



Wichita Audubon

Annual Report 2014 – 2015

This is the thirty-ninth annual report of the Wichita Audubon Society and Chaplin Nature Center. This report highlights the activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Chaplin Nature Center is owned and operated by the Wichita Audubon Society, with operations directed by the CNC committee of the board of directors.

The annual butterfly count at Chaplin Nature Center was held on July 12, 2014. A Queen was a first for the count. It was a bit warm and breezy, but we tallied 46 species.

Our annual picnic at the Great Plains Nature Center featured good food and a slide show of our field trip to Audubon of Kansas' Hutton Niobrara Sanctuary presented by Patty Marlett

July



Chaplin Nature Center hosted Aveda salon members for breakfast and a kayak trip on the Arkansas river. Aveda raises money for National Audubon's clean water restoration and conservation projects.

A group of seven toured Harvey County with Ethan Maynard for our first field trip of the season. We saw lots of migrants preparing to leave like Eastern Kingbirds, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Baltimore and Orchard Orioles.

August

We celebrated the 60th anniversary of our founding by a visit from birding legend Kenn Kaufman. He led a bird identification workshop at the Great Plains Nature Center that included a walk around Chisholm Creek Park. In the evening he spoke at the Sedgwick County Zoo Education Center, and Sunday morning led a bird walk through Chisholm Creek Park. Every event drew big crowds. We learned a lot and had a really good time.

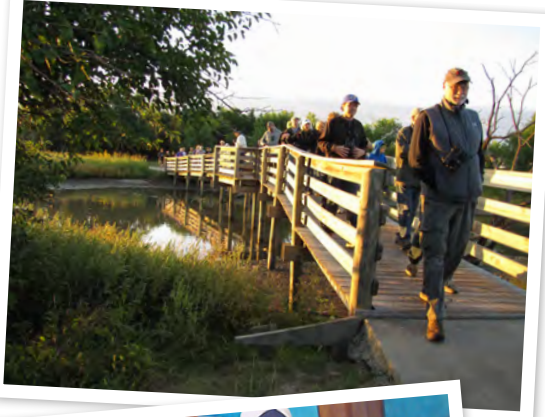
Our September meeting featured a presentation by Jenn Rader, Director of the Southeast Kansas Nature Center. She told us about the flora and fauna of Schermerhorn Park in Galena, KS.

September

Twenty members spent nine days in sunny southern California on a birding marathon that went from San Diego to the desert to the Salton Sea to the mountains, plus an all-day pelagic and a boat trip to Santa Cruz Island. We ended up with 209 species and lifers for all.

Fall Nature Day at CNC had over 100 people come out. They tagged 100 Monarch butterflies and enjoyed a beautiful fall day.

October



Sandra Tholen organized 8 volunteers for a trash clean up in Chisholm Creek park.

The CNC astronomy program had thirty participants. Despite some clouds they got good views of the skies.

The October program was presented by Ken Brunson, Red Hill project coordinator for the Nature Conservancy. He gave us a virtual tour of the Red Hills and taught us a lot about that interesting landscape and its residents.

Five people birded Pawnee Prairie Park for our October field trip. They saw Blue Grosbeaks, a Swainson's Thrush, 18 Orange-crowned Warblers plus a few early winter species.

November

Our annual field trip to Quivira NWR to see cranes and geese was on a beautiful evening with a stunning sunset. Many shorebirds and ducks were still around, along with the Sandhill Cranes and geese.

Our November meeting featured a video by Lowell Wilder titled "Wild Turkeys in Kansas," showing social structures and seasonal interactions of the birds.

The Moon Hike at CNC had 30 people on a perfect night. They heard coyotes and an owl.



December

December and January are the months for Christmas Bird Counts. WAS members organized and/or participated in: Wichita, Newton/Halstead, Quivira, Cheyenne Bottoms, Marion, Winfield, Slate Creek Marsh, Arkansas City, Derby, Red Hills and El Dorado. Sparrow numbers were down for all the counts, and all counts had relatively low numbers of species, with dicey weather for some.

