

12:20 Kingfisher, 5 Horned larks on sand bar - 4 others flying over - lead.

12:50 beaver house on N side of river. Deeper side of river, current strong enough to make progress upstream difficult for one man paddling, high sandy bank above. A large tree had previously fallen in water to make base for house.

Except for beaver cuttings place on bank at the head of the house, there were no cutting on bank otherwise, instead a water

corridor separated the house from the bank. Small willows averaging

1 1/2 inches in thickness constituted the main supply of material for the house.

Downriver from the house, about 100' or so were several trails leading up the bank to the source of willow above.

As a general note of distribution of beaver between Lawrence and De Soto can say that they occur along the entire river course, at least as far as general beaver activity is concerned such as bank trails, wood cuttings along the edge of the river, fallen trees etc. In fact there is beaver evidence along the entire river course wherever proper bank slope and trees are available. Noted two instances of beavers having dug mud from the bank - 2 feet above the level of the water. On a later trip will survey beaver activity specifically.

1:05 bend - opposite arched bridge of R.R.

1:25 goldfinch group flew by.

1:35 angle of river - now directly north.

1:50 Kingfisher

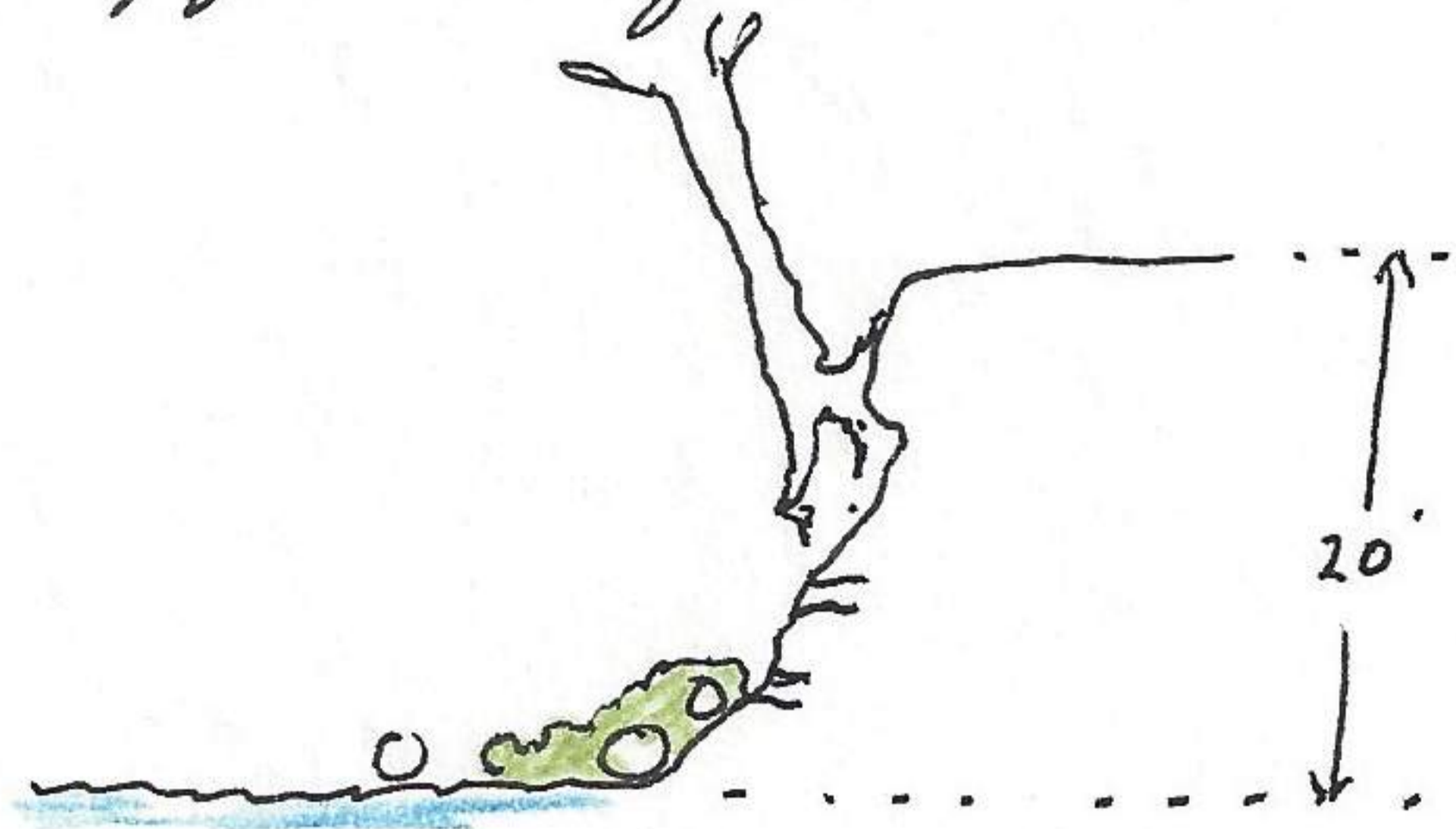
1:55 now NE

1:58 Stranger Creek. The river has eroded N to this creek which now opens at the bend of the river rather than to the east where it formerly opened. The N bank for several hundred feet is the old creek channel.

2:15 now S.E

2:20 6 killdeer feeding in close group.

2:30 2 killdeer, 1 crow



river debris only, no cuttings by beaver

