



# WingBeat

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## WILDCAT GLADES OPENS IN SEPTEMBER: Weekend festivities planned at Audubon Center

A family day event is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Booths, concessions, Chert Glade hikes, a Shoal Creek hike, bird and wildflower walks, and tours of the new Wildcat Glades Conservation and Audubon Center are planned. An evening of casual elegance is planned from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. There will be a banquet dinner, with dining, music provided by Kufara and Scott Eastman, and a silent auction. A live animal show will be followed by John Flicker, CEO and President of the National Audubon Society. Tickets for the evening dinner are \$50 per person. For tickets, contact the Audubon Center at (417) 623-2211. For information on carpooling to events, call (816) 333-3293.

## DECLINING BIRD POPULATIONS -- WHAT CAN WE DO?

By now most birders are all too familiar with National Audubon's "State of the Birds" report, released in July 2007. Analysis of 40 years of bird counting data revealed that 20 species of "common" birds have experienced population declines of greater than 50% in a relatively short time. Some of the more discouraging statistics show Northern Bobwhites reduced by 82%; Loggerhead Shrikes, 71%; Northern Pintails, 77%; Eastern Meadowlarks, 72%; and Field Sparrows, 68%.

The birds need our help and they need it now. But we look around and see urban sprawl steadily eating up land in weeks, not years; pollution of air and water continues unabated in many parts of the world; and even our Endangered Species Act may not be inviolate in years to come. So what can we really do?

We need to remember the large cumulative effects of many small actions. It is important to support legislators who give priority to environmental issues, and encourage them to help us obtain renewable, cleaner energy sources, reduce pollution, and preserve wild lands. Individual actions are important, too. We can **1)** Keep cats indoors, thus reducing predation of birds and other wildlife. **2)** Curtail the use of pesticides and herbicides to keep waterways cleaner and allows insect populations to survive and provide nourishment for birds during migration and nesting. **3)** Use native plants and grasses to provide food and nesting places. If you own larger acreage, learn how to schedule mowing to allow ground-nesting birds to successfully raise young. Manage your forested lands for healthy trees and reduced erosion of stream banks. **4)** Consider carefully where you will live--as long as people continuously abandon urban areas and insist on building newer and still newer houses on the fringes of cities, sprawl will never be contained and more habitat will be lost. **5)** Buy a Duck Stamp. 98% of this money goes to support the National Wildlife Refuge System. **6)** Consider using shade-grown coffee. **7)** Recycle paper to preserve our northern boreal forests. **8)** Be a steward of our local natural areas with KCWildlands. **9)** Take a child birdwatching or hiking!

--Elizabeth Stoakes, Blue Springs, MO

**General Meetings** are held the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month, September through June (except April, when our 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.

**Thursday, September 6, 2007:** "*Field Notes from Borneo*," by Dr. Rob Moyle, KU Curator of Ornithology.

**Thursday, October 4, 2007:** "*Missouri's Migratory Birds*," by Dr. John Faaborg, MU Adjunct Professor, Fisheries & Wildlife.

**Thursday, November 1, 2007:** "*Birds and Natural Areas of Costa Rica*," by Greg Griffith.

**Thursday, December 6, 2007:** BAS HOLIDAY PARTY! Ron Klatske, President of Audubon of Kansas, and Bruce Carr, Executive Director of Missouri Audubon will update us on the state of the states. Bring birding slides or CD's and a dish to share and enjoy the evening with fellow birders!

**Thursday, January 3, 2008:** TBA

**Thursday, February 7, 2008:** "*Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness*," by Bob Brister, Interregional Outreach Coordinator, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

**Thursday, March 6, 2008:** "*Shorebird Identification*," by Doug Willis and Linda Williams. Speaker suggestions? Share a ride to meetings? Contact Program Coordinator Elizabeth Stoakes at (816) 554-1956 or lizkv@yaho.com

# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NEST:

Audubon Friends,

We close up shop for the summer. Officially, that is. But some die-hard BAS members just keep going. Polly was busy with the newsletter. Helen and Pat have collected field trip information for you. Paul Habiger and friends surveyed Shelford Sanctuary following the Kansas floods. Kelly Gillespie was spotted birding at Eagle Bluffs in 98-degree August heat with state chapter leaders following a full day of meetings in Columbia. Several MO Audubon chapters have now decided to join her group's effort to preserve and monitor critical international over-wintering habitat for our region's songbirds. Your contributions have initiated what may eventually become a multi-state program. The coalition, under the guidance of Brad Jacobs, Missouri's Chief Ornithologist, chose to support Pico Bonito, a National Park in northern Honduras. With over 275 species of birds, this park is a critical site for over-wintering habitat and a stopover area for migratory songbirds en route to South America. Contact Kelly or Marilyn Koshland or members of the Board about work and trips to these areas. Kudos, Songbird Circle!

