

## **2026 KANSAS BIG YEAR RECORDING RULES**

Participants who submit their list totals to the program coordinator for the Kansas Birding Big Year for consideration must observe the following Recording Rules:

- (1) The bird must be observed within the boundaries of Kansas and in the corresponding time-period: January 1 – December 31, 2026, when seen.
- (2) The bird must be a species currently accepted by the Kansas Bird Records Committee (KBRC) of the Kansas Ornithological Society for lists within the state, or if a new species for Kansas is recorded, it must pass the KBRC standards and be accepted on the official Kansas Bird Checklist
- (3) The bird must be alive, wild, and unrestrained when encountered.
- (4) Diagnostic field-marks for the bird, sufficient to identify to species, must be seen and/or heard and/or documented by the recorder at the time of the encounter.
- (5) The bird must have been encountered under conditions that conform to the ABA Code of Birding Ethics. See separate attachment