

**Note early meeting date
to avoid Memorial Day**

Birdathon is May 4 & 5

Support JAS by birding, donating and/or asking friends or employers to donate. To join a birding team, call Richard Bean: 785-615-1548. Or form a team with your birding BFFs and visit your favorite spots on May 4th or 5th. Last step is calling Richard with your list to add to the chapter list.

Seeing this after May 5th? It's not too late to help. Donations will be gratefully accepted through June! See the pledge sheet on page 7. THANKS A BUNCH!



Save the date for the Prairie Block Party

June 1, 2019 ~ 9 am – 1 pm
Burroughs Creek Park 15th & Delaware

Come celebrate the grand opening of the Prairie Block Project eco-pavilion and creek-side prairie at Burroughs Creek Park. June 1st is also National Prairie Day and National Trails Day so it's a threefer! Explore the wonder of the tall grass prairie with nature-based activities, live critters, demonstrations, native plants, and more! Plus we'll have music, trails events, art, and...you just have to come on the 1st to find out what else! It's all FREE - All are welcome.

For more information check the event Face book page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/310062239860202/> You can follow the building of the eco-pavilion in pictures. Also see: <https://nationalprairieday.org/>

Contact Jennifer Delisle at jdelsile@ku.edu if you can help with the event. Jayhawk Audubon is one of the event organizers and the more members participating, the better!

Monday, May 20th

Diesel Emissions & the BNSF Railroad in KCK Neighborhoods

Richard Mabion, our May speaker, is the founder of *Building A Sustainable Earth Community*, an environmental literacy organization and a direct affiliate of Clean Air Now. He will discuss their work to protect community health by identifying and documenting environmental & health related problems caused by freight transportation (aka goods movement) in the Kansas City, KS region. Diesel exhaust, and other pollutants emitted by goods movement, warehousing, and related activities are a persistent, significant source of health problems in the area.

The group is also active in creating community-based environmental justice programming in after-school settings to educate future inner-city leaders about the causes of pollution and its effects on their life and in their neighborhoods. In 2011 the Midwest Sociological Society gave Building A Sustainable Earth Community its Social Action Award which recognizes exceptional grassroots organizations working to further social justice in the Midwest.

Richard Mabion was born and raised in Kansas City, Kansas. He served a 2-year tour of duty for the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict (66-68), then went to college, graduating in 1971 with a BS in Education and a minor in Psychology. For the next three decades he was a self-taught urban social engineer and businessman in both Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri. Since 2006 he has been a community organizer in the environmental movement in KCK.

Please join us for this timely topic as the Clean Air Act is under attack.

~ Joyce Wolf, Program Chair

BYO Dinner: 5:00 pm. HuHot. 2525 Iowa St.
To come to dinner RSVP to Joyce Wolf:
jarbwolf39@gmail.com or 785-887-6019

Program: 7:00 pm. **Baker Wetlands Discovery Center.** 1365 N. 1250 Road, Lawrence

Directions: <https://www.bakeru.edu/wetlands/>

Or on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/BakerWetlands/>

New Field Trip Chair

Lori Hutfles has volunteered to be Jayhawk Audubon field trip chair. The board is thrilled both because the position has been vacant for months, and because Lori brings to it fresh energy, enthusiasm, and a desire to get all of us out in the field.

Here's Lori's report on the Naismith Park trip:

Ron Wolf shared his knowledge, humor and patience with more than 10 members during the April 6th bird walk at Naismith Park. It was a beautiful morning and the group came prepared to see the first birds of the spring season.

With the delayed arrival of spring weather, some of the birds that are normally seen on this outing were not to be found. Nevertheless, the group, with Ron's encouragement, patiently focused their binoculars on the budding trees. Happily, we were rewarded with the sightings of Red-bellied and Downy Woodpeckers, Northern Flicker, Brown Thrasher, Red-shouldered Hawk, Harris's Sparrow, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Robins, Chickadees, Northern Cardinals, Crows, Brown-headed Cowbirds and Turkey Vultures. It was a great start to our spring birding season and terrific preparation for the upcoming Birdathon.

