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From The Keyboard -

All ready, the sounds and sights of summer are starting to fade. The middle of July started to bring the first arrivals of northern nesting shorebirds. You could go outside almost any evening in late July and hear Upland Sandpipers overhead, coursing their way south. Flocks of blackbirds seem to be everywhere and the numbers of many species, such as Purple Martins, are rapidly waning. At least in the bird world, summer is quickly transitioning into autumn.

The birder's world seems to revolve around transitions. The relatively stable periods between migrations, often only serve as a time to raise expectations and create excitement for what might be coming with the next wave of migrants. As birders, we thrive on the excitement of what we may find the next time we're in the field. And yet, when someone proclaims those dreaded spring time words, "it's over", there's a sadness in our heart. But just because migration is over, spring or fall migration, it doesn't mean that the excitement should be over.

In this issue, Chet talks about perceptions. Pete tells us that you just never know what you're going to find out there. When people ask me why I bird I tell them, "It's not so much what you will see, it's what you might see." There is so much that we don't know. It's often easy to *assume* that we know what we are going to see before we even leave the house. The truth is, there's still so much that we don't know about birds, and the rest of the natural world, around us.

For me, every birding trip is another opportunity to learn. I look forward to every field trip, whether it's a quick stop on the way to work, or a two week out of state vacation. There's so much to learn and share. We have a good learning and

sharing opportunity coming up in October. An excellent fall meeting is being put together. A chance to hear papers presented, and this year, a chance to view posters. You can hone identification skills and meet with old and new friends.

That's the fun of birding; learning and camaraderie. We have a chance to see, a chance to learn, a chance to share. I hope you can make it to Johnson County in October. After all, you just never know what you're going to find out there.....

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

KOS Fall Meeting

October 6 - 8, 2000

Johnson County Community College

Look for registration information in this issue!

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 barn_owl@mindspring.com

Checklists are also available from the Business Manager. They are \$0.15 each for members, \$0.20 each for nonmembers.

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!

**Spring 2001 - Chataqua/Elk County area
(aka the Crossed Timbers area)**

Fall 2001 - Pittsburg (need local committee!)

Spring 2002 - Junction City/Geary County

Fall 2002 - Wichita, Great Plains Nature Center

Spring 2003 - Emporia

Fall 2004 and Beyond - Volunteers and locations needed!

50th Anniversary Reception

You are invited to the 50th Anniversary Reception for Marvin and Floy Schwilling. The reception will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on September 17th at the Best Western Motel Lobby in Emporia, KS. No gifts please. If you have any questions they can be reached at 316-342-1985.

Floy and Marvin also want to thank everyone for the cards and prayers they have received since Marvin's stroke on May 24th. Floy reports that Marvin is home now. The Schwilling's address is 1407 College Drive, Emporia, KS 66801.

Many KOS members have met the Schwillings over the years and many of us have enjoyed their hospitality at their home. We wish all the best for Marvin and Floy.

Dear Birder,

I am conducting some research on America's favorite birds. Please log on to the ABA web page and enter your choices (<http://americanbirding.org/newsbullet8.htm>). The results will be available at the next American Birding Association convention to be held in Beaumont, Texas, April 18-24, 2001. If you wish to have the results mailed to you, please contact me at the address below sometime after the convention.

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New KOS Rare Bird Alert Hotline Number

316-229-6133

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Learning Bird Sounds

by John Rakestraw

For many years I resisted learning bird sounds. I was a bird WATCHER. I spent a lot of money on good binoculars. I studied my field guides and learned to recognize the colors and shapes of the birds I was seeking. The idea of sitting and listening to LPs of bird songs did not appeal to me at all.

Of course, there were occasions when I had to pay attention to the sounds the birds were making. Cryptic species, like some sparrows and flycatchers, really needed to be heard in order to clinch the identification. But the vast majority of my birding experience was entirely visual.

Within the last few years I have started paying more attention to bird sounds. While CDs have replaced the LPs, I still do not sit and listen to bird recordings. And I do not count any bird on my state or life lists without actually seeing the bird. But as I have become more aware of bird sounds, my birding has become more efficient.

A familiarity with the songs of many birds serves the birder in two ways. Firstly, it aids the birder in locating target species. Secondly, it prevents the birder from spending too much time tracking down unwanted species. For example: Imagine you are chasing a reported Hooded Warbler in a woodlot during spring migration. Birds are singing everywhere. If you know what a Hooded Warbler sounds like, you can sort through all the songs until you hear the bird you are looking for and then use that song to track the bird down. If you aren't familiar with the song of the Hooded Warbler, you may spend all morning chasing every singing bird you hear, greatly reducing your chances of finding the target species. Even if you are not looking for a particular bird, knowing the songs of the common species in the area makes it much easier to recognize an uncommon song when it occurs.

Birding by ear seems a natural step when pursuing songbirds, but aural clues can also be very helpful when identifying other groups. Shorebirds are certainly not known for their singing abilities, but many species give unique call notes while taking flight or feeding. Raptors are another group whose vocalizations are often untapped clues for identification.

So how does a birder go about learning bird sounds? Most experts, even those who produce bird recordings, agree that the best way to learn bird sounds is to hear and see the birds in the field, in the context of their habitats. The longer you bird, the more sounds you will learn and remember.

Many recordings are available to help birders learn bird song. Some birders play these at home or in the car. The advantage of recordings is the ease in which one can access many different songs and make comparisons of similar vocalizations.

Recordings do have their shortcomings. For some people who are visually oriented, all the different songs on a recording may start sounding alike. It takes great effort for some people to process information by ear alone.

The medium that has been most helpful to me has been the CD-ROM. While the CD-ROM bird guides have few advantages over printed guides, the ability to see and hear birds at the same time has made learning bird song much easier for me. Video recordings can be helpful, as well, showing behaviors and habitats along with sounds.

No matter which recorded medium you prefer, always be aware that your recording is of a single bird at a single location. Individual birds will often put their own spin on their songs. Birds of the same species sound different in different parts of their range.

Despite the wide availability of recordings, I still strongly discourage birders from trying to learn all the songs at once. If you are hunting for a specific bird, then study recordings of that species. Prior to spring migration, it certainly doesn't hurt to review the songs of warblers or other groups that you haven't seen since last year. But the best way to learn bird sounds is to experience them one by one in the field. If you hear a sound you don't know, take the time to find the songster and study him at length. The knowledge gained by direct experience will be far more detailed than any recording, and will stick with you throughout your birding career.

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KOS Board Positions Available !!

Interested Members Please Apply

As you may have read in other parts of this issue, there will be several positions on the KOS Board opening up this fall. To be specific, we need interested candidates for the positions of: Vice-president, Treasurer, Membership Development Coordinator, Business Manager and two Directors. Following is a brief description of these positions and their responsibilities.

