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From The Keyboard -

It was a long month of June! Back in May I had stumbled across the Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company's World Wide Web (WWW) site on the Internet and discovered that Kenn Kaufman had a new book due to be released June 30th called *Kingbird Highway*. To make matters worse excerpts from each chapter were being placed on the WWW site approximately every other week. Two weeks wouldn't go by fast enough and June 30th would never arrive! We (birding spouse Jaye and I) traveled to Wichita in late May to hear Kenn address the Wichita Audubon Society. It was a delightful presentation and a great sneak preview of our fall meeting location.

The end of June finally arrived and I became the proud owner of a new book. I read it in short order (and heartily recommend it to anyone who enjoys birding), but found myself becoming more and more restless with each chapter. After all, it was early July, the infamous "dead zone" of birding, and I just wanted to get in my car, drive someplace and go birding! I've been able to get out enough to keep the urge under control and an upcoming trip to Colorado will help satisfy my birding wanderlust.

But my excitement about KOS, birding and birds in Kansas and the upcoming Fall Meeting has not subsided in the least. This issue is all about the future! There'll be more regular features and issue discussions in each Horned Lark. We start a regular article about birding ethics with this issue and our first article is from Tyler Hicks. If you don't know Tyler, meet him. He'll be helping lead one of the birding trips in October. Tyler is about the future!

I'm convinced we can double the KOS membership and reach 1,000 members over the next five years. Yes, it's ambitious and Chuck can't do it by himself. But I have some ideas about how **WE** can do it together.

You're going to see more opportunities to learn about birds and go birdwatching through local get togethers, in workshops and at spring and fall meetings. For those of you computer inclined we'll be bringing you more information on the world of "cyber-birding" and how to find your way around the vast information super-highway.

But if all you want to do is enjoy the birds that come to your feeder in your backyard, don't worry! We will bring you information on that as well.

It's the future and it's kind of scary and it's real exciting. It starts tomorrow and it starts next month and it starts in Wichita in October. I'll see you there!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Proposed By-Laws Change

The following by-laws change will be voted on at the annual meeting in Wichita, October 4, 1997:
"Article II. Section 4.C. Annual dues shall be payable to the treasurer by ~~January 1~~ **March 1.**"

This means that dues would be payable by March 1 rather than January 1.

KOS Benefits from the Generosity of Madge Hilbish

Through the kind consideration and forethought of deceased KOS member Madge Hilbish, of Burlington, KS, **THE ORGANIZATION HAS RECEIVED A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,650.77 FROM HER ESTATE.** This bequest by Ms. Hilbish will help us to be in a position to announce an extremely successful endowment fund drive by the time our 50th anniversary rolls around.

While not a charter member of KOS she had been a member since 1955! More information on Ms. Hilbish and this generous donation will be in *The Bulletin*.

Remember - most of the 913 area code, outside of the Kansas City area, changed to the new 785 area code as of July 20, 1997. This affects the KOS Rare Bird Alert. That number is now 785-372-5499!

KOS Board Membership Positions Available

Two KOS Board of Directors positions become available this year as Bill Busby and John Schuckmann complete their two-year assignments. If you are interested in joining the Board and helping to make KOS a stronger, more vital organization, please call or write and put your name forward for nomination.

Also, other positions become available from time to time, so if you are willing to serve in any other role (e.g., as an officer), let me know, as it helps to have a list of folks who want to help. Margaret Wedge, Membership Chairperson, has indicated that she would like to "retire" from that position, so we are looking for candidates for her job as well. Please give me a call, drop an e-mail message, or a note to: Roy Beckemeyer, 957 Perry St., Wichita, KS 67203-3141; (316) 264-0049; royb@southwind.net

Kansas Nature Photographers Organization Forming

If you have any interest in nature photography mark November 22, 1997 on your calendar! Interested individuals are invited to Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas to meet with other interested nature photographers to form a state wide organization of nature photographers.

Larry Rosenkoetter, a professor at Bethany College is the driving force behind this meeting. As of late May, over 50 individuals had indicated their intent to attend. A highlight of the meeting will be a series of 10-minute shows by various nature photographers around the state.

For more information contact Larry Rosenkoetter at: 204 W. Columbus, Lindsborg, KS 67456; (913) 227-3294; rosenkoel@bethany.bethanylb.edu

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Fall Birding

by *Pete Janzen*

By the time this issue of the Horned Lark arrives in your hands, fall migration will be well underway. In fact, it was already underway by the time you received your *last* issue! Returning shorebirds are already returning south by late June, only a couple of weeks after the last northbound ones have departed the mudflats of the big marshes. By mid-July, the night skies regularly echo with the ethereal night calls of Upland Sandpipers, the first big southward push of an avian movement that will continue until early December. Truly “fall” is the longest season for birding, and in many ways the most exciting.

The contrast with the northward spring migration is very dramatic. The northward spring movement is often longer than some appreciate, as waterfowl and raptors are often on the move in large numbers by late February, but no single bird event in the fall is as dramatic as the huge waves of shorebirds and passerines that pour northward during the month of May, in an urgent rush to reach the breeding grounds. While large movements like this also occur in the fall, for the most part these take place along the Atlantic coast. Many species that migrate through the plains on the northbound migration have evolved to take a much more coastal route on the return trip. Those that do return through the plains do so in rather disparate fashion., as food supplies, breeding schedules, weather, and maturing of juveniles dictate.

Here in Kansas, it can sometimes seem like fall migration is nearly non-existent at times. True, migrant shorebirds are abundant and diverse at Quivira and other wetland hotspots, but if you are expecting the large mixed flocks of vigorously singing colorful warblers that you saw in the spring, you will seek in vain. Lots of songbirds are on the move, but their vocalizations are generally only call notes during the fall movement, and fall passerines in general seem to be much less conspicuous, preferring to silently lurk in the brush and weeds, rather than singing loudly from exposed perches. The big “waves” of migrants that we see in the spring are not so frequent in the fall, although the first big cool fronts of the fall often trigger a lot of migrants to move south in numbers. In addition, many species molt into much more non-descript plumages in the fall, which can have confusing similarities. If you are willing to accept these challenges, however, you are likely to find that fall birding is just as exciting and rewarding as it is in the spring, if not more so.

If you haven't really given fall birding much of a shot, here are a few observations on what you might expect as the season progresses, with a few general suggestions on where and when to look.

Late July through September: The majority of the shorebirds move south during this period, although individuals of some species will linger as late as November. Peak movement is in August. The later in the season, the more likely that the birds are juveniles, as the adults fly south before the juveniles do.

This is also the time to put up your hummingbird feeders, in hopes that one of those rare western wanderers will show up. Maybe you won't always have the kind of wild fall that the Shanes and others in Garden City enjoyed last year, but you can hope for a Rufous anywhere in the state, and who knows what else?

