

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

March 17, 1964

This evening 8:00 P.M. many blue and snow geese passed over Univ. of Kansas Campus. They were heard throughout the night. At about 9:00 P.M. noted at least 2,000 in 5 wedge shaped groups.

March 19, 1964

Starting last night, has rained all day and at 10:00 P.M. is still raining, not heavily but consistently. Soils soaking up most of the rain. Noted this evening at 5:00 P.M. the first flock (150) of grackles and blackbirds flying over Lawrence (1620 Tennessee St.). Last week noted a small flock of redwing blackbirds.

March 26, 1964

Randall Errol Brown, graduate student in zoology at K.U. reported trapping 3 *Synaptomys cooperi* on Rockefeller tract on museum Natural History Reservation N.E. of town. Animals from prairie of *Andropogon*. On March 23, one of the two females gave birth to 3 young. Last 3 or 4 days have been cold and snowy. Ground on this date, March 26, is lightly covered with snow and ice, the base is a granular ice. Temp this A.M. (8:00) approx. 18° F. Potters Lake on Campus has been open except a fringe of new ice. A Fox squirrel at 1620 Tennessee, preceding stormy cold weather, had placed several black walnuts in lawn beneath nesting box in mulberry tree. The squirrel has been seen entering this box several times since about March 12<sup>th</sup>. The starlings that feed below the box (on feeder 3' below box and 12 feet above ground) have not attempted to use the box although last year they raised two families in the same nesting box.

Potters Lake, Univ. Kansas, Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

March 26, 1964

at 8:00 A.M.

Noted American Coot feeding in center of lake; 50% of time under water. At 5:00 P.M. this bird was still feeding on lake at about the same rate noted above. At no time was this bird more than 10 feet from its original position noted this A.M. Usually it dove within a 3 foot radius in almost the center of the lake.

March 27, 1964

at 8:00 and 9:00 A.M. noted above Am. Coot in lake. Ice gone from lake. Air temp 33° F. The Coot is cruising throughout the lake and is feeding less in contrast to its persistent & local feeding