National Audubon made it possible for our chapter to be represented at a global warming workshop this summer in Washington D.C. We are pleased to report that clean energy legislation is beginning to move forward. Thanks to all of you who have connected with the Conservation Committee to work on these issues.

Board meetings are held the third Thursday evenings at the Discovery Center. We welcome your suggestions and participation.

We look forward to meeting with you in the fall. Fall migration is in progress – the list-serves are full of sightings. Great birding!

--Jill DeWitt, President

## Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City

This year, we are offering a number of free books with new or gift memberships to Burroughs Audubon. Select from the following: and **mail your form to our treasurer, Lori Lind, 1227 S. Cottage, Excelsior Springs, MO 66050.**

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- The Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior (\$33.50)
- Sibley's Birding Basics (\$14.80)

**Donations are fully tax deductible.** BAS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

**If renewing membership, please use form and envelope received from National Audubon**

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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!



## Wood Stork!

### – *Mycteria americana*

‘Twas Saturday, July 28, 2007, another hot muggy day in Missouri. Nan Johnson and I, JoAnn Garrett, had breakfast in Peculiar, Mo. We got into my vehicle, and it just started running back roads looking for a bird, a wildflower, anything wild to avoid laundry, grocery shopping and mundane things.

We headed south on 71 Highway and checked out Old Town Conservation Area, more like a ghost town. At Passaic we had the Eurasian Collared-Dove as usual. Onward we continued south, then east on TT off of 71 Highway to Four Rivers Conservation Area Headquarters. We took the road left past the restrooms and followed it going right with the tree line on our left. We followed a trail of Spotted Sandpipers, Killdeer, Song Sparrows, and Prothonotary Warblers until Great Egrets and two Great Blue Herons flushed up from the water coming through the culvert and flew into the tree line.

As we checked it out, Nan began stuttering and sputtering “It’s a Wood Stork – a WOOD STORK!”

She was so right – ‘twas an immature Wood Stork. No, we hadn’t been into the Schnapps! We were looking at an endangered immature Wood Stork nestled in the dead tree with Great Egrets about half a football field away. This post-breeding wanderer was most cooperative to pose picture perfect. It perched on a dead limb in its typical hunched posture. It preened, rubbing its big bill under its wings, and it stood briefly on one leg before dropping to the ground. We could see a bit of brownish fuzz on its head, and its plumage hadn’t reached the overall white of an adult Wood

Stork. The black primaries and secondaries on the wings were evident.

We called Nancy Leo and gave directions for the location of the immature Wood Stork. Helen Hewins put the information on MO-Birds and Kansas List-Serves. Nancy and Helen and others saw the Wood Stork on July 29. Nancy did get some photos. Some birders still saw the Wood Stork on July 31.

Wood Stork Status: Casual summer visitor

Documentation: Sight records only. Only three records since mid - 1930’s:

July 1952 – near Seckman, Jefferson Co.

July 1975 – Schell Osage

July 1998 – 10<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup> Riverlands, St. Louis – 2 immature.

On July 21, 1975 – Sebastian Patti, Kay Wahl, Nan Johnson, Jananne McNitt and JoAnn Garrett watched a Wood Stork feeding in a shallow pool at Marais des Cygne Wildlife Area in Kansas. It was first seen by Frank Wood, Ivan Sutton, and Keith Baird, discovered on the Burroughs Audubon field trip, and seen by many other observers over several days, documented with numerous photographs.

