Fall Programs & Seed Sale

Just as meeting a copperhead in the path while birding in Kansas woodlands focuses your attention on the urgent reality of the moment, so has it been this summer with Covid-19. After cancelling our spring 2020 programs and 50th anniversary dinner the JAS board hoped to resume in-person events this fall. Reality intruded.

PROGRAMS: The board briefly considered holding programs under social distancing rules, but as the virus surged we quickly decided that the risks to members could not be justified. So we’re joining the crowd on Zoom. There will still be informative speakers on a range of topics on the fourth Monday of the month—just no chatting with speakers over dinner, no schmoozing with fellow bird enthusiasts, and providing snacks is definitely on you!

SEED SALES: At this time the plan is to hold only one fall/winter seed sale: Saturday, November 7th. Cottin’s Hardware on Mass has graciously offered to let us set up and sell seed safely outside in their back parking lot and will store and sell any leftover seed for us. The Cottins are known for their generosity in supporting many community organizations, but this is a huge contribution to JAS. Please tell them thank you when you shop there this fall.

Order forms for the sale will be in the newsletter and on the website, www.jayhawkaudubon.org, in October. November is not too early to prepare for the holidays! Feeders and books make perfect gifts or maybe you need a new feeder yourself. We may all be spending more time at home right through the winter and feeder watching is fascinating.

Programs of the Jayhawk Audubon Society are free.
All are welcome!
JAS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Early native inhabitants of what is now Kansas left their mark on the land: carvings in the soft orange and red sandstone of the Smoky Hills. Today these carvings, largely found on private property, are little known and rarely seen by the public. Through striking photographs Petroglyphs of the Kansas Smoky Hills offers a chance to decipher what these carvings tell of the region’s first people, and helps us appreciate these important features of Kansas history and landscape that are increasingly threatened by erosion and vandalism.

Author Rex Buchanan, director emeritus of the KS Geological Survey, & photographer Burke Griggs, associate professor of law at Washburn, will present via Zoom at our September 28th program. (Josh Svaty, the third author, is not able to join us.) Visit https://www.kansaspetroglyphs.com/ for reviews, videos and to buy the book. Royalties will be donated to the Coronado Quivira Museum (Lyons, KS), Ellsworth County Historical Society (Ellsworth, KS), and the Native American Rights Fund (Boulder, CO).

To join our Zoom Meeting on 9/28 at 7 pm enter this link in your browser: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82772622597pwd=eHliMlRXVmt0QTk0cnVqTVZzdmJLUT09 and follow instructions.
**Prairie Restoration at Black Jack Battlefield**

Grassland Heritage Foundation is partnering with Native Lands LLC and Black Jack Battlefield and Nature Park to restore and revitalize prairie at Black Jack Battlefield. Funded by the Douglas County Heritage and Conservation Council, this two year project will engage volunteers with a historically and ecologically important site in Douglas County.

When approaching a prairie restoration project, the history of the site is always an important consideration. We look for signs of disturbance and other ecological indicators to help guide the restoration and long-term management plans. The added layer of cultural history at the Black Jack Battlefield site makes it particularly interesting. This park invites visitors into nature to learn about the Battle of Black Jack which is recognized as the first armed battle between proslavery and antislavery militias in the United States.

Following the passage in 1854 of the Kansas-Nebraska act, which allowed Kansans to vote on whether they wanted to allow slavery in the territory, tensions between proslavery and antislavery groups grew. Bleeding Kansas, as this period of tension and unrest in the region came to be known, set the stage for the Civil War.

Following Sheriff Samuel Jones’ proslavery raid on Lawrence in May of 1856, abolitionist John Brown and a group of other antislavery men murdered five proslavery men in retaliation—the Pottawatomie Massacre. This escalation of violence led proslavery militia leader Henry Pate to capture two of John Brown’s sons. On June 2, 1856 Brown’s free-state militia attacked Henry Pate and his militia at their camp along the Santa Fe Trail. The intense three hour battle involved about 100 men and ended with the surrender of Henry Pate and the release of Brown’s sons.

The Black Jack Battlefield remains an important place that signifies the pursuit of Kansas as a free state and the shaping of the community in which we live today. GHF is excited to restore the land and help protect a small piece of our community’s cultural heritage.

