

# Wichita Audubon

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## **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Join us September 18 for our first program of the season: "Global Climate Change- how it affects you, me and the animal and bird life in Kansas." Ed Cook is one of 1000 people invited to attend the Climate Project Training organized by former Vice-President Al Gore. Ed is a retired physician and concerned citizen whose goal is to reach as large an audience as possible to emphasize our moral obligation to preserve our planet for future generations.

The meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center, 29th and Woodlawn. You can also join the speakers for dinner at Jason's Deli, in Bradley Fair at 21st and Rock Rd, at 5:45 p.m.

## **CNC UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

### **Eye Shine Hike**

**October 6, Saturday, 7 - 8 p.m.**

What goes bump in the night? Bring your flashlight and search the woods for the gleaming eyes of spiders, moths, and possibly something even bigger. Dress for the outdoors and bring a powerful, narrow-beamed flashlight for every family member.

### **Fall Nature Day**

**September 23, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Join us for a day long celebration of nature at the Chaplin Nature Center. There are bird walks, a herp walk, a live herp demonstration and crafts for kids. We will also be tagging Monarch butterflies. Monarchs are our only migratory butterfly, traveling each fall to wintering grounds in the mountains of Mexico. By attaching a tiny tag to their wing, we can help scientists track them and learn more about this unique phenomenon.

The Visitor's Center at CNC has new carpet, skylights and lighting. The educational displays are still under construction, but you will get a good preview of how great they are going to be.

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## **COMING EVENTS**

### **September 15**

Quivira NWR/Cheyenne Bottoms field trip. Meet at Quivira NWR Headquarters at 8 a.m. and bring lunch. Leader: Kevin Groeneweg, 687-4268, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net

### **September 15**

Regular program. "Global Climate Change, by Dr. Ed Cook, 7:30 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center

### **September 22**

Fall Nature Day & Butterfly tagging at Chaplin Nature Center, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### **October 6**

Wichita Area Mystery trip. Meet at the Redstone Grill, 5355 N. Broadway, 7:30 a.m. Leader: Pete Janzen, 838-0182, pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net see page 2 for more information

### **October 6**

Eye Shine Hike at Chaplin Nature Center, 7 - 8 p.m.

### **October 13**

Chisholm Creek Park cleanup. Meet at the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot at 9 a.m. Bring gloves - trash bags provided. Leader: Sandra Tholen, 634-0049, stholen@cox.net



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

## **MYSTERY TRIPS**

We will have several field trips this year that we are calling "Mystery Trips." That means that the destination is not planned in advance, but is selected by the leader based on conditions and information available at the time. We will begin the day with breakfast at a local eatery, then proceed to hotspots within an approximate 25 mile radius of Wichita, ending around noon. The first Mystery Trip will be on October 6, led by Pete Janzen. We will meet at the Redstone Grill, 5355 N. Broadway, at 7:30 a.m., then depart around 8 a.m. to wherever Pete leads us.

## **GOODSEARCH**

An easy way to raise money for the Wichita Audubon Society is through a new search engine powered by Yahoo! called GoodSearch. GoodSearch will make a donation to WAS with every search. It doesn't cost you a thing — the money comes from the advertisers.

Here's the web site —<http://www.goodsearch.com>. You can also read about GoodSearch in the NY Times, Oprah Magazine, CNN, the Wall Street Journal, and more. Don't forget to type "Wichita Audubon Society" under "Who do you Good Search for?" and press the verify button.

**CORRECTION:** Merle and Mary Manlove and Julia Hoppes were inadvertently left off the list of donors for the May Silent Auction. A big thank you for their contributions!

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## **CALENDARS**

The 2008 bird calendars are here. They will sell for \$5 apiece. You can purchase them at meetings, or contact Patty Marlett, [pmarlett@mac.com](mailto:pmarlett@mac.com), 942-2164

## **CHISHOLM CREEK PARK**

### **CLEANUP**

Chisholm Creek is one of two parks we have adopted. Each fall we pick up trash to make the park a better environment for birds and birders. Meet in the parking lot of the Great Plains Nature Center, 29th and Woodlawn, on Saturday, October 13, 9 a.m. Bring gloves - trash bags and tools will be provided. If you can't come on Saturday morning, feel free to clean up on your own schedule. Just let Sandra know so we can record the volunteer hours. For more info call Sandra Tholen, 684-0049, [stholen@cox.net](mailto:stholen@cox.net)

## **BIRD SEED SALE**

Help support Wichita Audubon and Chaplin Nature Center by buying your bird seed from us. We offer high quality seed, delivered to your home (within Wichita City limits.) Please submit your order by **Friday, August 31.**

The seed will be delivered on

**Saturday, September 8**

25 lbs Black Oil Sunflower - \$12

25 lbs Audubon Mix - \$10

Order by phone, mail or E-mail.

