

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

March 30, 1979

Stephen Preston of the Fish and Wildlife Service of K.C. called and would like me to join a group (He, 3 members Nature Conservatory, 1 Army Engineers) to inspect the natural area (bold eagle) at the Leecompton area and Perry Reservoir April 6, 9:30 Nassau Building.

Goldfinch are consuming 1 lb. thistle seed in 3 days whereas in winter were eating 1 lb. per day.

E. side Big Slough Bay, Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas  
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checked above area for bold eagles and recorded complete census of birds and mammals. Left 402 Yorkshire, Lawrence at mileage 00.0 at 9:15 A.M. Sky overcast and prediction of rain and snow this P.M., Temp. 50°F. Wind from ESE. 02.7 Lake View Rd., robin. 03.1 2 bluejays. 03.5 approx. 450 cowbirds in one flock, no redwings or grackles in flock. 03.7 Lake View Lake Causeway bridge. 9 pied billed grebes in one group and resting without changing position on water, area occupied approx. 8 x 12 feet, as if resting from migration. 2 common mergansers flew w over Causeway and continued down lake at about 30' elevation. Six Bonaparte gulls circling above lake, 20' feet above water, one black head the others black patch behind eye (3 times area of eye proper). One on telephone line <sup>on causeway</sup> and did not move when passed by. 6 redwings on territories on n side lake (E of causeway). Killdeer. 04.9 meadowlark and robin. 05.2 robin. 05.4 shrike. 06.0 grackle. 07.3 hillside road. 07.8 redheaded woodpecker. 08.1 redheaded woodpecker, 2 bluejay. 08.7 redtail (dark head, all white breast, in). a grackle was concerned and about 2' from redtail. Cardinal at base of tree. 09.0 Oakley Creek, water backed from river (Kaw) and greenish in color, 4 bluejays one group. 09.6 redheaded woodpecker. 10.4 Leecompton Rd. no eagles between Lake View area and Leecompton (Delaware River). Area n Kaw (E Leecompton rd n of bridge) plowed or harrowed, one section in winter wheat. 12.8 Union Pacific railroad tracks, redtail. 4 grackles, 1 robin thru Perry. 13.9 highway 24. wild Horse Creek just beyond backwater from Delaware and green. 05.4 Crow. 16.3 sparrow hawk. 16.4 SE corner Perry Reservoir area. 17.0 sparrow hawk. 17.4 Ferguson Rd. 18.6 Big Slough Bridge (middle) meadowlark at S end of bridge way out of its elements. 20.0 turkey vulture. 20.4 turkey vulture, 2 grackles. 22.7 now right. 24.9 middle upper Big Slough bridge having taken low road from Ferguson Rd and found the road almost impassible because of mud and slippery surface.