

at about 1/2 way across it layed down and remained in this position until covered with the new falling snow. It is interesting to note how a small black object is visible on the snow covered lake in one instance and then if one takes its eyes away for a second is difficult to locate the object again and when relocated is again obvious. At the beginning of the N side of Gap Point peninsula the cottontail rabbit tracks were numerous but disappeared toward W end of point. Coyote tracks were common in this area and were probably associated with the camping sites of this area. Near W end noted group of about 20 juncos. They were flying around point with wind and then dropping abruptly to snow covered ground on lee side of point. 1:58 W end of point. An immature bald eagle flew along W shore and around point to continue E. The snowing produced about 100' visibility. Although the country side was quiet I could not hear (or see) the waterfowl in the open water W of Gap Point. Fog or snow must give ducks & geese security. 1:58 group of 12 cardinals, 8 black-capped chickadees, 20 slate-colored juncos, 15 tree sparrows. 2:05 amphitheater on S side of Gap Point. Most small birds on lee side hill. 2:15 base of hill on road. 2:22 great horned owl flew S across road and alighted in tree. (1/2 way up hill), 2:28 top of hill and deer crossing. New snow has covered tracks. and now amounts to 4 1/2 inches (overall depth). Continued to N and thence short-cut across head drainage. 2 sets of fresh fox squirrel tracks in snow. At drainage just before gates to Slough Creek Park noted 12 Harris sparrows, 3 song sparrows, 2 cardinals, 35 juncos, 13 tree sparrows, 3 chickadees and 1 downy woodpecker. Arrived car at 3:30 P.M. Rain first part of hiking trip, snow last half trip. Noted that juncos and tree sparrows get seeds of weeds and grasses by pulling stems down to snow surface and then standing upon the stem while they feed on the seeds, or jump up and shake stems and then feed on the fallen seeds. There is definitely a shaking motion of the stems. Left and at 911 entering Ferguson road. 937 end of Ferguson road. Mourning dove. 947 at SE corner of reservoir area at 3:45 P.M. Temp. 33 1/2°F 956 40 tree sparrows. 957 meadowlark and 3 starling. 962 crow. 967 8 tree sparrow 974 highway 24. 987 meadowlark 00.3 Leecompton bridge over Kow River. 80% now in floating ice which has developed since this A.M. 07.5 8 tree sparrows. 09.3 redtail (black phase like Harlan Hawk). Has been raining since Perry. Arrived 402 Yorkshire, Lawrence at 4:30 P.M. at mileage 989/1.5