

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

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made census of deciduous forest on first level below top and along lake. Enroute noted 3 killdeer in waterusa bottoms 1 mi W highway 59. At Lone Star turnoff (from circuit road around Perry) noted 2 golden eagles circling and moving E to distant ridge on E side Washington Valley, also here noted a scissortail flycatcher. Continued to drop-off place and left car at 9:10 A.M. Crossed fields to start of census on first bench below top at 9:34. 9:40 drainage no flow but pools of water, 9:50 orage approx 50 inches dia. 9:51 old road, good grass & micratus runways beyond, spring 1 pt. per 15 sec. 9:52 rock fence and Corps of Eng. boundary marker more open on bench beyond, 10:00 drainage, pool 1 qt per 6 sec, 2 bluejays. 10:03 fence at point, good grass, 2 mourning doves, hawk nest 35' high and 5 feet from top, high erosional cliffs in Creek below. 10:08 rock fence, water 1 gal per 3 sec and best Creeks for water volume so far, raccoon tracks. 10:13 pond, 3 frogs, clear water and filled with spirogyra. many orage orange trees, bench wet all along, 10:18 crossover at convergence, rock fence and increase grade of stream up drainage. 10:20 minor drainage, 1 pt per 10 sec flow. Creek bed wide flat and filled with boulders. 10:24 back to rock fence, this is a big creek bed, 2 black-capped chickadees, 2 reufaus sided towhees, 2 bluejays all together. Red-headed woodpecker. juniper 27" in diameter. 10:35 2 red-headed woodpeckers, 1 red-headed woodpecker, 2 red-headed woodpeckers, Morrell's mushrooms out, 10:40 point, now to S, 2 red-headed woodpeckers concerned over G.H. owl, 4 white tailed deer crossed bench and disappeared over top. 10:45 NE of pond below, 10:46 pond below to W, a stable pond with cattails and some spirogyra around edges. water clear. 3 ♂ redwings on cattail, 2 on top of ridge to E and 2 on top of ridge to W, all singing as if attaining highest position on ridges to attract females. 12 frogs. 10:53 ~~sent pond~~ crossover, 1 qt per 6 sec. along W side of pond counted 14 frogs, spirogyra at edge. 10:57 back to bench. can see broad overflow as stable flow, deep eroded pit below road, 10:59 at point, road. 11:02 drainage, 1 qt per 5 sec., 2 crows. 11:05 fence, 2 red-headed woodpeckers, red-headed woodpecker, tetmouse. 11:07 E point 11:09 fence and boundary, deer select low spot in fence (low wires) for crossing. 11:10 n-s fence, 11:13 point, now S, 11:18 fence, 11:27

