

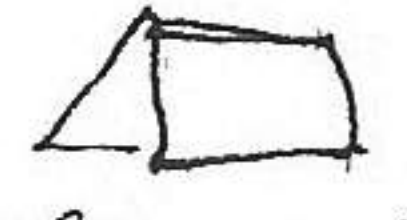
Coon Creek where I observed the eagle activity from 11:50 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. (see drawing). There were no ducks or mergansers in open water at mouth of Delaware River or open water of the Kaw. No noise from ice. no ice in open water. I am surprised that there is not more fragments of ice in the river.

The snow has accumulated against south bank up to 3 or 4 feet and is uncompacted requiring coyotes to follow along upper edge of drift on slope of bank. In crossing these drifts I would sink up to my hips and progress was difficult. When the three juveniles or immatures were circling, one would drop down in an attempt to contact ~~the~~ one of the other two and the one being approached would somersault forward, sometime 2 consecutive flips before gaining normal flight level rather than by a side turnover.

Only birds in river channel were 2 crows that alighted on snow near other side of river. Of particular

importance is new structure on the east side of the mouth of the creek (Coon) and is directly S across the river from the greatest eagle activity on the Kaw.

It consists of a building, two tables, fire pit and seating logs. There are 3 tops of gallon can nailed to trees and each one is full of rifle holes. A brush wall has been constructed as a blind for birds

that might alight at mouth of creek (last fall when water was open). There is another structure on the east bank of the mouth of the Delaware River which is the most vulnerable position as far as disturbance of eagles is concerned. This structure from here looks like a A frame type of perhaps 8 feet high . This kind of activity so recent and along with cross-country skiing is a new threat to the winter eagles. Left observation point at 9:00 P.M. and returned to car which took 1/2 hour walking time. Left 04.6

07.0 2 meadowlarks and fox squirrel road kill. 07.3 juncos. 08.2 now E on Farmer's Turnpike. 10.6 2 horned larks. 11.5 4 horned larks. 13.3 8 meadowlarks, 12 horned larks. 16.0 home at 1:45. Weather today has been hazy this A.M. with sun trying to break thru, at times successful, but at 2:00 P.M. heavy haze with hillsides of trees at 1 mile solid bluish cast instead of tree detail under normal atmospheric conditions.

