

Left home with Temp 21°F and stiff breeze. 12.4 robin, 12.8 Karal and Farmers Turnpike. 19.1 18 tree sparrows, cardinal, 19.3 19 tree sparrows, 8 juncos. 10:50 From E end of Leecompton bridge can see 4 adult and 6 immature bald eagles resting in cottonwood tree on E side of mouth of Delaware River. Returned to Leecompton and

left car at tracks (RR) north on first street east of the main street. From here walked along edge of Kaw River W. among riparian trees to a point S of the mouth of the Delaware River where upon arrival a car (green with yellow line on side) drove up to the trees where the eagles were roosting (resting) and after getting out of their car proceeded to examine 10 ~~beaver~~ beaver sets and reset 3 more from 11:20 to 3:00 P.M., taking 2 beavers. Needless to say the eagles left in both to W and 2 to the east, and for the next 20 minutes were out of sight. at 11:25 can see one adult to W and 1 imm to E swirling above the river (300' high). no other eagles visible. at 2:13 an immature arrived and alighted in cottonwood on E side of mouth of Delaware River

2:18 the immature above left and flew up river but at 2:21 returned and alighted in same tree. This bird had extra large areas of white under elbows of wing.



2:35 an adult and 2 immature in cottonwood trees on N side along river, at approx 4.0 mile up river.

tail blackish above but whitish below.

3:15 one adult arrived and alighted in same tree as the immature above. It is evident that eagles leave their resting and hunting areas when disturbed by man in their areas and that it takes some time for them to return after the disturbance has left. This area should be posted against trespass or hunting or annoyances by boat or plane. The 23 American mergansers also left and did not return. The interrelationship between beaver, mergansers and bald eagles is obligatory; the beaver & mergansers helping to keep water open for the eagles to fish. A redtail hunted in the same area at the mouth of Coon Creek which flows into the Kaw SW from the Delaware on S side of Kaw is now lower than the sands of the Kaw River. A bench on the slope of the Coon Creek matches the height of the present sands of the Kaw thus;

