

Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas

Dec. 17, 1969

checked birds at dam and Slough Creek area this P.M.
 Left Lawrence 3:15 P.M., mileage 74.4, overcast all day,
 temp 30°F, will keep list of kinds of birds between
 Lawrence & Perry Res. Starling, Eng Sparrow, water frozen
 along side of road. 80.8 redtail on telephone post.
 Sparrow hawk, meadowlark, cardinal, tree sparrow,
 bluejay. ~~SE~~ end dam 3:44. 95.2 gate at middle of
 dam. There are no birds of any kind in water N of dam (3:47).
 2 marsh hawks hunted top of dam on S side the full length
 to E. Circled the roads N of headquarters (boat ramp and
 rock wave breaker area but did not see pelicans. At
 98.0 observed a sparrow hawk and a coyote. The coyote
 was in the center of the field between the road and the high
 rounded knoll to the north. As the car was stopped it left
 what ever it was investigating (150' away) and loped up the
 slight grade to the road at base of knoll where it stopped, sat
 down and watched for 3-4 minutes. The gait was graceful
 and effortless with the legs, especially the back legs, held
 rather stiff and moving up and down like the action of a
 jackrabbit or pogo stick. This bouncing behavior, as
 stated above, was effortless and graceful and suggestive of
 an intentional act. This coyote was fearless and after
 watching the car for 5 minutes finally walked north around
 round knoll on east slope. 98.6 main road & now N up
 grade. 98.9 marsh hawk. 99.2 now to left. 99.6 redtail
 hawk. 00.4 Slough Creek bridge. Approx 150 mallards
 along shore on west side of west bay in same position as
 previously observed a few days ago. There were no ducks
 in bay to E. Left 4:07 P.M. and retraced route to S.
 Thin ice only ^{in water} on east exposure of bridge approach. 01.6
 main road. 12 tree sparrows. 02.8 SE entrance to Park.
 Will keep list of kinds of birds to Lawrence. Starling,
 Eng. sparrow, meadowlark, tree sparrow, cardinal. 15.0 redtail
 15.6 redtail. 15.6 redtail (100' from previous) and all three
 on top telephone poles bordering highway 24, 21.9 ^{home} ~~Ferret~~.
 in Lawrence at 3:35 at mileage 21.9.

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checked Perry Reservoir area, particularly to ascertain if Dec 16,
 was actually the departure date for the 3 American white Pelicans.