

The incoming flight started 7:00 P.M. and ended 7:30 P.M. (from sunset to twilight)

The was a continuous inflight of line 120 feet wide x 80' high ^{averaging} from NNW to WNW ^{but} mainly from NW. Birds flew directly into trees (Cottonwood and willow) without checking speed or circular deviation of inflight pattern. This behaviorism is to gain roosting site as inconspicuously as possible so as not to attract predators. This action is even more important for birds who roost on ground.

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Drove to hillside SW of Lake View Lake before sunrise to check on icterid flight from Hallmark roost.

6:50 A.M. red-tailed hawk and sparrow hawk active in flight.

7:03 2 crows active.

7:08 sky brilliantly colored in sunrise area. 8 crows active.

7:09 sunrise and first blackbirds near power plant.

7:13 first major continuous flight (2/10 mi W and 300' high).

7:23 end of continuous flight.

noted 6 grackles on a utility line but did not see them leave flock. No icterids in field during flight. Redtail did not chase icterids. 4 crows arrived in to area of flight.

7:25 last of stragglers

7:28 - 7:32 3 groups of 400 icterids each flew by, some alighting in tops of trees. Last group flew closer to hills and at top of benchland level. These birds and others that followed did not act in same way as the first group at (7:09 - 7:25).

Another group at 7:35 definitely were coming from another roosting area other than Hallmark, most likely farther N.

7:36 - 7:45 Continuous flight of large groups.

7:52 - 7:58 4000 icterids passed but nearer the power plant, all flying WSW.

Other small groups flying in random directions. By now there were icterids in fields and on utility lines. A great blue heron flew by.