

Birds observed enroute from home are:

robin, western kingbird, meadowlark, bluejay, purple martin, chimney swift, Eng. sparrow, starling, grackle, redwing, dickcissel, crow.

Examined 3 woodrat nest in area: 2 on top of ridge and the most eastern extension and one at fence line SE of above.

Delaware River, Valley Falls, Jefferson Co., Kansas
May 13, 1973

Annette Christine directed a group of 13 girl scouts (4 parents) on a canoe trip from Valley Falls (put in at railway bridge N of town) to the first bridge some 6 miles down lake, taking 2 1/2 hours. Annette and I accompanied Chris. Beaver activity generally distributed along entire route, identified by tracks on soft muds of the bank. The water was receded from the highest level the reservoir had ever held. Water had inundated fields of the original flood plains of the area. One muskrat observed approx 1/2 way. Motor boats use this river-lake channel and disturb fishermen, wildlife and erode banks. They should not be allowed unless speed is below wake producing. 3 great blues and 3 spotted sandpipers observed along with usual riparian life.

1 1/10 mi. N, 1 3/10 mi. W Lawrence (P.O), Douglas Co., Kansas
May 18, 1973

In field and deerfield drainage forest NW of home (N of Peterson road) observed the following birds: (2:00 - 4:00 PM).
In fields: redwing, grackle, killdeer, meadowlark, eastern kingbird, bobwhite, barn swallow, dickcissel, robin, field sparrow.
In forest: great-crested flycatcher, bluejay, redbellied woodpecker, robin, red-eyed vireo, little green heron, black-capped chickadee, Baltimore Oriole, indigo bunting, redbill. A brown thrasher had a nest of 4 eggs in a rose bush along a fence row some 1/10 mi from forest. Nighthawk flew overhead.

I would estimate that there are 15 meadowlarks in the main field E of the utility lines that follows the ridge. In the late afternoon several grackles flew N across this field. There seems to be fewer dickcissels this year than previous years.

S end proposed Clinton Lake dam, Douglas Co., Kansas
May 19, 1973

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