

GUIDED FIELD TRIP SELECTIONS

Select one trip per session.

If you are registering more than one person and each wants to take a separate trip, please make copies of this selection guide and complete one for each person. Though you can write one check for the cost, we ask each person attending to be listed on the Guided Field Trip Selection on a separate form.

NAME: _____

Please check your desired guided field trip.

FRIDAY EVENING April 23, 2010 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

- _____ Milford Wetlands and Republican River Bottoms
_____ Kansas Landscape Arboretum Birding

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION April 24, 2010 4:30 – 11:30 a.m.

- _____ Guided Prairie Chicken viewing

SATURDAY MORNING – April 24, 2010 – 6:00 – 11:30 a.m.

- _____ Konza Prairie Tour
_____ Kansas Landscape Arboretum
_____ Milford Wetlands and Republican River Bottoms

SATURDAY AFTERNOON – THREE EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS, (OR YOU CAN ENJOY BIRDING ON YOUR OWN)

SUNDAY MORNING – April 26, 2010

4:30 to 11:30 a.m.

- _____ Prairie Chicken and grassland bird viewing

5:30 – 11:30 a.m.

- _____ Kansas Back Roads Adventure (Less bird intensive) *Limited to first 12 who sign up.*

6:00 – 11:30 a.m.

- _____ Milford Wetlands and Republican River Bottoms

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

www.kansasbirdingfestival.org Chuck Otte 785-238-4161 or 785-238-8800
prairiewind56@aim.com Vanessa Avara 785-238-3108 (M-F 8 AM -

***** LODGING/CAMPING INFORMATION *****

CLAY CENTER: Cedar Court/Sunrise Motel: 785-632-2148 800-999-5774

JUNCTION CITY: www.junctioncity.org Or call 800-528-2489

MANHATTAN: www.VisitManhattanKS.org/hotels Or call 800-759-0134 or 785-776-8829

WAKEFIELD: Sportsman Inn 785-461-5555. Deacon's Lodge 785-461-5665

RV/CAMPGROUNDS: Clay County Park, Wakefield 785-461-5774; Milford State Park 785-238-3014; Corps of Engineers, Milford Lake 785-238-5714.



KANSAS BIRDING FESTIVAL

April 23 – 25, 2010 Wakefield, Kansas

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A guided birding and wildlife trip you won't forget.

172 different species of birds have been recorded at the Kansas Birding Festivals.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday – April 23, 2010

- 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. Registration - United Methodist Church Community Room
4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Guided Field Trips (See trip options)
7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception Toms Taxidermy, 509 Juniper, Wakefield:
Kansas Wine and Cheese, finger food and snacks; networking,
preparation for Saturday's tours. -Sponsored by Clay County Tourism
8:00 p.m. Announcements at Reception

Saturday – April 24, 2010

- 4:00 – 5:45 a.m. Breakfast at United Methodist Church Community Room
(included with full registration)
4:30 – 11:30 a.m. Guided Field Trips (See trip options)
11:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on your own
1:30 – 6:30 p.m. Optional "Birding on your own"

Afternoon seminars at United Methodist Church

- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Bird and Wildlife Photography - David Seibel
3:15 – 4:00 p.m. Raptors of Kansas – Vanessa Avara, *Asst. Director,*
Milford Nature Center
4:15 – 5:00 p.m. Hummingbirds – Chuck Otte
7:00 p.m. Banquet – United Methodist Church (included in full
registration) **Featured speaker: David Seibel**
Gifts, prizes and drawings

Sunday – April 25, 2010

- 4:00 – 5:45 a.m. Breakfast buffet at United Methodist Church
4:30 – 11:30 a.m. Guided Field Trips (see trip options)
5:30 – 11:30 a.m. Kansas Back Roads Adventure (Less bird intensive)

SPONSORED BY: Audubon of Kansas, City of Wakefield, Clay Center Area Chamber of Commerce, Clay County Tourism Committee; Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau, K-State Research & Extension/Geary County, KS Department of Wildlife and Parks, Kansas, Oronthical Society, Manhattan Convention & Visitors Bureau, Natural Resources – Ft Riley, The Nature Conservancy and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Milford Lake