~ Lori Hutfles
Field Trip Chair



Harris's Sparrow
Environment Canada

Election of JAS Officers

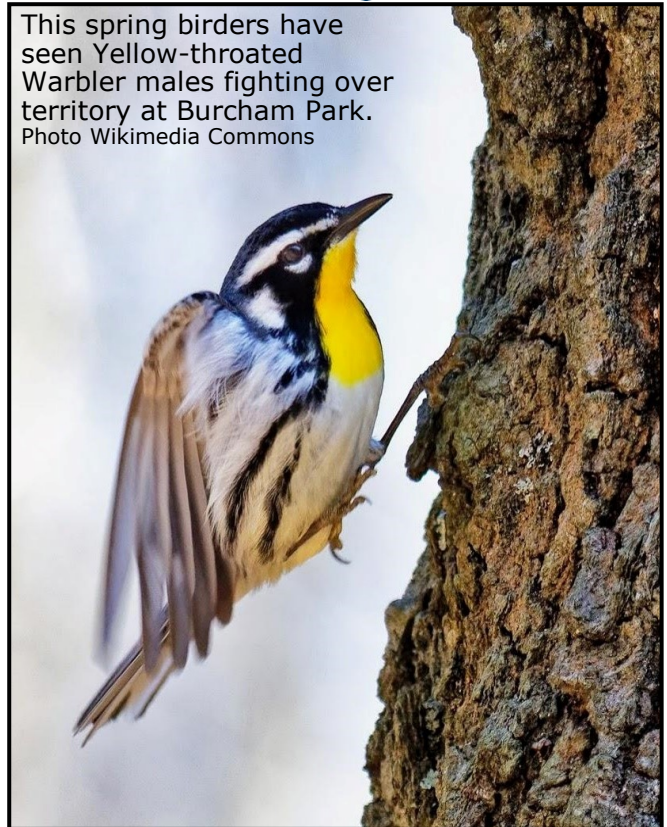
Jayhawk Audubon Society officers are elected each year at the May meeting. Any member may run for office or nominate another member for office and all are encouraged to do so. To put your name in the running or nominate someone else, please contact JAS president Jim Bresnahan: jbresnahan@ku.edu or 785-766-9625. He can answer questions about the duties of each office. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the May meeting.

Current officers have agreed to serve another year if elected, so there is a proposed slate:

President: Jim Bresnahan
Vice-president: Vanessa Carlos
Treasurer: Jennifer Delisle
Recording Secretary: Susan MacNally
Corresponding Secretary: Pam Chaffee

However, the JAS board wants to emphasize that nominations from the membership are very welcome. If you have ever thought you might enjoy contributing to JAS by serving as an officer, please get in touch with Jim and talk it over. Your talents will be put to good use.

This spring birders have seen Yellow-throated Warbler males fighting over territory at Burcham Park.
Photo Wikimedia Commons



JAS Officers & Board Members

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Hospitality: Kelly Barth
Historian: Ron Wolf
Books & Feeders: Ron & Joyce Wolf
Audubon of Kansas
Chapter Representative: Ron Wolf

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Hawaiian Happy Face Spider!!

5/11: Monarch Watch Plant
Sale & Open House
Milkweeds and other
larval host plants.

Remember that caterpillars are host specific;
i.e., they can only digest certain plants.
So to enable a variety of butterflies and
moths to thrive, you need a variety of
host plants. Monarch Watch will have many.

The stunning butterfly garden is a must see
for ideas. There will also be exhibits in their
lab and children's activities. It's just plain
fun. 8a - 2p. Foley Hall. KU West Campus.
Directions: www.monarchwatch.org

5/18: Grassland Heritage Foundation Native
Plant Sale. 9 am—1 pm. Trinity Episcopal
Church Lawn. 1011 Vermont.
www.grasslandheritage.org

6/1: Douglas County Master Gardeners Native
Plant Sale. 9 am—2:30 pm. 2110 Harper.
Douglas County Fairground
www.douglas.k-state.edu



See me in
color on the
JAS website

Male Eastern Bluebird on Prairie Blazingstar/
Kansas Gayfeather. One of several native
Liatris species, all of which are beautiful and
adapted to our soils and climate.
Photo from *Birds and Blooms*



The Ne Plus Ultra Native Plant Gardeners are —you'll never guess—bears!

