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Eye Shine Hike at Chaplin Nature Center, 7 p.m.

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**November 13 & December 11**

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

Questions? Mark Nolen, 765-346-7213, nolen.mark@gmail.com

November 16

Monthly program, "Three Billion Birds Lost, and What To Do About It," by Dr. Jackie Augustine. 7 p.m. ONLINE

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**November 20**

El Dorado Lake Field Trip. Meet at the McDonald's on Central in El Dorado at 7:45 a.m. This trip should produce wintering grassland, woodland and waterbirds.

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November Program

A recent study revealed that we have lost one in four individual birds since 1970, amounting to nearly 3 billion birds. However, not all species declined and some habitats experience more declines than others. For our November program, Dr. Jackie Augustine, Audubon of Kansas Executive Director, will explain how this was estimated, describe trends in the data with respect to species and habitats, and share ways you can prevent further losses in your own neighborhood.

Jackie Augustine joined Audubon of Kansas in January 2021 as Executive Director. Jackie received her degree at Kansas State University studying the mating behavior of Greater Prairie-Chickens. Audubon of Kansas (AOK) is a nonprofit environmental organization with more



Dr. Jackie Augustine

than 4,000 members concentrated in Kansas, Nebraska, and the central Great Plains. As Executive Director, Jackie works with public officials to advance environmental causes and manages AOK's three sanctuaries including a 5000 acre ranch in northern Nebraska.

The presentation will be on Tuesday, November 16, 7 p.m. You can watch on YouTube at www.youtube.com/channel/UCBzA8JCBgw-5aUHVW1lM7jw.

You can also find the link on [wichitaaudubon.org/events](https://www.wichitaaudubon.org/events)

After the live program, the recorded program will be available on YouTube and on our Facebook page.

Thanks to our helpers

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Chisholm Creek Park cleanup on October 13. We were joined by the Wichita Independents Special Olympics Team, who sent on our bird walk and then helped with the cleanup.



Meritorious Service Award

At the September program Tom Ewert was awarded the 2021 Meritorious Service Award for his many contributions to Wichita Audubon. Criteria for this award include outstanding or sustained leadership as a member, officer, committee chair. Tom has done so many things it is hard to list them all: he was president from 2017-19, a board member for six years, our Audubon of Kansas representative since 2014, field trip chair for two years. He planned and led the SE Oklahoma extended field trip in 2016. He was membership chair for three years and in 2015 he organized a Birdathon team which continues to raise money for CNC every spring. He has also been an activist and representative on the feral cat issue since 2018.

This award was well deserved and overdue. Congratulations Tom!

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Tom Ewert

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. More information is available on our website at www.wichitaudubon.org/events.

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.

Because of Covid there may not be in-person compilations at the end of the day, and carpooling only for family groups. Inform the compiler if you plan to attend so they can plan ahead. Many are assigning routes ahead of time to avoid gathering before the count. That also allows them to contact you in case cancellation is necessary. Remember to dress for the weather and expect to do a fair amount of walking. There are lots of counts to choose from, so come join us! And you can find still more counts on the Kansas Ornithological Society webpage at www.KSBirds.org.

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In Memory of Julia Hoppes

Julia was a long time member of Wichita Audubon. She was a music teacher who had a long life full of her enthusiasms and devotion to many interests, including playing the violin, opera, world travel, her church, singing in the choir, birdwatching, photography, philanthropy, her music students, and her cats, friends, and family. She always attended our extended field trips, taking lots of bird pictures. She died last October and the Wichita Audubon Society has received a gift of almost \$20,000 from her trust. We are truly thankful for her kindness, and will miss her cheerful presence.



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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Friday, November 12, 7 - 8 p.m.

Eye Shine

Oh, so, so many tiny eyes all around us. Bring your flashlight and search the woods for the gleaming eyes of spiders, moths, and possibly something even bigger. Dress for the outdoors and bring a flashlight or headlamp capable of producing a narrow beam of light.



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.