

been circling to the north and finally pushed on farther to the north! A redtail arrived from SE and was within 20' of me before it recognized me. It flew out over ice for about 200 feet and then returned along N side of Gap Point where it called for the first time. The ducks and geese did not react to the redtail. 290 of the mergansers are now on edge of ice. The mergansers have not reacted to danger (if indeed any has existed) since my arrival, except when blue & snow geese fly overhead, they orient their body axes while swimming.

1:10 flock of snow geese flew S overhead. They were as high as I have observed them to be so far, as they flew first to dam, thence E to about bridge on Slaughter Creek, thence S where they circled several times in a very compact formation over what would be the Kaw River. At 1:15 they were gaining altitude and disappeared out of sight to the S. As if leaving area. 1:16 Bald eagle was first observed flying S thru Gap and thence S along side of hill just under brink. It moved in and out of drainage systems and finally came to rest in top of a dead tree at edge of hill above road cut at end of ridge (see map) where it remained. The redtail in the Gap Point area called as the eagle flew by. 1:23 49 starling deviated their flight and dropped down to a tree about 20 feet from the eagle. They did not approach to eagle any closer. They left after 3 minutes after their curiosity had been satisfied. 1:26 a jet plane moved down thru reservoir about 300 feet above which was much lower than any plane had flown today. The noise startled me and also caused the Canada geese to all stand up and 80 mergansers took flight but return immediately after plane was beyond area. 1:33 2 redtails alighted in tree about 50' from eagle and after about a minute flew over to eagle and with legs extended made 4 passes at the eagle. They then left, one of which alighted and remained in tree some 150 feet beyond. There is a decided difference in size of these 2 species; the eagle is several times larger than the redtail. Left vantage point at 1:42 P.M. with conditions stabilized at open water habitat W of point. Wind has been from NW (slight). W & NW exposures are cool but S exposure are pleasant and some signs of melting.