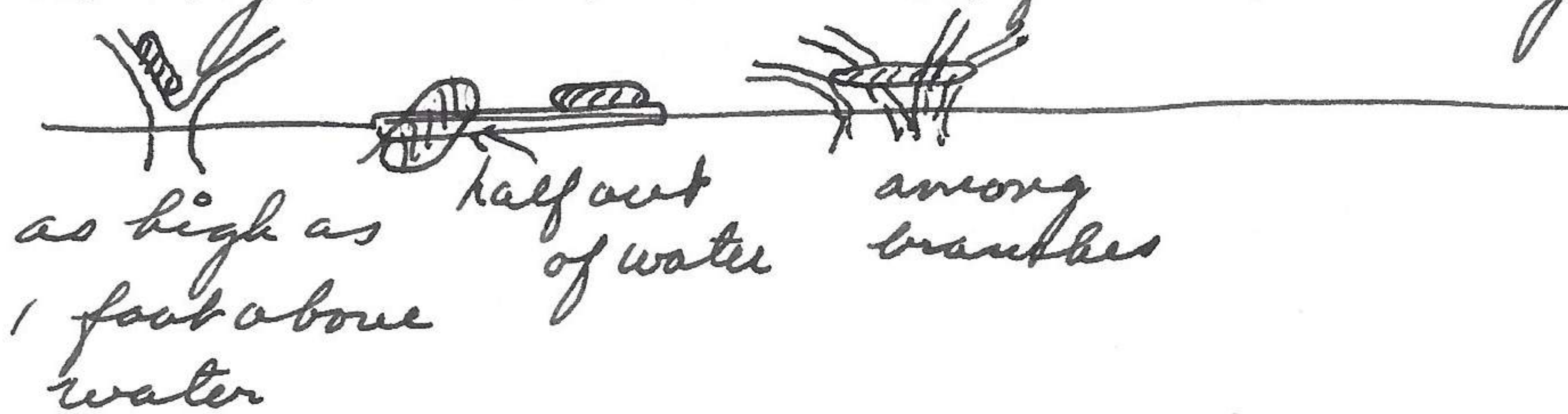


12/10 mi N and 1 1/2 mi. E Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

April 24, 1966

Census of birds at Sandpits, left 9:30 A.M., temp 64°F. at Refuge Lake: 70 am. Coots, 6 pied-billed grebes, 5 blue-wing teal (1 ♀ 4 ♂), 2 fisherman here and forced birds to S and E side. 18 blue winged teal arrived (3 of which were females), 9 male red-wing blackbirds and 3 females, some males chasing females. 3 Robins in area and in conflict with red-wings, 3 lesser yellowlegs, brown thrasher singing in top of cottonwood tree (These birds have been singing from similar positions of highest tree tops in Lawrence for the last 1 1/2 weeks), flicker calling from same line of trees on S side of lake. There are an equal number and proportion of birds at House Lake or perhaps a few more because fishermen have not as yet interfered with these lake. noted that shoveller has less ability to navigate in air and wing beat slower, 3 ♀♀ and 1 ♂ arrived. In an area of approx 40 x 10 feet noted 15 painted turtles (*Chrysemys picta*) sunning or swimming on and among submerged willows isolated from shore. Other ^{at least 30} were on shore vegetation of dead willows. They ranged in size from approx. 7 inches in diameter to 3" in diameter. In swimming, their heads were just sticking out of water and the very upper part of back exposing the minimum of body surface.

Coots and pied-billed grebes passed by within 6 inches of both swimming & resting turtles without conflict. Rating on limbs there:



noted a coot and pied-billed grebe sharing some fish without conflict, working so that they actually touched each other.

at pond between Refuge Lake & Lotus Lake are 15 green-wing teal, 3 of which are ♀♀, 2 male gadwalls, 2 pairs of baldpates, each pair maintaining close relationship and sharing food, 1 lesser yellowlegs, 15 coot. The coot