

Great Blue Heron
Green Heron
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Canada Goose
Mallard
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Wild Turkey
Northern Bobwhite
Killdeer
Spotted Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Franklin's Gull
Rock Dove
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Eastern Screech-Owl
Whip-poor-will
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher

Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Acadian Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Great Crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Loggerhead Shrike
White-eyed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch

Carolina Wren
Bewick's Wren
House Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
European Starling
Blue-winged Warbler
Northern Parula
Yellow Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Pine Warbler
Prairie Warbler
Cerulean Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
American Redstart
Prothonotary Warbler
Worm-eating Warbler
Ovenbird
Louisiana Waterthrush

Kentucky Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Eastern Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Henslow's Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Painted Bunting
Dickcissel
Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow

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CNC Upcoming Programs

October 31, Friday 6:30 - 7:30 pm Night Hike

Don't be afraid of the dark! It doesn't have to be scary, even on Halloween. Hike thought the woods without flashlights to learn about your five senses and how they can help at night. Listen for night sounds and learn about some nocturnal animals while on the trail. Dress for the outdoors and wear sturdy boots.

November 21, Friday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Constellations, Planets, and Space Station

The cool air of fall makes the best time to view the night sky. With the Center's telescope you will be able to see Venus, Mars, and possibly some deep sky objects. Around 6:30 pm the International Space Station will be viewable. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for best viewing.

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



November Program

Bob Gress, Director of the Great Plains Nature Center and member of Audubon for many years, will share stories behind the wildlife photographs in his recently published book, *Faces of the Great Plains* published by the University Press of Kansas. Books will be available to purchase and Bob will be happy to personalize them for you. The meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18, 7:30 pm at the Great Plains Nature Center. You are also invited to join us and our speaker for dinner before the meeting at Jason's Deli, in Bradbury Fair at 21st and Rock Road at 5:45 pm.

Big For A Day

Audubon and Big Brothers Big Sisters are joining forces to provide an opportunity for sharing our love of nature with some kids who don't get many opportunities to experience a day in the woods.

On November 22 we will hold another event. This time we are going to take the kids to Quivira National Wildlife Refuge to see the thousands of migrating Sandhill Cranes and geese that stopover during migration. Because the best time to see the flocks is as they return from feeding in the evening, we will leave Wichita in the afternoon, again travelling by van, tour the refuge, watch the huge flocks,

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Coming Events

November 15

Wilson Reservoir field trip. Meet at the Minooka Park boat ramp at 8 am. Leader: Mike Rader, mike_rader@hotmail.com.

November 18

Regular meeting, "Faces of the Great Plains," by Bob Gress, 7:30 pm at the Great Plains Nature Center

November 22

Big Brothers Big Sisters program at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. *See article this page.*

Christmas bird Counts:

December 14 Winfield-Udall

December 17 Slate Creek

December 20 Wichita

December 20 Halstead/Newton

December 21 Arkansas City

December 27 El Dorado

January 3 Red Hills

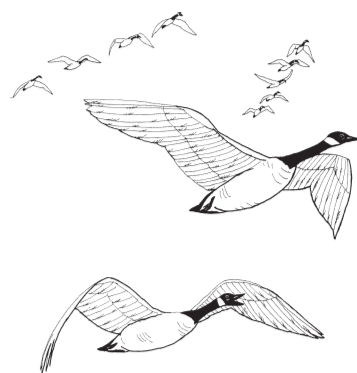
For more complete information on these counts refer to our schedule of events. Information about these and other counts can be found on the KOS website: www.ksbirds.org

No Meeting in December

Big For a Day, continued

have a picnic supper, then return in the evening.

If you can share a day of your time with one of these children, please call Big Brothers Big Sisters at 263-3300, or Patty Marlett at 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com. You can find out more about the Big Brothers Big Sisters Pass It On outdoor mentors program on their website: www.ksbbbs.org/passiton/PIOHome.



Bird Identification Class

for beginning birders. BI 230 Bird Identification Seminar at Andover campus of Butler County Community College. This class assumes that you have little or no experience birding. You must have your own binoculars. We learn nearly all the common birds in the area. Class meets most Saturday mornings from January 24 to May 8. There are several field trips with the class. It meets in room 443 starting at 9 am. Enroll at Andover and you can just audit the class if you wish.

For more information contact
Bill Langley:

733-3139 (Wichita) or 322-3139 (El Dorado)

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Bird Seed Sale

Buy your bird seed from Wichita Audubon and support your chapter. Wichita Audubon sells and delivers bird seed. The next delivery date will be November 22. To place your order call Carol at 685-4867 or email ccumb@swbell.net. You may also mail your order to WAS, PO Box 47607, Wichita, KS 67201. Include your name, address, and phone number.

November 22

___25 lb Black Oil Sunflower@\$10

___25 lb Audubon Mix @\$8

50th Anniversary Committee

The WAS board of directors is organizing a committee to help plan for our upcoming 50th anniversary in 2004. If you would like to help, or if you have ideas to contribute, please contact Kevin Groeneweg, 687-4268, kgroeneweg@cox.net. We would also welcome any articles for the newsletter - we would love to have some of you share you memories with us.

