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becoming more & more difficult to see runways because of light and denser vegetation at this end of the field; only conspicuous runways can be identified; meadows still singing; have not heard dickcissels since last recorded; 6:55 microtine runway; 6:56 m. runway; 6:57 8th set utility poles; 6:58 m runway, they are ^{mainly} along N-S drainage course across field where grasses are greener & higher; 6:58 m. runway; 6:59 now in tall Andropogon grasses just E of water that runs N-S along E side of dike; one runway in this area; 7:00 m. runway along border of water; 7:01 top of dike and end of microtine runway census; continued E to car. one Wilson snipe at pond. In car and thence E toward Haskell Avenue. 13 redwings ♂ + 4 ♀ from car to first road (1/2 mile) only 2 beyond to Haskell Ave. At the 1/4 mile drainage before Haskell noted 1 scissortail flycatcher on fence wire. At dense wooded area E of Haskell Ave were approx 500 grackles and some red-wing blackbirds which is unusual in lieu of the fact that most grackles have been on territories for some time. Continued N; at RR tracks heard a yellowthroat singing about 100 feet NW in pond area. Today has been the time when the seeds of the elm are blowing off trees and piling in windrows against barriers. Baltimore crane ~~at home in~~ ^{Lawrence.}

Wakarusa Valley, Douglas Co., Kansas

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Made census of area of Clinton proposed reservoir by car. This is not a favorable day because of winds that keep many birds low in grass or shrubs where they are inconspicuous. Left Lawrence at highway 59 and 23rd street and travelled west (continuation 23rd street). Mileage there 60.0, 1:10 P.M., Temp. 85°F, sky clear, high wind. Will record kinds of birds only from here to Clinton Reservoir: Eng sp., meadowlark, r-w blackbird, mockingbird, crow, dickcissel, purple martin, blue wing teal, barn swallow, cardinal, gnatcatcher. At north end of proposed dam for Clinton Reservoir 66.2 mileage, time 1:25 P.M. Will keep complete census of birds seen along road within 200 feet either side. 66.4 Eng. Sp., 66.5 ♂ red-w. blackbird; 66.7 4 crows, one ^{of which} on fence post 3 m field by road; 66.9 one grackle, 24 cowbirds in one flock and one mourning dove, all in flock formation; the dove followed along with the cowbirds; 66.9 mourning dove; 67.3 savanna sp to W., 67.4