

## GUIDED FIELD TRIP SELECTIONS

Please indicate choices by marking preferences 1, 2, etc. for each 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. We ask each person attending to be listed on the Guided Field Trip Selection on a separate form.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mark your desired guided field trips. Please indicate order of choices so if trips are already full we can place you in your next preferred choice. Also note that going to the same location on successive days may very well turn up different species due to migration.*

### **FRIDAY EVENING April 27, 2012, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Milford Wetlands and Republican River Bottoms  
\_\_\_\_\_ Kansas Landscape Arboretum Birding

### **SATURDAY MORNING SESSION April 28, 2012, 4:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Guided Prairie Chicken viewing

### **SATURDAY MORNING – April 28, 2012, 6:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Konza Prairie Tour (Limited space)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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 29, 2012**

4:30 to 11:30 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Prairie Chicken and grassland bird viewing (Limited space)

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  
[cotte@ksu.edu](mailto:cotte@ksu.edu)    Vanessa Avara 785-238-3108 (M-F 8 AM – 4 PM)

#### **\*\*\*\*\* LODGING/CAMPING INFORMATION \*\*\*\*\***

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

JUNCTION CITY: [www.junctioncity.org](http://www.junctioncity.org) Or call 800-528-2489

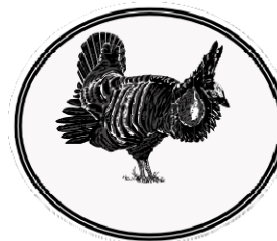
MANHATTAN: [www.VisitManhattanKS.org/hotels](http://www.VisitManhattanKS.org/hotels) Or call 800-759-0134

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.

Acorns Resort, Milford Lake, 785-463-4000, <http://www.acornsresortkansas.com/>



## **KANSAS BIRDING FESTIVAL**

**April 27 – 29, 2012    Wakefield, Kansas**  
**[www.kansasbirdingfestival.com](http://www.kansasbirdingfestival.com)**

*A guided birding and wildlife trip you won't forget! 187 different species of birds have been recorded at the past Kansas Birding Festivals.*

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **Friday – April 27, 2012**

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 Tom's 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 28, 2012**

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 – 2:30 p.m. Greater Prairie-Chickens in Kansas – Dr. Brett Sandercock

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Shorebird Identification – Suzanne Fellows

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Grassland Birds – Eugene Young

7:00 p.m. Banquet – United Methodist Church (included in full registration) Featured speaker: Judd Patterson

#### **Sunday – April 29, 2012**

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, Parks, & Tourism, Kansas, Ornithological Society, Manhattan Convention & Visitors Bureau, Natural Resources – Ft Riley, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Milford Lake

## FEATURED SPEAKERS, GUIDES, AND TOURS

**Judd Patterson** was born in Kansas and began to seriously develop his interest in nature photography while in high school. Judd attended Kansas State University where he completed a Bachelor's in Biology and a Master's in Geography. Judd currently works for the National Park Service with the South Florida/Caribbean Inventory & Monitoring Network. Judd's photography has been used for a variety of regional and national causes including The Nature Conservancy publications, Audubon Magazine, and custom textbooks for Kansas State University. Some of Judd's work can be viewed online at: <http://www.juddpatterson.com/>

**Dr. Brett Sandercock** is Associate Professor of Wildlife Ecology at Kansas State University. He specializes in population ecology of shorebirds, grouse and grassland birds. He is internationally recognized as an authority on shorebirds and grouse.

**Suzanne Fellows** is a wildlife biologist with the Migratory Bird Division, Region 6, US Fish and Wildlife Service. She is a recognized authority on shorebirds and co-authored *A Pocket Guide to Great Plains Shorebirds*.

**Eugene Young** is professor of biology at Northern Oklahoma College. He authored several species accounts in the *Oklahoma Breeding Bird Atlas* and was one of the co-authors of the recently published *Birds of Kansas*.

**Mike Rader** works for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, & Tourism as a wildlife education coordinator. A native of Kansas, Mike is a past president of the Kansas Ornithological Society (KOS) and is active in KOS events. Mike has the distinct honor of having the second highest single year Kansas bird list with 344 species. Mike is well known for his incredible ability to hear and identify bird calls.

**Chuck and Jaye Otte** are well known for their knowledge of birds and leading monthly bird watching field trips. Chuck is president of the Kansas Ornithological Society, and the Kansas Birding Festival planning committee, is the webmaster for KSBIRDS.ORG and maintains the Kansas county checklist project. He is a co-author of *Birds of Kansas* and serves as co-listowner for numerous bird related internet discussion groups including KSBIRD-L.

**TOUR THE KONZA PRAIRIE** with Konza Prairie Biological Station docents. 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 back-roads 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.

## FULL THREE DAY REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ X Full Registration of \$125.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Registrations accepted until April 13, 2012. Registration after that date will be \$150.00. **Registration fee includes: Friday reception, two breakfast meals, 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 4:30 p.m. Adults are \$25.00 and those under 18 are free.

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ X Saturday Afternoon Seminars at \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

### BANQUET ONLY

If you would like to attend the Saturday evening banquet and hear the featured speaker Judd Patterson, the banquet cost is \$25.00 and reservations must be made by April 19, 2012.

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ X banquet fee of \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate if you would like a vegetarian meal \_\_\_\_\_

### NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

You can spend Saturday morning in the field with our banquet speaker Judd Patterson for a nature photography workshop. This is limited to the first 15 people that sign up. **The cost is \$100 and is separate from the Birding Festival registration. You do not have to sign up for the festival to participate in this workshop.**

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ X workshop fee of \$100 = \_\_\_\_\_



Judd Patterson



Greater Prairie-Chicken