Bird Calendars

The 2004 Wichita Audubon calendars are here with another year of stunning bird photos. They sell for \$4.00 each. We will ship (up to four calendars) for an additional \$2.00. Please consider buying and possibly selling a few calendars for WAS. They will be on sale at the November meeting, or send your check to WAS, PO Box 47607, Wichita KS 67201 and they will ship ASAP. Or contact Carol Cumberland at 685-4867, ccumb@swbell.net

Roaring River Report

Fourteen members of Wichita Audubon participated in the extended field trip to Roaring River State Park in SW Missouri. Laura and I arrived on Saturday, June 7 and stayed in the campground by the motel. I did some scouting of the area on Sunday and met up with several of the others in the afternoon. A few of us went on the Scenic Drive south of the park and located a Cerulean Warbler as well as Pine, Yellow-throated and Hooded Warblers. Many gathered at our camper that evening for a dinner of grilled burgers with fixings and s'mores by the campfire.

The next morning we gathered early in the park in record cold temperatures and headed for the fish hatchery. Among the many fishermen already there were a pair of Green Herons. A Louisiana Waterthrush was working the pond at the spring and Northern Rough-winged Swallows were buzzing the parking lot.

We started up Old Roaring River Road, driving and parking at various spots along the way. Kentucky Warblers were numerous, although they preferred to stay hidden, as did the Worm-eating Warblers and Ovenbirds. We got to a spot where I had seen a Cerulean and a Blue-winged Warbler the day before; the Blue-winged made their appearance, but the Cerulean appeared to be absent. While waiting we observed a White-eyed Vireo. Finally, Pat Butin found the Cerulean, but only a couple of us got a look at this silent male. Farther up the road we had a very cooperative, singing male Cerulean. Wood Thrushes serenaded us with their lovely melodies. As we left the woods for more open country, we heard a Blue Grosbeak singing and everyone got good looks at a first-spring male, as well as a nearby Summer Tanager.

We emerged from a nice breakfast at the Inn to find both a Broad-winged Hawk and several Red-shouldered Hawks flying over the parking lot. We headed east and stopped in at "warbler woods" where an Acadian Flycatcher held sway. We then stopped at a glade on the conservation area where there were several Prairie Warblers singing and an abundant variety of wildflowers.

Past the Munsey Cemetery we stopped for Painted Bunting. I was desperate to get Sharon Bolin her life Painted Bunting, but she managed to only get a glimpse of this very uncooperative bird. As we chased it down the road and around the corner we had to settle for a singing Chat. By this time it had turned from being cool to being very warm, with temperatures in the mid 80's. We drove to Eagle Rock and raided the ice cream freezer at the convenience store.

Taking the Scenic Drive back, we stopped at several points until arriving at the territory of the Cerulean seen the day before, and hearing the Pine Warbler sing at a stand of pines. We called it a day and headed back. So as to brush up on our warblers, everyone stopped by our campsite later to watch a video I brought called "Watching Warblers". Later that evening, Dan Kilby and Sandra Tholen were lucky enough to have a Whip-poor-will land near them in the motel parking lot.

The next day saw us returning to the Scenic Drive with a long stop at the fire tower. We managed to coax a Kentucky out of the dense brush and also got great looks at a pair of Yellow-throated Warblers. Farther down the road we stopped for a singing Scarlet Tanager. Only a few saw this bird singing from the very top of the trees. We also teased an Ovenbird out of the woods, as well

as a pair of Kentucky Warblers and a Hooded Warbler. We tallied three more Ceruleans, giving us five separate males for the trip. We continued back toward the park near the Painted Bunting spot when one flew over the car. We stopped to find a pair feeding in a field. We got the scope out and savored the great looks. Sharon was elated (and I was relieved). After again having breakfast at the Inn, we headed north to Schell-Osage Conservation Area.

Despite Dan Kilby's complaints at our rapid pace, we arrived mid-afternoon. Although rain was threatening, the weather continued to hold as we toured the area. Chats were abundant, and we picked up singing Prothonotary and Yellow Warblers, giving us a total of all seventeen of the breeding warblers expected to be seen on the trip. The only shorebirds present were Spotted and White-rumped Sandpipers, as well as Killdeer, although this must certainly be a fantastic place for shorebirds during migration and would well be worth another visit. We also had great looks through the scope at a perched Re-shouldered Hawk.

After adding several species to the trip list we headed for the Taberville Prairie. The wildflowers were spectacular, but my mind was focused on getting my life Henslow's Sparrow. Although I could hear occasional singing, it was the wrong time of day to expect to see one up out of the grass. As the clouds grew darker and the rain began, however, the singing became more incessant (and I became more determined) and finally a male hopped up into view in full song. Everyone else had beat a hasty retreat back to the cars to get out of the rain. At that point we called an end to a wonderful trip. Here is the trip list (97 species total):

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