

The 5,500 American mergansers were crowded in an area approx
 400 ft long and 200' wide and they were more active than
 usual because of the close quarters. They seemed to be doing
 little fishing but just moving rapidly in all directions. The 800
 in the narrow leads were less active. Most of the mallards
 were resting on the ice. Some groups of 3 to 10 were occasionally
 arriving from the S. Approx 450 golden eye ducks were
 swimming and feeding, mostly in leads or along edge of
 ice in open water. 280 Canadian geese rested on the ice
 at the W end of the leads. The marker goose (albino on right
 wing and partial left) observed several times on previous trips
 was in the flock of Canadian geese. Two geese removed ^(5 feet) from the
 partial albino was a Ross Goose (reddish ^{orange} bill, smaller than
 Canadian but larger than ^{pure white} mallard). The most unusual observation
 was the lack of gulls which up to this trip have been associated
 with the merganser or at least in general area in numbers up to 150
 or so. 04.1 18 juncos feeding ^{below} small trees near edge of lake. Turned
 around and returned to W end dam. 04.6 male marsh hawk flying
 2-5 feet above cut grass fields. 04.7 10 juncos. 06.1 gray squirrel.
 06.2 W end of dam. At outlet gates the water level is 889.8 and in
 ice. To the south at head of Delaware River noted approx 150 mallards.
 Groups of 2-12 were tumbling down to river and this behaviour
 may be frequently observed on lakes, may actually be adapted to
 alight in rivers or small ponds that are lined with high trees. This
 would be a good area for an observation blind. Photo 750209-1
 from top of dam about 200' east of outlet gates, showing new ice and
 snow filled or drifted fracture systems. Several such fracture
 systems converge on open water SW of Big Slough Park area. 07.7
 administration. 08.6 marina. Photos 750209-2 and 750209-3 ^{and 750209-3a}
 of sail boat at marina. 09.8 16 juncos. 09.9 2 redtails left
 ground in field and flew in opposite directions. Can see an
 adult bald eagle flying W along S side of lake and about 50'
 above trees. 10.5 Photo 750209-4 of trees and ice on Big Slough
 area. It was above these trees where the eagle was flying.
 35 juncos. 4 crows on ice to N. 11.9 30 tree sparrows, 15 juncos. 12.2
 2 crows flying toward the 4 crows on ice. 12.4 back to main
 road. 12.6 marsh, ♀, hunting cut grass fields. 12.9 main road, crow.
 13.3 SE corner of reservoir area. 08.7 Leecompton bridge. An
 immature (3rd year?) bald eagle flew E across bridge (middle of
 river bed and flew toward an open body of water ~~at~~ on the N side
 of river channel where 5 American mergansers were feeding in the water.

