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CONFESSIONS OF A BIRD PAPARAZZO:

David Seibel Reveals Passions April 5

Birds and celebrities have a great deal in common when it comes to photography. Nature photographer, biology professor, author, poet and popular lecturer David Seibel, whose passion for birds has taken him to three continents, five countries, and most of the lower 48 states, will offer humorous but thoughtful comparison between wildlife photographers and paparazzi. As an ornithologist and conservationist, David takes care not to endanger the well-being of his subjects, but as a photographer he finds the lure of capturing their private moments, quirky behavior, awkward poses – and sometimes amazing beauty – almost irresistible. Join us at our Annual Dinner and Silent Auction to hear more. Seating is limited; please make reservations with enclosed flyer.

To accomplish these projects, the Coalition established a goal to raise \$10,000 this year. This initial amount will be matched by other organizations, multiplying every dollar donated approximately eight times.

We are excited about making a difference. We are excited about the efforts of this Coalition. Together we can look toward a better future for all of our migratory birds. We ask you to help support the project with your donation.
--Kelly Gillespie

MISSOURI AUDUBON CHAPTERS JOIN INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION EFFORT

Missouri Audubon Chapters, along with the Missouri Department of Conservation have joined efforts with Burroughs Audubon to focus on one central project which will have an effect on bird conservation. Our goal is to create a positive impact on the over-wintering grounds for our migratory birds. The components for the project include areas of land acquisition, ecotourism, education, community outreach and research.

We unanimously agreed to adopt Pico Bonito National Park in Honduras.

Pico Bonito National Park (PBNP), located on the northern coast of Honduras, is a very important over-wintering and stop-over site for migratory birds. This area of 667 square miles is the second largest protected area in Honduras. It supports over 275 species of birds. A significant need of the project is to connect an adjacent piece of dry tropical forest to the park. This would increase the park by many thousands of acres and connect PBNP to the new area, El Poligono, creating a Migratory Bird Corridor.

Currently, American Bird Conservancy staff is working with PBNP under the North American Bird Conservation Act grant to begin acquiring available land. Missouri partners can help acquire these lands and protect the forest habitat. There is less than five percent of dry tropical forest left in this region, which is home to the critically endangered Honduran Emerald, a hummingbird, one of the rarest birds in Central America. Our efforts will also encourage the development of ecotourism activities in the park. An Education Center with a full time education officer has been established in the project area, providing outreach to the area and surrounding communities.

General Meetings are held the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month, September through June (except April, when the Annual Dinner is held), at the Missouri Conservation Department's Anita Gorman Conservation Discovery Center, 4750 Troost, Kansas City, MO. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM; please come at 6:30 PM for coffee and conversation!

March 6, 2008: *Birding Adventures at Bosque Del Apache NWR* with Mark McKellar, owner of the Northland Backyard Bird Center.

Saturday, April 5, 2008: *Burroughs Audubon Annual Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser*. See registration form inside and our website (www.burroughs.org) for details!

May 1, 2008: *All About Purple Martins* with Louise Chambers of the Purple Martin Conservation Association.

June 5, 2008: *Birds of Western Kansas* with Matt Gearheart of the BAS Board of Directors. **Speaker suggestions? To join us for dinner with the speaker, or for information on ridesharing, contact Elizabeth Stoakes at 816-554-1956 or lizkvet@yahoo.com.**

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NEST:

Actually, I'm looking back on those nesting days with nostalgia. Since my own 'nestlings' have fledged, I've had the opportunity to serve within our organization and share the joys and workload as many of you have taken responsibility for our chapter's outstanding achievements within the Audubon community. Kelly Gillespie and the international conservation group are hosting international guests Fito Steiner and David Weidenthal March 2 – see the flyer for details. We've established ties to communities to protect critical habitat in El Cielo, Tamaulipas, and now Pico Bonito, Honduras. We will make it possible for local groups to monitor songbirds, putting conservation on the ground where it's needed most. Your dollars will be being matched at state, federal, and international levels. Habitat protection for birds continues - Liz Stoakes and the Conservation Committee stepped in for Southtown habitat protection and have been instrumental in assuring that a wildlife corridor, not a major thoroughfare, now be protected. Paul Habiger and the Library Committee have extended library hours to Sundays – if a few more people volunteer, we can continue to bring birding education to a growing population. Join our dedicated library manager Ann Duffer and volunteers JoAnn Moroz, Linda Byrd, Betty Lloyd and Janet Gerkin at Fleming Park, Lake Jacomo.

