

Mallards mainly in short weedy vegetation inundated with water up to 8 inches in depth, some on dry land among short emergent weeds. One behaviorism of mallards was to scratch bottom of lake in water just deep enough for contact with feet while still swimming on surface of water, sometimes for 10-15 seconds and then working over area below with submerged bill and head.

Observed 12 pintails. one ♂ butted against a ♀ pintail with pressure enough to cause birds to rest at an angle in the water thus:



and they maintained this position for about 20 seconds before the ♂ attached the female. The ♂ feed more vigorously than mallards and are aggressive toward ♂ + ♀ mallards but some mallards repel such attacks & cause the pintail to retreat. The pressure

of resting & feeding ducks in this area is in contrast to former years when some place had 6-10 duck blinds and ^{actually} used as a hunting area. Now ducks can rest ^(20 percent) & feed in relatively ^{depleted} unharmed conditions. They swim among & thru the old duck blinds. 4 crows in area. 1 redheaded woodpecker at

observation point. 18 American mergansers in NW area (see drawing). No eagles in area but one redtail. The pelican which was sleeping at edge of water, left wolfishly at 11:20 A.M. and flew S over peninsula. Sun shone at 11:22 for first time while observing here. First gull passed over at 11:23. A car arrived and two

people walked to edge of hill. The mallards nearest the peninsula flew inland to N about 100' but did not leave area. Left 11:45 Temp. 46°F in shade. 67.5 redtail. 67.7 left road and

walked over divide & down to lake. at lake 2 green-winged teal in small bay, 1 great blue heron and about 30 mallards. All left.

Deer using a trail along N side peninsula and road leading N & S.

Largest imprint 86 mm, smallest 54 mm. ^(at between these sizes) Coyote tracks in mud.

Return to car. The geese noted this A.M. are still ^{some} in area but some in raft stretching out into lake from shore. 8 Canadian geese at periphery of raft. Left Paradise Peninsula gates at 67.8 at 12:15 P.M.

67.9 redtail. 69.3 now to S. 4 bluejays. 69.7 2 crows. 71.4 Ozarkie rd. 71.9 sparrowhawk 72.1 Little Slough Creek, open. No ducks but

3 gulls in upper part of bay. 73.5 2 crows. 75.5 2 crows, 90 sterling.

76.2 Coyote running E in middle of dirt road from W and at 10 feet from Ferguson Rd stopped abruptly but slide approx 8 feet on gravel. In attempting to stop it created enough dust to almost obscure it. In addition to sliding it also was attempting to back track causing the excessive dust and flying pebbles from the road. By the time it had stopped & had passed by on the car and in