The **Vice-president** is responsible for running meetings when the president is not present and serving as program chair for the spring and fall meetings. The program chair works with the local committee to make sure that each meeting is ready to go. They usually serve as emcee of the presented papers session as well. While not required so by the By-laws, the Vice-president often moves up to president. The Vice-president may serve two consecutive one year terms.

The **Treasurer** serves as a custodian of all KOS funds. They pay all the bills, coordinate with Membership Development Coordinator to keep an accurate listing of current members, prepare annual financial statements and other required reports. The current treasurer and the immediate past treasurer also serve on the KOS Finance Committee.

The **Membership Development Coordinator** (MDC) is responsible for keeping the record and history of KOS members in conjunction with the Treasurer. Additionally, the MDC has the opportunity to create and oversee

activities to help increase and retain KOS membership, and to develop outreach programs for youth and the general public on birds and the Kansas Ornithological Society.

The **Business Manager** is responsible for conducting the business activities of KOS including overseeing the printing and distribution of the *Bulletin* and the *Horned Lark*. The Business Manager also has oversight responsibilities of all for sale items of the Society.

The last three positions are one year positions and may succeed themselves as elected.

The two **Directors** serve a two year term and are not reelected, although they can be elected to an officer position. The directors provide input and direction to the rest of the KOS Board. These are good “entry level” positions to help a member learn more about KOS and help them decide if they might be interested in serving as an officer at some future date.

A last minute addition at press time: we will also need to elect a new **Corresponding Secretary**.

More information on the responsibilities can be found at the KOS web site (go to the history page) where the By-laws can be read. If you are interested in serving please contact KOS President, Greg Farley, or newsletter editor, Chuck Otte.

Proposed By-laws Change

To be voted on by the KOS membership at the Annual Meeting, October 7, 2000

Explanation: If adopted, the following change would create an appointed position of Sales Manager to serve under the Business Manager. The Sales Manager would be appointed by the President and would be responsible for managing all for sale items for KOS, maintaining inventory, taking orders, creating new sale items, etc. Any questions regarding this change may be directed to Chuck Otte.

The following items are proposed to be added:

Article V., Section 3. Appointed Positions

[G. The President may appoint a Sales Manager, to serve under, and assist the Business Manager with all aspects of KOS sale merchandise. This would include, but not be limited to: ordering merchandise, maintaining an accurate inventory, taking and filling mail/e-mail orders, having items available for sale at KOS meetings, and other activities as determined by the Business Manager.]

Article VI., Section 7. The Business Manager shall:

[I. Oversee the activities of the Sales Manager and report such activities to the Board of Directors.]

Submitted for consideration by Chuck Otte, Newsletter Editor, for the KOS Board.

Perceptions

by Chet Gresham

We all have a story that shows how we became birders. Sometimes it is a relative that gave us some insight into the birds around us or an encounter with a particular bird. Any number of instances have helped spark our interests in birds, but it usually begins from a yearning to discover more about what is going on in the world around us. Birds are a wonderful vehicle for this. We want to understand their lives, know their names, marvel in their beauty and ingenuity and revel in the power of discovery.

I suppose that is why I titled my column "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird". The name comes from a poem of the same name by Wallace Stevens. I don't think Steven's was a birder, but in his poem he gets to the way I try to look at birding and how I connect with birds and all the earth around them and me. He writes of being the blackbird and seeing as a blackbird, and from the outside by seeing a blackbird's eye as the only moving thing among twenty snowy mountains, as a frame of sight, as a catalyst to movement, he mainly realizes so many ways of "looking at a blackbird". And when I read this poem, just as when I observe birds I always learn more, more about birds, about me, about how we can reach that feeling of discovery through different angles and perceptions.

How do we see? As birders we seem to have a heightened sense of hearing and sight, maybe just a sixth sense of our surroundings and how they pertain to birds. But when you expand this to all life, to animals (including people), even the plants and rocks, the movement of water, the wind, the dust, the feel of every possible way of seeing - then is when we begin to see. And for me this is when I feel an understanding of why I even started birding. I wanted to open my eyes.

Every day I need to remind myself to find that spark that helped me to start seeing. Without it we lose something. We begin to bend and twist our way into a box already labeled for our convenience. Being a birder does not put you in a box, but frees you, gives you wings - it is a state of being, not a job. And when I see us start labeling how we see I feel sad. "He's an academic" - "she's a lister" - "oh, she doesn't know a house finch from a purple finch!" This is not how we found our spark.

We need to remember to feel that spark - that first red-breasted nuthatch that came to your suet feeder. You ID'd it yourself and took pictures of it. You watched it for hours as it flitted from branch to branch to feeder, scooting underneath and completely upside down - and that is still there inside you.

There are more than thirteen ways of looking at a blackbird and the more that we find the better off we are. We need to return to those feelings of discovery that were there at those first instances that drew us to birds. Birds open our perceptions as if they were wings and soon we are flying with possibilities. We are allowed to perceive the world in so many ways and to build on those perceptions, those true and varied sights and feelings that carry us through each day.

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Young Burrowing Owl by Chet Gresham

SPRING SEASON ROUNDUP

March 1, 2000 through May 31, 2000

by Pete Janzen

Another spring, another migration. How did it turn out this year? Well, there were three species potentially new to the state checklist, (depending on how the KBRC votes on them) a whole bunch of record early arrivals, and the usual assortment of records that defy categorization! This spring, the big story in Kansas birding was the many early arrival dates of migratory species. As a mild winter gave way to an early spring, many species took advantage of the weather pattern to return north ahead of schedule. Some of the most significant early records are recorded here, but many common species which did not set all-time records for early arrival still showed up in numbers far earlier than expected. On the other end of the temporal scale, several winter residents lingered longer than expected, although this trend was not nearly as broad.

The warbler/vireo/passerine flight was quite good east of the Flint Hills, but west of the hills, birders had to work hard to find unusual species, although some outstanding finds were made. I'd really have to say that here in Wichita, we had fewer neotropical passerine migrants than in any year out of the past 10, and these sentiments were echoed by many in the western 2/3 of the state.

Here are a few specific comments on the season's birding in Kansas. Grebes

put on a real good showing, with all 6 species reported, and numbers of Western Grebes in particular seemed to be very good across the state. Black-necked Stilts continue to increase, with records coming from new locations with regularity. Hudsonian Godwits were very abundant at Cheyenne Bottoms this year. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron returned to a number of nesting sites from last year. Bald Eagles enjoyed good nesting success, with a new nesting location reported at Waconda Lake. The range expansion of the Fish Crow marches on, with multiple birds now reported in Cowley County, and increasing numbers in Montgomery County. Black-throated Blue Warbler was reported in three separate locations on May 6. Lazuli Buntings drifted east even more than usual this year, with a variety of reports from the eastern half of the state. The Black-shouldered Kite report from Greensburg was of interest, even though details were second or third hand and rather sketchy.

The Painted Redstart and Pyrrhuloxia were both reported from Quivira by birders from out of state. The Redstart would represent a new species for the state checklist, and was documented to the KBRC for consideration.

