
ABOUT WICHITA AUDUBON

We are people who love and enjoy nature and work to preserve it. And we love to share the outdoors with those around us.

Our major education and conservation project for 50 years has been the development of Chaplin Nature Center. This 230 acre preserve near Arkansas City features a Visitor's Center staffed by a full time naturalist. The Visitor's Center features educational exhibits, a library and meeting spaces. Our naturalist conducts programs for school classes from across south central Kansas, as well as civic organizations, youth groups and the public. The trails through the woods and prairies, leading to the sandbars of the Arkansas River, are open to the public from sunrise to sunset year round. Our members support the Chaplin Nature Center with donations of money and time, including fund-raising, maintenance and construction projects, and staffing the Visitor's Center.

From September through May we have monthly programs that inform us and expand our horizons. Throughout the year we take field trips to interesting places near and far. All of our activities are free and open to the public. Our volunteers also participate in park cleanup projects, Christmas Bird Counts, environmental advocacy, and a large variety of other activities in support of our chapter and its mission:



OUR MISSION

The Wichita Audubon Society is committed to providing nature education, promoting environmental conservation, and encouraging appreciation of the natural world.

MEMBERSHIP

Join the Wichita Audubon Society and help us with our continuing efforts to maintain Chaplin Nature Center, provide free nature education for children and adults across south central Kansas, and provide speakers and field trips open to all. You will receive eight issues a year of our newsletter to keep you informed about all our news and upcoming events.

For additional information call Carol Cumberland, carol.cumberland@swbell.net, (316) 685-4867

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

I want to join the Wichita Audubon Society
Individual - \$20, Family - \$25
Student (18 & under) - \$10
Life membership - \$300

I would prefer to receive the newsletter by email

You can join online at www.wichitaaudubon.org.
Or make checks payable to the Wichita Audubon Society and send to PO Box 47607, Wichita, KS 67201.

Note: if you are a member of the National Audubon Society you are automatically a member of Wichita Audubon Society and do not need to pay additional dues.

WICHITA AUDUBON SOCIETY



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2022 – 2023



All events are free and
open to the public
Please join us!

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

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www.wichitaudubon.org

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of the National Audubon Society and
a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

PROGRAMS

LOCATION: GREAT PLAINS NATURE CENTER
6232 E. 29TH STREET NORTH, 316-683-5499 TIME: 7:00 P.M.



SEPTEMBER 20

Kansas Birding Trail: using a new resource for bird finding in our state

Mike will give a tour of the website, instructions on using it, and discuss ways to continually improve the project.

**Mike Rader, Wildlife Education Supervisor,
Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks**

FEBRUARY 21

Chasing Warblers

Warblers are a favorite for many birdwatchers. Join Bob in his chase to photograph the wood-warblers of the United States and Canada.

**Bob Gress, Naturalist, Photographer and former Director of
the Great Plains Nature Center**

OCTOBER 18

Kansas flyways: the current and future of understanding birds' movements

Alice will explain "automated telemetry"—a way for birds flying by to send us an email—and explain how this could improve our understanding of how birds travel.

Dr. Alice Boyle, Division of Biology, Kansas State University

MARCH 21

Diversity of Wintering Red-tailed Hawks in Kansas

Dave spent the fall and winter months of 2021-22 photographing every Red-tailed Hawk he could find and will share some of the images and information gathered.

**Dr. David Rintoul, Emeritus Faculty, Division of Biology,
Kansas State University**

NOVEMBER 15

Built for Flight

In order to fly, birds must be lightweight, but also strong enough to provide power for flight. Jackie, an ornithologist, will describe how birds' bodies are adapted for the demands of flight.

Dr. Jackie Augustine, Executive Director of Audubon of KS

APRIL 18

My Low-key Big Year

From Mexico to Montana, spring migration in High Island, and a visit to surrounding states, join Nick on his quest to see and photograph many new birds in 2022.

Nick Stroot, WAS Member

JANUARY 17

Shorebird Big Year at Cheyenne Bottoms/Great Bend Sand Prairie

Dr. Robert Penner will present results of his unique survey protocol using drone techniques. Elsi Miller will present on conservation work in the Great Bend Sand Prairie.

**Dr. Robert Penner, Avian Conservation Manager, TNC in KS
Elsi Miller, graduate student at Miami University, Ohio**

MAY 16

The Birds of Brazil

See highlights of Kevin's visit to the Pantanal and nearby areas of the Cerrado, as well as a few from a more recent trip to the Atlantic Rainforest region of Brazil.

Kevin Groeneweg, WAS member

FIELD TRIPS

Second Saturday Bird Walks, 8 a.m.

