

at about sundown or before. This evening with pending storms, they flew by at about 10 minutes before late twilight when distant objects were becoming indistinct. Their flight was entirely different than those of the previous week in that it was fast and direct and very little calling by the birds. I do not know where these birds roost at night but I have seen large flock flying NW over Hillcrest area and continuing out of sight, presumably the same group of birds that have been passing over the city at 1620 Tennessee Street.

The cedar waxwings are still on the campus but in the last five days have been feeding at other places than at Snow Hall. I would estimate their numbers have decreased from 150 or last week to about 60 today.

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

April 22, 1961

Jefferson Brabler measured a new boa, ^{constructor constructor} which he purchased (\$9.00) from Snake Farm, P.O. Box 96, La Place, Louisiana; length 980 mm; wt in gms. 425 or 15 ounces.

Wakarusa River, Douglas Co., Kansas

April 23, 1961

James R. and I made canoe trip down Wakarusa River from Louisiana St. Bridge south of Lawrence, to the Eudora Bridge ^(from S.) on Highway 40. Left 10:50, arrived 2:35 P.M. Day windy, enough to blow dust in clouds across plowed fields; temp in 80°F and sky with high clouds. Water in river about 6 feet higher than normal summer level. The water was result of recent rains and had dropped about 1 foot from its high level. No obstacles enroute except one log jam. Time and distances covered between major land mark are indicated on accompanying drawing. Total distance 12.3 miles, covered by current and enough paddling to keep canoe in proper orientation, 3 hrs and 45 minutes or ^{or 3.6 miles per hour, excluding 2 pts.} 3.8 miles per hour. The current was actually too fast for proper navigation and leisure observation. Wind on parts of river strong enough to keep canoe from floating down river with current. Made the following observations:

Blue wing teal. One individual, injured. Shot for record. It measured 380 mm in length and weighed 1 lb. The ovary measured 18 mm x 10 mm x 5 (depth) mm. The visible eggs from above were 30, the largest 3.5 mm in diameter. When it left the edge of river it swam down river.

