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Received 2 live ♀ Dicrostonyx groenlandicus subarcticus from Dr. Robert Kausch of the Public Health Center of Anchorage. These animals were taken at Point Barrow or Anaktuvuk Pass. These animals arrived in good condition and are now housed in animal house and fed on lettuce, carrots, prepared food and fresh dandelions. Dry grass used for nesting material. Still in summer pelage. Did not eat prepared food.

March 8, 1953

Approximately 250 blue and snow geese flew high N over campus at about 3:00 P.M. They were flying in 3 wedge formations < < < and in consistent order as if they had become adjusted to their formation from long flight in the air. They called almost continually. Approx. 10% were snow and the rest were blues. More frequently than not, the snows were found in 2 or 3 but many were singles and randomly placed among blues.

March 9, 1953

Heard flock of geese (blues and snows) fly N over Mus. Nat. Hist. at Univ. of Kansas about 8:00 P.M. They were low and called continuously, moreso as they passed over the campus of lighted street lamps.

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March 11, 1953

Measured and weighed the 2 Dicrostonyx (see notes Feb. 19, 1953 as follows:

♀ length approx. 118 mm; weight 43.1 gms. (530828-1)

♀ length approx. 114 mm; weight 38.1 gms. (530⁵⁰⁶~~828~~-1)

These two animals still retain their summer molt and lack the secondary thumb. Their health is good and no signs of nervousness in evidence. Diet to date predominantly fresh lettuce, secondarily carrots, leaves of carrots. Occasionally fresh dandelions tops, radish tops and green grass are fed to them which they eat with great gusto! Their containers of approx. 12x9x6 inches are plastic with perforated metal top.