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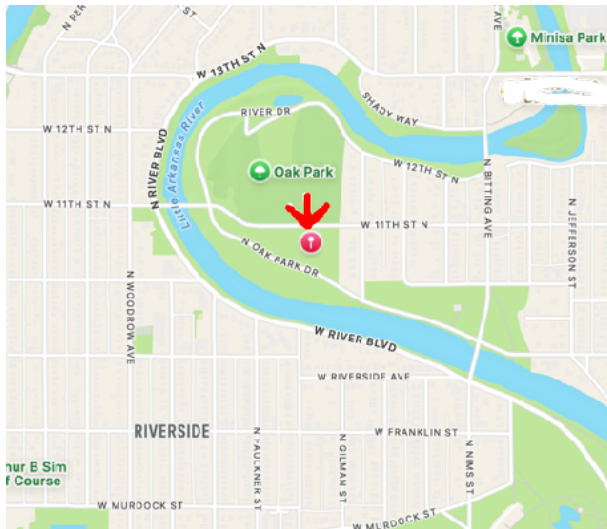


July Picnic at the FABC

This is a new venue for us - the Fresh Air Baby Camp, formerly known as the Girl Scout Little House. If you haven't seen it since it has been restored, this is your chance. And it is air-conditioned! Bring a dish to share and your own service. If the weather is nice enough we'll have a bird walk in Oak Park after dinner. The address is 1211 W 11th Street.

Here is a link to a Google map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/5cz5cfrHs7hrzouUA>

If you have questions, our coordinator for this event is Jennifer Bruey, jen.bruey@gmail.com, 316-706-6403



UPCOMING EVENTS

Information about all our activities is available on our [website](#).

July 11, Saturday, 8 am Second Saturday bird walk in Chisholm Creek Park

Expect 1-2 miles of walking on paved paths for about 90 minutes. Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot at 8 am. Questions? Pete Janzen, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net, 316-519-1970

July 12, Sunday, 5 – 6 pm Intro to iNaturalist and Plant Walk at Chaplin Nature Center

Discover how to use iNaturalist and Seek, two easy digital tools for identifying plants and wildlife. After a short introduction, join a guided plant walk. Kids can participate in a fun plant scavenger hunt along the trail.

Beginner and family friendly. Meet in the visitors Center. RSVP required to accommodate seating.

For more information or to RSVP call or text Eden Johnson at 620-442-4133, or e-mail cnc@wichitaudubon.org.

We're Moving!

The Great Plains Nature Center building closed in June for construction. There are major problems with the foundation which need to be repaired. At the same time they will repair walls, paint, add new carpet and redo the bathrooms. The building will not reopen until the fall of 2027.

This also means that Wichita Audubon will not be able to meet in the building. Beginning with the September program we will meet at the Sedgwick County Zoo in the Cargill Learning Center. The Zoo has very graciously offered to host us for free through the next year. See you at the zoo on September 15!

Marais de Cygnes field trip report

About 20 people joined us for our May field trip to Marais de Cygnes National Wildlife Refuge. It was a joint trip with the Topeka Audubon Society. It was a little windy and the trees had already leafed out so seeing birds was tricky, but we did manage to hear quite a few. Highlights included several warblers, including Yellow-breasted Chat, Louisiana Waterthrush, Black-and-white, Kentucky, Prothonotary, Common Yellowthroat, N Parula, Chestnut-sided, Blackpoll, Yellow-throated and Wilson's Warblers.



July 15, Wednesday, 9 - 11 am Chaplin Nature Center Young Birders Club

This is the second meeting of this group, which is open to all kids aged 8 - 17. Learn to navigate trails and wildlife habitats. Gain bird identification and outdoor skills. Build self-confidence. Participate in citizen science and conservation projects. Meet other youth who enjoy nature and adventuring outdoors. Join guided bird walks, activities and optional off-site field trips led by the CNC Naturalist.

Bring binoculars (some available for use), comfortable walking shoes, water bottle and snacks, notebook, sunscreen, bug spray.

Sign up by call/text Eden Johnson at 620-442-4133 or email cnc@wichitaaudubon.org.

August 1, 8 am Saturday Bird & Wildlife walk at Chaplin Nature Center

Join us for a bird and wildlife walk lasting 1 – 1.5 hours, weather permitting. Meet in the visitor's center. Wildlife photographers and beginning birders welcome! Ages 7 and up suggested due to the length of the walk.

For more information or to RSVP call or text Eden Johnson at 620-442-4133, or e-mail cnc@wichitaaudubon.org.

August 8, 8 am Second Saturday bird walk in Chisholm Creek Park

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Happenings at Chaplin Nature Center

Nature Sprouts summer camp was held for five days in early June. It had two groups - one for kids 2 - 8 and one for 9 - 14. Looks like they had a good time!



August 15, 8 – 10:30 pm A Night Under the Stars: Astronomy at Chaplin Nature Center

Join us for another evening featuring local astronomy enthusiast Grant Tyler. Grant enjoys sharing his passion for astronomy and helping others explore the wonders of the heavens through telescope viewing and guided skywatching. Guests will learn about constellations, planets, and other celestial objects before heading outdoors for observation. This family-focused program is perfect for beginners, curious minds, and anyone who enjoys looking up at the night sky. Use one of our telescopes or bring your own equipment. Dress for the weather and feel free to bring lawn chairs and blankets for the outdoor viewing. Please RSVP! And check back because this event is very weather dependent.

Text/call 620-420-4133 or email cnc@wichitaaudubon.org

You Can Support Conservation in the Farm Bill

The Farm Bill is the country's single largest investment in voluntary conservation on private lands. With nearly half of U.S. land in agricultural production, the future of America's birds is directly connected to what happens on working ranches, farms, and forest lands. The 2026 Farm Bill reauthorization is a critical opportunity to strengthen the conservation programs within the bill.

The Farm Bill is also one of the most complex pieces of legislation written by Congress. It covers far more than conservation – including crop insurance, nutrition programs, research funding, rural development, and forest policy – directs hundreds of billions of dollars, and requires a bipartisan coalition to pass. We can help by asking Congress to advance and strengthen the voluntary conservation programs within it, and to pass a bird-friendly, conservation forward Farm Bill.

You can help. By taking just a couple of minutes to make your voice heard by your members of Congress, you'll add to the show of public support for keeping these conservation programs strong.

You can read a summary of farm bill information here: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxrjpu4>

You can contact Congress members on the National Audubon website here: <https://tinyurl.com/p5dtv4za>

This QR code will keep you informed. The code never changes, but the information it leads to will as this complex legislation works its way through the system.