Mike Stoakes continues to keep our field trips and events accessible to the public through our website and Burroughs-Announce. Vic Miles is coordinating our volunteer work at Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, We partner with KCWildlands to protect pre-settlement landscapes in the metro region. Polly Swafford has led our chapter's efforts on energy and the environment at the Kansas Capitol, and February attendance at Audubon's global warming action training exceeded 200.

Together we have significant influence through our birding trips, teaching, bird-watching, bird feeding, and chapter activities. Sign on to lead field trips, subscribe to Audubon Alerts and give Audubon gift memberships. We are thrilled to have you as part of our community. Let us know how you'd like to be involved! Our board meetings are open to members at 7 p.m. on the third Thursdays of the month at the Discovery Center.

Good birding!
Jill

Jill DeWitt, President

Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City

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WingBeat is the quarterly publication of the Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City. BAS is a non-profit membership organization in the Kansas City area whose members share an interest in birding and our natural heritage and wish to preserve and enhance it for future generations. Our members share and promote this interest through a variety of activities that are open to the public.

Your participation makes Burroughs Audubon an effective, dynamic voice and center for birding and conservation in the Kansas City region. Contact us to participate in activities!



VISIT AND VOLUNTEER AT SQUAW CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

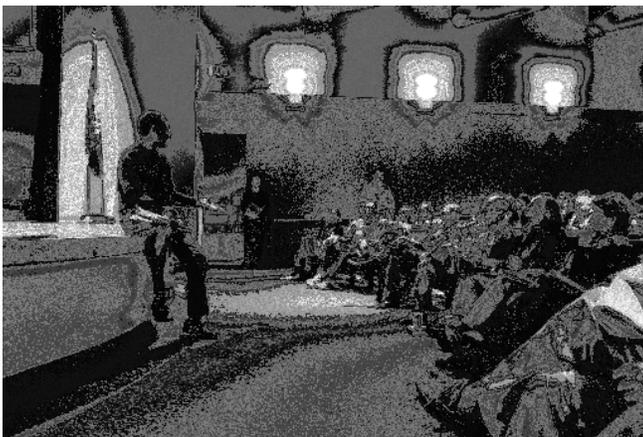
A few Sandhill Cranes are joining the diverse mix of waterfowl at the Refuge. Squaw Creek NWR is located five miles South of Mound City, MO and 30 miles North of St. Joseph off Interstate 29. Take Exit 29 and drive three miles west on Highway 159.

To spend a pleasurable day volunteering at the refuge, contact Vic Miles at vicmiles@juno.com.

WHAT WILL THE ECOSYSTEM REQUIRE? Wes Jackson Addresses Activists at Audubon Global Warming Training



Over 200 participants heard Dr. Jackson's remarks February 9th at the Discovery Center.



Missouri Representative Emanuel Cleaver shared his convictions and commitment to environmental responsibility at the February 9 training.

Morning workshop participants heard a compelling overview of environmental justice from Althea Moses, Region 7 EPA Environmental Justice Coordinator.

PJ Wilson, executive director of Renew Missouri, spoke on renewable energy (www.renewMO.org), and Eileen Horn, with the Land Institute's Climate and Energy Project (www.climateandenergy.org) spoke on Kansas climate issues. Mark Fogal, of the Missouri Conservation and Environmental Alliance, and Karen Orenstein, National Audubon Society's National Outreach Coordinator provided insights on legislative action. To join us in facing global warming, contact Jill DeWitt, Missouri Global Warming Coordinator, National Audubon, at jdewitt@audubon.org.



