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Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas

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Survey of birds on Perry Reservoir. Left Lawrence at mileage 98.0, sky completely overcast, snowed a trace last night^(1 inch), temp. 18°F, time 10:11 A.M. Will follow 59-24 highway. Kansas River frozen above dam and covered with snow. Water below dam open but ice on borders, just beyond island at bend the ice completely covered river and beyond about 80% of river. Mileage 01.8 at 59-24 junction at 10:16. Will keep list of all birds to Perry Res. 04.2 midland. 04.5 2 redtails, one a dark phase with slightly reddish tail. 04.9 sparrow hawk. 05.1 Harlan hawk and loggerhead shrike. 07.1 2 starling. 07.7 8 meadowlarks and approx. 300 starling in flock 08.7 sparrow hawk. 10.0 13 meadow-lark. 11.0 Williamstown. more fog as we approached Perry. This fog was preceded by about 2 minutes of increased light from sun indicating a thinning of over-cast clouds just before fog. 14.0 2 crows and 150 starlings. 14.1 redtail. 14.6 Perry Res turnoff. 15.6 yellow-shafted woodpecker. 16.6 sparrow hawk. 16.7 cardinal and yellow-shafted flicker. 17.0 approx 150 juncos and 30 tree sparrows associated with drainage. 17.5 SE entrance Park will continue N to Gap Point. 18.5 15 juncos and 4500 starling. 16.6 turn to left off main road. 19.9 Slough Creek Bridge. E bay in ice and covered with snow with open water 300 x 300 feet. 23 mallards in open water, ice out to 2/10 mile from bridge and open water beyond. 21.0 2 yellow-shafted flickers. 21.3 turn-off to Slough Creek area (first road). 22.0 bluejay. 22.5 12 cardinals, 20 tree sparrows and 12 juncos (all juncos slate-colored). 22.6 crossing drainage, creek open but ice borders. 23.8 now descending to Gap Point, redtail. 24.1 Gap Point. at 11:05 A.M. Left car 11:10 and will check Gap Point ridge to W (see map for itinerary). Song sparrow associated with overhang of steep slope at road cut. 11:15 fox squirrel tracks at top of ridge at east end. The squirrel tracks are about 1 every 20 feet with certain areas heavily travelled. 11:23 head first drainage (from