

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

October 2, 1956

The Chaetura pelagica are in area and their numbers have been constant the last few weeks. I will attempt to find out when these birds leave on their migration to the south.

Oct. 6, 1956

Chaetura pelagica still in area. Most of the time they are flying low over trees but yesterday were flying high but remaining in area. Weather last week dry but cool.

Oct 7, 1956

Chaetura pelagica active at 9:00 A.M. at museum of Natural History.

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Chaetura pelagica active at 7:00 A.M. at museum of natural history at Univ. Kansas. Weather getting slightly cooler. Swifts observed all day and late into the evening to nearly twilight. Numbers as usual.

Oct 9, 1956

This is the ^{in last 2 weeks} first morning, 6:20 A.M., that I have not seen swifts in the air. I believe that the local population of swifts at the museum of natural history and at 1233 Ohio Street in Lawrence (our home address) have pulled out of the country. This departure is correlated with the drop in temperature of last night and the decrease of flying insects. This evening at 5:00 P.M. I observed 6 swifts together flying about 100 feet above the buildings on the campus. They did not appear to be migrating but remained in the same general area. No other swifts were observed in the air.

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Oct. 10, 1956

no swifts in area today. It is evident that they have left the Lawrence area, at least the great numbers of local population normally seen in the regular summer and autumn months. It is expected that a few will be seen but the mass exodus was the night between twilight of the 8th and 6:20 A.M. on the 9th of December.