

## 4 Field Trips

### **Overland Park Arboretum with Mark Land**

**Saturday, September 8**

Meet at 8:00 AM in the parking lot of the Arboretum. We'll spend the morning walking the mulched nature trails looking for fall migrants and resident species, such as Pileated Woodpecker. Bring water, snacks, and insect repellent. There are picnic tables and a cafe in the visitor's center if you wish to stay and eat lunch. For more information contact Mark Land at (913) 381-4324 (leave a message with any questions.)

### **Osage Plains Birding Hotspots with Paul Habiger and Don Stout**

**Wednesday, September 12**

Join Paul and Don on this popular birding tour of western Missouri. Locations that we'll visit include Montrose, Taberville Prairie, Schell-Osage, and Four Rivers Conservation Areas. We'll look for late summer migrants and wanderers in what will mainly be an automobile tour. Weather and on-the-ground conditions could alter the locations included or substituted. Bring snacks, lunch, drinks, and FRS radios, if you have them. Wear suitable clothing for some trail walking. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the McDonald's on MO 58 Hwy. just west of U.S. 71, in Belton. For more information contact Paul Habiger at [flickerkc@gmail.com](mailto:flickerkc@gmail.com) or 816-942-3431

### **Eighth Annual Smithville Lake Pelagic with Mary Nemecek**

**Sunday, September 16**

This trip is limited to 18 people. Reservations with payment to cover boat rental (\$20.00 per person/checks payable to Mary) should be sent by Sept. 10 to: Mary Nemecek, 7807 N. Merrimac, Kansas City, MO 64151. Meet at Noon at the Camp Branch Marina. Trip will run from 12:30 to, approximately, 4:30 p.m. Target birds include rare gulls, phalaropes, waterfowl, and grebes. Ospreys are sure to abound. IMPORTANT NOTES: Boats will not be taken out in high winds, or if there is lightning in the area. If weather cancels the boat trip, we'll try to bird on foot and by car around the lake. This trip will not be rescheduled. Deposits will be refunded or donated to Burroughs Audubon Society. For more information contact Mary Nemecek at 816-210-5148 or [msnemecek@aol.com](mailto:msnemecek@aol.com).

### **Fall meeting of the Audubon Society of Missouri Friday**

**September 21 to 23, 2012**

Camp Clover Point, Lake of the Ozarks State Park, Missouri

### **Fall meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society Friday**

**September 28 to 30, 2012**

Winfield, Kansas

### **Oxbow Lakes and St. Joseph (MO) area with Larry Lade**

**Wednesday, October 17**

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. 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 Mike Stoakes for more information at 816-554-1956 or [mstoakes@juno.com](mailto:mstoakes@juno.com).

### **Haskell-Baker Wetlands with Nancy Leo**

**Sunday, October 21**

For carpooling, meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Wendy's restaurant at Woodland Drive and K-10 in Lenexa. Directions: take I-435 to KS Hwy.10. Take K-10 west to Woodland Dr. Turn right (north) and go to Wendy's/convenience store entrance. Target species include: Le Conte's Sparrow, Nelson's Sparrow, both Marsh and Sedge Wrens and any lingering rails. For the most part, we'll walk the gravel and mowed paths, but bring rubber boots if you want to help chase up sparrows. This is a planned half-day field trip, but we may visit other nearby areas after lunch. For more information, contact Nancy at [njleo@earthlink.net](mailto:njleo@earthlink.net) or 913-205-8847.

### **Knob Noster State Park and Perry Memorial Conservation Area with Mike Leahy**

**Saturday, October 27**

Join MDC Natural Areas Coordinator, Mike Leahy, and our friends from Columbia Audubon Society on this jointly-sponsored field trip to a couple of natural areas in Johnson and Pettis Counties in west-central Missouri. We'll look for winter sparrows and finches, waterfowl, and any lingering migrants. Meet at 7:00 a.m. in the Home Depot parking lot (behind Perkins) in Lee's Summit at MO Hwy 291-North and US 50 Hwy for carpooling. Bring drinks, snacks, and FRS radios for this all-day trip. Dress for the weather and some moderate hiking. Contact Mike Stoakes for more information at 816-554-1956 or [mstoakes@juno.com](mailto:mstoakes@juno.com).

