

# Audubon

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Sunset-Moonrise Hike at Chaplin Nature Center, 6 - 8 p.m.

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Cranes and Geese at Quivira NWR. Meet at the Quivira Headquarters at 3 p.m. After a drive through the refuge we'll watch Sandhill Cranes and Snow Geese come to roost in the Big Salt Marsh. Bring FRS radios if you have them. Leader: Patty Marlett, pmarlett@mac.com, 942-2164

**November 11**

Second Saturday Bird Walk in Chisholm Creek Park. Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot at 8 a.m. Questions?: Kevin Groeneweg, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net, 706-9116

**November 21**

Monthly program, "Flying Flowers of Kansas," by Jim Mason, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.

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**November 21**

Join us for dinner with Jim before the program at Panera Bread, 1605 N Rock Road, at 5:30 p.m.

## November Meeting

Jim Mason, Director of the Great Plains Nature Center, will present our November program on Kansas butterflies, featuring the 61 different species illustrated in the Great Plains Nature Center Pocket Guide to Common Kansas Butterflies. Jim will discuss the life history of butterflies, their plant associations, and reveal some of their unique features and capabilities. Copies of the pocket guide will be available at the program.

Jim is a Wichita native and has worked for



Jim Mason

Wichita Park & Recreation since 1978. He is a lifelong biology nerd and earned a B.S. in Biology from K.U. in 1975. His interest in butterflies grew out of his experiences with wildflower gardening. This in turn led to a fascination with all insects, which he gets to indulge at the property he and his wife Helen own in Osage County.

The presentation will be on Tuesday, November 21, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can also join us for dinner at Panera Bread, 1605 N Rock Rd, at 5:30 p.m.

# Fall Nature Day at Chaplin Nature Center

On September 23 more than 120 people came out to Chaplin Nature for Fall Nature Day. It was a great day, and more than 100 Monarch butterflies were tagged.



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## Bird Seed Sale

Thanks to Richard Wieland, Joan Dingman and Hal Cumberland for helping deliver seed. They look forward to seeing you on our next sale.

Wichita Audubon Bird Seed Sale is December 9. We need orders by December 4.

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

Seed makes a great holiday gift. Please tell your neighbors and friends. If you would like to order call Carol at 316-685-4867 or email [carol.cumberland@swbell.net](mailto:carol.cumberland@swbell.net)

# CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

These annual events are all-day efforts to census all birds in an established 15-mile wide diameter circle, and is organized by a count compiler. Volunteers count every bird they see or hear all day. It's not just a species tally—all birds are counted all day, giving an indication of the total number of birds in the circle that day.

If you are a beginning birder, you will be able to join a group that includes at least one experienced birdwatcher. If your home is within the boundaries of a CBC circle, then you can stay at home and report the birds that visit your feeder on count day as long as you have made prior arrangement with the count compiler. The results are reported to the National Audubon Society and the Kansas Ornithological Society.

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 of counts to choose from, so come join in the fun! And you can find still more counts on the Kansas Ornithological Society webpage at [www.KSBirds.org](http://www.KSBirds.org).

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

Meet at the Quivira Headquarters. Lunch will be provided.

Compiler: Mike Rader, 785-658-2595, [mike\\_rader@hotmail.com](mailto:mike_rader@hotmail.com)

## DECEMBER 15, FRIDAY, 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 16, 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, [kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net)

## DECEMBER 17, SUNDAY, 7:30 a.m. WINFIELD/UDALL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at the Beech Science Center, Southwestern College at 7:30 a.m.

Compiler: Max Thompson, 620-221-1856, [maxt@cox.net](mailto:maxt@cox.net)

## DECEMBER 19, TUESDAY, 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.

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## DECEMBER 20, 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.

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## DECEMBER 23, SATURDAY, 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.

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

Meet at the Medicine River Truck Stop, 301 N Fowler in Medicine Lodge. Groups will depart at 7:30 a.m.

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## JANUARY 6, SATURDAY, 8 a.m. MARION CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

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

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## Chaplin Nature Center Programs

*Friday, November 3, 6 -8 p.m.*

### *Sunset-Moonrise Hike*

The sun will be setting at 6:28 p.m. and the almost full moon will be rising 7 minutes later. We will take a ¾-mile hike down to the sandy shores of the Arkansas River to witness this celestial exchange. Afterwards we will hike back to the Visitors' Center by the light of the moon.



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.