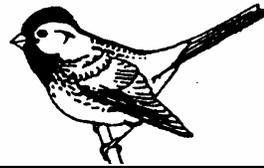


# wingbeat



Burroughs Audubon Society

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## General Meetings

**When?** The first Thursday of each month. Cookies and coffee start at 6:30 p.m.

**Where?** Missouri Department of Conservation Discovery Center 4750 Troost, K.C. MO

### **Dinner with the speaker!**

All members interested are invited to meet and eat with the speakers before the meeting at: *PRINCESS GARDENS, 89th & WORNALL, KCMO, AT 5:30 PM.* Please call Marilyn Koshland to make reservations: 816-537-5988.

## General Meeting Schedule - thru December 2004

APRIL, 10 2004: **Join us for our annual dinner!** Our speaker will be Jim Rathert, photographer for the Missouri Department of Conservation.

MAY 6, 2004: **"Pleasures of Panama"** -- Judy and Jack Revare, Stephen and Marilyn Koshland. Hear the insights from these independent travelers. Good photography too!

JUNE 3, 2004: **"Adventures in the Himalayas"** -- Roger McNeill. Hear what fun Roger and Mark Robbins had on their recent birding trip!

JULY 2004—August 2004: Summer break -- enjoy!

SEPTEMBER 2, 2004: **"Birding Brazil with Paulo Boute"** -- Priscilla Wilson. A dynamite presentation by one of Audubon's best photographers! A treat to see and fun to watch both Paulo and Priscilla work their magic!

OCTOBER 7, 2004: TBD.

NOVEMBER 4, 2004: **Endemics of Ecuador** -- Greg Griffith. Professional photography and expert birding will be features of this presentation.

DECEMBER 2, 2004: **Birding ID Workshop** -- Roger McNeill. Details to be announced.

*Watch for updates on our website!*



## Burroughs 2004 Annual Dinner

*Join us on April 10, 2004. Register using the form on page 6 or use the online form at [www.burroughs.org/annual\\_dinner.html](http://www.burroughs.org/annual_dinner.html)*

Speaker Jim Rathert is a premier nature photographer, employed by the Missouri Department of Conservation. You can see his work every month in the *Missouri Conservationist*, including cover photos, photographs accompanying articles, or a photo essay and/or article by the photographer.

For details about the annual dinner and the silent auction, please see the articles and forms on page 6.

BURROUGHS 2004 ANNUAL DINNER AND SILENT DINNER

SAT, APRIL 10, 2004 AT 6:00 PM

SPEAKER: JIM RATHERT  
PHOTOGRAPHER

Hillcrest Country Club  
8200 Hillcrest Road, KC, MO

Questions?  
Call Phil and Nancy Reicher  
816-333-3876

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## From the President's Nest



In my last column as President of Burroughs, I wanted to take a moment and thank all of the wonderful people that have helped run the organization during my latest 2-year term.

Two years ago I did not expect to be in this position again so soon, but it's been a very enjoyable and active term.

The entire board of directors and committee structure that is listed on the right helps make Burroughs a great organization to be a part of, whether you are watching birds or attending a meeting or special event.

I also wanted to point out several changes in positions that have occurred recently:

**Jim and Ellen Zellmer**—retired as field trip coordinators. Thanks Jim and Ellen for several years of great trips and leadership. Welcome back **Matt Gearheart** (former board member) who is taking over this position.

**Steve Bingham**—past secretary. Thanks for all of the hard work! **Elizabeth Kohler** is taking over his position, moving from one of the five director positions.

I turn the leadership over the **Mike Stoakes**, who has worked tirelessly over the past couple of years to help keep things running smoothly.

Mike will make a great president and will continue to get my support during his tenure.

Finally, special thanks also go out to my wife **Heidi**, who has been our membership chair for over 7 years, and my son, **Karsten**, who at 3 1/2 years of age has been known to ask me when I get home late: "How was the board meeting?" Their support and understand helps me with everything I do.

