

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

July 26, 1971

Left for vacation at 2:00 P.M., mileage 57996.0. Will keep selected records for first day out. Temp cool, sky 10% clouds (yesterday 2 1/2 inches rain & high wind). Birds unusually scarce to Topeka and includes cardinal, blue jay, cowbird, redheaded blackbird, grackle, dickcissel, Eng. sparrow, yellow-shafted flicker, robin, chimney swift, purple martin. Birds increased in numbers toward evening and in the Salina area noted Eastern Kingbird, western kingbird, meadowlark, cowbird, redwing, 4 crows, killdeer, night hawk, and others. Even though there was an increase in kinds, there were relatively few individuals, for example so far: approx 12 meadowlarks, 18 W. Kingbirds, 2 eastern Kingbirds, 3 small flocks (15-20) redwings, 1 pied-billed grebe, no ducks, 7 night hawks. ^(one chased a horned owl) Some species records are: 065. badger road kill and redtail, 159.0 badger road kill, 162 redtail hawk, 164.0 first night hawk, 266.0 badger road kill. In the area beyond Salina, there is more marshlands associated with draws and drainage systems. Country as green as spring. Ponds higher in eastern part of Kansas than central Kansas. Arrived Cedar Bluff Reservoir (N side shore area) at 9:15 P.M. at mileage 58288. Tomorrow will travel to Castle Rock.

Cedar Bluff Reservoir, North Shore Area,rego Co., Kansas

July 27, 1971

Wind strong from S all night and some velocity averaging 18 mph but gusts to 25 mph. Temp this morning 66°F. At about dawn, redwing blackbirds moved S into lake area. Other birds in lake area area 2 great blue heron, 2 Herring gulls, 3 western sandpipers?, 5 killdeer, Eng. sparrows. Will keep record of birds from here N on 147 to jog in road, thence W torego Center, thence W to Castle Rock. Left 7:35 A.M.

Birds to jog (147) meadowlarks 1-1-4-1, pheasant 8-5, mourning dove 1-2-1, barn swallow 1-5, road kill jack rabbit, sparrow hawk, 13 lined ground squirrel 1. W from 147 (295. mileage) shrike 1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1, mourning dove 1-3-6-2-1-1-2, barn swallow 1-5-1-2, eastern kingbird 2-5, meadowlark 1-2-2-1-5, horned lark 4, western kingbird 4-1-1-2-1, killdeer 4, redwing 2-2-1-3, vesper sparrow 1, bobwhite 1, pheasant 1, Eng sparrow usual and same distance from habitation.