The Western Gull record was from Wichita's famous sandpits, and was of a bird in the dreaded 1st year plumage.

It remains to be seen whether this report will pass muster with the records committee, but I just had to run it up the flagpole for review at least. While not utterly outrageous, this would represent one of a very few records east of the Rocky Mountains.

The "wild and unbelievable" record of the season goes to Alexi Powell, Sebastian Patti, Mike Rader, and Scott Seltman, who got killer looks at a Flammulated Owl at the Cimmaron Work Station in Morton County on May 20. This was a first state record, and while they were unable to photograph the bird, the description left no doubt as to the identity of the bird.

You just never know what you're going to find out there.....

Abbreviations: CB: Cheyenne Bottoms, MDC: Marais Des Cygnes, m.ob. denotes multiple observers too numerous to list

Underlined dates, locations or comments indicate exceptionally unusual sightings.

Underlined species indicate especially unusual species sightings for Kansas.

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<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>
Common Loon	1 at Tuttle 1 at Wichita sandpit	5/14 5/13- <u>27</u>	Riley Sedgwick	DB DV, JB, PJ
Horned Grebe	1 at Bruno pits, Garden City	4/26	<u>Finney</u>	TS, m.ob.
<u>Red-necked Grebe</u>	1 at Wichita sandpit	4/12-13	Sedgwick	CG, m.ob.

Clark's Grebe	1 on Elkhart lagoons 1 still there	4/19 5/8	Morton Morton	EW, m.ob CG
Western Grebe	5 at LaCygne power plant lake Still there 13 at Liberal sewage ponds 1 at Scott Lake	3/12 3/25 5/9 5/13	Linn Linn Seward Scott	MM, GP AG, MG CG DR, LE, m.ob
<u>Neotropic Cormorant</u>	1 on Lawrence sandpit Many birders saw this cormorant. It had an injured or broken left leg. 1 near Quivira HQ	<u>3/3-8</u> 5/18	Douglas Stafford	GP, MG, DW. CG, GF, DL, PJ
American Bittern	1 at Hargis Lake 1 near Attica	4/13 4/21	Barber Harper	DA PJ, DL, CG
Least Bittern	1 at Walmart parking lot-Wichita Note: This bird was uninjured, and the Walmart staff kept it fed with tropical fish before taking it to the Great Plains Nature Center, where it was released into the wetlands there.	5/20	Sedgwick	BG
<u>Tri-colored Heron</u>	1 at Quivira 1 at Quivira	4/23 5/6	Stafford Stafford	LE GP, DS
Cattle Egret	3 early arrivals in Wichita	3/28	Sedgwick	PJ
Yellow-cr. Night Heron	1 at prior Winfield nest site 1 at Towanda 1 at prior year's nest site 1 at prior year's nest site 1 in yard	3/21 3/27 4/2 4/13 4/16	Cowley Butler Douglas Sedgwick Marshall	MA R&WJ KM, SSh DV DT
<u>Glossy Ibis</u>	1 breeding plumage at Quivira	5/6	Stafford	GP, DS
Wood Duck	2 apparent mated pairs	3/24	<u>Cheyenne</u>	MC, GP
Black Duck	1 with Mallards at MDC	3/18	Linn	MG
Cinnamon Teal	1 at CB 3 at CB 1 near Colwich 1 at Elkhart lagoons 1 at Milford 20 at CB 1 at CB	3/4/00 3/7 3/12-13 3/31 4/2 4/6 5/31	Barton Barton Sedgwick Morton Geary Barton Barton	CG C&IH PJ, R&WJ CG, MG C&JO CG DG
Cinn X BW Teal hybrid	1 at CB	4/17	Barton	DWe
Greater Scaup	several at Lone Star 4 at Elkhart lagoons	3/1-11 3/31	Douglas Morton	PW, m.ob. CG, MG
Red-breasted Merganser	3 at Cheney 8 at Lake Shawnee 1 below Milford Dam 2 at New Strawn lagoons 1 at Wichita sandpit 1 female at Perry	3/12 3/19 4/2 4/10 4/29 <u>5/19</u>	Reno Shawnee Geary Coffey Sedgwick Jefferson	CG, PJ DG C&JO AS JB, PJ DS

Hooded Merganser	70 in one pond@Kaw Fish Farm <u>Female w/8 young at MDC</u>	3/26 4/28	Douglas Linn	DW MG
Common Goldeneye	1 female very late at Lawrence	<u>5/28</u>	Douglas	RA
Mississippi Kite	1 early at Park City Pair returned to 1999 nest site	<u>4/7</u> 5/8	Sedgwick Douglas	CS RW
<u>White-tailed Kite</u>	1 reported at Greensburg	5/21	Kiowa	GS
Bald Eagle	pr. Building new nest @Waconda 10 nests statewide Adult at Neosho NWR	3/22 4/25 5/28	Mitchell various Neosho	HA DM MB
Broad-winged Hawk	1 <u>dark morph</u> at Oak Park 1 at Scott Lake	4/21 5/13	Sedgwick <u>Scott</u>	H&SG DR, LE, m.ob.
Red-shouldered Hawk	1 imm. near Big Salt Marsh <u>1 with nesting mat.</u> at Eldorado 1 1 in Maple Grove Cemetery	3/21 4/02 4/20 5/16	Stafford Butler <u>Morton</u> Sedgwick	CG LF, PJ, AT EW, m.ob. CG
Northern Goshawk	1 near Timken	3/13	Rush	SS
Peregrine Falcon	1 1 at Wash. Co. St. Lake	3/25 4/25	Gove Washington	JN DT
Merlin	1 at CB 1 near Iuka 1 very pale adult near Nekoma 1 late at Scott Lake 1 late at Quivira 1 along Hwy 56	3/7 3/15 3/16 5/13 5/18 5/18	Barton Pratt Rush Scott Stafford Haskell	C&IH LL SS DR GF, DL, m.ob. PJ
Virginia Rail	1 at Chisholm Creek	5/4	Sedgwick	D&ST
Black Rail	1 singing at CB Pool #2 3 singing at Coldwater Lake	5/21 5/21	<u>Barton</u> Comanche	DW, TW PJ, m.ob.
Sora	1 near Towanda in prairie brush Several at Chisholm Creek	4/29 4/30-5/8	Butler Sedgwick	JB, PJ CM, m.ob.
Sandhill Crane	30,000 at Fowler area	3/15	Meade	TF
Black-necked Stilt	1 at CB 4 at Quivira several at CB nest with 1 egg at Liberal 2 on playa area	3/27 3/31 4/27 5/21 5/21	Barton Stafford Barton Seward Pratt	DWe MR, SS HH LE, m.ob. LL
Snowy Plover	1 possible nesting pair at CB	5/21	<u>Barton</u>	DW, TW

