

Lone Star Lake, Douglas Co., Kansas

May 17, 1970

Saturdays and Sundays at this lake is like a 4th of July. The car traffic is so heavy that dust settles in and on some arms of the lake to make the area uninhabitable, the dust getting in one's eyes and lungs. Paving these roads should be placed on high priority. Because of the great numbers of people using the picnic areas there were none of the larger herds, observed yesterday, in the area. The singing of birds were interrupted considerably.

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

May 21, 1970

Recorded the following information from an informant who lives in the Elk Creek - Richland area of the Wakarusa valley.

- (as of May 21)
1. Approx. 110 nests of the great blue heron, (usual colony along Wakarusa at the Shawnee - Douglas Co line) support young. Last year he claims the young fell into the creek. There are from 5-8 turkey vultures that roost or rest during the day in the same large sycamore that support the great blue heron nests. When a vulture gets too near a nest, the heron will walk out on the limb toward the vulture and, in some cases, will come into bodily contact with the vulture to drive it away from the nest.
 2. raccoons have young following them along the river.
 3. deer come to water from the north side.
 4. a fox squirrel follows one along the river and appears as if tame.
 5. Approx 3/10 mi up river from colony is a beaver dam across the river. Carp are moving up thru narrow channel thru dam.
 6. Blue Catfish were common in Wakarusa years ago but are rare or even absent but there are a few in Rock Creek and in Stranger Creek.
 7. Gar are rare in the Wakarusa but years ago were common and were found moving up all the small lateral drainages of the Wakarusa.
 8. He has never seen a mud-puppy (necturus) on the Wakarusa in recent years but did observe one near Lakeview a few years ago.
 9. Channel cats common in Wakarusa and last week caught 60 lbs in one day.