Bring your binoculars and discover the birds that visit and live in Chisholm Creek Park. No birding experience is needed. Expect 1-2 miles of walking on paved paths. The walk will last about 90 minutes. Meet at the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot.

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| September 10 | March 11 |
| October 8 | April 8 |
| November 12 | May 13 |
| December 10 | June 10 |
| January 14 | July 8 |
| February 11 | August 12 |

For questions: Cheryl Miller, avian67226@gmail.com

September 17, Saturday, 8 a.m.

Quivira/Cheyenne Bottoms

Meet at the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge headquarters and bring a lunch. This is prime migration time for shorebirds at these nationally renowned locations.

Leader: Kevin Groeneweg, 316-706-9116, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net

October 8, Saturday, 9:45 a.m.

Chisholm Creek Park Cleanup

Join us after the second Saturday bird walk to collect trash and keep our adopted park looking nice. Bring gloves, we'll provide trash bags, along with coffee and donuts. Meet in the GPNC parking lot.

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

October 22, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

Northeast Sedgwick County Park

Join us in exploring this little known local gem, looking for sparrows and early winter migrants. Meet in the parking lot at E 77th St N and N 127th St E.

Leader: Mark Nolen, 765-346-7213, nolen.mark@gmail.com

November 5, Saturday, 3 p.m.

Cranes at Quivira NWR

Quivira hosts tens of thousands of Sandhill Cranes and hundreds of thousands of geese in late fall. Meet at Quivira headquarters for a leisurely drive to see the spectacle of these birds coming in to roost.

Leader: Patty Marlett, 316-200-3419, pmarlett@mac.com

December 17, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

Wichita Christmas Bird Count

Meet at the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot. Compilation: 5:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.

Compiler: Kevin Groeneweg, 316-706-9116, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net

December 17, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

Newton/Hesston Christmas Bird Count

Meet at the Kaufman Museum, 27th & Main in North Newton. Bring a sack lunch. Contact the compiler if you plan to participate.

Compiler: Lorna Harder, lornajhh@gmail.com, 620-367-8479 or 316-200-4724

December 18, Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

Winfield-Udall Christmas Bird Count

Meet at the Beech Science Center, Southwestern College in Winfield.

Compiler: Max Thompson, 620-221-1856, maxt@cox.net

December 20, Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.

El Dorado Christmas Bird Count

Meet at the McDonald's on Central in El Dorado. Notify the compiler if you plan to attend.

Compiler: Vickie Cikanek, 785-501-0567, vickie.cikanek@ks.gov

December 21, Wednesday, 8 a.m.

Slate Creek Christmas Bird Count

Meet at the Slate Valley Baptist Church, 7 miles south of Oxford on the main road.

Compiler: Gene Young, 620-660-0547, youngg6264@yahoo.com

CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER

Chaplin Nature Center is owned and operated by the Wichita Audubon Society.

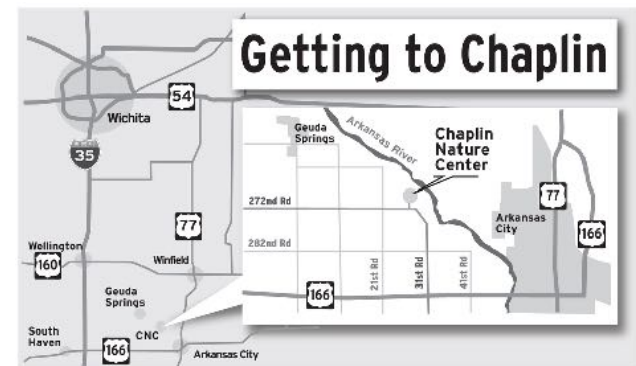
The Trails are open **AT NO CHARGE** to the public from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week. Programs are available on and off site for children and adults. For more information or to schedule a visit, call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133 or e-mail CNC@wichitaaudubon.org

Visitor's Center Hours:

Open year round: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday
1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday
Closed Mondays & Holidays

Sept 1 - Nov 15 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday–Friday
Nov 16 - March 15 closed weekdays
March 16 - June 30 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday–Friday
July 1- Aug 31 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday–Friday

The Visitor's Center is available for rental year round from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Groups should make appointments in advance.



Chaplin Nature Center is located 3 miles west of Arkansas City on Hwy 166, then north 2 1/4 miles on 31st Rd. or 2 miles south of Geuda Springs, then 2.6 miles east on 272nd Rd

Address: 27814 27th Dr, Arkansas City, KS 67005

December 22, Thursday, 8 a.m.

Sedan Christmas Bird Count

Meet at Granny Wolfe's Green Door Café (north side of W. Main in Sedan) 7:30 for breakfast or 8:00 to start birding. Notify the compiler if you plan to attend.

Compiler: Vickie Cikanek, 785-501-0567, vickie.cikanek@ks.gov

December 28, Wednesday, 8 a.m.

