Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas

Nov. 27, 1974

Made trip to Big Slough Park and dam and W. side lake to check on birds. mileage 93843.5 at 402 Yorkshire Dr., 8:30 A.M., day absolutely clear, wind from NW, temp. 33°F. 44.3 9 meadowlarks in one group. 45.6 3 starling, 2 meadowlarks, one redtail in top of tree facing sun. Ponds open but small bodies water ice. 49.0 redtail on usual pole at pond. 51.0 redtail in top of tree, crow. 51.2 N-S Lecompton Rd. 51.6 2 crows. 52.1 3 bluejay, redbellied woodpecker and 1 meadowlark, 3 Eng. sparrow all in road as a group. 52.9 Cottontail road kill, blue jay. 54.4 Lecompton bridge. 55.5 3 starling. 56.6 3 starling. 57.2 Highway 24 N out of Perry. 58.5 8 tree sparrows, 4 juncos. 59.8 SE corner of reservoir area. 3 crows, continuing N. on highway 92. 60.9 Ferguson Rd. bluejay. 62.0 Big Slough Bridge, 2 ringbill gulls on water to E, 3 on water to W. 63.3 2 crows in road. 63.5 turn off to Big Slough Park. 2 tree sparrows. 63.9 bluejay, killdeer. 64.4 entering Big Slough Park. 64.7 redtail in tree. 65.1 to left. 65.7 to boat ramp (9:15). or 45 min from Lawrence. Sparrow hawk. From boat ramp can see 5 ringbill sitting in lake. 50 tree sparrows pass by in 5 minutes. Hairy woodpecker, 4 juncos, 2 black-capped chickadees 66.7 back to main road and now to S. 67.0 S end of road. No ducks to west. 10 ringbills resting just inside whitecaps beyond point. One elm tree still in greenish-yellow but all other trees of forest colorless & bare. Water to N deep blue, to west a grayish muddy blue due to incidence of light 67.5 ringbill in bay, redtail head of bay, bluejay, 2 juncos, 10 ringbills resting on water 1/10 mi. W of Gap Point. 7 others flying over water. 2 group mallards 2 and 25 flew south 68.1 water of old County road 2 inches deep & covers 35' of road. ♂ & ♀ mallard left pond, 2 ♂♂'s remained while I drove around pond to boat ramp area, and for mallards this is confiding for hunting season. 68.3 Gap Point at boat ramp. The mallards were near shore on E side of bay. they were disturbed and flew to center of lake just N of Gap Point. After settling I counted them with 60x telescope as they swam to W. There is a tendency for loose organization to compact raft. Counted by 10's and with good accuracy. 卌 卌 卌 卌

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