

402 Yorkshire Dr., Lawrence, Kansas

April 29, 1980

noticed chipping sparrow in yard for first time this season. Is probably going to nest in area

May 2, 1980

First Baltimore Oriole at home. Is conspicuous and calling all day. Also western kingbird in area. Has been observed several times in road

May 3, 1980

Juddy Bailey (403 Yorkshire) says that the Harris sparrow came late this winter (to feeder) but has been seen regularly since. Today I observed a ♂ and ♀ in tree above her feeder. They were previously observed feeding among shrubs on ground. The fox squirrel has taken up residence in elm tree above feeder and is the first time in 11 years that the squirrels have taken over a territory. This is also the first time that grackles, redwings, robins and rabbits have been common. Probably because of increase in numbers and sizes of trees that were planted when area was first developed.

Clinton Reservoir, Douglas Co., Kansas

May 5, 1980

made brief trip N end dam at knoll  
 Fly fished from A to B along edge of lake but did not get one bite (10:30 - 2:00 P.M.)  
 Observed some activity but minimal. I was surprised as I understood that special management was supposed to produce good fishing resource. Along route observed 10 loon in pairs. no ducks or shorebirds. 2 ring-billed gulls flew over knoll and only ones observed. no meerkat runways along entire route on either the knoll or field to N. Active gophers on top of knoll and at base of knoll to N near trees. Meadowlarks (2), Redwing blackbirds (4), grackles (2) and field sparrow in fields to N of knoll. At culvert at N end field (drainage from overflow cut) with four fresh eggs, one measured and nest besides other feathers had a large blue feather from the blue jay. This entire area should be developed for migratory birds and birds in general for show area. Have access areas where one could view from observation point or car, otherwise hard moral to trespass. It is difficult to view birds at Clinton.

