

They would gradually drop elevation and when over area, ^{some} would drop directly down from the flock. At about 6:02 the area of the roosting trees was one sky darkening mass of different flocks of wheeling birds from those arriving to those at tree level moving around over the open fields & trees. There is a general movement of birds along the line of trees that are arriving birds but mainly birds that are readjusting their position in the roosting area. In degree of compactness the species range from starling, Cowbirds, redwings, grackles and then robins. The robins are in large diffuse groups. In order of arrival the grackles and redwings are generally first, then starling and noticeably later are the robins. In all groups there is a rapid descent or flight into the roosting trees. The birds first occupy the tops of trees, then move down three trees to about 6' from the ground and just before the birds become stabilized and infight ceases they leave the tops of the trees and work down into the trees for 3 to 5 feet. This is generally toward twilight. The greatest number of robins come from the south while most starling from the N and less from E + W. The grackles mainly from E & W but all directions. Will check departure of the birds tomorrow morning. The group shows influx of starlings.

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Checked above area at 5:50 P.M. and incoming birds in full force, many in tops of high trees. At 6:10 sign of slight decrease in numbers to 6:23 at sundown. Incoming flight over by 6:35 except a few robins still coming in from the south. Considerable local readjusting in roosting area from one area to another. These late readjustments can be confused with immigration of birds to the roosting area. This evening a low stratus cloud below the level of a higher level of clouds cast a definite shadow onto these clouds.

Oct. 26, 1976

Birds in above roosting area stabilized at about 6:35 P.M. with birds already down some 3-4 feet from top of ^{most} trees. Some local readjustments

Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas

Oct. 30, 1976

Annette and I drove to Perry Reservoir via Lakeview and lower river road, Perry, W down overlook, N to peninsula then back across dam to marina and then home. Observed the following birds (a summary): (3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.),