

Wakarusa River, Douglas Co., Kansas

March 27, 1971

Took Mary to bridge N of Clinton. Temp 50°F, sky cloudy, 35 mi wind from S. She left at 9:30 A.M. Arrived at second bridge above highway 59 at 12:45 and at Lawrence at Louisiana St bridge at 3:00 P.M. Will keep list of birds from this bridge N of Clinton to the Peterson Road area, to Petersons, thence S to Wakarusa Valley road, thence E toward Sigel School (N end proposed dam). At bridge ^{49.0 mile} noted and heard Eastern phoebe at bridge, redbellied woodpecker. 49.1 2 redwings, 49.2 crow, 2 redwing blackbirds flying east overhead, yellow-shafted woodpecker, 49.3 redtail, bluejay. 49.5 2 meadowlarks, horned lark. 49.7 2 meadowlarks. 50.0 Coon Creek bridge, 8 English sparrows, water clear in creek, 50.2 2 meadowlarks singing. 50.3 sparrow hawk. 50.5 meadowlark singing, redtail. 51.0 cardinal + meadowlark singing. 51.4 loggerhead shrike. 51.5 bluebird. 51.7 now to S. flock 25 redwings and 4 robins. Fields heavily grazed E of Petersons place. 52.4 Top Rattlesnake Hill, 2 yellow shafted flickers, one meadowlark. 52.7 2 meadowlarks singing, redwing. 52.8 ♂ redwing. meadowlark singing 53.1 now to E. 53.3 small frog (cricket) calling in roadside pond. 54.0 2 ♂ redwings. 54.1 redwing. 54.4 Creek with clear water. 54.7 28 robins in field, 1 redtail and 2 yellow shafted woodpeckers and a bluejay. 54.9 second creek with less water but clear. Cardinal singing. 55.1 Y in road. 8 Eng sparrows. 55.8 now E. 3 robins. 56.1 24 robins in field and generally distributed, 1 loggerhead shrike. 56.2 Sigel School and end of census. Will keep track of different kinds of birds between here and Lawrence. Crow, Eng. Sparrow, starling, meadowlark, 18 meadowlarks in one flock. It is of some note that there were no grackles observed today.

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

March 28, 1971

Listed birds observed in area N of Peterson Road in open fields and riparian communities between 20 minutes before sunset to late twilight. Slate colored juncos, Harris sparrows, 10,000 grackles, redwings, starling, 3 cottontails, yellow-shafted woodpecker, meadowlark, robin. The grackles started to moving across area ^{from NW} at about 25 minutes before sundown + up to 10 minutes after sundown.