

2:04 3 redhead woodpeckers. 2:05 good beaver activity just before major drainage to right. Gray squirrel in dead trees 30' from land but with overhead thornfare. 2:06 redheads, 2 mallards, ring-billed gull. 2:10 now W to mouth of channel, 2 redheaded woodpeckers. 2:12 entering channel. Approx 200 redwing blackbirds of which 5% females. 2:20 approx 2/10 mi. S of utility line that crosses E-W. A log jam prevented passage. On return noted a Ross goose with 8 ring-billed gulls. The goose was as white as the gulls and only slightly larger. The neck was uniformly a light brownish orange as is found on some heads of both the blue and snow geese but in this case was uniformly distributed for the entire area of the head and neck. Of the hundred thousands of snow & blue geese I have seen & have not observed one with this distribution of the head color. The bill was noticeable smaller than the snow goose. If it had not been for the color on the head I would have confused the bird with a gull. Directed the goose toward the birds and at about 250' the gulls left first and then in 30 seconds the goose left. Also noted 4 American mergansers. On original trip up bay counted only ducks that were on water near shore and in side bay of drainage systems. On return there were at least twice as many ducks in more open part of the Slough Creek bay. Arrive car 4:10 P.M. On return home noted a redtail at Oakley Creek on lower road along the Kaw River. Also one redtail at Lake View. NW pond now about 30' x 50'. Large flocks of grackles moving north thru area.

Perry Reservoir, Paradise Point, Jefferson Co., Kansas  
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Left 3:45 P.M. 14158.2 mileage. Clear sky. Temp about 40°F. Wind from NW. Will list different kinds of birds enroute. meadowlark, starting 63.7 30 lesser scaup and 25 hooded mergansers in pond to south. 65.2 redtail, redwing on territory 69.1 LeCompton bridge. water occupying most of river bed from bank to bank but with some sandbars 20 ring-billed gulls on sandbar near mouth of Delaware River, 2 others flying up river. Tree sparrows 74.7 SE corner of Perry Reservoir. 75.0 toward headquarters a sparrow hawk. 75.2 headquarters. no sailboats in marina. 78.3 redtail 78.9 bridge over Big Slough Arm. 79.8 marsh hawk. 81.0 redtail. 83.2 melanistic redtail. 83.7 sparrow hawk. 84.8 Little Slough Creek, water bank to bank and higher than in winter and in fact since last rains. 86.1 killdeer. 88.0 sparrow hawk. 89.1 gates to Paradise Point. Continued to W end of peninsula and damped at edge of lake. Set traps 50 traps in grasses in runways. Soil damp, some trails muddy