

Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas

Nov 6, 1976

Annette and I to Topeka via Still Road, thence to Perry Reservoir via Meriden and Ozawie, thence Ferguson Road to marina at dam.

Checked numbers of Icterids from Lawrence to Topeka and from Topeka to Perry Reservoir ^{to} ~~and Lawrence~~ ^{to} see where the millions of ^{roosting} ~~these~~ birds ^{from} ~~to~~ Lawrence go during the day. Time 9:00 to Topeka and 2:00 from Topeka to sundown as we left Lake Perry area.

Between home and Still Road turnoff flock 90 redwings.

Still turnoff and Still 0

Still to Shawnee Co 0

Shawnee Co to Shawnee Heights 5 starling

Shawnee Heights to Shawnee Lake 2 quackles, 2 starling.

At Shawnee Lake 120 mallards and 20 coot.

Shawnee Lake to Topeka 0

Between Topeka and Ozawie 5 starling.

Between Ozawie + SE corner of Perry Lake area. 0.

At the N end of the city of Ozawie counted 152 blue geese and 542 snow geese in lake directly N of Bunton residence. Also 3000 mallards, 150 lesser scaup, 20 redheads, 80 coot, 35 green-winged teal

At bridge on causeway can see flock of 89 ring-billed gulls resting on bar S of the SW corner of Old Town Park, 38 of same species distributed at random on water and in air to S, 18 Bonaparte Gulls in loose group to S and 18 ringbills to N of causeway.

Continued S to marina, thence to Lawrence. No Icterids between Ozawie and marina at dam. In passing roosting area along Peterson Road at home in Lawrence, noted the birds settled in trees that are no 99% leafless except asage orange which constitutes fringe roosting areas. There is a shift of concentration of birds in trees in the roosting area.

Hallmark Field, North of Peterson-Yorkshire Rds, Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

Nov 7, 1976

Checked on Icterid flight this A.M. Temp 28°F, slight breeze NE, no clouds.

6:20 A.M. No action

6:25 A.M. 1 or 2 birds in one group moving

6:30 A.M. Increase in movement within trees.

6:32 A.M. Noticeable action in trees with birds moving & some ^{to} top and an occasional flight of single birds 10 feet or so at top.

6:33 A.M. 2 Starling left followed by main flight in 15 seconds. Group flight formed columns like low smoke from a chimney with birds 150' above ground. 30-foot high + 50' wide to SSE for 2 mins