

Lawrence, Douglas Co. Kansas

July 26, 1973

Left for vacation at 1:30 P.M. at mileage 72043.1 Temp 82°F Slight wind, 99% clear sky. Full tank of gas. Will keep record of birds according to first observed:

English sparrow, purple martin, chimney swift and house wren at 402 Yorkshire. Robin, meadowlark, dickcissel, mourning dove, crow, eastern kingbird, barn swallow, Topeka. 72105 redbird. Country unusually green with no evidence of yellows of dry season. Ponds full. Indigo bunting, 72111 entering Riley Co. 72114 Turkey vulture. 72116 redbird at Gery Co line. 72133 Smoky Hill River high and muddy. 72115 Abilene at 4:50. Standing water in field and creeks moderately full. 72163 first redwing or blackbird of any kind. 72197 2 redbird hawks sitting on dam of small pond. 72205 Elk Horn Creek. Wet fields and high rivers. 72205 horned lark 72327 night hawk. Fort Hayes 72269 at 7:30 P.M. It is unusual in not having seen grackles, cowbirds or redwing (except one noted above). 72276 bodger road kill (now on 183 N to Plainville). Shrike. Between Fort Hayes and Saline River counted 29 mourning doves and 9 meadowlarks. This river is on extreme south side of valley. Between Saline River and Plainville counted 21 mourning doves and 4 meadowlarks. Western kingbird at Plainville. 72294 redbird. 72305 South Fork Salamon River and 7 meadowlarks and 24 mourning doves since Plainville. 72306 Stacktown at 7:20 P.M. Webster Lake at 8:30 at 72317. Checked large mussels (*Anodonta*) and smaller *Ostrea* in Smoky Hill Chalk along cliffs on S side of dam at camp. Black Crown night heron called and 3 night hawks at camp on promontory above cliffs. Buffalo grass completely covering promontory in spite of cars traversing area for the last 10 or so years. No fish working waters. Water calm. Temp 90° this afternoon.  Birds on Interstate 70 rare.

Webster Lake, Graham Co., Kansas

July 27, 1973

Temp last night 67°F. Wind from S.W. at sunset at 12 M.P.H. Sun up approx. 6:45 A.M. no birds on lake or adjacent fields. Photos 730727-1 to 730727-3 of trailer on promontory. Approx 8:00 A.M. Left 8:20 A.M. Rocks (Fort Hayes chalk hand specimens) no 730727-5 and 730727-6 from ledges directly below point