

Its movements would definitely suggest an animal on a long range movement and in a definite direction. It was first observed by Annette near the pile of fence posts where it was running and walking from tree to tree. It jumped twice in front of the trailer and not over 15' away. It continued thru the slim trees both running and crawling according to the degree of open exposure. It was checked at fence line where it cautiously followed along and then reversed course as indicated. Across the clearing beyond it ran to orange orange fence row. It was last observed continuing east along the south bordering fence line. From an acquaintance of the conditions at trailer would say that it would not receive sanctuary at any point to the north along the general line of its travel between 600 west and east beyond the Haskell Exhibition some 1 mile beyond. To have arrived at the trailer it would have had to travel at least 3 blocks across fields and along fence lines from any point to the south that could be considered a point where it could have lived. In general it was at least 3 blocks away from likely snarrel dening and was going purposefully in a straight direction that would have been formidable for at least a mile. Is it possible that the high winds could have "blown" it off its course by confusing or destroying all evidence of trail odors or is it likely that it is a normal spring local form of migration. It was traveling at 90° degrees to the movement of the wind.

307 W. 23rd St., Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

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Grackles still in small groups and without signs of establishing territories as yet. They are commonly found congregating at 1/2 mi east and 4 1/2 mi. S P.O. Lawrence, in the evening where they remain during the night. In this area is an impenetrable 4 or 5 acres of thorny orange orange bushes and now high enough to give them safe roosting protection. The development of this area might have been the reason for the change of roosting in trees at the above address. (trailer woods).

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The night watchman for the university reports two Great Horned Owls, one from Snow Hall and one some 200 feet away at Strong Building. They were observed and heard late 24 March 1950 and were calling back and forth between these two buildings. They could be heard from the museum some 1/4 mile away.