



# Wichita Audubon Society

*Annual Report 2018 – 2019*

This is the 43rd annual report of the Wichita Audubon Society and Chaplin Nature Center. This report highlights the activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Chaplin Nature Center is owned and operated by the Wichita Audubon Society, with operations directed by the CNC committee of the board of directors.

## *July*

The annual butterfly count at Chaplin Nature Center found 42 species in the Ark City area.

Our annual potluck dinner featured a program about our recent field trip to the Texas Hill Country

The second Saturday bird walks in Chisholm Creek Park continued this year, with a good group every time.

## *August*

Chaplin Nature Center held its first 2 mile full moon run/walk. More than 50 attended. They followed the path around the edge of the tall grass prairie, stopping at stations to test their moon knowledge and winning glow sticks as rewards.



## *September*

The September program was presented by our naturalist and Chaplin Nature Center manager, Shawn Silliman. He updated us on the projects and events occurring at CNC.

A weekend field trip to Morton County turned up many migrating warblers, several species of hawks, Black-throated and Rufous-crowned sparrows.

More than 80 people came out for Fall Nature Day at CNC. They tagged 49 monarch butterflies.

## *October*

After the 2nd Saturday bird walk we held cleanup in Chisholm Creek Park. A whole bunch of people turned out, organized by Brian and Nohora Talarico.

Chaplin Nature Center held a family hike and campfire. Despite the mud left by recent flooding, 23 hiked to the sandbar and enjoyed marshmallows and stories around the campfire, with a nice serenade by Barred Owls on the way back.

The El Dorado field trip, led by Bill Langley, found a lot of newly arrived winter sparrows, along with other new arrivals like kinglets and Brown Creepers on a beautiful fall day.

Dexter Mardis presented our October program about the history and ecology of WSU's Biological Field Station.

## November

Not many people turned out for the 2nd Saturday bird walk because it was only 16 degrees! But we saw some good birds like a Sharp-shinned Hawk and Cedar Waxwings.

It was warmer by the time we went to Quivira to see Sandhill Cranes. There were thousands of cranes and geese with a backdrop of a spectacular sunset.

The owl prowl had 25 people learning about owls and hiking the dark trails at Chaplin Nature Center.

The November program was a report on the status of the project to return the black-footed ferret to Kansas, given by Dr. Sandy Wilson, Director of Animal Health at the Sedgwick County Zoo.

## December

December is the month WAS members organize and participate in numerous Christmas Bird Counts across the states. The Wichita count had perfect weather for finding 93 species. Best bird of the day was a late lingering Blue-headed Vireo in Oak Park.

The Winfield count found 98 species, but low numbers of individuals. The highlights of the El Dorado count were a late Turkey Vulture and seven Black Scoters. The Red Hills CBC had more species than usual thanks to recent rains that meant lots of water, and temperatures that kept the water open. Marion had

average numbers on a cold day, including 4 Prairie Falcons and 2 Greater Prairie Chickens. Other counts in our area included Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Newton, Slate Creek, Sedan and Arkansas City.

## January

For our January program, Dennice Craig gave a great presentation about growing native plants to provide food and create habitat for beneficial insects.

14 birders made the trip to the Red Hills west of Medicine Lodge in search of Mountain Bluebirds. We encountered a couple of flocks of about 80 birds on the Scenic Drive. At the bridge over Turkey Creek a Barred Owl was roosting in the open, providing a crowd-pleasing photo op.

## February

The Bald Eagle hike at Chaplin Nature Center found seven eagles along the Arkansas river.

The February meeting had to be cancelled due to snow.

At the Great Plains Nature Center, WAS sponsored a display of award winning photographs from the National Audubon Society's annual photography contest.



## March

Chaplin Nature Center held a viewing of a Bald Eagle nest at Veteran's Lake in Arkansas City. Spotting scopes were set up so the public could watch the eagles feed their chicks. Dad brought a rabbit!

Bob Gress was our speaker for the March program. "Birding Southern U.S. Hotspots" showed us beautiful scenery and Bob's stunning bird photos.

Bill Langley led a field trip to Pawnee Prairie Park. Rain was an issue, but we saw some early spring migrants.

Thanks to a grant from the Lattner Family Foundation we got a new metal roof on the visitor's center at CNC.



## April

Ten birders went on a ramble through Chautauqua County in search of early spring warblers. At Hart's Mill along the Caney River we saw a Black Vulture.

We continued toward Elgin, where we finally spotted our primary target; Yellow-throated Warbler.

The 2nd Saturday bird walk had a turnout of 21. The Cooper's Hawk was building a nest. Tree Swallows, Yellow-rumped Warblers and an Orange-crowned Warbler put in appearances.

Following the bird walk we had a trash pickup in Chisholm Creek Park. Organizers Brian and Nohora treated us to donuts, coffee, and a cute bird house door prize.

We had a lively program about birdsong presented by Rachel Roth, our own secretary and GPNC naturalist.

## May

Though most of April, all of May and into June the lower portions of CNC were underwater due to heavy rains and the resulting flooding.

The Quivira and Cheyenne Bottoms field trip had six participants. Highlights included a Red-necked Phalarope on the little salt marsh and a Burrowing Owl southwest of Ellinwood.

