

# Wichita Audubon

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## **SEPTEMBER MEETING**



Our first meeting of the year will feature video by Paul Griffin. His video is titled "Waterbirds: In and Around Wichita," and features amazing footage of birds that live on or near the water. Common and rare birds from all seasons include waterfowl, eagles, herons, cranes, shorebirds and more. Join us on Tuesday, September 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center for Paul's video. You can also join us for dinner with Paul before the meeting at 5:45 p.m. at Doc Green's, 10096 E. 13th, in the Waterfront.

## **New President for National Audubon**

The National Audubon Society has announced that David Yarnold has been named its new president and Chief Executive Officer. Yarnold currently serves as Executive Director of the Environmental Defense Fund and President of the Environmental Defense Action Fund. Prior to that he was a Pulitzer-Prize-winning editor at the San Jose Mercury News.

"David brings proven leadership in the for-profit and non-profit sectors to Audubon at a time when efforts to protect birds, habitats and the resources that sustain us are needed more than ever;" said Holt Thrasher, Audubon's Board Chair. "His leadership ability, his passion for conservation and grassroots action, his communication skills and his organizational expertise all make him a perfect fit for the Audubon of 2010 and beyond."

## **CNC UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**September 25, Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

### **Fall Nature Day and Butterfly Tagging**

Join us for a day long celebration of nature at the Chaplin Nature Center. There are bird walks, a herp walk, a live herp demonstration and crafts for kids. We will also be tagging Monarch butterflies. *Continued on page 3.*



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**

### **September 11**

Quivira and Cheyenne Bottoms field trip. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Quivira NWR headquarters. Bring a lunch. Leader: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, [pmarlett@mac.com](mailto:pmarlett@mac.com)

### **September 21**

Regular meeting, "Waterbirds In and Around Wichita," by Paul Griffin, 7:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center

### **September 25**

Fall Nature Day at Chaplin Nature Center, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring hikes, Monarch butterfly tagging, food, crafts and more. See page 3.

### **October 2**

Chisholm Creek Park cleanup. Help clean up our adopted park. Meet at the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot. Bring gloves. Leader: Dennice Craig, 788-0320, [mdcraigster@gmail.com](mailto:mdcraigster@gmail.com)

### **October 2**

Bird Seed Sale - see page 2.

### **October 16**

Slate Creek Wetlands field trip. Expect a variety of sparrows and other fall migrants. This trip involves a lot of walking, and it may be muddy. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Slate Creek Baptist Church, 7 miles S. of Oxford on S. Oxford Rd. Leader: Gene Young, 620-660-0547, [youngg6264@yahoo.com](mailto:youngg6264@yahoo.com)

## **BUTTERFLY COUNT**

The 5th annual Arkansas City Butterfly Count was held on July 10th. This count uses the same count circle as the Arkansas City Christmas Bird Count and is an official count of the North American Butterfly Association. Ten adults and three kids helped us count. We had a good day for butterflies, with especially large numbers of Little Yellows and Dainty Sulphurs. Hackberry Emperors were the most numerous, as they are every year. We finished with a total of 744 individuals of 46 species. Mark your calendars for July 9th, 2011 and join in the fun.



*Some butterfly counters check out the Big Chair at CNC.*

## **EXTENDED FIELD TRIP**

This year the extended field trip is going to be closer to home, with visits to eastern Kansas hotspots during spring migration. We plan to visit Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Refuge, the Overland Park Arboretum, Ft. Leavenworth and other places that you hear about on the listserv, but may never have visited. Join us May 13 - 15 (Friday through Sunday) on a hunt for those gorgeous spring warblers. The trip leader is Kevin Groeneweg. Please let him know if you are interested by signing up at a meeting, or by e-mail or phone: [kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net), 687-4268.

## **BIRD SEED SALE**

Help support Wichita Audubon and Chaplin Nature Center by buying your bird seed from us. We offer high quality seed, **delivered to your home** (within Wichita City limits.)

Please submit your order by **Thursday, September 23.**

The seed will be delivered on **Saturday, October 2**

25 lbs Black Oil Sunflower - \$13  
25 lbs Songbird Delight Mix - \$12  
25 lbs Safflower - \$18

Order by phone, mail or E-mail.

Call Carol Cumberland at 685-4867 or [carol.cumberland@swbell.net](mailto:carol.cumberland@swbell.net)  
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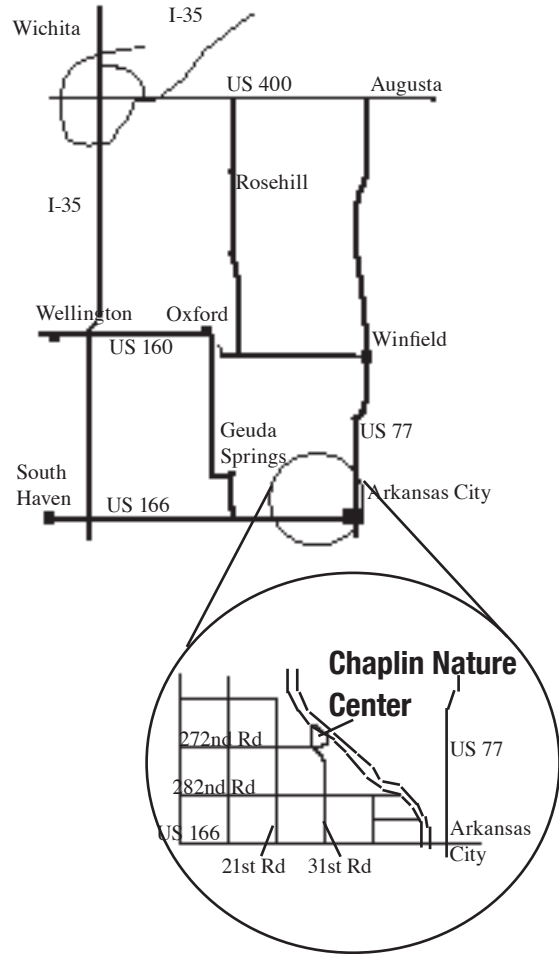
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## **FALL NATURE DAY, CONTINUED**

Monarchs are our only migratory butterfly, traveling each fall to wintering grounds in the mountains of Mexico. By attaching a tiny tag to their wing, we can help scientists track them and learn more about this unique phenomenon. As always there will be a country store featuring homemade baked goods, homegrown produce, and similar goodies. Lunch will be available to purchase, and will feature homemade desserts courtesy of Laura Groeneweg. Or you are welcome to bring your own picnic lunch.

Fall Nature Day is free and open to the public. If you haven't been to Chaplin Nature Center lately, this is the time to get re-acquainted. Please come!



## **CALENDARS**

The 2011 Chaplin Nature Center calendars are ready, featuring a beautiful bird photograph for each month. They are still just \$5 each. They make excellent gifts, and help support the work of Wichita Audubon at the same time. They will be available at all meetings, or you can contact Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com.

  
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