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Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

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Oct 9, 1967

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Swifts in area in A.M. Noticed a fox squirrel dig a hole, bury a nut, tamp soil with front feet, then cover with leaves from 2-3 inches beyond hole area. Chimney swifts in usual numbers at 6:00 P.M. Skies clear & cool.

Oct 10, 1967

At 12:30 P.M. approx. 60 snow geese flew S at approx. Tenn. Street. They were almost out of sight, so much so that it was difficult to see. They called. Today is first cool day of fall with temps down to 38°F (8:00 A.M.). Day with clear skies. Chimney swift in evening up to beginning of early twilight and only 1/10 numbers as previous days. They remained in same general area. Temp. is expected to go down to 28° degrees F with frost.

Oct 11, 1967

At 8:15 A.M. 3 balloons slowly passed SW (?) at high altitude. 68 geese flew S and wing movement just visible with 7x binoculars. 98% of the Chimney swift, of which there were hundreds in the sky and generally distributed, passed S. 62 bluejays flew S at about 400' high and higher than usual, ^{smaller} flocks passing by in the summer. One crow noted one in top of tree and it called in a voice I was not familiar with. at 6:00 P.M. Chimney swifts in usual numbers and height as summer population and remaining in same area. 6 night hawks all morning S and about 500' high. Sky extremely blue. Temp this morning 37°F. and call N of Kansas.

Oct. 13, 1967

Did not see chimney swift in either the morning or evening. yesterday, Oct 12, noted only a few ^{Oct 13} in morning (8:00 A.M.) and evening (6:30 P.M.), perhaps 5 on each observation. It would appear that the main migration of swifts was in the morning of the 11th and only a few local resident stragglers remained on the 12th to at least evening of that date. Cool weather, although clear, seemed to be the factor for migration. Earlier excellent weather, rain and winds and fog, did not seem to influence their movement. S.

Oct 14, 1967

At 5:00 P.M. noted only 1 swift & 1 night hawk. no others during day.