Piping Plover	2 at Quivira	4/21	Stafford	CG
	1 at CB	4/21	Barton	CG
	1 at Quivira	4/22	Stafford	GF, LH
	1 at Quivira	4/29	Stafford	m.ob.
Mountain Plover	1 basic plumage at Mt. Hope	4/1	<u>Sedgwick</u>	BL
Hudsonian Godwit	<u>several thousand</u> at CB	4/20	Barton	HH
	600 at CB	4/21	Barton	CG
	several hundred at CB	4/27	Barton	HH
	Still hundreds	5/4	Barton	HH
	4 near Towanda	5/7	Butler	PJ
	5 at Oak Park in river	5/10	Sedgwick	CG
Marbled Godwit	31 at Tuttle	4/11	Riley	TC
	7 at Clinton	5/13	Douglas	M&PW
	50 at CB	4/21	Barton	CG
Red Knot	3 at Tuttle mudflats	5/13	<u>Riley</u>	DB
Whimbrel	1-2 at Quivira	4/16-23	Stafford	CG, m.ob
	1 at Quivira	5/13	Stafford	CG
	<u>29</u> at Lakeview playa	5/21	<u>Meade</u>	PJ, CG, DL
Long-billed Curlew	4 east of Liberal	3/10	Seward	LE
	35 west of Meade	3/24	Meade	LE
	1 in burned field	3/27	<u>Cowley</u>	GY
	1 at Quivira	4/17	Stafford	CG
	3 north of CB office	4/20	Barton	HH
Dunlin	6 at Quivira	3/31	Stafford	MR, SS
	12 at Quivira	4/8	Stafford	CG
	several at CB	4/20	Barton	HH
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	1 at Wilson campgrounds	5/6	Russell	MR
Short-billed Dowitcher	6 calling birds near Montezuma	5/18	Gray	GF,CG,PJ,DL
Red-necked Phalarope	2 at Tuttle mudflats	5/13	<u>Riley</u>	DB
	5 at Quivira	5/18	Stafford	GF,CG,PJ,DL
Laughing Gull	1 at CB	5/10	Barton	MR, m.ob.
<u>Little Gull</u>	3 with Bonaparte's at Tuttle	4/23	Riley	DB
<u>Western Gull</u>	1 1 st winter at Wichita sandpit	3/1	Sedgwick	JB, DD, PJ
California Gull	1 at K-96 bridge, Wichita	3/4	Sedgwick	JB
	1 sub-adult at sewage lagoon	5/20	Morton	SS
Bonaparte's Gull	2 at Elkhart lagoons	4/1	<u>Morton</u>	CG,MG
Caspian Tern	1 at Perry Lake-very early date	<u>4/7</u>	Jefferson	RR

Common Tern	1 at Clinton 3 at L. McCoid-Liberal	5/13 5/21	Douglas <u>Seward</u>	M&PW PJ, m.ob
Least Tern	2 along Tuttle Dam	4/24	Riley	DB
Inca Dove	5 at feeders through period Courting pair in Garden City Courting pair in Hugoton	4/2-5/31 4/26 5/27	Meade Finney Stevens	TF T&SS LE
Eurasian Collared-Dove	2 in Oakley Several in Meade 2 in backyard	3/25 4/2 4/17	<u>Gove</u> Meade <u>Riley</u>	JN TF PF
Black-billed Cuckoo	Chicken Creek Rd	5/6	Douglas	MW, PW, RW
<u>Flammulated Owl</u> AP,SP,MR,SS	1 at Cimm. Work Station	5/20	Morton	
Long-eared Owl	12 at Lyon Co. St. Lake	<u>3/26</u>	Lyon	H&SG
Short-eared Owl	3 at Quivira 2 s. of Medicine Lodge 1 near McCracken	3/9 3/28 4/22	Stafford Barber Rush	CG SPA SS
Common Poorwill	1 early in rural yard 1 near CB	<u>4/5</u> 5/1	Riley Barton	GS AG, m.ob.
Whip-poor-will	1 calling on county line	4/29	Ellsworth/Russell	DK,MR
<u>Black-chinned Hummingbird</u>	1 male at Work Station	5/20	Morton	MR, SP, SS
<u>Lewis's Woodpecker</u> SS	1 northeast of Bushton	5/9-11	Ellsworth	M&JD,LQ,
<u>Red-naped Sapsucker</u>	m/f pair on Cimm. R.-good video	4/1	Morton	CG,MG
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1 in Mission Hills, KC 1 at Martin Park, Lawrence	5/7 5/13	Johnson Douglas	MM DW
Acadian Flycatcher	2 at Woodland Park, Wichita	5/6	Sedgwick	H&SG, PJ
Dusky Flycatcher	1 singing at Work Station	5/20	Morton	SS
<u>Gray Flycatcher</u>	1	5/20	Morton	AP
E. Wood Peewee	1 very early at Eldorado L.	<u>4/2</u>	Butler	PJ, AT
Say's Phoebe	1 near Nekoma	<u>3/16</u>	Rush	SS
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1 1 at spring, 2 at work station more than 12 pair countywide	4/20 5/8&9 5/31	Morton Morton Morton	EW, m.ob. CG JRa
Cassin's Kingbird	1 on south river road 1 at river crossing	5/9 5/20	Morton Morton	CG MR,SS

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1 near Wichita 2 north of Ark. City	<u>3/6</u> 3/14	Sedgwick Cowley	CS GY
Northern Shrike	1 at Stockdale area 1 on TAS trip 1 near Nekoma	2/27 3/24 3/29	Riley Jefferson Rush	LJ DL SS
White-eyed Vireo	1 in Burcham Park 1 in Oak Park	4/27-5/17 5/1-7	Douglas Sedgwick	RA,JH CG. PJ, P&RB
Yellow-throated Vireo	1 at Ft. Riley 1 at Presbyterian Camp 1 at Elkhart	4/25-5/2 5/13 5/19-20	Geary Sedgwick <u>Morton</u>	C&JO PM m.ob.
Philadelphia Vireo	1 at Martin Park 1 at Oak Park	4/27 5/3	Douglas Sedgwick	DW P&RB
<u>Western Scrub-Jay</u>	1 at Dodge City feeder	3/13-19	Ford	JD
Fish Crow	several small flocks 8-10 near Galena 7 near Ark. City-1 st county rec.	4/9 4/21 5/28	<u>Montgomery</u> Cherokee <u>Cowley</u>	TH,CG DW GY
Chihuahuan Raven	5 seen 1 east of Elkhart	3/5 3/31	Stanton Morton	BP CG,MG
<u>Violet-Green Swallow</u>	several with Tree Sw, at Tuttle	3/28	<u>Riley</u>	KSU class
Red-Br. Nuthatch	still lingering in Lawrence Pair still in Wichita <u>2 fledges being fed by adults</u>	5/5 5/21 5/28	Douglas Sedgwick Sedgwick	RA H&SG H&SG
Rock Wren	1 saved from cat in Satanta	5/21	<u>Haskell</u>	MR
Sedge Wren	1 north of Towanda 1 below Cheney Dam	4/29 5/13	Butler Sedgwick	JB,PJ JB
Mountain Bluebird	1 very late on Lake City road	<u>4/20</u>	Barber	DA
Veery	1 singing at Wilson marina 1 at Overland Park arboretum 1 eastern race at shelterbelt	4/14 5/7 5/20	Russell Johnson <u>Morton</u>	MR DG, m.ob. MR,SS,SP
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1 1 at Elkhart	5/4 5/19	Pawnee Morton	SS SS,MR
Sprague's Pipit	small flock near Lenora	4/24	Norton	SS
<u>Blue-winged Warbler</u>	1 at Overland Park Arboretum 1 in Bonner Springs	4/22 5/5-11	Johnson Wyandotte	AG,MG,AM CH, GP,DS