--JoAnn Garrett, Raymore, MO

**Reference:** Robbins, Mark B., and Easterla, David A., *Birds of Missouri-Their Distribution and Abundance*

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## Outdoor Adventures Available for the Classroom

Teachers teaching within the Kansas City area can receive a free kit of Audubon Adventures nature newspapers. Each set includes a copy for each student and a teacher’s manual --a great resource for your classroom. Contact Kelly Gillespie before September 15 at: [kelly.gillespie@leesummit.k12.mo.us](mailto:kelly.gillespie@leesummit.k12.mo.us)

Subscribe to BurroughsAnnounce for notification of Burroughs events at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BurroughsAnnounce/>

A Winter issue of WingBeat will be available online. To receive an online link to the newsletter, email us at [jdewitt1@kc.rr.com](mailto:jdewitt1@kc.rr.com). Put the words ‘newsletter online’ in the subject line. If you wish to continue to receive a print version, call (816) 333-3293.

For family-oriented nature and birding-related activities at Ernie Miller Nature Park in Olathe KS, check out the Calendar Calendar at <http://www.erniemiller.com/index.htm>.



National Audubon’s Policy Office in Washington D.C. was headquarters for a global warming workshop this summer. NAS President John Flicker spoke with us. Join the Conservation Committee as we work together to slow climate change and reverse the decline of birds.

## BIRD PROFILE: KILLDEER

### *Charadrius vociferus*

The killdeer is probably the best known of all North American shorebirds, with the widest range. It nests from coast to coast.

The first migrants appear in mid-to-late February. The killdeer is actually a plover. It differs from a sandpiper by being stockier, with a more contrasting appearance, and it has a shorter, stockier bill.

The killdeer is the only plover in the US with two black breast bands. This plover, with its short black bill, longish pale yellow and flesh-colored legs and reddish-orange eye ring, gray-brown above with lower back rump and upper tail coverts a striking rufous-orange, is unlike other shorebirds, as it may be found living miles from water.

The gender of the killdeer cannot be determined by plumage. The only sure way to determine the sex is to observe the birds copulating.

Killdeers favor open locations such as pastures, moist-grassy flats, cultivated fields, gravel roads, driveways, flat pebbly roofs, golf courses, airports and parking lots. The vociferous killdeer utters a noisy 'kill-dee! kill-dee!' as it flies about erratically.

Eggs are usually laid from mid-May to mid-July. They may have two broods.

To stumble on a killdeer nest is a rare treat. Actually, it doesn't look like a nest. It might be a slight scrape on the bare ground. A slight depression on the gravel along a road or a railroad track, perhaps on a flat tarred roof or graveled roof – or even in the depression of a cow's footprint.

Newly hatched killdeer are precocial, covered with down, eyes open and able to move about. After hatching, parents lead the fledglings from the nest for a few hours or never to return. The first day they may travel but a few hundred feet or so, where the parents will feed and attend to the young. The fledglings feed themselves as they tag after their parents. They run, stop to look and listen, and bob up and down a couple of times. They repeat this until all of a sudden they stab at the ground with their bills and come up with tasty morsels.

About 90% of their food is made up of insects – mostly grasshoppers, beetles, ants, bugs, caterpillars and also spiders, ticks, crabs, snails and crayfish.

If the nest or young, which resembles a fluffy catball with one best part, is threatened by a predator, a parent feigns a broken wing. This ruse is employed to draw the intruder away from the nest. The parent deserves an Oscar for such a convincing performance. The bird tilts to one side, dragging one wing, and flutters, with its tail spread, showing its bright-orange rump, uttering a 'Kideah! Kideah!' Once they have distracted the intruder, the killdeer miraculously recovers the use of its wing and flies back to the nest and its young.

Years ago, a killdeer nest with its gray-buff, blotched and spotted brown eggs, was found along the tourist train track at the Kansas City Zoo. Hundreds of people a day rode the open train within touching distance of the nest. The nest and eggs were so camouflaged among the rocks they were undetected. Four young killdeer were fledged.

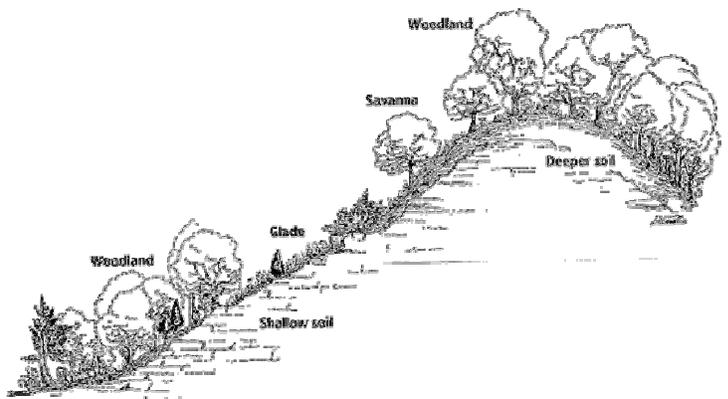
Fall migration is from August through mid-October. The majority of the killdeer winter from Utah and Colorado, Oklahoma to the Ohio Valley and Southeastern New York south to Colombia, Peru, Chile and Venezuela.

