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October 12

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

Questions? Tom Ewert, 670-3140, trewert@yahoo.com.

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Chisholm Creek Park Cleanup, 9:45 am. following the bird walk.

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**October 15**

Monthly program, "People and Wildlife: An Anthropologist's Journey to Namibia," by Ryan Klataske, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.

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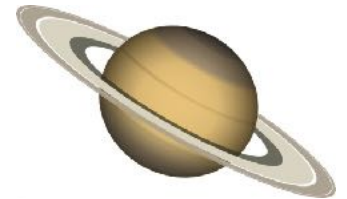
Fall birding in the Cross Timbers field trip.

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**October 28**

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

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Cranes and Geese at Quivira NWR field trip

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October Meeting

Our October program will be presented by Ryan Klataske with his program: "People and Wildlife: An Anthropologist's Journey to Namibia." African wildlife face an array of formidable threats, from habitat loss and fragmentation to human-wildlife conflict and illegal trafficking. Similar threats to wildlife exist around the world. Fortunately, in southern Africa, groups of people are working together to manage and conserve wildlife and natural resources in innovative ways. For the past decade, anthropologist Dr. Ryan Klataske has studied wildlife management and conservation in Namibia, documenting these important efforts and the intersecting issues of ranching, race, land, and livelihoods. This talk will provide a broad, publicly accessible introduction to Namibia, including its people, history, wildlife, and the lessons it can teach



Dr. Ryan Klataske

us about conservation and community in the Great Plains. Vivid photography will compliment stories about living and working for over a year with a wide variety of people including landowners, farmworkers, resettlement farmers, indigenous people, hunters and tourists, government officials, and representatives of various NGOs.

Dr. Ryan Klataske is a cultural anthropologist and conservationist. He teaches anthropology at Kansas State University and works for Audubon of Kansas, a nonprofit conservation organization.

The presentation will be on Tuesday, October 15, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. Note that this year we will not have a dinner before the program.

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CATS!

The Wichita Animal Control Advisory Board has proposed changes to the city ordinances concerning feral cats. The new law would allow people in the city to maintain colonies of feral cats. The cats in the colony would be neutered (if they can be caught), vaccinated against rabies (but only once), and released. A colony would be limited to eight animals.

The WAS board has been opposed to this primarily because feral cats kill an estimated 1.4 – 3.7 BILLION birds a year in the United States alone. Many studies have shown that trapping, neutering and releasing cats does not decrease their numbers, and feeding them can increase their numbers.

The proposed ordinance has been presented at each of the six District Advisory Boards over the last several months. Four of the boards voted against it, one was tied and thus has no recommendation, and one voted in favor. Next, it will be considered by the City Commission. WAS board members continue to speak out and campaign against it. You are encouraged to let your city commissioner know how you feel.

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Aveda & Local Salons Support Audubon

In the month of April, local salons that carry Aveda hair products worked to help raise funds for the Wichita Audubon Society and Chaplin Nature Center. This year's contributors were Sugar Salon of Wichita, Haden's Salon & Spa of Hutchinson, and Salon Aspire, LLC, of Wichita. Together these three salons raised \$2,457 to support the Chaplin Nature Center's environmental initiatives and educational programs. A big thank you to them for their support.

Help Clean Up Chisholm Creek Park

Join us after the second Saturday bird walk (October 12, approximately 9:45 am). Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot to collect trash and keep our adopted park looking nice. Bring gloves, we'll provide trash bags, along with coffee and donuts.

Leaders: Brian & Nohora Talarico, btalarico34@outlook.com



Fall Birding in the Cross Timbers

On Saturday, October 19, this trip will wander through the scenic Cross Timbers region, visiting Fall River and Toronto Reservoirs. Meet at the Dillon's parking lot at Kellogg and Andover Road to consolidate vehicles. Arrive in time to be ready to depart at 6:45 am. A State Park Permit will be needed for each vehicle. Bring along lunch as this trip will be all day.

Leader: Pete Janzen, 519-1970, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net

Cranes and Geese at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

Quivira hosts tens of thousands of Sandhill Cranes and hundreds of thousands of geese in late fall. Join us on Saturday, November 2, to witness this spectacle. Meet at the Quivira headquarters at 3 p.m.. We will take a leisurely drive to the Big Salt Marsh, stopping to see other waterfowl and lingering shorebirds on the way. The cranes come in to roost at dusk. If we are really lucky there may be some Whooping Cranes present, too.

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



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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

October 19, Saturday, 7:30 -9:30 p.m. Star Gazing

Can you pick out the Big Dipper, or the North Star? Join us in the parking lot of the Nature Center for an evening of astronomy. A variety of telescopes will be available for the public to use to view a double star, galaxy, or a globular cluster. Of course, all the well known constellations and stars that can be found in the fall skies will be pointed out. Be sure to dress for the weather. In the event of rain or overcast skies the program will be cancelled.



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