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October Meeting

Our October program will be "Kansas flyways: the current and future of understanding birds' movements," by Dr. Alice Boyle.

Alice will talk to us a bit about why Kansas is such an interesting place to study bird movement, especially highlighting several of the new discoveries she and her lab have made in recent years. She will then tell us about an exciting new initiative that is already transforming the study of bird migration. She hopes to gain support for "automated telemetry"—a way for birds flying by to basically send us an email—and explain how this could dramatically improve our understanding of how birds use and move through our local grasslands.

Dr. Alice Boyle hails from Winnipeg, Canada, has lived and traveled throughout the Americas, and worked for many years in very wet tropical forests.



Dr. Alice Boyle

Since joining the faculty at K-State 10 years ago, she has devoted much of her efforts to studying the birds of tallgrass prairies of Eastern Kansas. She teaches Ornithology (among other things) and mentors many graduate and undergraduate students in avian research. She is fascinated by bird movements—

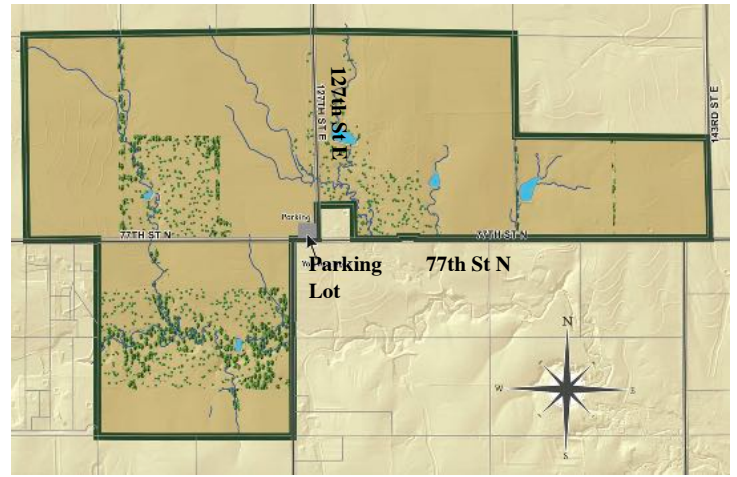
from local migration of tropical birds to the dispersal of grassland birds. She and her students have discovered some unusual movements that our local birds engage in—movements that affect practically everything else about their ecology and conservation.

The presentation will be on Tuesday, October 18, 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 both Youtube (www.youtube.com/channel/UCBzA8JCBgw-5aUHVW1IM7jw) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/WichitaAudubonSociety)

Help Clean Up Chisholm Creek Park

Join us after the second Saturday bird walk (October 8, approximately 9:45 a.m.). 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 drinks and treats.

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Sedgwick County Park NE Field Trip

Join us October 22 at 7:30 a.m. to explore this park that is new to most of us. This will be a walking field trip. There are extensive mowed trails, so use insect repellent and be prepared to walk. It should be a good place for early winter migrants, especially sparrows.

Meet in the parking lot at the northwest corner of 77th St N and 127th St E. The address is 7390 N. 127th St. E to put in your phone or GPS device. **Leader: Mark Nolen, nolen.mark@gmail.com, 765-346-7213.**

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Renewal Reminder

If you are a chapter-only member of Wichita Audubon it may be time to renew. Check your address on this newsletter for your expiration date. If you don't see a date, that is because you are a member of National Audubon and automatically also a member of Wichita Audubon. You don't need to pay separate dues. National Audubon will send you renewal notices.

If you have further questions, ask our membership chair Carol Cumberland, carol.cumberland@swbell.net, 316-685-4867.

Don't forget we have a new category of membership - a Life Membership. For \$300, you will be a member for life, and will never have to remember to renew! All your money will stay local to help Wichita Audubon and Chaplin Nature Center.

Award-Winning Photographs on Display at the Great Plains Nature Center

Roadshow of 2022's Best Avian Photography Coming to Wichita

Visit the Great Plains Nature Center between October 8 and October 19 to walk among the winning bird photographs from the 2022 Audubon Photography Awards and learn more about local birdlife.

Almost 2,500 photographers and videographers submitted nearly 10,000 entries to this year's contest—sharing the fruits of their boundless attention with us. In a world filled with endless distractions, that is a gift.

This year's exquisite photographs celebrate the splendor of many bird species protected under the 100-year-old Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), the most important bird conservation law, which is currently under siege in Congress and by the Department of the Interior.



The Plants for Birds Award Winner is a Nashville Warbler photographed by amateur Shirley Donald in Blue Sea, Quebec, Canada



The Grand Prize winning picture of White-tailed Kites was taken by amateur Jack Zhi in Costa Mesa, California

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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Saturday, October 7, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Moon Walk/Run 2k+

October is a great time to take an evening stroll under the light of the moon. This 2k+ walk or run will take place along the edge of the Center’s tall grass prairie trail. Along the trail, stations will award glow sticks to those who choose to stop and answer moon or nature questions related to the night. If you plan on running the trail be sure to bring a head lamp. The trail will consist of a variety of surfaces: grass, packed dirt, and sand, so be sure to wear appropriate footwear. Check in starts at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, October 22, 7 - 9 p.m. Astronomy Program

Join us at the Chaplin Nature Center for a night of star gazing. Volunteers of the Chaplin Nature Center and Kansas Astronomical Observers will be setting up telescopes to search for double-stars, galaxies, nebulas, and clusters. In addition, the common constellations will be pointed out. This is also an opportunity to learn about the many different types of telescopes. Participants are welcome to bring their own telescope and a lawn chair. If cloudy, the back-up date is October 29th.

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.