FEATURED SPEAKERS, GUIDES, AND TOURS

DAVID SEIBEL is not only the featured banquet speaker on Saturday evening, but he will also present a program on Bird and Wildlife Photography from 1:30 to 3:00 on Saturday afternoon. He holds a Ph.D. in ornithology from the University of Kansas and is widely hailed for his work as author, poet and popular lecturer with a passion for bird watching. He is an expert in field identification of birds based on sight and sound and has viewed nearly 400 species of birds in Kansas alone. He will bring a keen sense of humor and rare insight of his avian photographic subjects to the podium when he makes his presentations. **Be sure to take a look at <http://birdsinfoocus.com>**

CHUCK AND JAYE OTTE are well known for their knowledge of birds and leading monthly bird watching field trips. Chuck is vice president of the Kansas Ornithological Society, is the webmaster for KSBIRDS.ORG and the newly launched <http://birdinginkansas.com/>. He also maintains the Kansas county checklist project. His Saturday afternoon session on Hummingbirds will help you make your backyard more hummingbird friendly.

IRWIN (Hoogy) and CAROL HOOGHEEM will take you on guided bird-watching trips. They are experienced and do annual bird counting in the Wakefield and Milford Lake areas. Hoogy is a Trustee of Audubon of Kansas and served for 8 years as president of the Northern Flint Hills Audubon. He and Carol are Docents on the Konza Prairie.

SHAWN STRATTON is a Biologist at Ft. Riley. He will take you to see the prairie chickens, plus lots of other grassland birds.

TOUR THE KONZA PRAIRIE with Konza Prairie Biological Station docent Dennis Toll. This trip through one of the few remnants of America's Tallgrass Prairie will take you through the Konza's bison herd and offer an up-close look at some of the many bird species native to the tallgrass prairie. The tour also includes a stop in the gallery forest of Kings Creek for a look at regional woodland species.

KANSAS BACK ROADS ADVENTURE - Limited to 12 Persons Explore the backroads of Geary County. You'll make stops at the Gathering Pond, Rock Springs and Sunrock Ranch. Your tour guide will be Rick Dykstra of the Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Rick is an avid outdoors person and loves what nature has to offer. Besides visiting some great birding locations, you'll learn some interesting historic fun facts.

VANESSA AVARA, Assistant Director of Milford Nature Center, came to Junction City in 2008. She worked in Wichita Ks. at Great Plains Nature Center as a naturalist for 8 years, did bird abatement on an Air Force base for 8 years, and worked as a zookeeper at Sedgwick County Zoo for 14 years. Vanessa has been a falconer since 1993, hunting with a variety of birds of prey. Sharing experiences and knowledge about raptors and other Kansas wildlife with an interested audience is the favorite part of her job!

PRIOR FESTIVALS have attracted birders from Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Minnesota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington State, Wisconsin and the UK.

LOOK FOR COMMENTS ON THE PRIOR FESTIVALS
www.kansasbirdingfestival.org

FULL THREE DAY REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Number of people _____ X Full Registration of \$100.00 = _____

Registrations accepted until April 9, 2010. Registration after that date will be \$125.00. **Full registration fee includes: Friday reception, two breakfast meals, and banquet, birding guides, transportation to all field trips, and educational seminars. Registration does not include lodging or Saturday lunch.**

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SEMINARS ONLY

You may register for only the Saturday afternoon seminars from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. Adults are \$20.00 and those under 18 are free.

Number of people _____ X Sat. Afternoon Seminars at \$20 = _____

If you would like to attend the Saturday evening banquet and hear the featured speaker David Seibel, the banquet cost is \$20.00 and reservations must be made by April 16, 2010.

Number of people _____ X banquet fee of \$20.00 = _____

Indicate if you would like a vegetarian meal _____

Send reservations to:

Kansas Birding Festival, P.O. Box 175, Wakefield, KS 67487.

