



SMOKY HILLS AUDUBON SOCIETY

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

March 2015

SHAS March 2015 Meeting

Join us on **Thursday, March 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.

We will screen the film **Ordinary, Extraordinary Junco** based on the studies of biologists at Indiana University. Find program information at link:

<http://www.kwu.edu/event/smoky-hills-audubon-society-program-change-to-film-screening-mar-19>.

Also, see 3 minute trailer/intro at link: <http://juncoproject.org/videos/intro/>

Our March Speaker, **Bob Gillespie**, was going to give a talk on the Greater Prairie Chicken (GPC), but funding for the annual capture and translocation of Kansas GPCs to Illinois was canceled, so **Bob will not be available**. Maybe next year we can invite Bob back. Information about Bob & the project can be found on our chapter website under Speaker Tab and at link:

http://www.smokyhillaudubon.com/web_documents/shas_march_2015_canceled_illinois_prairie_chicken.pdf. You might also enjoy a news report about the Illinois GPC project with 2 minute video at link:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/highland-park/ct-prairie-chickens-project-met-20140910-story.html>. If you wish to learn more about Kansas GPC and their mating behavior click on link:

<http://kdwpt.state.ks.us/news/Hunting/Upland-Birds/Greater-and-Lesser-Prairie-Chicken>. Find in depth paper of GPC habitat and best land management practices at link:

<http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/literatr/grasbird/gpch/gpch.htm>

Join us for dinner at Gutierrez Restaurant 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.

Spring 2015 Smoky Hills Audubon Society Calendar and other events

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

- Thursday, March 19** – SHAS Meeting: Screening of film titled 'Ordinary, Extraordinary Junco'
- Thursday, April 16** – SHAS Meeting: Guest Speaker: Wes Jackson, The Land Institute President will give talk titled "Solving the 10,000 Year-Old Problem of Agriculture: Progress Report"
- Saturday, April 18** - **Work Party, 9am to 3 pm**, at our wildlife sanctuary on W Stimmel Rd.
- Fri & Sat, April 24, 25** - **Wings N Wetland Festival, Great Bend, KS**. Registration \$150 per person before 1st Apr, \$200 after. Link: <http://www.kansasbirdingfestival.org/>
- Sunday, May 3** – Discover Salina Naturally, 11 am to 4 pm, **Lakewood Park**

Thursday, May 21 - SHAS Meeting: Members present their Still Photography and Videography

All SHAS Meetings are Free and 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

Discover Salina Naturally (DSN)

Join us Sunday, May 3, 2015, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Lakewood Park, Salina, Kansas

The DSN Mission is to build community and promote sustainability through cultural appreciation, historical and environmental education, and artistic enrichment. 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.

Election Call for Chapter Officers and Board Members

Please contact David Tanksley, Nominating Committee Chairman, by e-mail:

dt1930@gmail.com or speak to him at our monthly programs; if you are wish to join our Chapter's Board of Directors or run for office. We need your help. Annual Elections for Officers and the Board of Directors will be held at our General Meeting on the 21th May 2015.

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: Please send your email address to danbaffa1@yahoo.com, **so we may** reduce the :
: number of printed newsletters we mail to members. :
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Smoky Hills Audubon Society would like to thank our 2014 Contributors and Local Members for their generous gifts. *Thank you!*



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