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**November 5**

*Cranes and Geese at Quivira NWR field trip. Meet at the Quivira headquarters at 3 p.m. After a drive through the refuge we'll watch Sandhill Cranes and Snow Geese come in to roost on the Big Salt Marsh. Leader: Patty Marlett, pmarlett@mac.com, 942-2164*

**November 6**

*Inuksuit - a performance by the Southwestern College Percussion Ensemble at Chaplin Nature Center, 2 p.m.*

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*Night Hike - Eye Shine at Chaplin Nature Center, 7- 8:30 p.m.*

**Page 4****November 12 & December 10**

*Second Saturday bird walk in Chisholm Creek Park. No birding experience needed. Expect 1-2 miles of walking on paved paths for approximately 90 minutes. Meet in the parking lot at 8 a.m. Questions? Kevin Groeneweg, 706-9116, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net*

**November 15**

*Monthly program, "Birds and Bird Conservation in New Zealand," by David Rintoul, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. Join us for dinner before the program at Panera Bread, 1605 N Rock Rd, at 5:30 p.m.*

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*Screech Owl Nest Box at Chaplin Nature Center, 10 a.m.*

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## November Meeting

Our November speaker will be David Rintoul, Associate Professor of Biology at Kansas State University. He is going to show us New Zealand with its unique avifauna. Birds evolved there for 70 million years in the absence of mammals. The introduction of mammals less than a thousand years ago has led to many changes in bird populations; habitat loss and other perturbations have contributed to these changes. He will focus on the ancient and current birds of this beautiful South Pacific archipelago, and also discuss the current strategies that are being successfully used by New Zealanders to conserve their beloved birdlife.



mostly in the cellular/biochemical domain, he has also been able to work with birds and small mammals in the course of his time at KSU. He is an avid birder and bird photographer, and served on the Kansas Bird Records Committee, including a stint as Secretary, for several years. Along with Chuck Otte, he is the listserv "owner" for the Kansas Birding listserv and the global birding listserv Birdchat.

*The meeting will be held November 15, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.*

*You can join us for dinner with Dave before the program at Panera Bread, 1605 N. Rock Rd, at 5:30 p.m.*

David is a native Kansan, and has worked in the Biology Division at KSU since 1981. Although his research was

# Fall Nature Day at Chaplin Nature Center

On September 24, about one hundred people came to Chaplin Nature Center to hike the trails and tag Monarch butterflies. There were few butterflies to tag, but everyone had a good time hiking, meeting a snake and eating the tasty lunch. And the rain held off until everyone was gone!



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## Bird Seed Sale

Our next bird seed sale will be on January 7. Have your order in by December 31 and we will deliver to you on the 7th (within Wichita city limits.)

- 25 lb bag of Black Oil Sunflower \$18
- 20 lb bag of Wildbird Delight Mix \$13
- 25 lb bag of Safflower Seed \$22

Call Carol Cumberland at 685-4867 or email [carol.cumberland@swbell.net](mailto:carol.cumberland@swbell.net).

Thank you to Patty Marlett, Joan Dingman, Mary Herold and Kevin Groeneweg for helping deliver seed for our October sale. We sold over 100 bags of seed, raising over \$500 for Chaplin Nature Center. Please tell you family & friends about our sales. We appreciate your business!

# CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

These annual events are all-day efforts to census all birds with pre-established 15-mile diameter circles. The results are reported to the National Audubon Society and the Kansas Ornithological Society. You don't have to be an expert to participate - everyone works in teams, and everyone is welcome. Remember to dress for the weather and expect to do a fair amount of walking. Most counts have a compilation at the end of the day. Inform the compiler if you plan to attend so they can plan ahead. There are lots to choose from, so come join in the fun!

## DECEMBER 14, WEDNESDAY, 7:30 a.m. QUIVIRA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at the Quivira Headquarters. Lunch will be provided.

Compiler: Mike Rader , 785-658-2595

## DECEMBER 15, THURSDAY, 7:30 a.m. RED HILLS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at the Wright Truck Stop on U.S. 160 in Medicine Lodge. Groups will depart at 7:30 a.m.

Compiler: Pete Janzen, 519-1970

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

Meet at the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot. Compilation: 5:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. Chili and beverages will be provided.

Compiler: Kevin Groeneweg, 706-9116

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

Meet at the Kaufman Museum, North Newton. Compilation 5:30 p.m. at the museum. Bring a sack lunch.

Compiler: Lorna Harder , 620-367-8479

## 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.

## DECEMBER 19, MONDAY, 7:30 a.m. SEDAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at Granny Wolfe's Green Door Café (north side of W. Main in Sedan) 7:30 for breakfast or 8:00 to start birding.

Compiler: Atcha Nolan , 323-4921

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

Meet at the Slate Valley Baptist Church, 7 miles south of Oxford, at 8 a.m.

Compiler: Gene Young, 620-660-0547

## 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.

Compiler: Gene Young, 620-660-0547

## DECEMBER 28, WEDNESDAY, 7:30 a.m. EL DORADO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at the El Dorado McDonalds on West Central. Contact the compiler if you plan to attend

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## DECEMBER 31, SATURDAY, 8 a.m. MARION CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at the Wendy's in Hillsboro at 8 a.m. for assignments.

Compiler: Tom Ewert , 670-3140

## Chaplin Nature Center Programs

### *Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m. Inuiksuit*

Composed by John Luther Adams, this performance consists of percussion sounds and was meant to be played in a natural setting. This is different than a traditional concert as musicians are dispersed over a large area. The piece will be performed by the Southwestern College Percussion Ensemble. You can listen to the composer's interpretation of the piece at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAk527M-INA>

### *Friday, November 11, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Night Hike - Eye Shine*

This is your chance to explore the woods of Chaplin Nature Center after dark. During this guided tour we will look and listen for nocturnal creatures. Using flashlights, we will search for what appears to be the glowing eyes of invertebrates and vertebrates. Bring a flashlight that has a narrow beam of light.

### *December 10, Saturday, 10 a.m. Screech Owl Nest Box*

Do you have an interest in owls or would you like to attract one to your backyard? Then come out to the Center and build a nest box. Screech Owls will commonly nest in towns and neighborhoods. We will supply all the materials. You just need a backyard with a mature tree. Cost: \$5.00 per person. Pre-registration is required.



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.