

April 3, 1953

Examined Dicrostonyx (ex. no. 53011-1) as follows: no 530828-1 weighed 46.0; 530506-1, 45.0 gms. In no 530506-1 + 530828-1 the last area to molt are pure white, the older white molt is turning to a grey. The second white spot on back of 530828-1 is moving backwards rapidly. Took several photos in color. Nos. 530403-1 to 530403-3 of both the animals showing development of molt.

April 5, 1953

Weight of 2 Dicrostonyx are: no. 530828-1, 47.2; 530506-1, 44.4.

April 6, 1953

First purple martin observed in Lawrence this season. The Dicrostonyx no. 530506-1 and 530828-1 with molt slightly progressive. No 530506-1 greying in old area.

April 7, 1953

Dicrostonyx weights (ex. no. 53011-1) are: 530828-1, 48.4; 530506-1, 45.8.

Kaw River, 1 mi. N and 1/2 mi. W Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

April 12, 1953

Observed 106 American white pelicans resting on sandy shore 20 feet from river. When alerted they flew up river just above water level. 6 black crown night herons were associated. As pelican rose on their feet and started to walk, the heron got out of their way by walking to the side. If the pelicans had not been there, the herons would have never placed themselves in such an exposed position. Purple martins and chimney swifts flew over river in good numbers. Redheads, canvas back, lesser scaup, pied billed grebe, blue-winged teal, shoveller, ruddy duck, lesser and greater yellow-legs, pectoral sandpiper, crow and red-tail in area.

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April 13, 1953

Weighted Dicrostonyx (ex. no. 530311-1) as: no. 530828-1, 148.2 gms; 530506-1, 145.9 gms. No 530506-1 with whitish hair in last molt area. In no. 530828-1 the area back of ears which was first to show changes in molt is now going through a second pro-