

2 1/10 mi w of E end of dam. Another flocks in flooded field to n of gate of 38 ♂ + ♀ mallards and 8 pintails. Flying in the air were 10 mallards. There is a noticeable increase of water but the area still looks like flooded field and ^{isolated} open bodies of water instead of one large lake. The channel which was dug from gate to connect with the Delaware River is now flooded over most of the length of its banks. 1/3 of the water is in ice. 98% of water below dam covered with white foam (water clear above dam)

In the general area of the reservoir from Valley Falls to dam along route covered noted the following birds and their approx. numbers:

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| redtail 9 | mackinbird 2 |
| sparrow hawks 5 | meadowlarks 18 |
| marsh hawks 8 | starling 500 (one flock ^{of which} were 400) |
| crows 14 | tree sparrows |
| juncos | cardinal |
| shrike 3 | blue jay |
| Eng. sparrows | red-bellied woodpecker 3 |

From dam to east entrance observed 1 sparrow hawk, 2 marsh hawks, 1 redtail and 3 meadowlarks. This stretch of road has not been productive this winter in the roadside census.

Perry Reservoir Dam, Jefferson Co., Kansas

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Annette and I stopped at dam (near outlet gate) at 4:15 P.M. Day near freezing, windy and snow forecasted for this evening. From dam made estimate of mallards as 1000 of approx 60% ♂ + 40% ♀. They were directly below to left of channel leading to gates. Counted 249 pintails of about 65% ♂ + 35% ♀. They were associated with mallards and although they formed species groups, mixed with mallards in their feeding activity. One boldpate with above ducks and 2 scaup. In the lake next to west shore near dam counted 36 ♂ American or common mergansers and 32 ♀. They were diving and actively fishing. The most easterly lake n of dam supported 260 snow geese and 160 blue geese. They were mixed with some species aggregates however. 11 more blue arrived from the south and with a dare-devil descent of a speed I have never witnessed in geese, joined the main group. The entire flock left the ground at one time, circled around & then alighted again.