

Wichita Audubon

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MAY MEETING



Kevin Groeneweg, Wichita Audubon leader and birder par excellence, will take a look back at the success of our annual extended field trips. Kevin will highlight the great birds and birding moments from some of our recent trips; an annual tradition that has taken us to many of the best birding hotspots in the country. From Arizona to Washington to Minnesota we have covered a lot of territory in just the last few years.

The program will be on Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can join Kevin and other members for dinner at Doc Green's, 10096 E. 13th, in the Waterfront at 5:30 p.m.

NOTE: PROGRAMS THIS YEAR BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.

CNC UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Saturday, May 4, 8:30 - 10 p.m. Astronomy

Take a tour of the night sky at the Chaplin Nature Center. Volunteers of the Nature Center and members of the Kansas Astronomical Society will be bringing out their telescopes for the public to use. If you have your own telescope, you may bring it. Dress for the outdoors.

Friday, May 24, 8:30 p.m. Kayaking for Chaplin Nature Center

Cost: \$25 donation

This evening kayak trip has been planned to help celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Chaplin Nature Center. The guided trip, led by the CNC naturalist, will include kayak, paddle, life jacket and instructions on kayak use. Your \$25.00 donation will help support our educational programs at the Center. Space is limited, so call the Center to reserve your space. For more information call (620) 442-4133.

Saturday, June 8, 8:30 a.m. Birds, Butterflies and Breakfast

There is nothing better than breakfast on a shady porch surrounded by the beauty of nature. After a hearty meal we'll hike the trails in search of birds, butterflies and wildflowers. Call to make reservations by June 5. A donation of \$5 is suggested.



For more information about any Chaplin Nature Center programs call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, or e-mail cnc@wichitaudubon.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.

COMING EVENTS

May 4

Astronomy program at Chaplin Nature Center, 8:30 p.m.

May 11

Warbler walk at Oak Park. Meet by the pond at the north end of the park at 8 a.m. to find spring migrants at one of Wichita's best hotspots.

Leader: Paul Griffin, 263-1251, pgriffin1@cox.net

May 18

Quivira and Cheyenne Bottoms field trip. Bring a lunch and meet at the Quivira NWR headquarters at 8 a.m.

Leader: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com

May 21

Regular meeting, "Wichita Audubon Extended Field Trips - We Get Around," by Kevin Groeneweg, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center

May 24

Evening kayaking at Chaplin Nature Center, 8:30 p.m.

June 8

Bird, Butterflies and Breakfast at Chaplin Nature Center, 8:30 a.m.

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, May 3. The seed will be delivered on Saturday, May 11.

25 lb Songbird Delight Mix - \$13

25 lb Black Oil Sunflower - \$16

25 lb Safflower - \$21

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.

SLATE OF OFFICERS

The nominating committee has presented the following slate of officers, which will be voted on at our May meeting:

President (two year term): Carol Cumberland

Vice-President (one year term): Cheryl Miller

Treasurer (one year term): Rod Wedel

Board of Directors (three year term):

Catherine Lewis

Pete Janzen

Their terms begin July 1.

The nominating committee included Kevin Groeneweg, Sandra Tholen and Patty Marlett.

A big thank you to officers and board members who are retiring from the board for all their service and hard work: Jay Newton, Sharon Dilks, Larry Londagin and Curt VanBoening.

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BIRDATHON

It's that time of year again for our annual Birdathon. This fundraiser is a very important source of funding for Chaplin Nature Center every year. Just contact a team member and tell them you would like to help. Pledges can be made based on the number of species the team finds or can be a fixed amount. For the CNC team contact Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, cnc@wichitaaudubon.org, or Kevin Groeneweg at 316-706-9116, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net. For the Painted Bunting team contact Carol Cumberland, 685-4867, carol.cumberland@swbell.net or Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com. Both teams are planning on early May for their marathon bird search.

