

Left 10:55 A.M. Sky clear 1/2 hour ago but now with cumulus clouds with dark bases. Brilliant blue sky between. Wind from NW, 8 MPH. At put in on the N side of old Clinton bridge at cormorant flew up stream then returned, another fed in river about 200' down stream. Also a pied-billed grebe surface right in front of me with a large sunfish (bluegill) in mouth. It immediately submerged and resurfaced down stream 40' with fish still in bill and then submerged again. Flock 80 redwings in weeds by put-in. Wind now about 12 MPH. 4 small flocks redwings flying W rather than E which they have usually done on <sup>latest</sup> The past trips down the river. 11:25 Coon Creek (mouth), <sup>marsh hawk</sup> One cormorant left mouth of Creek, flew down river, circled and come back again and attempted to land by got up again and flew down river again. 400 redwings got up out of weeds, mainly ragweeds. Pleasant in sun but cool when sun goes behind a cloud. 11:25 Lagoon at contact with N side of valley. Great blue heron, pied-billed grebe. Since Coon Creek, 2 flocks of redwings (30 each). Can hear bluejay in deciduous forest. Yellow-shafted woodpecker in dead tree on hillside. Great blue heron, several <sup>inundated</sup> red maples along side of river and in natural fall colors. Less wind on lee of hills. 11:45 A.M. Peterson Pond, good breeze coming out of valley, cormorant left water here. The lee winds off ridge to N depends on configuration of the ridge (in height). Second cormorant left Peterson Bay. They have the tendency to want to return to the same area. 50% of hillside trees in greenish yellow, but not true yellow of fall colors. Rest good summer green. 11:50 beginning of trees of island and beginning of duck weed aggregates, especially S side of river at bend in among trees. More color changes in these riparian forests, principally reds. Great blue heron, cormorant, great blue heron, turtle dropped off log. Wood duck left from 1/2 way up trees as did the 2 great blue herons. Another great blue heron, wood duck, trees shield most of the valley wind. Cormorant with a catfish in bill and I would judge it to be 9 inches long and almost as thick as the head of the cormorant. It dove, resurfaced, flew 40' down river, then dropped fish and swam down the river. The uplifted head of the cormorant seems to be adaptation for looking above than below. Catfish regained composure & swam away