

# Wichita Audubon

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## OCTOBER MEETING



During the winter of 2011-2012, Kansas was invaded by Snowy Owls from the Canadian tundra. Because this was a thirty-seven year event, Paul spent extra time attempting to document the sightings. He investigated twenty-two Snowy Owl reports, visiting Lake Marion, Butler County, Quivira Big Salt Marsh, Cheney

Reservoir and Cheyenne Bottoms. Come and see the video of this adventure chasing the beautiful and rare Snowy Owls of the Canadian tundra. Paul will present "Ten Snowy Owls" on Tuesday, October 15, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can also join Paul and other members for dinner before the meeting at Panera's, Central and Hillside, at 5:30 p.m.

## CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Saturday, October 12, 1 - 4 p.m. CNC 40th Anniversary Celebration**  
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**Saturday, October 28, 7:30 - 9 p.m. Astronomy**

The cool air of fall makes for the best time to view the planets and the stars. Locate the North Star, the Big Dipper and other constellations. Volunteers from the Kansas Astronomical Observers will bring telescopes so we can locate planets and search for other deep sky objects. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for the best viewing.

## COMING EVENTS

### **October 5**

Clean up at Chisholm Creek Park. Help keep our adopted park free of litter. Meet in the parking lot at 9 a.m.  
Leader: Sandra Tholen, stholen@cox.net, 634-0049

### **October 12**

CNC 40th Anniversary celebration - see page 3.

### **October 15**

Regular meeting, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.  
Program: "Ten Snowy Owls" by Paul Griffin.

### **October 26**

Astronomy program at Chaplin Nature Center, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

### **November 9**

Cranes and Geese at Quivira NWR. Meet at Quivira headquarters at 3 p.m. to see the spectacle of thousands of Sandhill Cranes and geese coming in to roost. If our timing is right we might see Whooping Cranes, too.  
Leader: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com



For more information about any Chaplin Nature Center programs call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, or e-mail [cnc@wichitaudubon.org](mailto: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.

## **EXTENDED FIELD TRIPS 2014**

We have two extended field trips being planned for next year - one to Nebraska and one to Southern California. The Nebraska trip will take place May 31 to June 4, Saturday through Wednesday. We will drive from Wichita and will stay at the Hutton-Niobrara Sanctuary, owned by Audubon of Kansas. Located near Bassett, Nebraska, this 6,000 acre ranch has two houses available for us to stay in, along with an abundance of wildlife to view and enjoy. We should see Sharp-tailed Grouse, Long-billed Curlews, Bobolinks and lots of wildflowers on the property. During our stay we will also visit nearby Valentine National Wildlife Refuge and Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge.

The leader for the trip is Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com. Contact her if you are interested, or sign up at one of our program meetings.

The second trip is still in the early stages of planning, but will be in the fall of 2014 to the San Diego, California, area and will include a pelagic trip as well as coastal birding. If you have any interest, let us know so we can keep you informed as our plans progress. There will be a limited number of spaces available, so get your name in!

The leader is Pete Janzen, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net, 519-1970.

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## **CHISHOLM CREEK PARK CLEANUP**

Every fall we sponsor a trash cleanup in Chisholm Creek Park, home of the Great Plains Nature Center. Help us keep our adopted park looking good for all the thousands of people who visit. Bring gloves - we'll provide trash bags and sticks for picking up litter. Meet at 9 a.m. in the GPNC parking lot. We usually work one to two hours. The organizer for this event is Sandra Tholen, 634-0049, stholen@cox.net

Wildlife Tours • Nature Hikes • Raffle • Refreshments  
Tallgrass Express concert



**Come join our 40th Anniversary  
Special Celebration of Nature!**

**OCTOBER 12 • Saturday  
1:00 - 4:00 pm**

**\$10 adults, \$5 kids ages 6-16  
(5 years and under Free)**

**Tallgrass Express String Band concert 3:00**



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**Show your support by joining us for this fun event!**

**Tickets will be available at the door**

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## **2014 AUDUBON CALENDARS ARE HERE!**

Get a head start on those Christmas gifts with calendars featuring a beautiful bird photo for each month. All proceeds go to support Chaplin Nature Center and nature education. Calendars cost \$8 each and can be purchased at the October and November 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.



## **BIRD SEED SALE**

Help support Wichita Audubon and Chaplin Nature Center by buying your bird seed from us. We offer high quality seed, delivered to your home (within Wichita City limits.)

Please submit your order by Friday, October 5. The seed will be delivered on Saturday, October 13.

25 lb Songbird Delight Mix - \$18  
25 lb Black Oil Sunflower - \$18  
25 lb Safflower - \$20  
2014 Bird Calendars - \$8

Order by phone, mail or E-mail. Call Carol Cumberland at 685-4867 or carol.cumberland@swbell.net Mail: Wichita Audubon Society, PO Box 47607, Wichita, KS 67201.