

1-1-24-48 *Canis latrans* ♂ 1230-380-211-36 1/2 lbs. Pelage extraordinarily good.

Shawnee Lake, Shawnee Co., Kansas

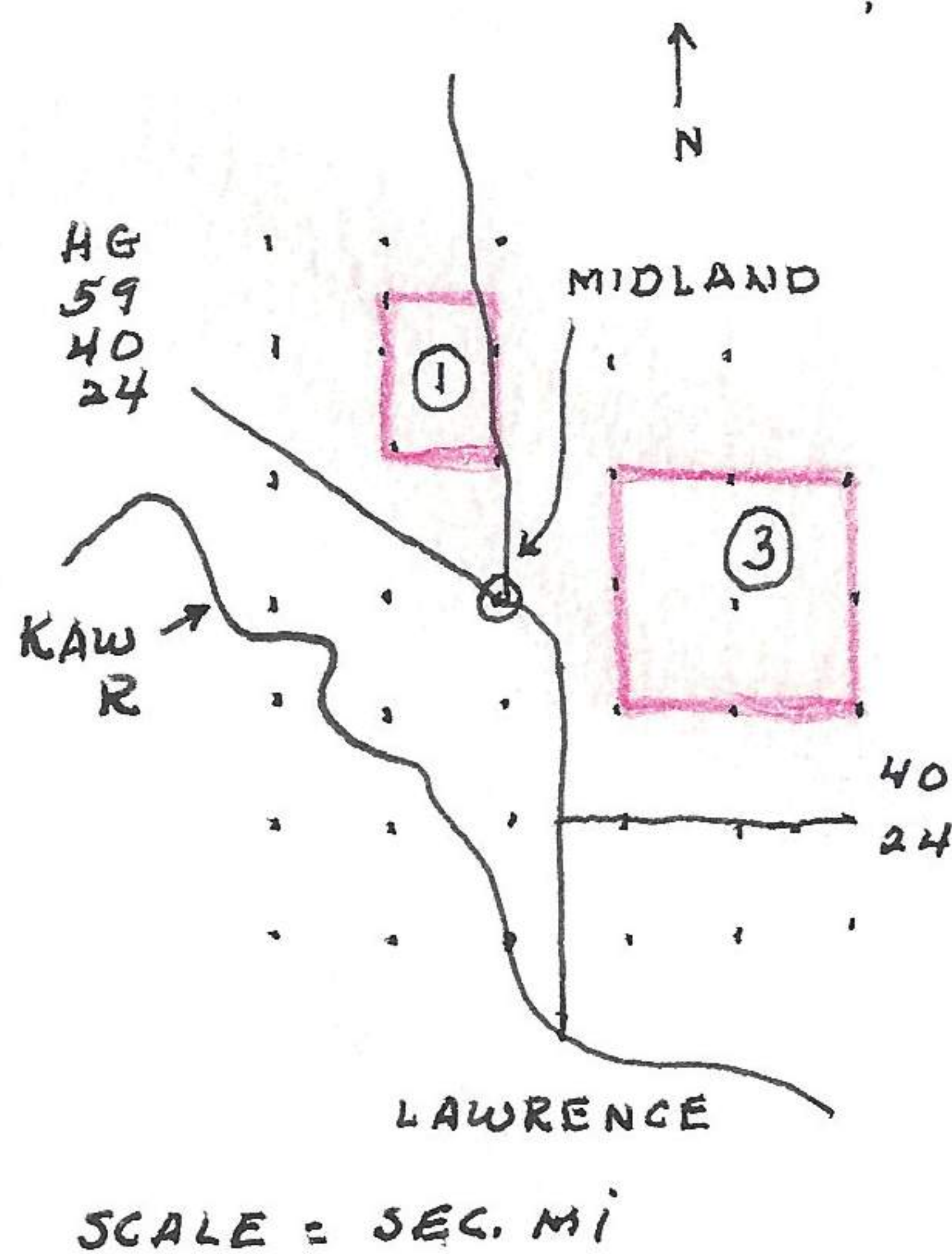
Jan. 24, 1948

Arrived lake 9:30 A.M. to check ducks. At 9:45 there were 1220 *Anas p. platyrhynchos* in approx. 1 acre of open water at the N end of the lake surrounded by solid ice. This open water has been kept open this season by these ducks. At 9:50 A.M. mallards started to leave in groups of 30 to 200 every 2 or three minutes, always in some kind of grouping. Departure continued until 10:15 A.M. when approx. 900 had departed in such groupings. The remaining mallards remained at the lake. Groups were formed from all sections of the pond, not desert groups within the flock. All flew east upon leaving the lake. Day temp sub zero and visibility approx 1/3 mile. Three *Corvus brachyrhynchos* circumnavigated the open pond and forced the mallards to leave the edge of the ice and enter the water. No American merganser on lake, although these birds used the lake up to this date.

Midland, Jefferson Co., Kansas

Jan. 25, 1948

Coyote drives of two separate units, one 1 mile north of Midland and 2 mi east Midland. Eighty cars and approx 320 people attended this hunt. 4 coyotes were taken, averaging in one unit approx 1 coyote per square mile and in the other case 3/4 coyote



per sq. mile. The usual airplane observer was in the air directing the hunting operation below. This was the first hunt in which an accident occurred. At the general store a hunter accidentally fired his shotgun which went up thru the ceiling into a room upstairs. No one was hurt. One fox was noted on this hunt but was able to evade the hunters in the dense timber & brush on the sidehill.