### **Nodaway County Birding Hotspots with Dave Easterla**

**Sunday, November 11**

Join us on this special trip to Maryville and surrounding areas of Nodaway County in northwestern Missouri. We'll visit Bilby Ranch Lake Conservation Area, Nodaway County Community Lake, Water Plant Lake, Mazingo Lake, and the Maryville Sewage Lagoons where an adult male Harlequin Duck was observed a few years back. Snow Buntings are found with some frequency at Mazingo Lake. Other target species include Long-eared and Northern Saw-whet Owls. Weather and on-the-ground conditions could alter the locations included or substituted. Bring snacks, lunch, drinks, and FRS radios, if you have them. Wear suitable clothing for some hiking. Meet at 7:00 a.m. in the commuter lot in Platte City for carpooling. Contact Mike Stoakes for more information at 816-554-1956 or [mstoakes@juno.com](mailto:mstoakes@juno.com).

### **Squaw Creek NWR with Mike Stoakes**

**Saturday, November 24**

This trip is in conjunction with the Prairie Village Wild Bird Center. For carpooling, meet at 7:00 a.m. at the WBC (83rd and Mission Rd. in Prairie Village), or at the Squaw Creek visitor center around 8:45 a.m. This is an all day driving trip on the Refuge's 10-mile auto tour loop. We'll witness multitudes of Snow Geese and waterfowl, as well as dozens of Bald Eagles. Bring a sack lunch, snacks, optics, field guides, and FRS radios. After lunch, we'll retrace the tour route around the loop and, possibly, visit other nearby areas. Dress in layers, as conditions are often cold and windy at this time of year. For more information, contact Mike at [mstoakes@juno.com](mailto:mstoakes@juno.com) or 816-554-1956.

### **Lyon, Coffey and Osage Counties (KS) with Matt Gearheart**

**Saturday, December 8**

We'll meet at 7:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the Olathe Holiday Inn (south side of building). Directions: take I-35 south to 151st St./Hwy. K-7 (exit 215). Follow signs to 151st St. Turn right (west) on 151st and continue 0.17 miles to access road between Olathe Medical Center and Holiday Inn. Matt will lead us on a great day of birding at Melvern Reservoir, Lyon Co. State Fishing Lake, John Redmond Reservoir, and Coffey County Lake in search of Smith's Longspurs, grebes, loons, scoters, gulls, shrikes, sparrows, and Long-eared Owls. Bring food, beverages, and FRS radios for this all-day trip which will conclude with a bird tally and finger-lickin' good barbeque (ribs highly recommended) at Guy and Mae's Tavern in Williamsburg. For more information, contact Matt at [mgearheart@designwithinsight.com](mailto:mgearheart@designwithinsight.com) or 816-569-0817.

## 5 Citizen Science Activities

### **Seasonal Bird Census ~ Jerry Smith Park**

**Wednesday, November 7, 2012**

Sherry Leonardo will lead us on a bird census of Jerry Smith Park. KC WildLands has requested that Burroughs Audubon perform seasonal censuses, similar to those that we do for the Blue River Parkway, of this mostly undeveloped city (KCMO) park. Meet at 8:00 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 1/2 mile to the 2nd drive on the left). Dress for the weather. Walking will be mostly along the paved/gravel loop trail. Contact Sherry Leonardo at [home172@aol.com](mailto:home172@aol.com) or 816-763-1393.

### **Christmas Bird Counts**

The Christmas Bird Count season is December 14 through January 5 each year. Our local counts will occur on one day between those inclusive dates. Please visit <http://birds.audubon.org/get-involved-christmas-bird-count> in November of 2012 to find out how to join a Christmas Bird Count circle in our local area. Following are two of the count circles and compilers in our area.

**Trimble / Smithville** – TBA - Compiler: Kristi Mayo. Contact Kristi at [kristi@writebirds.com](mailto:kristi@writebirds.com) or 816-289-7828.

**Kansas City** - Sunday, Dec. 30 - Compiler: Mike Stoakes. Contact Mike at [mstoakes@juno.com](mailto:mstoakes@juno.com) or 816-554-1956.



# Burroughs Audubon

Greater Kansas City Chapter of the National Audubon Society

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*The Greater Kansas City Chapter  
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**7300 SW West Park Road  
Blue Springs, MO 64015**

## WingBeat

Dear members, birders, and friends,

After a hot and dry summer in KC all of us are ready for cooler temperatures and hopefully some rain. We restart our general meetings on September 4<sup>th</sup> at the Discovery Center. This year our October and November meetings will be in Kansas at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Prairie Village. Also this year several Wednesday field trips have been added to the trip schedule. Check out this newsletter and enjoy the programs at our monthly meetings, bird walks at local bird stores, programs at our library in Fleming Park, field trips, and citizen science opportunities such as bird censuses and the Christmas Bird Count.

We look forward to seeing you!

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## 1 Programs

General meetings begin promptly at 6:45 PM, refreshments served at 6:15 PM.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our September meeting will be held at the Discovery Center, 4750 Troost, KCMO 64110. Our October and November meetings will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection (Fellowship Hall), 9100 Mission RD, Prairie Village, KS 66206.

