



Wichita Audubon Society

Annual Report 2015 – 2016

This is the 40th annual report of the Wichita Audubon Society and Chaplin Nature Center. This report highlights the activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Chaplin Nature Center is owned and operated by the Wichita Audubon Society, with operations directed by the CNC committee of the board of directors.

July

Chaplin Nature Center held its annual butterfly count, part of a citizen science project of the North American Butterfly Association. Thirty-two species were tallied. The best find was a Texas Crescent.

Our annual picnic at the Great Plains Nature Center featured an abundance of good food and fellowship.



September

This year we began a new type of field trip - a bird walk held every month on the second Saturday. The first was on September 12. We had more than twenty people who were treated to several active migrant warblers.

Our program for September was presented by Laura Mendenhall, a biologist for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. She shared her experiences with the California Condor recovery program in California. It was a delightful and very informative show.

The annual Fall Nature Celebration was held at Chaplin Nature Center. As always, the most popular part was tagging Monarch butterflies. The butterflies were so thick that Shawn ran out of tags.

Chaplin Nature Center held a kayak trip for Aveda salon members who raised money for National Audubon Society clean water funds. They paddled from Geuda Springs to Arkansas City, stopping at CNC for a picnic lunch.

October

The Second Saturday bird walk in Chisholm Creek Park had so many participants they divided into two groups. They found lots of migrants like a Black-throated Green Warbler, Nashville and Orange-crowned Warblers.

A fall astronomy program was held at Chaplin Nature Center with the Kansas Astronomy Observers. Twenty people joined them for a look at the stars, planets and constellations.



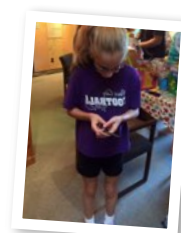
The October meeting featured Curtis Wolf, Manager of the Kansas Wetlands Education Center. He gave us an excellent virtual tour of Cheyenne bottoms and its many avian visitors.

November

A field trip to Quivira National Wildlife Refuge found nine Whooping Cranes along with tens of thousands of Sandhill Cranes. They were also treated to a Ferruginous Hawk and a Prairie Falcon.

The Friday the 13th night hike at Chaplin Nature Center had fifty people exploring after dark.

Volunteers and MTL Construction began tearing down the bluff staircase so it could be rebuilt. Thanks to a \$45,000 grant from the V.J. Wilkins Foundation, the staircase was replaced with new risers, treads and an ADA-approved hand rail.



December

The second Saturday bird walk was a little dreary, but fourteen enjoyed some good birds, including an unexpected Gray Catbird, a Swamp Sparrow and LeConte's Sparrow.

In December and January WAS members organized and/or participated in many Christmas Bird Counts: Wichita, Newton/Halstead, Quivira, Cheyenne Bottoms, Marion, Winfield, Slate Creek Marsh, Arkansas City,, Red Hills and El Dorado. Rain and mud were issues for some counts, but they all turned up a few surprises like the Common Redpoll found by Mike Heaney and Dallas Hewitt in El Dorado.

January

More than fifty people came out for the Eagle Watch at Chaplin Nature Center. They got good looks at one of our national birds.

The January meeting was defined by the weather. Our scheduled speaker - Lynda Williams of Kansas City - couldn't make it due to icy roads. Pete Janzen saved the day with a great trip down memory lane with pictures of from field trips and outings of the past.

February

Our February meeting featured Christine Cline, vice-president of Burroughs Audubon in Kansas City. She told us about her experiences as co-chair of Wings Over Weston, the largest bird festival in Missouri.

Joseph, Andrew and Bryant Miller led a field trip to find gulls in Reno County. Warm weather had most of the gulls gone, but they did find a Thayer's Gull and some good marsh birds.



March



March saw the completion of the bluff staircase project at Chaplin Nature Center. The beautiful and safer new structure was put to use right away with an evening Owl Prowl. Seventy-two people came. After a Shawn's program about Kansas owls we heard coyotes and a lovely duet by a pair of Barred Owls.

Our March speaker was Roy Beckemeyer. He has studied and collected insect fossils for fifteen years. He shared his expertise on Kansas/Oklahoma Permian insects, who ruled the skies 380 million years ago.

April

April began with the annual spring cleanup at Chaplin Nature Center. The twenty-seven helpers included Boy Scout Troop 318 from Winfield and students from Cowley County Community College.

The second Saturday bird walk had fourteen birders on the trails of Chisholm Creek Park, finding first-of-the-year birds like Little Blue Heron, House Wrens, and Lincoln's Sparrows.

After the bird walk many headed to Oak Park to help with invasive plant removal. Ten people worked hard digging out Asian bush honeysuckle.

The April program was presented by Ryan Armbrust, Forest Health and Conservation Forester for the Kansas Forest Service. He told us about the negative impacts of Asian bush honeysuckle, along with control options and better alternatives.

May

The Warbler Walk, led by Paul Griffin, was held in Oak Park. About twenty birders braved chilly temps and a strong wind. More vireos were found than warblers, including a really nice Yellow-throated Vireo.

Travis Taggart presented 'A History of Kansas Herpetology' for our May meeting. It featured the people, places and species that have made Kansas one of the most herpetologically studied and best understood places on the planet.

Kohl's Associates in Action from Derby came out to help install new interpretive signs on the trails at Chaplin Nature Center. The signs were purchased with a grant from the National Audubon Society. CNC also received a grant of \$1500 from Kohl's.

