

Wichita Audubon

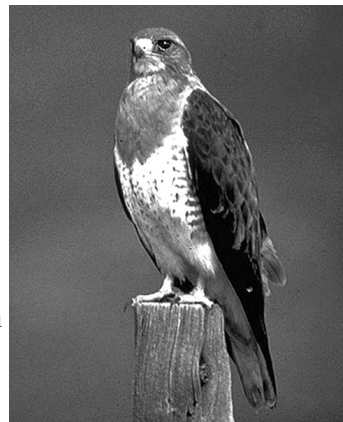


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MARCH MEETING



Our own vice-president, Nathan Ofsthun, will present the March program. “Raptors of Kansas” will be a demonstration featuring live birds from the Kansas Wildlife Exhibit. Come and get a close up look at these beautiful animals. Join us on Tuesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can also join Nathan



and other members for dinner at Doc Green’s, 10096 E. 13th, in the Waterfront at 5:45 p.m.

CNC UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 5, Friday, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Woodcock Walk

The American Woodcock is a fascinating and uncommon bird that has an elaborate courtship at dusk. Although hard to see, we’ll be able to find the bird by the sound made by it’s wings in flight. After visiting the woodcocks, we’ll continue down the trails without flashlights to listen and learn about other nocturnal animals. Dress for the outdoors and wear sturdy shoes.

April 5, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Spring Cleanup

Volunteer to help get Chaplin Nature Center in shape with building cleanup or trail maintenance. Light workloads or heavy, your choice.

COMING EVENTS

March 5

Woodcock Walk at Chaplin Nature Center, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

March 16

Regular meeting, “Raptors of Kansas” by Nathan Ofsthun. 7:30 p.m.. at the Great Plains Nature Center.

March 20

Oak Park Cleanup. Meet by the north pond at 9 a.m. Leaders: Rob & Rosa McHenry, 263-4042, rmchenryphoto@sbcglobal.net

March 27

Wichita Area Local trip. Depart from the King’s-X Restaurant, corner of 21st and Amidon, at 7:30 a.m. Leader: Kevin Groeneweg, 687-4268, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net

April 3

Spring Cleanup at Chaplin Nature Center, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

April 10

Lesser Prairie Chickens & Swartz Canyon. See page 2 for more info.



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.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

The award committee is accepting nominations for the annual Meritorious Service Award. The criteria for selection include outstanding or sustained leadership as a member, officer, committee chair, or special project leader.

Please include a brief description of the nominee's accomplishments and why you think they should receive this award. The presentation will be made at the May 18 meeting.

Send your nomination to Dan Kilby, 1220 N. Gow, Wichita 67203, or email ddkilby@prodigy.net

Previous recipients of this award:

1994 John Wherry	2002 Wallace Champeny
1995 Ralph Wiley & Geula McDonald	2003 Patty Marlett
1996 Nathan McDonald	2004 Carol Cumberland
1997 Louise Wherry	2005 Sandra Tholen
1998 Don Vannoy	2006 Kevin Groeneweg
1999 Bob Gress	2007 Laura Groeneweg
2000 Dan Kilby	2008 Duane DeLong
2001 Rex Herndon	2009 Pete Janzen

FIELD TRIPS

On Saturday, April 10, Pete Janzen and Ken Brunson will lead a trip to the Red Hills area to see Lesser Prairie Chickens booming, followed by a visit to Swartz Canyon on the Merrill Ranch. The group will depart before 5 a.m. for the booming grounds, so overnight lodging in Pratt is suggested. The Swartz Canyon portion of the trip will involve fording the Salt Fork River and hiking for several miles. You must preregister with Pete Janzen at 838-0182, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net. He will give details of meeting places and suggestions for places to stay in Pratt.

BIRD SEED SALE

Help support Wichita Audubon and Chaplin Nature Center by buying your bird seed from us. We offer high quality seed, delivered to your home (within Wichita City limits.)

