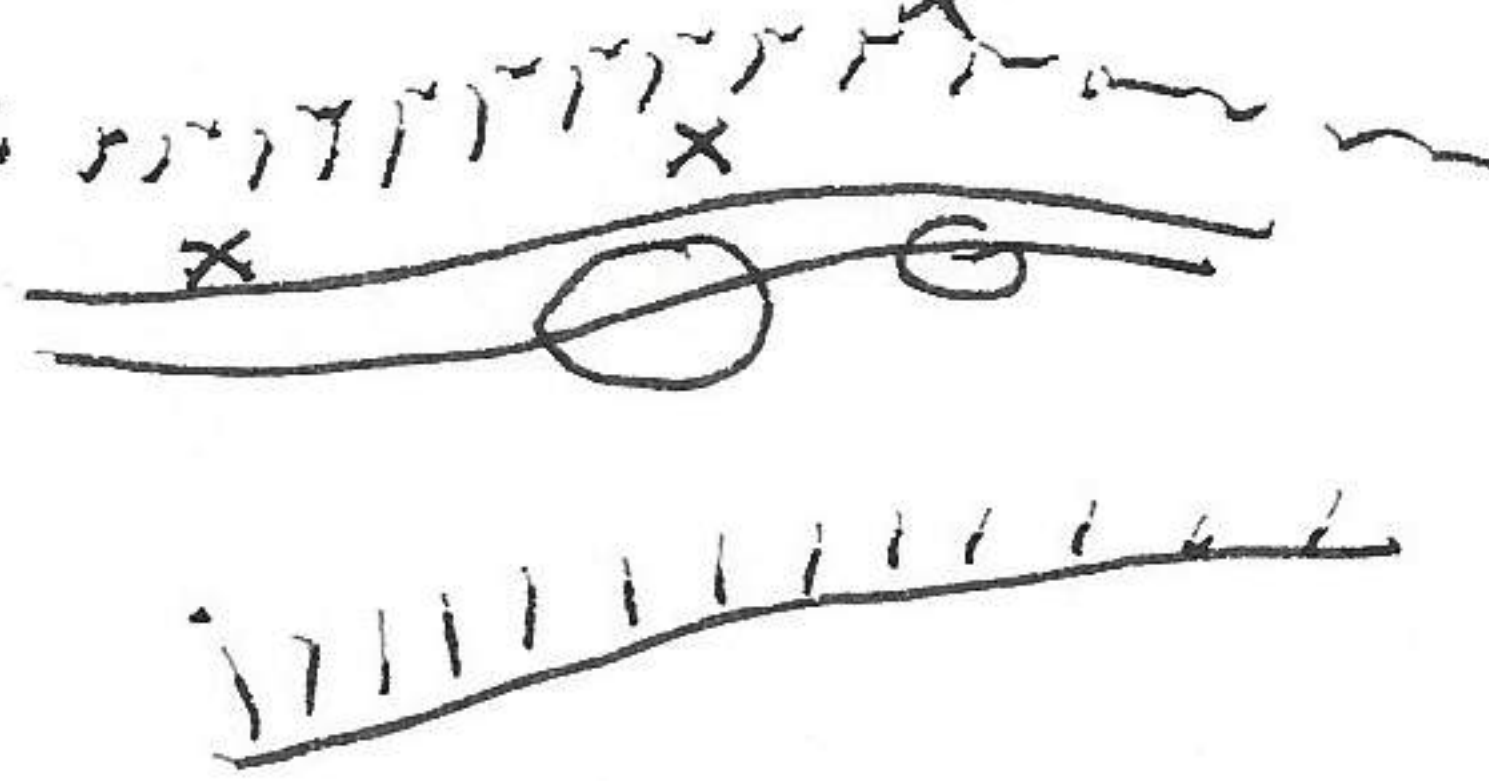
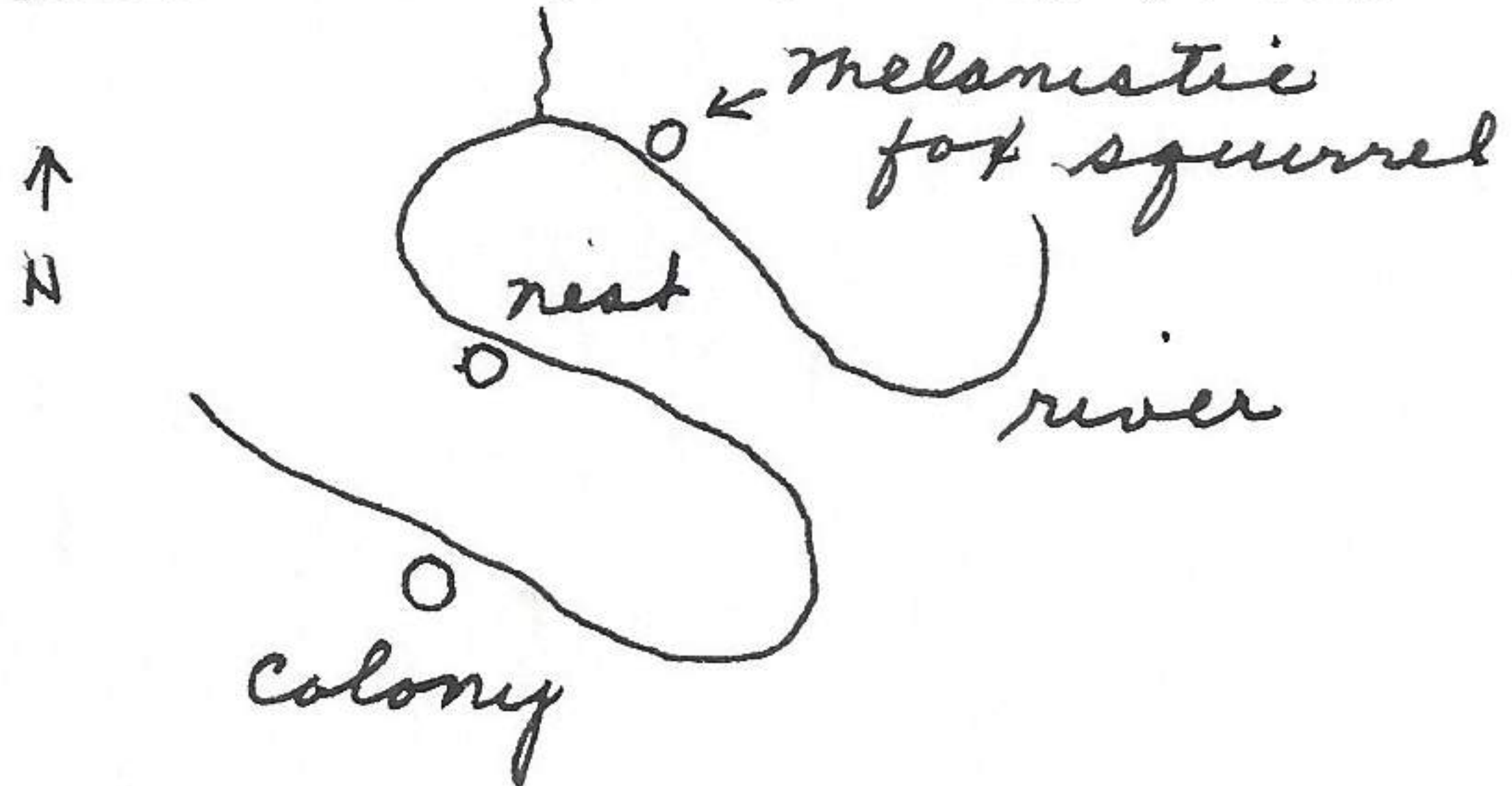


