



Society

A N N U A L R E P O R T

✕ 2020-2021 ✕

This is the 44th annual report of the Wichita Audubon Society and Chaplin Nature Center. This report highlights the activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Chaplin Nature Center is owned and operated by the Wichita Audubon Society, with operations directed by the CNC committee of the board of directors.



Field Trips

The pandemic meant masks, plus restrictions on carpooling and socializing. But we still managed to have a full year of successful field trips, with only a couple of cancellations. The Second Saturday bird walks in Chisholm Creek Park continued and remained well attended.

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MEETINGS

This year all our programs were online - no in person meetings at all. It began in July, when our vice-president Rachel Roth set

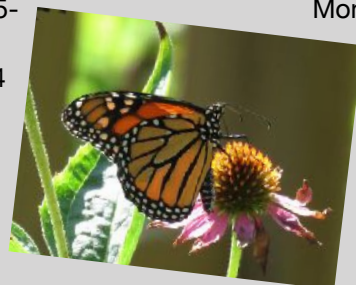
up a 'Birds for Nerds' trivia game on Zoom. We had a lot of fun despite being separated.

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Citizen Science & Service Projects

We began with the annual butterfly count at Chaplin Nature Center. An official project of the North American Butterfly Association, we locate and

count butterflies in a 15-mile diameter circle. This year we found 404 individuals of 37 species, including a Gulf Fritillary. At our September Fall Nature Day we tagged



Monarch butterflies as part of Monarch Watch. Eighty-seven participants tagged 135 Monarch butterflies.

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Citizen Science, continued

In October and in April we held trash pickups in Chisholm Creek assisted by the Wichita Independent Special Olympics team.

In December and January we contributed to Christmas bird counts. The counts were less social this year since Covid forced us to forgo carpooling and meeting in person. But we still managed to hold most all of our usual

counts. Wichita Audubon promoted and supported counts in Wichita, El Dorado, Sedan, Marion, and the Red Hills. All the data is

reported to the National Audubon Society, and is part of a database more than 120 years old documenting bird locations and abundance.

MEETINGS, CONTINUED

Our first pandemic program was presented by Sarah Winnicki, "Cowbirds: villainous mobsters or a falsely maligned native species? A biologist's perspective." The program was



streamed on both Facebook and YouTube, and gave us a new appreciation for cowbirds. In October we learned the advantage of Zoom - the speaker can be far away.

Mark Glenshaw joined us from St. Louis for a program about the Great Horned Owls of Forest Park, that he has been following and studying since 2005. November was presented by Allan Taylor, a naturalist at the Great Plains Nature Center. His

program was "Life's a Beach: the struggle of coastal shorebirds." We learned about his experiences as a field researcher studying shorebirds. Our long-time member and friend Bob Gress took us to Scotland and Ireland for January. Vicki Cikanek, a District Wildlife Biologist with the Kansas Department of Wildlife

and Parks, told us about the history and status of Prairie Chickens in Kansas for our March presentation. April was Brad Guhr from the Dyck Arboretum telling us to Go Native and restore the ecology of our backyards for birds. Dr. Robert Penner, Avian Conservation Manager for The



Nature Conservancy in Kansas, presented a program about the importance of the mid-continent, Kansas, and specifically the Flint Hills to shorebird conservation. Thanks to Rachel's technical wizardry all the presentations went smoothly, and are preserved on the internet for everyone to enjoy now and in the future.



Field Trips, continued

In September we had our annual fall trip to Quivira NWR and Cheyenne Bottoms led by Kevin Groeneweg. Sixteen people joined us for a perfect day highlighted by

find was two Surf Scoters on the lake. In January we headed in the opposite direction, to Cheney Reservoir. We saw a lot of good birds including some late Least Sandpipers, a Common Loon, and a Northern

Waterthrush! In February we

had planned a trip to the Sedgwick County Zoo Tropics Building, but decided to cancel rather than gather people indoors. For March we substituted a trip to Marion County for the cancelled extended trip. Led by Tom

Ewert, we visited Marion State Fishing Lake and other spots around the area. We found a number of early migrants including Tree Swallows and Eastern Phoebes. In May we travelled to Arkansas City and Chaplin

