

Leecompton - Perry Reservoir area, Jefferson Co., Kansas

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Checked on Bald Eagles along the Kaw River from 2 mi. above mouth of Delaware River to 8 miles or so down the Kaw. and the Perry Reservoir area. Left mileage 1415.4 at 9:06 A.M. few clouds near horizon to W and S and clear otherwise. Temp. 50°F. Wind from W. no evidence of snow on any exposure. 18.1 robin. 18.7 bridge on causeway on Lake View, no ice or snow, approx. 80 ring-billed gulls, half on water and the other half hunting in small groups, especially at inlet from Baldwin Creek. Several gulls had 4-inch blue gills in bill. 2 crows. 19.4 on dike E of Bruner. Can see one adult bald eagle in tree along river on E side Kaw River at a point 1/10 mi N of the extension E of this county road that leads to the dike. Cannot see any other eagles from this position. 20.5 9 meadowlarks in one group. 2 redwing ♂ on territories. Although the lake is full and the Kaw near upper banks, the slough beyond W end of Lake View is not flooded. 20.8 2 redwings on territory. 21.7 dike parking spot. Continued to river, dike in short grass about 2 inches in height. at jetty water up to cut willow on E side and logs & limbs caught on underwater part of jetty. Large logs in river are on the average 150' apart and much closer in areas of stream flow channel. Small debris every 15' apart. Some Indian soap. Water with 3' of bench on S side and approx 9' on N side. One adult bald eagle approx 1/2 way down to island on N side. Map shows the two eagle in this area. Birds in area 1 redbellied woodpecker, 2 cardinals, one ^{dead} great horned owl probably shot. Returned to car & continued W along river road. 22.6 4 meadowlarks. 22.8 hillside road, 1 bluejay & 4 juncos. 23.1 vantage point just W of usual railroad creek point, no eagles. 2 kingfisher 1 crow, 1 bluejay, one cardinal. 23.6 redhead. 24.3 Bradley Creek observation point, no eagles. (10:25), 24.8 slate colored jimes. 25.6 4 juncos, 8 robins. 25.8 Leecompton Rd. 26.5 E end Leecompton bridge. (10:40) Water over bank and up 100' drain on W side of N end bridge. no eagles. An individual stopped at bridge and reported having seen 3 adult bald eagles in Big Slough Creek from bridge 1/2 hour ago. He has driven this route all winter and says he has seen bald eagles in Big Slough area twice when lake was completely frozen over and at least 20 sightings after ice started to leave the lake. 29.4 highway 24 N of Perry. 31.9 SE corner of Perry Reservoir area. 32.9 Ferguson Rd. at slope on road S of