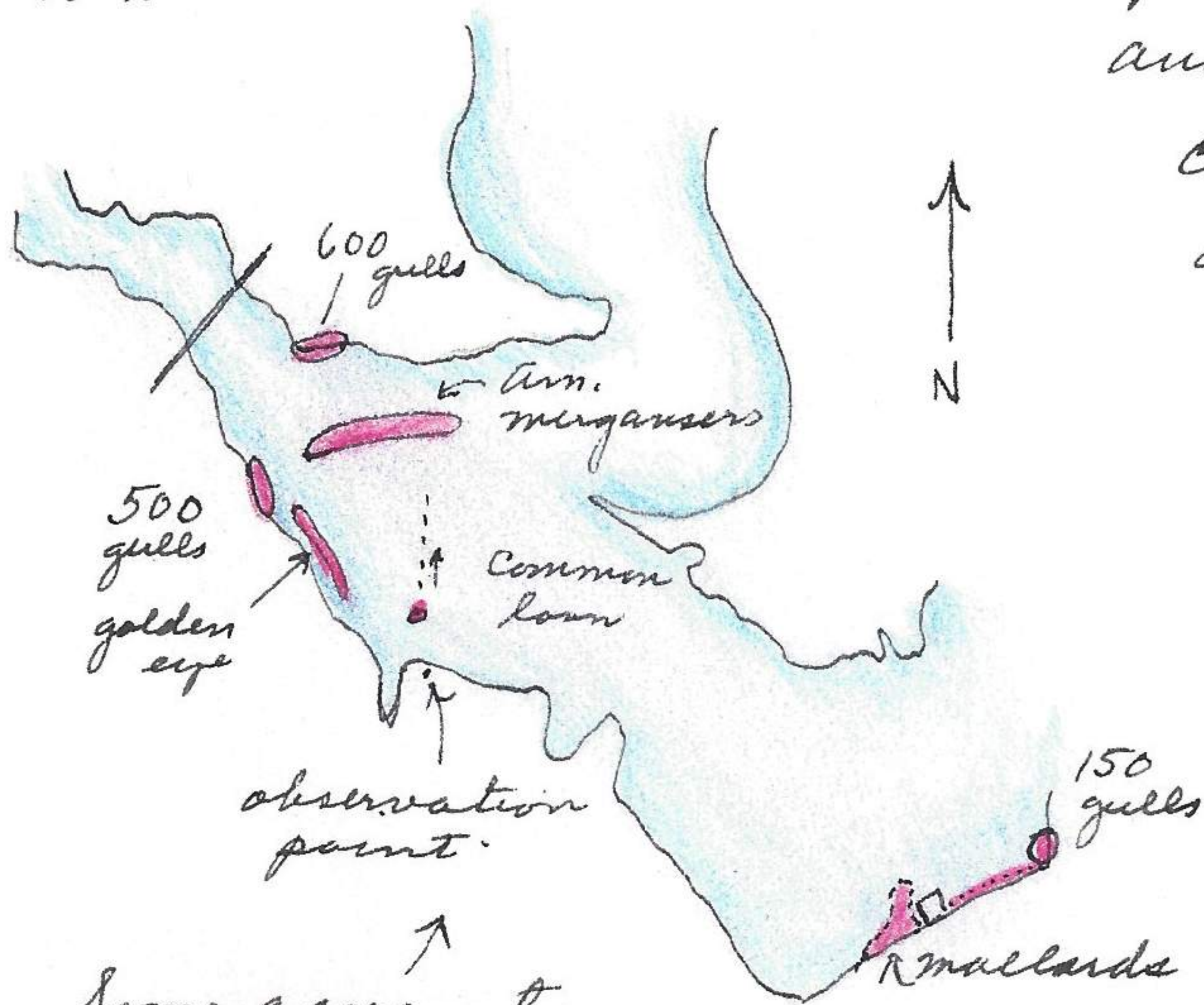


At this particular moment there are 34 ring-billed gulls associated with these American mergansers, either flying about them or in water near them. When a merganser surfaces with a fish the gulls anticipate the emergence and will alight on the back of the merganser or at the side of it. There is a group of approx 600 ring-billed gulls on beach (point to N) and another group of 500 on W shore. These on west shore were resting on mud bar. 10 other gulls were following 34 goldeneyes as parasitizing for food as the golden eye emerged by alighting on the back or side in a more aggressive manner than in the case of the mergansers. 10 mallards were on W shore as were 5 killdeer. Directly N of me is a common loon that is swimming N. It occasionally turn head 90% to me. Left observation point at 44.9 at 9:45 P.M. and returned to dam. Did not repeat census back to dam. 47.2 W end dam now E. Same mallards as this A.M., most on shore just W of water gate but others east of gate to east end of dam at about 20 mallards per 100 feet of shore. In these mallards E of gate observed only one lesser scaup the rest mallards. 150 ring-billed in one group at east end dam. There were no golden-eye ducks along dam where ordinarily one finds them. Those observed today were noted in The Rock Creek area (see notes above). 50.2 main road to N., 3 crows. 50.8 Ferguson Road, meadowlark. 52.0 Big Slough Cr. Bridge. no ice anywhere. 52.9 Chickadee. 54.1 2 bluejays. 54.8 bluejay & redheaded woodpecker. 57.0 sp. hawk. 58.1 Little Slough Cr. 2 tree sparrows, crow. 58.0 four corners now N and 5 am. mergansers 60.4 bluejay. 61.0 now W. 62.4 sandstone point. 10.000 mallards, (may be a few other kinds of ducks, ^{there} but lighting poor.) This is an isolated compact group and all resting. 62.6 Paradise Pt. gates, now W. 63.2 fox squirrel. 63.7 now left 64.0 8 juncos, 20 tree sparrows. 64.4 7 juncos, 3 juncos. 65.0 N E point of Paradise Point and observation point for 9000 blue & snow geese to N on other side of bay, along and on shore. Also ~~158~~ ¹⁶⁸ Canada geese that maintained their own grouping but were mixed in with snow & blue. Other than about 20 mallards ^{and the Canada's}, this was a pure flock of snow & blues. Another group of 58 Canadian geese, 1 adult ~~snow~~ ^{blue} goose and 22 ring-billed gulls were on ~~on~~ a submerged sandbar in middle of bay between the geese on the N side and Paradise Point. Approx. 450 mallards at east end of bay. The snow &



Some aggregates of birds from notes.