

four or 5 feet to escape or less commonly dive to evade the gull. The fish are from 1 1/2" to 3" long. When fish are loose in water the gulls will <sup>with a splash</sup> dive but in no case did I see them the gulls immerse below the surface.

When the gulls & mergansers left the area I because of car passing over causeway, the gulls moved along with the mergansers at the same speed & level of flight as if a part of the flock but actually were chasing the merganser as if the mergansers all had fish in their bills.

At the time I left the gulls on the ice had increased to 130 ringbills and 6 immatures & 2 adult herring gulls.

Left bridge at 11:05 at mileage 13.9 14.0 Rock Creek Bridge. Uppermost bay to N open but main bay to bridge with thin ice. Open S of bridge 15.9 redtail. 07.5 blue jay & 12 tree sparrow, 18.9 bluejay 20.5 main Ozawkie Rd now E 22.1 Ozawkie, now S to submerged road (old) 22.3 redtail. Approx 100 tree sparrows and 5 goldfinch in weeds in area near lake. These weeds have always been used by tree sparrows. 22.5 end submerged road. 50 ring-bills on thin ice SE of point of submerged road and if there had not been ice these gulls would probably be using this point as usual. Ice just S of causeway but open to S. 12 mallards on point to SW. 22.9 now at causeway bridge over Delaware River E of Ozawkie. Thin ice to N. but occasional open spots. One group of birds <sup>on line</sup> on ice 1/10 mi. N + E of bridge are: ♀ mallard, ♂ mallard, ♀ mallard, ♀ mallard, ♂ mallard, ♂ mallard, ♂ mallard, ♀ mallard, ♂ mallard, ♂ mallard, ♀ mallard, Canada goose, Canada goose, ♂ mallard, Canada goose, ♀ pintail, ♀ mallard, Coot, Canada goose, Canada goose, Canada goose, Canada goose, Canada goose, ♂ mallard, Canada goose, Canada goose, ♂ mallard, Canada goose, Canada goose, ♀ mallard, Canada goose, ♀ pintail. The geese were resting and heads under wings, and had gone thru thin ice & were on water. The mallards were either on ice or dropping thru ice as they walked on ice. 15 ringbills on ice and generally distributed (isolated) between here and Paradise Point. No mallards or other ducks beyond here. Left 11:45. 23.3 gull flying along NE shore. Some evidence of shifting ice. 24.8 entrenched 4 corners now S on Ferguson Rd. 25.5 Little Slough Creek bridge, Creek in ice. Upper part of bay ice & some covered with snow. 27.0 3 tree sparrows.