

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

March 22, 1980

Trip to Casper, Wyo. to visit with daughter Mary. Left with trailer 9:15 A.M., temp 44°F. at mileage 14196.7
 205.1 redtail. 236.1 redtail. 238.2 redtail, getting into The Flint Hill area. (interstate beyond Topeka, still Rd to Topeka). 239.4 Wabouncee Co. line. 242.1 2 striped skunk road kills together. 243.6 redtail. 249.0 striped skunk road kill. 271.7 now n on 177 to Manhattan. 306.4 first turkey vulture on road w of Clay Center. 308.4 Clay Co., few ducks on pond. Skunk road kill at Clay Center (striped). 328.2 badger road kill, first crow⁽²⁾ at Cloud Co. line. Recorder malfunctioned Cloud Co. line up to Kerwin and to reconstruct would say that there have been 3 striped skunk road kills, 12 sparrow hawks (in a limited area east of Kerwin (20 miles E), birds rare, few squirrel meadowlarks where the sparrow hawks were, 6 redtails, 13 lined. now continuing with census from Kerwin. 429.0 Glade at 3:30 P.M. Gull in Phillipsburg. 462.4 2 sparrow hawks 10 feet apart, a third on a pole length away from the other two. 470.6 approx. 300 ducks on pond. meadowlarks coverage 1 per 1/10 mile or less thru area n of Phillipsburg. 473.5 Nebraska State line at 4:00 P.M. at Prairie Dog Creek, sparrow hawk. 479.2 Causeway Hartan Co. Reservoir. 1080 crows. water to causeway E side which was dry land last trip. 5300 ducks, few gulls. 479.4 Republican River bridge. most ponds with ducks, whereas in E. Kansas ducks rare. 494.3 sparrow hawk. 497.4 approx 500 Canadian geese flying E at Phelps Co line. 509.1 large lake & full of ducks and unusual concentration of crows the last 10 miles. most crows flying E. 521.6 Interstate 80. at 5:00 P.M. will keep list of number of ducks and crow. 8 ducks, 25 Canada geese, 450 sandhill cranes 410 mi. off road to n at mileage 523.0 850 sandhill cranes 523.6 8 sandhill cranes at 525.8, duck, barrow pits 15 ducks on over. 528.5 2000 sandhill cranes. They are all over the place. Others in air. 529.5 200 gulls following plow. 530.5 another 80 gulls. 533.1 5 sandhill cranes in air, another group 70 in air and a tendency to be moving E. another group of 20. One group on ground approx. 3000. There is a correlation of numbers of cranes in air and on the ground.