- Ed McCullough

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## SQUAW CREEK UPDATE

Water levels at the refuge are improving nicely with recent rains and snow runoff.

Current estimates are that the refuge may have fairly good water levels by late spring.

Recent waterfowl counts at the refuge have included over 200,000 Snow Geese, plus numerous Canadas and smaller numbers of Greater White-fronted Geese. Over 17 species of ducks have been reported.

Several bald eagles are present at this time, including a couple of adult eagles that are spending time around the nests around Mallard Marsh and Pintail Pool.



Plans for the outdoor classroom and boardwalk are in the design phase, with an estimated budget of approximately \$60,000, for which donations and grants are being sought.

Construction **2004.**

improvements are continuing around the headquarters, with a new building for biology and intern work almost completed.

Come join the Friends on Saturday, April 17 for our Spring workday.

Volunteers of all ages and capabilities are welcome. Tasks include such things as: lawn and flower bed maintenance, mowing, trimming bushes, trail maintenance, painting, and many other outdoor things to help the refuge.

Meet at the refuge headquarters building at 9:00 am. Picnic lunch is provided at no charge.

- Ed McCullough

**Spring Workday—April 17,**

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NEWSLETTER OPT-IN PROGRAM\*\***

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The on-line version is freely available to anyone with a computer and internet, can be printed on your printer, and it will appear the same as the mailed version.

**In order to continue receiving ALL *WINGBEAT* issues by mail, we ask that you reply by mail-in form, or e-mail ([heidi@mcculloughweb.com](mailto:heidi@mcculloughweb.com)).**

**After November 30, 2003, Burroughs will mail regular issues only to those who indicate that they wish to receive all *WINGBEAT* issues by mail. Special *WINGBEAT* issues will continue to be mailed to every member.**

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KC, MO 64151 or e-mail this information to: [heidi@mcculloughweb.com](mailto:heidi@mcculloughweb.com)**

## UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

### MARCH 2004

**Saturday, March 20th - Sunday, March 21st: Sandhill Cranes over Nebraska's Platte River with Mark Land and the Corinth WBC** (913-381-4324 or Kestrelland@aol.com) During this trip we expect to witness the millions of Sandhill Cranes, geese and ducks which migrate through this area each spring. We will meet Saturday in Grand Island to observe the Sandhill Crane migration, finishing the day as thousands of cranes return to the river at dusk. We will also visit some of the pothole region around Grand Island and Hastings that make this area so special. We will return Sunday afternoon. You will be responsible for your own travel, accommodations and food for this trip. Please contact Mark if you have questions.

**Saturday, March 27th: Sunshine Lake and Cooley Lake with Kristi Mayo** (816-289-7828 or writebirds@yahoo.com) Contact Kristi for meeting time and location.

### APRIL 2004

**Saturday, April 3rd: Prairie Chickens at Taberville Prairie with Don Arney** (816-931-8536 or sora@sound.net). Meet us at 5:30am for an early start at the McDonald's on 58 Highway, just West of 71 Highway. We will start at the Taberville Prairie to look for Prairie Chickens booming on the leks and then move on to Schell-Osage and/or Four Rivers to look for waterfowl, shorebirds and other migrant species. Bring a sack lunch and appropriate footwear for a prairie hike.

**Saturday, April 10th: BAS Annual Dinner** visit: [www.burroughs.org](http://www.burroughs.org) for more information

**Saturday, April 17th: KCPL Wetlands with Don Weiss** (913-780-6588 or don.weiss@comcast.net). Meet Don at 7:00am at the McDonald's in Gardner, Kansas (exit of I-35). We'll look for shorebirds and waterfowl. This is a ½ day trip, with a possibility of visiting Hillsdale Lake in the afternoon.

