

winter wheat just starting + 40 percent ground eroded soils, on uplands. 289.1 Nebraska State line at 11:17 A.M. 295.0 Hardan Co. Lake at bridge. 45 pelicans E of causeway in two small groups, one of the groups more widely dispersed. Water high and forming bay where channels are ordinarily found. American mergansers, cottontail road kill on causeway, redwings, and coot. Few ducks on E side. 300.7 striped skunk road kill. 305.3 pond low and 20 ducks, at least one a mallard and one a scaup. This part of country has more badger diggings than Kansas. 308.2 hillsides suggests former use by prairie dogs or ground squirrels, Horned Lark occasionally thru here. 310.5 sparrow hawk. 312.8 14 crows in one group, 313.2 Phelps Co. 313.6 pond without ducks. 318.6 approx. 80 crows at city land full at Holdrege, pintails and other kinds in pond. Sky cloudless and very cold and no wind. Fewer birds than S in Kansas. Seems drier here. Group 12 crows 324.4. 326.1 sparrow hawk. 328.5 70 crows more crows along here than we have seen so far, some gopher diggings. 331.6 field that could have been a former prairie dog town. 18 crows, mostly on tops of these old mounds. One field heavily populated with gophers and their diggings (diggings practically cover fields. Soils more sandy here. 333.9 good sandhine area. 335.4 Buffalo Co., striped skunk and cottontail road kill. 336.4 Platte River, half full, sandbars wet. 337.0 Overpass of Interstate 80 and near W. 12:39 P.M. 339.0 white-tailed deer road kill. 339.1 Dawson Co. will keep complete check of crows for a while. Flock approx. 40 crow 340.1, burrow pit here without ducks. 346.4 Prairie dog community, no live animals, 120 or so mounds. 351.5 burrow pit w/ 9 gulls. 354.3 ferruginous roughleg hawk. 372.6 meadows occasional eads. Birds rare along the Interstate. 378.0 N Platte River Channel. Groups of dead cottonwood leaves on outer branches could be tent caterpillar aggregates left over from last fall. 384.7 redtail on fence post. 386.1 Lincoln Co. line. 388.3 striped skunk road kill. 392.0 approx. 100 Franklin gulls on pond. 392.9 18 Franklin gulls in burrow pit pond. 395.7 mourning dove, 2 buffle heads and approx 80 ducks. 396.8 120 Franklin gulls + 8 ruddy ducks