

**69<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Kansas Ornithological Society**  
**October 6 - 8, 2017**  
**Geary County 4-H/Sr. Citizens Building, Junction City, Kansas**

Join KOS members for a weekend of paper presentations and birding in the northern Flint Hills.

**Schedule of Events**

**Friday, October 6**

7 - 9 p.m. Social at the Geary County 4-H/Sr. Citizens Building, (Geary County Fairgrounds)  
1025 S. Spring Valley Road, Junction City

**Saturday, October 7 (times tentative)**

8 a.m. - Registration at 4-H/Sr. Citizens Building.

9 a.m. - Welcome and paper session. (All Saturday daytime sessions will be in the east room of the 4-H Building.)

11:30 a.m. - KOS Business Meeting

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch. KOS Board meeting: location will be announced. There are many locations in Junction city to eat. A list will be in your registration material.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Birdwatcher's Hour - an opportunity for you to show your bird photos from the past year. Please bring photos on a flash drive.

2:30 - 5 p.m. - Paper Session.

5 p.m. - KOS Business Meeting

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Banquet at the Fairgrounds, 4-H/Sr. Citizens Building

7:30 - 9 p.m. - Awards and speaker

Banquet Speaker - Alice Boyle, Assistant Professor in the Division of Biology at Kansas State University, will take us to the tropical rain forest for the evening and tell us about the little colorful, dancing birds known as manakins. She will tell us about the manakins' "dating game," and how both the weather and living on a steady diet of fruit affects how they live and die.

**Sunday, October 8**

7:00 a.m. - Half day field trips will include areas around Dickinson, Clay, and Geary Counties. Gather in the parking lot at the Fairgrounds.

Noon - Lunch and compilation will be at the Milford Nature Center below the dam at Milford Lake. (Additional directions will be given at the banquet.) Compilation will include birds seen in Geary, Dickinson, Clay and Riley Counties starting at noon on Friday the 6th.

## **Lodging in Junction City**

**Hotels:** There are numerous hotels in Junction City. Following is a partial list of housing options. There is no reserved housing block at any of the hotels.

**Hampton Inn** - 1039 S Washington, Junction City, KS - 785-579-6950

**Best Western** - 604 E Chestnut, Junction City, KS - 785-210-1212

**Candlewood Suites** - 100 S Hammons Drive, Junction City, KS - 785-238-1455

**Courtyard by Marriot** - 310 Hammons Drive, Junction City, KS - 785-210-1500

**Motel 6** - 1931 Lacy Drive, Junction City, KS - 785-762-2215

**Acorn Resorts** - 3710 Farnum Creek Road, Milford, KS - 785-463-4000

**Milford State Park** - Milford Lake on K-57 Hiway, west of US 77

This is a partial listing - more hotels can be viewed at the Junction City/Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau website: <http://www.junctioncity.org/194/Lodging>

## **Registration**

The meeting registration fee is \$15. The Saturday evening banquet is \$20 . The Sunday box lunch is \$8 (standard fare of various sub sandwiches and chips) and will be held at the Milford Nature Center below the dam at Milford Lake. Registration fee (but not meal fees) is waived for students. ***If your abstract for presenting a paper is accepted, you still have to register.*** Registrations must be received by September 27th to be included in meal counts. No refunds for cancellations after September 29th.

The registration form may be found on page 12 and as a PDF form on line. **All participants must sign the liability release in order to participate in any portion of this meeting.**

Mail completed registration form and payment to:

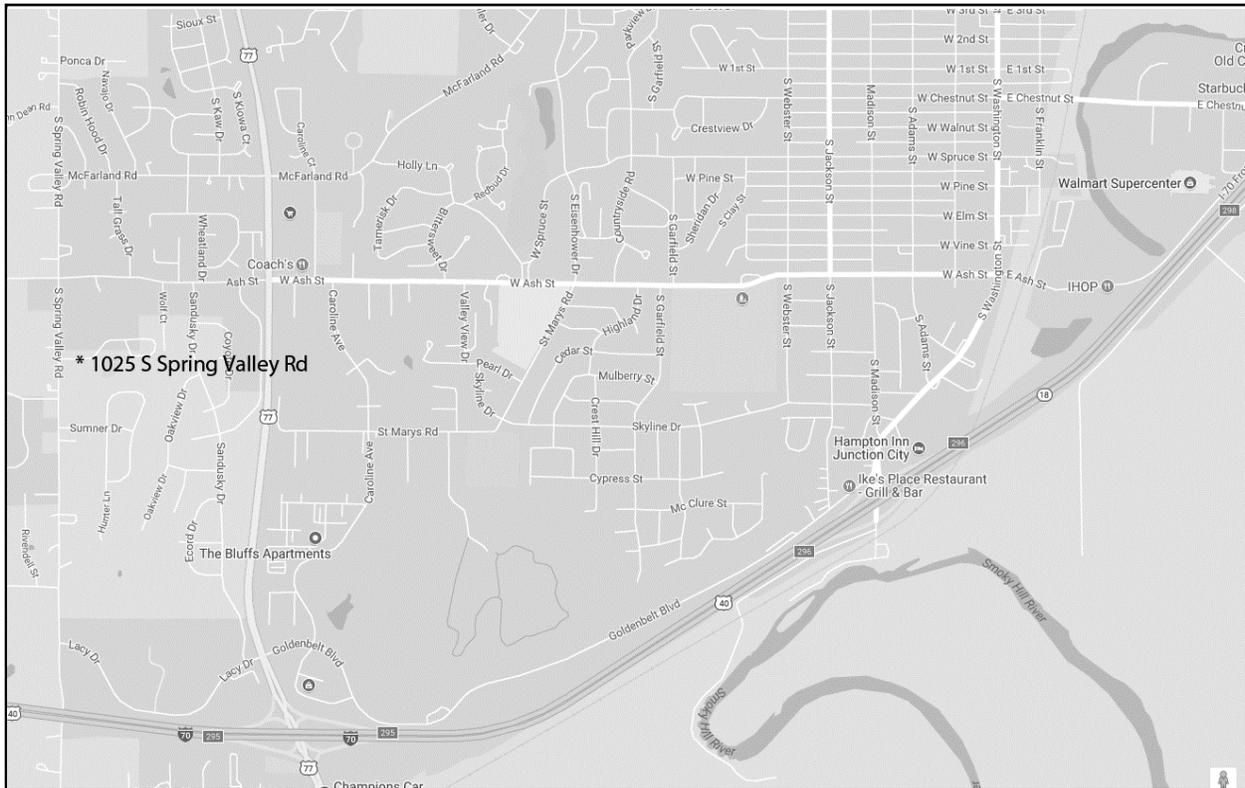
**Max Thompson**  
**1729 E 11th Ave,**  
**Winfield, KS 67156**

## **Research Fund Fundraiser**

There will not be a silent auction this year. If you would like to support the Research Fund, you may send your donation to KOS Treasurer, Max Thompson.

## **Best Bird of the Year**

Nomination for unusual or rare birds observed since September 30, 2016. Please refer to the nomination form on page 11. Nominations can be mailed or emailed to Eugene Young.



The Geary County Fairgrounds are located at 1025 South Spring Valley Rd on the west side of Junction City. Spring Valley Road is about 1/2 mile west of US 77. To access Spring Valley Road from US 77 either take Lacy Drive (turn west at Sapp Brothers Truck Stop just north of I-70) or Ash Street (turn west at the Central National Bank). The Fairgrounds are located between Ash Street and Lacy Drive and are on the east side of Spring Valley Road. If you get close, you can't miss it. GPS should take you there IF you use the address. If you just put in "Geary County Fairgrounds, Junction City, KS" it will get you close.

Friday evening registration and informal reception will be here. All of Saturday's activities will be here. Field Trips will leave from here on Sunday morning. Motels in Junction City are generally located along the interstate at Exits 295 (US Highway 77), 296 (South Washington), and 298 (East Chestnut Street). East Chestnut Street has several of the suggested hotels. To reach the Fairgrounds from the hotels on the east side of Junction City, take Chestnut Street to Washington Street, Washington to Ash Street and Ash Street west to Spring Valley Road. From the hotels on the south side of Junction City. Take Goldenbelt Blvd west where it becomes Lacy Drive and then over to Spring Valley Road.