There is a greenhouse at Rocky Mountain National
Park where native plants are grown for restora-
tion projects. Germinating native plants can be
tricky. Their requirements may be unknown or
hard to duplicate. Woody plants can be especially
recalcitrant and park staff try with mixed success
to replicate natural conditions by soaking seeds in
acid baths. Turns out a bear's
stomach easily does the trick.

In fall 2016, rangers collected
a seed-filled pile of bear
scat that sprouted *1,200
seedlings!* The seedlings—
twice as tall as human
sprouted seedlings at the
same stage—are mainly
Oregon grape and choke-
cherry, desirable natives
for the park. Biologists
estimate it would take 100
hours of human effort just to
collect that many seeds and few
would germinate.



"We've tried to grow these before and it took a
lot of effort," says Kevin Gaalaas, Supervisory
Biologist of the Park. "This by far took a lot less
effort and got more results than ever before.
Sometimes mother nature does a heck of a better
job than we do." Park staff hope to extend this
success by collecting scat when bears are feeding
on the fruit of other plants rangers want to grow.

Plants in the park greenhouse are raised with-
out pesticides and with little fertilizer or water to
toughen them for survival out in the low nutrient
soil and dry climate of the park. To fulfill nature's
plan some of the bear 'processed' seedlings will
be planted in the area the scat was found, while
others will be used to repair damage where a
water line was replaced.

Adapted & condensed from "What Happens When You
Plant A Pile of Bear Poop?" by Kris Millgate. 5/10/17.
Published in the Nature Conservancy's Cool Green
Science Weekly, 4/18/19 issue.

Plan 2040 Review Continues

The next meeting of the Lawrence-Douglas County
Metropolitan Planning Commission will be held May
20, 2019. This may be the meeting at which the
Community Resources chapter is taken up – this
chapter includes a section on Parks, Recreation,
and Open Space. Check the agenda which will be
posted here: [https://lawrenceks.org/boards/
lawrence-douglas-county-metropolitan-planning-
commission](https://lawrenceks.org/boards/lawrence-douglas-county-metropolitan-planning-commission). On this site you also can find all the
comments received by the Planning Commission so
far. You also can watch video of previous meetings!
~ Jennifer Delisle

Bird, Botanize, Paddle Kansas ...and maybe Missouri (Sorry, Jayhawks)

