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Covered except upper 1/2 foot of upper level. 3 bluejays, 4 robins, 2 redbellied woodpeckers, 2 redheaded woodpeckers, 4 myrtle warblers, 2 eastern bluebirds, Carolina wren (singing), 2 yellowthroated flickers, 4 chickadees. Have only observed 4 yellow butterflies so far. No clouds in sky. Arrived highway bridge W of Eudora at 12:43. 6 English sparrows at bridge. Up to this point I have not used paddles but floated with current. Because the current is slow will paddle to mouth of Wakarusa. 12:48 3 bluejays, 2 robins. 12:55 old RR bridge abutments. flicker, chickadees, redbellied woodpecker. 1:00 RR bridge, 2 blue jays, redbellied woodpecker, 2 titmice. Old piling below bridge covered with water. 1:15 drainage from right. 2 young woodpecks flew down river then returned and flew overhead. 2 bluejays. 2 titmice (these birds have not called today), redbellied woodpecker. Birds have been scarce since highway bridge. 1:30 2 redbellied woodpeckers, chickadee, fox squirrel. 1:35 Eudora bridge N of town. 2 bluejays. 1:44 Eudora drainage outlet being absorbed by flood waters. Level river at floor of tunnel of R.R. bridge (N end). bluejay, redbellied woodpecker, fox squirrel, chickadee. First damselfly (red at base of wings) a large yellow butterfly flaps wings in a different fashion than smaller cabbage or alfalfa butterfly. 1:50 maple that was red on last trip is now faded and leaves wilted. Maples on bank are green, 2 bluejays. 1:58 blue jay, there is considerably more fish surface activity here than on river covered so far. 2:04 a flock of 52 snow geese and 16 blue geese flew S in a mixed flock. There was a tendency for blues to aggregate in flock. 2:08 mouth of Wakarusa. On Wakarusa side of water contact temp water 60°F and on Kaw side 58°F. The muddy water of Kaw boiled into clearer water of Wakarusa. Air temp in shade 64°F. Downy woodpecker called. End of complete census. Will continue down Kaw and record all waterbirds, hawks & owl, crows and those birds associated with water proper. Riparian birds will not be given complete census control. About 100' beyond Wakarusa-Kaw contact a large adult beaver slide down fresh mud of bank to edge of water and remained with head, tail & back above water. The slide is slow and noiseless. 2:27 old cottonwood on right bank now undermined and next high water should topple it into water as has occurred with 2 or 3 other large cottonwoods there. An American Coot left bank and dropped to water by flight and continued 50' before air borne.