Most insectivorous birds migrate during this period as well. Flycatchers, swallows, vireos, and warblers all have mostly departed by the end of September, although again, lingerers often hang around well into October, and a few species, most notably Yellow-rumped Warblers, remain common through October. Empidonax flycatchers appear as early as the first week of August some years, with the first two weeks of September being the peak of the warbler/vireo/flycatcher migration in the east, and perhaps a week to 10 days later in the west. Here in Wichita, I always start hitting places like Chisholm Creek Park and Maple Grove Cemetery during the last week of August, although in some years passerines don't start to get moving much until a few weeks later. It really depends a lot on the weather. When the cool fronts start to roll, so do the birds.

Mid-September is the time when many of the most serious rarity chasers visit Morton County, as a number of migrant unusual western species drift out onto the plains at this time. Some of my fondest birding memories center around September trips to Morton County. My list of Kansas birds would be a lot smaller without these trips. This is also a great way to meet all of the most serious birders in Kansas, because they are all out there!

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- - *Pete's Perspective, continued*

One habitat that many birders overlook when seeking fall warblers, as well as other passerines, is wild sunflower patches. These are very popular with warblers in the fall. I don't know if it's the seeds, or the insects that lurk there, or both, but these areas should not be ignored, especially when they are located near brushy edge habitats. I also have found that here in Wichita, the large conifer plantings at Maple Grove Cemetery are often more attractive to warblers in the fall than the riparian forest at Oak Park, which is the local spring hotspot.

Swallows often form immense flocks at favored staging areas such as Cheyenne Bottoms during August. These mixed flocks are made up of Barn, Bank, Cliff, and Rough-winged Swallows. Careful checking might turn up a vagrant Violet-green Swallow. These huge flocks are really spectacular to see, regardless of what species they are made up of.

Looks like this is getting long enough for one column. Next month I will write about Kansas birding in late fall and early winter, in many ways my favorite time for birding.

Jennifer Matiasek received a \$100 research scholarship from the H. W. Menke, KOS Student Research Fund for her Masters studies at Fort Hays State University on the breeding biology of the Rock Wren. The KOS Student Research Fund needs your support! Donations can be sent attention: Tom Shane, KOS SRF Committee Chair, 1706 Belmont, Garden City, KS 67846.
photo by Tom Shane

Silent Auction Donations Requested for Fall Meeting

Once again there will be a silent auction at the KOS Fall Meeting to raise funds for various activities and causes. For this auction to be successful we need two things: 1) items to be donated, and 2) people to bid on these items.

Anything birding related of an interesting, unique, or otherwise potentially money-making nature is desired for this auction. Contributions can be sent to Susan Barnes at 1425 S. Wichita Street, Wichita, KS 67213-5249. Contributors should determine a value for each contribution so a notice of the contribution can be returned for tax purposes and so a minimum bid can be established. If anyone has any questions, they can call Susan at 316-265-4059 or e-mail at barnowls@juno.com.

Possible items of interest include (but are certainly not limited to): birding books, particularly ones autographed by the author. birding prints/art, same note as above, birding rarities -- first-ever things, books no longer in print, interesting surveys, whatever. Any items related to the outdoors that might be of interest are desired!

KOS Items Available

If you would like to purchase KOS T-shirts, sweatshirts, window stickers, etc. then you need to contact the KOS Business Manager, James Barnes, at 1425 S Wichita, Wichita, KS 67213, 316-265-4059, or via e-mail at barnowls@juno.com

If you are also having problems getting your newsletter or bulletin let James know. And if you want to purchase back issues he is your contact also.

Send In Your Christmas Bird Count Dates

As in past years we like to include as many of the Christmas Bird Count dates and contact persons as possible in the December issue. If you are an organizer or compiler and you already know the dates of your count(s) please contact Chuck Otte at 785-238-8800 or 613 Tamerisk, Junction City KS 66441 or FAX at 785-238-7166 or e-mail at otte@jc.net or just tell me when you see me at the KOS Fall Meeting in Wichita in October. We need those dates by November 1st.

The 5th National Big Sit October 19, 1997

Choose a spot anywhere in the county, state, country you wish to represent. Draw an imaginary 17 foot circle (diameter) in that spot and count how many birds you, or you and your teammates, can see or hear within 24 hours while you are within that circle. Last year 21 states with 158 individuals in 48 circles counted 296 species. You can have all sorts of fun with this! We can see who can get the most birds within a single circle in the state of Kansas!

Do your backyard, do your favorite birding area, bring a lawn chair, have a barbeque, fall asleep and watch the patterns of nature from your stationary vantage point. Call John Himmelman at (860) 663-3225 for more information and to register your spot. Or, even better, send e-mail to jhimmel@connix.com.

**Deadline for submissions for the
December, 1997 Horned Lark is
November 1, 1997.**

Remember KOS.... If you would like to help the Kansas Ornithological Society's future growth consider leaving a memorial trust for the Society or including the KOS in your will. If you would like more information feel free to contact any of the Board Members.

Birding Ethics - -

NOTES: On the Effects of Tape Playing and Close Observation of Birds

by Tyler Hicks

The subject of tape playing has been fought and argued over for a very long time, but no long term studies have been done on this subject. I have put together a few notes and articles about the effects of tapes on a few species of birds.

Tape playing is a relatively new technique used in attracting birds (particularly such secretive species as owls, rails, wrens, and warblers). One such case of over zealous birders in Southeastern Arizona was mentioned in ABA's *Winging It*, July 1997 issue. When, in early June, a Fan-tailed Warbler appeared at the Patagonia Roadside Rest stop, they speculated that the overplaying of tapes and too-close approaches were the reason for its quick departure. A similar thing is happening to the Elegant Trogon. I recently talked to a VENT Tour leader who informed me that this species is becoming more and more difficult to see, because of the disturbances of their nest sites by enthusiastic birders and photographers. This species nesting is easily disrupted by any disturbance.

Another species of which I'm sure is affected by tape playing is wrens. One year in early spring I heard a House Wren singing near my house. So I grabbed my tapes and rushed to the backyard and played the tape in hopes of getting to see the wren. Immediately after I started playing the tapes the wren stopped vocalizing and for the rest of the summer I did not have one wren set up a territory or use one of my numerous nest boxes. The next year I refrained from using the tapes and I had House Wrens using two of my boxes. A similar thing happened with Bewick's Wren when I got "*Tape Happy*" and I never saw the Bewick's Wren again.

This has also been noted in Thompson & Ely's *Birds in Kansas*, Volume II. When a tape was used to draw a male House Wren in closer to an Australian observer, "The male came in, took one listen to the horrendously loud wren song, decided it must be bigger than he, and took his mate and abandoned the bird house and all the babies."

The presumed problem with tape playing is that it will often drive the female off the nest or interrupt the normal nesting routine. Tape playing is now being discouraged more and more especially for rails and owls in their breeding season and has been banned in Texas State Parks.

The rail species, especially, are probably attracted more often by tape than any other species. These species are still some of the least known in the United States, because, they are very difficult to study. You may think, "If I only play it for a little while it won't hurt." But what if you had over 20 people play tapes for just a little bit, over a month period, during the breeding season? That could severely disrupt their nesting. A species I had in mind is the Black Rails at Coldwater Lake. I know numerous people have gone to see this local and rare species and I'm sure they all played tapes. I wonder what effects it has had on this species?

