

Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas

Nov. 29, 1974

at 402 Yorkshire, Lawrence

Trip to Perry Reservoir for bird census. Mileage 93978.4, sky overcast, snowed 1 inch last night. Temp. 26°F. About 8 mi. per hour from NNE, time 7:43 A.M. Will keep list of all birds observed on trip. Crow, meadowlark, 80 tree sparrow in recently cut mls field. 80.3 Kasald & Leempton Rd, starling. 81.1 Creek open but some ice along edge, 2 tree sparrows, Ponds open. 84.1 redtail by pond on pole as usual. 85.4 sparrow hawk. 86.3 n-s Leempton Road. 87.2 bluejay. 88.9 42 starling. 89.6 Leempton bridge. Kingfisher from 88.9 to river. It flew or flapped for 2 or 3 times in one direction then changed direction for an equivalent maneuver. No mallard duck or any duck activity in Kaw River valley in contrast to the great numbers observed here yesterday. meadowlark. 2 song sparrows and 4 juncos. 91.3 railroad tracks, 3 starling 92.5 Delaware River bridge. 94.4 highway 24 and continuing N. Car tracks across grass are more conspicuous after a snow. Not a single duck so far. 95.8 Thompsonville Road, 2 juncos. 95.9 starling. 96.3 Coopers hawk on ground ~~at~~ on shoulder of road. 96.5 now N. 97.1 top? Crow. 97.4 wind dam and now to N. Wind NNE. whitecaps just forming but good wave action on beach. Countryside is in snow and water looks cold. In center of lake and to the E ^{are} approx. 500 mallards. At extreme E side on W side Big Slough Park are approx. 2000 mallard and perhaps other kinds. 3 ringbilled gulls flying by. 98:1 ringbill 98.4. American roughleg settled in tree but left and flew N just above trees. 98.6 a mallard and lesser scaup ^{at head of} bay 5 of the peninsula. 98.7 redtail. 98.8 now to peninsula. 20 tree sparrows. 99.2 E end peninsula. Waves to N are in whitecap waves whereas those to south are just under whitecap size. With 10x binoculars and with full sweep of lake from E end peninsula can see 47 ringbilled gulls, ^{and} 5 Bonaparte gulls. No ducks except ~~at~~ in dam area. 14 ringbills appeared in bay N of peninsula and search along wave agitated shoreline. (8:45 A.M.). 7 mallards flew S. Gulls select points for food huntings. No redtails with binocular search. Left at 8:55 from peninsula. 99.4 30 tree sparrow + 8 juncos. 99.8 back to main road, 3 juncos. 00.8 9 gulls searching wave cut points. 01.0 bay & now returning 02.2 150 mallards flying S. 40 tree sparrows. 03.5 wind dam