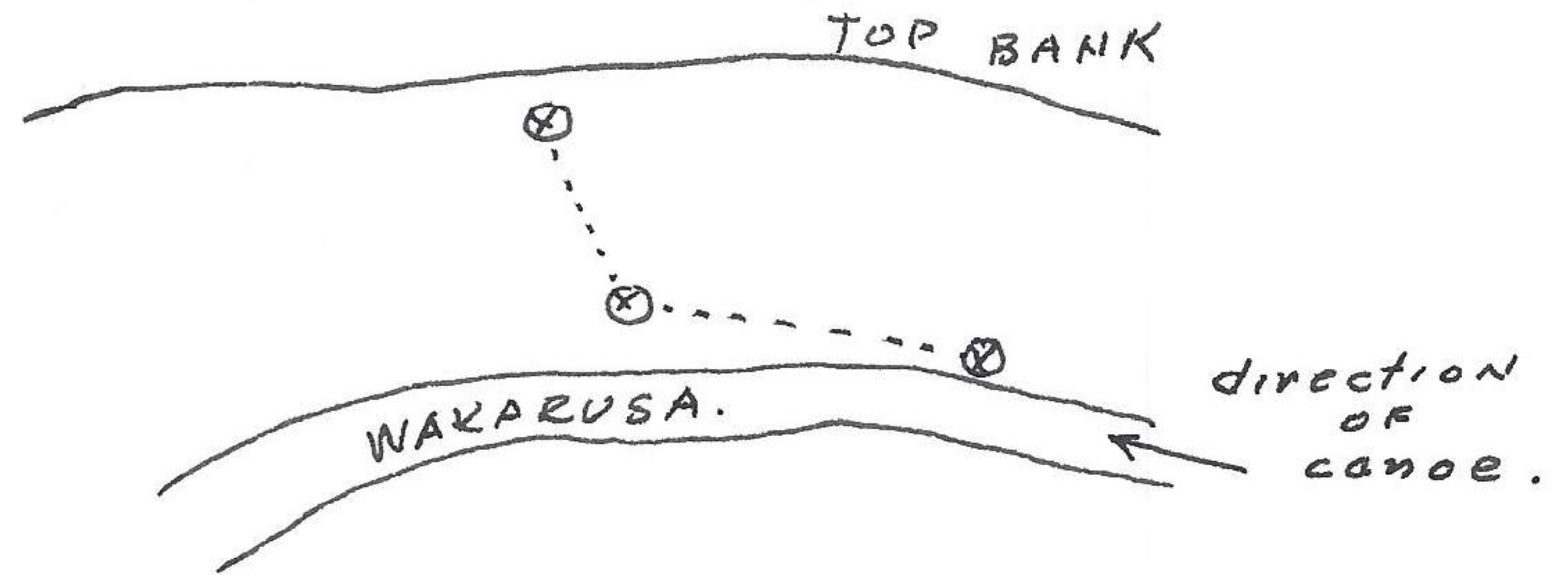


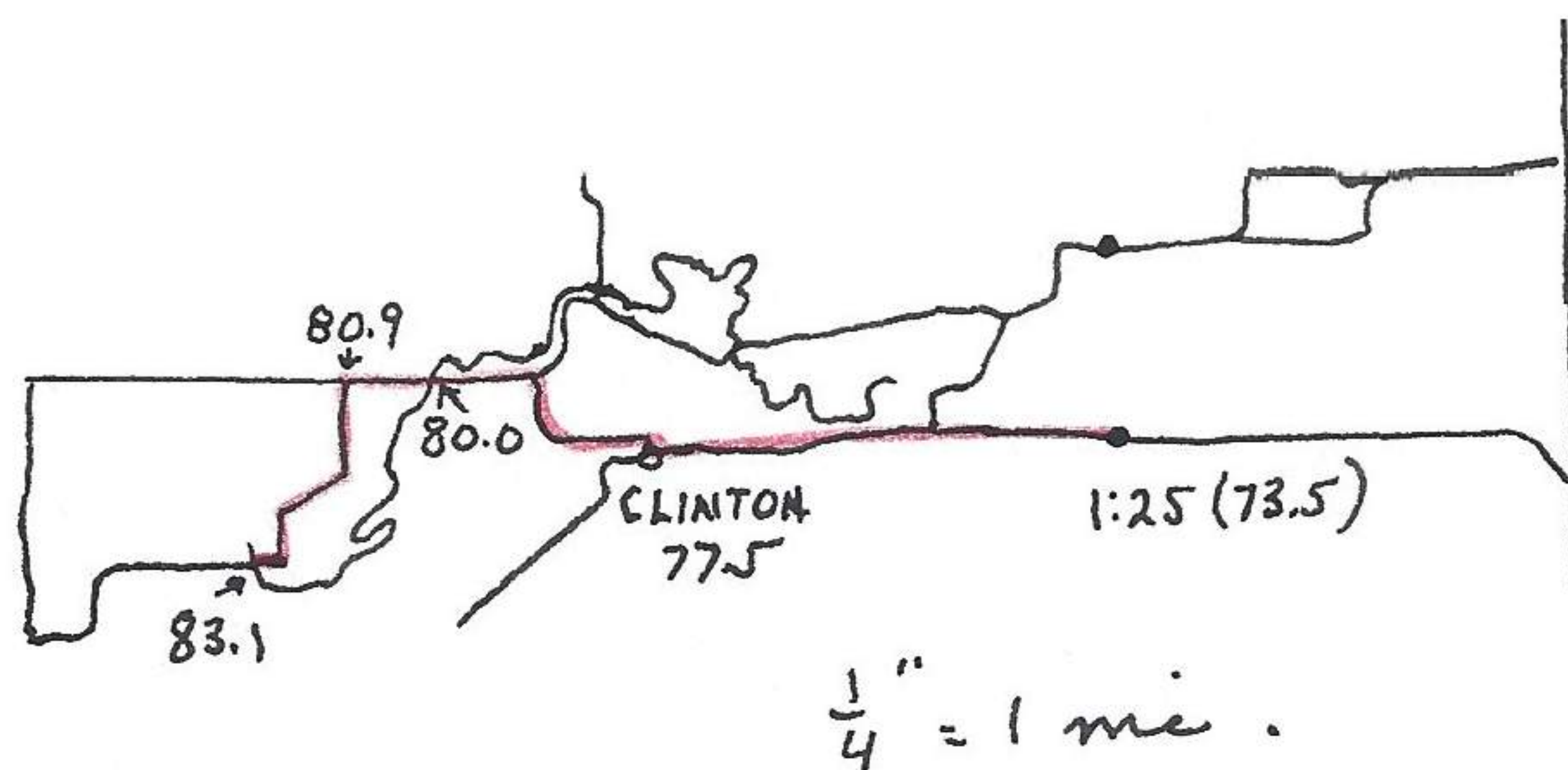
Left bridge at 2:40 and walked back to car 680406-15. Birds observed along river included the following, one notable being the American bittern. This bird was along edge of water at a point $3\frac{1}{10}$ miles downstream from where drainage of Peterson's ponds enters the Wakarusa. It flew as we approached to within 30 feet and it left to fly 50' to mid-position on bank downstream. It then walked up slope of bank to near top where it remained motionless with up-thrusted head while we passed by in canoe. Its walk is graceful and direct.

Slope in small trees and shrubs and bird visible at all times. Other birds noted were:



turkey vultures, titmice, calling singly or in pairs, flicker, blue jay, crow, great horned owl, redtail, robin, juncos, one group of 4 birds, great blue heron, red-bellied woodpecker, cardinal, chickadee, downy woodpecker, Carolina wren, eastern phoebe, 8 quail in one group, frogs calling, warblers sp.?. On return trip via road noted bluebird, shrike, horned lark and golden crowned kinglet, and killdeer. According to a local farmer (Patton bridge), the Wakarusa River was dry between ponds in 1936).

Wakarusa River (Clinton area), Douglas Co., Kansas
April 8, 1968



Annette C and I made canoe trip from second bridge above Patton or just one beyond Belvoir bridge, to rapid NE Clinton. South end of proposed Clinton Reservoir down at mileage 73.5 (1:25 P.M.). Strong wind from W. Sky 10° cloudy.

74.1 meadowlark; 74.2 mourning dove; 75.0 cardinal; 76.0 meadowlark; 77.5 Clinton; 80.0 Belvoir bridge, meadowlark; 80.9 to 5, meadowlark; 81.4 meadowlark; 81.8 to W; 82.2 meadowlark; 83.1 bridge over Wakarusa and point of put-in. On bank at bridge collected a *Carphophis* no. 680408-1 from under a section of cloth rug lying on the ground. This snake measured 227 body, 34 tail, and weighed 10 grams. The specific locality is $9\frac{1}{10}$ mi. S and $3\frac{3}{20}$ mi. W Clinton (center of town), Douglas Co., Kansas.