

After setting up trailer Annette and I to lake. There were at least 60 Least Terns in an area of an island 50' from shore. Some on island, others flying near by. When they approached the island they hovered above for a few seconds, then dived straight down to surface, some carrying small fish. This tern has black cap, short tail, whitish and black primaries. The black tern are mixed among the least tern (10) and are noticeably darker and larger. 2 sets of deer tracks on beach measuring 2 1/2 inches (63mm) and 2 1/4 inches (57mm), also raccoon tracks. Large Bufo toke to water from beach, also small Bufo up to 3/4 inches long. Returned to trailer at late twilight.

Kerwin National Wildlife Refuge, Gove Co., Kansas

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Min. temp last night 70°F, present 76°F at 6:30 A.M. Slight rain in air. Left 6:45 A.M. Thousands of grackles in large flocks toward sun and route reversed of last evening's trend. Roosted in trees along lake. Other birds in area: E. Kingbird, meadowlark, barn swallow, mourning dove, ring-billed gull. For the last 20 miles of Kansas on highway 183 going north, the mourning doves, dickcissels, meadowlarks, E Kingbird, W Kingbird, redwing blackbird, were at least 10 times more numerous than they were 20 miles N of the Kansas border, mainly because of more diversified habitat in Kansas. 998.4 budyd road kill on interstate 80, birds rare along interstate 80 (2 per mile, except barn swallows). 004.0 Cozad. 022.1 red-headed woodpecker. 025.5 North Platte river channel near road and 150 cliff swallows. 067.2 yellow-billed cuckoo. 076.7 redtail. 077.1 Keith Co. line. 078.0 mt. tim³ 125.2 junction 80W & 76S at 1:00 P.M. 128.6 first Lark bunting. 147.5 first big whirlwind. 170.4 first horned lark. 196.7 redtail hawk 204.4 prairie dog-town. 229.8 Wyoming State line just before Pine Bluffs at 3:25 P.M. 237.6 redtail 245.6 marsh hawk. Local thundershowers all across western Nebraska and as far as Cheyenne. 274.9 at 4:30 at Little America W of Cheyenne. 280.0 groups of 8 and 4 antelope and first ones observed. 5307.0 arrived at Vedauwoo Camp in Medicine Bow Range at 7:00 P.M. having travelled 376.6 miles today. Camped in regular area in the south part of the camping area. Many ponderosa pine in area.