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November 4

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

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Cranes at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. Meet at the Quivira headquarters parking lot at 3 p.m. We'll watch the cranes and geese come in to roost.

Leader: Patty Marlett, pmarlett@mac.com, 316-200-3419

November 13

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

Questions?: Cheryl Miller, avian67226@gmail.com

**November 15**

Monthly program, "Built for Flight," by Dr. Jackie Augustine, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.

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Christmas bird counts - lots of them!

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November Meeting

Our November program will be "Built for Flight," by Dr. Jackie Augustine. Birds are masters of the air. In order to fly, birds must be lightweight, but also strong to provide power for flight. Dr. Jackie Augustine, Audubon of Kansas Executive Director, is an ornithologist and will describe how birds' bodies are adapted for the demands of flight.

Jackie Augustine joined Audubon of Kansas (AOK) in January 2021 as Executive Director. She received her degree at Kansas State University studying the mating behavior of Greater Prairie-Chickens. As an Associate Professor in Biology at a regional campus of The Ohio State University, she expanded her research to cover both Lesser and



Dr. Jackie Augustine

Greater Prairie-Chickens in western Kansas. AOK is a nonprofit environmental organization dedicated to advocacy, conservation, and environmental education in Kansas, Nebraska, and the central Great Plains. As Executive Director, Jackie works with public officials to advance environmental causes and manages AOK's three sanctuaries including a 5,000-acre ranch in northern Nebraska.

The presentation will be on Tuesday, November 15, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. This year we will not live-stream the program, but a recording will be available for later viewing on Youtube (www.youtube.com/channel/UCBzA8JCBgw-5aUHVW1IM7jw).

Thank you

Thanks to all the people who helped with our clean up in Chisholm Creek Park on October 8, especially Brian & Nohora Talarico, who organized everything and brought the snacks and a door prize!



Wings Over Water

The Cosmosphere in Hutchinson is showing the film *Wings Over Water*. Sponsored by the National Audubon Society, it tells the compelling story of three amazing bird species—the Sandhill Crane, the Yellow Warbler and the Mallard Duck—with extraordinary footage of their fascinating behaviors. All of them depend on the wetlands for their survival.

As the glaciers retreated at the end of the last ice age, they left an astounding gift of connected rivers, lakes, and wetlands across the heartland of North America. Today, these largely unknown water highways remain an oasis for wildlife, from the herds of bison that still roam part of the Great Plains to the swaying grasslands, wildflowers, and vital honeybees that pollinate our crops and especially for the millions of magnificent birds that migrate along these “flyways.”

Wings Over Water will be showing at the Cosmosphere through December.

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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

These annual events are all-day efforts to census all birds in an established 15-mile wide diameter circle, and is organized by a count compiler. Volunteers count every bird they see or hear all day. It's not just a species tally—all birds are counted all day, giving an indication of the total number of birds in the circle that day. More information is available on our website at www.wichitaudubon.org/events.

If your home is within the boundaries of a CBC circle, then you can stay at home and report the birds that visit your feeder on count day as long as you have made prior arrangement with the count compiler. The results are reported to the National Audubon Society and the Kansas Ornithological Society.

Because of Covid there may or may not be in-person compilations at the end of the day. Inform the compiler if you plan to attend so they can plan ahead. Many are assigning routes ahead of time to avoid gathering before the count. That also allows them to contact you in case cancellation is necessary. Remember to dress for the weather and expect to do a fair amount of walking. There are lots of counts to choose from, so come join us! And you can find still more counts on the Kansas Ornithological Society webpage at www.KSBirds.org.

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Moon Walk at CNC

Lots of people came out for the 2k Moon Walk at CNC on October 7. They won glowing jewelry for answering moon questions at the stations along the way. These folks were really knew their moon facts!



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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Friday, November 4, 7 - 9 p.m.

Campfire and Night Hike

This is an opportunity to explore the trails at night. We will hike down to the sandy banks of the Ark River for some roasted marshmallows. Afterwards we will hike back to the Visitor Center without the use of flashlights. Dress for the cooler temperatures and wear hiking 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.

