

Sandpits, NE Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

Oct 20, 1967

On opening day of duck hunting observed 1 great blue heron and 130 ducks (3/4 of which were flying 5 at high elevation). Shot 2 greenwing teal. Blue ducks in area were predominately blue-wing. Water highest I have seen.

NW Lawrence, Sec 2, T128, R 20 E, Leavenworth Co., Kansas

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Checked area in SW part of sec 2 on Hemphill property. Followed west along N side of ridge (cleared and in grass). There is an unusual aggregate of birds in this area including approx 600 starling in large flocks, 30 meadowlarks, 20 cowbirds. In the shrubs and small bushes at head of conyons on upper slopes were approx 30 Harris sparrows, many of them calling. At base of hill noted 5 mockingbirds and some small (vesper sparrow?) birds. On the end of ridge, 2 Am. rough-legs hovered over point. One roughleg sat on a post at base of hill. 22 bluewing teal in most westerly pond on Hemphill's property. James R. & Richard Hemphill got 2 of them. On another pond along main highway shot 8 out of 9 blue-wings. The roughlegs have been in area for at least 2 weeks. 6 Canadian geese flew E along top of ridge.

Kaw River, Douglas Co., Kansas

Oct 28, 1967

Annette Christine and I made trip down Kaw River from bridge at Lawrence to mouth of Wakarusa River and upper creek to Wakarusa bridge N of Eudora. Left at 10:30 A.M. Water temp (2 inches ~~deep~~ below surface) 48°F, air temp (in shade) 43°F. Sky overcast. at 11:00 no water birds so far. Crew calling down river. Chickadees, redwing blackbirds and one yellowbilled flicker in riparian vegetation. 8 mourning doves flew down river which is unusual for these birds. The leaves on trees are: young cottonwoods with 80% leaves off with remaining ones at tops of trees. 50% leaves yellow and the other per cent green. The old cottonwoods with 10% leaves off and 50% yellow. Willows with nearly all leaves & 30% yellow