Reference: Birds of Missouri: Their Distribution and Abundance, by Mark B. Robbins and David A. Easterla.

--JoAnn Garrett, Raymore, MO

## WILDCAT GLADES CENTER OPENS SEPTEMBER 8

Rare chert glade habitat -- 27 acres of it -- exists within the new Wildcat Glades Conservation and Audubon Center in Joplin, Missouri. Glades, characterized by the underlying



rock on which they have formed (granite glades, limestone, shale, sandstone, dolomite and chert glades can all be found in Missouri. Chert glades are unique. In the Joplin area, they formed after years of erosion. Chert bedrock has been exposed and is now near the surface.

Some of the plants found in this ecosystem can be found

nowhere else except in glades. Examples of these are Ashe's juniper, smoke tree, Fremont's leather flower, purple beard-tongue and certain lichens and mosses. Some of the post oak trees on the chert glades are dated over 150 years old and yet are only 20 feet tall.

Glade plants survive dry conditions in summer and autumn like desert plants do. These plants have adapted to glade conditions with long, thin taproots that grow into the cracks of the rock. They have fleshy stems and leaves, and can drop leaves when necessary to cut water loss. Other plants grow and flower during winter and spring, when there is ample water.

In summer, we may find coreopsis, aromatic aster, fame flower, ladies tresses and hyacinth on chert glades.

We'll also find prairie grasses -- Indian grass and big and little bluestem. Lichens slowly turn the rock to soil. Oaks, cedars, gum bumelia and winged elm survive on glades. Prescribed burning keeps them under control. Visiting animals include bobcats, fox, white-tailed deer, rabbits, wild turkeys, and eastern chipmunks. They live in wooded areas and travel through glades to find food. You may see Turkey Vultures and Red-shouldered Hawks, Carolina Chickadees, Red-eyed Vireos, Cedar Waxwings, Bobwhite Quail and Indigo Buntings. Roadrunners and collared lizards were once common on glades, but are increasingly rare due to habitat loss.

Glades are fragile places, easily disturbed by misuse and lack of proper management. Invasive plant species like winter creeper, Japanese honeysuckle and euonymus crowd out native plants and reduce quality habitat for wildlife. Good management helps keep exotic species under control. Because of their slow growth, delicate lichen mats may take decades to recover from heavy foot traffic and damage.

We plan to carpool to Saturday's festivities on September 8 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For additional information or to register for the evening dinner, call (816) 333-3293. Tickets for the evening dinner are \$50 per person. For tickets, contact the Audubon Center at (417) 623-2211.

Special thanks to those of you who made possible the benefit for Wildcat Glades and contributed to Burroughs Audubon's donation toward the glades:

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Additional contributions can be mailed to Treasurer Lori Lind, 624 N. Kent, Excelsior Springs, MO 64024.

## Environmental Excellence Awards

Kansas City Wildlands is proud of the positive impact the stewards of Kansas City Wildlands has had on the remnant wild lands in the Kansas City region. Because of the commitment and hard work of individuals, organizations and businesses, the beautiful wild places of the area are blooming with more stunning native wildflowers, MUCH less honeysuckle, and are healthier and more beautiful this year than they were last year!

Nominate someone else -- or yourself -- for these awards. Good work deserves recognition. The good work celebrated with the Bridging The Gap Environmental Excellence Awards serves to encourage and inspire others to work for a better environment. Applications are available at:

<http://www.bridgingthegap.org/PROGRAMS/kcwl/KCWLawardapplication.htm> or call Linda, 816-561-1061 x 116, to have an application mailed to you. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly if you have questions about the KCWL Awards.

-- Linda Lehrbaum  
 KCWL Program Coordinator

## DONATION CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

Give the gift that keeps on giving! Send a gift card with a beautiful Indigo Bunting photo. Donations can be in any amount. The minimum is \$10.00 per honoree. All funds collected for these cards will benefit the El Cielo Fund, helping Missouri's migratory birds in Mexico. Send checks to Marilyn Koshland, 24406 Timberlake Trail Greenwood, MO 64034, along with names and addresses for those you wish honored.

