

019.0 striped skunk road kill. 020.3 exit 135 at 5:40 P.M. at Ogallala and end of census. Not many birds observed so far.

Goodland, Sherman Co., Kansas

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Camp'd at a regular trailer park and exceptionally good one. at Goodland mileage 62141.9 and left at 8:30 A.M. Min temp last nite 15°F. Some snow on n exposures or fence drifts. [from Goodland to Limon, Colorado recorder malfunctioned or rather I accidentally released recording button] In the area just recorded would estimate 50 flocks of horned larks, with single individuals up to 200 in a flock, most of them nearer 25 individuals in a flock. These birds were common and generally distributed to Genoa where the upland breaks off to the lower plains. 2 American roughleggs, 2 cranes and 4 meadowlarks were the only other birds observed between Goodland & Limon. Starting at Limon will keep complete census as usual starting at 62249.1 mileage at 10:55 mountain time. 251.5 Elbert Co on Interstate 70 2 American roughleg hawks about half a block apart. at 11:00 A.M. 260.4 horned lark 262.4 Can see most of the mountain peaks of the Rocky mountains at 5800ft. 266.9 Am. roughleg. 276.6 meadowlark. 278.8 Arapahoe Co., 279.7 sp. hawk. No clouds above. 297.9 Am. roughleg. 298.8 Am. roughleg. 310.2 Am. roughleg. Snow ^{some drifts} scarce. 312.7 Am. roughleg. 320.9 Am. roughleg. 322.3 Aurora turnoff but continuing on Interstate 70. at 12:25 P.M. 325.7 80 Canada geese in flight lane of airport about 200 high. 62344.0 at north Glen Shopping Center N of Denver. Left at 2:10 P.M. for Cheyenne. The few clouds above the Rocky Mountains are gradually lifting. Surprisingly little smog in Denver area. No snow on any exposure up to top of Front Range. 388.4 sp. hawk. Most ponds and lakes frozen, some flowing creeks open. 390.9 30 Canada geese in air. 398.1 6 Canada geese 422.4 Golden eagle to right and remaining almost stationary in wind from west. The wind from the west has been  30-50 MPH and caused considerable problem in pulling trailer. The large truck trailers are also having trouble with the wind blowing the trailing part of trailer off the road. The wind intensity increases as one approaches the wide gap of rocky mts in the Larimer-Cheyennes area and especially south of there. Wyoming State line ^{as far as boulder} 423.5 and more snow on ground. 457.0 Albany Co. line ^{beyond Cheyenne}, continued