

north Platte City, Nebraska

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Left 8:05^{A.M.} at 15334.0. Some barrow pits are full of ducks and others without ducks. 352.2 redtail. 372.9 redtail. Temp 30°F no wind. 378.1 1 male 2 female pheasants feeding in edge of road. 413.7 183 turnoff at 9:35. more water in Platte River than on our trip W., sparrow hawk. Turn S on 17 from Elm Creek. 430.3 at N end Holdrege. at 10:30 A.M. 436.6 30 crows along road. 437.3 Harlan Co. line, sparrow. 455.7 Republican River. 461.7 Kansas State line. S. of Phillipsburg. practically no snow, and less fog and transition abrupt. Fields are greener than in Nebraska or Wyoming. 497.6 redtail and pheasant. 499.0 6 gulls, 507.8 sparrow hawk. 515.7 Redtail. ~~527.0~~ highway 24 4:00 P.M. 533.3 sp. hawk, redtail. 551.5 10 gulls. 553.3 first stone fences. 569.5 on highway 34 magpie. (2 1/2 mi. E Asherville). 570.8 junction 24-194 which is a few mi. SE of Beloit. Many fields have islands of wind blown snow and are randomly placed. Field on N side catch snow up to road and field on S side are free of snow for 200-300'

Trees show prevailing wind from S. Some barrows on N banks of road are 10' high and extend out from original bank some 10'-12'. This is the storm that put down 16" snow Sunday last, (3 days ago). 585.5 sparrow hawk. 607.9 great blue heron, 2 killdeer) 639.7 sparrow hawk (2) 654.3 mileage at Manhattan (come in from N). 580.0 first sunshine since Casper. 7 cont Heel. Heavy ridges and barrows of snow, ^{30% of ground} of storm 3 days ago. Sun out just temporary. Douglas Co. line on Steel road 150 blue and snow geese flew toward Clinton lake. Some ¹⁰⁰ ducks in ponds. 3 striped skunk road kill between Topeka and Steel. Lawrence (402 Yorkshire) at 15739.2 mileage at 5:20 P.M. Temp. 46°F. mileage from Casper to Lawrence 768.1 miles, or 1530.1 miles round trip.