~ Kaitlyn Ammerlaan, Grassland Heritage Foundation Program Director and Preserve Manager

https://www.grasslandheritage.org/

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**Black Jack Work Days**

A restored prairie chock full of native plants is a jackpot for the Plants for Birds program! Jayhawk Audubon has pledged to support the prairie restoration project at Black Jack with volunteer work hours and by leading a bird walk on the property next year. Sign up for a work day to be in on the regenesis of a prairie!

**Fall workdays:**

- **Seed Collection:** ~ Saturday, Oct. 17th. 2-5PM
- **Invasive Species Removal:** ~ Thursday Sept. 17th 5-7PM
  ~ Saturday Oct. 10th 9-12PM
  ~ Saturday Oct. 24th 9-12PM

More information & Sign Up here: https://www.grasslandheritage.org/blackjack ( Masks & social distancing required)

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**Great Crested Flycatcher. Steven D’Amato**
Need Plants for your Birds?

**Thursday, Sept. 10: 4 pm—6 pm**
Grassland Heritage Fall Native Plant Sale
Cottin’s Farmers Market
behind 1832 Mass in the back parking lot.

All plants $4. Plant list and more information at: [https://www.grasslandheritage.org/fallplantsale](https://www.grasslandheritage.org/fallplantsale).

GHF says please wear a mask and, if you can, bring your own box to take plants home. Less contact!

Remember it’s all about the food chain:

- Almost all land birds eat insects at some point in their life cycle or eat critters that eat insects:
- Insects eat plants or other insects that eat plants:
- But often only particular native plants:
- Native plants are the all important base.

AND many birds eat the seeds or fruit of native plants too! Happy Planting!

Thank you McKay!

McKay Stangler, board member at large, resigned from the JAS board in August. He and his family have moved from Lawrence but stayed in Kansas. Both he and his wife have taken new jobs and McKay is also the remote learning navigator for their son, but since McKay is now working for Audubon of Kansas, we hope to see him at AOK events. McKay has been a very active board member working on Birdathon, Seed Sales, other committees and writing expansive, thought-provoking book reviews for the newsletter. We miss you McKay and wish you all well!

Share Your email with JAS:
get timely notices on chapter issues and events.

We’ve switched email platforms. If you already receive emails from us, we have your email address and you don’t need to take any action. If you do not usually get JAS emails, please take a moment to sign up for them at: [www.jayhawkaudubon.org](http://www.jayhawkaudubon.org).

On the website home page just enter your email in the box labeled email & click the arrow.

**We promise not to clog your inbox.**
Our practice is to send out few messages. Fall to spring, the newsletter arrives at the beginning of the month & a reminder about the program midmonth; if there is a seed sale or some special nature/conservation related event in town we’ll alert you to that. During June and July, you’re unlikely to hear from us because, honestly, in the summer we take a break to go birding or fishing, exploring or gardening, to see how many caterpillars we’re hosting in the garden or to just plain goof off.

Thank you for joining our email list!

New Board Member Len Scotto

The JAS board welcomes Len Scotto who became a board member at large in May. Len only started birding about a year and a half ago but he’s already got some serious skills. His biology background and love for nature laid the groundwork.

Len taught high school biology for 25 years, then was an administrator at Eudora Virtual School for 5 years, and currently teaches for Kaw Valley Virtual. Clearly he loves to teach and is expert at it as evidenced by the useful program he and Roger Boyd gave on birding apps last November. An avid fly fisherman, wildlife photographer, and now birder, Len loves being outdoors, especially at Baker Wetlands. He also volunteers at the Discovery Center at the Wetlands helping the public more fully understand that amazing place.
Hidden Valley Fall Work Weekend
Saturday, Sept. 12: 9 am to noon & 1-3 pm
Sunday, Sept. 13: 1-3 pm.

The Early Fall Work ‘Day’ will be spread out over the weekend with fewer volunteers present at any one time to allow for safe social distancing. Families are very welcome to come together. Work will include cleaning the cabin & outbuildings, garden clean up, and yard & campsite maintenance.

To RSVP or get more details, contact Cindy at carling@aol.com. She will set up a specific time for you to volunteer when you can be safely socially distanced. Hidden Valley offers a rare swath of urban wildlife habitat. Definitely worthy of any amount of TLC. It is not usually open to the general public, so this is a special opportunity to see it. Friends of Hidden Valley: https://www.friendshv.org/

2021 KOS Calendar Call for Photos
From the KSBIRDS listserv, 8/24/20:

The Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS) would love to include your photos in our calendar for 2021. Photos should characterize birding in Kansas during each month, be high resolution and fit well on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper in landscape orientation. In addition, I need photos to fill in open space in the monthly grid.

