

Lawrence, ~~Lawrence~~ Douglas Co., Kansas

July 10, 1981

To Topeka, Still road. Dickcissels about 1 per 2 miles and calling. Turkey vulture in road this side of Leempton on return.

July 11, 1981

Cat brought in a *Segmodon hispidus* this A.M. (402 Yorkshire Dr.)

July 20, 1981

Grackles have been flocking for at least the last 1 1/2 weeks flying S over house (402 Yorkshire) in evening. At home the grackles have been nesting in trees around yard because the trees are now reaching a size for nesting. At one time there were 9 grackles in the back yard, 3 of them were young. Robins had young about 3 weeks ago. The young when they leave the nest are inactive and stay in lower branches of different trees in the yard. As they grow older they become active and will even chase the English sparrows.

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July 18-19, 1981

Christopher Nye and I made two day trip down Kansas River to Bonner Springs.

July 29, 1981

Drove out to Clinton Lake. Water at 823 1/2 ft ^{E side} at outlet. 878' on W side of dam. No aquatic birds on lake. 10 meadow larks along dam on E side.

July 31, 1981

Dickcissels still calling in countryside. At home barn swallows follow back of lawn mower in yard. Neighbors have asked if these birds are dangerous when hawking for displaced insects.

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July 31, 1981

Collected a wood-boring beetle from Cottonwood at home. Specimen number 810731-1