


Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

Aug. 7, 1965

Left 10:30 A.M. for Washington (Port Townsend). Mileage 63364. Temp 86, humid 43. Wind slight. Usual birds including meadowlark, dickcissel, mourning dove. Will continue across state on highway 70 interstate. Area around Manhattan green for this time of year because of excessive rains. ^{7000 ft} Junction City turnoff 63465, 12:40, temp 83°F, humid 29, cool strong wind from SW. Smoky Hill river bridge 63466 main Junction City turnoff 63470. General impression of country just west of J. city. Slopes not as green as E of Junction City. Undulating hills with green grasses, exceptionally good growth for August. more trees & farming than between Manhattan & Junction City. Grasses change from greenish to yellow when sun shines thru clouded pattern. On valley slopes grass extend from top to bottom but shrubs leave slope at point where alluvium begins  Between Lawrence and Junction City counted 4 opossums, 1 raccoon, 2 striped skunks. Census of birds on right side of road, ^{starting} at Detroit-Enterprise turnoff 63487 1:05 P.M. Temp 82, humid 30.

mourning dove
sparrow sp.?, IIIII

starling 1

redwing 1

meadowlark
red-tailed hawk

most of the ponds are filled with water. Jack rabbits are increasing near Ogalalla & Wakeeney because of the flatness of the country which the jackrabbit is most adapted. Bird life rare along superhighway; birds observed a few meadowlarks & mourning doves. At Quinter, 63682 mileage, 5:00 P.M., temp 80 (in car) humid 24. At Quinter noted first pheasant and a marsh hawk (3 hawk seen Lawrence). A night hawk was flying in the air. Arrived 3 miles E of Oakley at 7:50 P.M. at sundown, Temp 80, humid 26, 63722 mileage. Covered 358 miles today. Drove to Oakley for supper. Bed by 9:50 P.M.

3 miles E Oakley, Logan Co., Kansas

Aug 8, 1965

up at 5:30 A.M. Temp 54°F, humid 44. elev. 2700 ft. Clear sky. Temp just right. Sun up 5:50 A.M. Left 7:00 A.M. humid 46%