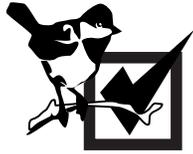


CHICKADEE CHECKOFF ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS



Milestones of Progress



- 1980** - Kansas is the third state to pass a Chickadee Checkoff.
- 1981** - Chickadee Checkoff initiates Nursing Home Bird Feeder Program.
- 1982** - Chickadee Checkoff helps sponsor "Songbird Bundles" and several endangered species projects, surveys, and publications. The Kansas Urban Wildlife Program is initiated.
- 1985** - Backyard Wildlife Habitat Certification Program is initiated.
- 1988** - Chickadee Checkoff initiates Kansas Winter Bird Feeder Survey.
- 1990** - Chickadee Checkoff replaces "Nongame Notes" with an upgraded "The Field Glass" newsletter. CC focuses research in SE Kansas concerning endangered species and ecosystems. Two pilot OWLS are started.
- 1991** - Chickadee Checkoff conducts survey to help fight attack on state's endangered species protection efforts. A strong public mandate of support for endangered species is shown. Six additional pilot OWLS are started.
- 1992** - OWLS is officially begun. The Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas is initiated. Work is started on the Kansas wildlife viewing guide.
- 1993** - The "Watching Kansas Wildlife" book is published. With the help of KANSAS WILDSCAPE Foundation, OWLS begins to receive matching funds while establishing 25 sites. The Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas is in it's second year.
- 1996** - Through KANSAS WILDSCAPE Foundation, OWLS surpasses it's goal of 100 funded sites. The Chickadee Checkoff continues to support and defend threatened and endangered species programs including monitoring Bald Eagle nests and the first known Peregrine Falcon nest in Topeka, and in Kansas in recent times.
- 1998** - Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas completed and the Kansas Amphibian monitoring program is started.
- 2000** - Support for the nature-based tourism alliance and activities.
- 2002** - Kansas amphibians monitoring program completed.

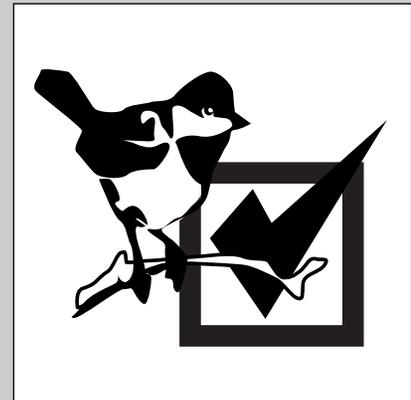
**Comments or individual contributions
can be made to the following address:**

**Chickadee Checkoff
Kansas Dept. of Wildlife & Parks
512 SE 25th Ave.
Pratt, KS 67124**



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THE Chickadee Checkoff



**Be a part of the Chickadee Challenge-
contribute to Chickadee Checkoff!**



What Is It?

The Chickadee Checkoff is a line appearing on the Kansas Individual Tax forms. Since 1980, it has provided Kansans an opportunity to contribute to wildlife programs. The checkoff has allowed donations to projects for species of wildlife not normally hunted. In other words, if you want some money to go to projects to help eagles, songbirds, threatened and endangered species, turtles, lizards, butterflies and pretty little stream darters, then this gives you the opportunity to donate directly to these programs.

What Does It Do?

One of the most important activities of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is protection and management of threatened and endangered species. The checkoff has been able to fund dozens of projects that assess the status of threatened and endangered species and other animals on the state's Species in Need of Conservation list.



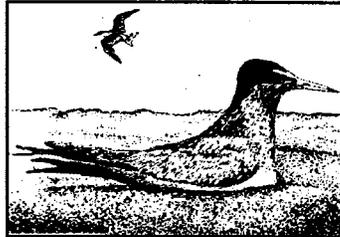
One of the most exciting projects of the checkoff has been the golden eagle reintroduction project in Russell and Ellsworth counties. The goal of the project is to establish nesting golden eagles in that

area in cooperation with Western Resources, Inc.

For several years the Chickadee Checkoff sponsored the Nursing Home Bird Feeder Program with tremendous success. Over 250 sites have been provided with bird feeders and initial bird feed.

Since 1985, the checkoff has sponsored the Backyard Habitat Improvement Program. Besides providing information and assistance to people for improving their yards for wildlife, a certification program is offered to recognize those people who have done the necessary or exemplary things for wildlife in their own backyards.

The Chickadee Checkoff has supported the Kansas Winter Bird Feeder Survey since 1988. About 1,000 people participate each year and provide valuable information about midwinter bird populations.



dling resources in western Kansas and endangered species such as the Least Tern.

New Initiatives - with your help!

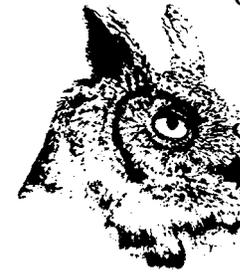
The Department of Wildlife and Parks has initiated some new and exciting programs. Because of a fast-growing wildlife viewing demand, the checkoff sponsored a wildlife viewing guide for Kansas. This book, "Watching Kansas Wildlife" was published by The University Press of Kansas and is available for less than \$10. It highlights the best places in Kansas to see deer, ospreys, eagles, elk, buffalo, and hundreds of other interesting animals.

In 1998, the checkoff completed the Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas involving many amateur and experienced birders across Kansas. This atlas sup-

plied valuable bird nesting information.

In 1998, we also initiated the Kansas Amphibian Monitoring Program which includes calling toads and frogs.

One of the most exciting programs of the Chickadee Checkoff has been OWLS (Outdoor Wildlife Learning Sites). This program gives schools the opportunity to develop outdoor learning laboratories right on their school yards. Over 180 OWLS have been funded.



We Need More Help!

Many of the Chickadee Checkoff's activities have been initiated with no additional funds. More money is desperately needed to fully fund these new initiatives and to help older Chickadee Checkoff programs. You can help wildlife by contributing to the Chickadee Checkoff.

The Challenge!

We have many projects submitted to us that we simply cannot fund because we don't have the money. We want you to help us with these excellent projects and any ongoing programs like OWLS and our endangered species protection efforts. Our goal, with the help of the Kansas Society of CPA's, is to raise the amount of donations to the Chickadee Checkoff. This will be very important as match funding with potential federal dollars as a result of pending legislation. Be a part of the Chickadee Challenge and donate by any of the methods shown. If you already contribute through your individual income tax form; thank you! We owe our accomplishments to you.