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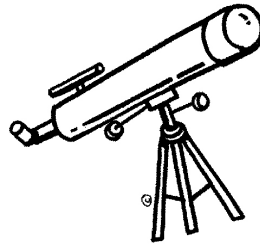
Chisholm Creek Park Cleanup
Bring gloves and help clean up our adopted park. Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot at 9 a.m. Leader: Sandra Tholen, 634-0049, stholen@cox.net

**October 11**

Wichita area hotspots field trip.
Meet at Pawnee Prairie Park on South Tyler Rd at 8 a.m. Some hiking will be involved as we search for fall migrants and early winter residents. If time allows we may visit Cheney or other area hotspots. Leader: Tome Ewert, 670-3140, trewert@yahoo.com

October 18

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

Page 4**October 21**

Regular meeting, "Red Hills Initiative," by Ken Brunson, Red Hills Project Coordinator for the Nature Conservancy. Tuesday, October 21, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. Join us for dinner before the meeting at Barn'rds, 2037 N Woodlawn, at 5:30 p.m.

October Meeting

Our October program will be presented by Ken Brunson. After retiring from a long career with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism, Ken went to work for the Nature Conservancy. He is project coordinator for their Red Hills Initiative. This will be an inside look at one of the most fascinating landscapes in Kansas. The Red Hills (Gyp Hills) of south-central Kansas has been deemed the second most biologically diverse area in Kansas, second only to the Flint Hills. With the added viewscapes of gypsum-rimmed buttes and mesas, the reddish, iron-rich soils and the refuge for more than half of the state's caves, the Red Hills could legitimately claim to be the most interesting Kansas ecosystem. Ken will share secrets of the enchanting land he calls The Kansas Outback. Secrets will include special places, plants, and wildlife of the Red Hills with a particular emphasis on the bat species occurring there. The program will take place on Tuesday, October 21, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can also join us for dinner before the program at Barn'rds, 2037 N. Woodlawn, at 5:30 p.m.



60th Anniversary Celebration

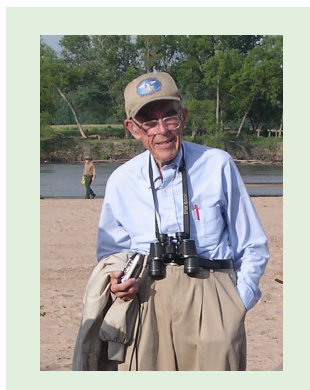
Our big celebration on the weekend of September 13 -14 couldn't have been more successful. Our special guests were birding legend Kenn Kaufman and his wife Kimberly. Kenn presented an educational and entertaining workshop on bird identification at the Great Plains Nature Center to a crowd of

about 120. Many of us then followed Kenn outside for a stroll around Chisholm Creek Park and a chance to put some of his tips to use.

In the evening Kenn spoke at the Sedgwick County Zoo's Cargill Education Center. The chapter presented Kenn with an original Dan Kilby drawing of a Merlin in appreciation for all his support. The reception that followed his speech was an excellent occasion for reminiscing and catching up with old friends. Sunday morning a crowd of around 60 showed up at the crack of dawn at the Great Plains Nature Center for another bird walk with Kenn and Kimberly. It was a perfect morning with lots of good migrants. See lots of pictures on Page 3.

In Memory of Walker Butin

Wichita Audubon lost one of its last founding members with the death of Walker Butin on August 7. Walker was a cofounder of the society in 1954 and served as its first president. Despite a busy career as a physician he always found time for bird-watching and appreciation of nature. Even after his years as an active leader had passed he always remained as an advisor and supporter. He will be missed.



Now Join or Donate Online!

We have updated our website so that you can now pay for your Wichita Audubon membership and donate online at our website:

www.wichitaudubon.org. Remember that there are two ways to join Wichita Audubon. If you join the National Audubon Society you are automatically a member of WAS and don't need to pay additional dues. If you purchase our local membership, you will not receive Audubon magazine, but you will receive our newsletter and all your dues will stay here to support Chaplin Nature Center and the programs of the Wichita Audubon Society.

The online transaction is handled by PayPal, but you don't need a PayPal account to use it. You can use any credit or debit card. Check it out at www.wichitaudubon.org. We hope it makes it more convenient for you to give!

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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.) Or you can pick up your order at Carol's house in NE Wichita.

Please submit your order by Friday, October 8. The seed will be delivered on Saturday, October 18.

20 lb. Songbird Delight Mix - \$12

25 lb. Black Oil Sunflower - \$17

25 lb. Safflower - \$22

2015 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

Walmart Grant

The Walmart Foundation and Facility # 978 (Arkansas city) has given us a grant through the Local Facility Giving Program in the amount of \$500. This is to support the education programs at Chaplin Nature Center. Thanks Walmart!



Calendars

The 2015 Audubon bird calendars are here! Get a head start on Christmas shopping with this calendar which features a beautiful bird photo for each month. The cost is \$8 each, and all proceeds go to support Chaplin Nature Center. They can be purchased at the October and November meetings or by contacting Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com. You can also order them with your birdseed and they will be delivered with the seed.

60th Anniversary



Wally Champeny, Dan Kilby, Kenn Kaufman and Jeff Cox



The Bird Identification Workshop practice



A Black-throated Green Warbler had everyone excited on the morning field trip.



The reception in the rotunda of the Cargill Learning Center at the Sedgwick County Zoo.

A big thank you to our sponsors: the Sedgwick County Zoo; the Great Plains Nature Center; Jerry & Lisa Jones, the Slawson Company; Bill & Mary Watson, Kansas State Bank



Everyone signed our banner to thank Kenn

Aveda at CNC

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 August 25 the winners had breakfast on the porch of the visitor center and then hiked to the river and kayaked three miles. It was a beautiful day and everyone had an excellent time!

The participants were Karen and Tom Beckelhimer, Kathy Schaace, Stephanie Palmer, Andrea Davila, and Cheryl Nelson

Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Saturday, October 18, 7:30 - 9 p.m. Astronomy

Are you curious about stars and constellations? If so, this is your opportunity to learn about the night sky with the Kansas Astronomical Observers. The Kansas Astronomical Observers will be on hand to share their knowledge and answer questions. They will have telescopes to view Saturn, double stars, and other deep sky objects. Participants are welcome to bring their own telescopes to join in on the fun. Weather makes a big difference, so call ahead to check the schedule.



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.

