

cottontail and coyote. I am impressed with the great number of cottontail and coyote tracks this year. Made observations at this point at 10:05 A.M. Redtail in area. Up to this point have observed the following kinds of birds: meadowlark, slate-colored junco, tree sparrows, starling, shrike, yellow-shafted flicker, horned larks and redtail. It is snowing lightly and hazy or foggy but eagles can be seen for  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles. Next stop at creek that enters Kaw where road <sup>starts to</sup> traverses hillside. From mouth on W side noted several eagles (see map). Again I am impressed with the numbers of tracks of cottontails & coyotes along the river. There are four sets of tracks on snow where main valley enters bank. This creek is at mileage 32.9. Two adult eagles left tree, circled twice and then returned to same tree. Returned to car at 10:40 A.M. Most eagles select large cottonwood trees for ease of landing & departing. Next stop at 34.4 left car and went N to river (about  $\frac{1}{10}$  mi. E. mouth Oakley Creek). From this position noted the albino bald eagle noted on the 17th of January. This immature was on the snow in middle of river bed and playing with some object which it held in its left foot. It would jump up and down and lean backwards, occasionally thrusting a wing laterally. After approx. 3 minutes another immature bald eagle arrived and flew directly over it within 2 feet above. The one already on the snow flipped over backwards and alighted on its side with the object still in its foot. The other eagle continued beyond in a glide and lit approx. 20' beyond. This second bird had considerable white in its tail and head. This action took place approx. 200' down river from mouth of Oakley Creek and in about the center of the river bed, open water 60' beyond. Returned to car. Oakley Creek bridge at 34.6, creek frozen and snow covered. 36.0 LeCompton Road now N. at 11:15. 38.5 road contacts railroad and begins parallel course W of LeCompton parked car and walked N to river (Kaw), thence E to main creek that drains area W of LeCompton, thence up creek to railroad & then back to car. See map for distribution of eagles. The two adults & one immature flew to mouth of the Delaware River where they lit in trees on E side. This movement was result of my approach to the river. As I worked E to mouth of creek which across the river from the mouth of the Delaware River, they again flew to trees half way between Delaware & LeCompton bridge. (see map. Jan 17, 1978). 20 mallards and 8 common mergansers in water at mouth of the Delaware. There is open water along the N bank in this area.