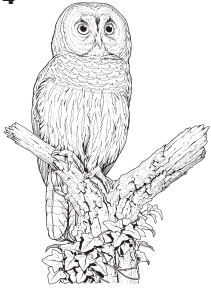


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March 12
Second Saturday Bird Walk in Chisholm Creek Park. Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot at 8 a.m. Questions?: Pete Janzen, 519-1970, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net

March 15
Monthly program, "Invasive Plants in Kansas," by Ryan Arbrust, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.
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March 15
Join us for dinner with Ryan before the program at Barn'rds, 2037 N Woodlawn (just south of 21st on Woodlawn) at 5:30 p.m.

April 2
Spring Clean-up at Chaplin Nature Center, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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March Meeting

Ryan Armbrust will be our March speaker. His presentation is "Invasive Plants in Kansas," and he will tell us about the negative impact of invasive Asian bush honeysuckle with some control options and some better plant alternatives.

Ryan Armbrust is the Forest Health & Conservation Forester for the Kansas Forest Service. He heads up the agency's Forest Health program, works closely with propagation of native plant material with the Conservation Seedling program, and serves as the lead on efforts to preserve and enhance the functionality of urban and rural forests in Kansas. Current emphasis is concentrated on a strategy to slow the spread of Emerald Ash Borer, efforts to reduce the risk of



Ryan Armbrust

Thousand Cankers Disease of Black Walnut, and promoting new techniques to control the spread of invasive Asian Bush Honey-suckle.

Ryan lives in Alta Vista, Kansas (pop 444) with his wife Laura and their son Henry. He chairs the local tree board, enjoys serving in several ministries in church, spends most of his free time fixing up his 104-year-old house, and wishes he had more time to hunt, fish, and camp

The presentation will be on Tuesday, March 15, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can also join us for dinner at Barn'rds, 2037 N Woodlawn, at 5:30 p.m.

Bird Seed Sale

Our next bird seed sale is coming **March 5.**

We will deliver the seed to your door (within Wichita city limits.)

We need your order by **March 1.**

Contact Carol Cumberland via phone at 316-685-4867 or email carol.cumberland@swbell.net

25# bag Black Oil Sunflower \$17
20# bag Songbird Delight Mix \$13
25# bag of Safflower seed \$22

Support Chaplin Nature Center while helping out your neighborhood birds.

Check the Label! Nominating Committee

Check the mailing label on this newsletter for your membership expiration date, and don't forget to renew! There are two ways you can become a member - if you join the National Audubon Society you automatically become a member of the local chapter, or you can join as a member of Wichita Audubon only.

To join the Wichita Audubon Society only:

Individual membership - \$20

Family membership - \$25

Student (18 & under) - \$10

As a local member, all your dues support your local chapter. Make your check payable to the Wichita Audubon Society and mail to PO Box 47607, Wichita, KS 67201. Don't forget that you can pay online - just go to www.wichitaudubon.org/Membership.html

The nominating committee is asking your help in filling the following positions for the next program year: vice-president, treasurer, and two directors. Our program year is from July 1 to June 30, and each position is for a one year term.

The committee members are Catherine Lewis (seasidesparrow@mac.com), Kevin Groeneweg (kevin.groeneweg@sbcglobal.net), and Carol Cumberland (carol.cumberland@swbell.net)

If you are interested in serving or have suggestions, please contact one of the committee members. They would be glad to explain the jobs and what they require.

The slate of officers will be presented at the April meeting and voted on at the May meeting.

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Kansas

Conference 2016

Silent Spring

Threats to Birds, Bees,
&
Other Wildlife.

April 9th,
2016
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn
200 McDonald Dr.,
Lawrence, KS 66044

Join us!

*What we can do in our yards, gardens,
and farms to make a difference.*

Audubon of Kansas will host its 1st Annual Conference to address local and global environmental issues. Speakers will focus on threats to wildlife from pesticides, habitat loss, and climate change. Come learn ideas to combat these problems in your yards, gardens and farms!

Understanding our global problems can lead to appreciation of those natural resources and the critical benefits they provide. Only then can we best address causes and take action to offset any harm.

Primary Speakers:

Ann Birney with a historical performance of Rachel Carson.

Stephen Lerner's film: "When the Well Runs Dry" with commentary by Tom Averill of Washburn University and Matt Sanderson of KSU.

Jennifer Hopwood from the Xerces Society.

Dr. Leonard Kristalka, Director of the KU Museum of Natural History.

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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Friday, March 4, 7 - 8 p.m. Owl Prowl

Why have owls traditionally been seen as bad omens? Why did some people in the southeastern United States take off an article of clothing when they heard an owl call? Find out the truth about owls and the many adaptations that have made them one of the most successful and mysterious nocturnal animals. A short indoor presentation on the owls of Kansas will be followed by an outdoor hike to listen for their calls.

Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Spring Clean-up

It's time to get the nature center ready for another year of visitors. We need your help on a variety of indoor and outdoor projects. Trimming trails, repairing bridges, raking leaves and cleaning the building are a few areas that need attention. If you can, bring a rake or loppers. Call the Center for more information.



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