

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas  
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 Sept. 25, 1981

Rain last ~~few~~ days (on and off). Temp. mild, humidity high, like Coastal areas of Texas in winter. Few clouds to E.

402 Yorkshire Dr., Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas  
~~in fence~~  
 Sept. 26, 1981

Temp. 70° F, strong wind from S. Observed departure of grackles from Hallmark roosting site (see Sept 2) for map).

6:50 A.M. blue jay calling.

7:01 A.M. first grackles left flying low.

7:02 A.M. beginning of massive egress, continuous flying low and erratic

7:07 A.M. end of massive flight and only a few stragglers beyond end of flight.

This morning with strong wind, birds left in a more compact massive flight. They flew <sup>W</sup> about 2/10 mi. S of our house rather than directly overhead house. There was much confusion with more birds flying in different directions. Also more birds stopped in trees at house and other trees in the residential area. Brilliant red clouds in E at

7:15 A.M.

This afternoon collected the following butterflies:

810926-1 monarch

810926-2 "

810926-3 "

810926-4 "

810926-5 "

810926-6 "

810926-7 moth

monarchs, red-blue spotted and alfalfa butterflies ♂♀ only ones observed this P.M. Other species have decreased in numbers.

Dennis Bailey of 403 Yorkshire Dr. reported a scissortailed flycatcher (Sept 25, 1981) in field NE of Kasold-Peterson Roads.

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 Sept. 27, 1981

Temp. 44, sky almost clear, calm, sky more brilliant in color before birds departed than after departure. Observations from home.

7:00 A.M. 5 robins in yard, no flight of grackles yet.