This subject is in need of considerable study in the near future, as birding participation continues to grow. Please remember the next time you are offered the chance to see a wonderful bird that patience will almost always pays off.

The Plant Impact - -

Follow The Food

In many parts of Kansas we are already starting to see a repeat of last year's massive fall webworm infestations. Barring unforeseen circumstances many entomologists are expecting this year's fall webworm infestation to even exceed last year's. What this means to birders is that as we head in to August and early September start looking for the webby trees and spend a little extra time looking for

birds who are looking for lunch. Not all trees are equally attractive to webworms. Walnut and pecan trees seem to be especially attractive (to Walnut caterpillars as well which also have a webby habit!). Apples, mulberries, locust and elm should be examined carefully also. Homeowners need not be overly concerned about the webworms except on very small, young trees. While unsightly and a nuisance their feeding does very little long term damage to mature trees so spraying with insecticides really isn't necessary!

Chuck Otte

Getting Connected Mysteries of the Internet - A Primer *by Chuck Otte*

I frequently am asked questions about the internet. How much does it cost to get connected? How much does it cost to get e-mail (electronic mail) and the World Wide Web? How much does it cost to get all those messages like you talk about on BirdChat or the Kansas Birds List?

For starters you need a computer. If you have a computer that will run Windows 95 (or the equivalent Macintosh - any Mac pro is welcome to send me the Mac equivalent specifications) then you have a machine that will comfortably access the internet.

Next you need a modem. This is a device that takes your computer information and converts it into something that will go across the phone line. Modems have different speeds of transmission expressed in kilobauds or "kbs". You will usually just hear people talk about their 28.8 or 33.6 modems. The bigger the number the faster the speed that it sends and receives data. The big talk right now is about the 56 kb modems. By late 1997 or early 1998 many of the providers (more on providers later) will have 56 kb modems in place. If you have a 28.8 or a 33.6 right now wait a few more months before you upgrade. If you just have a 28.8 don't upgrade to a 33.6, save your money for a 56 later on.

To finish your Internet connection (assuming that you already have a phone line that you can hook into your computer) you need computer programs (software) and an Internet Service Provider (ISP). The programs allow your computer to "dial up" and connect to your ISP, they allow you to send and receive e-mail and access the World Wide Web (WWW). Often these programs are sold by your ISP or provided at little or no charge. Sometimes these are evaluation or limited edition programs. They will work just fine, they simply won't have as many features as the full edition versions.

Your ISP has the computer that is hooked directly into the Internet via high speed high volume data communication lines. Many communities in Kansas, and around the country, now have local companies offering Internet connections. Kansas now has a law in place to make sure that everyone can get an Internet hookup. If you can't seem to find an ISP contact a computer store or your local phone company (or the author) and one of us should be able to track down a service provider.

How much does it cost? Many local ISPs have a variety of services based on how much help you may want or need, how many hours of connect time you want, etc. My local provider gives me 150 hours of connect time per month for \$17.95. Most ISPs will have a base package that costs between \$15 and \$25 per month. This connect time is for the total time you are connected regardless of whether it is sending and receiving e-mail or "surfing the Web". There is often additional charges if you want more hours, or want your own WWW page, or need more assistance or go over your hourly base. Don't go overboard buying hours you may not need. I consider myself a "power user" and have never gone over 75 hours in one month and am usually under 50 hours per month!

Once you have your equipment and your service this is often the end of the charges. A few companies may still charge you on the number of e-mail messages you send and receive but most do not. So once you are hooked up there are no "subscription fees" for BirdChat (a national discussion group about birds and birdwatching), or BirdCntr (which is where you can receive transcribed postings of most of the Rare Bird Alerts and Hotlines around the central US), or KSBIRD-L (which is a discussion group centered on birds and bird issues in Kansas). There are some services, both e-mail and on the World Wide Web, that you have to pay a monthly fee to receive, but I haven't found any of these that are bird related.

It doesn't matter if you are sending or receiving a message from the other side of town or the other side of the globe. Once you are connected it is all a "local call", there is no long distance on the internet. You can visit a web site in Germany or Australia just as fast and easy as you can visit our own KOS World Wide Web homepage.

Will the Internet ever replace the KOS hotline or *The Bulletin* or *The Horned Lark*? I don't know. But in the meantime you will find that there is a lot of information out there just waiting to be found (or as we cyber-birders would say - waiting to be accessed.)

Questions? Ask me at the Fall Meeting in Wichita or drop me a note at: otte@jc.net or if you have to - my phone and address are on Page 1.....

SPRING ROUND-UP

March 1997 through May 1997

by Chris Hobbs

March was welcomed relief from the ravages of winter, as temperatures warmed to seasonable highs throughout most of the month. Birders were optimistic about the beginning of the spring migration when - WHAM!! - an April 11 blizzard swept through western and northern Kansas, sending temperatures plummeting and snowfalls up to 24"! Unfortunately, Killdeers were at peak migration when the storm struck, and inestimable numbers were forced down by the heavy snow. Seltman reported Killdeer too weak to fly on the first day, and emaciated, frozen corpses the next. The storm apparently delivered the prize of the season, Kansas' first NORTHERN WHEATEAR! This nuptial-plumaged adult was leisurely observed at a farm near Bird City, in Cheyenne County. As you peruse the bird list below, you will undoubtedly see migration events, and aftereffects, associated with this storm. The Arctic blast accompanying the storm kept wintry temperatures in the

picture for the remainder of that week, but the warm-up was underway by the beginning of the third week.

Many observers commented on the migration being a week to ten days late, perhaps as a result of the blizzard, but another, distant weather event may have been the *real* culprit. My birding addiction has also made me a junkie for The Weather Channel, cable's premier source for migration information! Those of you similarly afflicted may recall a huge, stationary, low pressure system that stretched from northeast New Mexico across Texas to Arkansas during late April. This front dumped all kinds of rain on Texas, but also served as a 'wall' that effectively prevented the direct flow of migrants into Kansas. Instead, many funneled around our state, as witnessed by the outrageous numbers of eastern passerines that appeared in Colorado this spring! Our May weather was pretty consistent, with nary a front to afford a passerine fall-out. That's not to say we didn't have some good birding in Kansas this spring - just a delayed, trickling-through of migrants!

