

Lone Star, Douglas Co., Kansas

Sept. 9, 1969


Annette C. and I canoed from W end dam to S end of main arm (not arm with summer homes but next one to E) from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

A group of 14 wood ducks at S end of arm among aquatic vegetation and among willows. They remained as one unit, although 4 others joined them from the north at about 7:00 P.M. They called frequently ~~without~~ ^{while feeding} associated with flight. 3 Coots in same area as was a yellow-crowned night heron. a little green heron left upon our arrival and flew N along east side of lake. 2 pied billed grebes in deeper waters at mouth of bay. a great horned owl arrived from S and alighted in top of ~~deep~~ tree (one of the highest) at west side of bay on shoreline. It remained for 20 minutes and then left to N, dropping down to near level of the water. It did not call. at approx 9:00 P.M. 3 great horned owls called from 3 different areas of the lake forests for approx 4 1/2 minutes.

at late twilight at about the time the great horned owl left its perch, the two great blue herons arrived from the S and almost alighted ^{on} the canoe before recognizing me. They continued to the north down the lake. Most of the fish in the open water in arm of lake are bluegills (2" to 6") and croppie (overaging 6" and of about equal proportions. when captured the bodies felt warm. a check of body temp might allude to their position in the water, whether having been on bottom or top prior to capture. Checked the old spawning area but found no fish there.

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Sept 18, 1969

On arrival at S end of South arm at sundown, 16 wood-ducks were feeding in one group. They remained as a group whenever they adjusted their movement, either by flying or swimming. Toward late twilight they moved into aquatic vegetation in center of lake. They called frequently when disturbed. Two great  blue heron arrived from the north; one chased the other and a low grunt noise was offered. One great blue arrived from the S from forested area. Another alighted in top of the same