

International airport, Missouri

March 19, 1980

Picked up Mary Bee at airport this afternoon. Enroute recorded the following: midland (N^W Lawrence) mileage 14040.5 at 11:15 A.M. Travelled straight north to Winchester, thence E to Leavenworth, thence to N end airport. There is a faint indication of budding in deciduous trees. Grasses, except winter wheat, brown. Winter wheat green but not the brilliant green of further growth. Sky clear. Striped Skunk Road Kill Mud Creek just before gaining plateau. 2 striped skunk road kills. Road W to Oshawa. Opossum road kill, fox squirrel road kill. Road to Jay Old barn. Yellow-shafted flicker, and the first bird of any kind since leaving midland. High winds are keeping hawks out of air and small birds low. Fox squirrel road kill. Birds rare. Opossum and cottontail road kill. Winchester 11:45 now E. 2 slate-colored juncos, 18 starling, opossum road kill. Leavenworth Co., line on 192. Shrike, robin. Eaton 12:00 60°F, high wind. Salt Creek is unusually small for the size of river valley which is wide & deep. Missouri River, 2 crows, redtail. Platte City, redtail. N end airport. Planes having difficulty landing especially larger ones. All come in with bright wing low. Arrived airport (N end 12:50). While watching planes come in 30 snows and 13 blues in one flock flew W across glide path. They were visible with sun glasses but disappeared without them. Continued to airport and picked up Mary who last week had visited the micers in Calif. and flown back to Salt Lake City with Diane Miller who is responsible for lighting of a movie production Co. Mary met Jimmy Stewart in Salt Lake. She then drove to Payson & conferred with Mendenhall, her knee surgeon. Thence back to Salt Lake & then to Lawrence. On way home had car trouble and had to leave car at Gladstone & return the next day at which time Mary picked up her knee brace in Kansas City.

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March 20, 1980

First large flock of grackles and redwings in area.

March 21, 1980

First purple martin at home, 2 in air. A flock of 15-40 cedar waxwings have cleaned up practically all cranberries at home this winter. Also goldfinch at thistle seed feeder. Seed about gone & second filling =