The Sunday noon lunch and compilation is at the Milford Nature Center. Follow signage to Milford Lake. On the south side of the Milford Lake Dam, (on State Highway K-57) look for the sign that says Milford Fish Hatchery and Nature Center. Take this road down past the outlet tubes and then continue north on Hatchery Drive at the base of the dam. Almost to the end of the road turn right on the paved road (look for another brown sign that directs you to the Fish Hatchery and Nature Center. Look for signs directing you to the building where we'll have lunch (there's only two buildings there - it won't be difficult!) Also feel free to check out the outdoor exhibits. The Milford Nature Center has some excellent displays and several birds of prey. (Sorry, these birds won't count on the compilation list!)

# How to Submit KOS Paper Abstracts

The KOS fall meeting traditionally features papers given by scientists, students, and birders. The Fall 2017 Meeting will be held at in Junction City at the 4-H/Sr. Citizens Building, 1025 South Spring Valley Road, Junction City (west side of town at the Geary County Fair Grounds), October 6 - 8, 2017. Paper presentations are on Saturday, October 7.

**To submit an abstract:** Include the title of the presentation, the list of authors (use an asterisk to indicate the speaker), the institutional affiliation of the authors (if applicable), and a brief abstract of up to 250 words. Abstracts will be printed in the KOS meeting program. When you submit the abstract, please provide three additional pieces of information:

- 1) The multimedia equipment you will need;
- 2) Papers will be 15 minutes, including questions. If you need a shorter or longer time slot, please let Chuck Otte know;
- 3) Whether you are eligible and would like to be considered for a student presentation award. If so, what stage of program (undergraduate, graduate, or doctorate).

Paper abstracts are due by September 27. Please send in Word format to Chuck Otte at [otte2@cox.net](mailto:otte2@cox.net). In the subject line of the e-mail, please indicate the meeting and give your surname: "KOS 2017: Jones."

## Example abstract:

Interspecific competition with wildcats limits populations of jay-hawks in northeast Kansas.

Willie T. Wildcat (\*), Division of Biology, Kansas State University.

Ongoing declines in autumn populations of jay-hawks (*Cyanorufa chalkii*) are a topic of conservation concern in Kansas. To assess the role of interspecific competition with wildcats (*Felis purpula*) as a factor contributing to observed population trends, I conducted three-hour observation bouts of captive animals in large enclosed arenas. In competition trials, jay-hawks demonstrated a strong aversion to environments saturated with royal purple. Thus, interspecific competition from wild felids may be a limiting factor that controls foraging and reproductive success of jay-hawk populations in the state of Kansas. Effective conservation strategies for jay-hawks should include keeping cats indoors.

## BEST BIRD OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

(for period since September 30, 2016)

Mail to:

Eugene Young  
Northern Oklahoma College  
1220 E. Grand. PO Box 310  
Tonkawa, OK 74653-0310

Or e-mail to Gene at: [EUGENE.YOUNG@noc.edu](mailto:EUGENE.YOUNG@noc.edu)

Species \_\_\_\_\_

Observers \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Form, KOS Fall Meeting  
October 6 - 8, 2017  
Geary County Fairgrounds, Junction City, KS**

I (we) plan to attend the 2017 KOS Fall Meeting

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$15.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**High school, college and graduate students are exempt from the registration fee.**

Saturday Banquet \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Box Lunch \$8.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Surcharge for payment received after September 27<sup>th</sup> \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due (Checks payable to KOS) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons in party: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs or requests: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registrations received after September 27<sup>th</sup> will have a surcharge of \$10.00 per person. Meals can not be guaranteed for registrations after the 27<sup>th</sup>!**

Please mail completed registration with full payment to:

**Max Thompson  
1729 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.,  
Winfield, KS 67156**

**e-mail: maxt@cox.net**

In submitting this registration form I (we) understand that KOS is not responsible or liable for any accidents or injury that might be associated with the 2017 KOS Fall meeting.

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Signature(s)

Date