


402 Yorkshire Dr., Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

March 27, 1980

Fifty two cedar waxwings at home most of this afternoon, 3 of them flew into the window and temporarily were stunned but recovered in about 5 minutes. They fed on cranberry fruit from eight bushes on n side of house. These bushes have more berries this year than in the previous 7 years. The cedar waxwings have been at home ~~was~~ on and off since they first occurred (see notes), and regularly the last week or so. In previous years some berries were left on the bushes, mostly mid-bush level. This year only 18 small clusters of berries remain and these should be gone in a day or two. Robins are about the only other birds that consume these berries and this year only in limited numbers. Before winter and after leaves left the trees these bushes were a decided red because of the heavily laden bushes. Several birds were feeding on berries that had fallen from the bushes from feeding of birds earlier in the season. The mass of bush (live form) is approx. 8' high, 6' wide and 30' long. 

Groups of 18-54 have been in area this year and seem to be in greater numbers and regularity than previous years. Goldfinch have finished 2 lbs of thistle seed (4 lbs this winter). Refilled feeder.

March 28, 1980

Cedar waxwing still here and have finished cranberry fruits except some still on ground.

April 1, 1980

Did not observe cedar waxwing in area today.

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April 1, 1980

Covered part of route (see notes 1979 for map) starting at Grackle Roost at 2:25 P.M. Sky clear, wind from north. Grackle Roost, no birds. Osage Fence, black capped chickadee, 2 cardinals singing, robin singing, raccoon tracks. Meadow Field 14 robins in field flew to Osage Fence. Plowed Field Swale, no birds. Pond Swale approx. 10 cricket frogs calling in ponds and drainage swale. E. Forest Edge. Black-capped chickadee, Brush Way, no birds. N. Forest a shagbark tree broke up main trunk. The limb measured 78 inches in diameter. Watermark in creek 3 1/2 inches