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February 12**

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

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January Program

We are going back to live programs at the Great Plains Nature Center beginning this month! Masks are still required in the building, but we have a chance to visit and see each other in person.

The Kansas Box Turtle Project at the Sedgwick County Zoo aims to engage the community in learning about our native box turtles through state wide surveys. Schaneé Anderson is the Curator of Education and Farms at the zoo, and will tell us about this citizen science project and how you can participate.



Schaneé Anderson

The presentation will be on Tuesday, January 18, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. If you don't feel comfortable with coming in person, the program will be live-streamed on our Facebook page.

After the live program, the recorded program will be available on FaceBook and on YouTube (www.youtube.com/channel/UCBzA8JCBgw-5aUHVW1IM7jw) and on our Facebook page. Links are available on our webpage at www.wichitaaudubon.org.

February Program

Our February program will be presented by our own Rachel Roth, telling us about Cerrado, the Kansas of Brazil.

Like a typical big sister, the Amazon Rainforest has been overshadowing one of Brazil's most biodiverse and incredible landscapes: her little sister, the Cerrado. This savanna birthed 5% of the planet's plant and animal species, and it's in far greater danger than the Amazon. Rachel Roth, co-founder of Grassland Groupies, will show you why the vibrant birdlife, dynamic ecology, and truly unique residents make it easy to fall in love with Brazil's "flat" and "boring" grassland heart.

Rachel Roth is a self-proclaimed bird nerd who got hooked on all things feathered while studying Wildlife Management & Ecology at K-State. An award-winning science interpreter and GPNC Naturalist for 6 years, Rachel also worked as a wildlife field technician studying birds in the tallgrass prairie and arctic tundra. She is the co-founder of Grassland Groupies, a nonprofit that works to empower, inspire and engage audiences in the love of grasslands and their conservation.

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Rachel Roth

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Join us for our bird walks in Chisholm Creek Park at 8 a.m. on the second Saturday of every month. In December we saw 17 Fox Sparrows! Every walk is different - there is always something interesting.

Winter Field Trips

Saturday, January 29, Cheney Reservoir

Meet in the parking lot of the Dillon's at 21st and Amidon at 7 a.m. We'll caravan to Cheney from there. We will be looking for winter waterfowl, and will also check out nearby lakes and woodlands. A Kansas Parks permit is required for each vehicle.

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Saturday, February 19. Birding the Tropics at the Sedgwick County Zoo

Escape winter and enjoy some tropical birds in the Sedgwick County Zoo's Tropics Building. Meet in the lobby of the Tropics Building at 9:15 a.m. (the zoo opens at 9). You will have to pay zoo admission or use your membership. Bring binoculars. We'll get an overview from a keeper and a list of birds, and then see how many we can find.

Leader: Patty Marlett, pmarlett@cox.net, 316-200-3419



New House Update

The new residence for our naturalist at Chaplin Nature Center is still a work in progress. The exterior is finished, but the interior is still underway. Here are a few pictures of what is going on.



Back (north) side of the house



Kitchen and great room



Basement den

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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Saturday, January 29, 10 a.m. - noon

Winter River Hike

Take a leisurely hike through the forest to a sandbar along the Arkansas River. Along the way we will look for wildlife such as woodpeckers and other birds. If we are lucky we might even find a Bald Eagle or two down on the shallow banks of the river. Total round-trip walking distance is 1.5 miles. Be sure to dress for cold and windy conditions.



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.