

10 counted 6 road kill striped skunk and 1 opossum.
Road side birdlife rare.

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

March 10, 1967

On March 8, temp down to 50°F. Today up to approx. 85°F. Considerable bird activity associated with warm weather. I have noticed a decided increase of starling now feeding on lawn in back yard. They have not used this area during the winter. English sparrows are associating with the starling.

March 15, 1967

Starling still feeding on lawn in back yard and they seem to be increasing in number. Took 4 photographs of the strain of mice that Annette C is working with. These mice, the ♀♀ develop mammary tumors in 100% of the cases after the 4 or 5 set of young. The ♀ with large tumor on anterior part of body weighed 37 grams, 21 grams of which was tumor. This tumor is poorly vascularized and supports a hemocast of blood. It measured _____ mm in total length. Photos 670315-1, 670315-2, 670315-3 and 670315-4 of these mice.

March 17, 1967

The season, up to now, has been characterized by lack of moisture and generally cool weather. The soils are dry. The temp has fluctuated and last few days down to 4°F.

1 2/10 mi. N and 1 1/2 mi. E Lawrence (old P.O.); Douglas Co., Kansas.

March 18, 1967

Checked birds at Sandpits along turnpike. Observed the following
Moss Lake: 5 male shovellers; 1 male and 3 female bluewing teal; 1 killdeer; 1 long-billed dowitcher. Lotus Lake, 1 male and 3 female green-wing teal; 1 killdeer, 1 red-tail hawk.
Refuge Lake, 1 killdeer. In general area noted 12 male red-wing blackbirds, 10 meadowlarks, 1 Sigmadow hispidus and approx 18 song sparrows generally distributed. The spoon-bills returned to Moss Lake and circled 6 times before finally alighting on water. Ice (thin layer) 80% coverage on Lotus Lake, other lakes free of ice. No frogs observed or heard. On the river facing dike system (2/10 of a mile) west of Mud Creek, noted 18 fresh diggings of larvae for *Microtus chryzota* and *Sigmadow hispidus* or 1 digging per 50-60 linear feet.