


forests, fox squirrel tracks led out from trees to 100 feet onto open fields where food was being dug out by snow (soybeans). The tracks this year are entrenched because of the quality of the snow (non-adhesive) which permits the animal to sink into the snow rather than be supported by it. I noticed that I was not gathering snow on boots or pants because of its non-adhesive nature (of snow). I cannot recall that there were so many dog tracks in this area for this time of year but had noticed that the trailer to the west had 5 dogs which could account for the numerous trails & tracks. This residence and numerous dogs is a disturbing factor in the bald eagle area. From 2 vantage points, one directly N of course of dike and one at road access to river (from residence to W) where one can see ~~up~~ up river to distant bend observed 6 adult and 2 immature bald eagles. no. 1 on S side of river $\frac{4}{5}$ up height of large isolated cottonwood tree, no 2 an immature in small ~~to~~ cottonwood tree $\frac{2}{3}$ of height. This bird on island of younger trees. no 3 and 7 20' apart $\frac{2}{3}$ up large cottonwood tree, no 4 and 5 $\frac{2}{3}$ up large cottonwood tree and no 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ up large cottonwood tree. no 8 in medium size tree $\frac{1}{2}$ way up tree. all trees bordering river. Some open water on ice supported 12 ducks, probably mallards. all other areas in ice covered with snow. Returned to car. 74.5 Continued to railroad creek and checked eagles from mouth of creek on W side. Although I could see these from first observation area (dike observation point) recorded their position from the railroad creek position (get name of this creek). number 9 was on ice and snow when I approached. It flew from X and flew to no. 9 position. no 12 fished (3 unsuccessful attempts and returned to no 9 position. The nos 11 and 10 remained in trees. I was only $\frac{3}{10}$ mile, ^{or less} from eagles but because of my approach to edge of river they did not leave. Ordinarily when one goes to the bank of the river, eagles will leave the area. All eagles in large cottonwood tree bordering the river. Two redtails of normal plumage were in trees as marked on map and the eagles & redtails must have some mutual relationships. Eagle no 9 had a noticeable white ^{natural feather} band or stripe on underside of wing . Open water in blue. There were eight American mergansers and 7 ducks (mallards) in open water, they left on my approach and to that extent are more weary than the eagles. Returned to car and continued W. at 76.0 left car and walked to Oakley Creek observation point. Sand pit shows increase development and truck road to mouth Oakley Creek. High ridge vantage point to S is best overall point for observing eagles as one can see both up & down river, however, the distances are great for high powered scopes because ^{and} atmospheric interference would limit good visibility. Several smaller observation points nearer the river at centers of eagle concentrations would be produce more satisfying results.