

many pintails and mallards (1000) in same group with of geese.

Left and continued S. 16.4 3 mourning doves. 17.0 Delaware River at Perry. The broad valley of the ~~west~~ Kaw River is populated with meadowlarks and horned larks along side of road more than I have ever observed before. ^{20.6}~~20.6~~ leaving LeCompton Rd on lower river road. ²²20.8 adult bald eagle. 27.1 Lake View Lake causeway. Open water now 300 W of causeway. 3:10 ~~3:10~~ 402 Yorkshire, Lawrence 99634.3. Temp 26°F.

Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas

March 16, 1975

Annette and I made trip to Paradise Point to check on waterfowl and bald eagles. Will record only noteworthy observations and not try to record a complete census. Left home at 99681.3 mileage at 2:10 P.M. no wind. Sky overcast, temp 48°F. Took route thru midland, Oskaloosa etc. Snow, ^{total} on north exposures and on S half of valleys (60%). Cornices on S exposures. all ponds open. 99.7 sparrow hawk. 00.1 sparrow hawk. 05.8 red-tail. 13.5 point overlooking lake at Paradise Point (just before gates). From here can see 40 blues & snows, 60 Canadians, approx. 3,000 am. mergansers, 1000 mallards, some lesser scaup & pintails, goldeneye, marsh hawk. 40 ring-billed gulls. The mergansers were in same position as observed Mar 13 and today wind in not a factor so I presume the fishing is better here (and resting beach) than elsewhere in the bay. Continued around peninsula by car and noted the usual 7 or 8 ringbills flying N-S in lake at W end of peninsula. no ducks here or N of peninsula until NE part of bay. From the picnic shelter overlook on N side of peninsula counted 2140 ringbill gulls at at least 4 Herring gulls, ^{all} resting in shallow water about 100' east of where the Delaware River now turns W into the bay area. Included in this count were 2 small groups and approx 80 flying up & down the river to the north. At this time the activity was one of resting. One boat was returning from the river area and as a result there were no ducks or geese in the area. This is the first boat I have seen in this area this winter and it has been only the last day or so that boats could enter this area. I would consider March 15 as the first day the area could be used. As a result of perhaps just a few boats, this refugia has changed from an area of high populations of waterfowl and raptors to one which is lifeless except for the gulls who ^{moderately} tolerate mans presence. I would recommend this area NE of the peninsula be held inviolate to mans trespass until April 1.