

5 1/2 mi. w Lawrence (P.O), Douglas Co., Kansas

Dec 22, 1960

On highway 10 noted one large flock of starling, approx. 800 birds, flying in a flock formation (trailing birds for about 1 block) wheeled and alighted in several groups in environs of a farm yard. One group of about 150 birds fled in a small bush of berries, one group of about 300 alighted on the top of a large tree and others alighted on the ground. This is the largest flock of these birds I have ever seen and from what I could see, they were all starling. Except for 3 crows we did not see any other kind of bird between Lawrence & Topeka in the outskirt regions.

Vicinity of Lakeview, Douglas Co., Kansas

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Checked birds along Kaw River at Lakeview and west up river to near LeCompton. Observations in A.M. Day cold (approx 36°F), sky with overcast except blue horizon to N and slight breeze. Birds observed: (Red squirrels unusually numerous)

- Buteo jamaicensis 7
- Buteo harrisi 1

- Spizella arborea, groups of 7-18-2-1
- Spinus tristis 1 with group of pine siskin
- Spinus pinus 15 in one group along edge of Kaw in weeds.
- Centurus carolinus 5 individuals
- Colaptes auratus 7, one group of 8 which is an unusual aggregation
- Dendrocopus villosus 6 individuals.

- Dendrocopus pubescens 4 individuals
- Junco hyemalis groups of 2-8-6-12-2
- Richmondia cardinalis groups of 2-2-2-1-1-2-1

Sturnus vulgaris. several small group far removed from farm houses. One group of approx. 500 about 2 mi. west of Lawrence. I have never seen such large flocks of starling or so numerous.

- Corvus brachyrhynchos. 1 group 8, several singles and groups of 2
- Sialia sialia 1
- Parus atricapillus small groups. even when they left and flew to tree they did not inspect their feet.
- Cyanocitta cristata 2
- Mimus polyglottos 1
- Melospiza melodia 2
- Turdus migratorius 6
- Lanius ludovicianus

Aythya affinis 1 in Kaw. It come from south overland and alighted in river. When leaving flew N out of river course.