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SPRING MIGRATION NOTES  
1966 Spring Migration from Camp Towanyak

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Camp Towanyak is located in Northeastern Johnson County, Kansas, near Kansas City, Missouri. This report covers daily coverage of this 94 acre area, 80% of which is wooded. Nearby are woods, open grazed meadows, and housing developments.

First dates are marked with an asterisk (\*), and are noted for all species. Last dates are shown when known. Species that were seen daily after Migration was really under way were:

Bob-white	Purple Martin	Baltimore Oriole
Mourning Dove	Blue Jay	Brown-headed Cowbird
Chuck-Will's-Widow	Common Crow	Summer Tanager
Whip-Poor-Will	Black-capped Chickadee	Cardinal
Chimney Swift	Tufted Titmouse	Indigo Bunting
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Carolina Wren	Field Sparrow
Downy Woodpecker	Brown Thrasher	Eastern Kingbird
Hairy Woodpecker	Red-eyed Vireo	Green Heron
Great Crested Flycatcher	Warbling Vireo	Robin
Eastern Phoebe	Kentucky Warbler	Red-headed Woodpecker
Eastern Wood Pewee		

The following species could sometimes be seen:

Yellow-bellied Cuckoo	Dickcissel	Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Rough-winged Swallow	Catbird	Eastern Bluebird
Barn Swallow	Scarlet Tanager	Louisiana Waterthrush
Wood Thrush	Lark Sparrow	Eastern Meadowlark
Parula Warbler	Common Grackle	Goldfinch

This seemed to be the worst year for spring birding I have known. After a mild winter, and an extremely warm and unseasonable March, we had an unseasonably cold April and most of May. Quantity was way down and on only three days did we note anything that could be considered a "wave" of warblers: May 15, when we saw 70 species of Birds and 15 kinds of warblers, was the first big day of the season; on May 17, we saw 65 species of birds and 12 kinds of warblers; on May 19 and 20, we found great numbers of birds. These latter two days were cold and rainy, but this brought the birds down to eye level. A Cape may Warbler seen on May 19 was the first we have seen at Camp Twoanyak. No Veerys were seen this year. Waxwings and Siskins were here all spring in numbers, coming to the feeders, and they seemed to stay late.

March 3 Mourning Dove*	March 30 Waxwing Flock built up to 100 or more Siskins common
5 Golden-crowned Kinglet	April 10 Chimney Swift*
10 Field Sparrow*	11 Brown Thrasher*
Cedar Waxwing (#10)	12 Ruby-crowned Kinglet*
11 Purple Martin*	Pine Siskins (several 100 feeding in yard)
Red-winged Blackbird*	14 Broad-winged Hawk*
Canada Goose (75)	15 Louisiana Waterthrush*
Fox Sparrow	17 House Wren*
13 Rufous-sided Towhee*	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*
18 Common Grackle*	18 Whip-Poor-Will
19 Blue & Snow Geese (3 flocks)	19 Eastern Kingbird*
20 Canada Geese (53)	
21 Brown-headed Cowbird*	