

Sightman's Crossing which is approx. 6/10 mi. W of the mouth of Spring Creek (Tanganyic sandstone of the Stronger Formation of Pennsylvanian Age) turned canoe over to son James and his friend Robert Pierson. They continued to Bridge N of Eudora arriving 7:00 P.M. They noted 2 beaver, small flock of ducks, probably blue winged teal, 1 great blue heron and other small birds and squirrels.


Wakarusa River (From Blue Mounds Bridge to Sightman's Crossing). Douglas Co., Kansas.
Oct. 28, 1962

Usual birds and mammals observed on route. No spotted sandpipers on this date.

Wakarusa River - Kaw River, Douglas and Leavenworth Co., Kansas.

Nov. 3, 1962

James Labut Bee and I made trip (canoe) on Wakarusa River from Blue Mounds Bridge to Kaw River. Left 12:00 A.M. Between Blue Mounds Bridge to Sightman's Crossing (next bridge down river from Blue Mounds Bridge) noted approx. 25 squirrels, 40 red-bellied woodpeckers, 6 *Rana pipiens* (jumped into water from bank), 8 great horned owls, 5 red-tailed hawks, muskrats and the usual small birds. Arrived Sightman's Crossing at 2:00 P.M. From this bridge to bridge N of Eudora did not keep complete river. Arrived bridge N of Eudora at 4:17 P.M. At a point on Wakarusa River 5/10 mi W and 3/10 mi. N Eudora (P.O.), Douglas Co., Kansas, son James Labut shot two wood ducks:

621103-1 ♂ wood duck, 440 mm t.L., 660 gms weight, testes 

621103-2 ♀ wood duck, 430 mm t.L., 620 gms weight, ovary 

The two ducks were resting on a limb of a submerged log in river.

Continued down Wakarusa arriving at mouth at 4:45 P.M. One active beaver at mouth on left side of river. Vegetation along river after leaving bridge N of Eudora predominately willow in contrast to vegetation along Wakarusa upstream. Harris sparrows in area; no spotted sandpipers.