

Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas

Sept. 6, 1976

thunder & lightning

Started from home at 402 Yorkshire, Lawrence with black clouds to E and S and open blue to W & N. Left 9:35 A.M. at #58064.0 and travelled lower river road to Leecompton. Well keep list of all birds. 66.3 5 starling. 66.8 Kasold & farmers turnpike, 5 starling. 67.1 approx. 400 starling in one flock. 67.3 now on Lake Veev turnoff, Barnswallack. 68.3 causeway. Lake view to right (NE) is dry and weeds near causeway, dry lake bed beyond and stand of lotus at far end. Water in lake to W low. On sand beaches near bridge note (60x scope), ^{bulldeer 3,} lesser yellowlegs (12), 4 stilt sandpipers, 6 short-billed dowitchers, 8 pectoral sandpipers. Out on dry lake bed to NE observed one lone buff-breasted sandpiper. No other shorebird in lake NE of road. Thunders from storm to NE + E caused shorebirds to react. 68.9 8 barn swallows on line, 23 starling. 70.1 200 barn swallows on line. I have observed swallows in this general area about this time every year. 90.3 8 barn swallows flying over field. 71.0 2 mourning doves. 71.5 mourning dove. 71.7 4 blue birds. 71.9 begin hillside. 72.7 15 bluejays in one group. 72.9 4 chimney swifts. 73.6 Oakley Creek, has some water. 74.1 mourning dove. 75.0 Leecompton Rd. 80.7 E end Leecompton bridge. In general appearance as much sand as water in flow river, water is considered extremely low. 78.0. Now N thru Perry. 81.8 m. dove. 82.1 E end Perry dam. Barn swallow flew over dam to S. 83.6 W end dam. at 10:30 A.M. Fished 200' at base dam beginning at straight beach and caught 24 bluegills ranging from 3 inches to 5 inches, and 29 green sunfish ranging from 4 inches to 8 inches. Considerable wave action from Labor Day water skiers and other motor craft, ^{Great Blue Heron flew over.} A turkey vulture flew S over water (30') and as it approached the dam flew up to crest where it came in contact with wind which boosted it up 20 or so feet above the dam where it remained for 15 seconds before moving S. Returned to Lake Veev where I photographed three lotus flowers no. 760906-1 and 760906-2 and one general photo of the rounded leaf no 760906-3. ^{760906-4 of 7 inch seed head.} Some measurements of these lotus plants are:

- width of extra large seed head = 7 inches (39 seeds in head)
- width of leaf (diameter following leaf contour) = 28 inches
- width of flower 9 inches
- height of seed head from ground 6'2"