

the bark from 2 inch black willow in the pond bed.

Left Cap Point and drove to SE-end of <sup>Big</sup> Slough Park where we noted 26 goldeneyes, 12 ring-billed gulls, 3 Am. mergansers, 8 starling, yellow-shafted flicker and a marsh hawk. junco & tree sparrows in area.

On returning to marina near headquarters noted 4 bald eagles (2 adults and 2 immatures) circling ridge east of the marina and beyond the main n-s road. They continued to S.

At Leecompton bridge noted one immature bald eagle <sup>(23)</sup> 1/2 way W between bridge and mouth of Delaware River. It sat on limb over water 2/3 way up tree (cottonwood). Did not check eagles as we could not stop on bridge because of traffic. Continued to home.

Kaw River, Leecompton area, Douglas-Jefferson Co., Kansas  
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Returned to eagle area along Kaw River. At point where W end of dike contacts road left car and walked to Kaw River where I observed 2 adult bald eagles <sup>(24-25) at 11:45 A.M.</sup> leave trees on N side of river (NE of my position) and after circling over river 3 times gained altitude as they moved S. My dog and I caused these eagles to leave although we were at least 2/10 mi. away. Wind gentle, sky clear. One group of 8 and one group of 23 Am. mergansers in area occupied by the eagles. Meadowlarks singing loudly for the eastern bird. But definitely note the western bird. Continued W to where valley road contacts the hillsides and walked to edge of river at creek. No ducks or eagles from here. Continued to about 1/10 mi E of Oakley Creek and left car and walked W along railroad tracks leaving at 1:30 P.M. at 1:40 a melanistic redtail left cottonwood tree and flew E, calling on 3 occasions in typical redtail call. Black all over including tail which had some whitish gray. Primaries lighter (compared to turkey vulture pattern). This bird has been observed in the same general area the last three years or so but I cannot remember if only during the winter. notes should tell. At 2:00 P.M. a fox squirrel ran across tracks (beginning of forests on S side tracks). Followed drainage to top hill and thence to tracks under bridge. This hill area has been completely developed into trails by motorcyclists and, except for abuse is the boldest topography along the whole ridge system from Lake View W. Would be an ideal place to buy & develop into an estate. Continued W beyond Leecompton (or just N of Leecompton), thence onto sands of river and thence to opposite mouth Delaware River arriving 2:45 P.M. 2 adult eagles <sup>(26-27)</sup> 200' W mouth of Delaware