roy Bekemeyer, LB-Larry Bradstreet, SB-Sandy Bradstreet, JB-Joanne Brier, BB-Bill Busby, TC-Ted Cable, WC-Wally Champeny, JC-Jeff Chynoweth, NC-Nancy Clark, GC-Gene Cooper, MC-Mark Corder, JD-Joyce Davis, BD-Bob Dester, EF-Elmer Finck, BF-Bob Fisher, GF-Greg Friesen, JG-Joanne Garrett, DG-Don George, M&MG-Mike and Matt Gerhardt, HG-Harry Gregory, SG-Sharron Gregory, PG-Paul Griffin, JH-Joe Harrington, TH-Tyler Hicks, CH-Chris Hobbs, WH-Wayne Hochstetler, HH-Hoogy Hoogheem, Ron Huber, LH-Lynea Hynchman, PJ-Pete Janzen, EJ-Evelyn Johnson, LJ-Lowell Johnson, RJ-Richard Johnson, JK-Jeff Keating, DKy-Dan Kilby, DK-Dan Kluza, ML-Mark Land, BL-Bill Langley, VL-Vern Laux, DM-Don Mallonee, LM-Linda Mallonee, TM-Tom Mason, BM-Bev Maxey, KM-Kathy McDowell, MM-Mick McHugh, RM-Roger McNeill, BMc-Barry Michie, CM-Cheryl Miller, LM-Lloyd Moore, JN-Jim Nickel, CO-Chuck Otte, SP-Sebastiam Patti, GP-Galen Pittman, AP-Alexis Powell, EP-Eric Preston, MR-Mike Rader, ER-Ellen Rader, JS-John Schukman, CS-Carol Schwab, GSc-Gary Schmidt, DS-David Seibel, SS-Scott Seltman, GS-Guy Smith, LS-Lawrence Smith, RS-Ruth Smith, MS-Mike Stoakes, AS-Art Swallowell, DT-Dan Thalman, BV-Beverly VanDyke, DV-Don Vannoy, FV-Fran Vannoy, MW-Margaret Wedge, PW-Phil Wedge, DWb-David Weible, DW-Dave Williams, GY-Gene Young, DZ-Dennis Zehr, JZ-John Zimmerman, KZ-Kristof Zyskowski, JAS-Jayhawk Audubon, KOS-KOS spring meeting, NAMC-North American Migratory Bird Count

## Rare Bird Alert Numbers From Neighboring States

It's often fun to keep up on bird sightings from surrounding states, whether in anticipation of migration to come, preparation for an upcoming trip or just because it's fun. Following is a list of the Rare Bird Alert numbers for Kansas and our neighboring states. Most states have one or more hotlines or rare bird alerts (only Mississippi and Hawaii are without). If you need a hotline number give Chuck Otte a call.. Many states are also setting up Internet discussion groups about birds, and these hotlines are often posted on those lists. Information on joining the Kansas group or those in neighboring states is found in another article in this issue!

**Kansas, Statewide** - (316) 229-2777  
**Burroughs Audubon, Kansas City Area**  
(913) 342-2473  
**Wichita** - (316) 681-2266  
**Oklahoma, Statewide** - (918) 669-6646  
**Oklahoma City** - (405) 373-4531  
**Missouri, Statewide** - (573) 445-9115  
**St. Louis** - (314) 935-8432  
**Nebraska, Statewide** - (402) 292-5325  
**Colorado, Statewide** - (303) 424-2144

# 50th Anniversary Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society

## Fall 1998; University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

The Kansas Ornithological Society will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its founding with a meeting at the University of Kansas, where the Society was founded. The Division of Ornithology, at the University of Kansas Natural History Museum, will host the meeting on the weekend of **9-11 October**. The meeting headquarters will be in the Kansas Union, although several meeting activities will focus in the Natural History Museum.

The meeting program will consist of a wide array of activities. Because of this year's special anniversary, there will be two keynote speakers.

Friday evening, award-winning author and renowned birder **Pete Dunne** of the Cape May Bird Observatory will give a presentation. Pete's unique and hilarious views on birders have bestowed him with such labels as "bard of America's birding community". Some of Pete's books include "Feather Quest," "Tales of a Low Rent Birder," "Hawks Aloft," and "Before the Echo."

The Saturday night banquet will feature **Dr. Glen E. Woolfenden**, Archbold Biological Station, Professor Emeritus at University of South Florida and early KOS member. Glen has spent over three decades studying the social system of the Florida Scrub-Jay. In 1985, he along with John Fitzpatrick, received the prestigious William Brewster Award for their jay work. We believe you will find both of these speakers highly entertaining!

Additional activities will include an identification workshop using museum specimens, exhibitions from KU's world bird holdings, demonstrations of new technologies applied to bird distributions for biodiversity conservation, local birding trips, a banquet in the Museum's Panorama Hall, and the traditional silent auction. A scientific program is open to everyone.

