

# Wichita Audubon

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## NOVEMBER MEETING



Our November program will remind us of sunnier days. Krista Dahlinger of the Kansas Native Plant Society will present “Native Plants and where to find them.”

Krista is a keen observer of wildflowers and native plants. She will take us to pastures, parks and the unusual places to find Kansas Native Plants. She will also show us what to do with them when you find them. Where there are plants there are also bugs and birds, leading to the need to continue to learn about all creatures in all kinds of habitat.

The program will be on Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can join Krista and other members for dinner at Panera’s at Central and Hillside at 5:30 p.m.

## COMING EVENTS

### **November 9**

Cranes and Geese at Quivira field trip. Meet at Quivira Headquarters at 3 p.m. Leader: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com

### **November 15**

Moon Hike at Chaplin Nature Center, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

### **November 19**

Regular meeting, “Native Plants and where to find them,” by Krista Dahlinger, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.

**Christmas Bird Counts** - see page 3 for details

**No Meeting In December**

## CNC UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**November 15, Friday, 7 - 8:30 p.m.**  
**Moon Hike**

Take a leisurely hike down to the Arkansas River by the light of the almost full moon. During this two mile hike we’ll search for our moon shadow, do moon trivia and discover the strange effects of the moon.

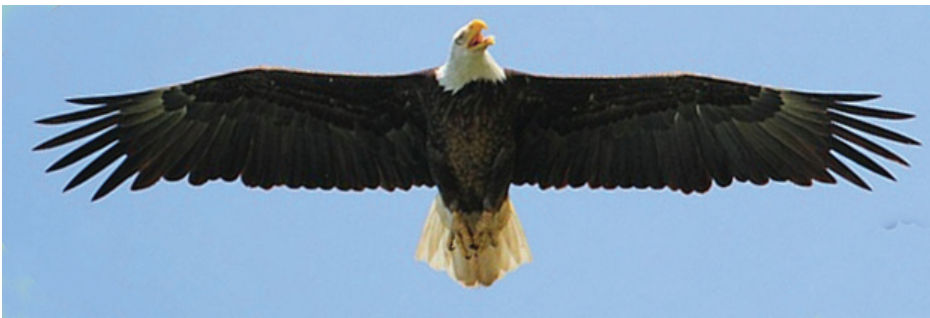


For more information about any Chaplin Nature Center programs call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, or e-mail [cnc@wichitaaudubon.org](mailto:cnc@wichitaaudubon.org). CNC is located 3 miles west of Arkansas City on Hwy 166, north 2 miles on 21st Rd, east 0.6 miles on 272nd Rd.



## **MEMBERS PHOTOGRAPHY**

Since the Wichita Audubon Society is full of adventurous people capturing nature, wildlife, scenery, sunsets and excitement in photos, our May program is going to be comprised of photos from our own members. Have you ever wanted to share an image, or a few images, but didn't want to commit to a full Audubon program? This program is made for you, and we need your help! Please share with us. Bob Gress has agreed to help coordinate and organize this special program. He'll put together all images into a single presentation and you can share a few words when your photo or photos are featured. Please join the fun and email Bob with your ideas at [bobgress@cox.net](mailto:bobgress@cox.net)! If you know of someone else's photos let Bob know (316-838-4130) and he'll contact them.



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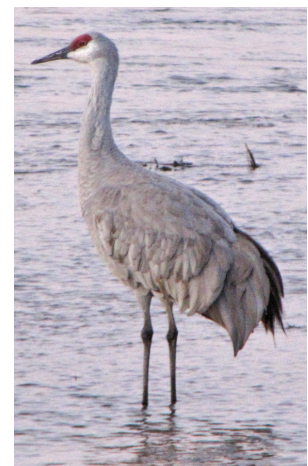
## **CALENDARS**

The 2014 bird calendars are here featuring a beautiful bird photo for each month. Get yours for only \$8 at meetings or by contacting Patty Marlett, 942-2164, [pmarlett@mac.com](mailto:pmarlett@mac.com).

## **CRANES AND GEESE FIELDTRIP**

Early November is prime time for the migration of Sandhill Cranes, Snow Geese and White-fronted Geese. During the day they feed in fields, but at sundown they come in to the Big Salt Marsh at Quivira to roost. Our field trip will begin at the headquarters building at the south end of the refuge at 3 p.m. We'll take a leisurely trip north, stopping to look at any good birds we find, and end up on the Wildlife Drive in time to see and hear all the thousands of birds coming in to roost. It is quite a spectacle, and you don't have to be an expert birder to enjoy it. If we are lucky there might be a Whooping Crane or two in the crowd. Join us on Saturday, November 9, 3 p.m. at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge headquarters.

Leader: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, [pmarlett@mac.com](mailto:pmarlett@mac.com)



## **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. Since last year, Audubon no longer charges this fee of field participants.

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 114th year for Christmas bird counts, and the 60th year of the Wichita count. For more Kansas counts, check the KOS website at [www.ksbirds.org](http://www.ksbirds.org)

### **DECEMBER 14, SATURDAY, 7:30 a.m. WICHITA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

**Meet at the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot.** Compilation: 5:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. Chili and beverages will be provided. --**NOTE THAT WE ARE MEETING IN A NEW PLACE THIS YEAR.**  
Compiler: Kevin Groeneweg, 706-9116, [kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net)

### **DECEMBER 15, 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 16, MONDAY, 8 a.m. QUIVIRA NWR CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

Meet at the refuge headquarters at 8 a.m.  
Compiler: Mike Rader, 785-658-2595, [mike\\_rader@hotmail.com](mailto:mike_rader@hotmail.com)

### **DECEMBER 18, WEDNESDAY, 8 a.m. SLATE CREEK CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

Meet at the Slate Valley Baptist Church, 7 miles south of Oxford on the main road.  
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### **DECEMBER 21, 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, SUNDAY, 7:30 a.m. DERBY/BELLE PLAINE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

Meet at the Calhoun home in Derby. Contact Jeff for directions.  
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### **JANUARY 4, 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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*The Tallgrass String Band performing at the 40th Anniversary Celebration*