

part of the frog. The back of the frog was ^{bleeding.} ^{the snake} was completely submerged in the water. After returning to the lodge I was informed by the proprietor that the water moccasin was common in the lake at on the west side some fishermen would not use a particular section of the rocky shore line because of the great numbers of these snakes. It is extremely unlikely that the water moccasin Agkistrodon piscivorus would be found here and I presume that they are unduly being frightened by one of the Natrix. The owner of the lodge says the rattlesnakes are generally found to the west of this area. His dog was apparently bitten by a poisonous snake and he thought it was one of these water moccasins. Probably a Crataceus was actually the snake responsible. or possibly the copperhead Agkistrodon contortrix, however, I doubt whether even this snake is in the area. He claims that every morning his dog follows along the lake in the water about a foot from the bank and catches the water moccasin. He says his dog developed immunity after his first serious bite. This Chow dog of his killed a ^{young} Canis latrans about 200' from his lodge. He says lake always clear. no trash fish. Pelican, Canada geese, sandhill crane have been seen in area. Enroute to trapping lines this morning observed a Canis latrans on main highway 1 mile east of Lake Wabaunsee. It was in creek bed which was surrounded by high grass. It remained while car stopped but ran after about 30 seconds. Birds in area at lake were:

Fulica americana 150
Larus franklini 31
Anas discors 3
Sturnella magna. numerous. (typical eastern call)
Anas acuta tygichia. 3

was rather disappointed in the duck representation in both numbers and species. According to the proprietor a flock of red-head ducks were there two days ago but left the same day. did not have the opportunity to check on smaller bird life. Left the lake at 8:30 A.M. Arnette, Jay, Chris, Mil, Cully and myself made the trip Coburn at \$4.00 ^{double bed} or 3 double beds in one cabin for \$6.00. Accommodation can be made for any month of the year.

Lakeview, Douglas Co., Kansas

Oct 8, 1950

Mr and Mrs Bert Chearning reports 5 Recurvirostra americana at Lakeview for Oct 7, 1950 (Report given by W. B. Fordoff.)