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**September 11**

Second Saturday Bird Walk in Chisholm Creek Park.
Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot at 8 a.m. Questions? Kevin Groeneweg, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net, 706-9116

September 18

Monthly program, "Chaplin Nature Center," by Shawn Silliman, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center.
Join us for dinner with Shawn before the program at Panera Bread, 1605 N Rock Road, at 5:30 p.m.

September 22-23

Morton County Field Trip
Leader: Jeff Calhoun, 737-1307, jeffcalhoun11@gmail.com

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**September 22**

Monarch Tagging - Nature Day Celebration at Chaplin Nature Center
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September Meeting

Our first meeting of the new calendar year will be presented by Shawn Silliman, Naturalist at the Chaplin Nature Center. Shawn's program will focus on the interesting sights of the Center, upcoming projects and a report on the Center's past year.

The Chaplin Nature Center has been owned and operated by the Wichita Audubon Society since 1973 and is its greatest on-going conservation and education project. It is a 230-acre nature preserve along the Arkansas River near Arkansas City in Cowley County Kansas. The Center consists of over 4-miles of hiking trails, a 3000-square foot Visitor / Interpretive building, and offers environmental educational programs for all ages.



Shawn Silliman

The 230-acre facility serves as an oasis of natural diversity for wildlife and provides opportunities for wildlife viewing and bird watching. Visitors can explore prairies, a floodplain forest, a spring-fed creek and the sandy beaches of the Arkansas River.

Shawn has been working for the Wichita Audubon Society at the Center since 1997. As the Naturalist of the Center, he conducts education programs for a wide variety of audiences, maintains the trails for visitors and manages the property for diversity.

The presentation will be on Tuesday, September 18, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can also join us for dinner with Shawn at Panera Bread, 1605 N Rock Rd, at 5:30 p.m.

2019 Extended Field Trip

Join us May 29 – 31, 2019 as we explore the Ozark woodlands in and around Roaring River State Park, Missouri, in search of the many colorful resident birds of that area. Our targets include the Cerulean Warbler and the Worm-eating Warbler. Details to be announced. Look for signup sheets at the meetings, or contact one of the leaders so we can keep you informed of the plans
Leaders: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com
Kevin Groeneweg, 706-9116, kgroeneweg@sbcglobal.net

Bird Seed Sale

Wichita Audubon bird seed sales support Chaplin Nature Center. We deliver FREE within the Wichita city limits.

25 lb bag of Black oil Sunflower seed	\$18
20 lb bag of Song bird delight (mix)	\$13
25 lb bag of Safflower seed	\$22

We need your order by **September 10th** for delivery on Saturday, September 15. Call or email Carol Cumberland at 316-685-4867 or carol.cumberland@swbell.net

Morton County Field Trip

Elkhart will be headquarters for a weekend of birding in the extreme southwest corner of the state on September 22nd and 23rd. Morton County is famous for the southwestern species that wander in, plus it is an oasis for migrants.

We'll bird all day Saturday and Sunday morning, with the group meeting in the parking lot of the El Rancho Motel at 7:30 a.m. each morning.

You are responsible for your own lodging. There are two motels and two B&B's in Elkhart:
Cottage Inn bed & Breakfast 129 N Baca 620-697-1010, www.cottageinnelkhart.com
El Rancho Motel 604 HWY 56. 620-697-2117, elranchomotelelkhart.net
Elkhart Motel 329 Morton 620-697-2168
The Cimarron Bed and Breakfast: (580) 696-4672

There are also motels in Hugoton, a larger town about 30 minutes east of Elkhart, and camping in the Cimarron National Grassland.

The trip leader will be Jeff Calhoun, (316) 737-1307, jeffcalhoun11@gmail.com. Let Jeff know if you plan to come so he knows how many to expect.

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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 will 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. Jim Marlett is coordinating and organizing 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 Jim with your ideas at jmarlett@cox.net!

Thank You!

