

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

May 22, 1969

noted 3 young starting following adult female (on ground).

June 4, 1969

Observed a fox squirrel feeding on elm leaves by hanging down from back feet only. The body was out (directly down) to full extend. Limb approx 1 inch thick.

Lone Star Lake, Douglas Co., Kansas

June 4, 1969

Collected a *Aghistrodon contortrix* from under a rock. It measured:

690604-1 *Aghistrodon contortrix* 415 mm body, 66 mm tail, 68 gms wt.
This copperhead was preserved as a specimen

10 mi. W Leavenworth, Leavenworth Co., Kansas

June 8, 1969

Senator Edward F. Keilly Jr. of Leavenworth, presented me with a natrix from a small, ^{artificially} lake 10 miles W of Leavenworth. Last year there was a noticeable increase in these snakes and this year a further increase, especially in the area of the rock dam. This specimen measured:

690608-1 natrix 660 mm body, 190 mm tail, 170 gms wt.

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

June 8, 1969

near 1620 Tenn. St. noted a young ($\frac{2}{3}$ size adult) blue jay flutter to ground from a small red bud tree. Five adult blue jays called loudly and continuously (more so than usual group calling) and immediately flew to the bird and surrounded it, keeping about a foot away. Two of the adults fought. These jays called and reacted as above for approx. 2 minutes, during which time the young bird fluttered uncontrollably and finally, ^{turning} on back, expired. Blood issued from the skull of the bird and was probably inflicted by the trust of an adult blue jay. No other kind of bird was associated with the jays. This behavior suggests genicid. in the jay species. On the ground, however, there was no instance of contact of the adults with the young.

June 12, 1969

noted a female robin precariously perched on telephone wire. The bird was attempting to gain balance with tail held high and wings extended. In this position a male approached the ♀ and attempted to copulate with the ♀.