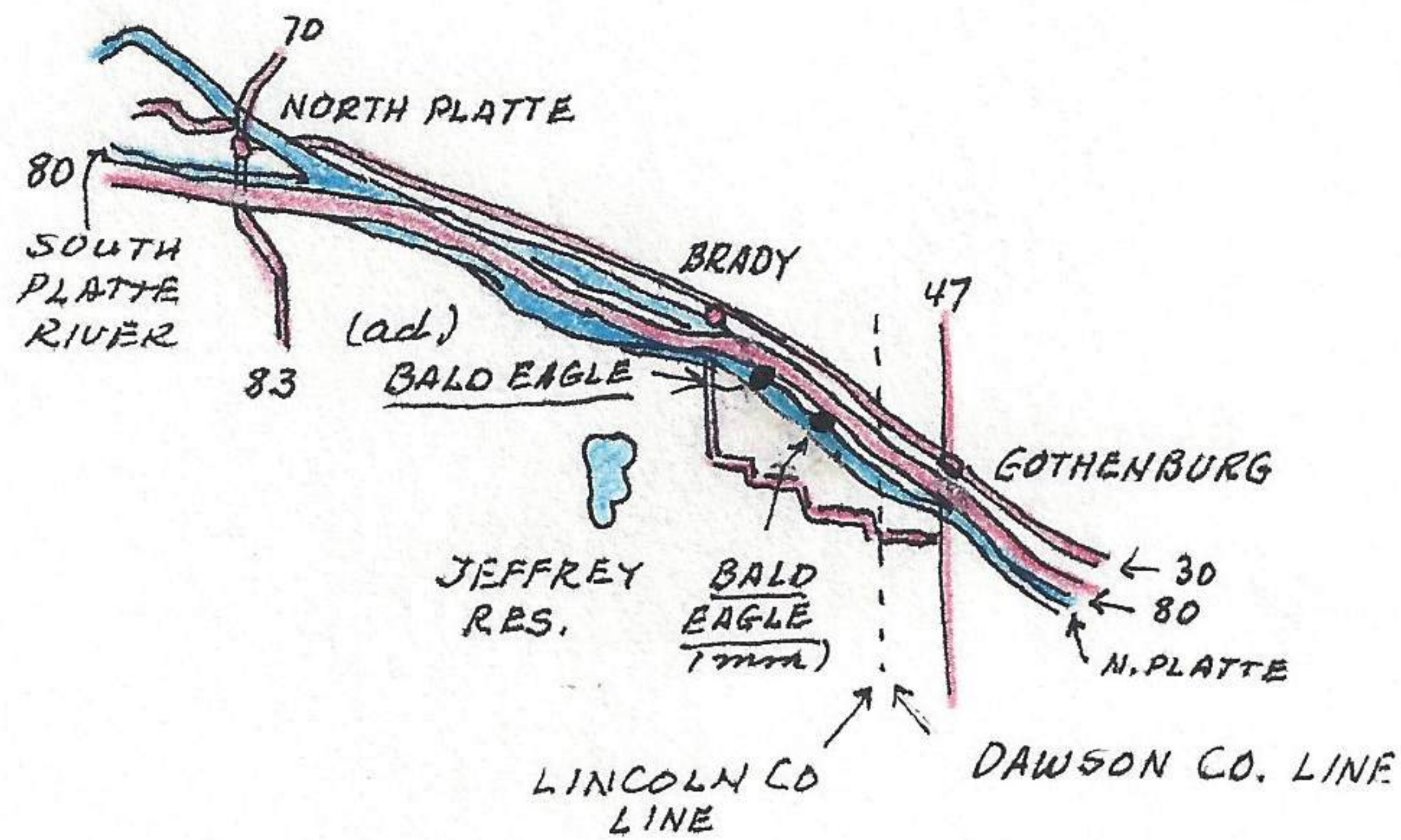


It soared about 200' above trees over river near road and remained in same area taking advantage of the wind. This eagle is 7.5 miles from the Dawson-Lincoln Co. line. Another immature bald eagle was observed at 007.1 near Gothenburg Canal, which is dry. It was a bird with upper part of tail (basal) mottled white, the upper surface of wings with considerable white as was the under side of wings. This eagle circled 100' above trees and remained in same area. Both eagles were approx. 250' from interstate 80. This bird was 3 1/2 miles



from the Lincoln-Dawson Co. line. 009.5 red tail in tree. 019.3 approx 150 great blue heron nests in trees along river not over 400' from road. 031.9 sparrow hawk. 047.2 a borrow pit 3/4 open, mast just beginning to open. 051.0 Two groups of sandhill cranes, one 32 and the other 25 individuals. They were circling and moving progressively east down N. Platte river (above interstate 80) The two groups merged and continued east. They called almost continuously but not the ^{loud} raucous call they usually give. These sandhill cranes were 6.5 miles W of the Dawson-Buffalo Co. line. 055.8 sparrow hawk. 057.5 Buffalo Co. line. 059.3 elit 257 to 183 to S. (Elm Creek elit) will continue S. (1:32). 060.0 Platte River bridge. An adult bald eagle flying at edge of river about 30' above the ground. 22 crows calling and harassing the eagle, some making contact. In 50' it alighted on sandbar at edge of water and 14 of the crows alighted with the eagle. The first 5 seconds the harassing continued but then all crows remained near the eagle but did not seem to be concerned with the eagle. Eagles look stumpy while on the ground. Some of the crows were within 3 feet of the eagle when on the ground but they did not harass the eagle nor was the eagle concerned. At least 12 more crows were in the river channel to the west. Because of the large size of the bald eagle, crows look more like blackbirds in size when near the eagle. East of the bridge ~~there were~~ 15 crows, 8 ring-billed gulls, 18 mallards, 8 common mergansers and 12 pintail.