The following donations have been received:

Best Wishes to Rosemary Rhoades  
 from the Burroughs Audubon Board

In appreciation for her efforts on behalf of Audubon  
 To Jill DeWitt, from Marilyn and Steve Koshland

To Ray Coveney in appreciation for service on the Board  
 To Ellen Zellmer in appreciation for her service as Treasurer  
 From the Burroughs Audubon Board

To Anne Duffer and the Volunteers at the BAS Library

In Honor of Nancy and Phil Reicher's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
 Marilyn and Steve Koshland

In Honor of His Bar Mitzvah  
 To Jordon Brody  
 From Marilyn and Steve Koshland

## Fall 2007 Field Trips

**Sunday, August 26: Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge with Ellen Zellmer.** Join this field trip for fall migrants, including those pesky shorebirds! Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the McDonald's in Platte City, MO (just west of the Platte City exit on I-29). From there, we will park our cars at the nearby (but sort of hard to find) Park & Ride lot. We will carpool as much as possible, leaving for Squaw Creek at 6:45 a.m. Bring binoculars, spotting scopes, tripods and FRS radios if you have them. Because this is summer time, bring bug spray and sun screen. Also bring lots of water, snacks and lunch. Plan on eating lunch at the picnic area at the Squaw Creek Headquarters. We'll make several trips through the Refuge before we head back to Platte City mid-afternoon. Contact Ellen Zellmer at 816-228-3955 or [towhee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:towhee@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions.

**Saturday, September 15: Platte Falls Conservation Area with Laura Gilchrist.** On this 1/2 day trip (7:30-11:00) we'll visit varied habitat around Platte Falls CA looking for fall warblers, sparrows, and other goodies. We'll tour the area via car, stopping and getting out at prime spots. Walking will be light. Bring snacks and drinks. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in Platte City at exit 18 off of I-29. We'll meet right next to Sonic at the Park-n-Ride Commuter Parking Lot. Follow the tall and easily visible Sonic sign to Sonic and you'll see the Park-n-Ride Lot adjoining it. This is very close to the highway.\*Option of making the 20 minute drive to Smithville Lake at 11:15 if zootie gulls have been reported. Contact Laura at 816-835-9595 or [lagi.bird@gmail.com](mailto:lagi.bird@gmail.com) for any questions.

**Saturday, September 22: The Third Annual Smithville Lake Pelagic with Kristi Mayo.** Birders with any level of experience are welcome. Participants will have the opportunity to get a completely different view of this birding hotspot from deck of a pontoon boat. Target birds will be rare gulls, phalaropes, waterfowl, and grebes. Last year participants enjoyed close-up views of an immature Sabine's Gull, and we'll be aiming for even better results this year. We will rent two pontoon boats, with space limited to 18 participants. The cost will be \$20 per person, which will cover the expenses for boat rental. The boat trip will last from 3:30 p.m. to sunset (about 7:15). Meet at 3:00 PM at the Camp Branch Marina.

Please contact Kristi Mayo by email ([kristi@writebirds.com](mailto:kristi@writebirds.com)) or phone (816-289-7828) to reserve your spot. After making your reservation, please mail a check for \$20 to Kristi **before September 15**. Make checks payable to "Kristi Mayo" and send to 1807 Clear Creek Dr., Kearney MO 64060.

Smithville Lake is located in Clay and Clinton Counties, just north of Kansas City. For directions, a lake map and more information on the area, go to the Smithville Lake website:

[http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/smithville/smithville\\_home.htm](http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/smithville/smithville_home.htm)

**September 28-30: KOS Fall 2007 Meeting**, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

**September 28-30: ASM Fall 2007 Meeting**, Camp Clover Point, Lake of the Ozarks State Park, Osage Beach, MO

**Sunday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Montrose, Taberville, Prairie and Shell-Osage with Gary Johnson** If there is time, we will also go to Four Rivers. This is an all day trip. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the intersection of hwy 291 and 71 McDonald's (if still there-if not across the parking lot at the 'other' fast food place in Harrisonville). Will carpool as needed. Bring snacks, lunch, drinks, and FRS radios if you have them. Wear suitable clothing for some hiking on the Prairie. Contact Gareth Johnson (816) 356-0954 or e-mail [gjohnson35@kc.rr.com](mailto:gjohnson35@kc.rr.com)." Weather conditions could alter the locations and Four Rivers may be included or substituted

