

# Audubon

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**January 20**

Regular meeting, "Raising Moths and Caterpillars in Kansas," by Linda Williams. Tuesday, January 20, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. Join us for dinner before the meeting at Barn'rds, 2037 N Woodlawn, at 5:30 p.m.

**January 31**

Bluebirds in the Red Hills field trip. Leader: Pete Janzen, 519-1970, [pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net).

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**January 31 & February 7**

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**February 17**

Regular meeting, "Sparrows in Kansas," by Matt Gearheart, KOS president. Tuesday, February 17, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. Join us for dinner before the meeting at Barn'rds, 2037 N Woodlawn, at 5:30 p.m.

**February 21**

Backyard Bird Workshop, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Great Plains Nature Center. More info p. 2



## January Meeting

Our January program will be presented by Linda Williams. Linda is a wildlife and nature photographer, amateur lepidopterist, birder, gardener, and lifelong all-around nature lover. She graduated as a Missouri Master Naturalist in 2006. Linda has been interested in butterflies and moths since childhood. She spends many hours rearing moths for educational and photographic purposes. Her screened porch, "The Moth Brothel", is overflowing with many species of colorful moths and butterflies and their larvae throughout the summer months. Linda will give an overview of her adventures in rearing these gorgeous creatures accompanied by her exceptional photographs. The program will take place on Tuesday, January 17, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can also join us for dinner before the program at Barn'rds, 2037 N. Woodlawn, at 5:30 p.m.



## February Meeting

Matt Gearheart will tell us about Kansas Sparrows. Matt and his wife Jenny, and dog, Cookie, currently reside in Lenexa. He is an architect who designed the Wildcat Glades Audubon Center in Joplin, Missouri. He has been a long-time active member of Burroughs Audubon of Kansas City, president of the Kansas Ornithological Society, trustee of Audubon of Kansas and an E-bird reviewer for many eastern Kansas counties. He got the birding bug at a young age and has birded in over 25 states and 12 countries. This presentation will focus on the Sparrows of Kansas... or LBJ's - the Little Brown Jobs- a very fun and

challenging family of birds. The program will take place on Tuesday, February 20, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can also join us for dinner before the program at Barn'rds, 2037 N. Woodlawn, at 5:30 p.m.

# Backyard Bird Workshop

Do you enjoy watching birds in your yard? Want to know more about how to attract and care for them? How about building a free bird house? We'll have all that and more at our workshop on Saturday, February 21, at the Great Plains Nature Center. There will be bird seed for sale. We'll have materials and tools (and helpers) so you can build your own wren house to be ready for spring. Younger kids can make a pine cone bird feeder to hang in the yard for the birds. Plus there will be lots of experienced people with lots of information on all aspects of backyard birds -- from housing to water to feeding to other wildlife.

Bring the whole family and have a good time regardless of the weather. We'll be there from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.



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# Red Hills Bluebirds

Join us on Saturday, January 31, for a field trip to the Red Hills. On this all-day trip we will look for Mountain Bluebirds, raptors, and a good variety of other winter bird species. We will travel at least 250-300 miles and will not return to Wichita until early evening. This is a sparsely populated area with limited amenities. We may stop at Buster's in Sun City for lunch but bring a sack lunch as a fail-safe. Make sure you have a full gas tank and anything else you will need for the day. Expect most of the roads to be unpaved. Meet at the west Lowe's parking lot on Ridge Road (north of Mid-Continent Airport) at 6 a.m. so we can carpool. The bluebirds are most active in the morning, so we need to start early.

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## Online Options

Don't forget that you can now donate and renew your membership online at [www.wichitaaudubon.org](http://www.wichitaaudubon.org). In the last few weeks you should have received a letter asking for your support for Chaplin Nature Center and our nature education programs. We really need your help - so please be generous, and save time and postage by donating online!



## Leaving a Legacy

In 2014 we celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the Wichita Audubon Society. In 2013 we celebrated the fortieth anniversary of Chaplin Nature Center. Operating the nature center and supporting our many activities requires money, and every officer and board member for the last sixty years has struggled with the effort required to raise that money. It is a testament to all those people that we have been so successful, but we would like to be sure that our success can continue well into the future, and we can continue to celebrate anniversaries for decades to come. You can help insure that future by remembering Wichita Audubon in your estate planning. Here are some suggestions for ways you can help with no strings attached. Each of these provides you with the flexibility to change your mind any time you wish.

- ▶ Name the Wichita Audubon Society to receive all or a percentage of funds remaining in your retirement fund. Retirement assets are one of the most heavily taxed assets you own. Leaving all or part of the remaining funds can help reduce estate and income taxes. WAS is exempt from paying taxes that might otherwise be owed if you leave the gift to a loved one other than a spouse.
- ▶ Designate the Wichita Audubon Society as a beneficiary to a life insurance policy. Insurance policies that have outlasted their original purpose are an easy way to leave an environmental legacy.
- ▶ Leave funds remaining in a bank or brokerage account or a certificate of deposit. One of the simplest ways you can help insure the future of Chaplin Nature Center is by making Wichita Audubon the “pay on death” (POD) or “transfer on death” (TOD) beneficiary of a bank or brokerage account or certificate of deposit.
- ▶ Remember Wichita Audubon in your will or trust. Leaving a gift to Wichita Audubon in your will or trust of a specific amount or percentage leaves all the remaining assets for loved ones.

Each of these options allows you to retain full control of your assets for as long as you need them and still leave an enduring legacy.



## Chaplin Nature Center Programs

*Saturday, January 31 & February 7, 10 a.m. - Noon Eagle Watch*

Mid-winter is a great time to view Bald Eagles in Kansas, and many of them winter along the Arkansas River near Chaplin Nature Center. After a presentation about the eagles in the visitor's center we will take a 1.5 mile hike to the river. Bring binoculars and we'll provide the spotting scopes. Dress for the weather!



For more information about any Chaplin Nature Center programs call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, or e-mail [cnc@wichitaaudubon.org](mailto: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.

