

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

Aug. 31, 1980

Flock of blackbirds (grackles, redwings) flew N between 7:23 and 7:45 A.M. First group massive. Rain all time. Temp 65°F. Wind from SE.

2 mi. downstream mouth Oakley Cr., Kaw River, Douglas Co., Kansas

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Observed buff-breasted sandpiper on sand bar along shore of S side Kaw River, riparian forest beyond, bank 10'-12' high. Some of the characters are: reddish tail; size pectoral sandpiper but longer legs and bill; buffy belly; upper tail (toward body) light buffy, darker buffy distally; the lighter upper tail conspicuous when standing; under wings dark; same size bill as solitary sandpiper; body slightly longer and thinner than solitary sandpiper; longer legs than solitary; displaced solitary sandpiper and pectoral sandpiper, flies straight + does not zigzag; stretches wings outward + upward when alighting; narrower + longer than pectoral sandpiper. Remained in area for 15 minutes, left + then returned. observed at 50'

From sand in same area collected:

800831-1 atlas	800831-4 vertebra
800831-2 phalanges	800831-5 tooth
800831-3 Condyle	800831-6 tooth.

Kaw River, Eudora, Leavenworth Co., Kansas

Sept. 2, 1980

on sand bar, 1/10 mi. up Kaw from bridge measured great blue heron imprint at 120 mm. Other birds in area semipalmated plover, killdeer, pectoral sandpiper, sandpiper, green heron, great blue heron, semipalmated sandpiper.

Kaw River 2/10 mi below Kaw bridge, Leavenworth Co., Kansas

Sept. 3, 1980

Birds: semipalmated sandpiper, great blue heron, green heron (alighted on sandbar and walk 100' fishing along the way), killdeer, pectoral sandpiper, kingfisher, spotted sandpiper, 8 semipalmated sandpipers remained in one place for 20 min, then searched shore up and down 3 times). 18 soft shell turtles along 30 feet of sandbar at edge of river. Another group 5 200' down river. These turtle moved locally but mainly stayed put.