- 5/4 & 5/5: Birdathon! See pages 1 & 7.
- 5/8: Bird walk KCP&L Wetlands. 7am. Burroughs Audubon. Malcolm Gold: 608-807-6086 or malcolmgold@gmail.com.
<http://burroughs.org/its-free/field-trips-programs/>
- 5/9: Birding at Baker Wetlands. 7am. All ages. Join local birders. Also 6/6, 7/11, 8/8.
- 5/10-12: Spring Meeting KS Ornithological Society Ft. Scott KS. It's not too late to register! Full information: http://ksbirds.org/kos/Spring2019/kos_2019_spring_meeting.htm
- 5/10: Blue River Pkwy Bird Census. 7:30a. BAS. Don Arney: 816-931-8536 or 22sora@gmail.com. See 5/8 for website address for directions.
- 5/11: Bird Baker Wetlands with Roger Boyd to Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day. 8 am. See page 1 for directions to the Wetlands.
- 5/18: Maxwell Wildlife Refuge Tours. Canton, KS. Bison tram tour (\$ and must RSVP); prairie walks (free); lunch (\$). Contact: Betty Schmidt: friendsofmaxwell@yahoo.com or 620-628-4455. Sponsored by KS Native Plant Society: www.kansasnativeplantsociety.org/
- 5/18: Kaw Paddle Trip. Friends of the Kaw and KS Sierra Club. Details and registration at <https://paddletripsierraclub.eventbrite.com>. See also <http://kansasriver.org/calendar/>
- 5/25: Wildflower Walk ~ Haines Prairie. A rare chance to visit this spectacular 1,250 acre Kansas Land Trust conservation easement near Manhattan. RSVP to Jerry Jost: jjost@klt.org or 7857493297.
- 5/31: Hike the Night. 8:30 pm. Baker Wetlands. Also on 6/28, 7/26, 8/30. Free, but must register at mglade@bakeru.edu
- 6/1: Bird Echo Cliff & Skyline Drive. 7-11 am. Topeka Audubon. Debby at 785-220-6515 www.topekaaudubonsociety.org/calendar
- 6/2: Friends of the Konza Prairie Wildflower Walk 6:30pm. \$10 for non FOKP members. ? to Jill Haukos konzaed@ksu.edu 785-587-0381
- 6/2: Bird Dunn Ranch—Pawnee Prairie Natural Area, MO. BAS. Mike Stoakes 816-554-1956 or mstoakes@juno.com. Target species: Upland Sandpiper, Black-billed Cuckoo, Sedge Wren, Grasshopper Sparrows, and Bobolinks! (Url 5/8)
- 6/22: Akin Prairie Wildflower Walk. Douglas Cty. 10a-12p. Led by Kelly Kindscher. The KS Land Trust. No RSVP's needed. Questions to: jjost@klt.org 7857493297. Directions: www.facebook.com/events/1244988135649684/
- 6/22: Water Quality Paddle Trip. Friends of the Kaw. Learn about water Q testing as you enjoy the river. \$ for non-FOK members. Must sign up: <https://fokwaterqualitypaddle.eventbrite.com>

Change the Pace with a STEM Activity or a Lecture.

- 5/11: Riverbank Restoration Volunteer Workday 9a—12p. For location and details: <http://kansasriver.org/calendar/>
- 5/11: Pop Up Science. KUNHM. 10a-12p. Hands on science for the whole family. <https://biodiversity.ku.edu/calendar/event-list>
- 5/15 & 5/16: Nature Tots: Seeds. Baker Wetlands Discovery Center. 10-11a. Free but must Register by 5/13: mglade@bakeru.edu or 785-594-4703. Preschool.
- 5/14: Riverbank Restoration Volunteer Workday 4:30 - 7:30p. For location and details: <http://kansasriver.org/calendar/>
- 5/18: Art Cart: Plants, Lizards, and Snakes. 1 - 1:30p. KU Natural History Museum at the Spencer Art Museum. Free.
- 5/24: Marine Life Discovery Day. 10a - 12p. School's out at KUNHM. Hands-on action. <https://biodiversity.ku.edu/calendar/event-list>
- 5/20: Air Quality in KCK. JAS Program. Page 1.
- 6/19: Birds, Bones, Beetles and Bunker. Science On Tap at Free State Brewery. 7:30-8:30p
- 6/15: Our Fragile World. 2-4p. A family activity on nature and climate change. KUNHM at The Watkins Museum of History downtown Lawrence. See 5/24 for website address.

Scissor-tailed Flycatchers.
A summer bird of our
grasslands and pastures.
You might see one on a
prairie wildflower walk.



- 6/15: How to Festival. 11a – 1p. Lawrence Public Library Lawn. JAS will be there to answer questions about birding.
- 6/19: Nature Book Club. 6:30 - 8:00p. Lawrence Public Library Meeting Room A. Read a nature-connected book—fiction or non—your latest read or an old fav related to nature or the environment. Questions? Contact Shirley: sbraunlich@lplks.org
- 7/17: Little Known Stories About the Woody Plants Around Us. Craig Freeman, Curator of Botany at KUNHM. Science on Tap. 7:30p. Free State Brewery.

