

Univ of Kansas, Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

May 20, 1963

At approx 10:30 A.M noted a blue jay take a young mourning dove from nest and after attempting to fly with the bird in its bill, dropped it to the cement road below. In a few seconds the skin of head of young bird was pulled over skull and 4 puncture wounds made in skull. On two attempts, the jay was able to move the bird to linear feet, each attempt lifting the bird approx. 1 1/2 feet in the air. An examination of the bird found it to be warm and slight signs of life. This young bird was



taken to lab and measured: 122mm total length; 52gms weight. This same day noted ♂ & ♀ robin copulating.

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2 mi. N and 6 1/10 mi. E Clinton (center of town at crossroads), Douglas Co., Kansas

May 27, 1963

Set trap line 100 traps, 2 per station, 2 feet apart, between 7:10 P.M and 8:00 P.M. (late twilight when finished. This area (south border), is approx. 600 feet N of the county road to the south. The field is irregular and measures approx. 350 N-S and 270 ft E-W. The adjoining areas support short grass to W, recently cultivated fields to N & E, now with few weeds, and recently cultivated field to S, now growing grass which is sparsely swarded. Two previously placed trap lines are included to show coverage of field (May 11 listed under locality 1 1/2 mi. E & 1 1/20 mi. N Clinton and May 18 which bears the same locality as above). The greatest concentration of mammals is on peripheral edges. The wettest is along W border. There is one dominant grass but several other kinds that dominate certain areas. A blotched kingsnake was noted at trap no 11. It tried to escape into a hole used by a meerkat. It was coiled at time of discovery and was adult in size.

