

Looking in the mirror I could see it walking across the road rather than running or looping. 76.5 turnoff to Big Slough Park at 12:35. 76.9 20 tree sparrows, 1 bluejay. 77.4 entering Big Slough Park. 77.8 2 titmice, 1 bluejay, hairy woodpecker. 78.1 row to left. 12 mallards E of point across from boat ramp, flicker. Bypassed boat ramp rd. 2 gulls toward bridge. no other ducks. 79.1 cardinal at point, 25 starling, 3 bluejay. Mallards observed this A.M. still in same general area. 2 robins. 79.7 head of bay, 2 redtails. Sky to W clear, above high cirrus. 8 tree sparrows. 80.0 17 juncos. 28 mallards in bay E of old county rd, 12 in bay to W. One goldeneye left with noticeable sound of wings. 2 meadowlark. 80.4 boat ramp at gap Pond. Eared grebe, red throated loon only birds in bay. 2 Am mergansers flew W near shore. The redthroated loon kept opening and closing bill. Left 1:00 P.M. 81.9 gates of park on return. 82.9 Ferguson Rd. 8.43 Big Slough bridge. no gull or ducks. 84.8 redtail. 86.5 SE corner reservoir area at 1:10 and end of ^{uprowbank} census. At Lakeview some groups of gulls in same ^{areas.} 99.3 redtail hawk. 00.0 redtail. 01.2 Sparrow hawk. 01.3 Karal & Peterson Rds. 02.2 home at 1:42 P.M. (402 Yorkshire). 79.4 mile trip.

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Mr. Donald Coin of N. Lawrence (east) reported to me:

Can not trap beaver at Walter's Lake because ~~lack~~ ^{value} of prevailing value of beaver pelts. He will not be able to pay for ~~skins~~ ^{skins} until Jan 1 when beaver trapping starts and furrier prices are available.

Beaver populations fluctuate with hunting pressure.

Sets tension of traps to include first and second year young.

Has trapped all local streams including Big Slough Creek ~~when~~ before reservoir. Small streams are changing to sandy bottoms and are being polluted with insecticides and fertilizer to the point where crayfish ^{and other aquatic insects} are disappearing. Places where they used to seine for crayfish ~~do~~ in great number no longer support these aquatic organisms.

When ^{raw} sewer was put into Kaw the fishing was excellent near their home; and even though the sewage collected on their lines and hooks, they caught many fish. Now the sewage is treated and the effluent is put into the water causing the lines to be coated with an inch of crud. This treated sewage has killed most of the fish and they catch very few now.