January

Our January speaker was stricken by illness, so Pete Janzen filled in with a compilation of pictures from various field trips and birding expeditions. His stories about birds and the people chasing them were very entertaining.

Eight brave souls stuck it out for a field trip to the Red Hills. It rained all day, but we saw Lesser Prairie Chickens, Mountain Bluebirds and a Ladder-backed Woodpecker.

February

The Eagle Watch at Chaplin Nature Center was rained out the first day, but had luck for the second try.



Matt Gearheart, KOS president, spoke for our February program, sharing tips on sparrow identification.

The second Backyard Bird Workshop was held at the Great Plains Nature Center. We helped kids build 45 birdhouses, an uncounted number of pinecone feeders, and shared information on native plant gardening, attracting and feeding birds with more than 200 people.

March

Cheryl Miller led a field trip to Chisholm Creek Park and the LaFarge sandpit. Nine people had a good time on a lovely spring day.

The March program was presented by Mike Umschied, senior meteorologist with the National Weather Service. He gave us a fascinating look into radar and its uses in tracking the movement of birds.

The Night Hike at Chaplin Nature Center had 26 people hiking in the dark, and included marshmallows and stories around the campfire.

Numerous volunteers manned our booth for five days at Exploration Place for their spring break event.

Chaplin Nature Center received a grant from the V. J. Wilkins Foundation in Arkansas City for the purchase of a new John Deere tractor.

April

The spring cleanup at Chaplin Nature Center had an excellent turnout of volunteers who worked hard at trail maintenance and cleaning up the grounds.

Ten people came out to clean up Oak Park for our annual trash pickup.

An astronomy program at CNC was pretty cloudy, but 15 people had fun looking at the stars.

Kevin Groeneweg led a field trip to Cowley County. Eight people joined him for a wandering journey to find Northern Waterthrush, White-eyed and Yellow-throated Vireos, Black-and-white Warblers and many others.

The April program was "Warblers in Kansas," by Chuck Otte. He told us the basics of ID as well as details like migration timing and habitat, all accompanied by beautiful photos.

May

The Warbler Walk in Oak Park, led by Paul Griffin, brought our more than twenty people on a drizzly day.

For our May meeting Andrew Burnett told us about the history of the the Parsons purple martin colony that made it the Purple Martin Capital of Kansas. The meeting included a silent auction that raised \$600.

Three teams raised money for Chaplin Nature Center with our annual Birdathon. Each team devoted 24 hours to finding as many species of birds as they could. The pledges they gathered earned more than \$4,000.

Kohl's Cares Associates in Action from Derby installed bluebird houses at Chaplin Nature, despite mud and standing water. The houses were funded and built by the Family Campers and RVers of Arkansas City.

June

Fifteen people journeyed to Pawnee National Grasslands and Rocky Mountain National Park on a trip led by Pete Janzen and Jeff Calhoun. The highlight was watching and hearing the amazing ptarmigan display at dawn.

At Chaplin Nature Center, nine people enjoyed a perfect evening kayaking down the Arkansas River with the setting sun as a beautiful backdrop.

The CNC Stream Ecology class had 25 participants and we search for invertebrates in the creek. Kids got super muddy and the adults enjoyed helping search through the nets for crayfish, dragonflies and blood worms.

Chaplin Nature Center

During the 2015 fiscal year more than 5,500 people visited Chaplin Nature Center from all over Kansas and the United States. Shawn Silliman, our naturalist, presented 101 programs that reached 2,801 people. Volunteers donated 316 hours doing projects that ranged from trail clearing to staffing the visitor's center to serving food. Nine groups totaling 550 people used the nature center for business meetings, weddings and reunions.



Listed below are the schools and community groups who visited CNC and benefitted from its programs:

- Arkansas City Recreation Center
- Cowley County Community College
- Arkansas City Schools
- PACE Home School
- Winfield Lowell Elementary School
- Winfield Intermediate School
- Mulvane Elementary
- Wichita Home School
- Presbyterian Manor
- Arkansas City Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- Good Samaritan Club, Winfield
- Winfield Girl Scouts
- Oxford Preschool
- Burden Central Elementary School
- Arkansas City Christian Academy
- National Audubon Society
- Arkansas City Library
- RVer's and Campers
- USD 259 Wichita
- Early Birds Lions Club
- Arkansas City Rotary Club
- Kaw Nation
- Deer Creek - Lamont, OK schools
- Arkansas City Arts Council



Thanks to our donors!