Call Carol Cumberland at 685-4867 or [carol.cumberland@swbell.net](mailto:carol.cumberland@swbell.net)

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## FALL NATURE DAY, CONTINUED



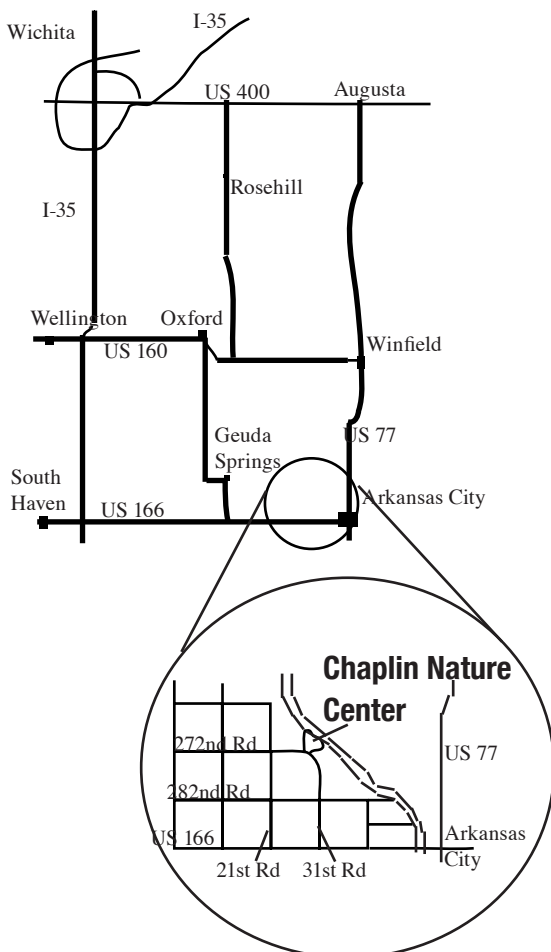
*This is a model of the new educational displays in the Visitor's Center*

As always there will be a country store featuring homemade baked goods, homegrown produce, and similar goodies. Lunch will be available to purchase, and will feature homemade



desserts. Or you are welcome to bring your own picnic lunch.

Fall Nature Day is free and open to the public. If you haven't been to Chaplin Nature Center, this is the time to get acquainted. Please come!



## 2008 EXTENDED FIELD TRIPS

This year we are offering two extended field trips: Texas in April and the Boreal Forest in June. April 18-20 Pete Janzen will lead an excursion to the Lawton, Oklahoma area. The primary objective will be to find Black-capped Vireos in the Wichita Mountains. Other destinations will include the Hackberry Flat wetlands, and areas along the Red River in southern Jackson County in search of southwestern specialty species. This trip will involve eight hours of travel time each way and two or three nights of lodging. Watch future issues of the newsletter for more information. Be sure and contact Pete if you plan to attend.

Leader: Pete Janzen, 832-0182, [pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net)

Our second extended trip will be June 10-13. We'll begin in Duluth, Minnesota, with a visit to the Sax-Zim Bog and other hotspots, then bird our way across Wisconsin to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We are expecting lots of warblers, including Cape May, Connecticut, Canada, Black-throated Blue, Yellow-winged and many more. We'll also be searching for Black-backed Woodpecker, loons, and lots of others. If four days aren't enough, you can continue for an extra two days in Michigan observing Kirtland's Warbler, Leaders: Kevin Groeneweg, 687-4268, [kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net) & Patty Marlett, 942-2164, [pmarlett@mac.com](mailto:pmarlett@mac.com)

There will be signup sheets for both trips at meetings, so let us know if you are interested and we'll keep you up to date on plans.

  
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## **BIKE AND HIKE WITH THE BIRDS ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2007**

Bring your bikes and binoculars to the first ever "Bike and Hike with the Birds" event on September 8, 2007. Volunteers with the Stafford PRIDE organization and Stafford Health Foundation are teaming with Quivira National Wildlife refuge to offer this fantastic way to spend time exercising, learning about nature and enjoying the nearby National Wildlife Refuge. Three various routes are planned for bikers and hikers of all levels. If biking is your thing, choose the 45 mile route on the Scenic By-Way Highway. Check in at 8 a.m. at the Stafford Sr. Center (130 S. Main Street, Stafford)

Like to bike, but just not that far?? Then enjoy a 13 mile route on gravel roads through the southern part of Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. Check in at 9 a.m. at the Stafford Senior Center, then proceed to Refuge Headquarters. Or choose the route where you can spend more time enjoying the nature. There is a 2 mile bike route and a 2 mile hiking trail complete with educational stations along the way. Check in at 10 a.m., then proceed to the Refuge. As an added element, there is a contest with fabulous prizes for participants who choose to raise

additional funds for the Stafford Health Foundation. For every \$25 raised for this local cause, the participant will have one chance at the prizes. The prizes include: \$100 Walmart gift card, four tickets for Wichita Thunder, a Kansas City Chiefs item, Gift Certificates to McDonalds & Wendy's, a subscription to Birds and Blooms, Bird Watchers Digest, and more.

For more information, email [bike@staffordpride.com](mailto:bike@staffordpride.com), check out the website: [www.staffordpride.org](http://www.staffordpride.org) or contact Jennifer at 620-786-5845.