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November 14

Second Saturday Bird Walk in Chisholm Creek Park. Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot at 8 a.m.

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Cranes & Geese at Quivira NWR. Meet at Quivira headquarters at 3 p.m. for a leisurely trip through the refuge, followed by the spectacle of thousands of geese and cranes coming in to roost.

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

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**November 17**

Monthly program, "Wildlife Down Under - Australia," by Bob Gress, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.

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November 17

Join us for dinner with Bob before the program at Barn'rds, 2037 N

Woodlawn (just south of 21st on Woodlawn) at 5:30 p.m.



November Meeting

Bob Gress will be presenting our November program. Australia is an amazing country rich in culture, scenery and wildlife. It is home to 150 species of marsupials, including 45 kinds of kangaroos. Australia is also home to two mammals that lay eggs. In **Wildlife Down Under** learn about birds that build and decorate bowers with colorful decorations to attract mates. Discover giant fruit bats called Flying-foxes and the world's largest living reptile. See a most unbirdlike bird and another that incubates its eggs with rotting vegetation. Australia is home to koalas, Tasmanian devils, parrots, quolls, wombats, fairywrens and penguins. Learn, have fun and be amazed at the diversity of life on earth! G'day Mate!!



Bob Gress

Bob Gress is the former director of the Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita and co-founder of www.BirdsInFocus.com. He is a Distinguished Alumnus from Emporia State University with an M.S. in Environmental Biology. Bob has photographed wildlife in wild places throughout North America,

Central America, South America, Africa, New Zealand and Australia. Over 4,200 of his wildlife photos have been published and are seen in a wide variety of magazines and in more than sixty books, including *Birds of Kansas*, *The Guide to Kansas Birds and Birding Hot Spots*, *Faces of the Great Plains*, *Kansas Wildlife*, *Watching Kansas Wildlife*, *The Living Gulf Coast*, *The Smithsonian Book of North American Mammals*, and *The Guide to Colorado Mammals*. Be sure to check out Bob's bird images at: www.BirdsInFocus.com

The presentation will be on Tuesday, November 17, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can also join us for dinner at Barn'rds, 2037 N Woodlawn, at 5:30 p.m.

Thank You!

Thanks to the following people who helped deliver bird seed for our first bird seed sale of the season on September 19:

Tom Ewert, Margaret Wieland, Karl and Mary Herold, Joan Dingman and Hal Cumberland.

We couldn't do it without you!



New Picnic Tables at CNC

Zachary Shiever of Troop 505 in Ponca City built and delivered new picnic tables to CNC as part of his Eagle Scout project. Thanks Zachary! They look really nice.



Fall Nature Day at Chaplin Nature Center

We had a beautiful day with lots of monarchs for the September 26 Fall Nature Day. So many monarchs got tagged that Shawn ran out of tags. We also saw some good birds and even some snakes.



A tiny snake

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Aveda at Chaplin Nature Center



Aveda salons in Kansas and Missouri had a contest to raise money for the National Audubon Society's clean water restoration and conservation projects. The winners were all in Wichita and Arkansas City, and their prize was an outdoor adventure at CNC.

Aveda is a company specializing in hair care products, with over 8,000 salons worldwide. They have a commitment to clean water and have partnered with the National Audubon Society to fund restoration and conservation projects

On September 28 the winners kayaked from the Geuda Springs bridge to the sandbar by Chaplin Nature Center. We roasted sausages and hotdogs on a campfire, then kayaked on to Arkansas City. It was a beautiful day and everyone had an excellent time.

Christmas Bird Counts

Christmas bird counts are all day efforts to census all birds within a 15-mile diameter circle. The results are reported to the National Audubon Society and the Kansas Ornithological Society. You are welcome to help with any count - contact the compiler so they know to expect you. For more Kansas counts, check out the KOS website at www.ksbirds.org

DECEMBER 15, TUESDAY, 7:30 a.m. QUIVIRA NWR

Meet at the refuge headquarters at 8 a.m. Compiler: Mike Rader, 785-658-2595, mike_rader@hotmail.com

DECEMBER 19, SATURDAY, 7:30 a.m. WICHITA

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. Compiler: Kevin Groeneweg, 706-9116, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net

DECEMBER 20, SUNDAY, 7:30 a.m. WINFIELD-UDALL

Meet at the Beech Science Center, Southwestern College at 7:30 a.m. Compiler: Max Thompson, 620-221-1856, maxt@cox.net

DECEMBER 21, MONDAY, 7:30 a.m. EL DORADO

Meet at the El Dorado McDonald's on west Central. Compiler: Atcha Nolan, 323-4921, qanolan@cox.net

DECEMBER 23, WEDNESDAY, 8 a.m. SLATE CREEK

Meet at the Slate Valley Baptist Church, 7 miles south of Oxford on the main road. Compiler: Gene Young, 620-660-0547, youngg6264@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 26, SATURDAY, 8 a.m. ARKANSAS CITY

Meet at Newman Park on Hwy 77, just north of the Arkansas River, at 8 a.m. Compiler: Gene Young, 620-660-0547, youngg6264@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 26, SATURDAY, 8 a.m. MARION

Meet at Wendy's in Hillsboro at 8 a.m. Compiler: Tom Ewert, 670-3140, trewert@yahoo.com

JANUARY 2, SATURDAY, 7:30 a.m. RED HILLS

Depart at 7:30 a.m. from the Wright Truck Stop on US Hwy 160 in Medicine Lodge. Compiler: Pete Janzen, 519-1970, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net

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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Friday, November 13, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Night Hike

Friday the 13th is the perfect time to explore the woods of Chaplin Nature Center. We'll travel the trails in darkness, listening for night sounds while utilizing all our senses. Dress for the outdoors and wear sturdy shoes.



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.