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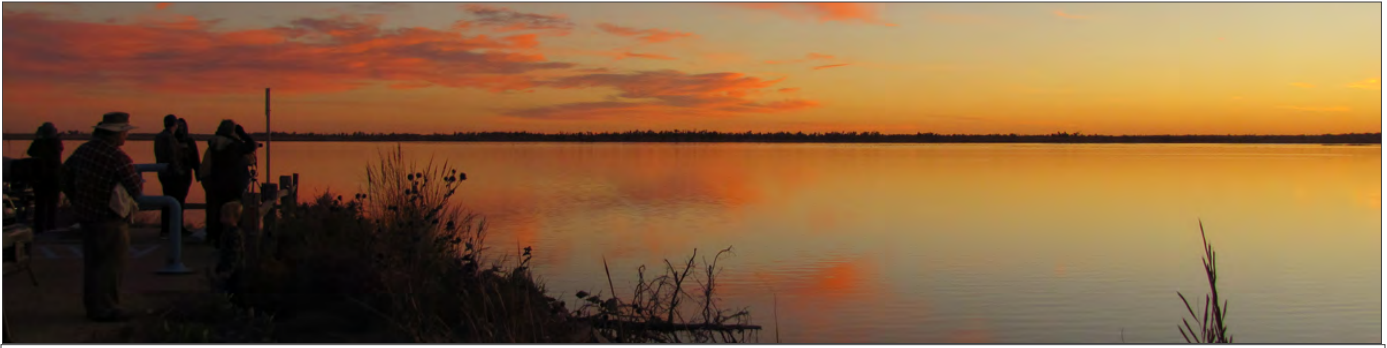
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Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2015

Profit & Loss Statement

Ordinary Income

Membership Dues	3,471.19	
Contributions	26,631.85	
CRP Payments	1,988.00	
Sales/Rental/Misc	4,534.33	
Birdathon		4,455.13
Grants	26,173.59	
Fund Raisers	2,288.07	
Gross Income		\$67,254.09

Expense

Fund raising/Program/Misc	1,994.75	
Office Supplies/Postage	1,870.20	
Printing/Copying	4,735.91	
Accounting	890.00	
Subtotal		\$9,490.86

CNC Expense

CNC Programs	1,511.24	
CNC Insurance	1,768.75	
Office Expense	784.89	
Telephone	841.14	
Utilities	4,198.92	
Employee Compensation	36,753.56	
Medical Reimbursement Acct	3,666.63	
Repairs & Maintenance	5,133.82	
Depreciation	8,007.00	
Subtotal		\$66,064.99
Total Expense		\$75,555.85

Other Income/Expense

Interest & Dividends	9,419.66	
Capital Gain (realized)	36,514.60	
Capital Gain (unrealized)	-52,397.40	
Fees	-1,113.36	
Net Other Income		-\$7,576.59

Net Income - \$ 15,878.35

Balance Sheet

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	16,272.93	
Petty Cash - CNC		100.00
Total Checking/Savings		\$16,372.93

Other Current Assets

Inventory		150.21
Prepaid Insurance	2,476.25	
Total Other Assets	2,626.46	

Total Current Assets \$18,999.39

Fixed Assets

CNC Land	75,231.00	
CNC Buildings	40,616.00	
CNC Furniture/Equipment	49,096.95	
Total Fixed Assets		\$164,943.95

Endowment Funds

Endowment Funds Raymond James	568,426.36	
Total Endowment funds		\$568,426.36

Total Assets \$ 752,369.70

Liabilities & Equity

Total Current Liabilities	1,020.74	
Total Equity	751,348.96	

Total Liabilities & Equity \$ 752,369.70

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