PLANT IT AND THEY WILL COME

Mervin Wallace, plantsman and owner of Missouri Wildflowers Nursery in Brazito, Missouri, will bring a selection of native plants and wildflowers suitable for landscaping to the Burroughs Audubon Library and Nature Center for purchase the last two Saturdays in April, April 19 and 26. Bring photos or questions for landscaping suggestions on wildflower gardens, native groundcovers and planting for birds. To assist with this fundraiser for Burroughs Audubon, contact Jill at listens2prairies@gmail.com. The sale is a benefit for the Burroughs Audubon Library and Nature Center and our conservation programs.

To volunteer at the library and nature center, contact Paul Habiger at pfhabiger@sbcglobal.net or Anne Duffer at (816) 795-8177.

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THE MARTINS ARE COMING! Area residents welcome birds

‘The Martins are Coming’ will soon resound throughout the region by those hosting the largest member of the swallow family in North America. Purple martins are due in the area now.

The adult male purple martin is glossy blue-black with long pointed wings, a streamlined body, forked tail and broad beak. First to return from their winter homes in the sultry jungles of southern Brazil will be the adult male scouts. Then, in about two weeks, the females and immature martins with brownish upper parts and an almost white belly will follow.

The scouts will busy themselves inspecting each open apartment in the martin house. They will select one or more apartments as they await the arrival of the females, after which the courtship begins. A scout will then sing louder and louder, and dash in and out of his selected apartment to entice a female martin to inspect his selections.

When the female chooses one of his selected apartments, he knows he has won his lady, and then nest-building begins in two or three weeks by both birds. Purple Martins are colonial nesters. They depend upon manmade houses with separate apartments, in which to lay their five to six pure white eggs and raise their young. The female alone incubates the eggs for 15 to 16 days. Both parents feed the nestlings with combined trips of about 10 per hour. Nesting may vary from 27 to 35 days.

A good Purple Martin host will provide a lightweight, cool, durable, attractive and parasite-resistant house with railings to protect the young martins, making certain that the house is erected on a pole 15 to 20 feet high in an area with a 40 to 50-foot clearance from all obstacles such as trees and buildings.

A mud puddle within 100 feet of their house is convenient for them to use for mortar to build their next. A small pile of twigs or straw will also be useful for their nest building.

The martins may not take up residence the first year housing is offered. Using the cassette tape ‘Martin Morningsong’ will help attract the martins to your houses. Play the tape loudly in the pre-dawn hours after the first martins are reported in the area. Once the martins accept your housing and have a successful nesting experience, they will return year after year, as will their offspring, to nest and raise their families. The martins will accept housing in urban and rural areas, and under the right conditions, in town. Open areas in parks and around church parking lots are often ideal to establish housing for martins.

House sparrows and starlings increase in numbers in an unkempt martin house and the martins decrease. Starling eggs are greenish-blue and the house sparrow eggs are smaller white or cream-colored with brown specks. It is legal to remove and destroy the eggs and young of house sparrows and the starlings, as they are introduced species and not protected by law.

--JoAnn Garrett
Raymore, MO

AUDUBON TO HOST KEARNEY CLIMATE WORKSHOP

Audubon’s Rowe Sanctuary will host a Chapter Workshop titled *Taking Action for Birds in a Changing Climate*. Scheduled for Friday, March 14, 2008, at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, Nebraska, the workshop is open to all Audubon chapter members and the general public. Come during Sandhill Crane migration. For more information or to register, visit Audubon Nebraska at www.audubon.org/states/ne/ or call (402) 797-2301. Contact us for carpooling information: jdewitt@audubon.org.

Call for Callison Award Nominations

Audubon is now accepting nominations for the Charles H. Callison Awards, with winners to be announced at the May 2008 Board of Directors Meeting. Nominees will have achieved significant successes in environmental policy, creativity, coalition-building, education and/or outreach activities and may be in one of two categories: activists/volunteers or Audubon staff members. Two awards will be given, one in each category, Volunteer and Professional.

