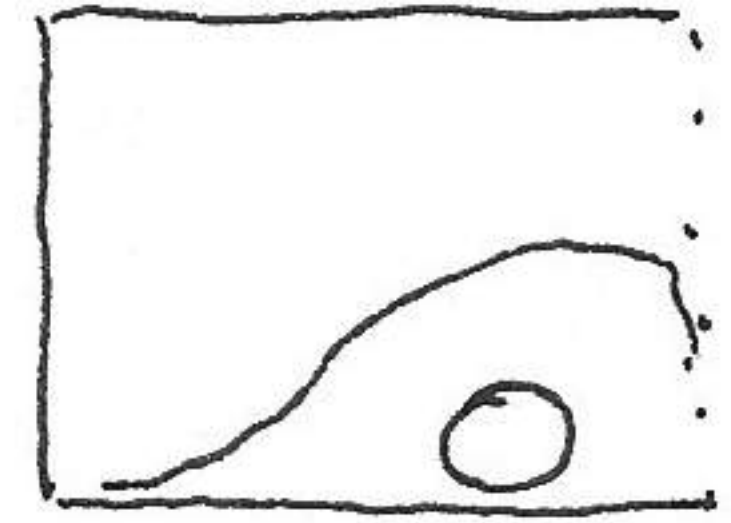


Feb. 23, 1965

Snow of today drifted ~~into~~ into window box housing a *Synaptomys cooperi* (see previous notes).

Two possible routes led to the food cup at opposite end of window box, one free of snow and one of solid snow. The lemming burrowed thru 2 feet of snow to covered food cup rather than use the open route.



1620 Tennessee St., Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

Feb. 28, 1965

Two starling inspected nesting box by entering and leaving box for several hours. At some times both birds were in the box.

March 1, 1965

Pair of starling actively preparing for nesting by spending 4 hours at the box, entering and leaving. Nesting material previously placed there by squirrels last fall was removed, bill full at a time. Between each entrance to box for more material the male gave song and display of wing raising and open mandibles. He was interested in every starling that passed the area.

March 2, 1965

Cold and snow stopped nesting activity of starling. At no time has there been material brought to nesting cup. All nesting material concerned has been removed from box rather than placed in box which does not appear to be the normal instinctive procedure for nest building. These birds definitely recognized favorable days for nesting and courtship and refrain from such behavior pattern during unfavorable period of weather.

March 4, 1965

First morning dove observed in area this winter.

March 11, 1965

Heard morning dove calling this evening at about 5:30 P.M. In local paper 20,000 snow and blue geese were reported in Perry area by Eddie Bond, the local game protector. Only 8 Canadian geese were noted. Geese were heard March 9 in the Lawrence area.

March 14, 1965

The (bobtailed) red fox squirrel active. (see notes of several years