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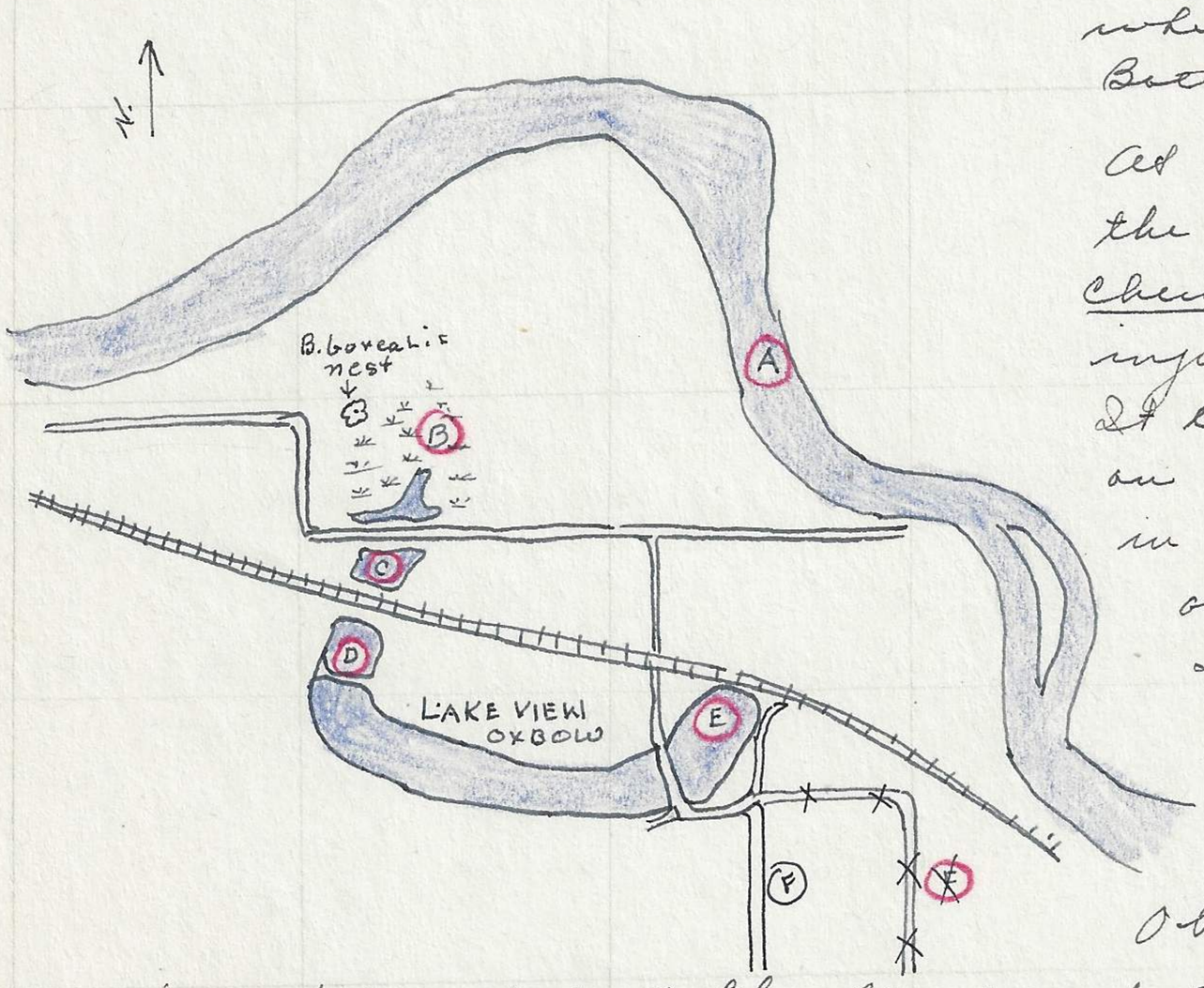
observed a flock of 8 Bombycilla cedorum on the campus this A.M. Gene Frum reports 2 birds at 1000 St. and Mississippi in Lawrence the day before.

Lake View, 2 mi N. and 3 mi. W. Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

30 March, 1950

Mrs and Mr Bert Chewning and myself made the following observations at the oxbow lake between 4:30 P.M and 6:00 P.M Day clear, warm and with slight wind. En route from Lawrence observed two Buteo borealis, 3 Lanius ludovicianus, 8 Sturnella magna, 2 Zenaidura macroura, 2 Sialia sialis, no grackles observed in this area while in the Haskell Bottom area are common.



At the lake area made the following observation. Chen hyperborea: One injured bird in area D. It could swim and stand on left foot only. Remained in area while 45 minute observation was made. It was not associating with the shovellers, pintails and other ducks in this area.

Observed what I considered a significant reaction of the snow and blue geese. They were first observed flying in area A. They were at that time in a mixed flock of 21 snows and 27 blues (no hybrids at least for flock of pure snows). The arrangement was much in the order of probability distribution. From point A. they flew ~~south~~ west 2 miles and then return to 1/2 mi east of area A and hence back to river area at point A. During the first part of this flight there was considerable mixing of the two species but by the time they had worked west and back again were segregated into 100% blue and 100% snow and while they were in a more or less compact flock the blues were about 150' higher in flight line. As they made their landing in one or two wheels the flocks became mixed again with segments of 2 snow + 3 blues, 4 blues and 2 snow etc. This situation would suggest at least a psychological if not a structural difference of flight pattern between