

measurements of the above eggs: (mm + gm)

790522-1 mourning dove.

28.0 x 21.8 6.7 gms

27.7 x 21.1 6.3 gms

790522-2 red-winged blackbird

23.5 x 17.7 3.65 gms

23.9 x 17.7 3.70 gms

23.9 x 17.6 3.65 gms

24.2 x 17.4 3.65 gms

790522-4 red-winged blackbird

25.0 x 17.6 3.9 gms

25.3 x 17.0 3.6 "

25.5 x 17.1 3.8 "

25.2 x 17.8 3.8 "

790522-3 red-winged blackbird

Wakarusa River and Haskell Avenue, Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

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Checked S side of Wakarusa from Haskell Avenue bridge w for approx. a mile. Birds noted: great ~~short~~ crested flycatcher, white-breasted nuthatch, yellow-shafted flicker, black-capped chickadee, cardinal, crow, brown thrasher, red-eyed vireo, Bell's vireo, yellow warbler, titmouse, red-headed woodpecker, ^{red-bellied woodpecker.} grackle. A red-headed woodpecker displaced a w. b. nuthatch. One flock of 95 male grackles in dense woods along Wakarusa river. This aggregate is unusual in that this number should be in flock formation. They may be males of the females nesting in Haskell bottoms or unsuccessful males for females. Measured a cottonwood at 10'1" in circumference. A silver maple measured 11'4" and another at 12'9". Gooseberries in fruit 10mm in diameter. Many paw paws on S side river near bridge. Also a few basswood trees.

NE Haskell Wetlands, Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

May 23, 1979

checked along dike from Haskell bridge to set of outlet gates on dike. This area is growing into forests from its more open conditions of years ago. Checked grackle nest, some 30 m area most in smaller trees separate from larger tree forest. One nest of 3 eggs and one young measuring 48 mm total length. Another nest with mud walls (wet) just finished but no cup lining, some nests with 4 fresh eggs, one with 5 eggs, some with 2 eggs and deserted as were other nests deserted but without eggs. I have seen more common grackles nesting in Lawrence and adjacent areas this year than I have ever observed before.