

Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas

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made census of birds in reservoir area. Left Lawrence at 9:48 at junction 59 and 24 at mileage 52858. Complete census of birds to reservoir. yellow-shafted flicker, Sky clear, no wind and temp 11° F. 59.7 12 starling. 60.7 Meadowlark, 2 meadowlarks. 61.6 8 meadowlarks. 63.2 Sparrow hawk. 65.0 8 horned larks. 65.9 2 Eng. sparrows. 66.8 2 Eng sparrows. 67.2 Wellenstown. 68.1 4 meadowlarks. 69.4 18 horned larks. 70.7 Perry turnoff. 70.8 2 juncos, 1 Cardinal. 71.0 18 tree sparrows. 71.4 50 tree sparrows. 71.8 6 tree sparrows. 72.2 loggerhead shrike. 72.7 4 meadowlark. 73.4 18 tree sparrows. 73.5 SE corner of reservoir area. 74.0 2 tree sparrows 74.6 E end of dam (on top). As far as I can see, the entire lake is covered with ice, the southern end showing a mass of compacted ice and then refreezing of lake. Most of ice is covered with snow of 2 days ago, some blue areas of more recent ice. 75.4 gate Can see two small open areas maintained by ducks, one about ²⁰⁰300' from shore at point across from E end of dam and one between this open water and the gate and some 400' from open water nearer the land. 76.2 E end dam. 77.3 all boats in marina in ice. This condition ^{of ice} in spring will pay horse to this boat dock. 77.9 marsh hawk feeding along brushy side of hill. 78.5 main road and rd to 47. 79.1 Big Slough Road. 79.6 8 juncos. 79.7 12 juncos. 80.3 Big Slough Creek bridge. 32 juncos at bridge. all water in ice. 81.0 redtail in tree on branch 1/2 way up tree. 81.4 30 tree sparrow, 8 juncos. 81.7 Short-cut road to Slough Creek Area road. 81.9 main road to S. redtail. 82.3 10 Eng sparrows. 82.5 Country Store. 82.9 drainage creek (lowest point in road as road turns to W). open but ice on edges. 83.3 23 bobwhite. 83.5 left to boat ramp. 84.3 passing road to boat ramp. 4 juncos. redtail. 84.7 20 tree sparrow, 11 juncos, 4 Cardinals. 84.6 at point where road gains W side of ridge, estimated 15,000 mallards in open water reforest land. They left as car became visible at point of ridge. They flew to larger open pond ^{7,000} or S over dam ⁸⁰⁰⁰. The birds that remain included 1 Canada goose, 2 pied billed grebs, 1 coot, 4 wounded mallards, ^{3 hooded mergansers} just as the ducks