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER(S)</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
RED-THROATED LOON	1 at Lake Afton	Janzen, m.ob	04-13	Sedgwick
	1 at Clinton Lake in Lawrence	Powell	04-20/26	Douglas
Common Loon	11 at Perry Lake	Rucker	04-12	Jefferson
	7 at Wyandotte Co. Lake	Moore	04-12	Wyandotte
Pied-billed Grebe	new arrivals at Cheyenne Bottoms	Seltman	03-08	Barton
Horned Grebe	10 at Wyandotte Co. Lake	Moore	04-12	Wyandotte
	17 at Wyandotte Co. Lake	Moore	04-13	Wyandotte
Red-necked Grebe	1 molting ad. at Quivira NWR	Janzen	03-28	Stafford
	1 below dam at Melvern Reservoir	Swalwell	04-28	Osage
Western Grebe	1 at La Cygne Power Lake	Moore	04-16	Linn
	max. 9 at Quivira NWR	Rader	04-20/05-03	Stafford
	2 at Clinton Lake in Lawrence	Moore	04-26	Douglas
	3 at Dry Lake	m.ob	05-10	Scott
	1 at Quivira NWR	m.ob	05-10	Stafford
Clark's Grebe	1 at Cheyenne Bottoms paired w/ West.	Janzen, et al	04-26	Barton
White Pelican	many eastern reservoirs	m.ob	early March	
BROWN PELICAN	1 imm. at Quivira NWR	Rhoades, m.ob	05-17	Stafford
Double-crested Cormorant	new arrivals at Cheyenne Bottoms	Seltman	03-08	Barton

Neotropic Cormorant	1 at Quivira NWR's Big Salt Marsh 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Vannoy Van Dyke	04-20 05-24	Stafford Barton
American Bittern	1 at Quivira NWR	Janzen	03-28	Stafford
Glossy Ibis	1 north of Cheyenne Bottoms 1 at Quivira NWR	Janzen, et al Pittman	04-26 05-26	Barton Stafford
Tundra Swan	9 at Quivira NWR	Gresham	03-15	Stafford
Greater White-fronted Goose	1000 Marais des Cygne WA 7 at Quivira NWR 4 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Young McFadden m.ob	03-02 04-23 05-04	Linn Stafford Barton
Ross' Goose	3 east of Ulysses 12 at Marais des Cygne WA 1 at Marais des Cygne WA	Moore Moore McNeill	03-05 03-12 05-10	Grant Linn Linn
American Black Duck	1 at Quivira NWR	m.ob	05-03/10	Stafford
Cinnamon Teal	10 east of Ulysses 2 east of Ulysses 3 at Quivira NWR	M&E Corder Moore McFadden	03-05 03-05 04-19	Grant Grant Stafford
Ring-necked Duck	1 at Quivira NWR	Janzen	05-28	Stafford
hybrid Lesser Scaup x Ring-necked Duck	at Quivira NWR	Janzen	03-28	Stafford
Greater Scaup	1 near Redmond Reservoir 1 at Lake Afton 1 at Quivira NWR	Moore, Hobbs Janzen, et al m.ob	03-02 04-13 05-03	Coffey Sedgwick Stafford
Oldsquaw	2 near Redmond Reservoir	Brier, m.ob	02-28/03-23	Coffey
Black Scoter	Milford Reservoir	Keating, m.ob	04-17/23	Geary
Red-breasted Merganser	widespread during mid-March 2 at Harvey Co. East Lake near Newton	Friesen	04-12	Harvey
Mississippi Kite	1 st arrival in Garden City 1 in Overland Park	T&S Shane Dolginoff	05-04 05-17	Finney Johnson
Bald Eagle	nesting at Clinton Rsvr (Douglas Co.); Perry Lake (Jefferson); Hillsdale Rsvr. (Miami Co.); Wolf Creek Power Rsvr. (Co.); and North Fork Ninnescah (Stafford Co.)			
Northern Goshawk	1 adult near Bird City	Busse	04-15	Cheyenne
Broad-winged Hawk	2 (a pair) at Wyandotte Co. Lake 1 at Marais des Cygne WA	Moore Moore, et al	04-18 04-19	Wyandotte Linn
Swainson's Hawk	1 st season report near Haviland	Janzen	03-28	Kiowa
Ferruginous Hawk	far east at El Dorado Lake	Janzen	04-23	Butler

Rough-legged Hawk	still common, though late!	Seltman	04-12	Pawnee & Rush
Merlin	1 at Pomona Reservoir 1 at Quivira NWR 1 at Lake Afton 2 at Quivira NWR	Moore McFadden Janzen, et al m.ob	03-02 03-26 04-13 05-03	Osage Stafford Sedgwick Stafford
Peregrine Falcon	6 at Quivira NWR! 4 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Preston Seltman	05-03 05-03	Stafford Barton
Yellow Rail	1 (late!) at Baker Wetland in Lawrence	Cink	05-08	Douglas
Black Rail	3 at Quivira NWR	Van Dyke	05-26	Stafford
Virginia Rail	>1 near Milford Reservoir	Otte	03-08	Geary
Sandhill Crane	4 flying over s.e. corner of county 'good #'s at Quivira NWR 5 near Cheyenne Bottoms 8 at Quivira NWR	Pittman unknown m.ob	03-11 05-03 05-03	Jefferson Barton Stafford
Whooping Crane	2 at Quivira NWR 2 at Nature Conservancy property	Preston Seltman	05-02 05-02	Stafford Barton
Black-bellied Plover	100 at Quivira NWR 94 at playa lake east of Meade 15 at Quivira NWR	McFadden Seltman Van Dyke	05-17 05-17 05-26	Stafford Meade Stafford
American Golden-Plover	5 at Quivira NWR 5 near fish farms outside Lawrence 9 at Cheyenne Bottoms	Seltman Moore Van Dyke	04-05 04-13 05-26	Stafford Douglas Barton
Snowy Plover	3 at Quivira NWR	Seltman	04-05	Stafford
Piping Plover	1 at Quivira NWR 1 at Cheyenne Bottoms 1 at Kyle Marsh, Perry Lake 3 at Quivira NWR 2 at Quivira NWR Big Salt Marsh	McFadden Janzen, et al Rucker m.ob Otte	04-20/28 04-26 05-02 05-03 05-18	Stafford Barton Jefferson Stafford Stafford
American Avocet	450 at Quivira NWR	McFadden	04-23	Stafford
Greater Yellowlegs	1 east of Ulysses (early) 5 at Quivira NWR	Moore Rader	03-05 03-14	Grant Stafford
Lesser Yellowlegs	1 at Quivira NWR	Rader	03-14	Stafford
Willet	1 at Quivira NWR 300 at in Pool #1 Cheyenne Bottoms	McFadden m.ob	04-19 05-03	Stafford Barton
Upland Sandpiper	94 in burned field west of Hutchinson	McFadden	05-04	Reno
Long-billed Curlew	1 mile northwest of Yoder	McFadden	04-14	Reno

