

Rock Creek, SE Clinton, Douglas Co., Kansas

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made a bird-mammal census of deciduous forests on hill-side from a point at base of hill S of bridge over Rock Creek, to a point of the south end of the proposed Clinton Reservoir. (See diagram). Sky cloudy, complete, wind 5-10 mi. p. h from SE, temp. 30°F. Left 9:50 A.M. Annette will pick me up at 3:00 P.M.

9:52 3 slate-colored juncos, 2 crows calling. 9:58 artificial lake. The following birds were congregated at east side of lake. Water completely frozen. 10 blue jays, 3 redheaded woodpeckers (one of them low (10') on limb and appeared inactive), 4 cardinals, 1 downy, 30 slate-colored juncos, 1 goldfinch, 8 tree sparrows, 12 titmice, 8 chickadees (b.c.). Of the above noted a junco, a titmouse and a goldfinch, successively feed on an orange, partly eaten and opened by either cottontail or Neotoma. Left lake at 10:15.

10:20 now to E. 10:24 26 tree sparrows, 2 slate-colored juncos, 1 goldfinch, 2 chickadees, 1 redbellied woodpecker, 3 blue jays. 10:27 redheaded woodpecker (low on limb and feathers fluffed), 2 b.c. chickadees. 10:30 redheaded woodpecker, 3 b.c. chickadees. 10:33 at convergence of fence from W to N S fence up ridge. 3 titmice, 2 b.c. chickadees. 10:37 large elm tree on alluvium at mouth of drainage. This marker tree is in direct path of present creek outwash. red-bellied woodpecker. Forest quiet but low hear wind on ridge to S. a yellow-bellied sapsucker came into area and flew directly to a tree with numerous holes and started to feed. This bird flies less like a woodpecker and is more quiet and less vigorous in its actions. Also in the area of the elm were 1 golden-crowned kinglet, 4 b.c. chickadees, 1 brown creeper (fast movement and action good field character). The above birds were all in a group extending less than 100'. 10:45 great horned owl, 2 blue jays. 10:49 redheaded woodpecker. 10:52 2 redheaded woodpeckers, 2 blue jays, 1 b.c. chickadee. 10:58 flock of 90 tree sparrows (edge), 2 cardinals, 4 b.c. chickadees, 1 downy, 2 bluebirds, 1 ruby-crowned kinglet, 1 redheaded woodpecker, 1 yellow-shafted flicker. The tree sparrows, on some community recognition, and in two surges, gradually gained upper limits of edge trees and then left gradually to form a group of approx 40 birds, flying upward for approx 200' and then leaving area. The second group of 50 birds