

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

Oct. 18, 1966

Noted a ruby-throated hummer at home at 9:00 A.M. It attempted to feed on house plants flowers on house side of picture window. Hovered at window for about 5 seconds and then left.

On route to Univ of Kansas (near power plant) noted 60^{red} crossbills in groups of 40-12-8. They were feeding on juniper berries. Two cardinals, a ♂ & ♀, inspected one group ^{of crossbills} with curiosity.

Oct 19, 1966

Noted approx 18 ^{red} crossbills males & females on campus today. Also an increase in numbers of slate-colored juncos. These birds were still on campus Oct 21 but not after that date.

Shawnee Lake, Shawnee Co., Kansas

Oct 22, 1966

noted the following birds on lake between 10:30 A.M. & 1:30 P.M.
 10:30. approx. 600 am. coot in small groups feeding at edge of lake. One pied-billed grebe with one group of 12 coot. Red-tail flew overhead (300 high) and most of the coot kept an eye on the hawk as they continued to feed on plant material which they shared. One would bring plant to surface & 2 or 3 other coot would share, some anticipating the emergence of the feeding individual. One sail boat on lake. Wind about 15-20 mi per hour ^{from NW}. Temp. cool, high cirrus & strato-cirrus clouds. 10:35 sail boat raised 17 shovellers and 6 blue wing teal. 11:30 on east side of lake 1 horned grebe ^(white wing patches) among 80 coot. The grebe fed and slept among coot as if a member. When disturbed the coot would form compact group at which time the horned grebe would move nervously among coot and would be pecked by the coot. The grebe would, on occasion, peck at a coot, especially when ^{group} more loosely formed. Coot fed but grebe slept some of the time. The coot tended to form long line paralleling shore but when disturbed from land would form close packed unit. Some waves about as high as birds. One pied-billed grebe with considerable reddish brown in plumage. 11:40 another group 60 coot and 1 pied-bill. blue jay, crow, chickadee in area. no shorebirds, blackbirds, grackles etc so far. 12:00 at SE end of lake noted 2 fair killdeer, one focused on high ^{hawk} (almost a speck in ^{killdeer} sky and I would never have noticed the hawk - kept by watching the ^{killdeer} bird)