Hudsonian Godwit	4 at fish farm near Lawrence	Robbins	04-09	Douglas
	4 at Harvey Co. East Lake near Newton	Friesen	04-12	Harvey
	2 in a pasture near Manhattan	Heddinger	04-11/13	Riley
	9 at fish farm near Lawrence	Moore	04-13	Douglas
	2 at Quivira NWR	Rader	04-20	Stafford
	6 at Quivira NWR	m.ob	05-03	Stafford
	30 at Quivira NWR	m.ob	05-10/26	Stafford
	21 near El Dorado	Langley	05-15	Butler
	28 at Quivira NWR	McFadden`	05-21	Stafford
3 south of Sterling	Janzen	05-28	Reno	
Marbled Godwit	5 at Harvey Co. East Lake near Newton	Friesen	04-12	Harvey
	1 at fish farm near Lawrence	Moore	04-13	Douglas
	28 at Quivira NWR	McFadden	04-23	Stafford
	30 at Quivira NWR	m.ob	05-03	Stafford
Ruddy Turnstone	1 at Quivira NWR	m.ob	05-10	Stafford
Sanderling	2 at Cheney Reservoir	Janzen	05-28	Sedgwick
Baird's Sandpiper	2 at Quivira NWR	Rader	03-14	Stafford
Pectoral Sandpiper	11 at Quivira NWR	McFadden	03-26	Stafford
Dunlin	4 (early) at fish farm near Lawrence	Pittman	04-11	Douglas
Stilt Sandpiper	2 at fish farm near Lawrence	Moore	04-13	Douglas
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	ca. 100 near Quivira NWR office	m.ob	05-03	Reno
Red-necked Phalarope	2 at Quivira NWR	m.ob	05-03	Stafford
	4 at Quivira NWR	m.ob	05-10	Stafford
	30 at Quivira NWR	m.ob	05-22	Stafford
	3 at Quivira NWR	Van Dyke	05-26	Stafford
Bonaparte's Gull	65 Coleman Ponds in Wichita	Janzen, et al	04-13	Sedgwick
	30 at fish farm near Lawrence	Moore	04-13	Douglas
	5 at Quivira NWR	m.ob	05-10	Stafford
California Gull	ad, at Cedar Bluff Reservoir	M&E Corder	03-01	Trego
Thayer's Gull	Basic I at Melvern Reservoir	Moore, m.ob	03-02	Osage
ICELAND GULL	Basic I at Melvern Reservoir	Swalwell, m.ob	02-28/03-02	Osage
Forster's Tern	early 1 st arrival at Quivira NWR	Seltman	04-05	Stafford
	4 at Wyandotte County Lake	Gaume	04-19	Wyandotte
EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE	3-4 at Goodland	Sanderson	05-15/period	Sherman
<i>Although this species is apparently beginning to colonize North America, the debate continues as to the origin of each, new, population. The KBRC will have the unenviable task of deciding the status of the this, and future occurrences of this species in Kansas.</i>				
WHITE-WINGED DOVE	1 at feeder in Burns	Strotkamp	04-19/24	Marion

Short-eared Owl	late, but still common!	Seltman	04-12	Pawnee & Rush
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1 near Marais des Cygne WA	Mulhern	05-29	Linn
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1 at Quivira NWR 1 at Ft. Leavenworth	m.ob Mulhern	05-10 05-25	Stafford Leavenworth
Ash-throated Flycatcher	1 below Clark County Lake	Seltman	04-26	Clark
Cassin's Kingbird	along Arkansas River near Coolidge	Mulhern	04-10	Hamilton
Western Kingbird	early migrants along Arkansas River	Mulhern	04-10/11	Ford
Eastern Kingbird	early migrants along Arkansas River	Mulhern	04-10/11	Ford
Tree Swallow	1 st arrivals at Marais des Cygne WA	Moore	03-20	Linn
CLARK'S NUTCRACKER	1 Ulysses 1 Dodge City	m.ob Stain	01-11/03-29 02-01/04-02	Grant Ford
Fish Crow	several along Shoal Creek near Galena	Mulhern, et al	05-29	Cherokee
Mountain Chickadee	1 at feeder in Ulysses	m.ob	01-31/03-04	Grant
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1 at Kansas University campus	Wedge	04-25/05-	Douglas
Rock Wren	1 at Quivira NWR	Gresham	04-20	Stafford
NORTHERN WHEATEAR	1 adult male (eastern form) Bird City	Busse	04-12	Cheyenne
Mountain Bluebird	migrating no. of Dodge City	Davis	03-08	Ford
Townsend's Solitaire	2 at Lyon Co. State Lake 1 at Perry Lake	Gish, et al Rucker	03-01 04-23	Lyon Jefferson
Veery	1 at Bonner Springs	Moore	05-26	Wyandotte
CURVE-BILLED THRASHER	Rich residence in Garden City Shane res. in Garden City (same bird??)	L&B Rich T&S Shane	03-30 04-15	Finney Finney
Sprague's Pipit	5 near Cheyenne Bottoms	Seltman	05-02	Barton
Northern Shrike	Melvorn Reservoir	Moore	03-02	Osage
Blue-winged Warbler	1 at Overland Park Arboretum 1 at Lone Star	Crawford Wedge	05-09/11 05-10	Johnson Douglas
Northern Parula	1 in Elkhart, near cemetery	L&R Smith	05-04	Morton
Chestnut-sided Warbler	4 at Wyandotte Co. Lake >1 Walla Walla Rd., Junction City	Moore Otte	05-20 05-24	Wyandotte Geary
Cape May Warbler	1 at Harvey County East Lake 1 south Manhattan along Wildcat Crk.	Schwab, et al Mulhern	05-10 05-10	Harvey Riley

Blackburnian Warbler	1 along Walla Walla Rd., Jct. City	Otte	05-24	Geary
Yellow-throated Warbler	1 at Marais des Cygne WA 3 at Marais des Cygne WA 1 at River Ponds Park, Tuttle Creek 1 at Perry State Park at Perry Lake 1 at Wichita State University 5 at Ft. Leavenworth	Moore Moore, Pittman m.ob Rucker Gresham Schukman	04-16 04-19 04-19 04-23 04-29 05-04	Linn Linn Pottawatomie Jefferson Sedgwick Leavenworth
Bay-breasted Warbler	1 at Overland Park Arboretum 1 along Walla Walla Rd., Jct. City	Corder Otte	05-16 05-24	Johnson Geary
Worm-eating Warbler	Oak Park in Wichita	unknown	04-20	Sedgwick
Mourning Warbler	6 at Ft. Leavenworth	Mulhern	05-25	Leavenworth
McGillivray's Warbler	1 male along Cimarron River	Seltman	05-17	Seward
Hooded Warbler	male in downtown Wichita male at Ft. Leavenworth	Barnes Hobbs, et al	04-29 05-07/10	Sedgwick Leavenworth
Summer Tanager	Scott Lake State Park	m.ob	05-10	Scott
Scarlet Tanager	Scott Lake State Park	m.ob	05-10	Scott
Black-headed Grosbeak	1 along Cimarron River 1 east of range near Towanda 2 at feeder north of Junction City	Seltman Bob Broyals fide Otte	05-17 05-14 05-24	Seward Butler Geary
Blue Grosbeak	early female near Mulvane	Hicks	04-16	Sumner
Lazuli Bunting	3 in Elkhart, near cemetery 1 at feeder near Junction City 1 at feeder in Paxico 1 at Perry Lake 1 along Walla Walla Rd., Junction City 1 at Wilson State Park	L&R Smith Otte Lamley Hanson Otte Rader	05-04 05-11 05-17 05-19 05-24 05-30	Morton Geary Wabaunsee Jefferson Geary Ellsworth
Painted Bunting	1 at feeder near Tuttle Creek Resvr.	Burnett	05-12	Pottawatomie
Green-tailed Towhee	1 at Wilson SP	M&E Corder	03-01	Russell
Henslow's Sparrow	1 near Marais des Cygne 'several' at Harvey Co. East Lake	Moore m.ob	04-19 05-04/17	Linn Harvey
GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW	in Elkhart near cemetery	&R Smith	05-04	Morton
Harris' Sparrow	100's of late migrants	Seltman	05-10	Stafford
McCown's Longspur	1 near Greensburg	Janzen	03-28	Kiowa
Lapland Longspur	100's - many males in nuptial plumage	Seltman	04-12	Pawnee & Rush

