

# Wichita Audubon



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## **NOVEMBER MEETING**



The program for the November meeting will be presented by Dr. Roger Boyd, Professor of Biology at Baker University, about the history and future of the Baker Wetlands. The Haskell-Baker Wetlands span approximately 640 acres on the south side of Lawrence.

Joint owners Baker University, Haskell Indian Nations University, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, and the University of Kansas hold 573, 27, 20, and 20 acres, respectively, of this scenic and ecologically vital habitat.

In 1969, the National Park Service declared the wetlands a National Natural Landmark. In 1989, the Kansas Biological Survey declared the wetlands an official Natural and Scientific area. Completion of the South Lawrence Trafficway, a realignment of K-10, generated fierce opposition. Dr. Boyd will tell us about the ongoing restoration of the wetlands and the plans for mitigation from the highway project. Join us on Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. We will also have dinner with Dr. Boyd before the program at Ryan's, 3323 N Rock Road at 5:45 p.m.

## **CNC UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**November 11, Friday 7 - 8:30 p.m.**

### **Moon Hike**

Moon madness is upon us. Take a hike by the light of the moon to the Arkansas River. During this two mile hike we'll search for our moon shadow, learn moon trivia and discover the strange effects of the moon.



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

### **November 5**

Lake Afton, Cheney Reservoir and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge field trip. See page 2 for more information.

### **November 11**

Moon Hike at Chaplin Nature Center, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

### **November 15**

Regular meeting, "The History and Future of the Baker Wetlands," by Dr. Roger Boyd, 7:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center

### **CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS -**

see page 3 for information

### **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

## **BIRD SEED SALE**

The WAS Bird seed sale was a huge success thanks to Patty Marlett, Kevin Groeneweg, Curt VanBoening, Hal Cumberland and Margaret and Dick Wieland who helped deliver the two tons of seed.

Our next bird seed sale will be December 10th. Please submit your order by November 26th.

25 lbs Black Oil Sunflower - \$16  
25 lbs Songbird delight Mix - \$13  
25 lbs Safflower Seed - \$19

Order by phone, mail or Email. Call Carol Cumberland at 685-4867 or carol.cumberland@swbell.net

Mail: Wichita Audubon Society, PO Box 47607 Wichita KS 67201

## **THANK YOU**

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Chisholm Creek Park cleanup on October 15: Neal & Ben Allen, Sharon & John Dilks, Mike Heaney, Cheryl Miller, Jim & Patty Marlett, Sandra Tholen and Rod Wedel. We hauled out more than 100 pounds of trash!

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## **NOVEMBER 5 FIELD TRIP**

This is our annual field trip to see the spectacle of Sandhill Cranes at Quivira National Wildlife refuge. The day begins with visits to local lakes searching for waterfowl and concludes at Quivira to witness the cranes and geese returning to roost at sundown. Birders interested in a full day trip meet at the Lake Afton Observatory at 10 a.m., with a late lunch in Hutchinson after checking out Cheney Reservoir. If you are interested only in the afternoon session meet at Quivira headquarters at 3 p.m. Carpooling is encouraged. Contact the leader, Jeff Calhoun, for arrangements: 737-1307, jeffcalhoun11@gmail.com.

## **2012 EXTENDED FIELD TRIP**

This year the extended field trip is another ambitious one - the Pacific Northwest. We plan to fly to Washington and rent vans. Planning is still in the very earliest stages, but we hope to include the Olympic peninsula, Puget Sound, the Cascades and an optional pelagic trip out of Westport. Kevin Groeneweg and Jeff Calhoun are planning the itinerary. Patty Marlett is planning logistics like lodging and van rental. Space will be limited, so reservations with a deposit will be required. You can sign up at a meeting, or by e-mail or phone to Patty: pmarlett@mac.com, 942-2164.