For full award criteria and details of the simple nomination process, please contact the Chapter Services office at 800/542-2748 or chapter_services@audubon.org or visit the Web at <http://www.audubon.org/local/chapterAwards.htm>.



BIRDATHON TEAMS FORMING

Spring will soon be here! Along with spring comes bird migration, and after a one year absence, Burroughs Birdathon returns. Here's your chance to bird during the peak of bird migration and help raise funds for Burroughs Audubon programs.

BAS Birdathon 2008 will take place during the May 9th-18th time period. Teams are now being formed for a little friendly competition to see how many bird species can be identified within a 24 hr time period. You don't have to be an expert birder to participate on a team. Many birders have added species to their life list on a Birdathon day. A birdathon is a birding adventure you don't want to miss and won't soon forget.

It is expected that the Birdathon will be the largest BAS fund-raiser during the year. Supporters pledge money for each species identified by their favorite team. Money raised through Birdathon pledges will go to fund BAS educational, preservation, restoration and advocacy programs.

If you would like to participate on a team, be a team leader or sponsor a team, please contact Paul Habiger (816-942-3431), Matt Gearheart (913-568-4678), Pat St. John (913-706-5569) or Nic Allen (913-375-8030).

If you can not participate on a team, but wish to make a pledge to support BAS programs, please complete the pledge form below and send to the address identified on the form.

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Burroughs Audubon "Birdathon 2008" Pledge Form

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Your Pledge: Per species found by teams: _____
or Flat amount: _____

Our teams should locate somewhere between 150 to 200 species, so you may want to pledge per species (such as \$0.10, \$0.20, \$0.50 or more per species) or a flat rate (\$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, etc.) Send your pledge to Paul Habiger, 103 W 108 CT, Kansas City, MO 64114. You call also make a pledge by calling Paul at (816) 942-3431.

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FIELD TRIPS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1: Falconry Outing with Mike and Elizabeth Stoakes. Bob Payne of the Missouri Falconer's Association is generously providing a third unique winter field trip for our group—an opportunity to observe his trained Harris's Hawk, "George", on the hunt. Participants will need to be somewhat flexible, as this trip is VERY dependent on weather and small game animal populations. The trip will require 2-3 hours of moderately strenuous hiking; please bring water and dress for the weather. We will meet at 10:00 AM at the Burger King at the intersection of I-35 and K-7 Highways in Olathe, KS (just east of the Great Mall of the Great Plains). He will answer questions and then take us to the hunting area. Please contact Elizabeth Stoakes at (816)554-1956 or lizkvet@yahoo.com if you plan to attend, and provide contact information in case the trip must be postponed on short notice.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5: Jerry Smith Farm Woodcock Walk with Larry Rizzo. Whether you call it a mudsnipe, bogsucker, or timberdoodle, the American Woodcock has a fascinating courtship display which can be witnessed in our own metro area. Meet Larry at **6:00 PM** in the graveled parking lot where he will brief us on the Woodcock's natural history then lead us out to the fields (this requires a short hike over unpaved ground) where these birds often display at dusk. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. **Directions from Holmes Road:** Go East on 139th Street (the first road South of the Blue River Bridge), then go 3/4 mile to the park entrance on the left. Call Larry during the day (after 12:00 noon) for confirmation if there is inclement or windy weather. (816-655-6254 ext. 246), or larry.rizzo@mdc.mo.gov.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15: Overland Park Arboretum Visitor's Center Presentation: Birds of the Overland Park Arboretum. Time TBA. Presentation lasts approximately 45 minutes. Short bird walk follows, weather permitting. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22: Ernie Miller Park and Kill Creek Park with Pat St. John. We'll meet at the Nature Center parking lot at **8:00 AM** and take an early Spring walk to look for sparrows, finches, and other residents. We will also check out the habitat at newer **Kill Creek Park** to see if we can begin to establish a bird list from this area. This is a half-day trip so be sure to bring snacks and drinks. Questions? Contact Pat St. John at 913-706-5569, pstjohn@kumc.edu

