

Univ. Kansas, Douglas Co., Kansas

April 9, 1961

Examination of birds, cedar waxwing at juniper tree at Snow Hall on Campus at 9:00 A.M. and at 1:00 P.M. revealed 2 birds only. Low in A.M. held Temp about 38°F

April 10, 1961

Fog then clear ^{temp about 45°F.} this A.M. At 9:00 A.M. approx. 150 birds in area and feeding in lower branches of trees and on ground. They remained at least until noon. The large flocks of cedar waxwings are not on the Campus today. Seeds under the trees were consumed either yesterday afternoon or before 9:00 A.M. today. The number of seeds per 1/16 sq meter under the four juniper trees is (see notes April 6):

a tree = 4 or total of 2040 seeds

b tree = 12 (mainly under low branches almost touching ground) or total of 6120 seeds

c tree = 3 or total of 1290 seeds

d tree = 5 or total of 2950 seeds.

A total of 12400 seeds this day as compared to 763360 seeds of April 6, 1961.

It was noted that the birds fed first on top of tree, then progressively lower and finally on ground. The birds conditioned themselves to noises and passersby.

and 7/10 mi. E

3 1/2 mi. S Lawrence (P.O.), Douglas Co., Kansas

April 11

Collected three birds from asoge-orange grove:

610411-1 ♀ Cowbird 188 mm T.L; 40 gms wt; ovary 8x4 mm.

610411-2 ♂ " 207 " " ; 57 gms wt; L. testis 3.2 mm, R. 2 mm

610411-3 ♂ Bronze grackle 310 mm T.L; 138 gms; R.T. 4x3.2; L.T. 4.2x3

These birds were taken from a flock of approx. 8,000 birds, consisting mainly of Bronze grackles & cowbirds.

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April 12, 1961

Since the rains of last week end, the cedar waxwings have disappeared from the Campus except the usual flock of 100-200 birds. These birds are distributed at various places on the Campus. At Snow Hall there were 18 feeding on the juniper in front of the building. They are gleaming the berries from the trees; berries which were not eaten by the large flocks of last week. One area of concentration is at the Chancellor residence where a flock of about 30 birds have been feeding on the seeds of the introduced tree japonicus