



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.

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

For questions: Tom Ewert, 316-670-3140, 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

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

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

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

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

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

TBA Sedan CBC
 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: Vickie Cikanek, 785-501-0567, vickie.cikanek@ks.gov

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

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

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

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.
Leaders: Kevin Groeneweg, 316-706-9116, kgroeneweg1616@gmail.com & Pete Janzen, 316-519-1970, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net

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 & Liz Walker, 620-442-4133, 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 website for a [link](#).
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