

Lawrence, Stull, Topeka, Clinton Reservoir, Douglas, Shawnee Cos., Kansas

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To Topeka and return via S side Clinton Reservoir (only to intersection of the extension of Road W of Peterson area). Will keep complete census of birds along route. 281.7 Kasold and highway 40 at Lawrence, eastern skies clear, western skies dark with nimbus clouds. Temp. 75°F. grackle, starling, grackle, grackle, grackle, barn swallow, crow, cliff swallow, 2 grackles, 2 barn swallows, redwing, barn swallows.

86.5 Stull road turnoff. Elms are green and oaks are yellowish green. 2 mourning doves, barn swallow, 2 meadowlarks. Rain clouds to west. 291.1 Stull, redwing. Large plane from take-off from Forbes airfield moving E toward Clinton Lake in route east. This plane will clear the lake by only a few hundred feet and is objectionable to wildlife, especially water-fowl. The route should be directed around lake to south. There should be a general policy to direct plane around reservoir areas. Redwing.

94.4 Shawnee Co. line. Temp. now 62°F. Redwing. 2 grackles, 3 barn swallows, grackle, grackle, 97.4 Shawnee Height Cross roads. 3 redwing blackbirds, 2 grackles. 01.2 Shawnee Lake and end of census on trip over to Topeka. After taking care of business in Topeka returned to Lawrence via the south road around the Clinton reservoir. 30.4 Stull and beginning of census, now south. Trace rain on windshield. 30.8 two turkey vultures feeding on road kill 5 feet from edge of pavement. mourning doves, killdeer in field. 32.5 High mound and junction of road that passes Peterson property and scout camp to east. but continued S. Redwing, 2 mourning doves, barn swallow. At this time the recorder reached end of reel and no further information was recorded. From recollection observed only a very few small birds but those observed about same frequency of those observed elsewhere on some trip. Two redtail hawks were seen at crossing of the Wakarusa bridge and one at the Rock Creek bridge area. It would be of some value to establish observation turnouts at points of interest such as river valley causeway, road cuts showing stratigraphy of the Pennsylvanian rocks, and especially on dam along its entire length where cars could park or even camp to see evening and early morning activity of water fowl or <sup>hear</sup> night activity or just for daytime observation with telescope or binoculars. The Corps of Engineers has neglected this important value in the construction of lakes.