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September 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



September 18

Quivira/Cheyenne Bottoms field trip. Meet at Quivira headquarters at 8 a.m. and bring a lunch. Leader: Kevin Groeneweg, 316-706-9116, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net



September 21

Monthly program, "The History of Riverside Zoos," by Todd Volkmann, 7 p.m. ONLINE

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September 25

Monarch Tagging/Fall Nature Day at Chaplin Nature Center, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



September Meeting

Todd Volkmann, current Exhibit Caretaker at the Kansas Wildlife Exhibit (KWE) in Riverside Park and a former naturalist of the Great Plains Nature Center, will present on the Kansas Wildlife Exhibit and the storied days of the Wichita Zoo era.



Todd Volkmann

There has been an animal exhibit of some kind in Riverside Park for over 100 years. The free experiences have introduced generations of visitors to exotic animals, native species, and caretakers who were characters. This presentation will revisit the endearing past, discuss the current exhibit and introduce an idea for the future that will hopefully take flight...

Due to the ongoing uncertainty about Covid and the dangers of large gatherings, the WAS board has decided that we will continue having programs online for the rest of the calendar year. Hopefully by 2022 the situation will have stabilized and we will feel comfortable having in-person gatherings again.

The program will be live-streamed on both Facebook and YouTube on September 21, 7 p.m., and will also be saved so you can watch it at your convenience. It will be on our Facebook page at [FaceBook.com/WichitaAudubonSociety](https://www.facebook.com/WichitaAudubonSociety). The link for YouTube is www.youtube.com/channel/UCBzA8JCBgw-5aUHVW1IM7jw. You can also find the link on wichitaaudubon.org

Renewal Reminder

If you are a chapter-only member of Wichita Audubon it may be time to renew. Check your address on this newsletter for your expiration date. If you don't see a date, that is because you are a member of National Audubon and automatically also a member of Wichita Audubon. You don't need to pay separate dues. National Audubon will send you renewal notices.

If you have further questions, ask our membership chair Carol Cumberland, 316-685-4867, carol.cumberland@swbell.net.

This year we have initiated a new category of membership - a Life Membership. For \$300, you will be a member for life, and will never have to remember to renew! All your money will stay local to help Wichita Audubon and Chaplin Nature Center.

For your local membership you can save time and postage by renewing online. Just go to www.wichitaudubon.org and click on JOIN. To renew by mail send your check, payable to Wichita Audubon Society, to Wichita Audubon, PO Box 47607, Wichita, KS 67201.

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Extended Field Trip

This year's extended field trip is a second attempt at the trip we planned last year. Covid made that trip impossible, but we are hoping that this year we can do it safely.

This 3-day trip on March 25 - 27, 2022, will include Lesser Prairie-chicken viewing at a ranch in Gove County. This will involve a fee, but we are eager to encourage and support ranchers who are opening their land up to Prairie-chicken viewing. We will stay at Logan House in historic Russell Springs for two nights. We will also do some sightseeing, visiting Scott State Park, Smoky Valley Ranch, Monument Rocks and Little Jerusalem State Park.

We will be looking for high plains birds including raptors and longspurs. Due to space limitations in the blinds and at Logan House, there is a strict 16 person limit. Signup is online - go to the wichitaudubon.org website for a link. There was a lot of interest in this trip, so don't delay getting signed up.

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



Thank you

A big thanks to Eagle Scout Benjamin Thomson of Arkansas City Boy Scout Troop 328 and all the troop members who assisted him in his project. They replaced the decking on the porch and walkway to the visitor's center at Chaplin Nature Center. They replaced the wood with a composite material that should be very long lasting as well as attractive.

This is the same troop that provided us with handicap parking spaces last year, as well as many other projects over the years. We really appreciate all their efforts!



Dillon's Rewards

Thanks to the many people who have signed up to give Wichita Audubon benefits from their Dillon's Plus cards, we receive quarterly donations of several hundred dollars. That really helps!

If you haven't signed up yet, it is very easy and costs you nothing. Wichita Audubon Society will get credit for every purchase its members make using their registered Plus card. The more you shop with Dillon's, the more Wichita Audubon and Chaplin Nature Center will earn.

Go to <https://www.dillons.com/communityrewards>. Sign in or create an account to enroll. Click on "Enroll Now" Enter the 5-digit NPO CC339. Select Wichita Audubon and click on "Enroll"

If you have questions about the process, you can call 1-866-221-4141

New House at CNC

The house continues to take shape. The siding is complete. Insulation is being applied inside, to be followed by drywall and interior finishes. The siding, doors and trim will be painted. Completion was originally scheduled for mid-September but it will could be a bit later.



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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

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

Monarch Tagging Nature Day

Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to participate in the monarch butterfly migration. Families can learn about this unique migration and participate in on-going monarch research by helping to capture and tag them as they migrate through Kansas. Guided nature hikes to the Arkansas River, live reptiles and a seldom seen bird egg collection are all part of the celebration. Lunch will be available for purchase. Free admission.



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.