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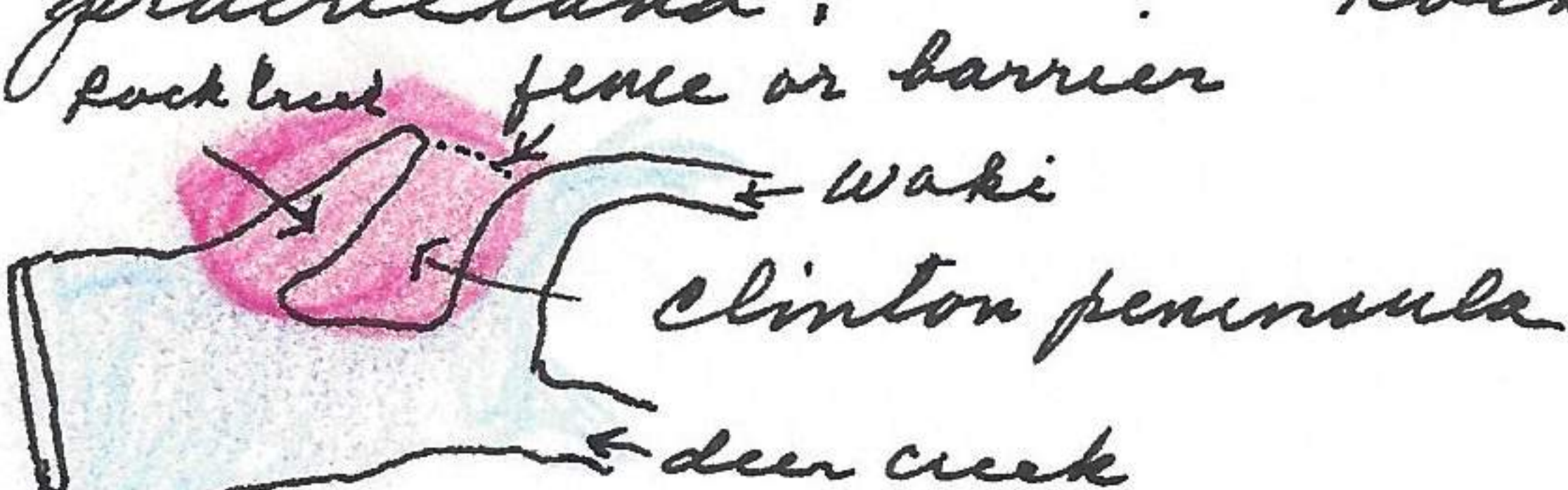
March 16, 1978

Last of winter ice on pond (original thick ice) left pond. It refroze tonight but with only a thin layer. As of today the juncos, tree sparrows, vesper, goldfinch and Harris sparrows, redwing and robin have not been seen at the feeder except an occasional tree sparrow. This has been a rather dramatic shift in population <sup>(increase)</sup>. The Eng. sparrows and especially starling are still in area and at feeder.

Clinton Reservoir, Douglas Co., Kansas

March 18, 1978

Drove back from Topeka via S road. noted (in the Clinton Res. area) 4 redtails, 1 sparrow hawk and almost no small birds. At dawn observed approx. 14,000 snow geese (most of them seemed to be snows) and under 30 Canada geese. Temp. 82°F and the first high temperature this season. The Canada geese were chasing each other in the air at great speeds. <sup>most of the</sup> ponds in area still have winter ice. It is interesting to note that if you give geese and other wildfowl an undisturbed area, place to rest <sup>and</sup> on land & plenty of water nearby, that the geese will use the area. Such provision have not been met in reservoir areas. Geese and ducks at Perry Res. for instance are forced to rest on ice or a pond kept open in the ice away from feeding <sup>and resting</sup> grounds. Each reservoir should have a secondary reservoir where marshlands and be maintained throughout the year and held absolutely inviolate to man trespass. We have slopes and from vantage points or by T.V. circuitry can still enjoy the birds but at a distance. One branch of every reservoir should be set aside for waterfowl only, <sup>where is</sup> man completely excluded. These areas would become the greatest value ~~areas~~ of any reservoir. One of the greatest things that could be done is to reserve the Clinton Peninsula for buffalo, antelope, elk, deer in a native setting of prairie land. Rock Creek bay and sidehill forest <sup>could</sup> then become part of the <sup>inviolable</sup> ~~inviolable~~ areas.



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noted that after the snow left from ground, <sup>from</sup> under the red cranberry bush, it exposed the fruit which had fallen from the bush and covered by periodic snows. The berries