

Robins with nests nearly complete. Mourning doves with eggs and calling.

Douglas County, Lawrence, Kansas  
April 26, 1954

Departed for Provo at 3:00 P.M. Arrived Russell via Highway 18 at about 8:00 P.M. Departed Russell April 27 at 6:30 A.M. Arrived Grand Junction via highway 40 to Empire in Colorado, thence over Loveland Pass to Siltman, thence highway 24 to Grand Junction. Departed Grand Junction April 28 at 7:00 A.M. and arrived Provo at 1:00 P.M. via highway 50. Remained in Provo with mother and dad and departed for Lawrence, Kansas, May 2 at 7:00 A.M. Arrived Colorado Springs via highway 50 to Grand Junction, thence 24 to Colorado Springs arriving at about 8:30 P.M. Departed Colorado Springs, May 3 and arrived Lawrence at 8:00 P.M. via highway 24 to Bogue, thence 18 to Topeka and thence to Lawrence. Mileage 1131 from Topeka to Provo and 1131 from Provo to Topeka, although each way was slightly varied. Approximately 3,000 Franklin Gulls between Lucas and Luray and definitely a concentration as only one other group of 14 were seen between Lucas and Topeka on May 3.

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An Archelochus colubris flew into window of Law Building. This specimen (540507-1) prepared as a museum mount.

May 11, 1954

A male Vermivora r. ruficapilla (540511-1) flew into glass of Law Building (see Aug. 5, 1953 for complete listing of birds). Largest egg 1.3 mm. ♀ = ovary.

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Yesterday evening about 1/2 hour before sundown, watched a blue jay sitting motionless 1 1/2 feet from a mourning dove on its nest of 1 egg. I approached to within 3 feet of nest before dove left but the jay remained for 20 seconds and then moved 2 feet away where it remained for at least 1 minute before flying away. The observations were made within 3 feet of bird at all times. Just before it left, it lowered its head and