

ABOUT WICHITA AUDUBON

We are people who love and enjoy nature and work to preserve it. And we love to share the outdoors with those around us.

Our major education and conservation project for 48 years has been the development of Chaplin Nature Center. This 230 acre preserve near Arkansas City features a Visitor's Center staffed by a full time naturalist. The Visitor's Center features educational exhibits, a library and meeting spaces. Our naturalist conducts programs for school classes from across south central Kansas, as well as civic organizations, youth groups and the public. The trails through the woods and prairies, leading to the sandbars of the Arkansas River, are open to the public from sunrise to sunset year round. Our members support the Chaplin Nature Center with donations of money and time, including fund-raising, maintenance and construction projects, and staffing the Visitor's Center.

From September through May we have monthly programs that inform us and expand our horizons. Throughout the year we take field trips to interesting places near and far. All of our activities are free and open to the public. Our volunteers also participate in park cleanup projects, Christmas Bird Counts, environmental advocacy, and a large variety of other activities in support of our chapter and its mission:



OUR MISSION

The Wichita Audubon Society is committed to providing nature education, promoting environmental conservation, and encouraging appreciation of the natural world.

MEMBERSHIP

Join the Wichita Audubon Society and help us with our continuing efforts to maintain Chaplin Nature Center, provide free nature education for children and adults across south central Kansas, and provide speakers and field trips open to all. You will receive eight issues a year of our newsletter to keep you informed about all our news and upcoming events.

For additional information call Carol Cumberland, carol.cumberland@swbell.net, (316) 685-4867

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

I want to join the Wichita Audubon Society
Individual - \$20, Family - \$25
Student (18 & under) - \$10
Life membership - \$300

I would prefer to receive the newsletter by email

You can join online at www.wichitaudubon.org.
Or make checks payable to the Wichita Audubon Society and send to PO Box 47607, Wichita, KS 67201.

Note: if you are a member of the National Audubon Society you are automatically a member of Wichita Audubon Society and do not need to pay additional dues.

WICHITA AUDUBON SOCIETY



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2021-2022



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PROGRAMS

LOCATION: GREAT PLAINS NATURE CENTER, 6232 E. 29TH STREET NORTH, 316-683-5499 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

The first three meetings will be online only. They will be live-streamed on Facebook (facebook.com/WichitaAudubon) and on YouTube (www.youtube.com/channel/UCBzA8JCBgw-5aUHVW1IM7jw) In person meetings will resume hopefully in January. Watch the website at www.wichitaudubon.org for updates and links.

SEPTEMBER 21 * ONLINE

The History of Riverside Zoos

There has been an animal exhibit of some kind in Riverside Park for over 100 years. This presentation will revisit the endearing past, discuss the current exhibit and introduce an idea for the future that will hopefully take flight.

Todd Volkmann, Exhibit Caretaker at the Kansas Wildlife Exhibit

FEBRUARY 15

Cerrado, the Kansas of Brazil

The Cerrado savanna birthed 5% of the planet's plant and animal species, and it's in far greater danger than the Amazon. The vibrant birdlife, dynamic ecology, and truly unique residents make it easy to fall in love with Brazil's grassland heart.

Rachel Roth, Grassland Groupies & member of WAS

OCTOBER 19 * ONLINE

Mushrooms and the Dawn of Mammals

Mushrooms and other fungi may seem irrelevant and weird, but they have the power to shape the entire world and they already have. Hear a hypothesis on the rise of mammals 65 million years ago.

Lyndzee Rhine, Outdoor Skills & Recruitment Coordinator for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

MARCH 15

Your Brain on Nature

We'll look at some of the latest research connecting the links between the human brain and the natural world, and which support the theory that nature is critical to human creativity, health, and happiness.

John Gallagher, Superintendent at Dillon Nature Center

NOVEMBER 16 * ONLINE

Three Billion Birds Lost, and What to Do About It

A recent study revealed that we have lost nearly 3 billion birds since 1970. However, not all species declined and some habitats declined more than others. Learn how this was estimated and ways you can prevent further losses in your own neighborhood.

Dr. Jackie Augustine, Executive Director of Audubon of KS

APRIL 19

Great Horned Owl Diversity in the Americas & KS

Great Horned Owls are morphologically diverse throughout their range in both color and size. Certain parasites mimic the color of their host owls. Emily will share how Great Horned Owls and these parasites have evolved together in Kansas..

Emily Ostrow, PhD Candidate, University of Kansas

JANUARY 18

Conservation in Your Backyard: How to Help Protect the Kansas State Reptile

The Kansas Box Turtle Project at the Sedgwick County Zoo aims to engage the community in learning about our native box turtles through state-wide surveys. Learn about this project and how you can participate.

