

Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas.

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Checked Perry Reservoir to determine effect of restricting water habitat by encroaching ice. Left Lawrence at 10:06 A.M., mileage 31.7, sky overcast earlier this morning but now 98% clear blue above, temp 21°F. At Kaw River there is an increase in ice below dams, around edges and beyond where 70% is now in ice, in several places forming a barrier across width of river. Above river (dam) still in ice and covered with snow. 35.5 junction highway 59-24. Will keep complete list of birds between here and Perry Reservoir. 10:07. 36.0 4 starling. 38.0 Midland, 5 starling. 38.7 approx. 300 starling at edge of road. 39.0 35 English Sparrows. 39.9 sparrow hawk. 41.5 loggerhead shrike. 41.6 19 starling. 42.1 Sparrow hawk 43.8 12 starling, 3 E. spaw. 44.7 Williamstown. 46.5 redtail in top of dead tree facing sun. 48.3 Perry Res. turnoff. 49.2 22 starling. 49.7 3 juncos. 50.4 3 Cardinals. 50.8 44 tree sparrows. 51.2 SE Park Entrance. Will continue N. (10:21 A.M.) 52.0 marsh hawk. 52.3 now to left, cardinal. 53.0 7 slate-colored juncos. 53.6 Slough Creek, all water as far as I can see is now in ice. The older ice with snow covering has numerous fracture systems with saturated snow bordering the fracture. New ice with minimum of snow to almost clear ice, especially beyond to W. There are no fractures on new ice. 53.9 3 juncos. 55.0 leaving main road and now to Slough Creek Area, 1 crow, and 13 Cardinals, 65 tree sparrows, 35 slate colored juncos. These birds are associated with weed patch in first draw. 55.7 7 Cardinals and 12 tree sparrows. 56.3 drainage of Perry & Slough Creek Area, creek open with green moss but bordered by snow covered ice. 56.7 red-bellied woodpecker. 57.4 brink of hell (W) and now descending to Gap Point, 2 Cardinals, 1 red-bellied woodpecker. 57.8 Gap Point (boat ramp area). In weeds just N of orchard were, 19 Cardinals, 60 tree sparrows, 25 juncos, 5 Chickadees, 1 downy. From drainage SW of area can see a large raft ^{of ducks} to S near dam, a small raft nearer dam, and will check these 2 areas later in the day. A small group of mallards (4,000) are resting on ^{solid} ice approx 2/10 mi. S of main peninsular on W side of lake. To the west of Gap Point is an open body of water with American mergansers, mallards, Canadian geese and other ducks but will survey this group from Top of Gap Point. There is, however, an eagle (bold) flying back and