

to balance in trees because of high winds. 574.2 Shawnee Co. line. On W side Topeka on Wanamaker exit a pintail duck flying down interstate about 60' high, and flying with difficulty against the wind. Mission Creek sky changed from 90% clouds to 20% clouds to W. 348 m.p. now entering Flint Hill area. Birds rare because of high winds. Eroded areas now becoming stabilized with grass. 601.3 Wabunsee Co. line at 1:10 P.M. 603.3 = 344 on mile post. Birds rare today. 607.1 striped skunk road kill. There is an unusual amount of slippage on road cuts. Open sky was just an interlude to more cloudy skies, now back into 98% cloud cover at 608.1. At Vera cut off or exit the valley S into Flint Hills is green, the valley walls are brown. 609.6 redtail hawk. 614.5 Papies turnoff. Off road to lunch and back again at 2:22 P.M. no blue in sky to W and darker base to cumulus clouds than earlier today. 620.3 striped skunk road kill. Farm ponds still low. 622.3 2 meadowlarks. 625.2 2 crows flying with W to E at great speed and maneuverability. Few drops rain on windshield. Field to N with juniper ever 100-200' apart and 2-4 feet high. 626.2 prairie reddish brown with green grass emerging thru old stands of grass. 631.8 Geary Co line. (2:50 P.M.) 633.4 2 mourning doves. 639.8 3 crows at Mc Dowell Creek. Except occasional tree with greenish east, most trees are without color or leaves. 644.1 opossum road kill. Hill E of Marshal Field that always was brushy and good grass is now overgrazed & brush disappearing, may have been burned. 648.3 Crow at Frank's Creek. 649.4 Smokey Hill River, low. Junction City turnoff a striped skunk road kill. 658.6 Hickinson Co. line sky of low cumulus clouds and dark. 663.3 meadowlark. 666.5 ring-billed gull. 668.7 redtail hawk and first sunshine in a long while. Localized area with leaves on trees, mainly willow. 682.2 Saline Co. line. 4:00 P.M. Ellsworth Co line, 723.1 Elkhorn Creek. 5:15 P.M. First grackles here. meadowlark. state-colored juncos. Ponds dry or nearly so. Crow. 728.2 meadowlark. The front that extended W from Lawrence to the S has been continuous and we are now at point where front ends with clear sky to W.