Summer Camp Opportunities with the Sternberg Museum of Natural History

Fort Hayes State's Sternberg Museum (definitely worth a visit in case you've never been there) is offering summer camps for middle/high schoolers with a bent for scientific research. If your child is interested in birds and animals, the trips to the *Ecuadorian Andes* or the *American Southwest* to learn research methods in wildlife biology will be a highlight of their high school years. Paleontology camps in *Australia* or *Kansas* are also offered among others. For more, check these links:

<http://sternberg.fhsu.edu/active-learning/camps/high-school/ecuador-wildlife-biology/>

<http://sternberg.fhsu.edu/active-learning/camps/high-school/>

Middle school camps include Desert and Mountain Naturalists in Utah and Colorado and Paleontology in Kansas and Oregon. <http://sternberg.fhsu.edu/active-learning/camps/middleschool/>

Please note that May 14th is the deadline to apply. See the above links for cost and forms.

~ David Levering, Camps Director
Sternberg Museum of Natural History.
Ft. Hayes State University 785-639-5249
<http://sternberg.fhsu.edu/active-learning/camps/>



From KSBirds listserv: Migration Superhero

Rob Penner Ph.D., Cheyenne Bottoms & Avian Programs Manager for the Nature Conservancy posted on 4/22/19: "I was with a master's student from South Carolina who had placed GPS units on 25 Hudsonian Godwits. Two are currently in Nebraska, one was near Hutchinson but heading to the west and another was here at Cheyenne Bottoms. The bird here at Cheyenne Bottoms left Chile 6 days ago and flew nonstop to the Bottoms. The majority of these birds have not left Chile yet." (Ed's note: emphasis added.)

Local Summer Camps to Get Your Kids Out in Nature

Sports camps are fun, but spending active learning time in natural settings is fun too, while *more carefree & interwoven with aha moments*. Luckily there are a wealth of such camps in Lawrence these days.

1. Prairie Park Nature Center has a full summer's worth of camps with different themes such as: *Claws, Paws and Jaws*; *Kid vs. Wild*; *Lights, Camera, Animals*; *Where the Wild Things Are*; *The Planet Avengers*; *Junior Naturalists* & more. Camps are 6 to 7½ hours per day and each one lasts one week. There is a charge for all camps. You can enroll online at www.lprd.org, mail it in, or walk in to any Parks and Rec facility.

PPNC also has half day and one day offerings including *fishing, canoeing, wildlife explorers, breakfast with the animals, and art in nature*. These also require registration as above, except for *wildlife explorers* which is every Thursday all summer. For that you may register for the whole summer, or call in the day before to schedule just one day of attendance: 785-832-7980.

For the younger set PPNC continues its regular *Nature Story Time for Preschoolers*: Thursdays 10-10:30a, \$3.00/session; and *Wild Adventures for Preschoolers*: Tuesdays, 10-11 am. Enroll for the series at lprd.org or call in advance to see if there is a spot the days you can attend. \$4 per session (785) 832-7980.

2. Baker Wetlands Discovery Center has unveiled a whole new series of camps to take advantage of the biological richness of the wetlands:

- ★ *Life at the Wetlands*. 9a-1p. 6/18-20
Age 9-10. \$30.
- ★ *Beautiful Birds*. 9a-1p. 7/23-25. Age 7-8. \$30.
- ★ *Herpetology*. 9a-1p. 7/30-8/1. Age 11-12 \$30.
- ★ Free hour-long programs scheduled include *Wetlands Explorers* for age 6-9, 1-2p, 6/7 & 6/21; also *Young Naturalists* for age 10-13, 1-2p, 6/14 & 6/28.
- ★ *Nature Tots* continues through the summer! Free! Age 5 & under. 10-11a.
6/12 & 6/13: *Wetlands*
7/17 & 7/18: *Life in the Mud*
Wear old clothes for this one
8/14 & 8/15: *In the Night Sky*

3. The KU Natural History Museum has excellent one day camps in June: *Sea Science*, *Aquatic Biology*, *Adventures in Biology*; *Expedition-Forest Floor*; *Geology Exploration*. Ages 8-11. \$80 each. Call 785-864-4173 to enroll. More details at <https://biodiversity.ku.edu/education-outreach/summer-camps-2019>

Feeding Love for the Earth by Feeding Birds

Thankfully the random grab bag of this spring's weather popped out a peach of a day for the Lawrence Earth Day Celebration. Volunteers wore sun hats instead of the raingear and gloves they needed last year. The fine weather meant a bigger crowd and more kids painting milk carton bird feeders. We've done this project for years, but it still has strong appeal. We give every young artist a packet of sunflower seed so they can put the feeder out right away.

