

Greater Kansas City Chapter of the National Audubon Society

WingBeat Winter 2013

Short History of Burroughs Audubon

The Burroughs Nature Club was started by an enterprising book agent, a woman representative of Houghton Mifflin Co. She promoted the organization of Nature clubs and took orders for sets of books by John Burroughs, she canvassed the schools, seeking subscriptions and memberships.

The climax of her efforts in Kansas City was a highly advertised lecture on John Burroughs, given in the lecture room of the public library on April 15, 1919. Lula Van Nemen, biology teacher at Westport High School, was elected the first president. The early meetings had evening lectures on nature, astronomy, or other natural science topics.

After several years, membership dwindled. The club became affiliated with the National Audubon Society, following the reorganization of the Missouri State Audubon Society. More attention was given to field work and first hand observations, in addition to lectures. The group became a national chapter of the National Audubon Society in 1971, changing its name to the Burroughs Audubon Society.

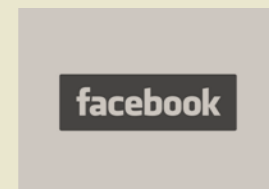
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Magnetic Car sign for the Public to know what you are doing, when you are out Birding.

They are in and we have about 15 left.

They are \$15 a piece, just contact me at the address below if you want one.

Send emails to brinkteam@realtor.com to indicate your interest in obtaining 1 or more signs.

“To find the universal elements enough; to find the air and the water exhilarating; to be refreshed by a morning walk or an evening saunter... to be thrilled by the stars at night; to be elated over a bird's nest or a wildflower in spring - these are some of the rewards of the simple life. ”

John Burroughs

HONOR GARDEN

Plans have been drawn for an exciting new landscaping project, an honor garden, at the Burroughs Audubon nature center and library!

Now is the time to make a donation!

One can honor a birthday or an event for a loved one, make a donation in memory, or donate in appreciation of a Burroughs member while helping us beautify our new water garden and expand our native plant gardens.

Be part of the action!

All donors will have a permanent installation at the library.

Help us grow!

Send donations to:

Marcia Hawk

3616 Saddle Ridge Dr. Independence, MO 64057

The recipient or his family will be notified of your donation

NEW BURROUGHS WEBSITE

Update on a slight delay for the new website. This fall we will be updating the Burroughs Audubon Website to be easier to navigate, have a more sleek and professional appearance and to make it more mobile device friendly. This work should be finished by late October, so check back often and let us know what you think.

If you have any suggestions or would like to help proof it, just email me at brinkteam@realtor.com and we'll talk about what you would like to see.

I also need photos from some of our outstanding nature photographers, so send those to me and I'll do my best to implement them into the website and give you credit for them.

Thanks everyone for being helpful and patient while we get fully up to date in this digital and Social Media age.

GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings begin promptly at 6:45 pm; refreshments served at 6:15 pm. Our winter/spring 2014 meetings will be held at the Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO 64110.

January 7, 2014: "The Owls of Forest Park". Mark Glenshaw, Missouri Master Naturalist, will describe his 8 years of study of Great Horned Owls in an urban St. Louis Park. His videos will illustrate the owls' feeding, hunting, nesting, and social behaviors. Don't miss this intimate look at one of Missouri's most fascinating raptors!

February 4, 2014: "A Wilderness Icon: America's Red Rock Wilderness". Clayton Daughenbaugh (conservation organizer of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance) will discuss the citizen-led, multiyear campaign to designate public lands in Utah's red rock canyons as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. A short film will accompany

the talk and introduce us to the stark beauty of these areas, threatened by such activities as oil and gas exploration and inappropriate off-road vehicle use.

March 4, 2014: “Greening the Inner City: The Oxbow Project”.

Kate Corwin of GreenWorksKC will describe the restoration of bird habitat and native flora along the Brush Creek corridor in central Kansas City. Two local high school students will also discuss their contributions to the project, and Don Arney of BAS will give a summary of his seasonal bird censuses in the restored habitats. This project has been funded in part by grant money from TogetherGreen (a partnership between National Audubon Society and Toyota).

April 2014 - NO GENERAL MEETING-ANNUAL DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER. Date and time TBD (REGISTRATION DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN NEXT NEWSLETTER).

Do you have a speaker or a topic that you would like to see featured at a future BAS meeting? Please contact Program Coordinators Elizabeth Stoakes (816-554-1956) or Nancy Clark (913-268-7376).

