

W of Perry. 2 juncos. 26.5 bluejay. 27.7 sparrow hawk on line. 28.0
 highway 24 continuing N. 29.3 Thompsonville Rd. 30.1 now to N. 30.3
 bluejay. 31.0 west dam. In middle of lake N of dam are approx
 10,000 mallard ducks in loose raft. 17 ringbill gulls in area with 10x
 binoculars. Adult bald eagle came from E ^{at 8:30} and circled about
 500 feet above ducks then set wings and sail N to crossing
 the west side peninsula at about 100 feet. In this gradual
 descent it flapped its wings about 4 times for about 3 strokes each
 time. It continued N & W out of sight, circling and flying
 about 100' above the water. Ducks did not react to ducks. The
 gulls in area are generally distributed in area. Waves just under
 white caps. 8:45 57 ringbill gulls have collected above ducks in
 center of lake at about 100' high and are beginning to circle up-
 ward in both clockwise and counterclockwise and drifting to the
 west. By the time they were over the W edge of the lake, ^{3 minutes later} they were
 about 1000' above the water at which point they all stopped their
 gyration and all trended E for about 100 feet then reversed their
 direction and sailed W out of sight with an occasional circle
 movement. I was not able to ascertain whether they returned. There
 are other gulls (?) flying as usual over water. Mallards are
 arriving & leaving in groups of 150^{to} 800 and generally to the east,
 however, some are going SW & others arriving from the W. All at a high
 elevation. 8:50 leaving for Big Slough. 31.2 single ♂ golden eye duck
 at dam. (~~8:50~~ water level) 32.5 Adm. Building 33.9 highway ⁹²
 via marina. 2 redtails in trees 50' apart. 34.5 Ferguson Rd. 2 tree
 sparrows 35.6 Big Slough Bridge. 36.5 7 bluebirds. 73.1
 Turnoff to Big Slough Park. Crow. 38.0 Entering ^{Big Slough} Park. 39.3 redtail.
 This bird yawned while flying. 39.6 overlook & not suitable for
 observation, ^{point} redtail. 40.4 now right to boat ramp. 41.4 on main
 road at S end Park. mallards raft contains at least 3 pintails,
 13 gadwals, 1 golden eye duck, 3 shovellers. In flock near road
 3 titmice, 2 chickadees 41.9 3 ringbills, no ducks ~~to~~ to W.
 Met Pete Pearson & he said he saw a snowy owl on Paradise Point. 42.3
 52 American mergansers & alighted with mallards N of dam. Wind subsided
 42.8 boat ramp Gap Point. Waves under whitecap N of Point. 1500 mallard
 in bay ^{to} N. 4 ring-bill gulls in bay area. Last 20 minutes 12 ringbills,
 individuals, have passed E along lake. 2 redtails circling NE above
 ridge. 3 single mallards flying low joined raft to NE part of bay.
 more activity in mallard flight today than on previous trips. 42.7 at ^{see one page forward for cont.}
 10:00 A.M. left for picnic area on top ridge to S. 42.9 bluejay. 43.2 top ^{see opposite page}
 killdeer alighted in road and is using settling basin nearby. 43.5 picnic
 point & good position to see main lake below. 10:05 returning to Lawrence Rd.
 44.0 bluebird. 45.0 leaving park. Temp 35° wind on top. 46.0 Ferguson Rd.