

3<sup>2</sup>/<sub>10</sub> mi. E and 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>10</sub> mi. N Lawrence (P.O.), Douglas Co., Kansas

Sept. 6, 1964

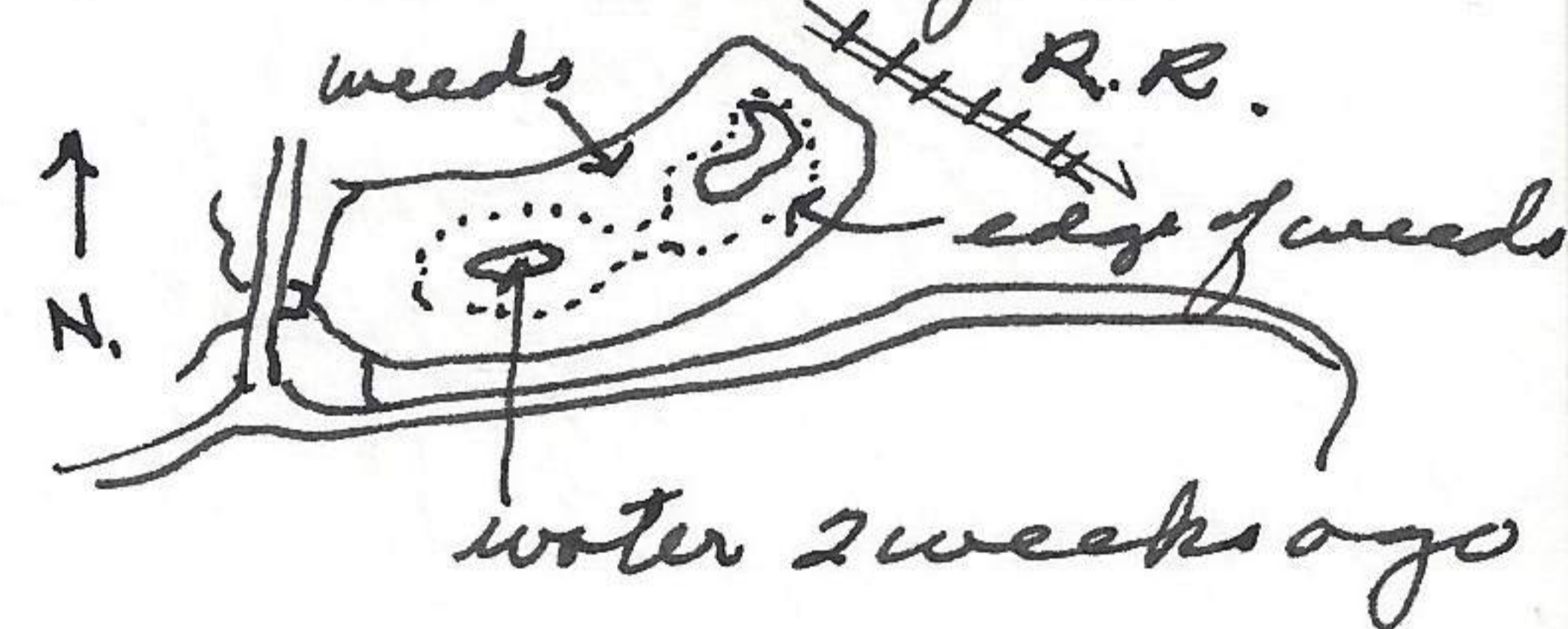
At 5:30 P.M., noted a *Parthornia longicauda* in road (2 tracks) crossing field of alfalfa. This field is in river bottoms and is extensive in area - the usual haunts of the horned larks and in winter, the Lapland longspur. The upland plover flew from road at approx. 100 feet to field of alfalfa where it remained for about 3 min. while we stopped the car and watched it with the binoculars. It was nervous and flew in a half circle, alighting again <sup>on</sup> the road, where it remained until approached again. On both occasions

the bird gave a call as it left the ground. Horned larks were in field and about 2 per 1/10 mile of road, where they seemed to prefer. About 6/10 mi. E of the above locality and along Low River noted 2 *Actitis macularia* along edge of river. One turned its head to view a night hawk flying about 80' overhead. Swallows and Chimney swifts were noted flying by over water. No other waterfowl or shorebird was noticed on river during a 30 minute watch (at sundown). Collected a poke-weed, *Phytolacca americana*.

Lake View, Douglas Co., Kansas

Sept. 7, 1964

Checked lake east of road that bisects Lake View Lake. This lake now has water to edge of weeds and beyond. Two weeks ago it was considerably smaller with mud flats. at that time noted 6 lesser yellowlegs, 3 blue wing teal and one of the smaller sandpipers (semipalmated?) feeding on mud flats at edge of water. Today the water covered all mudflats and extended into weeds, thus eliminating mud flats and habitat for shorebirds. The only birds were 8 wooducks, 5 blue-wing teal (in one flock) and some



barn swallows flying over water. The ducks left the open water and flew into water among the weeds. At sundown a mourning dove lit in weeds where it remained. This year has been characterized by ponds with weeds growing to edge & beyond where in former years the lakes & ponds supported mud flats. Rains have come at the wrong time (as far as farmers are concerned for growing crops, lacking in growing season and too much after growing season) This condition explains type of vegetation around lakes. Hot weather and plenty of rain (late summer) has produced excellent conditions for propagating weeds. I have never seen so many weeds nor so lush growth among