

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

650517-45

May 17, 1965

A Baltimore Oriole (♂) song and fed from at least 8:00 A.M. to an hour before sunset. It ranged in a territory approx 300 x 400 ft. This phrase is given at approx every 6 seconds except when preoccupied with feeding or changing position. The single note phrase or warning call was infrequently offered. This bird fed in tops of high trees.

5:35 A.M.

a warble and difficult to define

regular and most distinctive

sometimes this chirp and soft as after-thought

at a supermarket in Lawrence, noted a starling feeding on cement parking area, 1 hour after dark. Area lighted by bluish lights.

The final note can start the phrase and does at time do so. Also a double note (final note) is given but unusual and at times a softer chirp follows. The last note but higher.

4 mi. S and 9/20 mi. E Lawrence (P.O.), Douglas Co., Kansas

May 22, 1965

Collected 3 screech owls from mouth of small drainage creek that empties into Wakarusa River. Heard these owls at some place at twilight last night: They are as follows:

- 650522-1 Otus asio ♂ Total length 215 mm, wt 134 gms (black in color, L.T. 6.2, R.T. 5.3)
- 650522-2 " " ♀ " " 233 mm, " 160 gms (over 10 mm, largest egg 1 mm)
- 650522-3 " " (live) " " 195 mm, " 97 gms

wing 93 mm. This small owl, <sup>was on ground and perhaps</sup> just capable of short flight, is the young of the ♂ & ♀ adults above.

When adult female was shot, a black capped chickadee came down to owl on ground and remained motionless within 5 feet of me for about 1/2 minute. This is much nearer than the chickadee allows one to approach under ordinary conditions. Male & female owl both in attendance <sup>of young</sup> when they were collected. The snapping of the bill identifies the owl in the area. All resting in understory at about 8 feet high and near mass of vines growing among small trees near-by. Typical high riparian vegetation, so dense and lush as to almost exclude light, but not dense enough that one could walk among trees with ease. A hairy woodpecker with young calling in nest about 100 feet from where the owls were collected.

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Photo 650522-3 of Annette & I at Walkins Hospital reception