

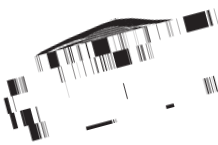
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October Meeting

Our October program will be "The Galapagos Islands - A World Away," presented by Jim Griggs. The Galapagos are one of the most amazing wildlife destinations on earth. In "Darwin's Enchanted Islands," birds and wildlife are so easily approached one hardly needs binoculars. Jim went with his camera, and will show us his spectacular photos of this special place.



Jim Griggs

Jim has been active in photography since 1970. He has photographed weddings, commercial projects, aerial and industrial assignments. Additionally, his involvement in backpacking and the wilderness areas of Texas in Big Bend and Guadalupe National Parks led to his keen interest in and photography of the scenic and wild splendors of the world and has seen his photography assist in conservation efforts. From the mid 1980's until the mid 1990's Jim was a teaching assistant at Wilderness Photography Workshops in both Colorado and Wyoming

where he assisted widely known and published writer/photographer, Boyd Norton. Jim and Boyd have once again teamed up to do workshops together in Wyoming.

His work has been published by numerous magazines, books, calendars, newspapers, post cards, web sites and brochures including the Sierra Club, The Nature Conservancy, Wyoming

Wildlife, National Geographic, Shutterbug, Footprints, Plastics Engineering, Kiplinger's Retirement Magazine, National Kart News, Backroads of Colorado and Extreme Golf among others.

The program will be on Tuesday, October 17, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. Join us for dinner at Panera Bread, 1605 N Rock Rd at 5:30 p.m.

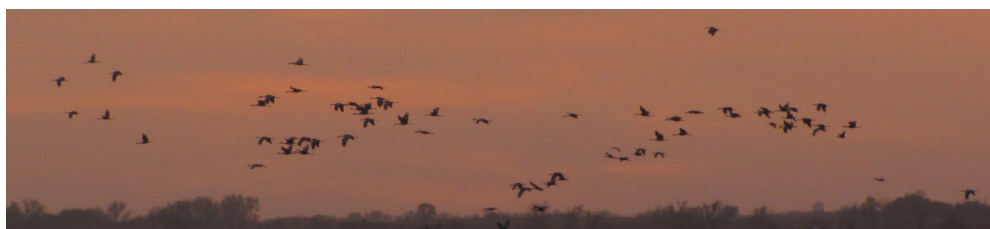
Upcoming Field Trips

Saturday, October 21, 6:45 a.m., Fall birding in the Cross Timbers

We will meet at the Dillon's parking lot at Kellogg and Andover Road, where we will consolidate the number of vehicles. Plan to depart at 6:45 a.m. This trip will wander through the scenic Cross Timbers region, visiting Fall River and Toronto Reservoirs. Expect a good variety of waterfowl, gulls, terns, raptors and a number of other bird species. Bring along something for lunch as this trip will take up the majority of the daylight hours. A State Park Permit will be needed for each vehicle. Leader: Pete Janzen, 519-1970, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net.

Saturday, November 4, 3 p.m., Cranes and 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 at the Big Salt Marsh. If you have an FRS radio bring it along so we can communicate on the drive. Leader: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com



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Check the Label!

Check the mailing label on this newsletter for your membership expiration date, and don't forget to renew! There are two ways you can become a member - if you join the National Audubon Society you automatically become a member of the local chapter, or you can join as a member of Wichita Audubon only.

To join the Wichita Audubon Society only:

Individual membership - \$20

Family membership - \$25

Student (18 & under) - \$10

As a local member, all your dues support your local chapter. Make your check payable to the Wichita Audubon Society and mail to PO Box 47607, Wichita, KS 67201. Don't forget that you can pay online - just go to www.wichitaaudubon.org/Membership

Email Address Wanted

Don't forget that this newsletter is also available as an email. If you would like to save a tree let us know your address by emailing us: newsletter@wichitaaudubon.org. Put anything in the subject line - just be sure to let us know the name or names associated with the email. If there are two or more of you in a household who would like to receive the newsletter just give us all the addresses. In addition to the newsletter we will send out occasional reminders of meetings and events, but you will never get more than two emails a month from us. And we will never give out your email to anyone else!

New Bridge at Chaplin Nature Center

The V.J. Wilkins Foundation awarded the Chaplin Nature Center \$10,000 in late 2016 to build and replace the eastern bridge across Spring Creek. The new bridge is now in place and under budget. This was accomplished through volunteer hours and in-kind donations from the community. Students from Cowley County College spent 30 hours clearing a path for access to the site. G.E. Aviation volunteered 38 hours in preparation and 48 hours on the installation of the bridge for a total of 86 hours.

The monetary value of volunteer hours for the Chaplin Nature Center Bridge Project was \$2,800. Additional in-kind contributions from Pike Construction, G.E. Aviation, and use of heavy moving equipment is valued at \$500. This would make the total community contribution in volunteer time and in-kind donations to \$3,300.

The 40-foot long 7-foot wide steel bridge replaced a 32-foot long 4-foot wide wooden bridge. The old wooden bridge was in desperate need of updating. It leaned to one side, was often damaged by high water, and slippery when wet. A small number of visitors refused to even cross it. The steel bridge is a more permanent solution to keeping the River Trail open and can provide access to the eastern trails when the west side of the property floods.



Dillon's Community Rewards Really Help!

Thanks to the many people who have signed up to give Wichita Audubon benefits from their Dillon's Plus cards, we have received quarterly donations of several hundred dollars for the last two years. That really helps!

If you haven't signed up yet, it is very easy and costs you nothing. Wichita Audubon Society will get credit for every purchase* its members make using their registered Plus card. The more YOU shop with Dillon's, the more Wichita Audubon and Chaplin Nature Center will earn.

Go to <https://www.dillons.com/communityrewards>
Sign in or create an account to enroll
Click on "Enroll Now"
Enter the 5-digit NPO 76181
Select Wichita Audubon and click on "Enroll"



If you have questions about the process, you can call 1-866-221-4141

Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Saturday, October 14, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Star Program

Members of the Kansas Astronomical Observers will be setting up telescopes in the Chaplin Nature Center parking lot for an evening of stargazing. The planet Saturn and other heavenly objects should be visible. Dress for the outdoors.

Friday, November 3, 6 - 8 p.m.

Sunset - Moonrise Hike

The sun will be setting at 6:28 p.m. and the almost full moon will be rising 7 minutes later. We will take a ¾-mile hike down to the sandy shores of the Arkansas River to witness this celestial exchange. Afterwards we will hike back to the Visitors' Center by the light 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. 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.