

Severe winter weather struggle for birds

Severe winter weather is not only hard on people but can be a life and death struggle for birds. Though birds require water and shelter, food is often the resource most lacking during cold weather.



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Many different bird food mixes are available as various species often prefer different grains.

However, there is one seed that has more "universal" appeal than any other: black oil sunflower.

Therefore, if you are new to the bird-feeding game, make sure there is a high percentage of this seed in your mix.

White proso millet is second in popularity and is the favorite of

dark-eyed juncos and other sparrows as well as the red-winged blackbird.

As you become more interested in bird feeding, you may want to use more than one feeder to attract specific species of birds.

Following is a list of bird species with the grains they prefer. The letter (P) means the bird can be found in Kansas year round and (W)

means they winter in Kansas. This also means not all will be in the area all the time. Feeds are listed in order of preference.

American Goldfinch (P) - black oil sunflower, Niger thistle, hulled sunflower.

American Tree Sparrow & Harris Sparrow (W) - white proso millet and golden (German) millet, Niger thistle, hulled sunflower, fine cracked corn.

Black-capped Chickadee (P) - black oil sunflower, black striped sunflower, peanut kernels, saf-

flower, suet.

Blue Jay (P) - peanut kernels, black striped sunflower, suet.

Common Grackle (P) - sunflower of any kind, peanut kernels, peanut hearts, fine cracked corn.

Dark-eyed Junco (W) - white proso millet, golden millet, hulled sunflower, Niger thistle, cracked corn.

Downy, Hairy and Red-bellied Woodpecker, Northern Flicker (P) - suet, sunflower.

Evening Grosbeak (W) - black oil sunflower, black striped sunflower, hulled sunflower.

House Finch (P) - Niger thistle, sunflower of any kind, peanut kernels and peanut hearts, white proso

millet, safflower.

House Sparrow (P) - white proso millet and golden millet, sunflower of any kind, peanut hearts, red proso millet, fine cracked corn.

Mourning Dove (P) - Ground feeder - black oil sunflower, white proso millet, red proso millet, golden millet, Niger thistle, other sunflower, peanut hearts, fine cracked corn, safflower.

Purple Finch (W) - black oil sunflower, black striped sunflower, Niger thistle, hulled sunflower.

Red-winged Blackbird (P) - hulled sunflower, white proso millet, golden millet, fine cracked corn.

Extended cold periods can also make water unavailable.

A heated birdbath can be a tremendous draw for birds during times when all other water is frozen. Energy use is usually less than what most people expect if the heater has a built-in thermostat.

If you would like more detailed information, Chuck Otte, K-State Research and Extension Agent in Geary County, has an excellent set of publications called Back Yard Birding Guides <http://gearycountyextension.com/NRMW.htm>. Chuck is my go to person on birds.

country clovers 4-h

The regular monthly meeting of the Country Clover's 4-H Club was held on Monday, Nov. 22, at the Sherman County 4-H Building. The parents of the elected officers ran the meeting.

President Teresa Sieck called the meeting to order. Diane Zelfer led the club in the flag salute and club pledge. Zelfer also led the club in a song of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." Roll call was answered by the members' year of graduation. There were 21 members, two leaders and

12 parents present.

Secretary Rhea Daise read the minutes and they were read and approved. Treasurer Penny Nemecheck gave the treasurer's report and it was received as read. Rhea Daise, reporter, stated that an article was submitted to the newspaper. Council Member Penny Nemecheck reported on the current council meeting. Leaders Glenda Cochran and Diane Zelfer gave the leaders report. Cochran stated that Country Clover's is in charge of the Spring

Show concessions and we are helpers on the Appreciation Barbecue. Cochran also wanted to make sure that the members sign up for talks and demonstrations and the radio talks for February and September. She mentioned about the new record books; everyone will fill out KAP. Cochran is hoping to have a workshop to help all club members work through the KAP's. Diane Zelfer discussed our clubs community service for the year would be with the Good Samaritan Center.

There was no old business. For new business a committee was formed for the community service. The parents include Diane Zelfer and Kris Cowan. Members include Parker Sieck, Garrett Nemecheck, Jarod Lake, Lacie Cowan, Mikail Freeman and Mitch Unger. They were meeting after the meeting to make the arrangements of the community service. It was decided that the Christmas party would be on Sunday, Dec. 12; Nemechecks and Cowans are in charge and they

will send out 4-H reminder cards to notify the members about the arrangements. Country Clovers received a donation from the Glendale Livewires of \$900.

For the program, Amity Ihrig gave a demonstration on "Writing a Thank You Note." Mike Sieck gave a talk on the "Difference between project talk and demonstration." Glenda Cochran gave a health and safety talk on "Food Safety for the Holidays." Jerry Nemecheck led the club in a song of "Turkey on

the Farm." Penny Nemecheck led the group in a fun game of "Duck, Duck, Goose."

The meeting was adjourned by saying the club motto and putting up their chairs.

A soup supper was enjoyed by all before the meeting. The next meeting will be the Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 12, at a location to be determined.

By: Trevor Daise, Reporter

matters of record

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Sherman County register of deeds:

David Brian Wicks and Peggy Anne Wicks, quitclaim to Wicks Farms, LLC, the SE/4 of Sec.36, T6S, R37W and NE/4 of Sec.13, T7S, R37W.

