

Clinton Area, Douglas Co., Kansas

May 25, 1964

visited area of proposed Clinton Reservoir from down. W to Elk Creek. Dad, Grace, Annette & I made the trip. made the following general observations. Eastern Kingbird unusually common and as singles to groups of 12. In one mile counted 34 in groups of 4 singles, 3 groups of 2, 4 groups of 5 and 1 group of 4. They are more common in river bottoms and near trees, than on open field uplands.

One group of 13 turkey vultures sailed E approx. 800 feet above ground. They were in formation and did not flap their wings and sailed directly east without circling as if returning to nesting or roosting area after foraging beyond their territory during the day. I have noted this activity on other occasions and always as the sun is setting. The following birds were noted and an approximation of numbers given.

keeldeer	3	starling	12
spotted sandpiper	2	Eng. sparrow	18
sanderling?	4	olive backed thrush	5
horned lark	24	orchard oriole	3
meadowlark	36	olive sided flycatcher	2
deersuck (every 100 feet or so)		Acadian flycatcher?	1
marsh hawk	1	Baltimore oriole	4
red-tail	6	e. swift	2
turkey vulture	17	black-capped chickadee	8
black tern	8	red-eyed vireo	3
blue-wing teal	2	barn swallow	18
loggerhead shrike	10	crow	5
phoebe	16	cardinal	15
peewee	25	cat bird	1
red-headed woodpecker	12	brown thrasher (4 fresh eggs)	8
red-bellied woodpecker	6	mockingbird	1
hairy woodpecker	1	Bells vireo	4
robin	1	bank swallow	4
blue jay	18	red wing blackbird	18
yellow throat	6	mourning dove	20
lark sparrow	20	common grackle	60
vesper sparrow	2	flicker, yellow shafted	2
field sparrow	6	cowbird	8
house wren	2	green heron	1
great horned owl	1	savanna sparrow	12