

Audubon

Vol. 62 No. 8

May/June 2023

<p>May 13 <i>Second Saturday Bird Walk in Chisholm Creek Park. Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot at 8 a.m.</i> Questions?: <i>Cheryl Miller,</i> <i>avian67226@gmail.com</i></p>	<p>May 16 <i>Monthly program, "Birds of Brazil," by Kevin Groeneweg, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.</i></p> <p>Page 1</p>	<p>May 16 <i>Farewell to Shawn after the monthly program.</i></p> <p>Page 3</p>	<p>May 20 <i>Chaplin Nature Center/ Kaw WMA field trip.</i></p> <p>Page 2</p>	<p>June 4 <i>Chaplin Nature Center Butterfly and Wildflower Walk, 10 –11:30 a.m..</i></p> <p>Page 4</p>
---	---	--	--	--



May Meeting

Our May program will be "Birds of Brazil," presented by Kevin Groeneweg.

A vast seasonally flooded wetland, the Pantanal in Brazil is renowned among birders around the world as an easy place for good views of large numbers of waterbirds. Having the greatest concentration of fauna in the Americas, many spectacular species can be seen, including the Jabiru, Hyacinth Macaw and Jaguar. Supplying water to this wetland, the surrounding Cerrado encompasses Brazil's largest biome and is one of the world's richest savannas. Kevin visited the Pantanal and nearby areas of the Cerrado on a birding tour in 2019, and will show highlights from that trip, as well



Kevin Groeneweg

as those from a more recent trip to the Atlantic forest region of southeast Brazil.

Kevin Groeneweg is the current Treasurer and past-President of Wichita Audubon. His birding obsession began nearly 30 years ago when he put up a Purple Martin house in the backyard. This opened a window into the world of birds, and Kevin has been pursuing them ever

since, traveling all over the US and other parts of the world.

The presentation will be on Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. This year we will not live-stream the program, but a recording will be available for later viewing on Youtube (www.youtube.com/channel/UCBzA8JCBgw-5aUHW1IM7jw).

Park Cleanup Thanks

A big thank you to the six people who helped clean up Chisholm Creek Park on April 8. And a special thanks to Brian and Nohora Talarico for organizing and providing drinks and donuts, plus a door prize!

The door prize was a lovely bird house, won by Jennifer Bruey.



Jennifer Bruey

Slate of Officers

The nominating committee of Tom Ewert, Barbara Gobbert, and Patty Marlett, chair, present the following slate of officers:

- President - Barbara Gobbert
- Vice-president - Mark Nolen
- Secretary - Dan Housholder
- Treasurer - Kevin Groeneweg
- Board members - Bob Gress and Rod Wedel

The slate will be voted on at the May meeting, and the officers will assume their duties July 1.

2022-2023 WAS Officers

President	Daniel Housholder	316-648-0434	dhousholder@cox.net
Vice-president	Mark Nolen	765-346-7213	nolen.mark@gmail.com
Secretary	Barbara Gobbert	316-841-5099	bgobbert@gmail.com
Treasurer	Kevin Groeneweg	316-706-9116	kgroeneweg1616@gmail.com
Directors	Jeremy Coleman	316-469-3666	jcolezoo@hotmail.com
	Jennifer Bruey	316-706-6403	jenbruey@gmail.com
	Jeremy Birket	316-371-2829	tceinict@gmail.com
	Rod Wedel	316-215-4362	redb819@sbcglobal.net
	Bob Gress	316-765-2046	bobgress@cox.net
	Nick Stroot	316-992-1650	nicholasstroot@gmail.com

Committee Chairs

AOK Rep	Daniel Housholder	316-648-0434	dhousholder@cox.net
CNC	Patty Marlett	316-200-3419	pmarlett@cox.net
Hospitality	Laura Groeneweg	316-687-4268	lgroeneweg123@gmail.com
Membership	Carol Cumberland	316-685-4687	carol.cumberland@swbell.net
Newsletter	Patty Marlett	316-200-3419	pmarlett@cox.net
Programs	Mark Nolen	785-346-7213	nolen.mark@gmail.com
Naturalist	Shawn Silliman	620-442-4133	cnc@wichitaudubon.org

www.wichitaudubon.org

Send address changes to Carol Cumberland
carol.cumberland@swbell.net, 316-685-4867

CNC / Kaw WMA Field Trip

Join us on May 20 as we explore our own Chaplin Nature Center, as well as other nearby birding spots like the Kaw Wildlife Management Area along Grouse Creek and around Camp Horizon and Silverdale. We usually find some good birds like Prothonotary Warblers, Pileated Woodpeckers and many more. Meet at the nature center at 7:30 a.m. and bring a lunch. We'll probably finish around 1 p.m., unless the birding is really good!

Leader: Patty Marlett, pmarlett@cox.net, 316-200-3419



© Bob Gress
www.BirdinFocus.com



Shawn Silliman

Help Us Say Farewell to Shawn

Shawn Silliman, our naturalist and manager at Chaplin Nature Center for the last 25 years, is leaving us in June. You can come say goodbye after the program on May 16. If you can't make that, come to the June 3 wildflower walk or take time to visit CNC and thank him. We couldn't have asked for a better person, and he has contributed so much to make our nature center a successful and thriving place.

Birdathon

Our three Birdathon teams are ready to go. This fund-raiser is a very important source of funding for Chaplin Nature Center. Just contact a team member and tell them you would like to help. Pledges can be made based on the number of species the team finds or can be a fixed amount. Or you can donate on our website - www.wichitaudubon.org - and just add a message to indicate the donation is for Birdathon.

For the CNC team contact Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, cnc@wichitaudubon.org.

For the Painted Bunting team contact Carol Cumberland, carol.cumberland@swbell.net, 316-685-4867. Our third team, the Roadrunners, are organized by Tom Ewert, 316-670-3140, trewert@yahoo.com.

Digital Newsletter

This is the last print newsletter! Make sure we have your email address by emailing us at newsletter@wichitaudubon.org.

You can sign up for the digital newsletter directly at wichitaudubon.org/signup/

Don't have Wifi or digital equipment? The Wichita Public Library has laptops you can check out, including ones with digital hotspots that you can take home.

Also, from now on please let us know if your email address changes, or sign up on the website with your new address. We won't have the postal service to give us your new email!

Help Needed

Great Plains Nature Center is hosting the OK Kids event on Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. which introduces Kansas kids to outdoor adventures. This is a free event with different challenges that kids are encouraged to get involved with. This year the theme is Fabulous Feathers. WAS will have a table with a simple quiz. We will also be helping a GPNC naturalist do short bird walks. The walks will not require mad bird identification skills - it will mostly involve pointing out ducks, egrets, and whatever easily seen birds are present.

If you can help, contact Patty Marlett, pmarlett@cox.net, 316-200-3419.



P.O. Box 47607
Wichita, KS 67201

RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Wichita, Kansas
Permit No. 921

Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Saturday, June 3, 10 — 11:30 a.m.

Wildflower and Butterfly Walk

Take a leisurely walk through the prairies and forest in search of these two wonders of the natural world. Close focus binoculars are useful for a getting good views of the butterflies.

Plan on walking 1 to 2 miles.



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

