

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

Dec 25, 1977

Left for New Orleans, Corpus Christi trip (Dec 25, 1977 to Jan 10, 1978). Annette and I made ^{with Tediger} trip. Left Lawrence under cloudless blue sky, temp 22°F, gusty winds out of the north. Departed 1:00 P.M. Polly called from Casper just before we left. Mileage 81241.3. Leaving town noted a roughleg flying over Country Club Golf Course near home. 81246.8 mileage at Wakarusa Bridge south of town on highway 59. Will keep record of all raptors and other noteworthy observations. 246.9 sparrow hawk and roughleg. 249.5 sparrow hawk. 254.4 sparrow hawk. 258.9 sparrow hawk and opossum road kill, 4 crows. Some ponds partially open, all county browse, trees without leaves and no snow on any exposure. Most ponds, however, are frozen. 265.8 Santa Fe tracks at Ottawa. Mass de Cygne flapping. 272.7 sparrow hawk. 273.4 redtail. 276.5 crow. 280.7 marsh hawk, sp. hawk. 284.0 redtail. 285.8 sp. hawk. 287.8 Pottowatomie Creek, striped skunk road kill. 289.4 many junipers in deciduous forest on left side road. 291.6 Garfield. There is a noticeable increase in juniper after crossing Pottowatomie Creek. 296.6 redtail. 299.5 now more prairie like, sparrow hawk. 312.7 Allen County line. 315.4 crow. 320.8 Moran, now E on highway 54. 327.6 sparrow hawk. 328.7 redtail. 330.7 redtail, 2 crows. meadowlarks and starlings seem to be the only other kinds of birds and these not very plentiful. 335.5 sparrow hawk. 338.9 redtail. 339.8 first mockingbird and a redtail and a striped skunk road kill. As usual am recording all birds of prey and today, crows, all other observations selective. 342.4 redtail, sp. hawk. 343.3 redtail. 349.0 Fort Scott. 353.4 Missouri line. 356.2 redtail. Temp. 29°F. Across country have noticed 5 or 6 barns that have recently collapsed as if results of a heavy wind. 368.5 Nevada overpass east of town on highway 71. at 4:45 P.M., temp. 28°F. 373.0 redtail. 376.5 redtail. 378.2 redtail. 388.9 sundown at 5:10 P.M. still no clouds in sky. and not much wind and from N. Arrived at Joplin 81438.2 at 6:55 P.M.

Joplin, Missouri.

Dec. 26, 1977

Left at 8:30 A.M., 81438.2, min temp. 14°F, slight wind from W. Four mockingbirds at camp. Clouds bank of alto overhead but clear to N + to the S, wind from SW or W. Sparrow hawk ^{1 mi.} outside Joplin. 464.2 sp. hawk. fruit on ground. 474.6 sparrow hawk at Indian Creek, open and flowing, few meadowlarks. Country flat valleys, hills and deciduous forests. 479.8 Elk River, open, moderate flow.