

Wood duck: One male noted at edge of river at base of tree which support good nesting site about 10' above water. It flew down river and as we approach it it flew further down river. After 4 such encounters it left and gained elevation above trees and flew back up river. A great horned owl was moving down creek at the same time without interfering with the duck.

Wren: Heard 2 call.

As this was mainly a trip to explore the feasibility of canoe navigation, we did not completely list all birds noted either as to kind or number. There were other small birds which we did not have opportunity to definitely identify.

Generalizations:

Many startling usurping nesting sites of native birds.

Lack of good populations of yellow shafted flickers.

Winter aggregates of birds have dispersed and or moved out of area.

Additional birds noted:

Sharp shinned Hawk: one bird flew down creek alighting four times before crossing creek. Kept in upper 1/3 of trees.

Mockingbird: One singing.

Muskrats: 10, all singles, one on bank.

Beaver: 1 dead. It was surprising but did not see any recently cut trees or willows and no tracks on muddy banks.

Turtles: 4, flat, 6 inches in diameter ~~(3 1/2)~~

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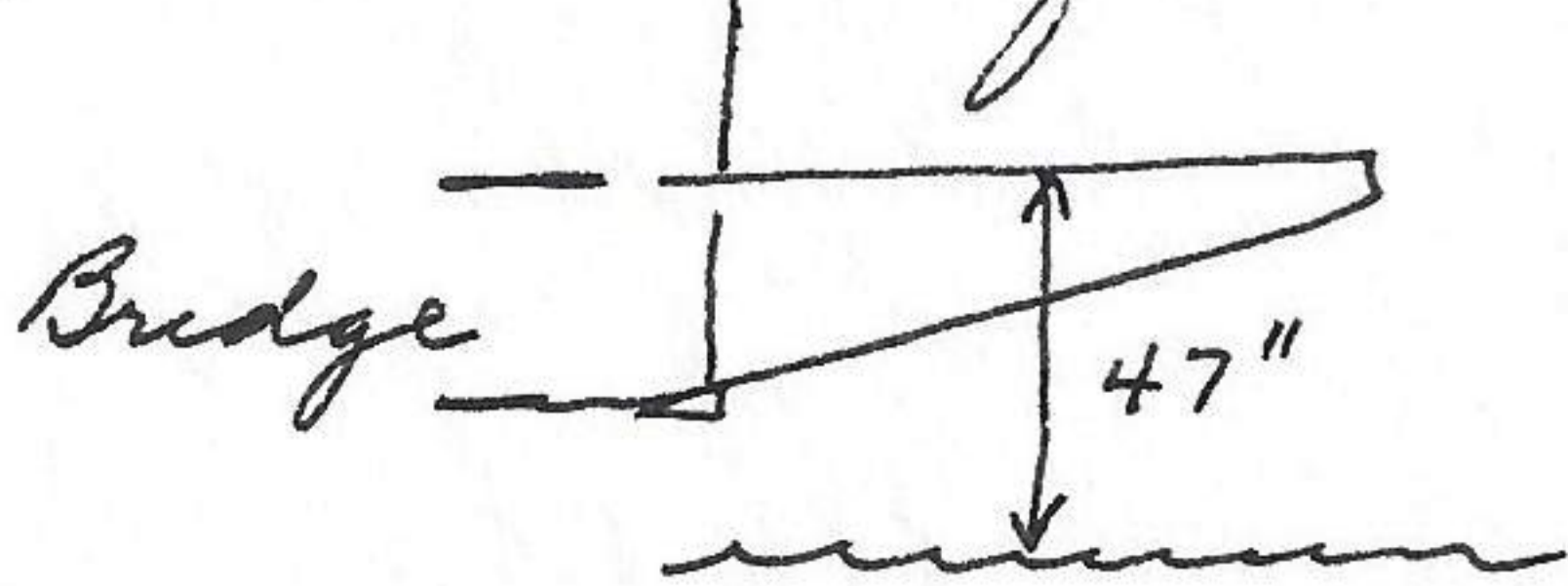
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At 6:30 P.M. noted several <sup>(2)</sup> hundred chimney swifts entering the chimney at 1646 Vermont, Lutheran Church. Clouds and rain darkened the skies at this hour. It was observed that many swifts were leaving the chimney (about one in every four that entered). At times the birds entered the chimney faster than one could count them. Fairly hard rain at the time of observation.

Wakarusa River at Louisiana St., Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

May 6, 1961

Rains of yesterday and last week have raised level of Wakarusa River to 47" from bridge at noon. If it is not already



over its banks at some places it will surely be by this afternoon or night.