

Wichita Audubon



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CNC Upcoming Programs

November 7, Sunday 2 p.m.

Community planning meeting

This is a brainstorming session to help us find ways to enhance Chaplin Nature Center and improve its service to the community. We hope to have community leaders and members of the public as well as Audubon members give us their ideas. Jazmin Wood, Director of the Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce, has agreed to facilitate the meeting. Please come and share your input.

December 10, Friday 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Star Program

See Saturn and deep sky objects with a telescope. Learn about constellations and their legends. For best viewing, bring a lawn chair or blanket.

For more information about any Chaplin Nature Center programs call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, or e-mail cnc@wichitaudubon.org.

November Meeting

The November program is "Great Places in Kansas," presented by Rob Penner, Land Steward for The Nature Conservancy. Rob has worked for the Nature Conservancy for nearly eight years. Before he came to Kansas he worked for the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission as a Wildlife Biologist. Rob's specialty is ornithology. As Land Steward, Rob manages three preserves. The 7,300 acre Cheyenne Bottoms Preserve in Barton County gives shorebird and grassland bird management its main focus. The 2100 acre Flint Hills Tallgrass Prairie Preserve in Greenwood and Butler Counties focuses on Greater Prairie Chicken, along with Henslow's Sparrows and the Topeka Shiner. The 1300 acre Sunset Prairies preserve in Anderson County is managed for Mead's Milkweed, Henslow's Sparrow, and Prairie Chickens.

The program will be November 16, 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium at the Great Plains Nature Center, 29th and Woodlawn.

You can also join Rob and other members for dinner at Jason's Deli, in Bradley Fair at 21st and Rock Road, at 5:45 p.m. before the meeting.

Coming Events

November 7

Toronto & Fall River field trip. Meet at the Dillons parking lot at Andover Rd and US 54 at 6:30 a.m. Bring a lunch and plan to carpool. There may be some walking if the weather allows. Leader: Pete Janzen, 832-0182, prarybrd@southwind.net

November 7

CNC community planning meeting, 2 p.m. at the nature center (see this page).

November 16

Regular meeting, "Great Places in Kansas," by Rob Penner, 7:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center

December 10

Star program at Chaplin Nature Center, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

No December Meeting

December 18

Wichita Christmas Bird Count. Meet at Lawrence-Dumont Stadium on Saturday, 7:30 a.m. Participants pay a fee of \$5 as required by NAS. Compilation: 5:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.

Compiler: Pete Janzen, 832-0182, prarybrd@southwind.net



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Coming Events, continued

December 18, Saturday

Halstead/Newton CBC

Meet at the Kaufman Museum, N. Newton, at 6:30 a.m. Participants pay a fee of \$7.50. Compilation 5:30 p.m. at the museum. Bring a sack lunch. Compiler: Dwight Platt, 283-6708, platword@southwind.net

December 19, Sunday

Winfield-Udall Christmas Bird Count. Meet at the Beech Science Center, Southwestern College, at 7:30 a.m. Compiler: Max Thompson, maxt@cox.net

December 22, Wednesday

Slate Creek Christmas Bird Count. Meet at the Slate Creek Baptist Church, 7 miles south of Oxford, at 8 a.m. Compiler: Gene Young, 620-442-4165, youngg 6264@yahoo.com

December 26, Sunday

Arkansas City Christmas Bird Count. Meet at Newman Park on Hwy 77 just north of the Arkansas River at 8 a.m. Compiler: Gene Young, 620-442-4165, youngg 6264@yahoo.com

January 2, Sunday

El Dorado Christmas Bird Count. Meet at the McDonald's in El Dorado at 7:30 a.m. Compiler: Bill Langley, blangley@butlercc.edu

January 2, Sunday

Red Hills Christmas Bird Count. Depart from the Indian Grill Restaurant on U.S. 160 in Medicine Lodge at 7:30 a.m. \$5 fee required for N.A.S. Compiler: Pete Janzen, 832-0182, prarybrd@southwind.net
Note: There was a misprint in the schedule of events - both the El Dorado and Red Hills counts are on SUNDAY, not Saturday!

Thank You!

On October 9, eleven people helped with our biannual clean up of Chisholm Creek Park. Carol Cumberland, Duane DeLong, Kevin Groeneweg, Rosa McHenry, Patty Marlett, and Ann & Steve Starch all worked on the west side of the park around the picnic shelters and parking lots. Becca Fleming, Chelsea Bentry, Lynn Magelli, and Carolyn Lindsey worked on the east side around the parking lot. Thanks for giving up part of such a beautiful day for a good cause!

2005 Calendars

The new calendars are in, and they feature gorgeous pictures of some of your favorite birds. Also, this year the calendar has been expanded to cover 16 months. They are available for only \$4.50, and benefit your Audubon chapter and Chaplin Nature Center. Consider giving them as Christmas gifts for neighbors, teachers, or the mailman. They will be available at program meetings, or you can call Rosa McHenry at 263-4042, or email rmchenryphoto@sbcglobal.net.

Bird Seed Sale

A Big Thank YOU to our volunteers who delivered seed on October 2: Duane DeLong, Hal Cumberland, Dan Shady, and Justin Williams.

Our next Bird Seed Sale will be Saturday December 4.

Order by November 30th

25 LB Black Oil Sunflower \$10
25 LB Audubon Mix \$8
25 LB Safflower \$18

To order call Carol Cumberland 316-685-4867 or email: carol.cumberland@swbell.net

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50th Anniversary Weekend

On the weekend of September 24-26 Wichita Audubon celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with a series of events. Our special guest was Kenn Kaufman, noted author, speaker, birder, and alumnus of Wichita Audubon. At Chaplin Nature Center we held a BioBlitz. Scientists from a number of disciplines were invited to find as many species as possible in a 24 hour period.

Caleb Morse of the Kansas Biological



Kenn Kaufman, Walker Butin, Wallace Champeny, John and Louise Wherry, and Mary Kemmer at the banquet.



Scott Campbell and Southwestern College students seine for fish in the Arkansas River

Saturday the public was invited to our Fall Nature Day where they watched the scientists in action, saw some specimens that had been found, and helped tag more than 60 Monarch butterflies.

Saturday evening we held a banquet at the Wichita Art Museum, with Kenn Kaufman as the speaker. Kenn talked about the plight of so many of our birds, and the need for birders to reach out and share our love of nature with a larger public. A slide show of pictures from the last fifty years showed on the screen as members reminisced about all the good times.

The weekend concluded with about 35 people birding with Kenn on a beautiful Sunday morning at Chisholm Creek Park.

Survey found 40 species of lichens! Ken Kaufman, Gene Young, Jeff Cox and Kevin Groeneweg located 74 species of birds. Craig Freeman, Charlie Hunter, and David Van Tassel found 275 species of plants, including 23 county records and one state record. Travis Taggart and Curtis Schmidt, from the Sternberg Museum, with Eddie Stegall and Riley Kemmer found 13 species of herps and 7 species of mammals. Scott Campbell from the Kansas Biological Survey and students from Southwestern College seined and trapped 20 species of fish. Roy Beckemeyer identified 164 species of invertebrates. The total count was 547 species.



The Sunday morning field trip in Chisholm Creek Park

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Bird Identification Class For beginning birders

A class for beginning birders. BI 230 Bird Identification Seminar is held at the Andover campus of Butler County Community College. It meets in room 443. You must have your own binoculars. We learn nearly all the common birds in the area. The class meets Saturday mornings 9 a.m. to noon starting January 22 until May 7. There are several field trips with the class. You can enroll in Andover. You can just audit the class if you wish.

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