

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 45 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

☐ I would prefer to receive the newsletter by email

You can join online at www.wichitaudubon.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 2018-2019

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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 (29th and Woodlawn) 683-5499
 Time: 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 18

Chaplin Nature Center

Shawn's program will focus on the interesting sights at the Center, upcoming projects, and a report on the past year.

Shawn Silliman, Director of Chaplin Nature Center

FEBRUARY 19

Australia - Adventures Down Under

Jim and Patty Marlett, with Hal & Carol Cumberland, visited Australia in 2015 and 2017. They will share their journey along with pictures of the amazing birds, mammals, reptiles & plants they saw.

Jim and Patty Marlett, WAS members

OCTOBER 16

History and Ecology of WSU's Biological Field Station

Dexter will take the audience on a perambulation that explores the history of Field Station, its current activities, and some future goals. He will also show pictures of many plants and animals found on the reserves.

Dexter Mardis, WSU Biological Field Station Manager

MARCH 19

Birding Southern U.S. Hotspots

Florida, Texas and Arizona offer some well-known birding destinations featuring unique species in unique habitats. 2018 was a year to chase previously elusive species as well as some old favorites.

Bob Gress, Naturalist and Photographer

NOVEMBER 20

Returning the Black-footed Ferret to Kansas

Dr. Sandy and zoo staff participate in the annual black-footed ferret survey in Logan County. She will share stories of the search for the ferrets, how and why we trap them, and the information learned.

Sandy Wilson, DVM, Director of Animal Health SCZ

APRIL 16

Birdsong: Birds Are Liars, and Girls Sing Too

We've all enjoyed the dawn chorus of birds, but have you wondered what they are saying? We'll discuss why the sounds of birds are more complicated than our field guides can say.

Rachel Roth, Great Plains Nature Center Naturalist

JANUARY 15

Gardening for Pollinators and Other Beneficials

Dennice will share eight guidelines that will help gardeners provide food and create habitat for all beneficial insects, not just the pollinators.

Dennice Craig, Master Gardener & WAS member

MAY 21

Members Photography

Wichita Audubon Society is full of adventurous people capturing nature and wildlife in photos. Jim Marlett has put together images from members along with the stories it took to capture these pictures.

Jim Marlett, WAS Program Chair

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.

September 8	March 9
October 13	April 13
November 10	May 11
December 8	June 8
January 12	July 13
February 9	August 10

For questions: Kevin Groeneweg, 706-9116, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net

September 22-23, Saturday & Sunday Morton County

We will spend a day and a half searching for fall migrants and resident specialties in the hotspots of Southwest Kansas. Trips will depart Saturday and Sunday mornings at 7:30 am from the El Rancho Motel parking lot in Elkhart. You are responsible for your own lodging.

Leader: Jeff Calhoun, 737-1307, jeffcalhoun11@gmail.com

October 13, 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.

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

October 20, Saturday, 8 a.m. El Dorado Lake

Meet at McDonald's in El Dorado. We will survey the perimeter of the lake for gulls and waterfowl and the surrounding prairie for sparrows and other fall migrants.

Leader: Bill Langley, 889-5434, 78gmouse43@gmail.com

November 10, Saturday, 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.

Leader: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com

December 15, 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, with chili and beverages provided.

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

December 16, 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 18, 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: Atcha Nolan, 323-4921, qanolan@cox.net

December 19, 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

December 21, Friday, 7:30 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.

Compiler: Atcha Nolan, 323-4921, qanolan@cox.net

CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER

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

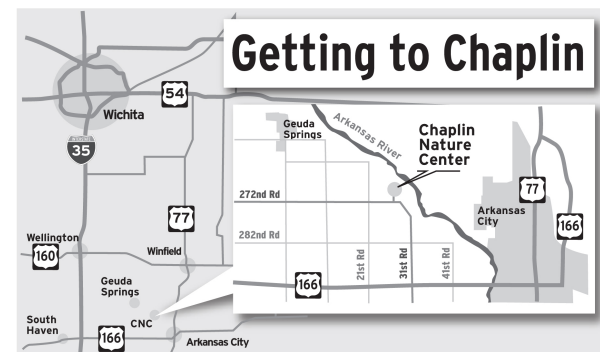
The Trails are open **AT NO CHARGE** to the public from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week. Programs are available on and off site for children and adults. For more information or to schedule a visit, call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133 or e-mail CNC@wichitaudubon.org

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

Red Hills Christmas Bird Count

Meet at the Medicine River Truck Stop, 301 N Fowler in Medicine Lodge. Groups will depart at 7:30 a.m.

