

JAS Birdathon 2009 is over but it's not too late to make a donation to the chapter's biggest fundraiser of the year. Donations support local and statewide conservation issues. Print the pledge form that's on the Web site or use the one in your June newsletter and send it with your check to the address given. Additional participating birders besides those mentioned below were Richard Bean, Alice Weis, Pam Grout and Susan Iversen.

A determined group of birders set out on the morning of Saturday, May 2, to raise cash for the Jayhawk Audubon Society. With a noble goal, four birders (Steve Roels, Alice Weis, Lisa Grossman, and Kelly Barth) started out at the Baker Wetlands. From there they moved to Burcham Park, then North Lawrence, Clinton Lake and the Model Flying Field. They lost Lisa and Kelly to a wedding in Kansas City partway through the day (mixed up priorities!), but they still ended with an impressive total, 100 species! The real challenge of course is not collecting the birds, but the pledge money afterwards!

Species seen by team Roels:

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Gadwall
Mallard
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant
American Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Virginia Rail
Sora
American Coot
Killdeer
Lesser Yellowlegs
Willet
Spotted Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Wilson's Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope
Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Forster's Tern
Rock Dove
Morning Dove
Barred Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Phoebe
Great Crested Flycatcher
Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow-throated Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Horned Lark
Purple Martin
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow
Black-capped Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
House Wren
Sedge Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Swainson's Thrush
American Robin
European Starling
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing
Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Northern Parula
Yellow Warbler
Black-and-White Warbler
Prothonotary Warbler
Louisiana Waterthrush
Common Yellowthroat
Summer Tanager
Spotted Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow

Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Dickcissel
Red-winged Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
Common Grackle
Great-tailed Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow

Galen Pittman was out in SW Kansas during JAS Birdathon weekend and saw the following birds in Clark and Ford Counties that were not seen around Lawrence. Some of these 38 species are western and ought to be worth some additional pledge dollars!

American Wigeon
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal
Canvasback
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe
White-faced Ibis
American Avocet
Upland sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Osprey
Mississippi Kite
Swainson Hawk
Peregrine Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant
Northern Bobwhite
Eurasian Collared-Dove
Greater Roadrunner
Barn Owl
Burrowing Owl
Red-naped Sapsucker
Least Flycatcher
Say's Phoebe
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Bank Swallow
Carolina Chickadee
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Black-throated Green Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Vesper Sparrow
Grasshopper Sparrow
Harris's Sparrow
Black-headed Grosbeak

Brewer's Blackbird
Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Pine Siskin