Rusty Fritz and Wendy Fritz to Donald D. Williams, Jr. and Toni I. Williams, Lots 7 and 8 in Block 54, Original Town of Goodland.

Lynn D. Nelson and Cynthia J. Nelson convey and warrant to Frontier Ag, Inc. a tract of land in SW/4 of Sec.22, T8S, R41W.

NW Ventures, LLC to Pillango Investments, LLC, the SW/4 of Sec.36, T6S, R37W; SW/4 of Sec.15, T6S, R37W; N/2 of Sec.25, T6S, R38W; E/2 of Sec.26, T6S, R38W; N/2 of Sec.36, T6S, R38W; SE/4 of Sec.8, T6S, R38W; SW/4 of Sec.9, T6S, R38W; W/2 of Sec.14, T6S, R39W; SE/4 of Sec.15, T6S, R39W; N/2 and SW/4 of Sec.10, T8S, R38W; W/2 of Sec.13, T9S, R39W; NE/4 of Sec.26, T9S, R39W; N/2 and SE/4 of Sec.28, T9S, R38W; W/2 of Sec.36, T10S, R38W; all of Sec.7, T10S, R38W less a tract; SE/4 of Sec.12, T10S, R39W; all of Sec.18, T10S, R38W; N/2 of Sec.20, T10S, R38W; W/2 of Sec.9, T10S, R38W; N/2 of NE/4 of Sec.8, T10S, R38W; SW/4 of Sec.16, T10S, R37W; S/2 of Sec.35, T9S, R38W; all of Sec.1, T10S, R38W; W/2 and NE/4 of Sec.6, T10S, R37W; all of Sec.18, T9S, R38W; S/2 and NW/4 of Sec.7, T9S, R38W; W/2 of Sec.34, T8S, R38W; SW/4 of Sec.28, T8S, R38W; E/2 of NW/4 and NE/4 of Sec.25, T8S, R38W; SW/4 of Sec.22, T8S, R37W; NE/4 of Sec.36, T8S, R42W; NW/4 of Sec.15, T8S, R42W; SW/4 of Sec.33, T7S, R41W.

Jerome Pribil, trustee of the Jerome Pribil Second Amended and Restated Living Revocable Trust dated July 18, 2001, as amended on March 23, 2005 and September 8, 2010, to Gable S Corporation, a Delaware corporation, the SW/4 of Sec.10, T9S, R37W and SE/4 of Sec.10, T9S, R37W; W/2 of Sec.15, T9S, R37W and E/2 of Sec.15, T9S, R37W; S/2 of Sec.16, T9S, R37W; N/2 of Sec.20, T9S, R37W and S/2 of Sec.21, T9S, R37W and S/2 of Sec.21, T9S, R37W; SE/4 of Sec.23, T9S, R37W; SW/4 of Sec.25, T9S,

R37W; N/2 of Sec.26, T9S, R37W and SE/4 of Sec.26, T9S, R37W; S/2 of Sec.27, T9S, R37W, less the SW/4 of SW/4 of Sec.27, T9S, R37W and NW/4 of Sec.27, T9S, R37W; W/2 and NE/4 of Sec.28, T9S, R37W; N/2 of Sec.29, T9S, R37W; N/2 aka Lots 1 and 2 and E/2 of NW/4, and all of NE/4 of Sec.30, T9S, R37W

Charles A. Ihrig to Charles A. Ihrig, Trustee of the Charles A. Ihrig Trust dated April 5, 1977, the NE/4 of Sec.32, T7S, R39W; SW/4 of Sec.11, T8S, R41W; E/2 of NE/4 of Sec.35, T9S, R40W; NE/4 and S/2 of Sec.25, T9S, R40W; NE/4 of Sec.31, T9S, R39W; NW/4 of Sec.34, T7S, R40W; SW/4 of Sec.4, T8S, R39W; W/2 of Sec.18, T9S, R40W; E/2 of E/2 of Sec.20, T7S, R39W; S/2 of Sec.18, T6S, R39W; SW/4 of Sec.9, T9S, R39W; NW/4 of Sec.21, T7S, R39W; N/2 of Sec.29, T9S, R39W.

Goodland Police

The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Nov. 29 - 10:24 a.m., 204 W. 11th, runaway.

Dec. 9 - 4:13 p.m., 1100 Main Ave., arrested Omar Salazar on a warrant.

District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court.

November 19: Adonis Reyes-Hernandez, motor carrier safety rules and regulations, \$208.50.

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This wonderful new musical show by Kevin M. Reese will chronicle the evolution of Kansas from

its earliest history, through the eyes and words of some of its more famous (and infamous) participants. Throughout history, the fine state of Kansas has been blessed with movers and shakers who have often been unmovable in their determination and unshakable in their courage. Also, because of the global nature of our society, we will highlight some

of the Kansas people and events that have gone on to make an impact on our country and our world.

The Wichita Children's Theatre Professional Touring Company performs from September through February in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. The company is professional in every facet, complete with

storybook sets, costumes, and props appropriate for each production.

The show will also be at 8:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) at Atwood Elementary School and 1 p.m. (Mountain Time) at Colby Elementary and Middle School on Thursday. At 8:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) at Brewster Schools they will perform at the Brewster Schools.

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Dr. Ashworth has held positions in cardiothoracic and vascular surgery at hospitals in Indiana and Kansas. She is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the Society of Thoracic Surgery and Women in Thoracic Surgery. She is widely published in medical journals and health-related publications.

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