Please submit your order by **Friday, March 26.**

The seed will be delivered on **Saturday, April 3**

25lb Song Bird Delight - \$11 (New formula)

25# Black Oil Sunflower - \$13

25# Safflower - \$18

Song bird delight formula

35% parts fine grind (1/2 corn & 1/2 milo)

35% millet

15% sunflower

15% safflower

Order by phone, mail or E-mail. Call Carol Cumberland at 685-4867 or carol.cumberland@swbell.net Mail: Wichita Audubon Society, PO Box 47607, Wichita, KS 67201.

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NEWS FROM NATIONAL AUDUBON

John Flicker Stepping Down after 15 Years Service as Audubon President

The transition comes after major advances during the past year, including the spread of an Audubon-championed approach to save imperiled Greater Sage-Grouse while allowing properly located domestic energy development, and the opening of three new Audubon Centers serving urban communities.

During Flicker's tenure, Audubon focused on keeping common birds common, educating the public and decision makers about the important role of birds as indicators of environmental health, and connecting new and diverse audiences to nature and their power to protect it. Flicker envisioned a network of Audubon Centers nationwide to build that connection. Today, 43 Audubon Centers engage more than a million people each year in nature discovery and conservation action. Urban Centers in places such as Los Angeles, Baltimore, Phoenix and New York City are helping to revitalize abused landscapes and empower local communities. Flicker also led Audubon through dramatic growth in revenue and programs as the organization identified more than 2,400 Important Bird Areas across America.

As Audubon begins a nationwide search for a new leader, Dr. Frank Gill, well-known current national Board Member and former Audubon Chief Scientist, will be serving as interim President. Frank is the former Vice President of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia and past President of the American Ornithologists' Union. He is also the author of the acclaimed textbook *Ornithology 3e*. Frank understands the unique strengths of the Audubon network and will seek to maximize their benefit as we pursue our shared conservation objectives.

John Flicker will take some well deserved time off (birding!) but will return to work with Audubon in a new capacity to advance our vital mission.

OAK PARK CLEANUP

Join in our annual effort to keep this priceless birding spot litter-free. On Saturday, March 20, we'll meet at 9 a.m. by the north lily pond. Wear your Audubon hat or shirt or name tag to help advertise our presence. Gloves are also recommended. We'll provide trash bags and pick up sticks.

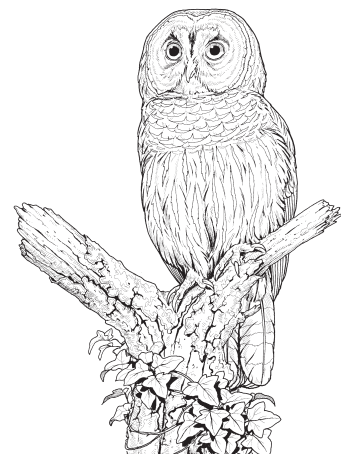
As always, feel free to put in some time at your convenience if you can't join the group. Just let us know so we can document the hours contributed. The leaders are Rob & Rosa McHenry, 263-4042, rmchenryphoto@sbcglobal.net.

Hog Island Birding Classes This Summer-Limited Space

Located off mid-coast Maine, Hog Island has been a national treasure to environmental leaders and nature lovers for nearly 75 years. It was here that teaching about the complex interdependence of all forms of life, from the 150 varieties of birds on the island, to the ferns, lichens, and mosses of the forest, became a model for environmental educators. Many conservation leaders have launched their environmental careers from the Hog Island Audubon Camp. Rachel Carson found inspiration here in the 1960s; Roger Tory Peterson and Allan D. Cruickshank, among the first teachers at the Camp, ignited popular bird watching in the United States. Now is your chance, but space is limited.

Four adult ornithology sessions and one teen bird studies session are planned for this summer. Dr. Steve Kress, Audubon's VP for Bird Conservation, will direct the sessions. He will be joined by some of the country's top ornithologists who will serve as instructors, including Kenn Kaufman, Pete Dunne, and Scott Weidensaul.

More at www.projectpuffin.org



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