

roosting in trees of a 1/2 acre grove just w of the Drake residence, and n of our trailer. They came in from all directions at about sundown and are noisy until late twilight. Frequently they shift as a group during the night. In the morning the ground is covered with excrement at 2 or 3 inches intervals.

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

March 24, 1948

Left at 5:00 P.M. this date for Mena, Arkansas for collecting vertebrates for tularemia project. Cliff Hopla accompanied. Made the following observations enroute. Red winged blackbirds, ♂, on territories. Grackles dominant birds, one flock of approx. 2,000 birds at Martin City. At Belton noted 8 *Sylvilagus* around one brush pile in old wheat field. Also at Belton noted an *Asio flammeus*. Stopped at Noel.

Noel, Missouri

March 25, 1948

Left Noel at sunrise. 4 crows, redwing in area. Old timer informed me that there have never been gophers in the area. At Gavette saw 1 starling, crow, bluebird, meadowlark, mockingbird, redwing blackbirds. At Bentonville collected a *Sylvilagus floridana* (1-3-25-48). noted one about 1 hundred yards away. No rabbit road kills so far. One ~~skunk~~ *Sciurus* tiger ran across the road. noted robin at Bentonville. At mounds 2 mi. S of Bentonville noted yellow-shafted flicker, *Passer domesticus*, flock of grackles, mockingbird, red-wing blackbird and meadowlarks. At Roger noted robins, starling, meadowlarks, Eng. sparrows, red winged blackbirds, crow. At Sprungdale *Sylvilagus* in road (rd kill), opossum, meadowlark, mockingbird, Eng. sparrows, red winged blackbirds, Crows. Entering Boston mts, few birds including yellow-shafted flicker. Apricot in blossom at Mt. Burg and Forsyth. At Forsyth noted meadowlarks, cardinal, shrike, crow, flicker, grackles. At Van Buren the willow leaves are green along Arkansas River. at Ft. Smith noted grackles, Eng. sparrows, meadowlarks, opossum, *Sylvilagus*, crow large hawk (like red-tail) and is the first hawk noted since leaving Lawrence, 200 rusty blackbirds, 2nd red-tail like hawk. 10 miles S of first one noted above. at Huntington noted a blue jay, crow, bluebirds. at Waldron, 5 crows, mourning dove