KOS members willing to share your photos for this endeavor, please send a full-resolution file without any watermark to malcolmgold@gmail.com. Photo credit will be attributed to you in the calendar. If you are not yet a KOS member, please join KOS and then send me your photos. http://ksbirds.org/kos/kos_member.html

But don’t delay. I need your photos soon to be able to consider them for the calendar.

The 2021 calendar will be available for purchase the first part of October for either $10 in person or $12.50 online/shipped.

~ Malcolm Gold, KOS Business Manager

Visit Your Garden!
Now is a great time to cruise the JAS native plant garden at Oak Hill Cemetery. The butterflies & the blooming flowers—asters, rudbeckia, & goldenrod—will motivate you to plant native for next year. (Plant sale info page 3) Here’s the map: https://tinyurl.com/v7mps2yu

Clockwise from top:
JAS Oak Hill Garden in Spring ready to pop
Eastern Bluebird on Gay-feather (liatris)
Aster and rudbeckia in the garden
Monarch on goldenrod
Silver-spotted Skipper on liatris
National Audubon Plants for Birds sign

Migratory Bird Treaty Act Upheld
In August a federal judge overturned the Trump administration’s reinterpretation of the MBTA that allowed industries to avoid penalties when birds are killed by their activities. National Audubon, other conservation groups, & eight states sued to overturn the new Interior Dept ruling. Judge Valerie Caproni: “It is not only a sin to kill a mockingbird, it is also a crime. That has been the letter of the law for the past century. But if the Department of the Interior has its way, many mockingbirds and other migratory birds that delight people and support ecosystems throughout the country will be killed without legal consequence.” A win for birds!
Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall
Mallard
Northern Bobwhite
Ring-necked Pheasant
Wild Turkey
Rock Pigeon
Eurasian Collared-Dove
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Common Nighthawk
Chuck-will’s-widow
Eastern Whip-poor-will
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Virginia Rail
Sora Rail
American Coot
Killdeer
Semipalmed Plover
Upland Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper
Baird’s Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Wilson’s Snipe
Spotted Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Greater Yellowlegs
Wilson’s Phalarope
Franklin’s Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Forster’s Tern
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Little Blue Heron
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper’s Hawk
Bald Eagle
Mississippi Kite
Red-shouldered Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson’s Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Great Horned Owl
Barred Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
American Kestrel
Great Crested Flycatcher
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Acadian Flycatcher
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
White-eyed Vireo
Bell’s Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Horned Lark
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Purple Martin
Barn Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
House Wren
Sedge Wren
Marsh Wren
Carolina Wren
Bewick’s Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson’s Thrush
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
Northern Mockingbird
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
House Sparrow
House Finch
American Goldfinch
Grasshopper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Field Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Harris’s Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Vesper sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln’s Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Eastern Towhee
Yellow-breasted Chat
Bobolink
Eastern Meadowlark
Orchard Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Common Grackle
Great-tailed Grackle
Ovenbird
Louisiana Waterthrush
Northern Waterthrush
Blue-winged Warbler
Black-and-white Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Kentucky Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
American Redstart
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Chinstrap-sides Warbler
Palm Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Yellow-throated Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Canada Warbler
Wilson’s Warbler
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Painted Bunting
Dickcissel

Yellow-throated Warbler.
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Become a Member: Just $20 to join both National Audubon and Jayhawk Chapter.

National Audubon Society membership is $20.00. Members receive four issues per year of the Audubon magazine and will be enlisted as members of their closest chapter. Members also receive 9 issues per year of the JAS newsletter and are entitled to discounts on the books and feeders we sell to raise funds to support education and conservation projects. (Make your check payable to National Audubon Society and mail to our JAS membership chair at the address below.) You may also join National Audubon online at https://secure.audubon.org/site/Donation2?df_id=9431&9431.donation=form1&s_src=2015_AUDHP_topbanner-menu.

Chapter-only membership to Jayhawk Audubon Society is $10.00. (Make check payable to Jayhawk Audubon Society.) You will not receive the Audubon magazine. Those with National Audubon memberships are encouraged to support the chapter by voluntarily paying these dues. Chapter membership expires annually in July. JAS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible.

To join or donate to Audubon of Kansas make check payable to AOK or use this online link - http://www.audubonofkansas.org/joindonate/.

Please send this completed form & your check to JAS c/o Kristine Latta, P.O. Box 3741, Lawrence, KS 66046.

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