Smith's Longspur	35 at Lyon Co. Lake	Moore, Hobbs	03-02	Lyon
Chestnut-collared Longspur	a few near Greensburg	Janzen	03-28	Kiowa
Yellow-headed Blackbirds	arrived April 15/16, after the storm, to many southern Kansas locations.			
Red Crossbill	'large' # in Ulysses near Perry Lake dam >1 in Dodge City max. 16 in Garden City >1 in Wichita 2 in Lone Star >1 in north Newton 3 near Junction City cemetery	m.ob Rucker Stain T&S Shane unknown Wedge Regier Otte	03-05/29 03-07 04-02 04-09/05-31 04-09 04-10 04-11 05-28	Grant Jefferson Ford Finney Sedgwick Douglas Harvey Geary
Pine Siskin	several in Junction City cemetery	Otte	05-28	Geary
Evening Grosbeak	'large' # in Ulysses >1 in Larned max. 15 in Garden City 20 at Larned	m.ob Donn T&S Shane Cassmeyer	03-05/29 04-08 04-09/05-04 05-02	Grant Pawnee Finney Pawnee

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

ad. = adult	m.ob = many observers
Basic I = winter plumage, 1 st year	NWR = National Wildlife Refuge
ca. = 'approximate'	Rd. = Road
Co. = County	res. = residence
Crk. = Creek	Rsvr. = Reservoir
Ft. = Fort	SP = State Park
imm. = immature	WA = Wildlife Area
max. = maximum	> = 'greater than'

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James Barnes, Joanne Brier, Bob Broyles, Ken Brunson, Doris Burnette, Dan Busse, Ted Cable, Don Cassmeyer, Wally Champeny, Cal Cink, Mark and Elaine Corder, Steve Crawford, Joyce Davis, Bob Dester, Elisha Dolginoff, Jim Donn, Greg Farley, Dan Ferman, A. Finkle, Bob Fisher, John Frey, Gregg Friesen, Mike Gaume, Terrell Giddens, Dan Gish, Chet Gresham, Pam Hanson, Tyler Hicks, Chris Hobbs, Pete Janzen, Jeff Keating, Dan Kilby, Mary King, Nellie Lamley, Bill Langley, Vern Laux, S. Lewis, Harold McFadden, M. McGlowan, Mick McHugh, Roger McNeill, Ed Miller, Lloyd Moore, Dan Mulhern, James Nickel, Art Nonhoff, John Northrup, Marie Osterbuhr, Chuck and Jaye Otte, John Palmquist, Sebastian Patti, Galen Pittman, Alexi Powell, Eric Preston, Rick Prum, Mike Rader, Bob Regier, Steve Rhoades, Leonard and Betty Rich, David Rintoul, Mark Robbins, Richard Rucker, Ken Sanderson, John Schukman, Carolyn Schwab, Scott and Diane Seltman, Tom and Sara Shane, Guy Smith, Lawrence and Ruth Smith, Doug Stain, Glen and Dorothea Strotkamp, Art Swalwell, Bill Trelec, Max Thompson, Beverly Van Dyke, Don Vannoy, Phil and Linda Wedge, Fred Young.

Remember that all sightings are tentative, pending action of the Kansas Bird Records Committee (KBRC).

Did you see a good bird, an unusual bird, a common bird out of season or 'out of location?' Be sure to call the KOS Hotline at **785-372-5499**.

Did you see a **REALLY** good bird?? Take the time to complete a KBRC Official Report form and send it to Galen Pittman, 12042 258th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044. A KBRC report form was in the March, 1997 *Horned Lark* (pg 17) and can also be found on the KOS World Wide Web homepage at <http://www-personal.ksu.edu/~drintoul/kos>. Click on the Rare Bird Record Committee menu option.

Forty-First Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) Check-list of North American Birds as they affect the Kansas Ornithological Society Check-list

by Max C. Thompson

(Editor's Note - As many of you are aware the names of the birds on the Kansas Ornithological Society's checklist, as well as their order of appearance and what constitutes a full species, usually follows what the American Ornithologists Union (AOU) does with their checklist. Just shortly before deadline the AOU released their 41st supplement to their checklist. There are some fairly major changes with this supplement. Max Thompson, Kansas Birds Record Committee member, volunteered to distill the major changes down into a quick article to beat the deadline. Thank you Max! - ceo)

The 7th supplement to the 6th edition of the AOU Check-list of North American Birds includes taxonomic and nomenclature changes adopted by the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature between March 15, 1995 and March 15, 1997. This is the last supplement before the publication of the 7th edition of the check-list. The following are the changes:

The Turkey Vulture and the Black Vulture in the family Cathartidae are removed from the Falconiformes and placed in the order Ciconiiformes, suborder Ciconiae following the family Ciconiidae, the ibis.

The sequence of the swans, geese and ducks has been changed: Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Fulvous Whistling-Duck, Greater White-fronted Goose, Snow Goose, Ross's Goose, Canada Goose, Brant, Tundra Swan, Trumpeter Swan, Wood Duck, Gadwall, Eurasian Wigeon, American Wigeon, Am. Black Duck, Mottled Duck, Mallard, Garganey, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, King Eider, Common Eider, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Black Scoter, Oldsquaw, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Barrow's Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Common Merganser, Ruddy Duck.

The New World quail are elevated to family level Odontophoridae.

The Burrowing Owl's scientific name will be listed as *Athene cunicularia* rather than the genus *Speotyto*.

The scientific name of the Olive-sided Flycatcher is changed from *Contopus borealis* to *Contopus cooperi* because of priority.

The genus *Petrochelidon* for the Cliff Swallow (*pyrrhonota*) and the Cave Swallow (*fulva*) is separated from and follows, *Hirundo*.

The following families have been moved in front of the Alaudidae (larks): Shrikes (Laniidae), Vireos (Vireonidae), and Jays and Crows (Corvidae).

Starlings (Sturnidae) moved so they follow the Thrashers (Mimidae).

One of the major changes is removal of all the North American parids from the genus *Parus*. The Black-capped Chickadee and the Carolina are now placed in the genus *Poecile* and the Tufted Titmouse is now in the genus *Baeolophus*. The new arrangement is Carolina Chickadee, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse.

The kinglets, genus *Regulus*, are removed from the family Muscicapidae and are returned to the rank of family (Regulidae).

The Solitary Vireo, *Vireo solitarius*, is divided into three species: *V. solitarius*, Blue-headed Vireo; *V. cassinii*, Cassin's Vireo; and *V. plumbeus*, Plumbeous Vireo. This change adds the Cassin's Vireo and the Plumbeous Vireo to the Kansas list with voucher specimens in the University of Kansas Museum of Natural History collection.

