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at Chaplin Nature Center,
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**October 10**

Second Saturday Bird
Walk in Chisholm Creek
Park. Meet in the Great
Plains Nature Center
parking lot at 8 a.m.
*Questions? Tom Ewert,
670-3140,
trewert@yahoo.com.*

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cleanup, 9:45 a.m.
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**October 20**

Monthly program, "Forest
Park Owls, Hiding in Plain
Sight," by Mark H. X.
Glenshaw,
7 p.m. ONLINE.

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October Meeting

Our meeting this month will once again be virtual, with our speaker joining us from St. Louis. The program will be "Forest Park Owls: Hiding in Plain Sight," by Mark H. X. Glenshaw

Mark H.X. Glenshaw is an award-winning naturalist who has closely observed and documented the lives of Great Horned Owls in Forest Park, a large urban park in St. Louis, Missouri, since December 2005. Mark's work with Great Horned Owls involves extensive outreach as each year he gives dozens of talks across Missouri and Illinois (this is his first talk in Kansas!) and leads scores of owl prowls in Forest Park. Mark is a Missouri Master Naturalist and a volunteer for Forest Park Forever. Mark has his bachelor's degree in history with a minor in communications and journalism from Washington University in St.



Mark Glenshaw

Louis. In 2006 the Academy of Science-St. Louis presented him the

Citizen Scientist Award for his work with owls. Mark's talk Forest Park Owls: Hiding In Plain Sight, will cover how he found these owls, basic facts about the species, and the different behaviors he has been able to see and document with photos and videos to illustrate these behaviors.

The program will be live-streamed October 20, 7 p.m., and will also be saved so you can watch it at your convenience. You can watch on the Wichita Audubon Facebook page, or on YouTube. The link for our YouTube channel is: www.youtube.com/channel/UCBzA8JCBgw-5aUHVW11M7jw.

You can also find the link on wichitaaudubon.org/events

Help Clean Up Chisholm Creek Park

Join us after the second Saturday bird walk (October 10, approximately 9:45 am). Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot to collect trash and keep our adopted park looking nice. Bring gloves, we'll provide trash bags, along with coffee and donuts.

Leaders: *Brian & Nohora Talarico,*
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Great Salt Plains Field Trip

One of the best birding sites in Oklahoma, Great Salt Plains should have Sandhill Cranes and lots of waterfowl. Meet at the Great Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge headquarters October 24 at 8 a.m. If you don't want to drive down that morning, there is camping available at the state park and cabins are available by reservation. There are motels in nearby Cherokee, OK. Leader: Tom Ewert, 316-670-3140,



Email Reminders

If you are a print subscriber to our newsletter but would like to receive email reminders for meetings send your email to newsletter@wichitaudubon.org to get signed up.

We have 8 meetings a year, plus the July picnic, so you won't get more emails than that. It will also allow us to quickly notify you of cancellations, or if we have to switch from in-person to virtual programs.

If you would like to switch from a printed, mailed newsletter to an email version let us know that, too.

Quivira and Cheyenne Bottoms Field Trip

On September 13, sixteen people met at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge for a day of social distancing and birds! In the afternoon we went north to Cheyenne Bottoms. Highlights included Forester's and Black Terns, Sanderlings, close looks at American Bitterns, a Cinnamon Teal, tons of Pied-billed Grebes and American White Pelicans. The best of all was a mother Black-bellied Whistling Duck with five ducklings in Ellinwood. Kevin Groeneweg was our fearless leader, and coped with our caravan of ten cars. The weather was perfect - lovely



American Bittern

by Jim Marlett



Birders with scopes

by Barbara Gobbert



Black-bellied Whistling Ducks

by Jim Marlett



Quivira observation tower

by Barbara Gobbert



Sanderlings

by Jim Marlett



American Pelicans

by Jim Marlett

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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Friday, October 2, 8 - 10 p.m.

Chaplin Moon Walk/Run (2k+)

October is a great time to take an evening stroll under the light of the moon. This 2k plus walk or run will take place along the edge of the Center's tall grass prairie trail. Along the trail, stations will award glow sticks to those who choose to stop, and answer moon or nature questions. If you plan on running the trail be sure to bring a head lamp. The trail will consist of a variety of surfaces; grass, packed dirt, and sand, so be sure to wear appropriate footwear. Participants will be placed into groups and staggered a few minutes apart. Check in starts at 7:30 pm.

Register using this link or find the link at www.wichitaudubon.org:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chaplin-nature-center-moon-walkrun-registration-98819663273>



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