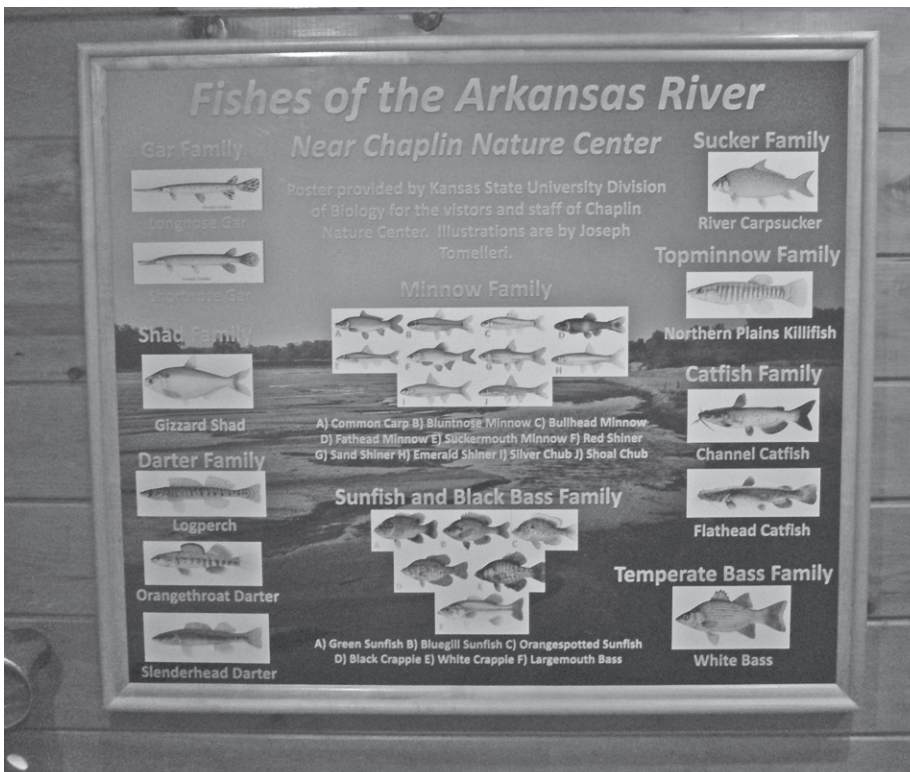
CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER

SPRING CLEAN-UP

On the first Saturday in April, fifty-four volunteers showed up to help get the facility ready for another year of activities. Volunteers worked on clearing trails, leveling the parking lot, cleaning the building, and removing invasive plants. Thank you to Winfield Boy Scout Troop 318, Cowley County Community College, James Fry, Sabra Cazell, Kevin Groeneweg, Eddie Stegall, Dale Randall, and Tom & Alleck Ramiroc.



Volunteers spread gravel in the CNC parking lot



FISHES OF THE ARKANSAS RIVER POSTER

A new display for the Visitors Center at the Chaplin Nature Center was created featuring the fish of the Arkansas River. Thanks goes to the Kansas State University Division of Biology for their survey work and for developing the poster “Fish of the Arkansas River near the Chaplin Nature Center.” They spent the summers of 2011 and 2012 sampling fish in the river at CNC. They made this poster as a thank you for Shawn’s assistance and for access to our property. Also, thanks to Dwight Shoup for creating a custom frame for the display.

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DERBY FIELD TRIP REPORT

A great group of thirteen birders were part of the local field trip around Derby on March 30, led by Jeff Calhoun. The Fish Crows numbers seem sharply down for this time of year, but we had four flying over Crane Park right before meeting time and a few along the Arkansas River later. The next best bird was a heard only White-eyed Vireo at their usual spot along the



Arkansas River near the Big Ditch convergence, although he was two weeks earlier than his prior early arrival date. This bird can be found after a long walk at the 71st St S Canoe Launch site, or heard from across the river. Other neat findings were a Cooper's Hawk tidying a nest at the birder-friendly Calhoun property as well as Fox, Lincoln's, and singing Field Sparrows in abundance, good looks at Greater Yellowlegs for all, and a Hermit Thrush as well.