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January 9 & February 13

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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January 19

Monthly program, "Raising Moths and Caterpillars in Kansas," by Linda Williams, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.

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

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January 30 & February 6

Eagle Watch at Chaplin Nature Center, 10 a.m. - noon

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**February 16**

Monthly program, "Wings Over Weston," by Christine Cline, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.

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

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February 20

Gulls of Reno County field trip. Meet at the PlazaGo Conoco Truck Stop on the wouthwest corner of K-96 and US 50 in South Hutchinson at 1 p.m. Leaders: Joseph, Andrew & Bryant Miller, josephlowellmiller@gmail.com

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January Meeting

Our January program will be presented by Linda Williams. Linda is a nature photographer, amateur lepidopterist, birder, gardener, and lifelong all-around nature lover. She graduated as a Missouri Master Naturalist in 2006. She spends many hours rearing moths for educational and photographic purposes. Her screened porch, "The Moth Brothel", overflows with many species of colorful moths and butterflies and their larvae in the summer. Linda will give an overview of her adventures in rearing these gorgeous creatures accompanied by her exceptional photographs.

The presentation will be on Tuesday, January 19, 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.



Linda Williams



Christine Cline

February Meeting

Our February presenter is Christine Kline, Vice President of Burroughs Audubon in Kansas City. She is the co-chair for Wings Over Weston. What started out as a one-time event to introduce the newly designated Iatan/Weston River Corridor IBA in 2010 is now the largest birding festival in Missouri with more than 1,000 attending annually. Its mission is to introduce birds, their migration, and the importance of conservation of habitat to children, the birders of tomorrow. This is a wonderful program full of delight and even some laughs.

The presentation will be on Tuesday, February 16, 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.

How many birds will you find?

19th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count
February 12-15, 2016

Join in! Count birds in your backyard, local park, or wherever you spot a bird, and submit your observations online.

birdcount.org

White-breasted Nuthatch
Photo: Nick Saunders/GBBC



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Renew Your Dillon's Rewards!

If you are one of the kind people who signed up to have your share of the Dillon's Community Rewards come to Wichita Audubon, you will need to RENEW YOUR SUPPORT AFTER JANUARY 1.

Anyone who signed up with an email address will get an email reminder to reactivate. Anyone reactivating before January 1st will be deactivated. You must activate **after Jan 1st**.

Go to www.dillons.com/communityrewards

Click on "Enroll Now" or sign in

Enter the 5-digit NPO 76181

Select Wichita Audubon and click on "Enroll"

For those without computers you can call 800-576-4377 to speak to a real person to activate your Dillon's Reward to support WAS.

Thanks to your generosity we will receive about \$1500 for 2015. Dillon's has set aside \$2 million for this program in 2016. Let's get our share!



New Staircase at Chaplin Nature Center



Before



Now

The replacement of the old staircase that connects the upper Bluff trail to the Wildlife Homes trail is underway. On Friday, November 20th, Wichita Audubon volunteers Fred Bunting, Tom Ewert, Karl Herold and members of MTL Construction began dismantling the staircase to its bare bones. The foundations and support beams will be inspected and left in place if structurally sound. New risers, treads, and rails will be installed along with an ADA approved handrail. This is being done thanks to a grant of \$45,000 from the V. J. Wilkins Foundation in Arkansas City.

Reno County Gulls Field Trip

We will watch gulls and other winter birds at several locations near Hutchinson, most likely including Hoskinson's Sandpit and the Reno County Landfill. We expect to see a good variety of gulls. Eight different species of gulls at these locations over the winter last year. Dress according to the weather, and expect cold wind and frozen fingers. Plan to meet at the PlazaGo Conoco truck stop on the southwest corner of K-96 and Hwy 50 in South Hutchinson at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb 20. Leaders are Joseph, Andrew & Bryant Miller, josephlowellmiller@gmail.com



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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Saturday, January 30 & February 6, 10 a.m. - noon Eagle Watch

Bald Eagles have migrated back into Kansas for the winter. The program will start with a 15 minute indoor introduction to the history and adaptations of the Bald Eagle. We will then take a 1.5 mile hike down to the Arkansas River to search for over-wintering eagles. Bring binoculars and we'll provide 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. 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.