**Tuesday, September 4, 2012** - DISCOVERY CENTER, 4750 TROOST, KCMO 64110

**Pollinators and Plants: Relationships That Sustain the Planet: Dr. Chip Taylor, Director of MonarchWatch**

Our future flies on the wings of pollinators, as they enable plants to produce much of the food humans and other creatures eat. Would we be here without pollinators and how will we manage if they decline? Dr. Chip Taylor will discuss these questions and offer insights from his years of insect research.

**Tuesday, October 2, 2012** - THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION (FELLOWSHIP HALL), 9100 MISSION RD., Prairie Village, KS 66206

**Shorebird ID: Handy Tips for the Field; Gene Young of Kansas Ornithological Society**

Are you plagued by peeps? Stumped by shorebirds? With great photographs and lively discussion, Gene Young of Kansas will help you improve your skills in identifying our most common Great Plains shorebird species.

**Tuesday November 13, 2012 (Please note the date change, due to Election Day.)** - THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION (FELLOWSHIP HALL), 9100 MISSION RD., Prairie Village, KS 66206

**Antarctica: In Search of the Emperor Penguin: Pete Moroz of Burroughs Audubon Society**

A thrilling journey from Argentina to the islands of the Weddell Sea, home of marine mammals, albatrosses, skua, petrels, and 8 species of penguins. Did the Emperor Penguin appear? You'll have to join us to find out.

## 2 Bird Walks

**Bird Walks leaving from Prairie Village - Saturday**

Join us on the 1st Saturday of each month as Mike Stoakes takes you on a free two to three hour bird walk to help you identify birds in our own area. Dress for the weather and meet us in the parking lot of the Wild Bird Center at 8:00 AM where we'll return afterwards. Questions? (913) 381-5633

**SEP 1, 2012 ~ Iron Woods Park (Leawood)**

**OCT 6, 2012 ~ Shawnee Mission Park**

**NOV 24, 2012 ~ Squaw Creek NWR\***

**DEC 1, 2012 ~ Indian Creek Streamway**

\* Special all-day trip – meet at 7:00 AM

Wild Bird Center

4046 W. 83rd Street ~ Prairie Village, Kansas

**Bird Walks leaving from Independence - Saturday**

Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month as Michael O'Keefe takes you on field trips and bird walks that leave from the Wild Bird Center, 4480 S Noland Road, Independence, MO 64055. For each trip, call the store for details on times and additional details. Call 816-478-9399 to reserve a spot.

**Bird Walks leaving from Backyard Bird Center - Thursday**

Backyard Bird Center 6212 N.W. Barry Road, Kansas City, MO 64154. Please call the store for more information and to register 816-746-1113.

## 3 Connecting with Nature at the Burroughs Audubon Library

**Sunday, September 9, 2:00-3:30 PM ~ Wild About Flowers!**

Master Naturalist Barbara Van Vleck will give a program on Missouri's hardy and beautiful native wildflowers, with suggestions for using these plants in your home landscaping. The program will be followed by exploration and seed collecting at the library's Esther O'Connor wildflower prairie, with participants receiving seeds to take home. Please bring gloves and pruning shears and dress appropriately for the weather. This program is best suited to adults and children age 7 and up.

**Sunday, October 14, 2:00-3:00 PM ~ Missouri Mammals**

Jim Dickerson of the Army Corps of Engineers will describe the lives and habits of our native mammals, accompanied by many interesting artifacts such as furs and bones. Bring the whole family!

**Saturdays, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM ~ Bird Banding with Dana Ripper and Ethan Duke of Missouri River Bird Observatory.**

(Note: If weather is inclement, banding will be held on Sunday, November 4 and Sunday December 2.) Come out and see our resident winter songbirds up close and personal! Dana and Ethan will band and release birds for population studies and answer questions about their current research projects. Banding will continue monthly throughout the winter, watch [www.burroughs.org](http://www.burroughs.org) for updates!

**Visit the Burroughs Audubon Library and Nature Center and enjoy the birds from picture windows overlooking our bird sanctuary.**

**We offer a nature shop full of books, guides, feeders, and seed and a full nature library with over 6,000 books that are available for reading and check out.**

The library is located in Fleming Park at Lake Jacomo, 7300 SW West Park Road. Blue Springs, MO 64015-7804

Library hours are 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM every day except Monday and Wednesday.

Hours are 100% dependent upon volunteers so please call us before making the trip at (816) 795-8177.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karen Smith (816) 225-8757. Thank you volunteers!