

Museum of Natural History, Univ. Kansas, Lawrence, Douglas
Co., Kansas.

May 4, 1973

Observed a swarm of kissing bugs (the nearest resemblance is to a mashed hunter, Reduvius personatus but with larger foot pad on third set of legs) from the 7th floor of the NE corner of the museum. The swarm was between the museum and the tops of trees about 40' out from the museum. They seemed to be concentrated among the trees and area toward the museum and moving in the direction of the museum. I would judge that there were approx 10,000 individuals. Noted first appearance of these insects at 12:15 P.M. The swarm built up in number to 12:28 and at 12:32 they disappeared completely from the area. They did not alight on building or windows. This morning there was absolutely no wind and temperatures at time of swarm (slight wind) was approx. 72° F.

Clinton Reservoir, Douglas Co., Kansas.

May 6, 1973

Annette and I made trip to Clinton area to check on birds. Left Lawrence at 68805 at 12:00. Day cloudy, rain last night and 70% rain forecasted for this afternoon. Enroute to dam will keep list of different kinds of birds. Purple martin, Eng sparrow, house wren, chimney swift, robin, grackle, starling, barn swallow, redwing, meadowlark. At Wakarusa bridge water 1/2 way up bank, cowbird, Baltimore Oriole, brown thrasher, mourning dove, mockingbird, dickcissel. Mileage at 5 end proposed dam (on main Clinton Road) 68819.3. Will keep complete record of birds thru Clinton area to Lone Star Lake. Dam base S of river graded but no building up of dirt. Redwing. at 19.5 at what would be the W edge of proposed dam, a white-tail deer ran across road and continued S to valley side. 19.5 redwing, grackle, dickcissel, redwing, cowbird, 2 grackles, redwing, grackle. 19.7 2 redwings, dickcissel, grackle, 19.8 meadowlark, 2 hudsonian godwits, 2 redwings, meadowlark, redwing, dickcissel, dickcissel, cowbird, grackle redwing, meadowlark, crow. 20.3 Rock Creek bridge, water 1/2 full and muddy. Sparrow hawk here. On better drained areas there are fewer birds, meadowlark. 21.0 meadowlark. 21.4 crow, robin, meadowlark, meadowlark. 22.5 4 barn swallows, bluejay, Eng. sp. 22.7 center (store) of Clinton. Continued west. Eng sparrow, meadowlark, 4 barn swallows