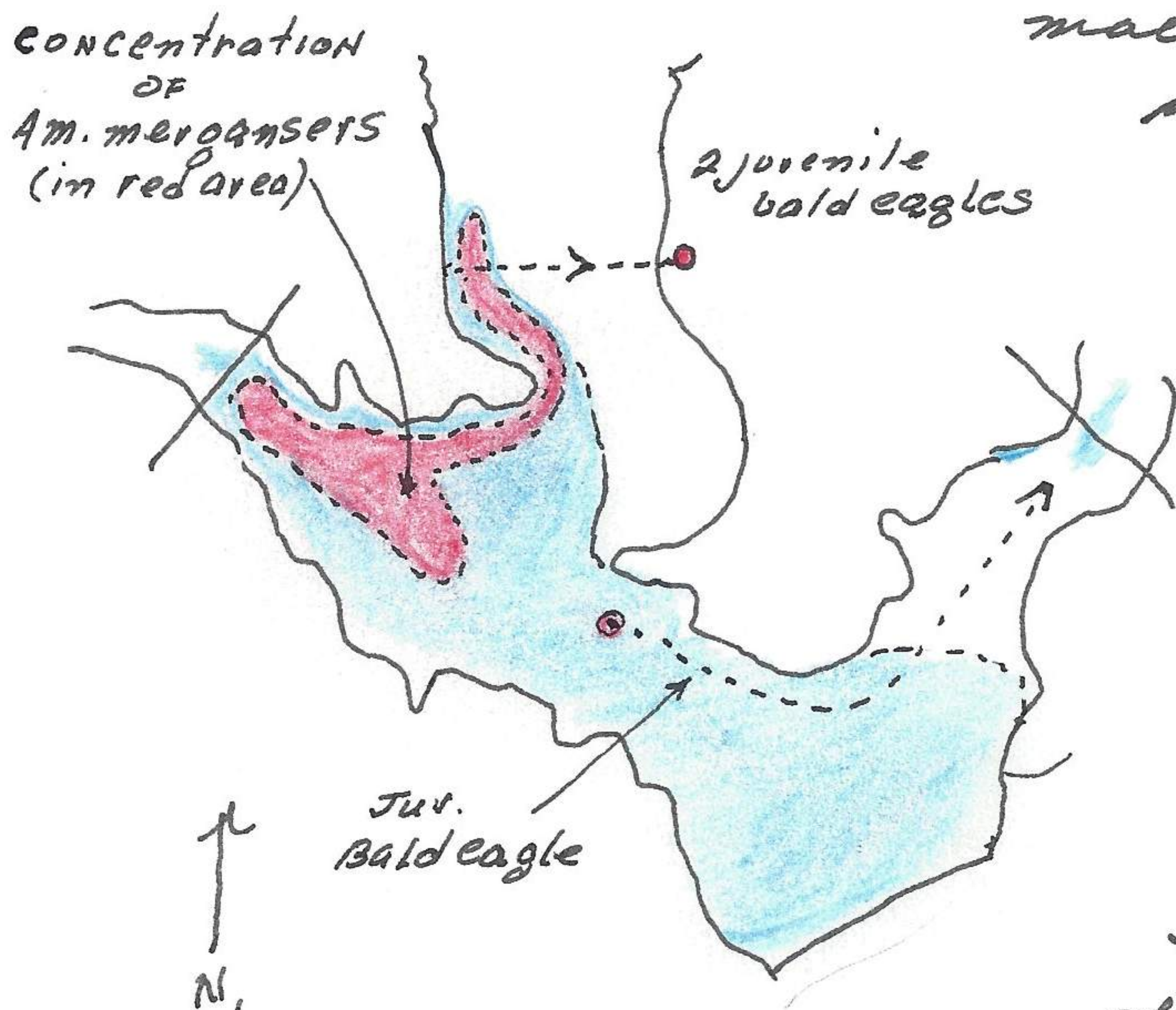


On land just SW of main road at S end were 58 Canadian geese. They left and alighted approx. 300' W of shore. One of the geese was the one observed Jan 18, 1975. It has the left wing white, and the right wing with white primaries.

From Gap Point can see the winter population of American mergansers, now stretching from Rock Creek bridge to a point N of the point N of Gap Point. I would estimate that there are at least 5000 birds. The



mallards, ^{10,000} are generally distributed wherever there is open water and with almost mirrorlike surface one can see individuals or pairs or small groups swimming on the water with trailing ^{golden eyes present 200 cont. the} wakes. Counted resting 86 gulls (ringbills) on the ice and 24 above the Am. mergansers. There is some isolated examples of ice thrust on shore.

Left area and returned to Lawrence arriving at 11:30 A.M. Because of malfunction of recorder did not make census of birds or even raptors.

Leecompton, Douglas Co., Kansas
Jan. 27, 1975

Made short trip to Leecompton area to check on bald eagles. Left 12:20 P.M. Will keep list of raptors only. 79.1 redtail. 79.4 Kasald and Peterson Rd. Wind from NE. 80.3 redtail. 80.6 sparrow hawk. 81.8 Lakeview Causeway. 83.4 redtail (dark phase). 85.3 at bridge and now along side hill of valley. 88.9 Leecompton Bridge (1:00 P.M.) Could not see any eagles from bridge so return east along lower road and at a point 8/10 mi W of the point where road crosses the Santa Fe R.R. (near point where road starts on hillside) observed ~~an~~ an adult bald eagle 1/2 way up a large riverside Cottonwood on the N side of river. A train passed by and it left the tree and flew E about 200' and alighted in another Cottonwood tree. After about 5 minutes it left this tree and flew E over open fields just N of the riparian trees bordering the river. At first the flight was direct and about 100' from ground. After approx 1/2 mile it started to gain elevation but