

two bridges (via road) noted 6 pairs of mourning doves, 4 horned larks, 1 red-wing blackbird all in open river plains. Continued E but did not keep record of birds except that they occurred in usual numbers & kinds. One mockingbird at Peterson Scout Camp area. Along the road that crosses sec 13 of T135 & R18E (eastern 1/2) noted 8 male red-wing blackbirds on territories, one ♀ noted with one of the males.

Wakarusa River, Douglas Co., Kansas  
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Mr. Oinker Christensen and son Aksel and myself made canoe trip on Wakarusa River from a point 1/10 mi E and 1900 ft N of SW corner of sec 19, T135, R18E to bridge near south central border sec 10, T135, R18E (3/10 mi down stream from Klee Creek that enters from the N). Number of miles covered is 6 6/10 miles. Started at 10:00 A.M. and finished at bridge at ~~2:00~~<sup>1:00</sup> P.M. or 4 hrs enroute. Day heavily overcast with rain clouds (rained last night) and temperature approx 50°F wind moderate and cold. Enroute to area, and at a point 1/10 mi N of crossroads in middle of section line between sec 19 and 20, T<sup>13</sup>5, R18E, in an artificial pond, noted 1 pied-billed grebe, 3 tree swallows, 8 bank swallows, 4 Band sandpipers, 1 green heron, 2 redwing blackbirds. Because of circumstances could not record notes of canoe trip because of demand of steering but recorded general impression for entire trip. This stretch is not as beautiful as upriver from here to Richland, because of extensive cutting of brush and trees along banks of river. Trees have been cut to water edge for some reason. Water level high enough for floating all rapids without hitting rocks. Last mile of river wide and slow moving and large trees bordering. Good beaver activity here.

mammals & birds observed along river (via canoe route)

Sciurus niger. only two noted today. There were chasing one another along edge of river.

Great horned owl. 5 evenly distributed along river, two of which were together. There is considerable difference in size of these birds. The pair represented one large & one smaller in size. These birds generally leave at approx 200 feet down stream and fly 200-300 and alight to be flushed again on our approach. They finally leave and return up river. Jays & Crows harass them when they leave the tree