Golden-winged Warbler	1 at Burcham Park, Lawrence		4/30	Douglas	RA
	1 at Tuttle tubes		5/3	Riley	DM
	1 in Bonner Springs		5/5	Wyandotte	CH
	1 at MDC		5/7	Linn	CG, MG, AG
	1 at Overland P. Arboretum		5/7	Johnson	CG, MG, AG
1 at Oak Park		5/13	Sedgwick	CG, DV, m.ob.	
Northern Parula	1 at Elkhart cemetery		4/20	<u>Morton</u>	EW, m.ob.
	6 north of Towanda	4/29	Butler	JB, PJ	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1 on WSU campus		4/25	Sedgwick	CM
	1 on WallaWalla Rd.		4/30	Geary	C&JO
<u>Cape May Warbler</u>	1 in Manhattan yard		5/13	Riley	PF
	1 in Burcham Park		5/19	Douglas	RA, GP
<u>Black-thr. Blue Warbler</u>	1 male in Oak Park		5/6-7	Sedgwick	BM, m.ob.
	1 male at MDC		5/6	Linn	MM
	1 on Shunga Trail, Topeka		5/8	Shawnee	JBr
<u>Painted Redstart</u>	1 reported at Quivira HQ		4/5	Stafford	
Yellow-thr. Warbler	2 at Marais des Cygnes		4/9	Linn	MM, GP
	1 at Lawrence feeder		4/19	Douglas	KM
	1 at MDC		5/7	Linn	CG, MG
<u>Prairie Warbler</u>	1 west of Lawrence		5/13	Douglas	M&PW
Palm Warbler	1 w. race in Burcham Park		4/27	Douglas	RA, JH
	1 in Burcham		5/1	Douglas	RA, m.ob.
	1 at Felker Park		5/1	Shawnee	DG
	2 at different locations		5/7	Douglas	M, P&RW
	1 on Shunga Trail, Topeka		5/8	Shawnee	JBr
	1 in Elkhart		5/20	<u>Morton</u>	MR, m.ob.
Cerulean Warbler	1 singing at MDC		4/29	Linn	DL
	1 singing male at Perry		5/13-18	<u>Jefferson</u>	RR, JB, GP, DS
Black & White Warbler	1 singing male		5/3	Pawnee	SS
Worm-eating Warbler	1 at Schermerhorn Park		5/9	Cherokee	AS
	1 singing near Cheney spillway		5/13	Sedgwick	JB
Ovenbird	1 at cemetery shelterbelt		5/9	<u>Morton</u>	CG
MacGillivray's Warbler	1 male Oak Park, Wichita		5/13-14	<u>Sedgwick</u>	CG, DV, m.ob.
Hooded Warbler	1 in Bonner Springs		5/5	Wyandotte	CH
	1 female in Oak Park, Wichita		5/5	Sedgwick	CG
	1 in Manhattan yard		5/8	Riley	AS
	1 in Burcham Park, Lawrence		5/9	Douglas	RA
	1 male in Elkhart		5/20	<u>Morton</u>	MR, SS, SP
	1 female banded at Ft. Riley		5/31	Riley	JR, DR

Canada Warbler	1 at Burcham Park	5/15	Douglas	RA
Yellow-breasted Chat	1 in Oak Park 1 at Sand Prairie Res.	5/4 5/5	Sedgwick Harvey	JB DP
Western Tanager	2 in cemetery shelterbelt 1 at shelterbelt	5/19 <u>5/31</u>	Morton Morton	WC, CS, m.ob. JRa
Summer Tanager	1 at Oak Park, Wichita 1 at Martin Park, Lawrence	5/3-5 5/2-5	Sedgwick Douglas	P&RB, CG DW, RA
Scarlet Tanager	1 at Grouse Creek 1 at Baldwin Woods 2 at Ft. Riley	4/23 4/30 5/6	Cowley Douglas Geary	JN DW C&JO
Eastern Towhee	1 at Oak Park, Wichita	4/24	Sedgwick	JB
Brewer's Sparrow	1 at Boy Scout Area	5/19	Morton	SP, m.ob.
Lark Sparrow	1 very early near Larned	3/24	Rush	SS
Baird's Sparrow	1 in Udall pasture	4/23	Cowley	MT
Henslow's Sparrow	1 at MDC 1 at Unit F-2, MDC	5/7	<u>3/25</u> Linn	Linn AG, MG AG, CG, MG
LeConte's Sparrow	2 near Cowley State Lake 1 in F2 field @MDC	3/27 4/8	Cowley Linn	GY DW
Dark-eyed Junco	1 late at Rock Springs	5/7	Geary	C&JO
McCown's Longspur	1 with H. Larks near Spearville	3/27	Ford	CM
Chestnut-coll. Longspur	1 near Lenora	4/14	Norton	SS
Lapland Longspur	1 near Lenora, late date	<u>4/14</u>	Norton	SS
Northern Cardinal	1 in Elkhart	3/4	<u>Morton</u>	BP
<u>Pyrrhuloxia</u>	1 female reported	5/21	Stafford	??
Indigo Bunting	1 male early in Garden City	<u>4/22</u>	Finney	T&SS
Lazuli Bunting	1 at Meade feeder 1 1 reported 1 at Chis. Creek, Wichita 3 at Scott Lake 1 at Blue Rapids feeder 2 on NAMC 6 seen countywide	4/29 5/9 5/9 5/16 5/13 5/13 5/13 5/20	Meade Morton <u>Washington</u> Sedgwick Scott <u>Marshall</u> Harvey Morton	TF CG ? CG DR TP GF MR, m.ob.
Painted Bunting	1 imm. in Wichita	5/8-10	Sedgwick	JB, CG

	1 at Perry Lake	5/20	Jefferson	MG
Bobolink	3 near Patterson 40 near Yale	5/6 5/4	Harvey Crawford	GF RM
Pine Siskin	nest building in Winfield	3/14	Sumner	MT
Common Redpoll	1 male at Wichita feeder	<u>3/16</u>	Sedgwick	LMa

