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April Meeting



Our April program will be about the Masked Bobwhite Recovery Program at the Sutton Avian Research Center, presented by Donald Wolfe, Jr. Don will tell us about the Masked Bobwhite breeding and recovery effort, including breeding strategies for preserving genetic diversity. Don Wolfe is a Senior Wildlife Biologist at the George Miksch Sutton Avian Research Center in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Don earned a B. S. Degree in biology from Bartlesville Wesleyan College (now Oklahoma Wesleyan University), 1984. He has a long history with the Sutton Avian Research Center and has been employed there since 1984. He is currently managing breeding and release programs for endangered Masked Bobwhite (a southwestern subspecies of the northern bobwhite), and was appointed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as the Masked Bobwhite Recovery Team Leader. He is currently or has recently worked with the following species: greater prairie-chicken, lesser prairie-chickens, and white-tailed ptarmigan. Don's hobbies include hiking, kayaking, target shooting, hunting, birding, collecting military firearms, and basically anything outdoors.

The George Miksch Sutton Avian Research Center (Sutton Center) is a private, nonprofit organization located near Bartlesville, Oklahoma. It was founded in 1984 with the mission of finding cooperative conservation solutions for birds and the natural world through science and education.

The presentation will be at the Great Plains Nature Center on Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m. A recording of the program will be available on [YouTube](#) the next day.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

There is a schedule of events that you can [print or download](#). Information about all our activities is available on our [website](#).

April 5, Saturday, 6:30 am Chautauqua County Backroads

We will explore the scenic Cross Timbers region in search of early spring warblers and other migrants. Meet at the Dillon's parking lot at Andover Rd and US 400 and carpool from there.

Leaders: Kevin Groeneweg, 316-706-9116, kgroeneweg1616@gmail.com & Pete Janzen, 316-519-1970, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net

April 12, 8 a.m. Second Saturday bird walk in Chisholm Creek Park.

No birding experience needed. Expect 1-2 miles of walking on paved paths for about 90 minutes. Meet in the parking lot at 8 a.m. Note that the December walk will coincide with the Wichita Christmas Bird Count *Questions? Tom Ewert, 316-670-3140, trewert@yahoo.com*

New By-Laws

The board of directors approved a revision of the Wichita Audubon Society by-laws at the March board meeting. The only significant change was to remove the term limits for officers other than the president. The president serves a two year term and cannot serve another term immediately after the first. That has not changed. Previously, the other officers - vice-president, secretary, and treasurer - were elected annually, but limited to three years of consecutive service. The three year limit has now been removed. Other changes were limited to revision of language for better clarity. You can read a copy of the by-laws [HERE](#).



The Woodcock Walk in Chisholm Creek Park had thirty-two people. There were several birds calling and flying by, so everyone had the Woodcock experience.



Nine people visited Loess Bluffs NWR to see thousands of Snow Geese and a lot of Trumpeter Swans, along with a good selection of other waterfowl plus a few early shorebirds.

CNC

Our selection committee is hard at work - we have several applications and are interviewing candidates, but have not yet made a selection.

The trails at CNC are still open dawn to dusk daily. Volunteers have helped us out by manning the visitor's center Saturdays 9 - 5 and Sundays 1 - 5.

Slate of Officers

The nominating committee of Rod Wedel, Tom Ewert, and Pete Janzen have submitted the following slate of officers:

Vice-president- Mark Nolen
Secretary- Dan Housholder
Treasurer- Kevin Groeneweg
Board of directors - Jennifer Bruey & Jeremy Coleman

Bob Gress will continue as president for the second year of his two year term.

The slate will be announced at the April meeting and voted on at the annual meeting of the corporation in May.

Birdathon

It is time again for our annual Birdathon. This fund-raiser is a very important source of funding for Chaplin Nature Center. Just contact a team member and tell them you would like to help. Pledges can be made based on the number of species the team finds or can be a fixed amount.

For the Painted Bunting team contact Carol Cumberland, carol.cumberland@swbell.net, 685-4867. For the Roadrunners, contact Tom Ewert, 670-3140, trewert@yahoo.com.