

Peterson, Deerfield, Kasald Research area, Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

May 14, 1980

Checked research area and found a decided increase in species and numbers of birds. Started 11:00 A.M. Peterson pond. ♀ cowbird, 2 brown thrashers, mourning dove, 2 robins, Swamson thrush, robin, bluejay, Swamson thrush, cardinal, bobwhite, Swamson thrush, house wren. Peterson Creek robin, song sparrow, Lincoln sparrow, brown thrasher, 2 grackles, 2 robins, 2 black-capped chickadees (carrying insects), robin, Swamson thrush, redwing blackbird, fresh deer tracks (60 mm). Grackle Roast robin. Ozage Fence 2 mourning doves, robin, pilot black snake approx 4' long, outstretched, then coiled, then moved 6' to ozage orange tree and climbed up tree at 1/3 rate of ground speed to disappear at about 25' high. There were no vacuities but snake just disappeared as a branch!, yellow-shafted flicker, 2 robins, house wren, robin. Grass meadow Chipping sparrow. Pond Swale bluejay, house wren, Swamson thrush, fresh gopher mounds among grass. E. Forest Edge Swamson thrush, robin, 2 eastern bluebirds with 3 young (short tails) same size as adults, Baltimore oriole, red-bellied woodpecker, N. Forest, 2 robins, house wren, great-crested flycatcher, 2 robins, bluejay, song sparrow, eastern wood pewee nw Forest robin, Swamson thrush, red-headed woodpecker, warbler (sp.?) 2 goldfinch (nope gray), great crested flycatcher. Main Forest. Swamson thrush, yellow-shafted flicker, field sparrow, red-eyed vireo, red-headed woodpecker, cottontail, Swamson thrush. Kasald Cr. Red-bellied woodpecker, 2 bluejays, yellow warbler, Baltimore oriole, robin, robin. phoebe. Silo. Deerfield Cr. grackle, 2 robin, house wren, Swamson thrush, grackle, brown thrasher, Swamson thrush, robin. S Forest. black-capped chickadee, robin, brown thrasher, 2 meadowlarks, yellow warbler. Pond Fence cardinal, across field to home at 2:30 P.M. temp 75°F.

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Made trip to Kansas City and return via highway 32. There seemed to be more road kills of striped skunk, opossum than usual for this time of year. 6 redtails were observed mainly sitting in trees or circling overhead. One sat on a fence post along road right-of-way. Upon return home noted 2 grackles raid an occupied robin nest with eyes. The grackles were not successful but many times they could have taken the eggs,