### PROGRAM

**Friday, October 9th** -- Big Twelve Room at the Kansas Union (see map, back cover).

6:30 p.m.	Registration
8:00	Keynote presentation by <b>Pete Dunne</b> , Cape May Bird Observatory, NJ

**Saturday, October 10th** -- Big Twelve Room at the Kansas Union.

8:00 a.m.	Registration
8:45 -- 11:00	Scientific presentations
11:00	Business meeting
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch -- available at the Union or in several restaurants near campus
1:00 p.m.	Afternoon will consist of additional scientific presentations, ID workshop (details are being worked out), 2nd half of business meeting
6:30 -- 7:00	Reception at Panorama, main entrance to KU Natural History Museum
7:00 -- 8:00	Dinner
8:00	Recognitions -- Roy Beckemeyer Student Paper Award -- Greg Farley Top Ten Birds of the Year -- Max Thompson & Gene Young Resolution -- Roy Beckemeyer
8:30	Keynote presentation by <b>Dr. Glen Woolfenden</b> , Archbold Biological Station, Venus, Florida, "Jays of Our Lives: Nature's Soap Opera"

**Sunday, October 11th** Local field trips -- details yet to be worked out

**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM:** Information and forms for presentations should be addressed to:

Dr. Greg Farley  
Dept. of Biology  
Fort Hays State Univ.  
Hays, KS 67601  
phone: 785-628-5965; email bigf@fhsu.edu  
See page 15 for form

**REGISTRATION:**

Registration fee: \$15 K.O.S. members; \$25 nonmembers  
Banquet: \$12 per person

Please send registration form, fees, and general inquiries to:

Local Committee, K.O.S. 50th Meeting  
Division of Ornithology  
Natural History Museum  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, KS 66045

phone: 785-864-3657  
fax: 785-864-5335  
email: town@ukans.edu

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Hotel reservations are up to you. Below are several options in Lawrence:

Comfort Inn: 800-228-5150  
Day's Inn: 800-329-7466  
Hampton Inn: 800-426-7866  
Ramada Inn: 800-272-6232  
Travelodge: 800-578-7878  
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**DIRECTIONS: Arriving from the east:** take **East Lawrence exit** off interstate 70. Left (south) at traffic light (on highway 59). Immediately after crossing Kansas River bridge make right then get in left hand turning lane to go south on **Tennessee St.** Take Tennessee to 9th street. Make right (headed west) on **9th** street. Make left (go south) on **Indiana Street** -- drive up hill past traffic guard post -- this will lead directly to the Kansas Union & Natural History museum. There is limited parking in front of the museum and in a lot across the street. If these lots are full pass by the museum (headed south) and make a right at the first stop sign. This is **Mississippi St.** There is a large visitor parking lot at the south end of the stadium (on the left). Option: instead of turning on Indiana off 6th street, make a left at the stop light (this is Mississippi St.). As mentioned above, there is a large visitor parking lot on the south side of the stadium.

**Arriving from the west:** take **West Lawrence exit** off interstate 70. Continue south on Iowa Street to 2nd traffic light (at 9th Street). Turn left (east) at this light and go to Mississippi St. or 1 block further to Indiana St. Follow instructions given above.

**50th Anniversary Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society  
 Fall 1998; University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS  
 REGISTRATION FORM**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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		NUMBER	TOTAL
Registration Fee.	\$15.00 (K.O.S. members)	_____	\$_____
	\$25.00 (non-members)	_____	\$_____
Banquet	12.00/person	_____	\$_____

**(Registration Deadline, September 25, 1998)** TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **KU Bird Division**. Mail to: **Local Committee, K.O.S. 50th Meeting, Division of Ornithology, Natural History Museum, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045**

**Best Bird of the Year Nomination Form**

(for the period since 1 October, 1997)

Mail To: Max Thompson  
 1729 East 11th St.  
 Winfield, KS 67156

or e-mail to Max at: maxt@jinx.sckans.edu

**Species:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Observer(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Details:**

Note: You may duplicate this form if you have more than one bird to report.

**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL MEETING, 1998**

The KOS will meet October 9, 10 and 11, 1998 in Lawrence, KS. The contributed papers will be presented on Saturday, October 10. The only requirement is that the papers deal with birds in some way. We especially encourage graduate and undergraduate students to present the results of their studies. Interesting papers are also often given by people who consider themselves amateurs, but who nevertheless have considerable expertise to share. We encourage you to share your experiences with the members and guests who will be attending. Both long and short presentations are welcome. Please submit a short abstract (approximately 150 words) of your presentation. If at all possible, Papers Session Chair, Greg Farley requests that you e-mail your abstract to him or submit it on disk (PC) preferably in Word or Wordperfect format.

**COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL BY SEPTEMBER 12, 1998, TO:**

**Prof. Greg Farley**  
**Vice President, KOS**  
**Fort Hays State University**  
**Dept. of Biological Sciences**  
**Albertson Hall**  
**600 Park St.**  
**Hays, KS 67601-4099**  
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Contributed Paper for KOS Annual Meeting, Oct. 10, 1998

**AUTHOR(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAPER TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTRACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Time for presentation and questions (circle one): 10 min.    15 min.    20 min.

Audio-Visual equipment required: \_\_\_\_\_ 35 mm slide projector, \_\_\_\_\_ overhead transparency projector, \_\_\_\_\_ video cassette player and monitor, \_\_\_\_\_ other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_