

## **Franklin's Gull coordinated survey of reservoirs/lakes in Kansas.**

We know that a very large number of the world's Franklin's Gulls pass through Kansas each fall. Numbers appear to peak, on average, around mid-October so this is an attempt to estimate the total number that might be in Kansas during the fall. Franklin's Gulls typically roost for the evening on the water of larger reservoirs. By utilizing volunteers to survey the larger reservoirs in the state we will try to estimate the number of Franklin's Gulls within the state on a given day. Volunteers will try to visit on a Saturday or Sunday (or both) on two (or more) consecutive weekends at, or within 30 minutes of, sunrise.

Pick two consecutive weekends (October 7 & 8, 14 & 15, 21 & 22) and on at least one day each weekend go to the reservoir you selected at sunrise or within 30 minutes thereafter, and estimate the number of Franklin's Gulls. You can do both days all three weekends if you want but I'd like at least one day each weekend on two consecutive weekends. On some reservoirs this number could be quite large and I do not expect an accurate count. Just give it your best shot!

These are the principle lakes we need volunteers to survey. If you know of a body of water nearby to you that holds large numbers of roosting Franklin's Gulls, please let Chuck know and then volunteer to survey that water body. If there is an impoundment on this list that historically does not have Franklin's Gulls roosting overnight on it, please let Chuck know as well. Chuck's email address is [otte2@cox.net](mailto:otte2@cox.net). If more than one person wants to survey a particular lake we will allow this although there may be some averaging of the different estimates that are submitted. Birders may even want to survey together to come up with an agreed upon survey estimate.

Cedar Bluff Reservoir  
Cheney Reservoir  
Cheyenne Bottoms  
Clinton Lake  
Council Grove Reservoir  
El Dorado Reservoir  
Elk City Lake  
Fall Rivers Lake  
Hillsdale Lake  
Horse Thief Reservoir  
Jamestown Marsh  
John Redmond Reservoir  
Kanopolis Reservoir  
Kirwin Reservoir  
La Cygne Lake  
Lake McKinney  
Lovewell Lake  
Marais des Cygnes NWR  
Marion Lake  
Melvern Lake  
Milford Lake  
Neosho Wildlife Area

Perry Lake  
Pomona Lake  
Pony Creek Lake  
Quivira NWR  
Sebelius Reservoir  
Toronto Lake  
Tuttle Creek Reservoir  
Waconda Lake  
Webster Reservoir  
Wilson Lake  
Winfield City Lake  
Wyandotte County Lake