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# **Audubon Society News**

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## **Topeka Audubon Society**

### **Annual Meeting and Spring Dinner**

**April 10, 2007**

Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave. Social Hour 6:00pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. Menu: Chicken Kiev, ham, buttered potatoes, peas, salad/dressings, roll & butter, assorted cakes, iced tea and water. Cost: \$18.50 per person.

#### **Program Featuring: Bob Gress “Chasing Woodland Birds”**

Bob Gress is the Director of the Great Plains Nature Center and a member of Wichita Audubon Society (WAS). He has been photographing birds for publications for 30 years. He has photographed all of the easy ones. The difficult birds he's left for last. A commitment by Bob, and fellow WAS member Pete Janzen, to finish a book on Kansas birds for the University Press of Kansas has forced Bob into a yearlong panic to photograph some of these elusive and colorful birds of the woodland canopy. Join Bob in greeting April migrants as they cross the Gulf of Mexico to land at High Island, Texas. In May these migrants flood into Kansas. In June we visit the Boreal forests of northern Wisconsin and the Apostle Islands to chase warblers on the nesting grounds. Join us for this colorful look at warblers, vireos, tanagers, grosbeaks, orioles and more. New technologies in digital cameras, flashes, recordings, and computer equipment has brought these birds of the shadows into light.



GREAT PLAINS NATURE CENTER

Registration Form: Deadline to register is April 8. Make check payable to: Topeka Audubon Society. Please fill out the form below and send to: Janeen Walters, 3440 NW Button Road, Topeka, KS 66618. Questions? Call Janeen at 286-3330.

Name(s)

## Calendar of Events

### April 2007

- 10 Annual Spring Dinner; Guest Speaker is Bob Gress  
"Chasing Woodland Birds"
- 14 Field Trip\*: Wabaunsee County Prairie Birds, meet at  
zoo parking lot, 6:00am.
- 21 Field Trip: Overland Park Arboretum and KPL  
Wetlands, meet at Dillons at 29th & California 7:00am.
- 27-29 Wings N Wetlands Birding Festival, Great Bend. Check  
out [www.visitgreatbend.com](http://www.visitgreatbend.com) for more info.

### May 2007

- 5 Field Trip\*: Camp Hammond & Lake Shawnee, meet at  
Dillons at 29th & California 7:00am.
- 12 North American Migration Count. Details TBA
- 16 Board Meeting: TSCPL\*\* 7:00pm
- 19 Field Trip\*: Felker Park, meet at east end of parking lot  
at 7:00am.

\* Contact Dan Gish at [gishbear@cox.net](mailto:gishbear@cox.net) or 232-3731 for more  
information regarding field trips. If you carpool on a field trip  
with a fellow TAS member, please chip in for the gas.

\*\*Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library

## Topeka Audubon Society

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"Use what talents you possess; the woods  
would be very silent if no birds sang there  
except those that sang best."

--Henry van Dyke (1852 – 1933)

American author, educator, clergyman

## Sanctuary News

TAS Sanctuary Chair Larry  
Rutter recently sent information  
regarding caretaking at the sanctuary:

"A spring prescribed **burn** is in the  
planning stages for the prairie portion of the Sanctuary. This event has  
not been scheduled but the proper authorities have been contacted.  
The Fairview Volunteer Fire Dept. has indicated their willingness to  
conduct the burn with the intent to be accomplished before April 15.

**Wanted** - a volunteer from the organization to oversee and  
maintain the Eastern Bluebird houses that are scattered at several  
locations throughout the Sanctuary.

All woodland and prairie walking trails were recently monitored  
and work performed **cleaning up downed trees** and tree branches  
that had fallen since last fall. Since a Spring cleaning has been  
accomplished, all TAS members and friends are invited to visit the site  
and become reacquainted with our many feathered friends as well as  
observing the change of seasons."

Contact Larry at 484-2509 or [lrutter@earthlink.net](mailto:lrutter@earthlink.net) if you  
would like to help in any way at the sanctuary!



## KOS SPRING FIELD TRIP

The Kansas Ornithological Society is  
holding its May 4-6 Spring Field Trip in  
Brown, Nemaha, and Doniphan counties in  
northeast Kansas. KOS is also considering  
field trips to Squaw Creek in Missouri and  
Indian Cave State Park in Nebraska and hopes  
that some members of TAS might be  
interested in these fun events.

The Spring Meeting/Field Trip is May  
4-6, 2007, which is closer than it seems!  
Registration and details can be found on the  
KS BIRDS website at: [http://  
www.ksbirds.org/SpringMtg07.htm](http://www.ksbirds.org/SpringMtg07.htm)

Sincerely, Lisa Weeks

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