

Clinton Reservoir, Douglas Co., Kansas

Oct 12, 1979

Checked birds at Clinton Res. from S end dam. Observed flock of 180 blue-snow geese in open water W of dam. It consisted of: 39 adult snow (21%), 14 imm snow (7%), 90 adult blue (50%) and 37 imm blues (20%). Also 3 pied-billed grebes associated with this flock of geese. These geese formed a compact group. When a plane dislodged them they left and circled twice but returned to same area. When they alighted they appeared as if they would land at a more distant point than they actually landed. They settled down in a long linear pattern  $3/4$  greater than the diameter of the original compact group before displaced. They moved immediately into a compact formation. There were approximately 500 pelicans today but they were organized into two groups and there were only a few<sup>1,2</sup> feeding in the lake. There were 104 snow-blue geese associated with the main group of pelicans. Also associated with the pelican resting reef were 11 great blue herons. Of the gulls on the lake, 80 were ring-billed

gulls and 4 were Bonaparte gulls. There were no Franklin gulls observed. Peterson Research Area, NW Lawrence, Kansas. Oct. 14, 1979  
 Pond: 2 tree sparrows, 2 song sparrows, 1 goldfinch. Peterson Creek: g. h. owl, 5 bobwhites, 13 bobwhites, red-bellied woodpecker. Grackle Roost: none. Fence Row: bluejay, 4 tree sparrows. Grass swale: none. Swale: 2 rough-legged hawks  
 Lawrence, 402 Yorkshire Dr., Douglas Co., Kansas

Oct 15, 1979

Some trees started to turn red about one week ago. The unusual thing this year is the red oaks are turning red about the same time as maples and other red leaved trees whereas usually they are the last to turn color. Grackles have been in yard the last four days

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Checked birds from dam. (10:00<sup>AM</sup>). approx. 400 coot along edge of dam some in water by shore but most of them resting on rocks at edge. They were along a  $3/10$  mile section near the middle of the dam. One group of. On a sand spit NE of outlet gates were 212 ring-billed gulls but no Franklin or Bonaparte gulls. Some number of pelicans, around 500<sup>most</sup> on W side lake in usual resting area but  $1/3$  in upper Rack Creek Bay. Associated with the resting pelicans were 200 ring-billed gulls. A great blue heron displaced these gulls by rushing at them on 3 occasions. No ducks or geese in area.