



**Meetings are held at 7 pm at the Great Plains Nature Center**

**September 19 - Understanding Bird Songs and Calls: Who is Talking and What are They Saying?**

Dr. Mark Nolen - Professor of Biology at Hutchinson Community College

**October 17 - The Importance of Birding to Wildlife Conservation**

Destiny Flemons - Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist for Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever

**November 21 - Beyond Birding: The Fun and Importance of 'Bugwatching'**

Eric Eaton - Entomologist, Author, and Blogger

**January 16 - To Attract Wildlife to your Landscape, Flowers are Necessary—but not Sufficient**

Dennice Craig - Wichita Audubon Society Member and Master Gardener

**February 20 - Chile - Birds, Mammals and Landscapes of Patagonia**

Bob Gress - Photographer and former Director of the Great Plains Nature Center

**March 19 - Welcome (back) to Cheyenne Bottoms and the Kansas Wetlands Education Center**

Curtis Wolf - Director of the Kansas Wetlands Education Center

**April 16 - Bird Distributions in Kansas: Dynamic or Stable?**

Chuck Otte - Compiler of the Kansas County Checklist Project & former Geary County Extension Agent

**May 21 - TBA**

Elizabeth Walker - Director of the Chaplin Nature Center

**July 16, 6 p.m. Picnic at the Great Plains Nature Center**

Bring a dish to share and your own service.

**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.

<b>September 9</b>	<b>January 13</b>	<b>May 11</b>
<b>October 14</b>	<b>February 10</b>	<b>June 8</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>March 9</b>	<b>July 13</b>
<b>December 9</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>August 10</b>

For questions: Tom Ewert, 316-670-3140, [trewert@yahoo.com](mailto:trewert@yahoo.com)

**September 16, 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.

**Leader: Kevin Groeneweg, 316-706-9116, [kgroeneweg1616@gmail.com](mailto:kgroeneweg1616@gmail.com)**

**October 21 Marion Reservoir and Eastern KS Reservoirs**

Meet at 7:15 a.m. at Brahm's in Newton to carpool or 7:45 a.m. at the dam lookout parking lot. Trip will start with looking at thousands of Franklin's gulls and trying to pick out the odd gulls. Then we will move to several campgrounds and wildlife areas including the north end causeway and broken bridge. We will look for winter sparrows, warblers and other migrants. We may go by Florence Crystal Spring and/or Preheim Pond. Bring a lunch, water and snacks.

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**November 18, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.**

**Sandhills State Park & Dillon Nature Center**

We will meet at Sandhills State Park to look for an assortment of wintering sparrows and raptors (state park vehicle permit required). Expect a mile or two of walking on easy dirt trails. We will then head to the Dillon Nature Center to search the woods and watch the feeders for winter woodland birds and finches. After a break for lunch, there is the option of heading south to scope Cheney Reservoir for ducks, gulls and other late autumn goodies.

**Leader: Mark Nolen, 765-346-7213, [nolen.mark@gmail.com](mailto:nolen.mark@gmail.com)**

**December 15, Friday, 8 a.m. El Dorado CBC**

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

**Compiler: Vickie Cikanek, 785-501-0867, [vickie.cikanek@ks.gov](mailto:vickie.cikanek@ks.gov)**



**December 16, 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.  
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**December 17, Sunday, 7:30 a.m. Winfield-Udall CBC**

Meet at the Beech Science Center, Southwestern College in Winfield.  
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**December 19, Tuesday, 8 a.m. Sedan CBC**

Meet at the One Stop/Phillips 66 gas station in Sedan. Notify the compiler if plan to attend.  
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**December 20, Wednesday, 8 a.m. Slate Creek CBC**

Meet at the Slate Valley Baptist Church, 7 miles south of Oxford on the main road. (S. Oxford Rd and E 80th St.)  
**Compiler: Gene Young, 620-660-0547, [youngg6264@yahoo.com](mailto:youngg6264@yahoo.com)**

**December 23, Saturday, 8 a.m. Arkansas City CBC**

Meet at Newman Park on Hwy 77 just north of the Arkansas River.  
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**December 28, Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Marion CBC**

Meet at Wendy's in Hillsboro at 7:30 a.m.  
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**December 30, Saturday, 7:30 a.m. Red Hills CBC**

Meet at the Casey's General Store, 314 S. Iloff St in Medicine Lodge. Groups will depart at 7:30 a.m.  
**Compiler: Pete Janzen, 316-519-1970, [pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net)**

**January 20, Saturday, 7:30 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](mailto:pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net)**

**February 24, Saturday, 1:30 p.m. El Dorado Lake and Short-eared Owls**

Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot, with a second meet up at 2 p.m. at the El Dorado State Park Walnut River area by the main restrooms. We'll bird the lake and surrounding areas, then hunt for Short-eared Owls at dusk. Each vehicle must have a KDWP state park permit.  
**Leader: Patty Marlett, 316-200-3419, [pmarlett@cox.net](mailto:pmarlett@cox.net)**

**March 13, WEDNESDAY, 7:30 p.m. Woodcocks in Chisholm Creek Park**

American Woodcock engage in a unique courtship display on early spring evenings. We'll try to catch sight of them just as it gets dark. Note that this is WEDNESDAY to avoid the crowds of walkers in the park. Meet in the GPNC parking lot.  
**Leader: Bob Gress, 316-765-2046, [bobgress@cox.net](mailto:bobgress@cox.net)**

**April 6, 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.  
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**May 20, Saturday, 7:30 a.m. Chaplin Nature Center**

Meet at the CNC Visitor's Center. We'll look for the resident birds at Chaplin, then proceed to the Kaw WMA and other nearby spots.  
**Leaders: Patty Marlett, 316-200-3419, [pmarlett@cox.net](mailto:pmarlett@cox.net) & Liz Walker, 620-442-4133, [cnc@wichitaudubon.org](mailto:cnc@wichitaudubon.org)**

**May 29 - 31, Wednesday - Friday, Nebraska Sandhills Extended Field Trip**

Enjoy Long-billed Curlews, Bobolinks, lots of wildflowers and the fantastic scenery of the Nebraska Sandhills. We will stay at the Audubon of Kansas Hutton Niobrara Sanctuary, and visit Valentine NWR and Fort Niobrara NWR. Signup is online - see the [wichitaudubon.org](http://wichitaudubon.org) website for a [link](#).  
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