

Lawrence to Lake View, Douglas Co., Kansas

Dec 22, 1973

Christmas census from W end Kentucky Street to Lake View via Santa Fe railroad tracks with lateral deviations.

Left 9:15 A.M., day clear, temp 35°-46° F, wind from S. Will keep complete record: 11 ring-billed gulls, 45 Eng Sparrows, 2 slate-colored juncos, 2 starlings, 3 starlings, robin, muskrat, western snipe, 8 crows, red-bellied woodpecker, 2 blue jays, robin, Hawk River. Open with ice on edge. Floating ice rare. Song sparrow, In the proposed park area the city is cutting and bulldozing trees, developing better roads and clearing in general. This should be stopped and any change should be governed by a board of qualified citizens interested in natural park settings. I would recommend.

1) no roads in area (including service rds to wells), no tree to be cut. no clearing.

In one group of small birds at west end of park at tracks noted. 13 Harris sparrows, 50 juncos, 12 tree sparrows, 1 downy, 2 titmice, 2 black-capped chickadees, 9♂ + 3♀ cardinals. Left park at 10:10 4 tree sparrows, 6 tree sparrows,

2 slate-colored juncos, 2 slate-colored juncos, 5 slate-colored juncos.

10:30 at turnpike underpass. Redtail, 35 tree sparrows, 2 song sparrows, 1 hairy. 10:40 first road from S. 10 starling, 3 starling field to ^E with 20 or so sets of gopher mounds, loggerhead shrike.

In corn field near wood^{ed} river hillsides^{To W.}, noted a large aggregation of 80 starling, 5 redwings, 1 redtail, spotted towhee, 2 fleechers, 32 ♂ + ♀ grackles, 22 tree sparrows, 18 Eng. sparrows, 13 meadowlarks, 20 slate-colored juncos, 15 cardinals, 1 downy, 12 Harris sparrows, 3 song sparrows, 2 blue jays, 8 quail. 11:10 Callery Plant

1 redwing, 2 slate-colored juncos, 10 starling, 30 tree sparrows, 1 meadowlark, sparrow hawk, redtail. Left tracks and to E to river in riparian growth. Birds rare and noted 1 hairy, 2 chickadees, great horned owl, 3 mallards 1?, winter wren, flecher, 12 bobwhites, 3 crows, 12 juncos.

Returned to tracks at convergence of riparian growth and hillsides at 12:15. In one flock on sunny side of tracks noted a group of 90 tree sparrows, 12 cardinals, 18 cowbirds, 6 chickadees, 2 downy, 1 starling, 3 white-throated sparrows, 18 Eng sp. 15 Harris sp, 22 juncos, 1 brown creeper, 3 titmice, downy, 2 song sparrows, 2 fox sp., at man draw near KPL brown creeper, winter wren, 2 goldfinch, 2 ring-billed gulls.

at drainage from KPL 1 swamp sparrow near cattails. In ponds W of plant 42 greater scaup. 33 mourning doves at edge of ponds ~~river~~

2 crows. These ponds could be important winter water for ducks.

at Kaw River beyond County road noted 29 ring-billed gulls