

# KOS fall meeting, September 30–Oct 2, 2011

## Kansas Wetlands Education Center, Great Bend

Join us for the fall meeting at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center on the southeast side of Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area. The largest interior marsh of the United States, Cheyenne Bottoms sits amidst a 60-square mile lowland basin in central Kansas. Host to about 45 percent of North American shorebirds during spring migration, the Bottoms is the most important migration stopover site in the western hemisphere. Several threatened and endangered species, including Snowy Plovers, Piping Plovers, Whooping Cranes and Least Terns, may be found here during migration.

### Friday, September 30

7:00–9:00 p.m.— Informal reception at KWEC. Light refreshments served.

### Saturday, October 1

9:00 a.m.—Registration begins at KWEC.

9:00 a.m.—Welcome.

9:10 a.m.—Business meeting.

9:30 a.m.–11:30—Paper session.

11:30–1:30 p.m.—Lunch on your own; KOS board will meet in location to be determined.

1:30–2:30 p.m.—Birdwatchers' Hour.

2:30–4:00 p.m.—Paper session. Silent auction ends.

4:00–4:30 p.m.—Business meeting.

6:00–6:30 p.m.—Social and “Birds of Kansas” book signing by authors at Barton Community College Student Union.

6:30–9:00—Banquet.

Our banquet speaker, Chris Wood, is the project manager for eBird, an online database for bird records. In addition to his work at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Chris leads birding tours for WINGS. He is editor for the Colorado and Wyoming region of North American Birds, the departmental editor of the Birding photo quiz, and the online photo quiz editor for the American Birding Association. He has written and consulted on various books and popular and scientific literature on North American birds.

### Sunday, October 2

6:30 a.m.—Half-day field trip locations may include Cheyenne Bottoms, Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Cheyenne Scoutlands, Great Bend Cemetery and other locations.

Noon—Lunch and compilation at KWEC.

### Lodging

There is a large class reunion and a couple of weddings this same weekend in Great Bend, so early room reservations are advised. KOS has room blocks at several hotels. Unless indicated, all hotels are in Great Bend.

- Best Western Angus Inn (800) 862-6487, 2920 10th St. Rates are \$64.95–68.95 + tax. Cutoff date is September 16.
- Cheyenne Bottoms Inn and Suites (620) 292-6022, 57 W. Highway 4, **Hoisington**. Rates are \$62.00 + tax. Cutoff date is September 15th.
- Comfort Inn (620) 793-9000, 911 Grant St. Rates are \$89.99–94.99 + tax. Cutoff date is September 9.
- Travelers Budget Inn (620) 793-5448, 4200 10th St. Rates \$36.95–46.95 + tax. No cut off date.

### Dining

Great Bend has a variety of eating establishments along 10th Street (U.S. 56/K-96).

### Registration

The meeting registration fee is \$20; the Saturday evening banquet is \$20 for those who paid the registration fee and \$30 for those who did not; the Sunday box lunch is \$7. Unless presenting, students

will pay a \$5 registration fee. Registrations received after September 15 will carry a \$10 surcharge.

The registration form may be found on page 16. All participants must sign the liability release in order to participate in any portion of this meeting.

Mail completed registration form and payment to Terry Mannell, 218 Northridge, Hays, KS 67601.

### Silent auction

Members and guests are strongly encouraged to bring donated items for the Silent Auction. Suitable donations include birding-themed equipment, field guides, bird houses, bird baths and optics. All proceeds go to the KOS Student Research Fund.



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