

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

Aug. 30, 1970

Checked birds in riparian community on E side R.R tracks immediately E of Lawrence Waterworks Plant. 180 starlings in cottonwood trees, from 1/3 to tops of trees. They consisted of one aggregate. Robins (of which there were approx 30, generally distributed in forested area. 7 catbirds at pond by tracks, 1 mockingbird, 2 brown thrashers, 1 flicker, 3 grackles. The pond supported more birds than I have observed before and were there because of dry conditions elsewhere. 3 cottontails. There is a noticeable difference in conditions of river and drainage systems; all clear except one from waterworks which is heavily laden with yellowish silt.

Wakarusa and Kaw River, Douglas Co., Kansas

Sept. 27, 1970

Mr. Dennis Bailey and I made canoe trip from Dugemou's Crossing (9:00 A.M.) on the Wakarusa River to Captains Creek (2:30 P.M.) on the Kaw River. Day clear and warm. Did not keep complete record but recorded some selected observations. Only 3 examples of solar change in leaves and these were a few leaves on maples. These are the first solar changes this season and are probably of this date or at least not over a day or two old. The Wakarusa was receding from previous flooding. Kaw higher than usual. Frogs and fish activity uncommon. 8 gar were noted at lower end of Wakarusa.

On the Wakarusa noted 2 woodpecks, 2 beaver, 2 muskrats, red-bellied woodpecker about 1 per 1/10 mile, 2 great horned owl, 2 redtails, 3 downy and 2 hairy woodpeckers, 1 kingfisher (near Kaw), 2 green heron, There were no influx of winter birds. The usual birds included bluejay, robin, titmouse, black-capped chickadee, cardinal, etc.

On the Kaw noted 5 great blue herons, 3 spotted sandpipers, 2 killdeer, 12 green-winged teal, 18 coot. At this time of year there are many grackles & redwings in area.

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Oct 17, 1970

Noticeable color in trees starting this date

Oct 21

Color of trees reaching maximum color intensity: 1/3 in color. Greens to vivid orange, yellow & reds.