

Perry Lake, Jefferson Co., Kansas

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Will take lower river road to Leecompton. Left 9:45 A.M. and will keep list of kinds of birds between here and Perry Lake. Sky 98% overcast with formed clouds. 92704 mileage at home. Bluejay, grackle, starling, Eng. sparrow, meadowlark, slate-colored junco, bluebird, 705 Leecompton bridge. tree (cottonwoods yellow and losing color, a few leafless trees. Sand in river 40%, 2 redtails between Leecompton bridge and Perry City. Redbellied woodpecker on road. 721.4 SE corner of Perry Reservoir. Sun shining now and clear blue to W. Crow. 722.3 E end of dam. Redtail soaring to S of dam in fields below. Water level 889.6. Approx. 2000 coot along shore at base of dam east of the water gate and 100 west of outlet gate. In center of lake and just disturbed by a motor boat charging the flock were 15 snaws + 30 blues, 6 Canadian geese and 5 white-fronted geese. Less than 200 ducks including mallards, ¹⁵⁰ pintails, ³⁰ teal and ²⁰ shovellers. ⁹ ring-bill gull. 724.1 blue jay. 724.3 6 bluebirds, 1 bluejay. From W end dam to top & return to W end dam at 725.2. Harlan hawk hovering over dam. On the average the deciduous trees 95% free of leaves, the oaks mainly dull browns, yellows are conspicuous colors + are from recently turned leaves of green. 90 mallards flying S. 5 ring-bill gull on east peninsula, 4 killdeers, 727.0 E end peninsula. approx. 40 coot. 727.7 sparrow hawk. (change mileage to 3 figures now) 28.3 ring-bill gull along shore. 28.4 15 ring-bills on point. 29.0 black-capped Chickadee. 30.6 at main road on top. Approx 4,000 starling and in same area as observed 2 or 3 years ago. 31.4 7 crows. 32.4 Rock Creek bridge. An immature bald eagle flew E across lake to Gap Point at N end of Big Slough Camp area and then circled S along ridge. at one point it was attacked by a redtail hawk that dropped down on it from a height of 150 feet (above edge). 2 ring-bill gulls on bar near marina. 15 coot S of bridge along E shore. 20 coot beyond. 33.0 leaving main road and turning E to Hilldale to see if road leads to SE peninsula which is good vantage point to observe birds. 33.9 5 bluebird. 34.9 back to main road & now to N. 35.2, 28 robins. 37.1 2 juncos. 38.4 redtail. 39.0 5 robins, 50 robins. 39.3 near lake edge 1 cormorant + 50 coot. The cormorant held its wing outstretched and faced the east. 40.4 Perry Yacht Club. Photo 741027-1 of the sail boats in bay. This bay is protected from the north as well as from the south from winds and was no doubt selected for this purpose of wind protection in mind. No birds in extension of bay to left except Redtail and marshawk. Single cormorant flew S down lake. An immature bald eagle and probably the same bird as noted at mileage 32.4 above. This bird sailed N over ridge thence E toward