The subfamily Cardinalinae is moved to follow the subfamily Emberizinae.

The sequence of the grackles has been changed to: Common Grackle, Great-tailed Grackle.

The major changes to the Kansas check-list are the addition of two new species and the reordering of many species.

Tallgrass Prairie Preserve

The Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve near Cottonwood Falls (a.k.a. the Z-Bar Ranch) is compiling a mailing list of individuals and organizations interested in staying in touch with developments there. Send your name and address to: Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, 226 Broadway, PO Box 585, Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845.

Birding Field Trips at Milford Lake

Chuck Otte will be leading birding field trips around Milford Lake on September 27 and October 25, 1997. Meet at the Milford Nature Center at 8:00 am. For more information contact Chuck at 785-238-8800.

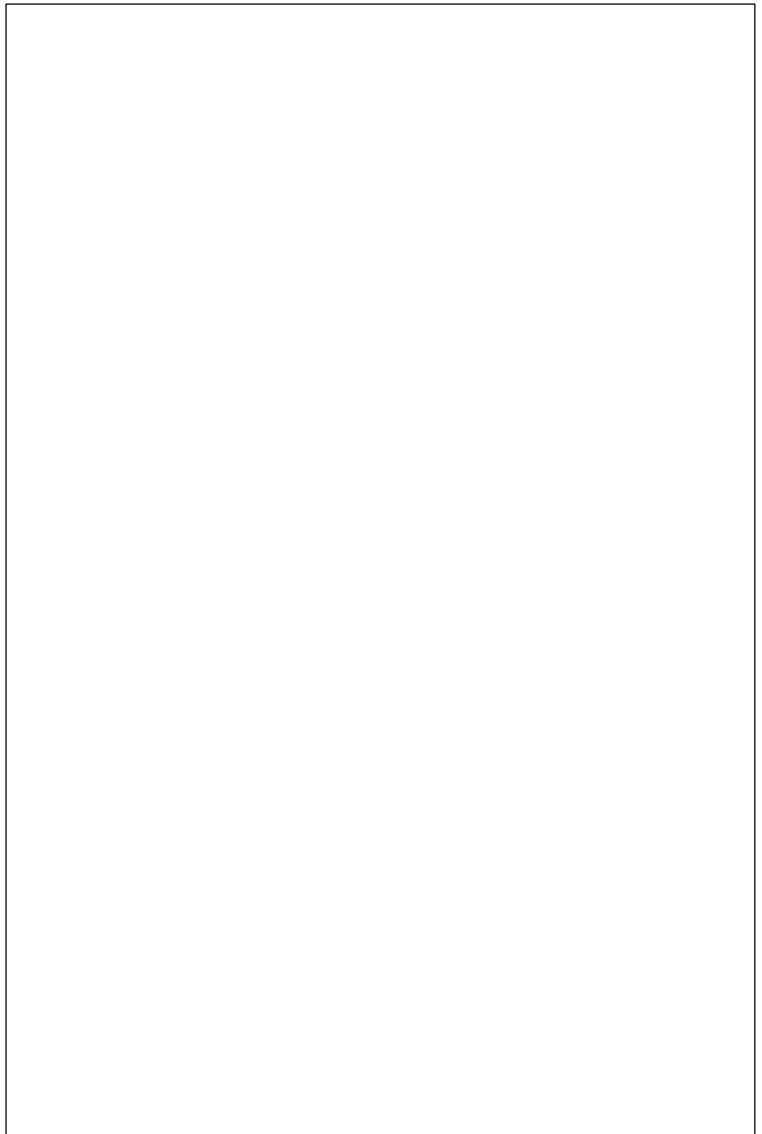
Wanted! Records!

No, we don't want your old 45's and 33 1/3 rpm LPs! We want your bird sighting records. Every time you go out on a bird watching outing take some good notes. Take especially good notes including where you were (get specific). Take good notes of day and time. If you take the time to look into the county records for Kansas we find that there is a lot of "missing data". The Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas project has started to fill in some of the holes for breeding species, but what about all those migrants?

A group is forming that is interested in promoting better record keeping (including documentation of rarities and submittal to the appropriate committee). And while we may not be ready to take all your records just yet, start getting them together and start keeping better records.

We owe it to ourselves, other bird watchers, ornithologists and future generations to put egos and competition aside and do a better job of documenting and reporting what we see. Stay tuned for more details in coming issues!

- ceo



John Cavitt received a \$355 research scholarship from the H. T. Geir, KOS Student Research Fund for his doctoral studies at Kansas State University on the effects of food supplementation on nest success and allocation of parental effort in the Brown Thrasher. All of the scholarship was made possible by the Charles Edwards Memorial. Charles was a Kansas State University alumunus and an active KOS member for many years.

KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
1997 FALL MEETING
OCTOBER 4 & 5, 1997
GREAT PLAINS NATURE CENTER, WICHITA, KANSAS

Make your plans now to attend the fall meeting in Wichita. Headquarters for the meeting will be the fantastic new **Great Plains Nature Center**, a joint venture of the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks, The City of Wichita Department of Parks & Recreation, and The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The facility is dedicated to nature education, and is located adjacent to Chisholm Creek Park, one of the "Wichita Wild" natural areas owned and maintained by the City of Wichita. It is located at 6232 E. 29th St. N., Wichita, KS 67220-2200. From the intersection of the turnpike (I-35) and K-96 on the east side of Wichita, take K-96 north, exit south on Woodlawn, turning west at 29th St. N., and making the first right turn into the parking lot. From I-135, take K-96 east to Woodlawn, then south to 29th St. N. Phone number: (316) 683-5499. FAX: (316) 688-9555.

Our scheduled guest speaker will be the **noted author and Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Nebraska, John Janovy, Jr.** John has written a series of wonderful natural history books centered for the most part on the Great Plains. His publications include: "Keith County Journal" (1978, St. Martin's Press, re-issued in paperback by the U. of Nebraska Press), "Back in Keith County", 1981, St. Martin's Press (also re-issued by UNP), "Yellowlegs", 1980, St. Martin's Press, "On Becoming a Biologist", 1985, Harper & Row (re-issued in paper by UNP), "Vermillion Sea", Houghton Mifflin, 1992, and "Dunwoody Pond", 1994, St. Martin's Press. If you haven't read his books, pick one up before the meeting. You can get a taste for John's writing style by accessing the internet web page at: <http://www.unl.edu/jjanovy/books.html>.

Throw together a great meeting site, a great guest speaker, a batch of stimulating papers on ornithology, and some fall birding trips, and how can you stay away?

Here are the particulars:

Friday evening, October 3:

Early arrivals are invited to join us at the Nature Center for cookies and beverages starting at 7:00 pm; get an early look at the facility, do a bit of birding at the adjacent Chisholm Creek Park, chat with old friends you haven't seen for some time, regale us with your fantastic birding tales, arrange the slides for your Saturday talk, and deliver items for the silent auction fund raiser. Then at 8:00 pm, join the special event of the evening, the Kansas Bird Records Committee-sponsored bird identification contest/challenge/seminar.

