

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

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at 1620 Tennessee St. noted 6 *Sciurus carolinensis*. They were very active and chasing each other from tree to tree. This is a reversal of squirrel composition at this locality. The predominance has always been the red fox squirrel. This is also true on the margin Estate across the street. It may be matter of period of ^{seasonal} activity rather than a change of species composition. On three occasions the gray squirrel descended a utility pole to within 2 feet of a cat which was sitting at the base of the pole. When the cat reacted, the squirrel would run back up the pole or to a tree some 20 feet away with the cat in close pursuit. On each of the three encounters the approach of the squirrel was intentional and there appeared to be trustworthiness in the squirrel, at least.

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Ice on Patters Lake has been free of snow for the last week and is in contrast to the snow free ground beyond. This year has been characterized by cold weather a minimum of snow. Generally skaters have to remove snow on ice a day or so after the original freeze-up.

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Wakarusa Valley, Douglas - Shawnee Co., Kansas

Jan 18, 1967

Annette and I drove to Topeka. Enroute survey the proposed Clinton Reservoir area and beyond. Complete census started at S end of proposed dam at mileage 24.0 at 3:30 P.M. Temp approx. 28° F, sky clear to W and cloudy to S, wind from N at about 15-20 M.P.H. 24.4 redtail Rock Creek bridge 25.4, frozen & low. 28.0 Clinton. 28.3 cardinal and 120 tree sparrows. 30.4 Belvoir bridge. Wakarusa River frozen completely. Snow in valley on N exposed and in drifts along road. Elsewhere clear. redtail hawk. 31.9 11 tree sparrows. 32.3 5 meadowlarks. 33.9 now to S. ponds along way have been frozen. 35.0 now to W. loggerhead shrike at bend and 1 redtail. 37.6 12 red crossbills in juniper trees just E of old school house. 37.7 Richland Turnoff. Will continue census to W. 38.2 loggerhead shrike, 1 redtail hawk. 38.8 30 tree sparrows. 39.2 1 redtail hawk. 40.7 Crossing R.R. track. 41.1 black-capped chickadee. 41.5 9 eastern bluebirds. 43.9 shrike. 44.6 now to N toward