

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas
Dec 5, 1969

Established bird feeding station this A.M. Two minutes after food was placed on feeder, an Eng sparrow arrived. This has always been my experience in past seasons that birds inspect the food only minutes after being available. Approx. 1/2 hour later, a female red-bellied woodpecker arrived and made at least 18 trips. On each visitation the woodpecker picked up a sunflower seed, flew to telephone post 50' away and at an average height of 20 feet placed the seeds in hole made by the spike of the climbing equipment used in climbing the pole. Two other trees, one a black walnut and one an ~~oak~~ mulberry tree for depositing the seeds.

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Dec 7, 1969

Snowed lightly all day yesterday and most of night. Snow deposit approx. 2 inches. The following birds were at feeder yesterday and today. English sparrow (average no at feeder at one time, 25); slate-colored juncos (2); red-bellied woodpecker (1); starling (2); blue jay (2); Cardinal (3).

This morning had door of mammal cabinet open and dog inspected trap, mainly by smelling holes of the front ends of the trap. Without contact with mammal skins but by olfaction only (no sight), the dog initiated a behaviourism of rubbing the side of its head, neck and back on the floor some 2 feet from the cabinet. It would also rub its head on front of trap. Ordinarily the dog has a dead organism to on the ground to initiate this type of behaviourism.

At 8:15 A.M. a gray squirrel was noticed to move from one large tree to another over a precarious bridge (at one point crossing a 4 1/2' open area by jumping) and to move up and down the snow covered limbs without loss of footing. As it approached the base of the tree it proceeded cautiously down to the snow on the ground and then retracted and ran spirally around trunk of tree as if being pursued by another squirrel. There was only one squirrel in this tree and the behaviourism was entirely playful at experiencing snow for the first time in its life.

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Dec. 9, 1969

On a trip to Topeka, via highway 40 (thru Stull), noted 8 great horned owls generally distributed. Time, sunset to late-twilight.