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September 12

Second Saturday Bird Walk in Chisholm Creek Park. Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot at 8 a.m.

Questions?:

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September 15

Monthly program, "The California Condor Recovery Program," by Laura Mendenhall, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.

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September 15

Join us for dinner with Laura before the program at Barn'rds, 2037 N Woodlawn (just south of 21st on Woodlawn) at 5:30 p.m.

September 26

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

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September Meeting

Laura Mendenhall is a fish and wildlife biologist for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service based in Wichita. After college, Laura worked as a biologist with the California Condor Recovery Program in Ventura, California. During her time as a condor biologist, Laura monitored the Southern California population of 70 free-flying condors which included tracking movements with radio telemetry, trapping each condor twice a year to perform health checks, and managing data from patagial GPS transmitters.

During the nesting season, Laura would gear up to rappel into remote, cliff-side condor nests to



Laura Mendenhall

assess condor egg and chick health and sift through nest substrate.

Laura will share an in-depth look inside the world of California Condor Recovery focusing on the captive breeding effort, the primary threats to conservation (and what you can do to help), and the advances to wildlife management using GPS/GSM transmitters. She will also share the best places to observe California condors in the wild for your next trip out West.

The presentation will be on Tuesday, September 15, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can also join us for dinner at Barn'rds, 2037 N Woodlawn, at 5:30 p.m.

Check the Label!

Check the mailing label on this newsletter for your membership expiration date, and don't forget to renew! There are two ways you can become a member - if you join the National Audubon Society you automatically become a member of the local chapter, or you can join as a member of Wichita Audubon only.

To join the Wichita Audubon Society Only
Individual membership - \$20
Family membership - \$25
Student (18 & under) - \$10

All your dues support your local chapter. Make your check payable to the Wichita Audubon Society and mail to PO Box 47607, Wichita, KS 67201. Don't forget that you can pay online - just go to <http://www.wichitaaudubon.org/Membership.html>

Bird Seed Sale

Our first birdseed sale of the season is coming September 19. We will deliver the seed to your door (within Wichita city limits.) We need your order by September 14. Contact Carol Cumberland via phone or email to order: 316-685-4867 or carol.cumberland@swbell.net

25# bag Black oil Sunflower \$18
20# bag Songbird Delight Mix \$13
25# bag of Safflower seed \$22



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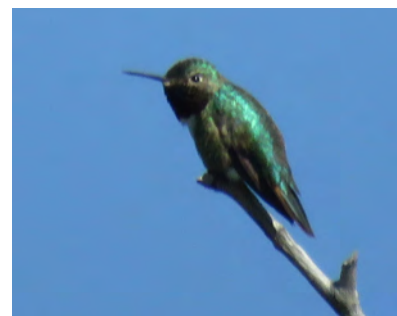
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If you have questions about the process, you can call 1-866-221-4141

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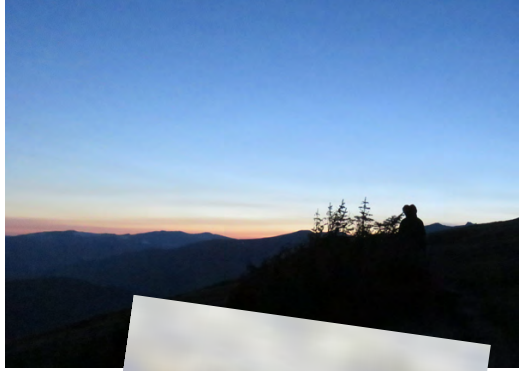
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Colorado!

The 2015 extended field trip was held June 20 - June 23. Led by Pete Janzen and Jeff Calhoun, the group worked its way through northwest Kansas to the Pawnee National Grassland in eastern Colorado, then to Grand Lake and Rocky Mountain National Park. We got up waaay before the crack of dawn to see Ptarmigan displaying on their lek. It was cold, windy and dark, but two males put on quite a show. We then birded the park and surrounding area, ending with a trip list of 135 species. Participants were Doris Burnett, Jeff Calhoun, Dennice Craig, Carol & Hal Cumberland, Tom Ewert, Pete Janzen, Sam & Terry Mannell, Patty Marlett, Cheryl Miller, Atcha Nolan, Dale Randall, and



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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Butterfly tagging/Nature Day Celebration

Come celebrate the beauty and wonders of nature at Chaplin Nature Center. During this annual event you can learn about the monarch butterfly migration and become a citizen scientist by collecting and tagging monarchs. Leaders from Wichita Audubon will be offering a variety of nature hikes throughout the day. Whether you like birds, butterflies or reptiles there will be something for you to enjoy. Lunch will be available to purchase. Admission is free.



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.

