

Feb. 22, 1976

min temp 20F last night. Ice on splash-zone of beach and in protected bays around edge. <sup>steam along edge of lake</sup> Lake smooth. Sun up 7:08 A.M. Long-necked gulls, <sup>and small flocks of ducks 10-30</sup> started to move S and over dam at 6:45 A.M. and continued regularly to 7:30 A.M. At 7:05 noted one group of

about 80 gulls circling about 1000' above dam. <sup>made short trip to N to bay (peninsula on N side) and 1 coast</sup> 2 buffle head <sup>and 1 coast</sup> in this bay (♂ ♀) and they left with sound. One ♂ redwing, 2 crows and about 20 tree sparrows. At <sup>NE</sup> point on finely graded beach noted 2 sets of mink tracks with front & rear prints together (side by side) at about 16" intervals. At camp noted 2 redtails



(white <sup>entire</sup> underparts) on limb and touching one another by wings. 1 Redbellied woodpecker, 7 bluejays, in area at camp. Left camp and drove to peninsula, 4 American mergansers flew N in lake. Returned to dam and 9 ♀ and 1 ♂ goldeneye duck in one flock 1/10

mi. W of outlet gates and 6 ♀ and 5 ♂ E of outlet gates, both groups 20' from shore. No other kinds of ducks or geese in entire lake N of dam. At swimming bay N of Administration buildings observed 8 baldpate and 12 mallards (2 of which were black ducks) At Gap Point 3/10 mi. N were 30 American mergansers and 12 gulls.

Robins generally distributed today and small birds including tree sparrows, slate colored juncos and goldfinch about 4 times as common as winter population and are generally distributed.

At Big Slough (1/10 mi NE of bridge) noted fossiliferous bed (approx 1 foot) of fusulinids and other fossils (brachiopods, Crinoids, Spirifer, Productus etc) on beach. From this point observed 1 adult, 1 immature perched and 4 immature bald eagles in flight.

One immature left tree at point and flew to dead tree in water. The adult left perch on dead tree in water and flew out into bay of Slough Creek where it chased a ring-billed gull for approx. 45 seconds.

