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SEPTEMBER MEETING



Join Dr. Roger Boyd and his wife Jan as they give us a grand tour of the Golden Triangle: Delhi, Jaipur, and Agra. India has recorded over 1,100 species of birds. The metropolitan area of Delhi alone has over 450 species, making it the second-most bird-rich city in the world after Nairobi, Kenya. Roger will share some of these wonders like

Plum-headed Parakeet, Painted Storks, Black Kites, Jungle Babblers and many more experiences through a wonderful power point presentation. "Birding the Golden Triangle of India" will be presented on Tuesday, September 17, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can join Roger and Jan and other members for dinner before the meeting at Panera at Central and Hillside at 5:30 p.m.



COMING EVENTS

September 7

Wichita area field trip. Meet at the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot at 7 a.m. for birding in Chisholm Creek Park and Maple Grove Cemetery, with possible extension to Cheney in the afternoon.

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

September 17

Regular meeting, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. Program: "Birding the Golden Triangle of India," by Roger and Jan Boyd.

September 28

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

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Slate Creek Wetlands field trip. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Slate Creek Baptist Church, 7 miles south of Oxford on the main road. Leader: Gene Young, 620-660-0547, youngg6264@yahoo.com

October 12

CNC 40th Anniversary celebration - see page 3.

CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Saturday, September 28, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Butterfly Tagging

Don't let your family miss this once-a-year opportunity to participate in the Monarch migration. Once instructed on proper handling and capture techniques of butterflies, adults and children will enjoy the challenge and sometimes humorous hunt, as they search out these beautiful creatures. The butterfly tagging program is part of on-going research conducted by the University of Kansas. The program will start at 10:00 am with an indoor presentation on the Monarch butterfly.

Saturday, October 12, 1 - 4 p.m. CNC 40th Anniversary Celebration see page 3



For more information about any Chaplin Nature Center programs call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, or e-mail 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.

CHAPLIN NATURE CENTER RECEIVES GRANT

The Chaplin Nature Center is the recipient of \$500 grant from the Family Campers and RVERs Wildlife Refuge Program.

The goal of the project is to restore the natural diversity of 25 acres of the lower prairie at the Chaplin Nature Center. The native species to be planted are Big bluestem, Indian grass, Switch grass and nitrogen fixing forbs. The project will include removal of Johnson grass and weedy brush, planting of native seeds, follow-up treatments of Johnson grass and weedy brush and establishment of a 2-3 year burn plan.

Thank you to the Family Campers and RVERs for helping us manage CNC!

THANK YOU!

We owe a big debt of gratitude to Sister Patricia Stanley, who has served as our Membership Chair for the last ten years. She maintained the database of names and addresses for our membership of around 1,000 people - not an easy job!

The new chair is Tom Ewert. He and Sandra Tholen are recruiting a committee and working on strategies to increase our membership. If you would like to help contact Tom or Sandra.



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IN MEMORY

Lawrence Smith, long-time birder and member of Wichita Audubon, died August 2 in Elkhart. He and his wife Ruth acted as hosts and guides for us and many other birders whenever we had field trips to Morton County. Their hospitality and generosity were always a highlight of the trip. Lawrence was 87 and had been married to Ruth for 64 years. He is survived by his wife Ruth Smith of Elkhart, grandsons Jason Coles (Sterling, KS) and Jamie Coles (Meade, KS) and daughter Lori Coles (Meade).

**Wildlife Tours • Nature Hikes • Raffle • Refreshments
Tallgrass Express concert**



**Come join our 40th Anniversary
Special Celebration of Nature!**

**OCTOBER 12 • Saturday
1:00 - 4:00 pm
\$10 adults, \$5 kids ages 6-16
(5 years and under Free)**

Tallgrass Express String Band concert 3:00



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Show your support by joining us for this fun event!

Tickets will be available at the door

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MEMBERS PHOTOGRAPHY

Since the Wichita Audubon Society is full of adventurous people capturing nature, wildlife, scenery, sunsets and excitement in photos, our May program is going to be comprised of photos from our own members. Have you ever wanted to share an image, or a few images, but didn't want to commit to a full Audubon program? This program is made for you, and we need your help! Please share with us. Bob Gress has agreed to help coordinate and organize this special program. He'll put together all images into a single presentation and we hope you will share a few words when your photo or photos are featured. Please join the fun and email Bob with your ideas at bobgress@cox.net! If you know of someone else's photos let Bob know (316-838-4130) and he'll contact them.