Marilyn Albright, Dennis Angle, Robert Antonio, Henry Armknecht, James Barnes, Pat Beckemeyer, Roy Beckemeyer, Mavis Benner, Joanne Brier, Doris Burnett, Ted Cable, Wally, Champeny, Mark Corder, Joyce Davis, Duane DeLong, Marvin Dohrman, Jack Dohrman, Lisa Edwards, Tom Flowers, Pat Freeman, Gregg Friesen, Lawrence Frisch, Matt Gearheart, Dan Gish, Alan Godwin, Harry Gregory, Sharron Gregory, Chet Gresham, Bob Gress, Helen Hands, Joe Harrington, Larry Hesed, Tyler Hicks, Chris Hobbs, Carol Hoogheem, Irwin Hoogheem, Pete Janzen, Lowell Johnson, Rena Johnson, Wallace Johnson, Dave Klema, Bill Langley, Dan Larson, Linda Loomis, Linda Mallonee(LMa), Robert Mangile, Patty Marlett, Aaron Mitchell, Cheryl Miller, Kathy McDowell, Mick McHugh, Kylee Moon, Dan Mulhern, John Northrup, Chuck Otte, Jaye Otte, Shawn Papon, Tom Parker, Brandon Percival, Galen Pittman, Dwight Platt, Alexi Powell, Jane Queal, Lee Queal, John Rakestraw (Jra), Mike Rader, Richard Rucker, Jethro Runco, Glen Salisbury, Carolyn Schwab, David Seibel, Alan Selig, Scott Seltman, Sara Shane, Tom Shane, Scott Sharp (SSh), Guy Smith, Glen Stephenson, Art Swalwell, Ann Tarver, Dan Thalman, Dan Tholen, Sandra Tholen, Max Thompson, Don Vannoy, Edge Wade, Margaret Wedge, Phil Wedge, Roy Wedge, Dave Weible (Dwe), Dave Williams, Tracy Wohl, Ron Wolf, Gene Young

Thank You KOS!

Dear Kansas Ornithological Society,

I want to take this time to say a sincere thank you for the grant provided by KOS to aid in the assistance of my master's research. This grant was very generous and is greatly appreciated.

At this time in my research, I have over 60 nest boxes occupied by House Wrens and over 240 individuals banded. My research is going very well. The first brood will soon be completed by many of the House Wrens, thus preparing me for the second brood. I am in the process of banding adults, nestlings, and conducting feeding rates, keeping me real busy. I hope to soon begin behavioral observations of fledglings.

Thank you once again, and I will keep you informed with pending results. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Jamie Timson

editor's note - Jamie is a student at Fort Hays State University and received a \$600 grant from the Student Research Fund.

Thank You Spring Meeting Coordinators!!!

We want to thank Pete Janzen and Lisa Edwards for all their hard work in coordinating with the Oklahoma folks for the spring meeting in May. This was Lisa's first opportunity to help with a KOS meeting, but she had a good coworker. Pete has been involved in several recent KOS meetings and definitely deserves some time off to just go birding!

These spring and fall meetings don't just happen. There is a lot of work that goes into seeing that all the little details are taken care of. Turn back to page 2 and see where upcoming meetings are being planned. If there's one in your part of the state, why not volunteer to help. Sure, there is some work involved, but you get to meet a lot of new birders. Plus, there's that great feeling of knowing that you have helped KOS and your fellow birders in the Society.

Thanks again to Pete and Lisa. Thanks to everyone who attended, and plan to attend the fall meeting in Johnson County. Dave and John have been busy preparing some new and different activities for your enjoyment!

Cattle Grazing at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area

by Helen Hands

About a year and half ago, there was some discussion on KSBIRD-L about the cattle grazing project at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area (CBWA). Some of the concerns expressed related to nutrient inputs and fears that birds would collide with fence wires. In this article, I will update the status of this project.

For the past 20-30 years, managers at CBWA have struggled to keep cattail from taking over the marsh. A variety of techniques, including controlled burning, mowing, disking, excavating, and herbicides, have been used singly or in combination with varying degrees of success. Except for burning, which is ineffective by itself, these techniques are time-consuming and/or expensive. As a result, managers have sought more effective, less labor-intensive, and cheaper methods for slowing the spread of cattail. One technique that was discussed, but never implemented, was grazing by cattle. Historically, bison undoubtedly grazed in Cheyenne Bottoms. Although cattail was extremely rare back then, the marsh plants would have been subject to periodic grazing and hoof action of large herds of bison. While cattle are not bison, cattle are a reasonable substitute. Grazing is certainly more natural than disking, excavation, and herbicides. Cattle have been used at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and at marshes in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Texas to control cattail. Cattle grazing was never implemented at CBWA due to the anticipated logistical problems of hauling drinking water to the cattle and the potential for a dry cattail area to become flooded overnight. When the Bureau of Reclamation offered the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks sufficient money to study the effectiveness of various cattail control techniques at CBWA, a cattle grazing study was the highest priority.

The cattle grazing study is being done by Charlie Lee, extension wildlife biologist and Ph.D. candidate at Kansas State University. The goals of the study are to determine if cattle grazing at CBWA will be beneficial in terms of reducing cattail cover and if cattle grazing is feasible enough for local ranchers to risk grazing their cattle at the Bottoms. This study and the associated aquatic invertebrate study will also assess whether cattle grazing could have potential negative effects on the marsh and its inhabitants.

Specifically, the effects of grazing on beneficial plants; nesting pheasants, blue-winged teal, and red-winged blackbirds; bird use during summer, fall, and spring; aquatic invertebrates; and water quality will be evaluated.

As in any grazing study, stocking rate (i.e., the density of cattle) is a critical variable. In this study, 5 stocking rates are being evaluated: 0, 5, 10, 15, and 20 steers per 27-acre pasture. With 2 pastures per stocking rate, 10 pastures were constructed. Although the approximately 7 miles of fencing required for this study pose some risk to flying birds, birds deftly avoid the far more abundant fences outside the Bottoms. In addition, much less fencing would be necessary to graze the same total area (270 acres) when/if grazing becomes operational.

During the study, cattle will graze cattail 15 May-15 August for 3 consecutive years. Each pasture will be grazed at the same stocking rate all 3 years. 1999, the first year of the study, was too wet. Heavy rain the night after the cattle were put into the pastures raised water levels enough to require the cattle to be moved to higher ground for about 3 weeks. Meanwhile, the cattail kept growing and the cattle were unable to catch up. The cattle had to be taken out of the cattail after approximately 4 inches of rain on 1 August. Even when the cattle were in the pastures, the ground was usually wet and the cattle expended a lot of energy slogging around. As a result, their weight gain was less than expected.

Despite less than optimal conditions, cattle, especially in the 15 and 20-head pastures, cleared a lot of cattail. During fall and spring, large numbers of ducks used the pastures. As water levels receded during April, many shorebirds used the pastures. Through June of this year, conditions have been more favorable for the cattle. However, it's too early to tell whether cattle grazing will be beneficial for the Bottoms. We'll just have to keep an open mind until all the data are in.

