

It should be noted that only the gadwall (a wounded bird) was noted on the Delaware River proper, all other ducks & geese (except merganser on oxbow) were flying overhead. This river is not used by waterfowl, nor are artificially impounded ponds or barrampits. Their preference is for the more stable bodies of water (oxbows, lakes & ponds).

Raccoon tracks were relatively scarce and where found were associated with lateral drainage channels and those sections of the river that contacted or paralleled hillsides of timber. I would estimate that tracks occurred at an average of 1 set per 1/2 mile.

Perry Reservoir, Delaware River, Valley Falls to Ozarkie,
Jefferson Co., Kansas.

March 2, 1969.

Mary drove me to Valley Falls for solitary trip down Delaware River. Left Lawrence at mileage 225960 at 9:00 A.M. ^{Kind of} Birds observed enroute were: 2 sparrow hawks, 4 redtails, 2 marsh hawks, mockingbird, loggerhead shrike, crow, robin, horned lark, meadowlark, cardinal, mourning dove, 3 flocks of male redwing blackbirds (400-800-300), blue geese 650, snow geese, 350 (lost entry of geese of one flock of 1000). At mileage 22630 two short eared owls sailed over field in circular motion as were 2 redtails and 2 marsh hawks at lower levels. Arrived Valley Falls at 10:10 at mileage 22637 (41 miles from Lawrence). Left from old bridge at 10:25 A.M. Air temp 36°F (28° at 7:00 A.M.), water 35°F. sky 50° clear with clouds moving in. 10:30 drainage at left with 3 gals. per second (10:31 old bridge (removed) with pilings only. The level of water is approx. 12 feet lower than one week ago when river was at spring flood level. 10:32 2 beavers (last year ^{sets} adults) left debris on bank 3 feet above level of water. 10:35 collected shells from gravel bar on E side river. There are a few good exposures for shells and as water recedes there will be more extensive exposures. Group of 18 tree sparrows, 4 cardinals, 5 chickadees, killdeer (flew overhead). Redtail above and calling, 10:40 drainage left. 10:50 red-bellied woodpecker, 3 crows. 10:52 drainage right with 2 gallons per second, at flock of 800 redwing flew north. 3 crows, 2 blue jays, red-bellied woodpecker. 10:58 cliffs to edge of water, rapid.