Schaneé Anderson, Curator of Education and Farms Sedgwick County Zoo

MAY 17

Kansas Wildlife Federation's Backyard Habitat Program

Wildlife habitat gardens are a haven for local birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Learn the essentials for providing food, water and habitat so that you can turn your backyard into an oasis for wildlife.

Laura Medenhall, President of the board, Kansas Wildlife Federation

FIELD TRIPS

Second Saturday Bird Walks, 8 a.m.

Bring your binoculars and discover the birds that visit and live in Chisholm Creek Park. No birding experience is needed. Expect 1-2 miles of walking on paved paths. The walk will last about 90 minutes. Meet at the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot.

September 11	March 12
October 9	April 9
November 13	May 14
December 11	June 11
January 8	July 9
February 12	August 13

For questions: Mark Nolen, 765-346-7213, nolen.mark@gmail.com

September 18, Saturday, 8 a.m.

Quivira/Cheyenne Bottoms

Meet at the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge headquarters and bring a lunch. This is prime migration time for shorebirds at these nationally renowned locations. Contact the leader for carpool information.

Leader: Kevin Groeneweg, 316-706-9116, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net

October 9, Saturday, 9:45 a.m.

Chisholm Creek Park Cleanup

Join us after the second Saturday bird walk to collect trash and keep our adopted park looking nice. Bring gloves, we'll provide trash bags, along with coffee and donuts. Meet in the GPNC parking lot.

Leader: Brian & Nohora Talarico, btalarico34@outlook.com

October 23, Saturday, 8 a.m.

Slate Creek Wetland

Meet at the Slate Valley Baptist Church, seven miles south of Oxford on the main road. We'll search the wetlands for sparrows and other fall migrants.

Leader: Gene Young, 620-660-0547, youngg6264@yahoo.com

November 20, Saturday, 7:45 a.m.

El Dorado Lake

Meet at the McDonald's on Central in El Dorado. This trip should produce wintering grassland, woodland and waterbirds.

Leader: Bill Langley, 316-253-6175, 78gmouse43@gmail.com

December 18, 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.

Compiler: Kevin Groeneweg, 316-706-9116, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net

December 18, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

Newton/Hesston Christmas Bird Count

Meet at the Kaufman Museum, 27th & Main in North Newton. Bring a sack lunch. Contact the compiler if you plan to participate.

Compiler: Lorna Harder, lornajhh@gmail.com, 620-367-8479 or 316-200-4724

December 19, Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

Winfield-Udall Christmas Bird Count

Meet at the Beech Science Center, Southwestern College in Winfield.

Compiler: Max Thompson, 620-221-1856, maxt@cox.net

December 21, Tuesday, 8 a.m.

Sedan Christmas Bird Count

Meet at Granny Wolfe's Green Door Café (north side of W. Main in Sedan) 7:30 for breakfast or 8:00 to start birding.

Compiler: Atcha Nolan, 316-323-4921, qanolan1942@gmail.com

December 26, Sunday, 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

CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER

Chaplin Nature Center is owned and operated by the Wichita Audubon Society.

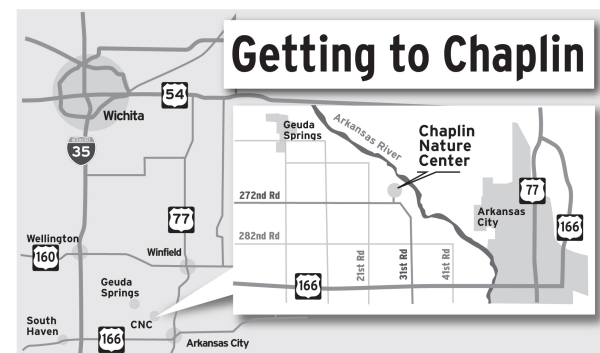
The Trails are open **AT NO CHARGE** to the public from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week. Programs are available on and off site for children and adults. For more information or to schedule a visit, call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133 or e-mail CNC@wichitaudubon.org

Visitor's Center Hours:

Open year round: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday
1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday
Closed Mondays & Holidays

Sept 1 - Nov 15 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday–Friday
Nov 16 - March 15 closed weekdays
March 16 - June 30 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday–Friday
July 1- Aug 31 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday–Friday

The Visitor's Center is available for rental year round from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Groups should make appointments in advance.



Chaplin Nature Center is located 3 miles west of Arkansas City on Hwy 166, then north 2 1/4 miles on 31st Rd. or 2 miles south of Geuda Springs, then 2.6 miles east on 272nd Rd

Address: 27814 27th Dr, Arkansas City, KS 67005

December 27, Monday, 8:00 a.m.

El Dorado Christmas Bird Count

Meet at the McDonald's on Central in El Dorado. Notify the compiler if you plan to attend.

Compiler: Atcha Nolan, 316-323-4921, qanolan1942@gmail.com

December 29, Wednesday, 8 a.m.