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Spring Meeting Bird List

compiled by Pete Janzen

This is the complete list of birds that were found in Morton County, Ks., Cimarron County, Oklahoma, and Baca County, Colorado, by members of the Kansas Ornithological Society and the Oklahoma Ornithological Society, on May 19 & 20, 2000. The list is impressive. A number of birders were in the field that weekend. This is a great area to bird. I thank all who made this event a success, especially Marty Kamp, Lisa Edwards, Keith Martin, John Sterling, Sebastian Patti, Carolyn Schwab and many others. Total: 180 species, according to Victoria Lea Janzen, who was compelled to compile the totals to fulfill contractual agreements with parental figures. Species marked with an * indicate species seen in Kansas

Pied-billed Grebe	Spotted Sandpiper*	Eastern Kingbird*	Orange-crowned Warbler*
Horned Grebe	Long-billed Curlew*	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*	Palm Warbler*
Eared Grebe*	Baird's Sandpiper	Loggerhead Shrike*	American Redstart*
Western Grebe	Long-billed Dowitcher	Yellow-throated Vireo*	Yellow Warbler*
Clark's Grebe	Wilson's Phalarope*	Red-eyed Vireo*	Yellow-rumped Warbler*
Great Blue Heron*	Franklin's Gull*	Plumbeous Vireo	Northern Waterthrush*
Snowy Egret*	California Gull*	Blue-headed Vireo*	Mourning Warbler*
Green Heron*	Forster's Tern*	Warbling Vireo*	MacGillivray's Warbler*
Black-crowned	Black Tern*	Blue Jay*	Common Yellowthroat*
Night-Heron*	Rock Dove*	Western Scrub-Jay	Hooded Warbler*
White-faced Ibis	Eurasian Collared-Dove	Pinyon Jay	Wilson's Warbler*
Turkey Vulture*	Mourning Dove*	Black-billed Magpie*	Yellow-breasted Chat
Canada Goose	Black-billed Cuckoo*	American Crow*	Western Tanager*
Wood Duck	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Common Raven	Spotted Towhee*
Gadwall*	Greater Roadrunner	Chihuahuan Raven*	Canyon Towhee
American Wigeon	Barn Owl*	Horned Lark*	Cassin's Sparrow*
Mallard*	Western Screech-Owl	Violet-green Swallow	Rufous-crowned Sparrow
Blue-winged Teal*	Eastern Screech-Owl*	Northern Rough-winged	Chipping Sparrow*
Cinnamon Teal	Great Horned Owl*	Swallow*	Clay-colored Sparrow*
Northern Shoveler*	Flammulated Owl*	Bank Swallow*	Brewer's Sparrow*
Northern Pintail	Burrowing Owl*	Cliff Swallow*	Field Sparrow*
Green-winged Teal	Common Nighthawk*	Barn Swallow*	Vesper Sparrow
Canvasback*	Common Poorwill*	Bushtit	Lark Sparrow*
Redhead	Chimney Swift*	Rock Wren*	Black-throated Sparrow
Ruddy Duck*	Black-chinned Hummingbird*	Canyon Wren	Lark Bunting*
Osprey	Belted Kingfisher	Bewick's Wren*	Grasshopper Sparrow*
Mississippi Kite*	Lewis's Woodpecker	House Wren*	Lincoln's Sparrow*
Northern Harrier	Red-headed Woodpecker*	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	White-crowned Sparrow
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Ladder-backed	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Northern Cardinal*
Cooper's Hawk	Woodpecker*	Eastern Bluebird*	Rose-breasted Grosbeak*
Swainson's Hawk*	Downy Woodpecker*	Mountain Bluebird	Black-headed Grosbeak*
Red-tailed Hawk*	Hairy Woodpecker	Swainson's Thrush*	Blue Grosbeak*
Ferruginous Hawk*	Northern Flicker*	Gray-cheeked Thrush*	Lazuli Bunting*
Golden Eagle	Olive-sided Flycatcher*	Veery*	Indigo Bunting*
American Kestrel*	Western Wood-Pee-wee*	Hermit Thrush*	Bobolink
Prairie Falcon	Eastern Wood-Pee-wee	American Robin*	Red-winged Blackbird*
Ring-necked Pheasant*	Dusky Flycatcher*	Gray Catbird*	Western Meadowlark*
Wild Turkey	Gray Flycatcher*	Northern Mockingbird*	Yellow-headed Blackbird*
Scaled Quail*	Least Flycatcher	Sage Thrasher	Common Grackle*
Northern Bobwhite*	Eastern Phoebe	Curve-billed Thrasher	Great-tailed Grackle*
American Coot	Say's Phoebe*	Brown Thrasher*	Brown-headed Cowbird*
Killdeer*	Ash-throated Flycatcher*	European Starling*	Orchard Oriole*
Mountain Plover*	Great Crested Flycatcher*	American Pipit*	Baltimore Oriole*
Black-necked Stilt*	Cassin's Kingbird*	Cedar Waxwing	Bullock's Oriole*
American Avocet*	Western Kingbird*	Tennessee Warbler	House Finch*

52nd Meeting of The Kansas Ornithological Society

Johnson County Community College

Fall 2000

The Kansas Ornithological Society will be meeting at Johnson County Community College (JCCC) on October 6, 7, and 8, 2000. JCCC is located on the southwest corner of College Boulevard. & Quivira in Overland Park. From I-435 take Exit 82 south on Quivira. There are entrances to the college campus on both College, and Quivira. The buildings we will be using are in the center of the campus. A map of the JCCC campus is found on page 18 and also on the web at <http://www.jccc.net>.

Program

Friday, October 6

6:30-9:00 p.m. Informal reception and bird identification workshop SCI 222

Saturday, October 7

6:30-9:00 a.m. Field Trips to local birding hotspots. Possible locations include Overland Park Arboretum, Ernie Miller Nature Park, and Mill Creek Streamway Parks.
All trips depart from JCCC Library South Parking Lot .

8:30-9:00 Set up posters COM 319

8:30-10:00 Registration GEB 233
Poster session & Silent Auction COM 319
(Silent Auction will run all day)

10:00-12:00 Morning Paper Session GEB 233

12:00-1:00 Lunch on your own at JCCC Food Court or other nearby restaurants.
(KOS Board Meeting during lunch.)

1:00-2:00 Birdwatchers' Hour GEB 233

2:00-4:30 Afternoon Paper Session GEB 233

4:30-5:00 Business Meeting GEB 233

6:30-9:00 Social Time, Banquet, Best Bird, Resolutions, and Guest Speaker (to be announced) COM 319

Sunday, October 8

6:30-12:00 Field Trips (all depart from JCCC Library South parking lot)

12:00-1:00 Lunch and compilation. Overland Park Arboretum

Silent Auction - Details are still being worked out on the Silent Auction. Please bring bird related items for inclusion in the Silent Auction. All proceeds will go towards the Student Research Fund. If you have an item that you plan to bring, please notify John Schukman.