**Saturday, April 24th: Bird Watching: El Grande Birding Fiesta at the Ernie Miller Nature Center** 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Ages 6 & older - Children must be accompanied by parent or one adult chaperone per group of 5) It's springtime so let's celebrate! Join us at Ernie Miller Park for a south of the border fiesta 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 bird watching. Participants may also visit bird-related information booths and children's activity stations at their leisure. See live birds of prey! Make a recycled bird feeder to take home, and find out how to attract birds to your yard. Learn some fun bird facts from world-renowned bird expert, Professor Thomas Turkey. In the event of rain the booths and stations will be moved indoors. Appropriate for school-age children and beginning bird-watchers. Great activity for small scout groups!! For more information, contact Chris Pistole, Park Naturalist at (913) 764-8580 ext. 23. Free to the public in conjunction with Outdoor Kansas Kids' Day.



## UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS, continued

**April 23, 24, 25th: AMS Spring Meeting** in West Plains, Missouri visit: [www.mobirds.org](http://www.mobirds.org) for more information.

**April 30th-May 2nd: KOS Spring Meeting** in Washington, Kansas visit: [www.ksbirds.org](http://www.ksbirds.org) for more information.

### MAY 2004

**Other May Fieldtrips: To Be Announced Soon...**

**May 28th-May 31st: Northern Michigan - Kirtland's Warbler:** Ever see a Kirtland's Warbler? BAS is sponsoring a trip to see this endangered gem of Michigan's jack pine forests. We hope to also find other nesting woodland warblers and nesting marsh birds, such as the Yellow Rail and LeConte's Sparrow. More information to come... See the Burroughs website for more information soon.



### JUNE 2004

**Other June Fieldtrips: To Be Announced Soon...**

**June 19-20, 2004: Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge** near Great Bend, KS with Ed McCullough. Take part in this annual trip to these two fantastic Kansas birding hotspots. We'll see nesting species, including American Avocets, Black-necked Stilts and Snowy Plovers. Burrowing Owls and Barn Owls are regularly seen. Rare birds seen on this trip in the last two years have included Wood Stork, Tri-colored Heron and Reddish Egret. Everyone drives to Great Bend on their own pace Friday evening. We meet at the Best Western Angus Inn parking lot in Great Bend (2920 10th St. - Ph: 620-792-3541) at 8 a.m. on Saturday for a full day of birding. Lunch on Saturday can either be a sack lunch or fast food in town. Sunday morning we'll meet again at 8 a.m. and look for rails, bird for the morning and then everyone can return to the KC area at their leisure. For more information, contact Ed McCullough (816-718-3861 or [ed@mcculloughweb.com](mailto:ed@mcculloughweb.com)).

### Saturday Morning Bird Walks—offered by the two area Wild Bird Centers:

**Noland Road Store:** 4480 S. Noland Road, Noland South Shopping Center, Independence, MO (816-478-9399). **Saturday Morning Bird Walks:** Destination to be determined the morning of the walk. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. Meet at the store at 7:30 a.m., bird for 2-1/2 or 3 hours, then return to the store.

**Corinth Square Store:** 4046 W. 83<sup>rd</sup>, Prairie Village, KS (913-381-5633 or 913-648-8437). **Saturday Morning Bird Walks:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month. Meet at the store at 8:00 a.m.

### NOTES REGARDING BURROUGHS AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

Audubon field trip participants usually carpool; riders chip in for gas. Cars leave at the stated departure time. From beginning birders to experts, all are welcome! All-day trips include restroom stops. If you have doubts about whether a field trip is "on" because of inclement weather, call the trip leader up to one hour before scheduled departure. The trip leader can also provide additional details on the trip. To list a trip, contact Matt Gearheart at 913-568-43678 or [mgearheart@gwhm.com](mailto:mgearheart@gwhm.com).

# **BURROUGHS AUDUBON SOCIETY OF GREATER KANSAS CITY**

## **ANNOUNCES**

The 2004 Annual Dinner and Silent Auction  
Saturday, April 10, 2004  
6:00 PM

To be held at Hillcrest Country Club  
8200 Hillcrest Road, Kansas City, Mo.