FIELD TRIPS

JANUARY 2014

Wednesday, January 1 - [Lake Jacomo and Fleming Park with Mike and Elizabeth Stoakes](#). Start the year with a bang! We'll meet at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Jackson County Parks and Recreation offices at the intersection of Liggett and Woods Chapel Roads (watch for traffic light at this 3-way intersection). We'll bird the lakes and trails throughout the park looking for winter residents and late migrants -- ducks, geese, sparrows, finches, eagles, hawks and, hopefully, some surprises! Be sure to dress for the weather and wear footwear for some light walking. If the weather is really cold, we'll warm up at the Burroughs Library. Questions? Contact Mike and Elizabeth at mstoakes@juno.com OR 816-554-1956.

January 4 – 5 - [Smithville Lake Eagle Days at the Paradise Pointe Golf Course Complex in Little PLATTE PARK](#). CALL 816-532-0174 for more information.

Sunday, January 12 - [Wyandotte County Lake Park with Mike Stoakes](#). Take a break from the winter doldrums and join us to look for eagles, waterfowl and winter songbirds. Located in the northwest KC metro area, Wyandotte County Lake can be a waterfowl magnet in winter. Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the lower parking lot, just north of the Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Environmental Library. After birding around the lake, we'll return to the Schlagle Library to view feeders where Purple Finch and Spotted Towhee have been seen on previous trips. For more information, contact Mike at 816-554-1956 or mstoakes@juno.com .

Wednesday, January 15 - [James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area with Sherry Leonardo](#). We'll drive the newly paved roads looking for waterfowl, raptors, and winter songbirds. Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the new headquarters building. Dress for the weather, and bring water and snacks. For more info, contact Sherry at home172@aol.com OR 816-763-1393.

Saturday, January 18 - St. Joseph (MO) Oxbow Lakes with Larry Lade. Join our Midland Empire Audubon Society friend, Larry Lade, as he leads us on a driving tour of the area that he regularly monitors south of St. Joseph. We'll look for Prairie Falcon, Loggerhead Shrike and Lapland Longspur, as well as waterfowl and winter residents. Meet at 7:00 a.m. in the commuter lot in Platte City to carpool. We'll meet Larry at 8:00 a.m. at the Lake Contrary boat launch/swimming area. Directions to boat launch area: from I-29, take I-229 to HWY 752. Follow HWY 752 past US HWY 59, and cross the railroad tracks. Continue to a T-intersection with blinking amber light. Turn right, and drive a short distance to the Lake Contrary boat launch/swimming area. Bring drinks, snacks, and FRS radios for this half-day trip. Contact Sherry Leonardo at home172@aol.com or 816-763-1393.

Tuesday, January 21 – Jerry Smith Park Winter Bird Census with Sherry Leonardo. KC WildLands has requested that we perform seasonal bird censuses, similar to those that we do for the Blue River Parkway, of this largely undeveloped city (KCMO) park. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the small gravel lot at the top of the ridge. Directions: go south on Holmes Rd. to 139th St., turn east and go approximately 0.75 mile to the 2nd drive on the left. Bring water and snacks. Contact Sherry Leonardo at home172@aol.com or 816-763-1393 for more info.

Saturday, January 25 - Blue River Parkway Winter Bird Census with Don Arney. Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot near the Minor Park tennis courts. We'll spend 2-3 hours walking the trails along the Blue River looking for winter residents. Bring snacks and beverages. Contact Don at 816-931-8536 or sora@kc.rr.com for more information.

January 25 – 26 - Eagle Days at Wyandotte County Lake. Start times 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Noon on Sunday at the Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Environmental Library. Sponsored by The Board of Public Utilities and Operation Wildlife, a fun-filled event featuring live Bald Eagle presentations and crafts. Call 913-299-2384 for more information.

FEBRUARY 2014

Wednesday, February 5 - [Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area and Lake](#)

[Remembrance with Sara Scheil](#). Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the nature center parking lot. Sara will lead us around some of Burr Oak's beautiful trails in search of winter residents. Afterwards, we'll head to nearby Lake Remembrance to look for waterfowl. Dress for the weather, and bring water and snacks. Directions: from I-70 in Blue Springs, drive 1.25 miles north on MO Hwy 7 to NW Park Rd. Turn left, and go approximately 1.1 miles to the [nature center parking lot](#). Contact Sara at ecosew@yahoo.com or 816-356-6986 for more info.

Saturday, February 8 - [Burroughs Audubon Nature Center & Library and Eastern Jackson County](#).

Join us and our Columbia (MO) Audubon Society guests for a fun-filled day of winter birding. We'll begin with coffee and doughnuts and indoor birding at the Library before heading out to explore Fleming Park (Lake Jacomo and Blue Springs Lake) and some other eastern Jackson County locations, such as Lake Remembrance. Meet at the Library at 9:00 a.m. Contact Sherry Leonardo at home172@aol.com or 816-763-1393 for more info.

Sunday, February 16 - [Great Backyard Bird Count at Powell Gardens](#).

