



Meetings are held at 7 pm at the Cargill Learning Center at the Sedgwick County Zoo

September 15 - Looking Back at a Kansas Big Year

Jennifer Jones

October 20- Seabirds and Pelagic Birding in North America

Pete Janzen

November 17 - The Recovery of grassland birds in the Great Plains through restoration of native keystone species

Henry S. Pollock

January 19 - Breeding Bird Surveys in Kansas

Chuck Otte

February 16 - Antennae up! Why are birds and bugs disappearing?

Dr. Mary-Liz Jameson

March 16 - Birding in Ecuador

Kevin Groeneweg

April 20 - On the Trail to 5,000

Dr. Roger L. Boyd

May 18 - Photographing Kansas Landscapes

Scott Bean

July 20, 6 pm Picnic - location TBD

Bring a dish to share and your own service.

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Field Trips

Second Saturday Bird Walks, 8 am

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 12	January 9	May 8
October 10	February 13	June 12
November 14	March 13	July 10
December 12	April 10	August 14

For questions: Pete Janzen, 316-249-3550, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net

Sept 13, SUNDAY, 8 am Quivira NWR & Cheyenne Bottoms

Meet at the Quivira NWR headquarters and see migrant shorebirds and other unique wetland wildlife in these nationally renowned locations.

Leader: Kevin Groeneweg, 316-706-9116, kgroeneweg1616@gmail.com

October 17, Saturday, 8 am Pracht Wetlands Park

Meet at the parking lot, 9829 W 29th St N in Wichita. Pracht is one of the largest wetlands within an urban setting in the Midwest. Join us as we walk the mowed trails. Expect a good variety of wetland species and up to two miles of walking.

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November 21, Saturday, 6:30 am Lyon State Fishing Lake & Melvern Reservoir

Meet at the Dillon's at Woodlawn and 37th St N to carpool. Lyon SFL has been a traditional location for Smith's Longspurs for many years and we will attempt to find them. After birding the lake, we will go to Melvern Reservoir in search of waterfowl, loons, gulls, raptors, sparrows and more.

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December 15, Tuesday, 7:30 am, El Dorado Christmas Bird Count

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

Compiler: Vickie Cikanek, 785-501-0867, vickie.cikanek@ks.gov

December 16, Wednesday, 7:30 am Red Hills CBC.

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

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December 17, Thursday, 8 am Sedan CBC

Meet at the Subway/convenience store at 301 W. Main St., Sedan. Notify the compiler if you plan to attend.

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December 19, Saturday, 7:30 am Wichita CBC

Meet at the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot.

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December 20, Sunday, 7:30 am Winfield-Udall CBC

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

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

December 22, Tuesday, 8 am Slate Creek CBC

Meet at the Slate Valley Baptist Church, 7 miles south of Oxford (corner of S Oxford Rd and E 80th St).

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

December 27, Sunday, 8 am Arkansas City CBC

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

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December 29, Tuesday, 8 am Marion CBC

Meet in the parking lot of the Tabor College Welcome Center.

Compiler: Jim Nickel, 620-983-8001, jbnickelk2a@gmail.com

January 24, Sunday, 7 am - 3 pm Cheney Reservoir

Meet at the Dillon's at 21st and Amidon to carpool. We'll look for winter waterfowl and check out nearby lakes and woodlands. Bring a lunch. A Kansas Parks permit is required for each vehicle. If you want to meet up with the group at Cheney, we will start at west side boat launch near the dam at about 8:15.

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February 6, Saturday, 8 am Newton Bird Walk & Tour of Kauffman Museum

The Kauffman Museum houses an extensive collection of wildlife taxidermy and study specimens, centered around the collection of Charles Kauffman (1882-1961). Much of the collection is over 100 years old and is among the largest of its kind in Kansas. Meet at the Kauffman Museum, 2801 N. Main St., North Newton, KS at 10 am. There is a modest entrance fee. Early risers are welcome to join the monthly bird walk that Kauffman conducts each month, that begins at 8 am in the Kauffman parking lot.

Leader: Kauffman Museum staff and volunteers.

Schedule of Events 2026-2027

March 10, WEDNESDAY, 6:30 pm 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 WEDNESDAY to avoid the crowds of walkers in the park. Meet in the GPNC parking lot.

Leader: Bob Gress, 316-765-2046, bobgress@cox.net

April 17, Saturday, 6:30 am Chautauqua County Backroads.

