

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

March 29, 1971

Checked birds in area n. of Peterson Road from pond to first major wooded drainage to w. Time 20 minutes before sundown to sundown. Slate colored juncos, robin, meadowlark, Harris sparrow, grackles (as on previous days, thousands of grackles, almost pure stands, arrive from nw and alight in tops of tall trees, ^{starting} at about 20 minutes before sundown, where they remain for several minutes calling and then at near sundown or shortly after move on to the SE beyond. This maneuver is to allow the birds to reach their roosting areas at low intensity lighting so they will be least conspicuous in entering their roosting area. Birds leaving one tree take approx. 1 minute for all birds to clear) redwing.

March 30, 1971

List of birds of above area at about same time. Meadowlark, robin, grackles, redwings, bobwhites, Harris sparrows, juncos, yellow-shafted flicker, Killdeer, Cardinals, fox sparrow, great horned owl, black-capped chickadee. Grackles arriving at about same time as yesterday. 4 Cottontails. Gopher active in area for first time.

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At 402 Yorkshire noted the arrival of the purple martin. Did not observe these birds today prior to 3:00 P.M. Their arrival was correlated with strong winds (30-60 M.P.H) from the south. These winds started yesterday and blew continuously yesterday & today. The birds observed today occurred as singles but 2 or 3 could be seen in the sky at one time. They did not seem to be migrating but remained in same general area.

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Summation of winter bird feeding at 402 Yorkshire. General area recently developed and trees small 8-20 feet and minimum shrub growth. English sparrow dominant with average flock of 20 (10-50) birds and these present most of the day, either feeding or resting in shrubs near the house. The second most numerous bird was the starling and they