

2 17/20 mi. E and 4/10 mi. S Clinton (center of town), Douglas Co., Kansas

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This afternoon made survey of valley - sidehill contact between a point 1 3/10 mi E and 1 2/10 mi. S Clinton. and the above locality where traps were set.



This area is characterized by broad flood-plains covered with deciduous trees, especially those associated with river bottoms. The lowlands is poorly drained and damp soils prevail but in no case did I see evidence of permanent springs or bogs. The trees + shade keep the sedge from developing into useable community for *Microtus ochrogaster* or *Synaptomys* - some *Pitymys* may inhabit the area. Many of the trees are of second growth but approaching climax. Solitude and quiet prevail and birds are uncommon. Trail used for horse riding have been developed by Mr Collins. This area would be good for census of birds + mammals as it represents the best development of valley floor forests. At locality above set 100 traps as indicated. The damp soils are outlined in red. Traps in grasses where soils were unprofitable for cultivation or grazing; in an area neglected and grown to grasses + weeds. Mr. Whitaker, the owner, told me that the dam (S end) will be placed about 80 feet west of his house. This new site changes all previous records which list the S end of dam at a point 9/10 mi. NE of the actual dam site. Returned same way to car. Enroute at twilight noted 3 cottontail rabbits (2 together), 3 turkey vultures roosting in tops of high sycamore trees, 1 red-headed woodpecker, 1 great horned owl at mouth of canyon east of car. Cardinals found it difficult to leave bushes + trees when disturbed (late twilight). Other birds noted but not recorded.