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**June 9**

Second Saturday Bird Walk in Chisholm Creek Park. Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot at 8 a.m. Questions? Kevin Groeneweg, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net, 706-9116

June 16

Derby Canoe Launch and Calhoun Acres field trip. Meet at the Derby canoe launch on 71st St at 8 a.m. Leader: Cheryl Miller, avian67226@gmail.com
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May Meeting

Our May presentation will be "Birding Kansas Throughout the Year," by Kevin Groeneweg, full-time birder and part-time WAS treasurer.

Kansas is blessed with a wide variety of birds that can be seen throughout the year. Because we are situated in the central flyway, we see a great diversity of birds during spring and fall migration. Having a wide variety of physiographic regions across our state, including the forested regions of the east, the Flint Hills, the Arkansas River lowlands and the high plains of the



Kevin Groeneweg

west, it is little wonder that our state bird checklist contains 477 species. Kevin will take us on a month-by-month journey and tell us when and where to find birds in Kansas.

The presentation will be on Tuesday, May 15, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can also join us for dinner at Panera Bread, 1605 N Rock Rd, at 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Field Trips

May 12, Saturday, 9 a.m. Oak Park Warbler Walk

Note that we will not have the 2nd Saturday bird walk in Chisholm Creek Park this month.

This traditional field trip searches for the highly sought after spring migrants at one of Wichita's finest migrant traps. Meet by the pond at the north end of the park. Leader: Paul Griffin , pgriffin1@cox.net, 263-1251

May 19, Saturday, 8 a.m. Slate Creek Wetlands

Slate Creek Wetlands is the Pearl of the Prairie, a unique ecosystem with ties to when Kansas was admitted to statehood. This wetland complex plays hosts to a variety of migrating shorebirds, waterfowl, other waterbirds, sparrows, flycatchers and raptors. Expect to see migrating shorebirds, terns, herons, rails, and lingering or nesting waterfowl. We will meet at Slate Valley Baptist Church at 8 am. Bring boots and mosquito spray. Water conditions will determine the amount of walking required. We will go to Chaplin Nature Center for lunch and do some more birding there in the afternoon.

Leader: Gene Young ,youngg@yahoo.com, 620-660-0547

June 16, Saturday, 8 a.m. Derby Canoe Launch and Calhoun Acres

The canoe launch is famous for Painted Buntings, along with a number of other species not commonly seen in Sedgwick County. Calhoun Acres is the property of Jeff Calhoun's parents on the east side of the Arkansas River, another good place for birds. Meet at the Derby canoe launch. Take K-15 to 63rd St S, turn west, cross the river, then turn south at Grove. Follow Grove to the T junction with Cider Street. Turn left and Cider curves to become 71st Street. The canoe launch site is about 6 blocks further east. Leader: Cheryl Miller, avian67226@gmail.com

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Birdathon

Its time for our annual Birdathon. Teams get pledges for the number of species of birds they can find in 24 hours. 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.

For the Painted Bunting team contact Carol Cumberland, 685-4867, carol.cumberland@swbell.net.

Our third team is organized by Tom Ewert, trewert@yahoo.com, 670-3140.

CNC Cleanup Thank You



Despite the below freezing temperatures and snow, 30 volunteers showed up to work on the trails and buildings for the CNC clean-up on April 7. A few arrived at 8:00 am, cold but ready to work. Thanks to the following volunteers: Rex Herndon, Kevin Groeneweg, Harold Kieler, Mike and Miranda Veasart, Scout troop & pack 318, and Cowley County Community College students.



Oak Park Invasive Plant Work Day



A big thanks to all the people who worked so hard on Saturday, March 31, to clean out invasive Asian bush honeysuckle from Oak Park: Marc Bosworth, Pete Clamo, Noah, Tom Ewert, Joan Fox, Harry Gregory, Kevin Groeneweg, Pete Janzen, Lydia Jensen, Michael Jensen, Roy Lyon, Karl Miller, Ernie Misek, Sandra Rupert, Eric Stewart, and Brian Talarico.



Slate of officers

Our nominating committee chair, Bill Langley, has announced the following slate of officers:

Officers (1 year term)

Vice-president: Jim Marlett

Secretary: Rachel Roth

Treasurer: Kevin Groeneweg

Board of Directors (3 year term) : Karl Herold and Jeremy Birket

The president serves a two year term, so this will be the second year for our current president Tom Ewert. The vote will be held at the May meeting, and the term of office begins July 1.

A big thank you to Greg Friesen, who will be leaving the board of directors after many years of service, both as a board member and as president.

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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. — noon Wild Edible Plant Walk

Take a walk on the wild side and discover some of nature's bounty. Participants will hike along the trails and identify some of the more common edible and poisonous plants. Reservations required. Please call to reserve your space.

Friday, June 8, or Saturday, June 9 Evening Kayak Float

Take a 3.5-mile float trip down the Arkansas River to take in the scenery and search for wildlife. This trip is open to beginners and experienced kayakers. Participants should bring water, a complete change of clothes (including shoes), and be prepared to get wet and muddy. Space is limited. Pre-registration required. All proceeds help support the Chaplin Nature. Cost: \$25.00 per person.



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.