(Directions: If coming north or south on I-435 get off at 87 Street and turn WEST go about 1 block. There is a gas station on the NORTHEAST corner of 87 & Hillcrest Road. Turn NORTH or RIGHT at that corner and proceed to 82 & Hillcrest road. Turn LEFT into the Country Club.)

**Featuring special guest speaker:**

**Jim Rathert**

Photographer, Missouri Department of Conservation

### **The keynote speaker:**

Jim Rathert is a premier nature photographer, employed by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

You can see his work every month in the *Missouri Conservationist*, including cover photos, photographs accompanying articles, or a photo essay and/or article by the photographer. For an example of his fantastic work, see his article and photo essay on Short-Eared Owls entitled "The Prairie Owl" in the February 2003 issue of the *Missouri Conservationist Online* (<http://www.conservation.state.mo.us/conmag/2003/02/>).

### **Other Programming:**

To see how you can help with, or contribute items or services to the silent auction, see the article on page 8.

The program on April 10, starting at 6:00 p.m., will include the dinner, silent auction, our guest speaker, the Ten Best Birds of 2003 presentation and this year's Esther O'Connor Award.

For reservations, print out this page, cut out the form below, and mail soon! Early registration helps us immensely! For more information, contact Phil and Nancy Reicher via phone at 816-333-3876 or via email at [preicher@kc.rr.com](mailto:preicher@kc.rr.com).

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### **REGISTRATION FORM**

#### **Burroughs Audubon Annual Banquet 2004**

Name of attendee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost is \$27/person (dinner, speaker and silent auction).

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Make check payable to NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY and mail to Heidi McCullough, 5915 NW Caney Creek Drive, Kansas City, MO 64151. Questions? Call 816-505-2840. Moving? Fill out this form with new address, check CHANGE OF ADDRESS above and mail to Heidi McCullough. National Audubon/Burroughs Audubon Application for joint membership. You can also email Heidi for more information: [heidi@mcculloughweb.com](mailto:heidi@mcculloughweb.com)

## 2004 Silent Auction—How You Can Help!

As part of our Annual Dinner event on April 10th, we will have another exciting Silent Auction! This is a major fundraiser for Burroughs, and now is the time to start planning how, and what, you can contribute to help make this event a success. We encourage donations of the following types: items you craft or buy, possessions you want to get rid of, services or skills which you are willing to share, or third-party donations which you solicit from vendors and merchants for the benefit of our group. Donations solicited from businesses where you spend money are important.

Emphasize that Burroughs is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization of over 1800 members, and that birders spend money! Also, let them know that their business' name will be prominently displayed at the dinner and in an upcoming issue of the Wingbeat.

Examples of donations might include: a gift certificate from your favorite restaurant; an item from a pet care or lawn and garden shop; a hand-sewn pillow or sweater; a free appointment from a beauty salon, doctor, or dentist; a promise to clean out someone's garage or wax their car; and, of course, home baked goods.

Things relating to birding and natural history are great; but other items and services, no matter how small, are welcome. Go nuts!! There will be a prize for the individual who makes the most unique donation! We have letters of request for you to present to merchants and printed receipts to give for donations received. **Call Mike Stoakes at (913) 341-8147 with suggestions, or to volunteer to join the Silent Auction Committee.** We would like to have all donations prior to the day of the dinner/auction on April 10th.

For your convenience, we have several locations where donations may be dropped off, and with prior notice, arrangements can be made to pick up items. Donation drop-offs:

**Eastern Jackson County - Burroughs Library at Lake Jacomo (816) 795-8177**

**Central Kansas City - Phil and Nancy Reicher (816) 333-3876**

**South Kansas City - Roger and Megan McNeill (816) 943-8557**

**Central Johnson County - Mike Stoakes (913) 341-8147**

**Southern Johnson County - Joli Winer and Cecil Sweeney (913) 768-8967**

**North Kansas City - Ed and Heidi McCullough (816) 505-2840**

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