We will explore the scenic Cross Timbers region in search of early spring warblers and other migrants. Meet at the Dillon's parking lot at Andover Rd and US 400 and carpool from there.

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May 22, Saturday, 7 am Flint Hills Tallgrass Prairie Preserve.

Meet in the parking lot of the Great Plains Nature Center, to carpool. Owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy, this 3.5 square-mile property has been open to the public since 2023. This will be a hike of several miles on mowed trails through tallgrass prairie and the headwaters of the South Fork of the Cottonwood River. We should see some of the sought-after Henslow's Sparrow, many other birds and wildlife, and a variety of prairie plants and wildflowers.

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July 24-August 1: Extended Field trip to SW New Mexico and SE Arizona.

This trip will visit the Mogollon Mountains near Silver City, New Mexico, and a number of locations in the Chiricahua and Santa Rita Mountains of Arizona. The trip will focus on southwestern bird species and other wildlife. We will be carpooling. We are limiting the total number of participants to no more than 16 for logistical reasons. The dates listed do not include the travel time to and from the birding locations. See the monthly newsletters for more information as plans develop.

You can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4CADA92CAAF58-58081362-swnewmexico> or using the QR code

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WAS has not visited this area since 2006.





Chaplin Nature Center Events

For more information about any CNC program call or text Eden Johnson at 620-442-4133, or e-mail cnc@wichitaudubon.org.

MONARCH TAGGING AND NATURE DAY

September 26, Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm

Join us for one of Chaplin Nature Center's biggest annual events as we celebrate nature, conservation, community, and the incredible migration of the monarch butterfly.

RSVP Required: 620-442-4133 (text preferred)

This is a come-and-go event, so arrive anytime between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM and stay as long as you'd like.

Our Naturalist and volunteers will provide the training and supplies you need to safely catch and tag monarchs before heading out on the trails to become part of this important citizen science effort. Every monarch you tag provides valuable migration data through the Monarch Watch citizen science program, helping researchers better understand and conserve the monarch's incredible migration.

Activities Throughout the Day

-  Monarch tagging along the trails
-  Guided nature hike
-  Animal ambassador encounters
-  Special presentations
-  Nature crafts
-  Butterfly feeding experience (small fee)
-  Raffles
-  Family-friendly activities

**Nature Through Art Silent Auction**

Artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to donate an original nature-themed piece in support of Chaplin Nature Center. Paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics, woodwork, sculpture, fiber arts, and other original artwork are welcome.

Artwork will be displayed during the event as part of our Nature Through Art Silent Auction, with proceeds supporting Chaplin Nature Center.

Interested in donating a piece? Contact the Nature Center to sign up or learn more.

Lunch Available

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

\$5 Meal Includes:

Hot dog, Chips, Dessert, Drink

Please RSVP to help us plan for all the materials and volunteer help we will need.

Saturday Bird Walk, 8 am

A guided bird walk lasting about 1 1/2 hours, weather permitting. Meet at 8 am at the Chaplin Nature Center visitor's center.

October 3	January 9	April 3
November 7	February 6	May 1
December 5	March 6	June 5

Nature Book Club, 2 pm Sunday

The book club meets monthly on the second Sunday. For more information, contact CNC.

Young Birder's Club

September 12, October 11, 10 am

Meets monthly on rotating Saturdays and Sundays. This group is open to all kids aged 8 - 17. Learn to navigate trails and wildlife habitats. Gain bird identification and outdoor skills. Build self-confidence. Participate in citizen science and conservation projects. Meet other youth who enjoy nature and adventuring outdoors. Join guided bird walks, activities and optional off-site field trips led by the CNC Naturalist. For more information and meeting dates and times, contact the nature center.

December 19, Saturday, 1–3 pm

Ornament Decorating & Meet the Grinch - CNC Holiday Event

January 23, Saturday, 10 am – 3 pm**Eagle Watch on the River**

Join us for a hike to the Arkansas River to look for wintering Bald Eagles, and all the other interesting things we find!

January 27, February 3, February 10, Wednesdays, 10 – 11 am**Lil' Tots on the Trail**

Join the naturalist for a nature story read aloud followed by a short hike and activity to follow. Ages 18 months – 3 years. RSVP REQUIRED.

February 20, Saturday, 6:30 – 8 pm**Owl Prowl**

Discover the truth about our mysterious nocturnal neighbors. A short indoor presentation followed by a night hike to listen for owls.