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Four squirrel in area. Left and at gates ^{at} ~~entering~~ ^{once to} Paradise Point noted a sparrow hawk. Left gates at 18.2, at 4:50 P.M. No birdlife in Little Slough Cr. Bay and out into main lake as observed from the cemetery road. No birds in Big Slough either on east or west side as far as I could see. No fish surfacing at any contact at the lake and waters were perfectly still to make such observations. At Gap Point (NW corner of Big Slough Park) at boat ramp the ice was still in lake out to 120' and fractured. This is the only ice observed on lake so far. Approx. 150 lesser scaup, 30 Am. mergansers, 30 redhead, one bufflohead, 5 ringbilled gulls, 20 golden eye all in bay near shore NE of here. Temp of water and ice blocks at edge 6" deep = $37\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ F. Redtail just $\frac{1}{10}$ mi N of gates to Big Slough Creek. Park. At 1 mi N of Big Slough Creek bridge noted a redtail in tree 100' from road. No eagles in Big Slough area. No ducks but 15 gulls in Slough. At swimming beach at marina the ice (original winter) is still in upper part of bay and about 50' less than March 13. Across dam noted the following lone ducks along base of dam. ^{hooded merganser} bufflo head, golden eye, scaup. Water at 890. No ducks in Delaware below to S. 40' of ice at W end dam and some fragments out in lake to 200'. Continued up over and down and around toward Thompsonville. At about $\frac{1}{10}$ mile ^E ^{on} Thompsonville road (from where road turns N to reservoir up hill) noted approx 8000 blue and snow geese in field $\frac{3}{4}$ distance between here and highway 24. Counted snows & blues as they leopfrogged to W. Out of 212 geese that moved from one part of the flock to another. 101 were blues and 112 were snows. Sparrow hawk here. The only thing green in the landscape is winter wheat. Delaware River at Perry is a decided green color in contrast to clear water of winter. At 53.1 turning E on lower road S of Leecompton at 6:05 P.M. 53.7 redtail. Lakeview Lake placid & no ducks. Redtail at Peterson and Karad Rd. Home at 99770.8. There has been a decided scarcity of tree sparrows and juncos, meadowlarks & horned larks in contrast to Mar 13 when they were at road edge because of snow. No hooded eagles today. They may have moved north since March 13. First nuptial activity between ♂ & ♀ Eng sparrow. There is a decided lack of activity at feeder at home since the recent snow has left the ground and the temperatures have increased.

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At 4:30 A.M. at 402 Yorkshiredr. heard snows and blues pass N over house. The calls were approx. 1 per $1\frac{1}{2}$ seconds.