Nature Center, again led

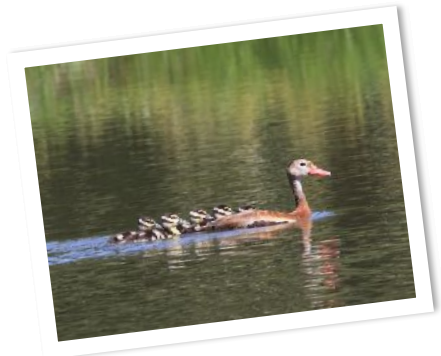
by Kevin Groeneweg. We saw some great warblers like Nashville, Prothonotary, American Redstart, Northern Parula, Kentucky and more. We were also treated to Least and Alder Flycatchers



in the same spot, singing. Our field trip year ended with a trip to the Derby Canoe Launch in June, led by Tom Ewert. As always at this location our goal was Painted Bunting, and we were not disappointed.



Black-bellied Whistling ducks in Ellinwood. Our October trip was to Great Salt Plains NWR in Oklahoma, led by Tom Ewert. We saw lots of waterfowl and Sandhill Cranes. In November we visited El Dorado Lake with Bill Langley. The big





4,900 visitors for 2020-21

Shawn Silliman, our naturalist, presented programs for 30 groups, reaching 589 people. This number is smaller than most years due to the pandemic. There were

five public programs, beginning with the Butterfly Count in July, and Fall Nature Day in September. The Full Moon Walk/Run was held in October and a Night Hike in

November. Bald Eagle hikes were taken in January and February, plus viewing a Bald Eagle nest in March and kayaking on the Arkansas River in June. Volunteers

donated 691 hours of their time. Sixteen groups totaling 566 people used the nature center for weddings, business meetings and reunions.

Chaplin Nature Center

The New House

For decades we have known that the residence for our naturalist was going to have to be replaced. The house began life over one hundred years ago, with many additions and modifications since. But the foundation was crumbling and it lacked space and function. When our good friend and long time member Wally Champeny left us a substantial bequest in his will, we knew this was the project we needed to use this money for. Construction began in April 2021, and is not entirely completed in October, but it should be ready soon.



Groups utilizing CNC included Oxford School, Conway Springs High School, USD 470 Arkansas City, Udall Schools, Women Hiking KS & Beyond, South Haven School, Cowley County Community College, Four Seasons Academy, Arkansas City Home School, KS Association of Retired School Personnel, Wichita Adventist Christian School, Trinity Lutheran School, Arkansas City Scouts, Wellington School, Burden School, Oxford Summer School, Burford Summer Camp, Four County Mental Health, Shepard Grace Church, Mulvane Future Farmers of America, Winfield Home School

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Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2021

Profit & Loss Statement

Ordinary Income	
Membership Dues	2,897
Contributions	27,214
Sales/Rental/Misc	1961
Birdathon	7,729
Bequests	215,000
<u>Gross Income</u>	<u>\$254,801</u>
Expense	
Fund raising/Program/Misc	544
Office Supplies/Postage	1,483
Printing/Copying	4,006
Accounting	1,350
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$7,383</u>
CNC Expense	
CNC Programs	1,206
CNC Insurance	5,634
Office Expense	470
Telephone	280
Utilities	4,843
Employee Compensation	45,930
Employment Tax	3,215
Repairs & Maintenance	12,796
Depreciation	18,339
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$92,714</u>
<u>Total Expense</u>	<u>\$100,097</u>
Other Income/Expense	
Interest & Dividends	8,634
Capital Gain (realized)	11,216
Capital Gains (unrealized)	149,227
Fees	-1,989
<u>Net Other Income</u>	<u>\$169,088</u>
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>\$321,792</u>

Balance Sheet

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/savings	46,682
Petty Cash - CNC	100
<u>Total Checking/Savings</u>	<u>\$46,782</u>
Other Current Assets	
Inventory	69
<u>Total Current Assets</u>	<u>\$46,851</u>
Fixed Assets	
CNC Land	75,231
CNC Buildings	332,172
CNC Furniture/Equipment	22,723
<u>Total Fixed Assets</u>	<u>\$430,126</u>
Endowment Funds	
Endowment Funds Raymond James	714,784
<u>Total Endowment funds</u>	<u>\$714,784</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$1,191,761</u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Total Current Liabilities	654
Equity	
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	509,646
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	205,138
Unrestricted Net Assets	163,975
Net Income	312,347
<u>Total Equity</u>	<u>1,191,107</u>
<u>Total Liabilities & Equity</u>	<u>\$1,191,761</u>

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