Arkansas City Christmas Bird Count

Meet at Newman Park on Hwy 77 just north of the Arkansas River.

Compiler: Gene Young, 620-660-0547, youngg6264@yahoo.com

December 29, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

Marion Christmas Bird Count

Meet at Wendy's in Hillsboro at 7:30 a.m.

Compiler: Tom Ewert, 316-670-3140, trewert@yahoo.com

December 30, Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Red Hills Christmas Bird Count

Meet at the Casey's General Store, 314 S. Iliff St in Medicine Lodge. Groups will depart at 7:30 a.m.

Compiler: Pete Janzen, 316-519-1970, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net

December 31, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Cimmaron National Grasslands Christmas Bird Count

Meet at the Elkhart Cemetery Saturday at 8:30 a.m. OR at the El Rancho Motel in Elkhart (620-697-2117) on Friday evening.

Compiler: Max Thompson, 620-229-3876, maxt@cox.net

January 28, Saturday, 7 a.m.

Cheney Reservoir

Meet at the Dillon's at 21st and Amidon. We'll look for winter waterfowl and check out nearby lakes and woodlands. A Kansas Parks permit is required for each vehicle.

Leader: Pete Janzen, 316-519-1970, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net

February 18, Saturday, 9:15 a.m.

Birding the Tropics at the Sedgwick County Zoo

Meet in the lobby of the Tropics Building. Leave the cold weather outside and enjoy birding in the tropics. Bring admission money. Binoculars will be helpful. We'll have an intro by a keeper and a list of birds to find.

Leader: Patty Marlett, 316-200-3419, pmarlett@mac.com

March 6, MONDAY, 7:30 p.m.

Woodcocks in Chisholm Creek Park

American Woodcock engage in a unique courtship display on early spring evenings. We'll try to catch sight of them just as it gets dark. Note that this is MONDAY to avoid the crowds of walkers in the park. Meet in the GPNC parking lot.

Leaders: Cheryl Miller, avian67226@gmail.com & Bob Gress, 316-765-2046, bobgress@cox.net

April 17–21, Monday – Friday

High Island Extended Field Trip

Mid-April on High Island is the hottest birding spot in the nation. Millions of neotropical migrants make their first landfall here after crossing the Caribbean. We'll be there to watch them land - warblers, buntings, grosbeaks, vireos and more. Signup is online - see the wichitaudubon.org website for a link.

Leaders: Patty Marlett, 316-200-3419, pmarlett@mac.com & Kevin Groeneweg, 316-706-9116, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net

May 20, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

Chaplin Nature Center /Kaw WMA

Meet at the CNC Visitor's Center. We'll look for the resident birds at Chaplin, then proceed to the Kaw WMA and other nearby spots.

Leader: Tom Ewert, 316-670-3140, trewert@yahoo.com

July 18, Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Picnic

Join us at the Great Plains Nature Center at 6 p.m. for our annual pot-luck dinner. Bring a dish to share and your own service.

CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

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Monarch Tagging - Nature Day Celebration

September 24, Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Learn about monarch butterfly migration and how to capture and tag monarchs. Enjoy guided nature hikes to the Arkansas River. Lunch will be available to purchase.

Chaplin Moon 2k Walk/Run

October 7, Friday, 7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m.

This 2k plus walk or run will take place along the Center's tall grass prairie trail. Along the trail, stations will award glow sticks to those who answer moon or nature questions. .

Campfire. – Night Hike

November 4, Friday, 7 – 9 p.m.

Hike to the Ark River for roasted marshmallows, then return to the Visitor's Center without the use of flashlights.

Ark River Winter Bird Hike

January 28, Saturday, 10 a.m. – noon

Take a leisurely hike to the Arkansas River to look for winter birds like woodpeckers, wrens, hawks and eagles.

Owl Walk

February 10, Friday, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

A short indoor presentation on the owls of Kansas will be followed by an outdoor night hike to listen for their calls..

Bald Eagle Nest Viewing

March 18, Saturday, 10 a.m. – noon

This is a great opportunity to view both adults and eaglets. We will have spotting scopes set up at Veteran's Lake in Arkansas City for a close-up look.

Spring Clean up

April 1, Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Come celebrate spring at the Nature Center while lending a helping hand. Clearing trails of debris, raking, trimming trails and small repair projects will be on our to-do list.

Wildflower & Butterfly Walk

June 3, Saturday, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Take a leisurely walk through the prairies and forest in search of these two wonders. Plan on walking 1 to 2 miles .

Arkansas City Butterfly Count

July 8, Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Help us count and identify butterflies as part of a North American Butterfly Association official count. No butterfly experience is required so this is an opportunity to learn. Please call if planning to attend.