

# Wichita Audubon



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## APRIL MEETING



Dr. David Rintoul, associate professor of biology at Kansas State University, will be our speaker at the April meeting. His presentation is titled "Grassland bird studies on Fort Riley." David is a member of the ongoing MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) project at Ft. Riley, where bird banding has been ongoing since 1993. MAPS is a "constant-effort" mist netting and banding program, created by the Institute for Bird Populations in 1989 to provide critical data for understanding the status (and changes in

status) of North American breeding birds. At the present time there are nearly 500 banding stations, in 17 states, which are participating in the program. Many are located on military bases and reservations, and much of the early funding for the program came from the Department of Defense. Dave will discuss results from an analysis of the stable isotopes of feathers taken from some of these banded birds. The meeting will be Tuesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center, 29th and Woodlawn. You can also join us for dinner before the meeting at Jason's Deli, in Bradley Fair at 21st and Rock Rd, at 5:45 p.m.

## CNC UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### **Spring Clean-up**

**April 7, Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Volunteer to get the Chaplin Nature Center in shape for the upcoming year. Help is needed in all areas, from building clean-up to trail maintenance. Light work loads or heavy, your choice. There is a place you can help, no matter what your skills.

### **Twilight Dinner**

**June 16, Saturday, 5 p.m. - ?**

Join us at Chaplin Nature Center for a beach party, barbecue, scavenger hunt, birdwatching and lots of fun. As always, donors who gave more than \$100 last year will be invited to attend free. Everyone else is welcome with the meal costing \$6.50 for adults, \$3.25 for children for children 12 and under. *Continued on page 2*



For more information about any Chaplin Nature Center programs call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, or e-mail [cnc@wichitaaudubon.org](mailto:cnc@wichitaaudubon.org). CNC is located 3 miles west of Arkansas City on Hwy 166, north 2 miles on 21st Rd, east 0.6 miles on 272nd Rd.

## COMING EVENTS

### **March 31**

Pawnee Prairie Field Trip. Meet at the old nature center parking lot on South Tyler Road. We'll be looking for winter residents and early spring migrants like Fox Sparrow, Spotted Towhee, Phoebes and Kinglets. Leader: Bill Beard, 722-3081, [w2bnn@cox.net](mailto:w2bnn@cox.net)

### **April 7**

Spring Clean-up at Chaplin Nature Center, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### **April 21**

Sandhills State Park field trip. Meet at the parking area near K-61 and 69th St. Bring a lunch & \$3.50 park entry fee. Leaders: Cheryl Miller, [avian67226@hotmail.com](mailto:avian67226@hotmail.com) & Carolyn Schwab, [caschwab@pixius.net](mailto:caschwab@pixius.net)

### **May 5**

Warbler Walk at Oak Park. Meet by the north pond at 7 a.m. Leader: Paul Griffin, 263-1251.

### **May 5**

Prairie Wetlands Conservation Project. Meet at 1 p.m. at the OxyChem parking lot on the east side of S. Ridge Rd (south of 55th St. S.) Leader: Bill Beard, 722-3081, [w2bnn@cox.net](mailto:w2bnn@cox.net)

### **June 16**

Twilight dinner at Chaplin Nature Center, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

## **BIRDATHON**

Birdathon is a fund-raising activity that is also a lot of fun. It is open to any member that likes to bird and wants to help. A Birdathon team solicits pledges from friends, neighbors and coworkers for the number of bird species they can find in a 24 hour period. We would really like to have your help. To join a team talk to Carol Cumberland, Patty Marlett, Kevin Groeneweg or Shawn Silliman. If you can't join a team, consider soliciting pledges for one of the teams, or contribute yourself. Any and all assistance is appreciated.

## **TWILIGHT DINNER FROM PAGE 1**

You can make reservations by calling Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, [cnc@wichitaaudubon.org](mailto:cnc@wichitaaudubon.org). There will be a mail-in form in next month's newsletter.

## **MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

The award committee is accepting nominations for the annual Meritorious Service Award. The criteria for selection include outstanding or sustained leadership as a member, officer, committee chair, or special project leader.