This JAS outreach was only possible because energetic volunteers planned and readied materials beforehand and then showed up to work on the day. **HOORAY & THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!**

- ★ Members washed out and saved cartons.
- ★ Roger Boyd & Logan Grose painted cartons with primer so the colored paint would stick.
- ★ Macie Albertson, Nora Gharavi, Sam Phillips, Nathan Reid, Emmeline Schneider & Ana Tosta, all LHS Honors students of Lisa Ball, helped the children with their feeders.
- ★ Laura March, Susan MacNally, Pam Chaffee, Jennifer Delisle and Jim Bresnahan set up and staffed the table.



Trails that Connect Us 2019

On Friday evening, April 27, Jayhawk Audubon tabled with other outdoor community groups at the **Free State Brewing Trails that Connect Us** event. More than 300 folks enjoyed the beautiful evening listening to a local blue grass band play while strolling tables with local organizations encouraging folks to get outside on local trails.

There was strong interest in our group from families and people keen to learn more about the birds in their backyards, what feed they should put out to attract more birds, and what plants they should add to their backyard to draw in more birds.

This was a terrific event and Jennifer Delisle, Lynn Byczynski and I visited with folks and encouraged their interest in Jayhawk Audubon.

~ Lori Hutfles
Field Trip Chair

Baker Wetlands Outing with KU Environs Student Organization

Roger and Jan Boyd met us early Saturday morning, April 27, for a tour and bird watching (and a snake, too) at the Baker Wetlands.

Environs is a group of environmentally active, outdoor-focused KU undergraduates who like to learn about the Lawrence community. Roger and Jan took us to a trail by the Wakarusa River for the tour. Roger showed an area of woodland by the river that had been cleared of invasive honeysuckle by KU students. Over many two-hour sessions almost an acre of honeysuckle had been eradicated. We learned that the most overgrown area was so damaged by the thuggish honeysuckle that no seedlings or growth of any kind could be seen. Further out, the section less overtaken by the honeysuckle had some new growth.

(Eds. Note: There *are* some well-behaved native honeysuckles beloved by hummingbirds. Just be very sure you are buying the right species before you plant one in your garden.)

Many birds were seen including a Bald Eagle, Downy Woodpeckers, Warblers, Cardinals, House Sparrows, American Goldfinches, Grackles, Blue-winged Teal, Great Blue Herons, and Turkey Vultures.

~ Lori Hutfles
Field Trip Chair



Member fundraiser's name:	Phone:
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Address/email Address:

Make checks payable to *Jayhawk Audubon Society* (a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization)

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Lawrence, KS 66046

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Richard Mabion, our May speaker. In 2016 he was Man of the Year for EPA Region 7's Environmental Justice dept., and he has been President of the KCK NAACP since 2014. He will alert us to air quality issues in Kansas City. See page 1.

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 the Jayhawk Chapter. All members also receive 9 issues of the JAS newsletter per year 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-button-menu.) **Please note that National Audubon sometimes takes up to two months to process memberships and then notify JAS that you have joined!**

Chapter-only membership in Jayhawk Audubon Society is \$10.00. (This needs to be a separate check made 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 and mail to: 210 Southwind Road, Manhattan, KS 66503. Or use this online link: <http://www.audubonofkansas.org/joindonate/>.

Please send this completed form and your check(s) to JAS at the following address:

Wayne Kennedy, 1308 Crosswinds CT. #1 Lawrence KS 66046. E-mail contact: w.a.k.e.n.n.z@gmail.com.

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