



SMOKY HILLS AUDUBON SOCIETY

P.O. Box 2936 Selina, Kansas 67402-2936

February 2015

SHAS February 2015 Meeting

Join us on Thursday, February 19th for our FREE monthly program

Location: Kansas Wesleyan University, Peters Science Hall, Room 229

Event Schedule: Social and refreshments start at 7:00 PM, program starts at 7:30 PM

Topic: The Mariana Avifauna Conservation (MAC) Project – Protecting Pacific Bird Species

Guest speaker: Scott Newland, Curator of Birds at Sedgwick County Zoo

Speaker Biography: Scott started his zoo career in 1988 as a volunteer at the Sedgwick Co. Zoo. Scott attended Fort Hays State University where he received a B.S. in Wildlife Management and an M.S. in Biology with emphasis on birds. While at FHSU, Scott was an instructor for Biology/Ornithology Labs and worked for 5 years on the FHSU Migratory Banding project. He worked in the field for FHSU at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and Scott City Lake on several projects involving native Passerines.

In 1999 Scott returned to Sedgwick County Zoo as a research intern, but quickly was hired on as a Bird keeper in 2000. Scott was promoted in 2002 to Senior Zookeeper shortly after receiving his M.S. Scott oversaw the Jungle building at the zoo until his promotion to Curator of Birds in 2012. Since 2011, Scott has traveled annually to the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands as part of the Mariana Avifauna Conservation team. While in CNMI, the MAC team has been working to protect eight native forest bird species from human pressures. Scott currently serves as the SSP coordinator for three species within the Marianas; Guam Rail, Golden White-eye and Bridled White-eye.

Join us for dinner with the speaker at Martinelli's Little Italy, 158 S. Santa Fe, at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP Dan Baffa, 620-271-8891 or danbaffa1@yahoo.com, if you wish to join us for the pre-meeting dinner.

Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC)



In conjunction with the four-day, 13-16 Feb-2015 GBBC our local Audubon Chapter - Smoky Hills Audubon Society (SHAS) will host a **FREE birdwatching session at the Lakewood Discovery Center and surrounding park, 8 am to 12 noon, Saturday, 14-Feb-2015**. Novice participants and their families a) can ask questions and learn from experienced birders, b) try out binoculars & spotting scopes, and c) record their sightings which can be forwarded by SHAS to GBBC.

Contact Jeffrey Kasoff at 785-420-0006 for more information.

Instructions for more experienced birders to **independently participate** in the GBBC are described on National Audubon Society webpage, <http://www.audubon.org/content/about-great-backyard-bird-count> or at following link: http://smokyhillaudubon.com/web_documents/great_backyard_bird_count_2015.pdf

2014-15 Smoky Hills Audubon Society Calendar

We have great activities planned for 2015. Save the dates!

Saturday, February 14 – Great Backyard Bird Count, 8 am to Noon, **Lakewood Discovery Center**

Thursday, February 19 – SHAS Meeting: Scott Newland, Curator of Birds at Sedgwick County Zoo
Topic: The Mariana Avifaunal Conservation (MAC) Project – Protecting Pacific Bird Species

Thursday, March 19 – SHAS Meeting: Bob Gillespie, Natural Resources Coordinator with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)
Topic: Foot Stamping and Booming!! Illinois' Prairie Chickens

Sunday, May 3 – Discover Salina Naturally, 11 am to 4 pm, **Lakewood Park**

All SHAS Meetings are open to the public and held at Kansas Wesleyan University, Peters Science Hall, Room 229, corner of 4th and Cloud St, just west of railroad tracks; unless otherwise noted. All street and lot parking is free. See Campus Map at link: <http://www.kwu.edu/campus-map>
Social and refreshments begin at 7:00 PM, program starts at 7:30 PM. Dinner with speaker is at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP our President, Dan Baffa at 620-271-8891 or danbaffa1@yahoo.com, if you wish to join us for the pre-meeting dinner.

SHAS Board Meetings

SHAS Board meetings are generally held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in Room 213, Peters Science Hall, Kansas Wesleyan University. **ALL** members are welcome to attend.

Fall 2014 Message from SHAS Board

Want to save a tree or a local natural habitat? Do you want more students of all ages to enjoy the Smoky Hills Audubon Harold Lear Wildlife Sanctuary and learn an appreciation for nature and the out of doors? The Smoky Hills Audubon Society of Salina, KS needs your help. READ rest of this message at our chapter website, www.smokyhillaudubon.com under our Mission Tab or click following link to read: http://www.smokyhillaudubon.com/web_documents/fall_2014_message_from_shas_board.pdf

Congratulations to Judy Collins on coming in second place in the Senior Division of the Kansas Birding Big Year. She missed first place by only four species!

Discover Salina Naturally

This is a call for participants (exhibitors, entertainers, artists, food vendors, etc.) for **Discover Salina Naturally (DSN)**. Join us **Sunday, May 3, 2015, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Lakewood Park, Salina, Kansas.**

As this event gains popularity, space is limited. Applications will be reviewed by the organizing committee and selections will be made based on fit with the mission of this event. The DSN Mission is to *build*

community and promote sustainability through cultural appreciation, historical and environmental education, and artistic enrichment.

If you would like to participate, please complete the [Participation Application online form](#) on DSN website, (www.discoverosalina.com) by the end of the day on Friday, **February 13, 2015**. Selections will be made by March 6. Questions? Contact us at discoverosalina@gmail.com or call (785) 452-9456 (Salina).

This is an amazing opportunity for us to come together and DISCOVER what you or your organizations have to offer. There will be **no charge to participate**. You may sell items from your booth. This will be an opportunity for our community to DISCOVER Salina area's past, present, and future. DISCOVER historical characters from Salina's past. DISCOVER Salina's natural history. DISCOVER sustainable practices that will take Salina into the 21st century.

We look forward to working with you.



The Smoky Hill Audubon Society is proud to announce:

The Harold Lear Memorial Library

Located at the Lakewood Discovery Center

Please visit this wonderful collection of books

From Harold Lear's own personal library

Please send your email address to danbaffa1@yahoo.com, so we **may** reduce the number of printed newsletters we mail to members.

Smoky Hills Audubon Society would like to thank our 2014 Contributors and Local Members for their generous gifts.

Thank you!



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