

Rock Creek Trip, Douglas Co., Kansas.
April 7, 1963

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Will start at bridge in SW corner sec 7, R13E T19S and follow east side Rock Creek valley to bridge on Rock Creek S of Clinton. Complete census from S end proposed dam to start of trip. Will follow main road. At S end dam, 1:05 P.M. at 26.2 mileage. 28.1 meadowlark; 28.5 meadowlark; 29.6 meadowlark. Clinton 30.0; wind about 25 miles per hour; 32.6 1 meadowlark; 33.3 meadowlark; 34.2 1 meadowlark; 36.2 cardinal; 36.6 meadowlark; 36.9 start of bridge. Census not as complete as desired because of speed & following map. Arrived 1:20 P.M. 2 Cardinals; 2 crows; new slinging nettle about 1 foot high. phoebe; 1 red bellied 1:28 2 chickadees. Photo 630407-101 sycamore trees falling into gulch; 1:35 2 H. owl; 2 chickadees, 1 titmouse; 2 bluejays; 1 phoebe, 1 bluebird, 1 red bellied. 1:38 3 starling at nesting holes; 2 chickadees; 1 cardinal; 1:43 2 chickadees, 1 red bellied, 1 cardinal. 1:50 chickadee, 1 fox sp; 1:52 bend directly S Rock Creek Cemetery; 1:55 high cliffs. 1 titmouse; 2:00 cliffs just beyond curved of river; 2 chickadees; Photo 630407-102 of east group of cliffs; 2 chickadees, 4 juncos; violets out; 2:03 permanent pond in river bed, cattails etc; 2:05 road crosses river; 2:18 mouth creek from major drainage to S. Good oaks in field east of farm house 2/10 mi. SW. 2:20 2 chickadees, 1 titmouse, 1 cardinal. 2:25 cardinal, 1 red bellied, 1 chickadee, 2:30 bridge. Last 2/10 - 3/10 mile from here back to drainage (2:18) some microtus actively but sparse, tree grown too high. From bridge to old house 2/10 NE good micro oaks on slope S of E.W. road. 2:42 Photo 630407-103 of pioneer house; 2 cardinals, 1 chickadee. Well at house with H₂O. 2:47 drainage east of house, 1 red bell, 1 junco, 1 chickadee, 3 crows; 2:53 east

of canyon. 2 cardinals, 1 hairy; 2:57 1 chickadee; 2 cardinals; 1 cottontail 3:00 2 titmouse, 1 chickadee, 1 fox squirrel; 1 jay; 3:07 2 cardinals, 4 juncos; 3:10 1 red-tail calling overhead, likely nesting site in trees; 2 cardinals, 1 chickadee. 3:15 crow from nest, 1 red bellied, 1 downy 1 chickadee. 3:18 2 juncos, 2 cardinals; 3:20 ♂ & ♀ cardinal; 1 red tail hawk; 3:23 point of ridge, view NE. Entire slope since last major drainage with grasses especially upper 100 feet of hill. All in climax deciduous and wherever favorable grasses there are runway. This area should be thinned. 3:25 2 turkey vulture soil by along top of ridge. 3:36 from top of hill at point took photo 630407-104 to W. Most of trees at top of hill seem to be dead. At was here I saw the 2 vultures. 3:45 Photo 630407-105 of fungus on stump. 3:46 2 cardinals; 3:48 squirrel 2, 1 red bellied, 1 cardinal; 3:50 end of deciduous sidehill, now 90% cut. 2 cardinals, 1 junco, 2 cardinals flew by, 1. 3:51 gnat catcher, 2 chickadees, 1 cardinal; 2 sparrows; 3:58 photo 630407-106 of Rock Creek about 2/10 mi. W of house on N side. 4:00 S of house on N side two all hillside just covered is good for m. oaks but dry & spotty; red bellied. 2 bluebirds. 4:05 mouth creek to S. Rana pipiens all along river & they jump into water when passing, titmouse, red bellied, cardinal. 4:08 good m. oaks up canyon, 2 cardinals, 1 red bellied. 4:10 forks of canyon, now return. Old runway in pond now drained, cattail & bork weed in pond now; 4:17 Mt cony in from S; yellow warbler like call; 2 cardinals; 4:18 cardinal. 3 sparrows; 4:20 2 cardinals; 4:22 muskrat in river, 2 red tail hawks soar above. 4:25 good m. oaks grasses since 4:17; 2 cardinal; 2 crows, 1 flicker. 4:32 now open field, 1 red tail flew from trees to S. 4:26 3 cardinals; 1 junco. 4:37 beginning of good m. oaks trails; 3 bluebirds. Trails look old & dry but continuous.