Saturday, October 4:

Donuts, coffee, tea, juice beginning at 7:30 am at the Nature Center. Morning session paper presenters should visit the slide-organizing room and prepare their materials and check in with Greg Farley, VP and Paper Session moderator or Suzanne Fellows, Great Plains Nature Center coordinator for our meeting. Deliver your items for the silent auction fund raiser to Susan Barnes. Pay your dues to James Barnes, Business Manager, or to Ed Miller, Treasurer, at the KOS Sales & Membership Table.

Sales tables will include:

KOS table - memberships, Kansas Checklists, KOS window decals, KOS T-shirts and Sweatshirts.

Wichita Audubon Society Table - A variety of items with natural history themes, including T-shirts and books. DeLorme Kansas Atlas available.

Photographs by Bob Gress and artwork by Dan Kilby and James Barnes will be on display and available for purchase.

A room will be dedicated to the **silent auction**. There have been some great items available in the past, and we hope this year's offerings will also contain a treasure that you won't be able to do without. Visit often, and make a bid before the day is over.

Paper sessions will begin at 8:30 am. The morning paper session will conclude at 11:00 am. The **morning business meeting** (11:00 am - 11:30 am) will include short reports from officers, and the presentation of the slate of candidates and request for any nominations from the floor for open board and officer positions.

Sack lunch will be catered by the New York Bagel Shop & Deli: sandwich, pasta/potato salad, cookie and beverage. Cost: \$6.00. Eat in the facility or go for a walk in the park, or take your lunch to the auditorium for the member slide show from 12:00 noon till 1:00 pm.

KOS Board Meeting/Working Lunch will be from 11:30 am till 1:00 pm.

Afternoon paper sessions will resume at 1:30 pm and run until 4:00 pm. The **afternoon business session** will focus on election of officers/board members and on a status report on the KBBAT survey, and will go from 4:00 pm till 4:30 pm.

The **banquet** will be held at the Garden Cafe, 2120 N. Woodlawn at 7:00 pm. Cost will be \$14.00 per person. Guest speaker will be Professor John Janovy, Jr. Ten best birds of 1997 will be presented by the Kansas Bird Records Committee based on submittals they have received for confirmation.

Sunday, October 5:

Field trip day. Breakfast on your own. Field trips start at the Chisholm Creek Park parking lot off Oliver Street north of 29th St. N. and south of K-96. (Entrance east side of Oliver). Departure times to be announced. Likely trips include:

Cheney Reservoir and possibly Mt. Hope Marsh. Pete Janzen and Tyler Hicks.

Chisholm Creek Park or another Wichita Wild Park. This will be a beginning birder trip. KBRC members will assist beginning birders in all areas of bird identification. Leaders: Bob Gress and KBRC members.

Lake Afton & Pawnee Prairie Park. Chet Gresham &/or John Northrup.

Other trips may be made available if meeting attendance and member interest warrants.

Sunday Lunch & compilation:

Chisholm Creek Park Picnic Pavillion. Parking area off Oliver Street. Catered lunch, \$5.00 per person. 12:00 noon till 1:00 pm. Compilation by Pete Janzen.

Motel Reservations:

Please make your own reservations.

Some motels fairly close to the Nature Center are:

Best Western Red Coach Inn [915 E. 53rd St. N., @ I-135, Phone (316) 832-9387, \$65.00]

Days Inn [901 E. 53rd St. N., (316) 634-2303, \$40.00 upstairs, \$42.00 downstairs for 1 person, \$5.00 additional per adult, kids free, 2 queen size beds per room] . We have asked them to hold a block of 20 rooms for KOS, so if you make a reservation here, please indicate that you are with the KOS meeting.

While not as close by, Motel 6 has good rates, and with the availability of the by-pass, is a quick drive from the Great Plains Nature Center. It is located at 5736 W. Kellogg (Highway 54), (316) 945-8440. [\$31.99 for 1 adult, \$35.99 for 2, \$37.99 for 3, \$39.99 for 4, plus 11.9% tax]. We have also asked for a block of 20 rooms to be held here for KOS, so again please mention that you are with the KOS meeting.

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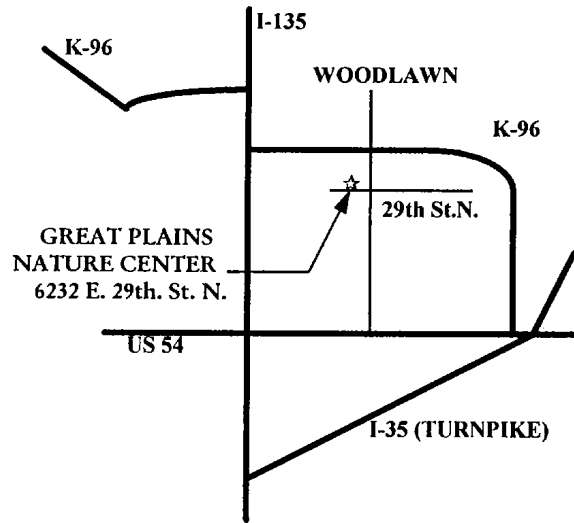
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Sunday Lunch:	\$5.00	_____	_____
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Make checks payable to Kansas Ornithological Society. Please mail registration in by Sept. 15th so that we can finalize arrangements with the restaurants and caterers. Mail to: **James Barnes, KOS Fall Meeting, 1425 S. Wichita St., Wichita, KS 67213.** For information call James or Susan Barnes, (316) 265-4059, Roy Beckemeyer (316) 264-0049, or Pete Janzen (316) 832-0182.

Traveling to the Great Plains Nature Center

The Great Plains Nature Center (GPNC) is really quite easy to find! Either follow the directions in the announcements or follow the map to the right. You will enter off of 29th Street and immediately enter a large parking lot. There will probably be signs directing you to the meetings. The front entrance (public entrance) is on the northwest side. The long wing on the southwest side houses offices for the various agencies that call the GPNC home. There are lot's of sidewalks and walking trails so arrive early and make yourself right at home!



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Please fill out the other side and return for your Fall Meeting Registration

CALL FOR PAPERS
KANSAS ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING, 1997

The KOS will meet October 4 and 5, 1997 at Wichita, KS. The contributed papers will be presented on Saturday, October 4. The only requirement is that the papers deal with birds in some way. We especially encourage graduate and undergraduate students to present the results of their studies. Interesting papers are also often given by people who consider themselves amateurs, but who nevertheless have considerable expertise to share. We encourage you to share your experiences with the members and guests who will be attending. Both long and short presentations are welcome. Please submit a short abstract (approximately 150 words) of your presentation. If at all possible, Papers Session Chair, Greg Farley requests that you e-mail your abstract to him or submit it on disk (PC) preferably in Word or Wordperfect format.

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL BY SEPTEMBER 12, 1997, TO:

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Contributed Paper for KOS Annual Meeting, Oct. 4, 1997

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Time for presentation and questions (circle one): 10 min. 15 min. 20 min.

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