

# Audubon

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**May 9**

*Quivira and Cheyenne Bottoms field trip. Meet at the Quivira headquarters at 8 a.m. for a tour of these renowned wetlands. Depending on time and conditions we will also visit Cheyenne Bottoms. Bring a lunch. Leader: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com*

**May 16**

*Warbler Walk at Oak Park. Meet at the pond at the north end of the park at 9 a.m. to search for the highly sought after spring migrants. Leader: Paul Griffin, 263-1251, pgriffin1@cox.net*

**May 19**

*Regular meeting, "A History of the Purple Martin Capital of Kansas," by Andrew Burnett, Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. Join us for dinner before the meeting at Barn'rds, 2037 N Woodlawn, 5:30p.m.*

**June 5**

*Twilight Kayak Float at Chaplin Nature Center, 7 - 9 p.m. See page 4.*

**June 13**

*Stream Exploration at Chaplin Nature Center, 10 a.m. - noon. See page 4.*



## May Meeting

Our May program will be "A History of the 'Purple Martin Capital of Kansas,'" presented by Andrew Burnett. The program will encompass the history behind Parsons becoming the purple martin capital as well as the rise and fall of it from a 400 pair colony in 1994 to 40 pairs in 2013. We will cover what is being done to reestablish and regrow the community's martin population. Martin biology and best martin landlord practices will also be briefly covered. Martin informational booklets will be provided by the Purple Martin Conservation Association.

Andrew Burnett is a member of Purple Martin Conservation Association, Southeast Kansas Audubon Society, & KOS.



He graduated from Pittsburg State University in 1998 and is currently employed by Magnum Systems, provider of automated packaging systems, doing controls design & programming. He is an avid birder who has seen 251 species in Neosho County and he posts regularly on the Kansas bird listserv. He manages the Parsons public purple martin colony as well as a private colony of 16 pairs and manages a private bluebird trail.

The program will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. We will have snacks available at 6:30 so you can view the silent auction items - see page 2 for more information.

You can also join us for dinner before the program at Barn'rds, 2037 N. Woodlawn, at 5:30 p.m.

# May Meeting

This year we are having a silent auction as part of the evening's events. We will open the doors at 6:30 p.m. so you can browse the items and enjoy some snacks before the program. Bring your checkbook and do some shopping!

We have received several donations of artwork, books, birdhouses and more. If you have anything to contribute please contact Carol Cumberland, 685-4867, carol.cumberland@swbell.net (for east side donations) or Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com (for west side donations.)

Our May meeting is also the annual meeting for our corporation and includes the election of officers for the next year. The nominating committee of Anne Woods, Sharon Dilks and Bob Gress have presented the following slate of officers:

President: Gregg Friesen

Vice-president: Pete Janzen

Treasurer: Rod Wedel

Secretary: Anne Woods

Board of directors (3 year term): Tom Ewert and Karl Herold

(2 year term): Mary Singleton



These are some of the items we have received so far. The picture above is framed Dan Kilby art - and we have several others!



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Send address changes to Tom Ewert, 1021 N. Lakewind, Wichita, KS 67212, trewert@yahoo.com

## Birdathon

It's that time of year again for our annual Birdathon. This fund-raiser is a very important source of funding for Chaplin Nature Center. 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@wichitaudubon.org, or Kevin Groeneweg, 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.

# Dillon's Community Rewards Really Help!

Thanks to the twenty-one people who have signed up to give Wichita Audubon benefits from their Dillon's Plus cards, we have received \$291.49 for the first quarter of this year. That really helps!

We have had two blows to the budget this year: our insurance costs have almost doubled, plus our CRP (Crop Reserve Program) contract has expired. CRP paid CNC about \$2000 a year. It is a program of the Department of Agriculture, and with the Farm Bill in limbo there is no word on when or if we can renew our contract. All of this makes a new source of income especially important.

If you haven't signed up yet, it is very easy and costs you nothing. Wichita Audubon Society will get credit for every purchase\* its members make using their registered Plus card. The more YOU shop with Dillons, the more Wichita Audubon and Chaplin Nature Center will earn.

Go to <https://www.dillons.com/communityrewards>

Sign in or create an account to enroll  
Click on "Enroll Now"

Enter the 5-digit NPO 76181

Select Wichita Audubon and click on "Enroll"

*\*Specific purchases that cannot be included are: alcohol, tobacco, fuel, Pharmacy purchases with gov't assistance (i.e. Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare), postage, bottle deposits, lottery, Western Union, other customer services, promotional tickets, sales tax, banner gift cards, reloadable gift card products (i.e. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Green Dot).*



*Paul Griffin, Bev DuGay, Carol Cumberland and Anne Woods helped clean up Oak Park.*

## Clean up in Oak Park

Thanks to our volunteers for helping with our Oak Park clean up April 11th: Eddie Stegall, Paul Griffin, Harry Gregory, Jace Nelson, Tom Ewert, Gabby & Sharnelle Singleton, Anne Woods, Bev Dugay, and Carol Cumberland.

## Bird Seed Sale

Our last bird seed sale for this season is coming up on Saturday, May 16th. We need your order by May 9th. Contact Carol Cumberland via phone or email to order: 316-685-4867 or [carol.cumberland@swbell.net](mailto:carol.cumberland@swbell.net)

25# bag of Black oil Sunflower \$17  
20# bag of Songbird Delight Mix \$12  
25# bag of Safflower seed \$22  
We deliver to you within the Wichita city limits.

## E-mails needed

We have decided to join the digital age and begin offering our newsletter as an email. To do this we need your email address. If you would like to participate please let us know your address by emailing us: [newsletter@wichitaudubon.org](mailto:newsletter@wichitaudubon.org)

## Name Tags!

You might have noticed old-timers wearing Wichita Audubon name tags at meetings. Now you have the opportunity to get your own name tag. They can be ordered from Economy Engravers  
11818 E Kellogg, Wichita, 67207  
Call Kevin at 686-7617 or email [economyengravers@yahoo.com](mailto:economyengravers@yahoo.com)  
Cost \$12.00 + tax, cash or check only  
You can request a pin or magnet back.

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## Chaplin Nature Center Programs

### *Friday, June 5, 7 - 9 p.m. Twilight Kayak Float*

Enjoy a relaxing float down the Arkansas River as the sun sets on the water. The center will provide life jackets, kayaks and paddles. You should bring a complete change of clothes, including shoes, small flashlight and be prepared to get wet and muddy. To make a reservation, call the center at 620-442-4133. Cost is \$20.00 per person. All proceeds help support Chaplin Nature Center.

### *Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m.- Noon Stream Exploration*

Kids and adults will enjoy an outing down to Spring Creek at the Chaplin Nature Center to explore the creatures that live in the water. Through the use of nets and collecting pans participants will search for insects, crustaceans, and worms. Life histories and adaptations of the invertebrates found will also be a part of the program. Wear old shoes and clothes that can get wet and muddy.



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

