


South Side Rock Creek Bay, Clinton Reservoir, Douglas Co., Kansas

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Annette and I made census of deciduous forests on the south side of Rock Creek Bay (see April 13 for map) Left car at 11:50. Raccoon tracks in trail, white-tail deer tracks measured 60 and 76 mm. Mayapple 4" high. Redbud in full blossom. 12:00 rock fence across trail. mole ridges across trail at about 1 per 1/10 mi. Bluejay, red-headed woodpecker, cardinal, red-headed woodpecker. 12:07 rock fence (this fence also extends and surrounds a pioneer family grove (see previous years notes for documentation of these groves). Some mayflower 12" high a Corps marker R1 2-46. Point 12:10. red-headed woodpecker, raccoon ^{tracks} on trail, redheaded woodpecker, mole ridge. 12:15 trail descends to N + we continued E. mourning dove, red-headed woodpecker, red-headed woodpecker, small black and white swallowtail butterfly, also 3 other species have been observed along trail. 12:22 clump 4 trees, red-headed woodpecker. 12:23 drainage, red-headed woodpecker, crow, tetraonid. cliffs stepping. The level is the top plateau and the first bench or (see level) is immediately below which (with today's exception) is the one followed in all census in the Rock Creek area. Red-headed woodpecker. Oak 5' in diameter (broad base) at 12:35. Deer droppings in trail, red-headed woodpecker, mole ridge across trail about 1 per 1/10 mi, raccoon tracks wherever soil favorable but generally single. 12:40 now N, more butterflies & turkey vulture, red-headed woodpecker. 12:46 point which is indefinitely defined, red-headed woodpecker. 12:51 now at divergence of trail  on ridge. Some elm of young trees (3" in dia.) with leaves 3/4 inches long. 50 coat in lake and generally distributed rather than a group. Arrived lake 1:00 mole to edge of water. 1:05 lunch at lake, ladybugs a lot. Left 1:25. 2 scarp in bay only. width of white lily 60 mm. white-breasted nuthatch, red-headed woodpecker, bluejay, red-headed woodpecker, red-headed woodpecker, red-headed woodpecker (where two or more names are listed as the last two red-headed woodpecker, it means that they were observed at two different places rather than together, which case they would be listed as 2 red-headed woodpecker) 1:45 downy woodpecker 1:53 fence line. ~~1:55~~ ^{2:00} at point are rocks arranged in such a way that they might be an Indian grave. Red-headed woodpecker. 2:00 point red-headed woodpecker 2:05 Pond, frog calling, moss except edge, erosion dropped