

Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas  
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made census of birds in Perry Reservoir area at the dam and at Slough Creek Area. Annette P and I made trip. The objective today was to ascertain numbers of American mergansers and sex ratios. Mileage at home 34.1, 10:05, Temp. 18°F. Sky clearing from general fog and now 10% in clouds. Snowed last night to 1 inch. ~~Water~~ Kaw River open below and above dam. Will keep complete list of birds between Lawrence and Perry Reservoir. 38.9 junction 24-59 at Teele junction and beginning of census, 39.1 15 starling water frozen along side of road, 41.3 approx. 50 starling in on flock, 46.2 2 starling, 50.5 Perry turnoff. I am surprised that with snow on the ground, that there were not more (or even 1) meadowlark on sides of the road. 51.1 approx 150 Eng sparrows in on flock which is unusual for this area, 51.9 yellow shafted woodpecker. 53.1 8 tree sparrows. 53.4 SE entrance Park area. Wind from NNE. 54.3 E end dam. Brown sedimentation out to 1/10 mile to north in the SE part of reservoir but drops off rather abruptly to W along dam. Considerable heavy wave action in lake. 55.2 outlet gates. 2 ring-billed gulls flying W. There are no other birds in lake N of dam that can be seen with 20x binoculars. This has been the general rule this autumn and winter. 56.2 headquarters and now to Perry area circuit. 57.3 bluejay, 57.7 main road. 2 redtails in dead tree at old farm house area. Both birds facing sun. 12 tree sparrows, 58.3 15 tree sparrows, 58.4 now to left, 59.6 Slough Creek bridge. no ducks or gulls, 61.0 now to left toward Slough Creek area. 62.3 <sup>crossing</sup> drainage to Slough Creek area. 63.0 Crow, 63.4 brink of ridge and now down hill to Gap Point. 42 tree sparrows at ridge-forest contact. 63.9 Gap Point at boat ramp. The name Gap Point given to this area because of an erosional divide between bay to N + drainage to S. This bay should have been classified as involute because of needs of birds for protection from S winds. Ducks shift across from here to protective lee of N side of mouth of