Three teams participated in Birdathon and spent 24 hours finding birds to raise money for Chaplin Nature Center. Team Harvey birded in Harvey County, the Chaplin Nature Center team birded Cowley County, and the Painted Buntings went from Derby to Wichita to Quivira and Cheyenne Bottoms. They all found well over 100 species and raised \$5,650.

At Chaplin Nature Center, eight people enjoyed a memorable evening kayaking down the Arkansas River with the setting sun as a beautiful backdrop.

June



Chaplin Nature Center

During the 2016 fiscal year more than 5,500 people visited Chaplin Nature Center from all over Kansas and the United States. Shawn Silliman, our naturalist, presented 91 programs that reached 2,805 people. Volunteers donated 273 hours doing projects that ranged from trail clearing to staffing the visitor's center to serving food to rebuilding the bluff staircase. Seven groups totaling 500 people used the nature center for business meetings, weddings and reunions.



Listed below are the schools and community groups who visited CNC and benefitted from its programs:

- Arkansas City Recreation Center
- Cowley County Community College
- Arkansas City Schools
- PACE Home School
- Winfield Lowell Elementary School
- Winfield Intermediate School
- Wellington School
- Wichita Home School
- Winfield Boy Scouts
- Arkansas City Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- Derby Recreation Center
- Sacred Heart, Arkansas City
- Winfield Arts and Parks
- Martha Washington EAU
- Arkansas City Christian Academy
- Aveda
- Arkansas City Library
- Early Birds Lions Club
- Arkansas City Rotary Club
- Conway Springs High School
- Arkansas City Arts Council
- Tapestry School
- Kaw Nation



Thanks to our donors!

Hummingbirds (\$300-\$499)

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 Pat Butin, Wichita, KS
 Stephen English, Arkansas City, KS
 Flatland Flyfishers, Wichita, KS
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 Gina Barkley, Wichita, KS
 Donna & Jack Bender, Halstead, KS
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 Gay James, Wichita, KS
 Jonathan Jantz, North Newton, KS
 Pete & Deb Janzen, Wichita, KS
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 Mary Engleman & Andy Kemmer, Wichita, KS
 James & Catherine Lewis, Wichita, KS
 Jim Mason, Wichita, KS
 Carol Milbourn, Mesa, AZ
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 Charlotte Milne, Halstead, KS
 Elmer Morris, Arkansas City, KS
 Nathan & Amy Niles, Arkansas City, KS

Cardinals (\$100 - \$299)

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Dawn Daray Silliman, Wichita, KS
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Arkansas City Soroptimists, Arkansas City, KS
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Joyce Lent, Wichita, KS
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Wes Nelson, Wichita, KS
Marcia & Jay Newton, Wichita, KS
Atcha Nolan, El Dorado, KS
Carol Owens, Wichita, KS
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Suzie & Larry Peak, Wichita, KS
Diane Pedicord, Oklahoma City, OK
Loretta Pendergraft, Wichita, KS

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Texie & Bill Randle, Wichita, KS
Random Road Church, Arkansas City, KS
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In Memory of Jeanne Brace

Janel Hutchinson, Arkansas City, KS

In Memory of Sabra Cazel

Flatland Flyfishers, Wichita, KS
Backwoods, Wichita, KS

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Karen Zeller, Arkansas City, KS

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In Honor of Louise Wherry

Mary Engleman & Andy Kemmer, Wichita, KS

Gifts in Kind

MTL Enterprises Construction Services, Arkansas City, KS
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Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2016

Profit & Loss Statement

Ordinary Income

Membership Dues	2,795.16
Contributions	25,901.64
Sales/Rental/Misc	4,460.59
Birdathon	5,655.60
Grants	51,200.00
Fund Raisers	671.00
Gross Income	\$90,683.99

Expense

Fund raising/Program/Misc	492.77
Office Supplies/Postage	1,614.40
Printing/Copying	4,130.46
Accounting	1,090.00
Subtotal	\$7,327.63

CNC Expense

CNC Programs	1,576.87
CNC Insurance	4,582.89
Office Expense	787.78
Telephone	835.82
Utilities	4,518.97
Employee Compensation	42,789.93
Medical Reimbursement Acct	2,226.16
Repairs & Maintenance	55,900.85
Depreciation	9,685.96
Subtotal	\$122,872.18
Total Expense	\$130,199.81

Other Income/Expense

Interest & Dividends	7,578.65
Capital Gain (realized)	17,967.54
Capital Gain (unrealized)	-21,222.19
Fees	-1,010.74
Net Other Income	-\$3,313.26

Net Income **-\$36,202.56**

Balance Sheet

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	14,097.42
Petty Cash - CNC	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	\$14,197.42

Other Current Assets

Inventory	98.19
Prepaid Insurance	3,124.36
Total Other Assets	3,322.55

Total Current Assets **\$17,419.97**

Fixed Assets

CNC Land	75,231.00
CNC Buildings	37,967.00
CNC Furniture/Equipment	42,059.99
Total Fixed Assets	\$155,257.99

Endowment Funds

Endowment Funds Raymond James	542,539.62
Total Endowment funds	\$542,539.62

Total Assets **\$715,217.58**

Liabilities & Equity

Total Current Liabilities	71.18
Total Equity	715,146.40

Total Liabilities & Equity **\$715,217.58**

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