

Clinton Lake, Douglas Co., Kansas

Dec. 15, 1972

Annette and I made reconnaissance trip to n end dam site. There were no birds between the overlook and highway 40 on new road.

Dec. 17, 1972

Made census of birds in area of proposed dam site. No birds from highway 40 to overlook. No birds to bridge over Wakarusa (all trees have been removed and ground cover disturbed or graded). From bridge just beyond forks (house & barn have been raised to Collins home on Clinton road) noted 1 crow and 2 groups of 4 meadowlarks. From Collins corner to S end of proposed dam noted 35 meadowlarks in groups of 18-7-4-2-4. In fallow field 1/10 mi W of S end dam noted 18 marsh hawks in general area, some hunting near ground level, other flying or circling above. The time was approx 20 minutes before sundown and these birds were collecting for roosting. A sparrow hawk and 2 redtails were also in area. Most of the trees have been cut n of the Clinton road to n side of valley and the lack of trees give one the impression of greater distance to the landscape.

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

Dec. 18, 1972

Noted 2 redtail hawks systematically hunt a milo field near home. 402 yorkshire

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Dec. 24, 1972

Left museum at mile 62895 at 8:40. Foggy and temp. 26°F. Robins singing on campus and have been doing so all winter. On highway 59 at Wakarusa bridge the ice is in large sheets and water 50% open. Water muddy from Clinton dam operations above. At 62903.4 at 9:05 AM at first farm house on west south side of Clinton road beyond S end of dam. Will keep complete list of birds and mammals in the area (see map). Farm house completely raised and barns and sheds partially down. Crow cooing. 3 redtails, 2 of which could be Harlan's circling junco point at south end of proposed dam. They definitely favored this area as a hunting site. 2 Song sparrows and 1 savanna. 8 meadowlarks. 8:15 song sparrow. 8:20 redtail flew over and one of three from junco point