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4:20 Sunflower water gates; 4:30 red-tailed hawk; one large
Kana pecten on bank; kingfisher; 4:40 good Cliff Swallow
nesting cliffs; 4:43 one yellow-shafted flicker and one red-
shafted flicker together; arrived De Soto Bridge 4:45. Temp
in last hour has dropped to 56°F. sky still cloudless and no
wind. In summary:

- red-tail hawks 1-1-3-1-1-1-1-
- pelicans 2-
- red-billed grebe 1
- cormorant 1
- hooded mergansers 2-2-
- ducks none
- snow geese 1-
- Franklin gull 7-3-2-
- S. Horned owl 1-3

- kingfisher 1-1-1-1-1-1-1-
- heron 4-2-13-
- greater yellowlegs 1-
- willet 2-
- crow 2-1-2-2-2-
- black crown night heron 1
- great blue heron 1-8
- red fox 1

There is an increase in numbers of duck blinds over previous
years, having counted approx. 30, none of which was being
used during our trip. The lack of ducks is reason enough
for their desertion. There were also more pigeons observed
and more generally distributed than on previous trips of the
last few years.

Leecompton - Lawrence, Kaw River, Douglas & Jefferson Co.,
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and complete census
Sin James Robert and Chris Wahl and myself made canoe
trip on Kaw River from Leecompton Bridge to Lawrence bridge
starting from Leecompton at 9:40 A.M. Day with high clouds,
slight breeze, air temp in shade 53°F, water 2 inches below
in shade 42°F (all temps are in shade). The water is excep-
tionally clear with visibility to 3 feet. This condition may
be due to stabilization of water flow from Tuttle Creek Dam.
All leaves off tall cottonwood and elm + sycamore trees
along edges of river. Willow mostly off and leaves remaining
a golden brown. Green willow leaves only occasionally
observed. The weeds beyond willow are red 9:48 Equisetum
well developed on S side and good beaver activity. Will keep
complete census of birds of the river channel but not of the
small birds of the riparian community but will list at end
of census with remarks. 10:00 kingfisher. 10:05 right drainage
and beaver house beyond; just beyond some bank swallow
nests. One area of white-wash from one localized part of