SUNDAY, APRIL 6: Squaw Creek NWR with David Seibel. Join our Annual Dinner speaker for a trip in search of shorebirds and other early migrants! For those wishing to carpool, meet at the Park and Ride in Platte City at 7:00 AM or meet our group at the refuge headquarters at 8:00 AM. Bring snacks, lunch, and water for this all day trip. For more information contact Pat St. John at pstjohn@kumc.edu or 913-706-5569.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12: Big Buffalo Creek Conservation Area with Alan Branhagen. Meet for carpooling at the Commuter Parking lot just 1/2 mile east of Powell Gardens' 50 Hwy entrance. The commuter lot is across from the Quick Mart (south side of 50 Hwy). Meet at **7:00AM**. Big Buffalo Creek is an 1800+ acre jewel of woodland, high water quality streams, hill prairie and fen. It is one of the closest places to Kansas City to see full Ozarkian flora. In spring its forest understory is in bloom with dogwood and wildflowers. See the last butternut trees (apparently even here they are affected with imported canker disease that is wiping this species out). It is a great area for early migrants; plan to see Cerulean, Yellow-throated, Worm-eating, Black & White, Blue-winged, Northern Parula, Kentucky & Louisiana Waterthrush Warblers (all as nesting species). Butterflies will be in great abundance if it is a sunny day and butterfly numbers are nearly astounding compared to KC area. Plan on Falcate Orangetips, Henry's Elfin and Juvenal & Sleepy Duskywings which are spring-only butterflies. You also will see Spicebush, Pipevine, Easter Tiger, Black and Zebra Swallowtails (and possibly the endemic Ozark or "Missouri Woodland" Swallowtail. The chickadees are CAROLINA and not Black-caps! It takes another 1 hour and 15 minutes to drive from Powell Gardens to Big Buffalo Creek. Hiking trails are steep and rocky at some points. Bring a lunch for a picnic. Contact Alan at (816) 687-2600, ext. 241 or abranhagen@powellgardens.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 19: Beginning Bird Walk at Overland Park Arboretum with Mark Land. Meet at the visitor's center 8:00 AM. Walk will last about an hour to an hour and a half. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM: La Grande Birding Fiesta (Ages 6 & Older - Children must be accompanied by one parent/adult chaperone per group of 5) Saturday, April 26, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Ernie Miller Nature Center, 909 N. K-7 Highway, Olathe KS 66061. It's springtime - so let's celebrate! Join us at Ernie Miller Park to welcome back hummingbirds, orioles, warblers, and other feathered friends from their winter vacation in Latin America. Take a guided bird hike through the park and learn the basics of birding. Participants may also visit bird-related information booths and children's activity stations at their leisure. See live birds of prey! Make a bird feeder to take home, and find out how to attract birds to your yard. In the event of rain booths and stations will be moved indoors. Appropriate for school-age children and beginning birders. Great activity for small scout groups! For more information, contact Elaine Giessel, Park Naturalist at (913) 764-7759. 1-3 1/2 hr. event - FREE in conjunction with Outdoor Kansas Kids Day.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27: Platte County Spring Birding Run with Laura Gilchrist . We will bird 3 Platte County locations featuring different habitats and end the day eating lunch together at Pat's Steak House! 1. Platte Falls CA, 2. Weston Bend State Park, 3. Little Bean Marsh CA, and 4. Pat's Steakhouse in Rushville (near Little Bean Marsh) for home-cooked lunch. The trip will involve some light walking, mostly on paved trails. Bring drinks, snacks, FRS radios. Meet at **7:00 AM** at the McDonald's in Platte City, off of I-29 and exit 18. Lunch time is 1:00ish. FYI--Drive time from Platte City to Little Bean Marsh is only 20 minutes. Contact Laura at 816-835-9595 or lagi.bird@gmail.com with any questions. Good Birding!