Meet in the Visitor Education Center at 8:45 a.m. and join Alan Branhagen for the Garden's annual GBBC activities. From 9:00 a.m. until Noon, we'll bird around the visitor center and gardens. We'll then hike the 3.25-mile [Byron Shutz Nature Trail](#) from 1:00 until, approximately, 3:30 p.m. You can do all or part of the day. The café won't be open, so bring a lunch if you plan to stay all day. Regular garden admission is waived for Burroughs members, but you must RSVP with Alan at abranhagen@powellgardens.org OR 816-697-2600 ext 241.

Saturday, February 22 - [Lawrence, Clinton Reservoir and Perry Lake with](#)

[Mark Land](#). Join us as we travel to Lawrence and Perry, KS in search of winter songbirds and waterfowl. We'll check [Clinton Reservoir](#), and [Perry Lake](#) for gulls, raptors, waterfowl, sparrows, shrikes, and finches. Bring all the usual items: binoculars, scopes, FRS radios, drinks, snacks, money for lunch (we may stop to warm up at a local lunch spot), and cold weather gear (lakes are always windy places). The Kansas City group will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Wendy's at [K-10 and Woodland Drive](#). If

coming from other areas, contact Mark for a meeting spot in Lawrence. Call Mark at 913-381-4324 and leave a message if you plan to participate, so that he can contact you if the trip is cancelled because of the weather. There is an entrance fee to Clinton Lake State Park if you don't have a KS Parks yearly permit. This is an all day trip, but you're welcome to participate as long as you like.

MARCH 2014

Wednesday, March 5 - **Woodcock Walk at Longview Lake with Sherry**

Leonardo. Join us at a new location this spring as we look for male timberdoodles performing their mesmerizing courtship 'sky dance'. Meet at 6:15 p.m. in the cul-de-sac at the end of SW Scherer Rd. Directions: from I-470, take Raytown Road (exit 4) and go south 3.9 miles to a four-way stop at High Grove Rd. Turn left, and go east for one mile to another four-way stop which is the intersection with old Raytown Rd. Here, High Grove turns into SW Scherer Parkway. Proceed approx. 0.45 miles to the first street on the left which is Scherer Lane. Turn left and go 0.12 miles to a T-intersection. Turn right on SW Scherer Rd. and proceed to the cul-de-sac at the end of the street where we'll meet. Contact Sherry Leonardo at home172@aol.com or 816-763-1393 for more info.

Saturday, March 8 - **Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area with Vic Bogosian.**

Join Missouri Department of Conservation biologist Vic Bogosian at this birding hotspot near Columbia, MO to look for waterfowl, raptors, and winter songbirds. Meet 6:45 a.m. at the commuter lot in Blue Springs for carpooling. Bring water, snacks, and money for lunch at one of Columbia's famous eating spots, G&D Pizza and Steakhouse.

Directions to commuter lot: take MO Hwy 7 (exit 20) north from I-70, and go approx. 0.5 mile to the Price Chopper grocery store on the left. The commuter lot is on the north side of Price Chopper. Contact Sherry Leonardo at home172@aol.com OR 816-763-1393 for more info.

Saturday, March 29 - **Ernie Miller Nature Center and Kill Creek Park with**

Pat St. John. We'll meet at the Nature Center parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and take a Spring walk to look for sparrows, finches, and any early migrants that might be present. We will also check out the habitat at Kill Creek Park to help establish a bird list for this newer Johnson County regional park. This is a half-day trip, but you may want to bring lunch, snacks, and drinks. Contact Pat at 913-706-5569 or pstjohn@kumc.edu with any questions.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Saturday, January 11 - Winter bird banding at the [Burroughs Library](#). Join Missouri River Bird Observatory's Dana Ripper and Ethan Duke as they band songbirds from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. as part of their continuing research into the distribution of Missouri's birds. For further info, call 816-795-8177

Saturday, February 15 - Winter bird banding at the [Burroughs Library](#). Join Missouri River Bird Observatory's Dana Ripper and Ethan Duke as they band songbirds from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. as part of their continuing research into the distribution of Missouri's birds. For further info, call 816-795-8177.

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LIBRARY NEEDS

1. We could sure use some donations for the library. Here is short list of our wish list. Laptop computer with Mac OSX or Windows Vista (or newer) operating system for imputing titles and accessing the library's card catalog online.
2. The library is ALWAYS in need of paper towels. Gift cards for Wal-Mart and office supply stores are also welcome, to purchase needed supplies for educational programs. Clean, heavy-duty plastic storage containers (35-gal size or larger) for our bagged seed supplies would also be greatly appreciated!
3. Tax receipts are always available on request.
4. Thank you, Ruth, for your generous donation!

Our library is now open from 1-5 PM Wednesday through Sunday; closed Mondays, Tuesdays and holidays. Come out and watch birds, see our native prairie plantings, browse through our books and magazines, and shop for seed and nature-related gifts!"

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