

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

Dec. 29, 1974

Trip to Mexico with Annette & Chris. Left with mileage at 95171.3 at 7:30 A.M. Temp 36°F, wind from N and sky overcast. The intention was to determine numbers and distribution of raptors thru Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas but recorder malfunctioned to end of turnpike near Oklahoma border. On the basis of an estimation would say that there was a decided increase in redtail hawks and American roughleg hawks ~~with~~ over previous censuses and that the roughlegs constituted approx. 30 percent of the redtail-roughleg population. There was an increase in roughlegs as one travelled across Kansas, especially noticeable S of Emporia. The sparrow hawks seemed to be about the same in number or perhaps fewer than usual. meadowlarks uncommon until southern part of Kansas. Crows were decidedly uncommon and as I recall only 2 were observed between Lawrence & Emporia. From the southern end of turnpike on highway 35 will continue with regular census for the remainder of the trip, including all rapores and crows and other noteworthy observations.

953⁵²5.6 end of turnpike. 53.6 redtail. 54.5 redtail, 56.4 redtail. 57.3 redtail. 58.4 redtail. 59.6 roughleg. 61.7 roughleg. 63.1 redtail 63.4 redtail. 64.3 at milepost 7. 65.8 redtail. 67.7 2 meadowlarks. 67.9 4 crows since those observed near Emporia. 68.4 redtail. 69.5 redtail. 71.3 Oklahoma at 4:20 P.M. 77.4 Chickasha River. 77.9 roughleg. 78.4 redtail. 78.7 sparrow hawk. 79.8 redtail. 80.3 redtail. 82.0 redtail. 82.3 redtail. 83.5 redtail. 83.7 redtail. 84.4 redtail. 85.1 redtail. 85.7 redtail. 87.0 redtail. 4:30 sun behind clouds 89.1 redtail. 90.0 redtail. 91.2 redtail. 94.0 redtail. 95.5 redtail. 95401.3 redtail. 03.2 2 redtails. 05.9 redtail. 06.8 Red Rock Creek 14.5 redtail. (Red Rock Creek seems to be the beginning of the typical red soils of Oklahoma). 15.5 Black Bear Creek. 17.6 redtail. 95422.1 at 5:15 P.M. (sundown but cloudy to west). (End census) 5:20 sun just touching horizon. 40.1 Cimarron River and beginning of junipers. Because of light fading will discontinue census. Arrived Norman, Oklahoma at 95500.0 at 7:15 P.M. Stayed at Graces and Gillies in Norman. Norathia reported 4 snowy owls had been reported in Oklahoma, one of which was killed by a car in Norman area. The cardinal, tree sparrow chickadee, mockingbird, nuthatch, juncos are regular visitors to her feeder in Norman.