MAY 2-4: Kansas Ornithological Society Spring Meeting in Goodland, KS.

MAY 2-4: Audubon Society of Missouri Spring Meeting in Chillicothe, MO.

SATURDAY, MAY 10: Weston Bend State Park, MO with Nancy Leo. We will meet at the parking lot of the Hike/Bike trail at **7:00 AM** and look for spring warblers. This has been a premier spot in past years. Come prepared with liquids and clothing for the weather. Contact Nancy Leo at 913-205-8847 or njleo@earthlink.net for more information.

THURSDAY, MAY 15: Blue River Parkway with Don Arney. We will meet at **8:00AM** at the tennis court parking lot on Blue Ridge Road just south of Red Bridge Road. This trip is a bird census to help determine the effect of restoration efforts in the Blue River Corridor. Kansas City Wildlands is the lead organization in that restoration. It is the first of a twice yearly trip Burroughs does to support that effort. We will spend 1/2 day walking the trails along the river. Contact is Don Arney 816-931-8536 or sora@kc.rr.com

SATURDAY, MAY 17: Fort Leavenworth, KS with Dave Williams. Join us for an all-day birding trip to the exceptional forest habitats offered at Fort Leavenworth, KS. We'll start the day with a visit to the upland oak-hickory forests where there are a number of secluded walking trails and gravel roads, break for lunch, and then proceed to the bottomland forest areas along the Missouri River. On this portion of the trip some of the area is easily viewed from the gravel road along the dike surrounding the airport, but a full appreciation of this truly unique forest area is obtained by a moderate hike into the old woods. Target species will be what is remaining of the spring migrants, plus the number of breeding species that occur. We'll be looking for warblers and vireos, but also looking and listening for Empidonax flycatchers and wrens. Both Summer and Scarlet Tanagers occur, as well as Towhees, Cuckoos, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks and others. We will meet at the commuter parking lot on the north side of Kansas Highway 92 (Metropolitan Ave) approximately 1/2 mile west of the Missouri River Bridge into Leavenworth or about 1/4 mile east of the main entrance to Fort Leavenworth. **We will be leaving the parking lot at 6:30 AM.** Please bring food and drink for lunch, we will have a picnic lunch in the woods. **It is very important that everyone have a photo ID.** You will not be permitted onto the military base without one. There will be some moderate hiking, although all can go at their own pace and alternate plans can be made for anyone who does not want to tackle the trails. Insect repellent is advised, especially in the Bottoms. See you there! Contact Dave at (913) 238-1221 or Davew@boonebrothers.com

SATURDAY, MAY 24: Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary with Linda Williams. Meet at the sanctuary visitors center at **7:30 AM** for a 1/2 day bird walk. This is another gem of a "migrant trap" in the KC metro area and a good opportunity to re-acquaint birders with this private park. Bring water, snacks, and insect repellent. Map and directions can be found at <http://www.naturesanctuary.com/center.html>. For more information contact Linda at lwilliams@kc.rr.com or 816-536-5001.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7: Dunn Ranch Prairie with Jim and Ellen Zellmer. Meet at **6:00 AM** at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Liberty at the junction of I-35 and MO 152 Highway. Carpooling is encouraged. Bring FRS radios to keep in contact with each other, snacks/lunch & beverages. Dress for early summer weather and have foot attire for some light hiking as well as bug/tick repellent. We will be looking for prairie birds such as Upland Sandpiper, Greater Prairie Chicken, Henslow and Grasshopper Sparrows, Bobolinks and the Black-billed Cuckoo as well as the usual suspects. The Zellmers will be bringing water and granola bars to share. If you have any questions, please e-mail Jim at towhee@sbcbglobal.net or call 816-228-3955 in the mornings (before noon) or after 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14th. Blue River Parkway with Don Arney. We will meet at **8:00AM** at the tennis court parking lot on Blue Ridge Road just south of Red Bridge Road. This trip is a bird census to help determine the effect of restoration efforts in the Blue River Corridor by Kansas City Wildlands We will spend 1/2 day walking the trails along the river. Contact is Don Arney 816-931-8536 or sora@kc.rr.com

