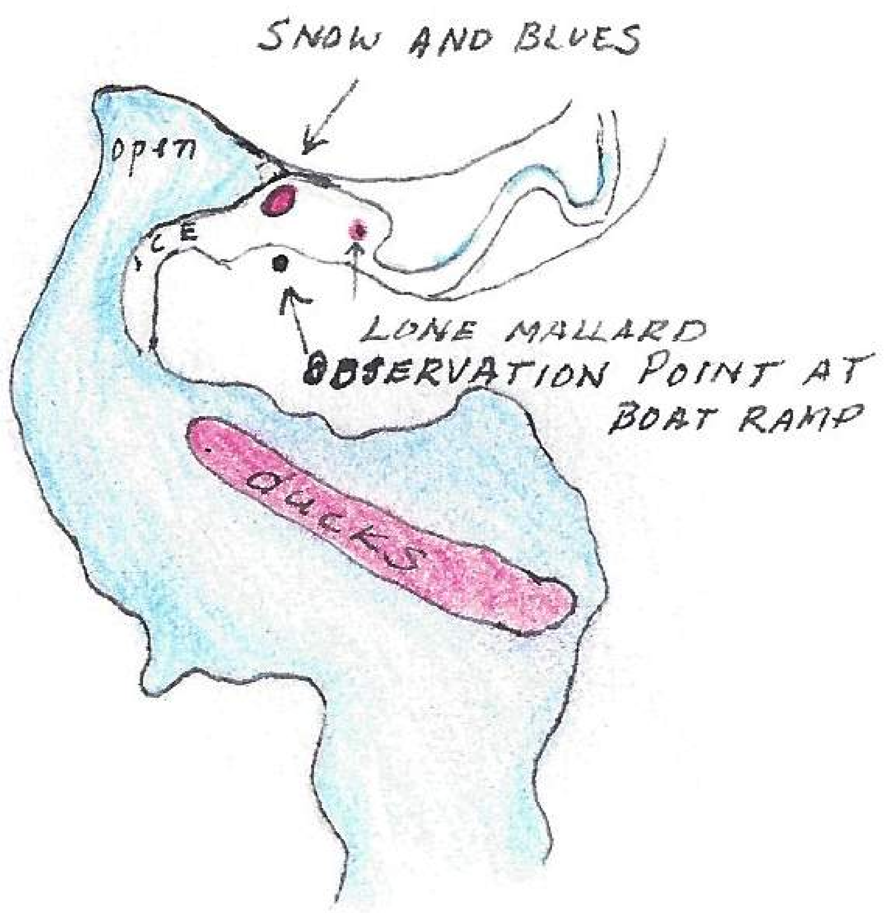
From observation point at boat ramp observed approx 10,000 snow and blue geese resting on ice some 20 feet from open water. most of them 70% were on bellies, the rest 30% were standing on one leg with head tucked between wings of back. 58 were standing erect with heads upright.



A call was given about every 2 to 6 seconds. Nearly all birds faced S. A small group of 500 mallards and snow geese resting on mud bar to the NE (40' away from geese), other mallards (approx 200) resting among the geese. At this time can see only 2 gulls in air and 6 resting on ice about 50' from geese. 8 gadwalls swimming in open water NW geese, 18 green wing teal near mallards. Three killdeer arrived at boat-ramp to inspect me and then left. Flock of approx. 80 mallard alighted among geese.

B = adult blue
b = juvenile blue
S = adult snow
s = juvenile snow

Counted from outer edges toward center from 2 ends are: SW to NE ~~S to N~~ = B, B, S, S, S, B, B, B, S, B, S, B, B, B, B, S, s, S, S, S, S, B, S, S, S, S, B, B, S, s, B, S, S, B, S, B, B, B, S, S, S, B, B, From NE to SW = S, S, S, S, B, b, S, S, S, s, S, S, B, S, S, S, S.
The geese bordering the flock nearest to me S and SE are according to blues + snows including adults and juveniles are: SBBBBSSBBSBSSBS.S.SBBSSSSSSSSSS
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= 62% snows and 38% blues. (Compare with group of Nov 7, 1974 in same area). 2 redtails circling ridge to N. Ring-necked gulls passed by at approx 1 every 3 minutes. Flock of 10 green-winged teal arrived and attempted to land 5 times but continued on.

Left boat ramp at 12:14 P.M and drove down to NW corner of peninsula where I took up an observation location along road almost due south of geese. At this time the flock had started to shift from the north side of the flock to south side. At first the numbers of geese involved was 4 to 8 birds but these numbers increased to 20 or 30 birds at a time. In this adjustment active geese were on N and S side of flock and resting inactive geese (sleeping) were in the middle of the flock. As frequently happens, juvenile geese move to the side of the flock that shows sign of activity such as approach of another flock of geese, different kinds of geese, a passing coyote, ~~or~~ leaves blowing across ice or