


Two factors, one) rising steam from water and 2) blowing snow beyond pond, ^(to N + NE) but snow being captured by open water as it blows across the ice. The steam can be seen to move to the SW. It is questionable whether the small numbers of ducks, geese and mergansers can keep this body of water open and there may be other factors involved. At this observation point on road 110 mi. S Gap Point, there are approx 80 tree sparrows and 30 slate-colored juncos. I believe these birds constitute the flock of small birds that have been observed at various other points in the Gap Point area. Returned the Gap Point at boat ramp and left at 10:00 AM to make census of small birds from Gap Point to net point to N at head of bay. Will cover forested slope (lower benchland) and return by ice of bay. Temp 8°F, strong wind from NE but partially barred by east ridge. The middle of lake to W has the strongest winds as evidenced by blowing snow. Light snow in air. 10:05 pond, 1 cardinal which was the condition on a previous trip and 5 eastern bluebirds. 10:08 9 juncos, 10:10 3 fence posts, 10:14 7 bluebirds, they called faintly. 10:18 fence line (E-W). 2 single juncos. 10:22 single junco. 10:25 drainage right. 1 cardinal, 8 juncos, 1 redbellied woodpecker, 1 yellow-bellied sapsucker. 10:27 drainage ditch or old road paralleling lake. 10:32 major drainage to right. Redtail left and called. The open field beyond drainage to N is in weeds 6' high. In this open area were 9 song sparrows, 1 downy woodpecker. 10:40 end field at large juniper and osage orange. Yellow-shafted flicker called. A second redtail left perch on dead tree and flew N. It called. 10:45 major drainage right. Clearing on bench which continues to N. Weeds in this field are about 4' high and with grasses at base. Small trees are invading this field, some 16-18' high. 10:50 Coyote travelling 5 m center of bay ice at about old ^{submerged} county road. It would stop occasionally and at some times would run. The driving winds to the west may have diverted his course as he turned east and finally gained shore about 1/2 way distance between Gap Point and point to N. 11:00 last major drainage from right. at the mouth of this drainage is an ice ridge  4 feet high and blocks entrance of small bay. 4 song sparrows. 11:03 3 Cardinals, 4 song sparrows. 11:04 song sparrow. 11:05 at road that ends abruptly at lake (old county road), 8 cardinals 12 song sparrows. Will point of promontory. Just beyond