In our spring solicitation letter we asked for your help for some necessary repairs to the naturalist's residence at Chaplin Nature Center. You really came through and we were able to make the house much more comfortable for Shawn and Susan. Previously the house had electric baseboard heating and a single window air conditioner. It has been upgraded to a propane forced-air furnace and a central air conditioner.

A huge thank you to Rex Herndon, who donated his time and equipment to paint the house. The next step is replacing windows. Pete Janzen has already donated the lumber to replace some of the window sills. Thanks Pete! After that is done we are replacing all the windows, which should also make the house more energy efficient and more comfortable.



Aveda Salons Support WAS

Kansas salons that carry Aveda hair products recently raised funds for the Wichita Audubon Society and Chaplin Nature Center. Aveda calls the month of April "Earth Month," and every year the stylists at the salons raise funds for clean water and the environment. In 2018, the Kansas salons selected Wichita Audubon Society to be the benefactor of their efforts. This year, they raised over \$9,400. A big thank you to the following salons:

Bella Vita Salon & Spa of Leavenworth
Sami Halaseh Salon of Andover
Studio 400, LLC of Heston
Salon Aspire, LLC of Wichita
Integrity Salon & Spa of McPherson
Aura Salon of Topeka
Legends Salon of Garden City
Planet Hair of Wichita
Olive and Ivy Salon and Spa of Cimarron

Pure Salon and Spa of Wichita
Anima Bella of Hutchinson
La Villa Salon & Spa of Garden City
Charisma Salon of Wichita
Skin Essentials of Wichita
Sugar Salon of Wichita
Hagens Salon & Spa of Hutchinson
Revive Spa and Salon of Derby
Sami Haleseh Salon of Wichita

A Message from Margy Stewart, Board Chair, Audubon of Kansas

Dear Fellow Audubon Member:

May we invite you to join our email list? Audubon of Kansas is an independent state-wide organization (not affiliated with National Audubon Society). All local Audubon chapters in Kansas have representation on the Board of Trustees. If you would like to receive information from us, kindly send me an email at margystewart785@gmail.com.

Audubon of Kansas* plays a unique role in our state. It does what no other organization does, including:

- Advocating for water rights for Quivira National Wildlife Refuge;
- Defending prairie dogs from compulsory eradication;
- Reintroducing black-footed ferrets into the shortgrass prairie ecosystem;
- Creating a network of sanctuaries that are people-friendly as well as wildlife-friendly (already established: Hutton-Niobrara Ranch and Wildlife Sanctuary, Connie Achterberg Wildlife-Friendly Demonstration Farm, Mt. Mitchell Heritage Prairie Sanctuary—three other properties in the pipeline.) The goal: an archipelago of sanctuaries across the state.

In addition, while many organizations lobby on behalf of environmental causes, AOK is often the only one advocating uncompromisingly on behalf of Kansas wildlife wherever policy is being made.

By adding your name to AOK's email list, you will stay up-to-date on all of these unfolding stories. And--when collective action can make a difference--you will be invited to join in.

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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Saturday, September 8, 7:45 — 9:15 p.m. Star Program

Are you curious about stars and constellations? If so, this is your opportunity to learn about the night sky with the Kansas Astronomical Observers. The KAO will be on-hand to share their knowledge and answer questions. Through the use of telescopes participants will view Saturn, double stars, and other deep sky objects. Participants are welcome to bring their own telescopes to join in on the fun.

Saturday, September 22, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Nature Day/ Butterfly Tagging

Don't miss this once a year opportunity to participate in the monarch butterfly migration. Families can learn about this unique migration and participate in on-going monarch research by helping to capture and tag the migrating monarchs. Leaders from the Wichita Audubon Society will be offering a variety of nature hikes throughout the day. Kids can try their hand at butterfly origami. Whether you like birds, butterflies, or reptiles there will be a little something for everyone to enjoy. Lunch will be available for purchase. Admittance is free.



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