

Wichita Audubon

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CNC Upcoming Programs

**June 11, Saturday
5 p.m. till dark
Twilight Dinner**

Join us at Chaplin Nature Center for a beach party, barbecue, scavenger hunt, birdwatching and lots of fun. Kids can be paleontologists and dig for bones in the sand. We'll do some seining in the river and see what kind of fish we can find. After dinner we have a special program planned. Judy Nichols, storyteller, is going to weave her magic with some tales around the campfire. Judy has been a professional talespinner and puppeteer for nine years, and performs frequently at the Great Plains Nature Center.

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For more information about any Chaplin Nature Center programs call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, or e-mail cnc@wichitaudubon.org.

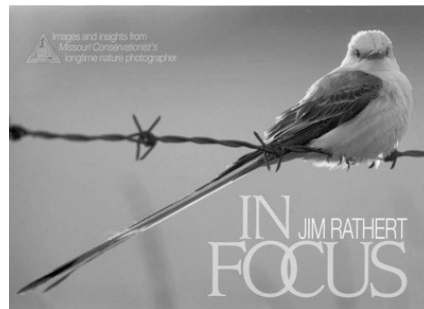


May Meeting

Join us for a program by one of Missouri's finest wildlife photographers. Jim Rathert has been a photographer for the Missouri Department of Conservation magazine *Missouri Conservationist* for more than twenty years. Each month, his photographs speak volumes about conservation values to the hundreds of thousands of *Conservationist* readers.



Jim has just published a book, *In Focus*, that features his photographs. Copies will be available for you to purchase and have autographed.



The program will be Tuesday, May 17. 7:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.

Please join Jim for dinner at Jason's Deli in Bradley Fair at 21st & Rock Road at 5:45 p.m. before the program.

Coming Events

May 7

Warbler Walk Field Trip.
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Prairie Wetlands Conservation Project Field Trip - see 'Warbler Walk' on page 2.

May 14

North American Migration Bird Count. See page 2.

May 17

Regular meeting, "In Focus" images and insights from Missouri Conservationist's longtime nature photographer, Jim Rathert, 7:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.

May 21

Quivira NWR/Cheyenne Bottoms field trip. Meet at the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge headquarters at 8 a.m. Leader: Kevin Groeneweg, 687-4268, kgroeneweg@cox.net

June 11

Twilight Dinner at Chaplin Nature Center, 5 p.m. till dark.

July 19

Annual Picnic at the Great Plains Nature Center at 6 p.m. See page 3

North American Migration Count

May 14 is the annual North American Migration Count. Similar to the Christmas Bird Count, this count covers all of Sedgwick County. Harry Gregory and Rosa McHenry are the organizers. Contact Harry at 943-5904, birdfan@mac.com, or Rosa at 263-4042, rmchenryphoto@sbcglobal.net.

Warbler Walk

On May 7 we will meet at 7 a.m. by the lily pond in Oak Park to hunt for spring migrants. At 1 p.m. we will reassemble at the Vulcan Chemicals parking lot on the east side of S Ridge Rd (south of 55th St S) for a tour of the Prairie Wetlands Conservation Project. Leader for the warbler walk is Kevin Groeneweg, 687-4268, kgroeneweg@cox.net; leader for the afternoon is Bill Beard, 722-3081, wbeard@cox.net.

Oak Park Cleanup

We had a great turnout for the Oak Park cleanup on March 19. We had 21 people help. They donated 40.25 hours and picked up 34 bags of trash. A big thank you to the following people who gave up their Saturday morning to help:

Bill Beard
Duane DeLong
Bev DuGay
Harry Gregory
Paul Griffin
Kevin Groeneweg
Pete Janzen
Vern Kysar
Jim Marlett
Patty Marlett
Rosa McHenry
Rob McHenry
R.W. Mitchell
Dale Randall
Don Roberts
Eddie Stegall



Kevin Groeneweg, Rosa and Rob McHenry are ready to go to work.

We also had one person from the Greenway Alliance, two persons from the Disc Golfers Association, two persons as a result of the newspaper announcement, and one independent individual. We also want to thank Don Roberts, who came by and presented us with about 10 trash pickup sticks that he had made for us.

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Slate of Officers

The nominating committee has presented the following slate of officers for the 2005-2006 year:

President (2 year term): Patty Marlett

Vice-president: Carol Cumberland

Treasurer: Sandra Tholen

Secretary: Marsha Ebaugh

Board of directors (3 year term):

Kevin Groeneweg

Ben Rogers

The election will be held at the May meeting. The term of office begins July 1.

Twilight Dinner, continued

Later, we'll have an owl prowl and call up some owls. If the weather cooperates we'll bring out the telescope and do some star gazing.

As always, donors who gave more than \$100 last year will be invited to attend free. Everyone else is welcome with the meal costing \$6.50 for adults, \$3.25 for children for children 12 and under.

Festivities begin with a social hour at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m., then the storytelling program and activities that continue until after dark.

Transportation will be available to get you to the activities, so don't worry about long hikes. Also, if the weather is too hot or wet we will move from the sandbar to a more comfortable location.

You can make reservations by calling Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, cnc@wichitaudubon.org, or by sending in the coupon below. Please make your reservations by June 4.



Judy Nichols, storyteller



Annual Picnic

Come one, come all, invite your family and friends. The annual picnic will be held on Tuesday, July 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the classroom at the Great Plains Nature Center. We decided to stop fighting the weather and enjoy air conditioned comfort this year. Bring your own service and a covered dish or dessert to share.

Iced Tea will be served to help cool off the summer evening, or bring your own beverage. Following the picnic we will show the movie *Winged Migration* in the auditorium.

Laura Groeneweg, Hospitality Chair

CNC Cleanup

Thanks to the following people who worked hard at Chaplin Nature Center on April 2:

Joshua Ceinta

J.O.H.

Rick Goodrick

Rex Herndon

Leonard Silliman

Dwight Shoup

Girl Scout Troop 451

Girl Scout Troop 853

They helped burn the prairies and get the trails ready for spring. We really appreciate the time and effort they gave.

Birdathon

Birdathon is a fund-raising activity that is also a lot of fun. It is open to any member that likes to bird and wants to help. A Birdathon team solicits pledges from friends, neighbors and coworkers for the number of bird species they can find in a 24 hour period. To join a team talk to Carol Cumberland, Patty Marlett, or Shawn Silliman. Or consider soliciting pledges for one of the teams, or contribute yourself. Any and all assistance is appreciated.

Twilight Dinner Reservation June 11

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Fee enclosed for

of adults _____ (\$6.50 each)

of children _____ (\$3.25 each)

Make checks payable to Wichita Audubon Society and mail to P.O. Box 47607, Wichita, KS 67201

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Big Brothers Big Sisters

Wichita Audubon and Chaplin Nature Center hosted seven kids from Big Brothers Big Sisters for a day of exploring nature on April 9. We hiked to the river, cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch, and dissected owl pellets from the Barn Owls that live in the pole barn. It was a beautiful day and we all enjoyed it very much. Thanks to Kevin & Laura Groeneweg, Patty Marlett, Anne Tarver & Sumo, and Shawn Silliman for helping out.



Hiking to the river



Dissecting owl pellets