

April 18, 1991

We drove over to a friend of Jays. He presented me a selenite crystal, no. 910418-1, collected 10 mi S Walker, Kansas collected by Allen Kamb of Univ. Kansas.

This evening at 8:00 P.M., after dark, a copperhead was killed in road. It measured 24" Total length. at 1 mi S jays farm on Buck Creek a ring-necked snake measured 16" total length. Photo 910418-1 jays home on farm. 910418-2 jay & me with thistle plant

April 19, 1991

Jay burned an old wooden box car (R.R.) on his property in afternoon at one time when entire box car was in flame, a striped skunk came to the entrance of a burrow leading to underneath the floor of the car and paused for 3 minutes then walked out to hot burning wood & coals of the fire and then returned and never returned again as fire and smoke completely consumed the ^{upper} box car. The fire continued all night and into the next day. Redbud in blossom.

April 21, 1991

Prepared to leave for Utah. Jay, Annette and I, this evening a striped skunk ran down road for 100' in front of car lights.

April 22, 1991

Left Lawrence 11:01 A.M. Before departing visited Bob Still and his wife, ^{Melba}. He said, when he was 12 years of age he shot a whooping crane in fields of midland. It was one of 50 crane flying in a line. also the bald eagle nested at Clinton Reservoir.

Left Lawrence at 7497.1 mileage. Turkey vulture on Wellman Rd at turnoff. Stopped at jays farm on Buck Creek and from there left at 12:45 P.M., red-tailed hawk. 2:04 P.M. red-tailed hawk, redwing blackbird, purple grackle. Continued to Wilson, Kansas.

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April 22, 1991

First stop Garden of Eden. Three photos 910422-1, 910422-2, 910422-3, ^{and 910422-4} of concrete statuary. All decoration made of concrete. Up to this point observed: 3 striped skunk roadkills, 13 red-tailed hawks, 5 turkey vultures, 6 meadowlarks, 11 red-winged blackbirds, but few other birds. Wakeeney first irrigation by sprinkler system. From Hayes to Collyer 10 red-tailed hawks (no high utility lines but fence posts. American crow nest in willows quarter. Red-tailed hawks all facing sun. To Oakley: 5 red-tailed hawks, horned larks.