

97-25
 This bird joined the 2 immatures and the adult already on the grounds. At 11:45 an adult arrived, flew over other eagle and alighted in trees on N side of bay. At 12:30 there were 8 eagles in the area, 5 in trees on N side of bay and 3 on ice at mouth of river as it enters the bay. These 3 birds were in effect resting as they did not move for 45 minutes except one which flew to roosting area in trees. At 1:00 all eagles were in trees at edge of bay on N side and these birds about 3/4 way up trees. ^(the 5) They remained in same position ~~for~~ from 12:30 to 1:00. At 12:40 90 Canadian geese and 300 mallards arrived from south.

Left area at 1:00 and checked south slope of peninsula for mercurine activity and found that in favorable places in higher grasses the mercurine trails had invaded the previously inundated areas of the lake by 200 feet lakeward from the upper shoreline. At 1:30 from S side of peninsula noted ^(4 adults and 3 imm) 7 eagles circling over main ridge of peninsula just above trees. ^{The 8th eagle 4 minutes later & caught up. (see imm)} They circled higher and slightly to the south to what would be the bay area S of the peninsula. At a point when to the naked eye they were specks they set wings and soiled in decreasing elevation to the bay area NE of the peninsula above the original feeding area of this morning. This original movement was in unison but after the end of the glide to N they separated into pairs or singles and circled again in which there was considerable contact and play and especially the final glide toward the NE in which there was constant contact or near contact. The relationship was between immatures and immatures or immatures and of adults but seldom between 2 adults. This activity from when first observed to the end of the second glide took place between 1:30 and 1:50 P.M. At 2:00 the eagles were circling low (100') above the trees on crest of the peninsula to N and over the bay area.

Left Paradise Point at gates at mileage 39.4 at 2:05, sparrowhawk here.
~~42.0~~ 42.0 12 crows. 43.7 Little Slough Creek bridge, Creek open. Head of bay to W open out to about 150'. no ducks. 50.7 3 crows. 51.7 Big Slough Cr. 52.6 meadowlark. 54.3 Luway 24. 55.4 2 starling. 57.0 Kaw River at Leecompton bridge - no eagles. 57.8 Now N. along lower road. 61.2 flicker. 61.7 4 horned larks. 62.1 horned lark. 62.5 meadowlark. 64.3 Lakeview Causeway. Lake open entirely. 65.3 redtail. 67.5 home at 402 yorkshire Dr. in Lawrence at 3:30 P.M.