

Feb 28, 1950

At approx. 3:30 P.M. three flocks of Snow and Blue Geese flew over the museum. The groups consisted of approx. 86, 92, and 70, and were evenly spaced at about 3 minute intervals. They flew directly north across the Kaw River and valley without pausing to investigate their usual resting grounds near Lakeview. These groups performed in a manner that I have never witnessed before. They would frequently break lines into secondary groups but always reform into long continuous ones again. It would appear that the high winds were breaking up their usual formation and all energy was exerted to keep together. The line would whirl up and down and around like a snake body with the head held secure. One was impressed with the fact that certainly a leader had no control over the groups. All three groups reacted in the same way so it was not an individual group reaction. Another group of about 80 birds was observed to the east and flying in a more westerly direction. All flocks about 200 feet above the hill crest! From reports over 10,000 snows and blues in the river bordering fields near Lakeview, N.W. of Lawrence, Sunday, Feb. 26, 1950. The ducks are mainly mallards and Pintails.

3 1/2 mile N. and 2 1/2 miles west of P.O., Lawrence, Douglas County
Kansas

Mar 2, 1950

Approx 12,000 snow and blue geese in river and adjoining fields. Not restless as generally found later in the seasonal migration. 40 Canadian Geese and 2 white fronted Geese. Mallards and pintails common with about 5-8,000 pintails. Lesser scaup, redheads, Canvas backs, Bluewing teal, 1 Shoveller, Widgeon, Baldpate, Am. Merganser present. Canadian Geese not as restless of Snows or Blue Geese.

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March 6, 1950

R. N. Fredrickson of museum reports 800 Blues and snow geese this A.M. at 4 3/4 miles N. and 3 mi. W. P.O., Lawrence. They were restless and loathe to return to the ground when disturbed. 80 Canadian Geese in same area. Also 2 white fronted Geese. Ducks present but in fewer numbers. Am. mergansers in Lakeview Lake. This P.M. at sundown checked the river at above captioned locality and did not see or hear the geese or ducks. About 200 ducks in Lakeview Lake. Redwings establishing their territories