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 afternoon they were not. 8 male and female Sawbirds were in some area of trapping area 1 as yesterday evening.

Between day break and sunrise approx 300 ducks in small flocks of 6-20 flew north across peninsula at about 500 feet or more. The ring-billed gulls flew N across peninsula at about 300 feet or more high and in widely dispersed group. Gull mainly individuals. They alighted in same area as was occupied yesterday by the 3500 individuals. The main flight of both ducks and gulls ended at sunrise. By this time the roft of ducks was about 1/4 the number of birds in area (roft) yesterday. Motor boats and wind displaced these birds about 9:00 A.M. and they did not collect in area again at least not by 11:30 A.M. I would not be surprised that the gulls were disturbed by boats last night evening and caused them to leave although the 8 minute duration of the departure time would indicate a more wilful departure on the part of the gull. My impression was that they were collecting here yesterday afternoon to spend the night. Refugia areas are certainly needed for birds such as certain bays or parts of the lake made inviolate to human trespass. An island would make an attractive place for gulls to nest. Yesterday evening approx 1000 mallards tried to alight in lake N of peninsula but fishing boats moved them N. In the late afternoon of yesterday a series of clouds were so stratified that the sun shown intermittently. When such sun rays were on the ring-billed gulls the birds were brilliant white whereas between openings in the clouds the gulls became inconspicuous and at times could not be differentiated from their background.

Birds at camp include:

male & female bluebird; 18 juncos fed in some area 2 hours;
 2 song sparrows; 1 tree sparrow (not associated with a flock);
 1 downy; 1 hairy passed thru; 1 flicker; 2 bluejays; 8 grackles,
 12 robins fed in field after daybreak; 2 meadowlarks; 1 mourning
 dove calling; 1 titmouse passed thru; 4 Cardinals; redtail.

Left camp for Lawrence. This is the first weekend of heavy use of campers. Before this date the peninsula is relatively free of visitors. After this date the use of this area will be overwhelming. At 58.2 leaving Paradise Point entrance. 59.2 2 crows and redtail. 60.9 crow. 61.9 main road to Ogawkie. 62.6 Little Slough Creek. Deciduous trees still as in winter but with slight indication of yellowish green. 70.7 leaving Perry Reservoir area. From Paradise Point to here observed approx. 20 meadowlarks. Many ponds are bare but have a greenish-yellow algae at intake point. Lawrence at 87.1 at 12:45