

Wichita Audubon



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NOVEMBER MEETING



Our November program will feature “Uganda and Gorillas,” by Jim Marlett, Retired Deputy Director of the Sedgwick County Zoo.

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is the aptly named home of Uganda’s mountain gorillas. Besides gorillas, Uganda boasts more species of birds than any other African nation. Join Jim and Patty Marlett as they tour the country Winston Churchill

called the “pearl of Africa,” finding birds, lions, elephants, hippos, antelope, chimpanzees, a few reptiles and, of course, mountain gorillas.

The program will be on Tuesday, November 20, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can join Jim 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

December 8, Saturday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Night Hike

Take a walk on the dark side. Hike through the woods without the use of flashlights to learn to how to use your senses in the dark. We will also listen for and identify sounds of the night. Dress for the outdoors and wear sturdy boots.



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

November 3

Cheney Reservoir field trip. This trip departs at 7 a.m. from the Kings-X Restaurant at 21st and Amidon in Wichita. Leader: Pete Janzen, 519-1970, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net

November 20

Regular meeting, “Uganda with Gorillas,” by Jim Marlett, 7:00 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center

December 8

Night Hike at Chaplin Nature Center, 7 - 8 p.m.

Christmas Bird Counts - see page 3 for details

No Meeting In December



Kansas Environmental Forum:

Making Connections, Growing the Grassroots

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012

9:00 – 3:30

Fiedler Auditorium

Kansas State University Engineering Complex

17th St. and College Heights Rd.

*Celebrate the Kansas environment with the Kansas Natural Resource Council, Kansas Interfaith Power and Light, and our partners.

*Participants will learn about the history and future of the environmental stewardship in Kansas, brainstorm new ideas for expanding their own work, and build partnerships with others across the state.

Scheduled Speakers:

- Rex Buchanan, Kansas Geological Survey
- Scott Allegrucci, Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign
- Dorothy Barnett, Climate and Energy Project
- Ben Champion, KSU

Register via email at ksenviroforum@gmail.com. Include your name, your organization name, address, and phone number. If you are registering for a group, please provide the name and contact information for each group member.

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WALMART GRANT

Chaplin Nature Center has received a \$1000 grant from the Walmart Foundation. Thank you WalMart!

CALENDARS

The 2013 bird calendars are in. Get yours for only \$8 at meetings or by contacting Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com. You can also order them along with bird seed and they will be delivered with your seed.



CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS ARE FREE!

If you have helped with a Christmas Bird Count in the past you know that all counts reported to the National Audubon Society required a \$5 fee from each participant. Beginning this year, Audubon will no longer charge the fee of field participants. Second, to minimize the effects of the loss of fee income, American Birds will no longer be printed on paper and mailed to participants, and Audubon will move to an online delivery of the summary results of the CBC.

These events are all-day efforts to census all birds within 15-mile diameter circles. The results are reported to the National Audubon Society and Kansas Ornithological Society. Remember to dress for the weather and expect to do a fair amount of walking. Most counts have a compilation at the end of the day. This is the 113th year for Christmas bird counts, and the 59th year of the Wichita count. For more Kansas counts, check the KOS website at www.ksbirds.org

DECEMBER 15, SATURDAY, 7:30 a.m. WICHITA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at the Lawrence-Dumont Stadium parking lot. Compilation: 5:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. Chili and beverages will be provided.

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DECEMBER 16, SUNDAY, 7:30 a.m. WINFIELD/UDALL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at the Beech Science Center, Southwestern College at 7:30 a.m.

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DECEMBER 19, WEDNESDAY, 8 a.m. SLATE CREEK CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at the Slate Valley Baptist Church, 7 miles south of Oxford on Summer St.

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DECEMBER 22, SATURDAY, 8 a.m. ARKANSAS CITY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at Newman Park on Hwy 77, just north of the Arkansas River, at 8 a.m.

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DECEMBER 29, SATURDAY, 7:30 a.m. RED HILLS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at the Indian Grill Restaurant on U.S. 160 in Medicine Lodge. Groups will depart at 7:30 a.m.

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DECEMBER 30, SUNDAY, 7:30 a.m. DERBY/BELLE PLAINE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Meet at the Target parking lot at 2024 N. Rock Rd. in Derby (SE corner of Rock Road & Tall Tree).

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Geese on a Christmas Bird Count

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