Slate Creek Christmas Bird Count

Meet at the Slate Valley Baptist Church, 7 miles south of Oxford on the main road.

Compiler: Gene Young, 620-660-0547, youngg6264@yahoo.com

December 30, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

Marion Christmas Bird Count

Meet at Wendy's in Hillsboro at 7:30 a.m.

Compiler: Tom Ewert, 316-670-3140, trewert@yahoo.com

January 4, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.

Red Hills Christmas Bird Count

Meet at the Casey's General Store, 314 S Iliff St in Medicine Lodge. Groups will depart at 7:30 a.m.

Compiler: Pete Janzen, 316-519-1970, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net

January 29, Saturday, 7 a.m.

Cheney Reservoir

Meet at the Dillon's at 21st and Amidon. We'll look for winter waterfowl and check out nearby lakes and woodlands. A Kansas Parks permit is required for each vehicle.

Leader: Pete Janzen, 316-519-1970, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net

February 19, Saturday, 9:15 a.m.

Birding the Tropics at the Sedgwick County Zoo

Meet in the lobby of the Tropics Building. Leave the cold weather outside and enjoy birding in the tropics. Bring admission money. Binoculars will be helpful. We'll have an intro by a keeper and a list of birds to find.

Leader: Patty Marlett, 316-200-3419, pmarlett@mac.com

March 25-27, Friday - Sunday

Western Kansas Extended Field Trip

This 3-day trip will include Lesser Prairie-chicken viewing at locally operated blinds in Gove County, visiting Scott State Park, Monument Rocks, Little Jerusalem State Park and more. We will stay at Logan House in historic Russell Springs. There is a 16 person limit. Signup is online - see the wichitaudubon.org website for a link.

Leaders: Pete Janzen, 316-519-1970, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net & Kevin Groeneweg, 316-706-9116, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net

April 16, Saturday, 6:30 a.m.

Chautauqua County Backroads

We will explore the scenic Cross Timbers region in search of early spring warblers and other migrants. Meet at the Dillon's parking lot at Andover Rd and US 400 and carpool from there. Lunch at a restaurant in Sedan.

Leader: Kevin Groeneweg, 316-706-9116, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net

May 7, Saturday, 6:30 a.m.

Woodson County Spring Migrants

We will look for spring migrants in the varied habitats where the Flint Hills meets the Cross Timbers. Meet at the Dillon's parking lot at Andover Rd and US 400 and carpool from there. Bring a lunch. A state park vehicle permit needed.

Leader: Mark Nolen, 765-346-7213, nolen.mark@gmail.com

June 25, Saturday, 8 a.m.

Wildflowers, Butterflies and Birds

Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot for a wildflower walk through Chisholm Creek Park.

Leader: Sandra Tholen, 316-670-3140, stholen@cox.net, Patty Marlett, 316-200-3419, pmarlett@mac.com

July 19, Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Picnic

Join us at the Great Plains Nature Center at 6 p.m. for our annual pot-luck dinner. Dinner will be followed by a short, fun program. Bring a dish to share and your own service.

CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

Exact times and dates may be subject to change. Please call ahead to verify at 620-442-4133.

Monarch Tagging - Nature Day Celebration

September 25, Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Learn about monarch butterfly migration and how to properly capture and tag monarchs. Guided nature hikes to the Arkansas River, live reptiles and a seldom seen bird egg collection are all part of the celebration.

Chaplin Moon 2k Walk/Run

October 16, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

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 answer moon or nature questions. Call or email CNC to pre-register.

Eye Shine

November 12, Friday, 7 – 8 p.m.

Bring your flashlight and search the woods for the gleaming eyes of spiders, moths, and possibly something even bigger. Dress for the outdoors.

Winter River Hike

January 29, Saturday, 10 a.m. – noon

Take a leisurely hike through the forest to a sandbar along the Arkansas River. Along the way we will look for wildlife. If we are lucky we might even find a Bald Eagle or two. Total round-trip walking distance is 1.5 miles. Be sure to dress for cold and windy conditions.

Bald Eagle Nest Viewing

March 19, Saturday, 10 a.m. – noon

This is a great opportunity to view both adult and young eagles through spotting scopes. We will have the scopes set up at Veteran's Lake in Arkansas City for a close-up look.

Spring Clean up

April 2, Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Come celebrate spring at the Nature Center while lending a helping hand. Clearing trails of debris, raking, trimming trails and small repair projects will be on our to-do list.

Twilight Kayak Float

June 3, Friday, 7 – 9:30 p.m.

Enjoy a 3.5 mile evening float down the Arkansas River to take in the scenery and watch for wildlife. Kayak, paddle and life jacket provided. Cost \$25. Call for reservations.

Arkansas City Butterfly Count

July 9, Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Help us count and identify butterflies as part of a North American Butterfly Association official count.