

13/10 mi. N, 13/20 mi. W R.R. crossing (highway) at Vinland, Douglas Co., Kansas

July 4, 1974

Checked albino dickcissel at 8:40 P.M. at 9:00 P.M. it was still singing but even with binoculars it was difficult to see details of bird because of fading light. On June 30 it was singing at 9:00 P.M.

402 Yorkshire Dr. Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

July 6, 1974

Cat brought in a Microtus nemoralis this A.M.

740706-1 Microtus nemoralis 131-23-17.5-10-37gms. ♂ testes 11mm

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(See June 23 for locality). Visited area at 10:30 A.M. Day Clear & hot.
 Photo 740706-2 albino dickcissel On wire
 " 740706-3 " " on tree
 " 740706-4 " " on weed stem tree
 " 740706-5 " " on tree ^{wire} showing yellow
 " 740706-6

10 dickcissel in 2 mi area from above to that point.

Fewer from there to Lawrence area (Wakarusa valley).

This evening at about 1/2 hr before sundown visited same area as above with Dennis, Judy Daily and Annette. The male albino was in top of singing tree where it was singing. Dennis photographed this bird. From the singing tree it flew E across road to highest tree (approx 40') where it remained for about 4 min. and then returned to general nesting area. Dennis followed and bird made two adjustments, the female entered flew S out of area. The male then returned to singing tree and when approached flew SE to open field where we left it. Continued to Douglas Co. Lake where we had watermelon and fished with a small fly. Returned to Lawrence. At 9:30 P.M. the albino dickcissel was not calling (light fading to late twilight when lights not strong enough for discerning shapes or color. Enroute visited tower vantage point. Whippoorwill called there. A great blue heron was observed flying W about 1/2 mi. N of Douglas Co. Lake. It is the experience of the writer that the albino bird is more conspicuous when on the level of the observer or on or near the ground in contrast to the position of the bird on a limb of tree overhead. This would be an excellent bird to observe for territory defense as it can be traced with facility.