

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

Nov. 4, 1962

Son James Robert shot 1 mallard, ♀, east of town. It measured 485 mm t.l., 940 gms wt.

4 mi. S Lawrence, <sup>(P.O.)</sup> Douglas Co., Kansas

Nov 5, 1962

Noted 1 Wilson Snipe. Last night 28° F. This A.M. at 8:00 A.M. leaving falling like rain; the first of this kind of activity this autumn.

Wakarusa River - Kaw River (from Blue Mounds Bridge, Douglas County to De Soto), Kansas.

Nov. 10, 1962

Son James Robert and I made canoe trip down Wakarusa to mouth, thence down Kaw River to De Soto. Left at 8:45 A.M. from Blue Mounds Bridge. Made few observations of special interest. At 9:15 twenty mourning doves in one group in vegetation bordering the river. Arrived Slightman's Crossing at 8:50 A.M. having used paddle moderately but all the way. Enroute noted 6 great horned owls, 21 red squirrels, 2 red tailed hawks, 1 killdeer, blue jays unusually common and calling about every block or so, large flock of starling, no frogs, beaver or muskrats, no crabs. There were the usual small birds. Arrived Cliffs (about 300 feet down creek from Little Wakarusa Creek) at 10:35. One great blue heron here. 10:40 flocks 20 robins and several yellow-shafted flickers together. 10:55 Cliff (nest beyond above and beginning of last long stretch to bridge (Highway 10). 11:05 Highway 10 bridge, no owls since Slightman's Crossing. 11:30 bridge N Eudora. 11:55 Mouth of Wakarusa River. A great horned owl was noted at exactly the same spot as noted on a previous trip. It flew down creek and alighted in same tree. At mouth of creek noted 1 spotted sandpiper and 1 kingfisher. Continued down Kaw River. Beyond the first bend to east at a point 9/10 mi. E and 1 7/10 mi. N Eudora (P.O.), Douglas Co., James Robert shot a lesser scaup duck. It measured:

621110-1 ♀ lesser scaup, 385 mm t.l., 700 gms wt. ovary .

Ten shorelarks also left the river at this same point.

At 1:30 at N end of bend (under utility lines). At 2:10 at S end of next bend at train arch (bridge). Arrived De Soto at 5:00 P.M. Crows arriving to sandbars at about 4:45 P.M.