

9:46 2 squirrel and 1 Peromyscus. 9:57 Coyote, cottontail, squirrel, Peromyscus and squirrel. 9:58 Coyote. 9:59 2 coyote, squirrel (squirrel most likely fox squirrel but could be gray squirrel). 10:00 3 coyote. 10:01 squirrel. 10:02 2 coyote, 3 squirrel, 2 Peromyscus (probably all Peromyscus are leucopus). 10:03 2 coyote, 2 squirrel, rabbit. 10:04 Coyote, Peromyscus, squirrel. 10:05 base of trail at drift wood, Coyote. Did not go beyond because I did not want to disturb waterfowl but with glasses could see 2 more coyote tracks in snow on flats beyond toward water. In summary on this transect were:

27 Coyote	These tracks could have been made by a
8 Peromyscus	few or many animals but it does show that
12 Sciurus	for any particular area there are mammals
2 Sylvilagus	present and available for food of coyotes.

Coyote trails also led to all parts of the area and show various degree of maneuvering such as a quick surge forward, running, slow walk, attack movement as if hunting for squirrels or rabbits. The nearness to thousands of ducks may also be a factor in their presence there. There were no deer tracks in this area although they have used this side hill at other times this winter & fall season. Took up a position at base of hill and watch activity to N (see map). If one makes a proper approach and is hidden from view, the birds do not seem to mind ones presence but to fully expose oneself would put the geese & ducks to flight. At 10:55 49 blues & snow geese (40 snows and 9 blues) arrived and settled on ice on N side of open river water. In 3 minutes they were resting belly down on the water. At 11:08 65 Canadian geese arrived and alighted on ice on S side open water. In 2 minutes they were on their bellies on the ice (I presume to protect the feet from the cold wind). In 5 minutes they left to the N side of open water and in doing so displaced a compact flock of approx 800 gulls (all ringbills except 4 Herring gulls). The gulls returned to the same resting area and alighted into the wind as well as faced the ~~for~~ wind on the ice. The entire length of the lee side of the open water which follows the old stream bed is lined with approx. 3000 mallards and 1500 pintails, these birds being generally mixed and were resting out of water. Another 1000 mallards and 500 pintails were swimming in the open water. Only 120 am mergansers were here and were feeding. There were some scaups (lesser) 300, 20 goldeneye and perhaps other kinds but freezing wind made viewing with telescope difficult. Could keep my finger from freezing.

Upon entering this area noted 2 immature bald eagles on ice SW of bird activity but feeding on dead fish? and one immature