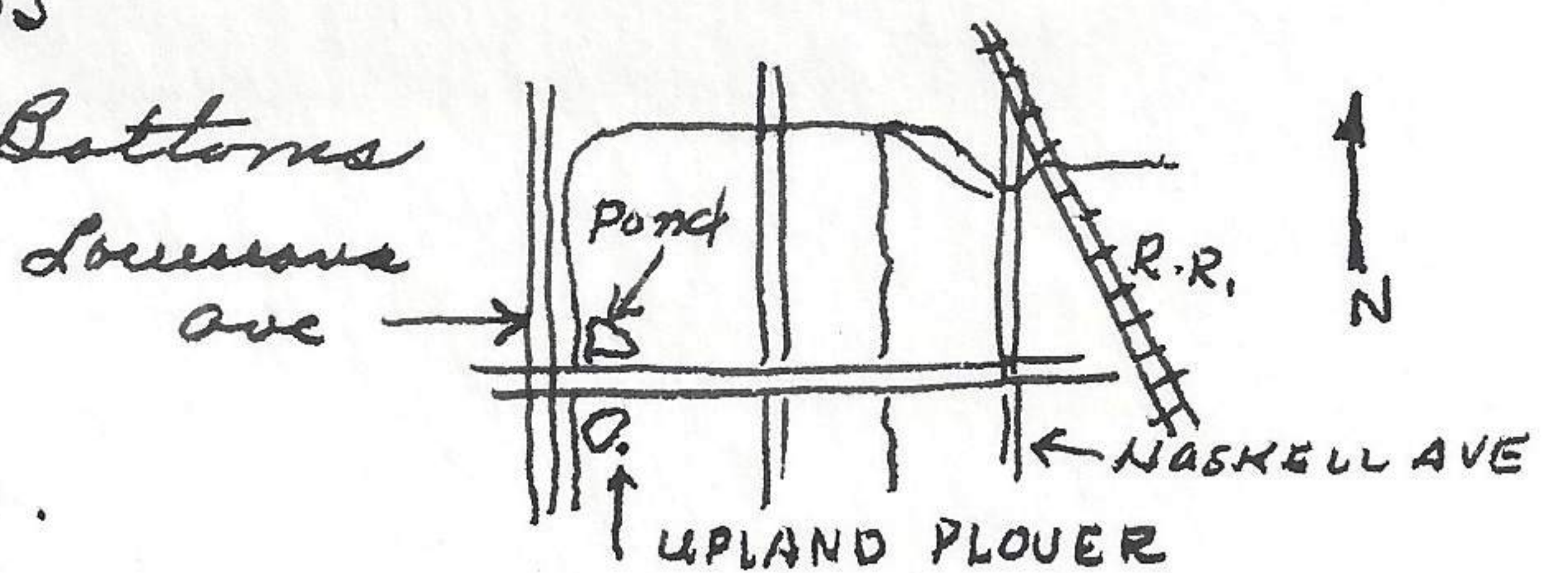


Haskell Bottoms, S of Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

May 3, 1965

Checked birds for 1/2 hr at Haskell Bottoms
Left 23rd & Louisiana at
mileage 21.4, time 2:45 P.M.



Day windy, cloudy, hazy and warm.

Temp about 88°F. meadowlark

and redwing only 2 kinds of birds noted enroute. At 23.4 miles at pond at W side Haskell Bottoms. no birds associated with pond, continued E to Haskell Ave. and returned to pond. Birds observed across the mile road are: 4 redwing-blackbirds, 3 grackles and 3 dickcissel to left and 2 meadowlarks between pond and first crossroads at 1/2 mile. at 1/4 mile beyond crossroads noted 1 lesser yellowlegs and 1 solitary sandpiper feeding together along edge of water of drainage channel. The solitary sandpiper preceded the yellowlegs in foraging. The solitary has a characteristic body movement like a modified spotted plover sandpiper, tilting its entire body with pivot point at attachment of legs. Between crossroads and Haskell Ave there were no redwings because of dike area having been burned this spring and not adequate vegetation present. 4 dickcissel calling in field to N, however, one calling to right. Returned to pond to W and noted an Upland Plover alight on the S side of small pond on bank about 3 feet above the edge of the water. It remained for 4 minutes and then slowly worked its way down the grassy bank to the edge of the water, the last foot deliberately as if not to disturb the animal life at edge of pond. at water edge it drank water (23 consecutive drinks at from 4 to 10 second intervals). It would dip bill into water and then raise it up to allow the water to drain down the throat. After drinking it ascended bank much more hurriedly and then fed 5 three meadow, eating insects at about 1 per every 10 seconds, searching right & left and in some cases hurriedly moving to an insect on grass. This field, to my knowledge has never been plowed but periodically ^{cut and} burned (once every year on the average). The grass is native andropogon. It fed at least 15 minutes at which time I left. at 300 feet S of Broken-Arrow Park noted 1 scissortail flycatcher and one barn Swallow. An added note about the upland plover: the meadow has a new green growth of about 8 inches high