All of the buildings that we will be using, are immediately adjacent to and connected to each other.

A listing of some of the hotels in the area follows on page 18.

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.

Hotels

*Days Inn - 9630 Rosehill Road, Lenexa, Kansas, (913) 492-7200

If we rent 10 rooms or more rates are \$52.00 per room for two people. \$5.00 for each additional person. Continental breakfast included. Take I-35 from north or south and exit at 95th Street. Turn east on 95th. Turn right on Lenexa Drive and then left on Rosehill Road.

Doubletree - 10100 College Blvd., Overland Park, Kansas (913) 451-6100

Room rates are \$74.00 for two double beds, or one king size bed. Take Alternate 69 from the north or south and exit at College Blvd. Hotel can be seen from the exit. (This is the closest hotel to JCCC)

Hampton Inn - 12081 S. Strang Line Road (913) 393-1111

Room Rates are \$75.00 plus tax for two double beds; \$70.00 for king size bed. Continental breakfast included. Take I-35 from the north or south and exit at 119th Street. Turn east on 119th Street and make a right on Strang Line Road. Hotel a short distance on the east side (left) of road.

Motel 6 - 9725 Lenexa Drive (913) 541-8558

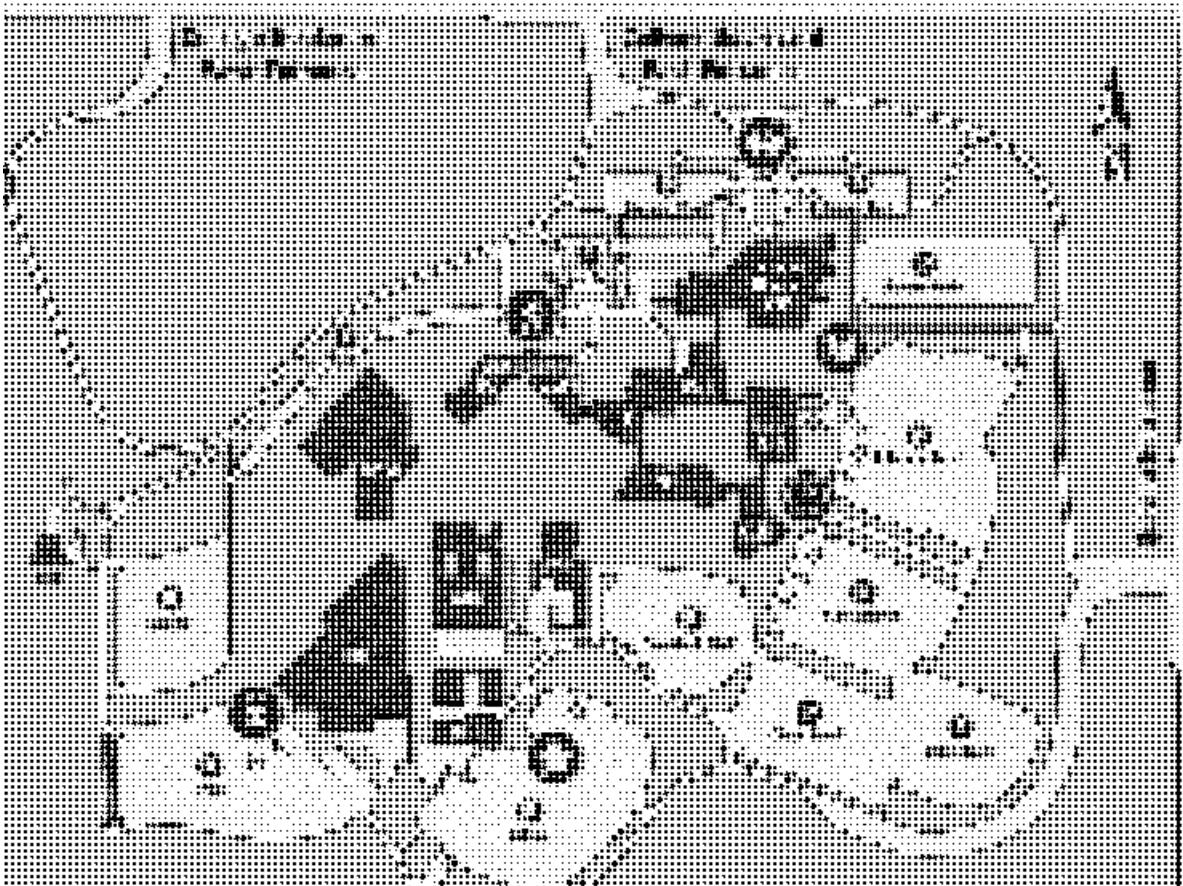
\$51.99. From I-35 north or south take Exit at 95th St., motel on east side to south of 95th.

Super 8 - 9601 Westgate at 95th and I-35 (913) 888-8899

\$55.00 plus tax for one bed, \$61.00 plus tax for 2 beds.

From I-35 take Exit at 95th.

*preferred option to obtain discount



We regret that the Kid's Page is not available
in this electronic format.

**CALL FOR PAPERS OR POSTERS
KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
FALL 2000**

The KOS will meet on October 6, 7, and 8 at Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS. The contributed paper and poster session will be presented on Saturday, October 7. Posters can be set up Saturday morning beginning at 8:30. The only requirement is that the presentations deal with birds in some way. We especially encourage graduate and undergraduate students to present the results of their studies. Interesting papers are often given by people who consider themselves amateurs, but who nevertheless have considerable expertise. We encourage you to share your experiences with the members and guests who will be attending. Please submit a short abstract (approximately 150 words) of your presentation. We are scheduling 15 minutes for each paper presentation. If at all possible e-mail your abstract or submit it on disk; otherwise, mail this completed form to the address below.

Complete this form and mail by September 15 to:

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Contributed paper or poster for KOS Fall Meeting, 2000

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Paper/Poster Title: _____

Abstract:

Audio visual equipment needed: ___ 35 mm slide projector, ___ overhead transparency projector, ___ video cassette player, ___ computer (please specify PC/Mac or other special requirements: _____), ___ other (please specify: _____)

**KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL MEETING
FALL 2000
JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____

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		Number	Amount
Registration Fee:	\$8.00 (KOS members)	_____	\$ _____
	\$10.00 (non-members)	_____	\$ _____
Banquet	\$13.00/person	_____	\$ _____
Sunday Lunch	\$6.00/person	_____	\$ _____
Registration deadline: September 29, 2000		Total	\$ _____

Make checks payable to KOS. Mail to: John Schukman, KOS, 14207 Robin Rd., Leavenworth, KS 66048.

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You may duplicate this form for more than one bird to report. (Reminder: Also please be sure to report all noteworthy observations to the Kansas Bird Records Committee for review and official archiving. You can do this on the web at <http://www.ksu.edu/audubon/rarebirdform.html> or else contact Dave Rintoul, KBRC Secretary.)