**Saturday, Oct. 20: Baker Wetlands with Nancy Leo.** Come find winter sparrows at Baker Wetlands near Lawrence, Kansas. Le Conte's Sparrow, Nelson Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Marsh and Sedge Wrens are possibilities. We will meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Wendy's at Woodland Drive and K-10 to carpool due to limited parking. After exploring Baker, we will see what Clinton or perhaps Perry Lake has in store. This is an all day field trip. Bring snacks and rubber boots for Baker Wetlands. Contact Nancy Leo for more information if needed. 913-205-8847 or [njleo@earthlink.net](mailto:njleo@earthlink.net).

## Fall 2007 Field Trips, con't.

**Saturday, November 3: Longview Lake with Sherry Leonardo.** Join us for this trip to another great local area in search of migrating waterfowl. Time and meeting place to be announced. Please contact Sherry at 816-718-5888 or [Home172@aol.com](mailto:Home172@aol.com) with any questions.

**Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>: Lyon County, KS with Matt Gearheart.** This year, bring a HEARTY appetite as well as your binoculars for this popular fall trip! We will meet at 6:30 a.m. (please note earlier time) at the parking lot of the Olathe Holiday Inn at I-35 and 151st St. The group will then proceed to BETO Junction Truck Stop for breakfast (home of the world's largest cinnamon rolls). Extra calories will fuel a great birding day at John Redmond Reservoir, Melvern Lake, Wolf Creek and other stops in search of Smith's Longspurs, grebes, loons, scoters, gulls, sparrows, and Long-eared Owls. Maybe even a rarity such as last year's Black-legged Kittiwake! The all-day trip will conclude with a bird tally and finger-licking good barbeque (ribs highly recom-mended!) at Guy & May's Restaurant in Williamsburg, KS. For more information, please contact Matt at 816-569-0817 or [mgearheart@gwhm.com](mailto:mgearheart@gwhm.com).

**Saturday, November 24: BIRDER'S NIGHT OUT at the Lodge at Rocky Point.** Join us and our Sierra Club friends under a full moon at the Rocky Point Lodge. Hiking and birdwatching begin at 5:00. Bring a hot dish, salad or desert for pot luck and Charlie's buffalo chili in the heart of Kansas City's urban wilderness. There may be music involved. Bring your dulcimers and guitars. From Gregory and Oldham Road, go south on Oldham to the first left and wind up the hill past the police riding academy. For directions, check the website; for carpooling information contact Jill at (816) 333-3293 or [jdewitt1@kc.rr.com](mailto:jdewitt1@kc.rr.com).

### **Saturday Morning Bird Walks: Offered by the KC area Wild Bird Centers**

**Corinth Square Store:** FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 4046 West 83rd, Prairie Village, KS. Meet at the store at 8 AM, bird for 2-3 hours, then return to the store. Call 913-381-5633 for more info. **Bird Walks through December 2007:**

**Sept 1** - Iron Woods Park

**Oct 6** - Shawnee Mission Park

**Nov 24\*** - Squaw Creek NWR (\*all day)

**Dec 1** - Indian Creek (103rd & Roe)

**Noland Road Store:** 4201 South Noland Road, Independence, MO. Currently this store is looking for a new field trip leader, so the Saturday morning walks are not being held. If you can help, don't hesitate to call 816-478-9399 for more info.

**MORE INFORMATION:** For more information about our field trips, or to volunteer to lead a trip, please contact Helen Hewins by email at [Silverstreak@aol.com](mailto:Silverstreak@aol.com) or by phone at 913-642-0498, or Pat St. John by email at [pstjohn@kumc.edu](mailto:pstjohn@kumc.edu) or by phone at 913-706-5569.

*Burroughs Nature Center and Library*  
*At Fleming Park, Lake Jacomo*

**Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday**  
**12:30 PM-4:30 PM**

*The center has a selection of bird feeders,  
Books, bird guides and birdseed for purchase at  
non-profit prices.*

*Directions: From I-470/Hwy 291, take Exit 12 east on Woods Chapel Road two miles. At the Fleming Park sign, turn south at the first road on the right. For more information or to volunteer, call (816) 795-8177.*

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