

KOS Fall 2021 Meeting Field Trip Options & Guidelines:

- Meeting registrants are welcome to attend one of these 4 field trip options on Saturday, October 9.
- Please follow COVID guidelines (CDC & KDHE) when birding with others
- **Field trip leaders: make sure to create eBird checklists for your birding adventure, add that your list is for KOS Fall 2021 in the comments & share them to KOS thru our eBird handle KSOrnSociety or ksornsoc@gmail.com.**
- Any birders registered for the meeting who bird on their own somewhere else in KS can email a checklist to ksornsoc@gmail.com.

KOS Saturday October 9th Fieldtrip - Clinton Lake surrounding areas joint with Burrough's Audubon.

Meet at the Model Airport Field below the dam (38.913936, -95.316767) at 7 am to walk over a mile of a tall grass flooded field for sparrows, wrens, and hopefully rails. Wear muck boots or footwear for wet conditions. Water resistant pants are very helpful if it has rained or if there is a heavy dew. Afterwards we'll likely scan the lake and perhaps walk a trail or field. Bring binoculars, scope, dry footwear for after the morning, and lunch. Head into town to grab a bite to eat and rejoin the group afterwards if you want. The trip is open to everyone of all birding levels. A couple pairs of binoculars will be available if needed. Your trip leader is Malcolm Gold. **Reach out to him at malcolmgold@gmail.com with any questions.**

Saturday, Oct. 9. Join the Wichita Audubon Society's monthly "Second Saturday" bird walk at Chisholm Creek Park. Meet in the parking lot of the Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29th St. N., Wichita. The bird walk is open to birders of ALL skill and interest levels. It typically lasts 90 minutes and covers about 2 miles on foot. At the conclusion of the bird walk, interested birders are invited to spend several more hours visiting two other Wichita birding hotspots: Maple Grove Cemetery and Lafarge Sandpit. These have both been reliable locations for good birding in the autumn months in previous years. Maybe we will all go to Connie's Mexican Cafe for lunch following. It is a Wichita institution. **Contact Pete Janzen or Tom Ewert for more details (pete.janzen@sbcglobal.net, trewert@yahoo.com).**

Saturday, October 9 - Join Jeff Calhoun for a tour of the awe-inspiring Clark and Meade Counties. During the trip we will do a little bit of walking around areas with nice cover, and will do a fair amount of birding by car in a caravan, so radios and a full tank of gas are recommended. We will meet at the overlook on the east side of Clark County State Fishing Lake at 8:00 AM (37.399275, -99.776600, a pull-off on K-94).

After birding this iconic birding hotspot, we will travel south and west into landscapes that take the best elements of the Red Hills, High Plains, and Sand Sage Prairies and mix it all together! Jeff considers this the best place to enjoy a sunset, so after a break and a meal in Meade, he will probably continue the day in nature until the Poorwills start calling. All are welcome for all day or for select parts of the day. **Contact Jeff Calhoun for more information or itinerary details (jeffcalhoun11@gmail.com).**

Join Mike Rader and Dave Klema for a trip out to Wilson Lake on Saturday, October 9th in conjunction with the virtual Fall meeting with the Kansas Ornithological Society. We will check out the typical hotspots for viewing the lake including: Wilson State Park, Minooka Park, Lucas Park and possibly Wilson Wildlife Area if road conditions are good. Fall water birds (grebe, loons, gull and waterfowl) should be showing up, so bring spotting scopes and tripods if you have them. We will also check out the Sylvan Park area below the dam for some walking to look for late migrants and sparrows. We will meet at the parking lot below the Hell Creek Bridge (entrance to the Otoe Area of Wilson State Park at 8:00 am. Please remember that a valid state park permit is required to enter. Day permits can be obtained at the self-pay station if you don't have an annual permit.) Plan on bringing a lunch or snacks as it depends where we are at lunch time as to whether there is something nearby available. **If interested, please contact Mike or Dave: mike.rader@hotmail.com or daklema1@gmail.com**