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November 10 & December 8

Second Saturday Bird Walk in Chisholm Creek Park. Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot at 8 a.m.

**November 10**

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

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Owl Prowl at Chaplin Nature Center, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
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**November 20**

Monthly program, "Returning the Black-footed Ferret to Kansas," by Dr. Sandy Wilson, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.
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Join us for dinner with Jim before the program at Panera Bread, 1605 N Rock Road, at 5:30 p.m.



November Meeting

Our November program will be "Returning the Black-footed Ferret to Kansas - a challenging prospect," by Dr. Sandy Wilson. Dr. Wilson has been working at the Sedgwick County Zoo for the past 19 years and was recently appointed Director of Animal Health. She has been coordinating the Zoo's participation in the annual black-footed ferret survey conducted in Logan County each fall. She will share stories of what it is like to search for the elusive ferrets, how and why we trap them, and the information we learn from doing veterinary examinations of the animals.



Dr. Sandy Wilson

Sandy and her husband Mitch live on an acreage near the town of Sedgwick. They once raised cattle, sheep and poultry, but now just maintain a small flock of sheep and a few chickens, along with their dog and two house cats. They enjoy watching wildlife along the Little Arkansas River that runs through their property, and feeding the birds year-round.

The presentation will be on Tuesday, November 20, 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 81 people came out to Chaplin Nature for Fall Nature Day. It was a great day, and 49 Monarch butterflies were tagged.



Thanks!

On Oct 13, a whole lot of people came out to help with our cleanup of Chisholm Creek Park. A big thank you to Brian and Nohora Talarico for organizing everyone and providing coffee and donuts!



New Windows at CNC

We've done a lot of work on the naturalist's residence at Chaplin Nature Center this year. We installed a new furnace and air conditioner, replaced carpet, painted the exterior, and now replaced all the windows with new energy efficient models. A big thanks to Bob Gress, Kevin Groeneweg, Shawn Silliman and Pete Janzen for doing the installation. And an extra thanks to Pete for the donation of one window, along with assistance in measuring and ordering.

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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.

DECEMBER 14, FRIDAY, 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

DECEMBER 15, 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

DECEMBER 16, SUNDAY, 7:30 a.m. WINFIELD/UDALL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

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

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DECEMBER 18, TUESDAY, 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.

Compiler: Atcha Nolan, 323-4921, qanolan@cox.net

DECEMBER 19, 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, youngg6264@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 21, FRIDAY, 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, qanolan@cox.net

DECEMBER 22, 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 29, 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.

Compiler: Pete Janzen, 519-1970, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net

**DECEMBER 29, 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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**Note that this is a different date than what was published in the Schedule of Events

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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Friday, November 16, 6:30 -8 p.m.

Owl Prowl

Why have owls traditionally considered to be bad omens? Or why did some people in the southeastern United States take off an article of clothing when they heard an owl? Find out the truth about owls and their 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 night hike to listen for their calls.



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