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

January 5, Saturday, 8 a.m.

Marion Christmas Bird Count

Meet at Wendy's in Hillsboro at 8 a.m.

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

January 26, Saturday, 7 a.m.

Red Hills and Mountain Bluebirds

We will wander through Barber, Comanche and Kiowa Counties in search of wintering birds, with an emphasis on Mountain Bluebirds and hopefully a Roadrunner or two. Meet at the Quick Trip at Maize Road and Kellogg (US 54) at 7 a.m. Lunch will be at Buster's in Sun City.

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

March 23, Saturday, 8 a.m.

Pawnee Prairie Park

Meet at the west parking lot, located east of the Maize and Pawnee intersection. We will be looking for sparrows, late winter visitors and early spring migrants.

Leader: Bill Langley, 889-5434, 78gmouse43@gmail.com,

March 30, Saturday, 9 a.m.

Oak Park Invasive Plant Removal

Asian bush honeysuckle is an invasive plant causing serious habitat damage. We'll spend 3 – 4 hours removing these plants, directed by the Wichita Parks Dept staff. Tools, gloves, and water will be provided. Meet by the stone arch at the SW corner of the park.

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

April 6, Saturday, 6:30 a.m..

Chautauqua County Rambling

We will explore the scenic Cross Timbers region in search of early spring migrants. Meet at the Dillons parking lot at Andover Rd & US 400 and carpool from there. Lunch at a restaurant in Sedan.

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

May 18, Saturday, 8 a.m.

Quivira NWR and Cheyenne Bottoms

Meet at the Quivira NWR Refuge headquarters and bring a lunch. See migrant shorebirds and other unique wetland wildlife in these nationally renowned locations.

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

May 29,30,31, Wednesday – Friday

Roaring River Extended Field Trip

Join us as we explore the Ozark woodlands in and around Roaring River State Park in search of the many colorful resident birds of that area. Our targets include the Cerulean Warbler and the Worm-eating Warbler.

**Leaders: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com
Kevin Groeneweg, 706-9116, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net**

June 15, Saturday, 8 a.m.

Derby Canoe Launch

Meet at the Derby Canoe Launch on 71st St. After exploring the area we will head across the river to the Calhoun family property downstream.

Leader: Cheryl Miller, avian67226@gmail.com

July 16, 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

Exact times and dates may be subject to change. Please call ahead to verify at 620-442-4133.

Star Program

September 8, Saturday, 7:45 – 9:15 p.m.

The Kansas Astronomical Observers will have telescopes for stargazing. Join in the fun of learning about the stars.

Monarch Tagging - Nature Day Celebration

September 22, Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Learn about the monarch's migration to Mexico and help tag them so scientists can track them. Nature hikes at 10 and 1. Lunch available for purchase.

Family Night Hike and Campfire

October 19, Friday, 7 – 9 p.m.

Take a twilight hike to the banks of the Arkansas River, build a campfire and enjoy marshmallows, stories, and games.

Owl Prowl

November 16, Friday, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Learn about owls through a short indoor program followed by a night hike to listen for their calls.

Bald Eagle Hike

Jan 26, Saturday, and Feb. 2, Saturday, 10 a.m. – noon

We will take a 1.5 mile hike to the Ark river to search for wintering eagles.

Bald Eagle Nest Viewing

March 16, Saturday, 10 a.m. – noon

Meet at the CNC parking lot, then drive to a local park where we will view a Bald Eagle nest, and hopefully eaglets.

Spring Clean up

April 6, Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Volunteer to help get CNC in shape with cleanup or trail maintenance. Light workloads or heavy, your choice.

Evening Kayak Float

June 1, Saturday, 7 – 9 p.m.

Enjoy a 3.5 mile trip down the Arkansas River at sunset. Kayak, paddle and life jacket provided. Cost \$25. Call to make reservations.

Butterfly Count

July 13, Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Help us count and identify butterflies as part of a North American Butterfly Association official count.