one could see up three them. One last year oriole nest (Baltimore oriole) about 1/2 way up tree on west side. Epereta directly below nests covering 50% of leaves on ground at base of tree. One dead bird (last years) with a humerus that measured 152 mm total length. nest (highest one) about 82 feet from ground and another 12-15 feet to water. Circumference of the sycamore tree used for nesting 10 feet at chest height. Leave buds just beginning and offered no protection to nesting birds. Sycamore balls numerous in tree. The best places to observe these birds are:  while we ate lunch several birds returned to area, flew over nests but did not alight. At 1:30

Continued down stream. 1:37

another nest of a great blue heron in a sycamore tree. This nest is approx. 52 feet high. This tree is directly north of the main colony approx 1/10 mi to the south. This nest was in same tree last year. A cottonwood tree



50' SW of nesting tree is 12 feet in circumference. 1:38 turkey vulture, 8 crows, 2 blue gray gnatcatchers. 1:40 a melanistic fox squirrel (*Sciurus niger*) ran along the upper bank of the river for about 100 feet and then ascend-

ed an elm tree (largest one in area) where it remain resting in the crotch of the largest limbs (approx 15' high) while we watched it from the canoe. The animal was a blackish red color, mainly on tail and back. The animal seemed to have a smaller, less bushy tail <sup>than</sup> that typical fox squirrel. Two tree nests were approx 50 feet to the west of this large elm. 2 wood ducks in river just beyond.

1:55 2 wood ducks (not two above) in river near west bank. a red fox was along a fallen log 1/2 way down bank and approx 80 feet down river from the 2 wood ducks. It was definitely concerned with the ducks and could have captured them if the ducks had approached the bank below where the fox was hiding. It ran up bank and disappeared out of sight when we approached it. Ordinarily the fox would have left its position along the creek but it was apparently too interested in the wood ducks to notice us.