Please include a brief description of the nominee's accomplishments and why you think they should receive this award. Send your nomination to

Carol Cumberland, 1185 Gretchen Ln, Wichita 67206, or email [carol.cumberland@swbell.net](mailto:carol.cumberland@swbell.net)



Previous recipients of this award:

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2000 Dan Kilby  
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2003 Patty Marlett  
2004 Carol Cumberland  
2005 Sandra Tholen  
2006 Kevin Groeneweg

## **SILENT AUCTION**

Our May meeting will feature a silent auction of bird and nature related items - bird feeders, bird houses, books, art, etc. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Rosa McHenry, 263-4042, [rmchenryphoto@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rmchenryphoto@sbcglobal.net), or Patty Marlett, 942-2164, [pmarlett@mac.com](mailto:pmarlett@mac.com). You can also bring items to the April meeting. We will display items in April, and have the actual bidding in May. The money raised will go to support Chaplin Nature Center, so come on May 15 and be prepared to shop!

## **THANKS!**

Eight volunteers worked for 10.5 hours on March 10 to clean up Oak Park. A big thank you to Bev DuGay, Sheryl Van Doren, Karla Jahn, Jim Jahn, Patty Marlett, Billie McDavitt, Tom, McDavitt, and especially Rosa McHenry, who brought the Krispy Kremes.

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## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The nominating committee chair is Kevin Groeneweg, assisted by Dan Kilby and Bob Gress. They are seeking candidates for President (two year term), Treasurer (one year term), and the board of directors (three year term). Your help and suggestions are needed. Please contact Kevin at 687-4268, [kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net).

## **EXTENDED FIELD TRIP**

This year's extended trip will be to Southwest Colorado June 11-13. It will be three intense days searching for Chukar, Gray Vireo, Virginia's Warbler, Black Swift, Flammulated Owl, and more. We'll spend two nights in Cortez and two nights in Montrose. Pete Janzen is planning our itinerary. To get information on lodging and reservations contact Patty Marlett, 942-2164, [pmarlett@mac.com](mailto:pmarlett@mac.com).

## **KOS SPRING MEETING**

The Kansas Ornithological Society will hold its spring meeting May 4 - 6 in Sabetha, Brown County, in the glaciated region of northeast Kansas. Field trips are being planned with possibilities in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. Migration will be in full swing, so warblers should be abundant at places like Squaw Creek NWR, Indian Cave State Park (Nebraska), Nemeha Wildlife Area, Brown State Fishing Lake, and others. More information can be found on the KOS website at [www.ksbirds.org](http://www.ksbirds.org).

## **TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE PROJECT**

### **THREATENS CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER**

The TransCanada Keystone pipeline is an oil pipeline that will run from western Canada across to Manitoba, then south through North & South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas to a terminal near Tulsa. For months the company planning the right-of-way has been promising that they would find a way around Chaplin Nature Center, but in the last few weeks flags appeared along 272nd Road in front of our property. Shawn has had conversations with many neighbors, and we have determined that their planned route is north to south through the middle of our property.

The pipeline is a 30 inch diameter pipe that will be buried underground. They will clear a swath 100 feet wide of all trees and shrubs. After construction is complete, a swath 50 feet wide will be kept free of all trees and brush forever for maintenance access. Since the nature center has a rocky limestone bluff running east and west across the whole property, they will no doubt have to blast through the rock to bury the pipeline. We feel the company has been less than honest with us. For months they promised that their engineers would find a way around us. But the flags marking the route appeared with no notice, and we still have not been informed of their intentions.

The company has the power of eminent domain; we have no legal recourse to stop them. Our only weapon is public opinion, so we are asking you to help. Listed below is contact information. The only name we have is that of Phil Phillips, the land agent for the company that is acquiring the right-of-way. He is the person we have talked to directly. There are also addresses for the project headquarters. Please help by writing, calling, e-mailing, or preferably all three. If you have any other suggestions for publicity or contacts that might help please call Shawn Silliman or Patty Marlett.

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