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Cranes and Geese at Quivira NWR field trip. Meet at the Quivira headquarters at 3 p.m. for a leisurely drive to the Big Salt Marsh to see the spectacle of cranes and geese coming in to roost.

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**November 9 &
December 14**

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

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November 19

Monthly program, "The Impact of Road Mortality on Wildlife," by Bill Langley, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.

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Christmas Bird Counts, beginning with Wichita on December 14

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November Meeting

Bill Langley will present our program for the November meeting. His talk is titled: "The Impact of Road Mortality on Wildlife."

We have all seen dead animals along the road and wondered how often does this occur? This study described the road mortality for amphibians, reptiles, small mammals and birds along Highway K254 over a two-year period. A total of 88 species comprised the 4484 individuals found during this study. Hear about what was found and its importance.

Bill has lived in El Dorado or Wichita for the past 42 years. He retired from Butler



Dr. Bill Langley

Community College after 30 years teaching biology. As a biologist, he has a wide range of interests resulting in studies on grasshopper mice, crows, raptors, mussels, 17-year cicada and other wildlife projects. He has served as president of Wichita Audubon and currently is a member of the board of directors. His greatest joy was offering a class for beginning birders years ago and many of those individuals becoming members of WAS.

**The presentation will be on
Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m. at
the Great Plains Nature Center.**

Note that this year we will not have a dinner before the program.

Thanks!

On Oct 12, a whole lot of people came out to help with our cleanup of Chisholm Creek Park. The Boy Scouts Order of the Arrow brought 38 scouts and adults, plus we had another 15 or 20 helping. A big thank you to Brian and Nohora Talarico for organizing everyone and providing coffee and donuts!



A few of our trash collectors with their bags of refuse

The door prize winner with his bird house prize



Renewal Reminder

If you are a chapter only member of Wichita Audubon it may be time to renew. Check your address on this newsletter for your expiration date.

If you don't see a date, that is because you are a member of National Audubon and automatically also a member of Wichita Audubon. You don't need to pay separate dues. National Audubon will send you renewal notices.

For your local chapter membership you can save time and postage by renewing online. Just go to www.wichitaudubon.org and click on **Join**.

To renew by mail send your check, payable to Wichita Audubon Society, to Wichita Audubon, PO Box 47607, Wichita, KS 67201

Friday the 13th Fun Run

Chaplin Nature Center held its second annual Full Moon fun run/walk on September 13. Despite being on Friday the 13th, the weather was good. More than a hundred people had fun walking/running the trails and winning glowing prizes.



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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, 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 15, 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

DECEMBER 17, TUESDAY, 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 17, 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, qanolan1942@gmail.com

DECEMBER 18, WEDNESDAY, 8 a.m. SLATE CREEK CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at the Slate Valley Church, 7 miles south of Oxford, at 8 a.m.
Compiler: Gene Young, 620-660-0547, youngg6264@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 20, FRIDAY, 7:30 a.m. SEDAN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at Granny Wolfe's Green Door Café (north side of W. Main in Sedan).
Compiler: Atcha Nolan, 323-4921, qanolan1942@gmail.com

DECEMBER 21, SATURDAY, 8 a.m. ARKANSAS CITY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at Newman Park on Hwy 77, just north of the Arkansas River.
Compiler: Gene Young, 620-660-0547, youngg6264@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 28, SATURDAY, 7:30 a.m. MARION CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at the Wendy's in Hillsboro at 7:30 a.m. for assignments.
Compiler: Tom Ewert, 670-3140, trewert@yahoo.com

JANUARY 4, 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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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Pictures from Fall Nature Day



September 28 was a cool and rainy day, but we still had 70 people come out to tag 25 monarchs and have fun chasing after them.



The next public program will be the Bald Eagle hike January 25



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