



2023 BIRDATHON REPORT

May 2023

Dear Friend,

The 38th annual Northern Flint Hills Audubon Society Birdathon, April 22-23, was the effort of seven teams who searched in an area generally centered on Manhattan. The next page, Spring 2023 Birdathon Report details that area. The members of our seven teams who reported their species to me are shown at the bottom of Page 2 of Spring 2023 Birdathon Report. This 2-page report is my effort to continue the more than 20-year effort to show the species found, 106 this year, identified by the **RED "3"** in the **'23 column**, and to provide a way to see how often each species has been found.

Unusual species found this year are shown on the enclosed page, **Best Birds of 2023**. The Fish crows continue to be found for the fourth consecutive year and they are now spread out rather widely in the area. Other best finds were a Water pipit, first timer, and four others found only five or fewer times in the past 20 years. Our biggest misses are listed on that same page. Considering the weather, chilly and generally windy, and other personal limitations, I am thrilled with our results. I was hoping to exceed one hundred.

I always enjoy working on this Birdathon because I like the challenge and making this detailed report helps me be even more aware of our local birds. Too, I hope you find this report interesting & informative.

Yes, this report is a request for your financial support for the Northern Flint Hills Chapter of the Audubon Society. This effort is our primary fund-raising activity. Last year over sixty contributors generously donated almost \$4,000 that the chapter put to effective use to support our efforts in the area.

I am again asking for your support for my team and/or any of the others who made this effort a success by completing the form on the next page and sending it along with your check or cash to me, Jim Koelliker, at 3500 Mintons Lndg, Manhattan, KS 66503.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

[illegible]



**Fish Crow – 4th time found,
but they are now here often.**



Water Pipit – 1st time found



Snowy Egret – 4th time found

Best Birds of 2023

Biggest misses this year: American white pelican, Ruddy duck, Spotted sandpiper, Warbling vireo, Orange-crowned warbler, plus Eastern and western kingbirds.



American Avocet – 4th time found



Pileated Woodpecker – 5th time found



White-faced Ibis – 3rd time found

- - - - -RETURN THIS PAGE ALONG WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION- - - - -

Please print your information

Name_____

Remember: A contribution of \$20.00 or more provides you a year's access to *The Prairie Falcon*!

Address_____

____ Yes, I/ we want *The Prairie Falcon* newsletter

____ Yes, send me a link to the electronic full-color issue at my E-mail address:

I/ we are contributing

____ 0.20 (\$21.20); ____ 0.25 (\$26.50);

____ 0.50 (\$53.00); ____ other (\$_____)

Make your check payable to the
NFHAS and mail it to me,
along with this page to

Jim Koelliker, 3500 Mintons Lndg, Manhattan, KS 66503

Your contribution is tax deductible
to the full extent of the law.

785-776-4915 koellik@sbcglobal.net