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In the last week there have been elm ^{tree bud scales on} windshield of car, today there being noticeable more. Trees have a more reddish-yellow color than in winter.

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

March 22, 1967

Annette C and I made trip to Sandpit Lake to check birds. At Lotus notice 1 mallard ♂, 2 killdeer and 1 Wilson Snipe. One American Coot at Deep Lake. One killdeer at Park Lake. One killdeer + one Wilson Snipe at Refuge Lake. Redtail hawk in area. The 4 fishermen at Bass Lake may have interfered with normal bird population. Time 3:30 P.M. and temp 75°F. Day clear + no wind.

Lawrence to Topeka, Douglas + Shawnee Co., Kansas
March 31, 1967

made bird count to Topeka via highway 10 (S side river), keeping track of complete census of grackles and other kinds only on way over; starling, Eng sp., cardinal, grackles, meadowlark, red-wing blackbird, slate colored junco, ^{morning dove.} horned lark. Total number of grackles (groups are): 6-8-2-15-4-4-2-1-4-3-2-6-2-2-10-14; Big Springs on, 12-32-2-8 ending census at Deer Point Road. Ponds either dry or low, at Shawnee Lake noted 150 coots, 20 scaups, 80 gadwalls, 60 blue-wing teal, 18 shovellers. The gadwalls were restless and ♂ chasing female. The male call is a hoarse nasal low call (single repeated note). Scaup sleeping, teal resting on bank, coots together. A single greater yellowlegs and 1 Wilson Snipe at S end of Lake. On return to Lawrence made complete census from Disney School E thru Wakarusa Valley as indicated, and starting at 2:35 P.M. at mileage 50.5. 50.6 starling.

53.2 Richland turnoff but continuing on main road to E.
55.3 loggerhead shrike
56.0 4 crows on hillside, continuing straight east.
56.4 2 loggerhead shrike, 1 meadowlark.
56.6 2 meadowlarks
56.8 1 meadowlark
56.9 Cardinal + meadowlark. Top of hill + now down.