

Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas

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Annette M Bee and I checked Perry Reservoir this A.M. & P.M. Left Lawrence at mileage 011.9 at 10:30 A.M. Will keep record of different kinds of birds to Perry via Lakeview - Leecompton road. Day clear, cold. Black-capped chickadee, 20.1 redtail, 21.2 redtail, starling, 21.5 redtail, 21.8 redtail, 8 crows at river and 2 ring-billed gulls flying up river, 22.3 sparrow hawk, 22.6 sparrow hawk, 23.0 Lakeview Causeway. Lake frozen except under bridge. Canal leading from lake open. Eng sparrow, meadowlark, cardinal. Beginning of road along hillside & river. Kaw River open. Snow on road and a fraction of one per cent elsewhere. Red-bellied woodpecker, titmouse, bluejay, yellow-shafted flicker, 30.4 Leecompton bridge, redtail here. 33.6 redtail, 35.4 sparrow hawk. Continued to Thompsonville to top of ridge. 37.9 west end of dam and beginning of lake side road. Will keep complete record of birds. In SW corner of lake noted 30 mallards, single ♀ American merganser, 3 ring-billed gulls. Several thousand ^{generally dispersed} mallards, to E and will check this number when in that area. Lake open and all the appearance of spring in March. Lake calm & blue. 2 Bluejays, yellow-shafted flicker, 39.1 promontory turnoff. Will check this area. 26 American mergansers (mainly ♀♀) left bay to N and 30 remained until closer examination. Mergansers left before mallards of which there were 35 in small groups. ^{Returned to main road and} continued N. 3 mergansers and 7 mallards along open lake. In bay at 41.2 8 mergansers and 5 mallards. 41.6 crossing head of bay. 42.4 base of hill (opposite trailer camp site) 42.7 redtail. 44.0 redtail, 44.4 leaving main road now excursion to E. 44.6 redtail. 46.4 Causeway bridge. Bay to N frozen in thin ice. 8 goldeneye, 20 mallards, 7 gulls (ring-billed), 4 ♀ Am. mergansers. 49.0 back to main road after excursion to E. (Wind & Waves). 50.0 redtail, 8 tree sparrow, 2 bluejay, 8 Eng sparrow. Small birds extremely rare along way. 55.0 main road E to Ozwie, sparrow hawk, striped skunk road hill. 56.4 redtail. 56.6 Ozwie, Ice N of bridge ice south of bridge but several open areas. Approx 60 mallards in open areas. 57.7 redtail. 59.0 now to S. 59.5 redtail. 60.0 redtail. 61.1 redtail at turnoff to W (toward Apple Valley Farm area). 65.1 marsh hawk. 62.4 sparrow hawk. 63.4 to W at Apple Valley Farm for Lake Circuit. redtail. From lake can see (boat marina to NW) approx 900 ♂ & ♀ American mergansers (most ♂♂ ~~had~~ in Perry lake area are in this group, in other words the ♀♀ are the ones to leave the main winter group and disperse to other parts of