

Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas

Oct 6, 1974

Polly Batendale, Bill & Betsy, Annette and I made trip to Perry Reservoir to check on birds. Visited SW observation point, to peninsula on W side, across dam to Big Slough Camp, thence to Ozawie, Long-view and return. Some observations are:

41 great blue heron in groups of 13-9-6-4-4-2-2-1, the 13 at Little Slough creek on E end bay. At Big Slough Camp on W side along shore noted approx 500 bluejays. Other groups of 2-10 were observed throughout trip and the birds are definitely more numerous than usual.

Approx 5,000 Am. coot in groups of 1500 to 4005. The larger group was a roost in lake off Gap Point. On east end of dam from gate to shore were continuous resting birds on ^{rocky} shore.

An adult bald eagle in perfect plumage circled south from Gap Point. Another large immature was in upper ^{along shore} camp of Long-view. It had no white at base of tail and seemed to be a very large bird. It flew over ridge to N.

Double crested Cormorant were generally distributed and in groups of 8-4-2-2.

Ring-billed gulls frequently observed. One group of approx 100 resting on point S of Ozawie. Other groups from 40 to singles

2 marsh hawks (a large and one medium in size on peninsula N of dam on west side. They hunted this area persistently.

Red tails in pairs and 1 single totaling 12 birds
1 sparrow hawk near headquarters!

at Gap Point on S side (lee side from cold N wind) noted 1 ruby-knight, 4 titmice, 2 black capped chickadees, 1 red-bellied woodpecker, 1 yellow-shafted flicker, 1 downy, 2 ~~meadow~~ mourning doves, 1 kingfisher and 2 groups of coot totaling 85 birds, and 1 great blue heron. Also great horned owl.

Cliff swallows in small groups were occasionally observed, one group harassing the bald eagle.

A mockingbird was noted at Big Slough Camp W side.

meadowlarks, 13 noted on uplands at several places.

Crows in groups of 2-5 noted at several places.

It is surprising that there were no ducks or geese in area today, and if so might have been farther N. in lake.

On return home at about 1 mi W of Yorkshur Dr. noted 14 eastern ~~blue~~ bluebirds, 2 myrtle warblers, 2 goldfinch and 2 chickadees. The flocks of redwings, grackles were nearer towns than elsewhere today.