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 21-22: Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and Cheyenne Bottoms with Ed McCullough. Come see these great Kansas destinations during the breeding season with many species of waterfowl, shorebirds and waders. We'll encounter various ages of young birds, including Avocets, Snowy Plovers and Black-necked Stilts. We'll also look for nesting Mississippi Kites, Least Tern, Barn Owls and Burrowing Owls. Participants travel via their own means to Great Bend, KS on Friday evening and stay in the lodging of their choice. We'll meet outside the [Highland Hotel and Convention Center](#) (3017 10th St - Ph. 620-792-2431) at **8:00 AM** on Saturday (full-day) and Sunday (half-day) for birding. Bring plenty of drinks and munchies, due to the remoteness of some locations, plus appropriate clothing and sunscreen. Lunch on Saturday can either be picnic or fast food in Great Bend. Please RSVP to Ed McCullough at 816-718-3861 or ejmccullough@moltensystems.com so that we can have an idea of field trip size.



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On Saturday, April 5, 2008

6 PM--Silent Auction; 7 PM--Dinner; 6-7 PM--Cash Bar

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This year's guest speaker is educator, photographer, and ornithologist **David Seibel**, with his program, **'Confessions of a Bird Paparazzo'**. David describes his unique program this way: *"One day, it struck me that birds and celebrities have a lot in common when it comes to photography. In this presentation, I use my own bird photography to offer a humorous but thoughtful comparison between wildlife photographers and paparazzi. As an ornithologist and conservationist, I take care not to endanger the well-being of my subjects, but as a photographer I find the lure of capturing their private moments, quirky behaviors, awkward poses—and sometimes amazing beauty—almost irresistible."*

Don't miss this wonderful presentation! In addition, BAS is hosting a post-banquet birding excursion to Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge on Sunday, April 6; see our field trip page (<http://burroughs.org/field.htm>) for details.

Our silent auction will feature many valuable items, including: birding books, jewelry, artwork, feeders, and optics. **We are accepting auction donations until April 1.** If you have an item you would like to donate, please contact Karen Stair at 816-765-7296 or Elizabeth Stoakes at 816-554-1956 or lizkvet@yahoo.com.

REGISTRATION FORM - PLEASE RETURN BY MONDAY, MARCH 31!

Burroughs Audubon Annual Dinner /Silent Auction 2008
(PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORMS.)

Name of attendee(s):

Phone number and/or email:

Cost: **\$35.00 per person** includes gratuity (all attendees must purchase a dinner).

Please make checks payable to: Burroughs Audubon Society, or BAS

Send to: Lori Lind, 624 N. Kent St., Excelsior Springs, MO 64024



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Burroughs Audubon International Conservation Committee

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*Please join us for Wine, Hors d'oeuvres, Art Sale,
Guest Speakers*

Sunday, March 2nd 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Pinebrooke Condominium Clubhouse
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Overland Park, KS 66212

Dress casually and come early for birding the Indian Creek Trail System. t Brad Jacobs
and Guests
will lead a group at 4:30 p.m.

Learn More About How We Can Save the Tropics for Birds!

Our guests will be Dr. David Wiedenfeld, Assistant Director of International Programs for American Bird Conservancy, Ricardo “Fito” Steiner of Honduras, Director of Pico Bonito National Park, and Brad Jacobs, Ornithologist with Missouri Department of Conservation. David, Fito, and Brad are visitng Kansas City to talk about a major new effort to expand the size of Pico Bonito National Park and how the Missouri Audubon Coalition, Missouri Department of Conservation and other partners are working together to accomplish this effort.

RSVP: kelly.gillespie@leesummit.k12.mo.us

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