The May program featured member photographs. Fourteen made contributions featuring Kansas to Alaska to Thailand to New Zealand to Florida and many places in between. We also had an exhibition of Dan Kilby's artwork. Dan died in November at the age of 91. He was one of our longest and most loyal members, and an amazing artist.

The month ended with our extended field trip to Roaring River State Park in Missouri. Nine of us went after the goal of finding all of the breeding warbler species. We ended with 14, along with many other colorful songbirds and great wildflowers and butterflies.

Three Birdathon teams once again found many birds and raised over \$6,600 to support CNC.

## June

A field trip to the Derby canoe launch found a cooperative singing Painted Bunting and had a good show from several Pileated Woodpeckers.





# Chaplin Nature Center

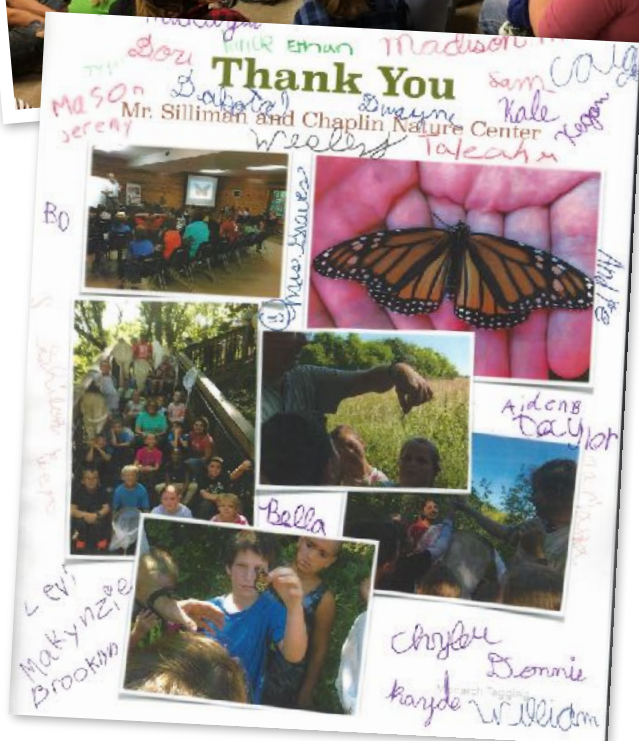


During the 2018 fiscal year more than 3,900 people visited Chaplin Nature Center from all over Kansas and the United States. Shawn Silliman, our naturalist, presented 74 programs that reached 1,981 people. Volunteers donated 616 hours doing projects that ranged from trail clearing to staffing the visitor's center to serving food to rebuilding the bluff staircase. Seven groups totaling 206 people used the nature center for business meetings, weddings and reunions.



Listed below are the schools and community groups who visited CNC and benefitted from its programs:

- Arkansas City Recreation Center
- Cowley County Community College
- USD 470 Arkansas City Schools
- Wichita Home School
- Winfield Boy Scouts
- Arkansas City Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- Wellington Schools
- Arkansas City Christian Academy
- Arkansas City Library
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- Derby Home School
- Kansas Waterfowl Committee



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## Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2019

### Profit & Loss Statement

#### Ordinary Income

Membership Dues	3,823
Contributions	23,921
Sales/Rental/Misc	2,384
Birdathon	6,657
Grants	33,370
Fund Raisers	2567
<u>Gross Income</u>	<u>\$72,723</u>

#### Expense

Fund raising/Program/Misc	864
Office Supplies/Postage	1707
Printing/Copying	4416
Accounting	1359
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$8,347</u>

#### CNC Expense

CNC Programs	1,586
CNC Insurance	4,954
Office Expense	1,121
Telephone	234
Utilities	4,658
Employee Compensation	44,484
Medical Reimbursement Acct	2,650
Repairs & Maintenance	19,947
Depreciation	13,485
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$93,020</u>
<u>Total Expense</u>	<u>\$101,367</u>

#### Other Income/Expense

Interest & Dividends	10,765
Capital Gain (realized)	22,649
Capital Gain	10,228
Fees	-1,622
<u>Net Other Income</u>	<u>\$42,020</u>

**Net Income** **\$13,377**

### Balance Sheet

#### Assets

Current Assets	
Checking	28,256
Petty Cash - CNC	100
<u>Total Checking/Savings</u>	<u>\$28,356</u>

Other Current Assets	
Inventory	70
Prepaid Insurance	2,934
<u>Total Other Assets</u>	<u>3,004</u>

Total Current Assets \$31,360

Fixed Assets	
CNC Land	75,231
CNC Buildings	73,042
CNC Furniture/Equipment	21,189
<u>Total Fixed Assets</u>	<u>\$170,462</u>

Total Assets \$850,209

#### Endowment Funds

Endowment Funds Raymond James	648,388
<u>Total Endowment funds</u>	<u>\$648,388</u>

**Total Assets** **\$850,209**

#### Liabilities & Equity

Total Current Liabilities	1,511
Equity	
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	488,662
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	159,726
Unrestricted Net Assets	186,933
Net Income	13,377
<u>Total Equity</u>	<u>848,698</u>

**Total Liabilities & Equity** **\$850,209**

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