## **CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS**

These events are all-day efforts to census all birds within 15-mile diameter circles. The results are reported to the National Audubon Society and Kansas Ornithological Society. Remember to dress for the weather and expect to do a fair amount of walking. A \$5 fee is due from each participant on most counts to defray data entry costs for the National Audubon Society. Most counts have a compilation at the end of the day. This is the 112th year for Christmas bird counts, and the 58th year of the Wichita count. For more Kansas counts, check the KOS website at [www.ksbirds.org](http://www.ksbirds.org)

### **DECEMBER 17, SATURDAY, 7:30 a.m. WICHITA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

Meet at the Lawrence-Dumont Stadium parking lot. Compilation: 5:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. Chili and beverages will be provided. \$5 fee required for the National Audubon Society.

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### **DECEMBER 17, SATURDAY, 6:45 a.m. HALSTEAD/NEWTON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

Meet at the Kaufman Museum, North Newton. Participants pay a fee of \$7.50. Compilation 5:30 p.m. at the museum. Bring a sack lunch.

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### **DECEMBER 18, SUNDAY, 7:30 a.m. EL DORADO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

Meet at the McDonald's in El Dorado, 2004 W Central. \$5 fee required for the National Audubon Society.

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### **DECEMBER 18, SUNDAY, 7:30 a.m. WINFIELD/UDALL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

Meet at the Beech Science Center, Southwestern College at 7:30 a.m. \$5 fee required for the National Audubon Society.

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### **DECEMBER 21, WEDNESDAY, 8 a.m. SLATE CREEK CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

Meet at the Slate Valley Baptist Church, 7 miles south of Oxford on Summer St.

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### **DECEMBER 23, FRIDAY, 8 a.m. ARKANSAS CITY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

Meet at Newman Park on Hwy 77, just north of the Arkansas River, at 8 a.m. \$5 fee required for the National Audubon Society.

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### **DECEMBER 29, THURSDAY, 7:30 a.m. RED HILLS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT (Note that this is a different date than what is published in the Schedule of Events)**

Meet at the Indian Grill Restaurant on U.S. 160 in Medicine Lodge. Groups will depart at 7:30 a.m. \$5 fee required for the National Audubon Society.

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### **JANUARY 8, SUNDAY, 7:30 a.m. DERBY/BELLE PLAINE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

Meet at the Target parking lot at 2024 N. Rock Rd. in Derby (SE corner of Rock Road & Tall Tree).

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## **BIRDING THE NET**

Birdwatching hit the Internet in a big way as Audubon launched its groundbreaking social media campaign, Birding the Net, on Oct. 10. Visitors to over 100 websites -- including AOL, Slate, Discovery Channel and more will encounter unexpected avian visitors -- each inviting them to find more birds to add to their lists. Timed to build on the release of 20th Century Fox's *The Big Year*, the campaign, created by Goodby, Silverstein & Partners, will bring the excitement of birds and birding to a broad new audience in a new and unexpected way. Web surfers will observe virtual birds doing the same things that birds do outdoors: animations of birds will fly across homepages, perch on mastheads, and flock to birdhouses that anyone can install on personal websites and blogs. Clicking on the animated birds on the many participating websites takes players to an Audubon Facebook page to collect and trade "bird cards" which feature recordings of birdsongs, bird facts, and video. The first players to collect all the birds will win prizes, including a voyage to the Galapagos Islands.

All that is required to play is to visit Audubon on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NationalAudubonSociety](http://www.facebook.com/NationalAudubonSociety). The game will go viral, since trading bird cards helps a player's chances of winning; the more Facebook friends that compete in Birding the Net, the more opportunities for trading birds. And for exclusive hints on where to find birds on the Internet, Audubon followers on Twitter (@AudubonSociety) can interact and follow campaign "spokesbirds" @FloridaScrubJay and @RufHummingbird.

In addition to the grand prize voyage for two to the Galapagos Islands courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions, prizes include Canon cameras, Nikon binoculars, gift cards to Woolrich and downloads of the Audubon Birds – A Field Guide to North American Birds mobile app from Green Mountain Digital. All 200 winners also receive one-year membership to Audubon.