Main class topic: Birds of Kansas

Facts:
- More than 450 documented species
- Kansas has many diverse habitats: fields, riparian, cities, yards, lakes, meadows.
- Birds are protected by federal and state legislation.
- Organizations exist to study and enjoy birds.

Key terms/laws:
- Habitat
- Migratory
- Endangered Species Act
- Migratory Bird Act
- Lacey Act
- Weaks-McLean Law

Class questions:
- Are all wild birds protected by MBA? No, it doesn’t include introduced non-game species such as House Sparrow, European Starling and Rock Pigeon.
- Is it okay to pick up feathers or old nests? No, these are considered parts of birds, which are protected under MBA?
- Is hunting a good way to manage waterfowl and gamebird species? Yes, it is actually a necessary tool, especially with Snow Geese.

Summary: More than 450 bird species have been found in Kansas. All except three are protected by federal and state laws. They live in a variety of habitats.