

Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas

March 24, 1979

Annette and I visited with Debbie & Jay at Aldrich's place and then checked eagles in Slough Creek. Two immatures and 1 adult were observed in the lower part of Big Slough Bay (see map of March 23, 1979). These eagles were circling low above water and finally flew N at about the same elevation, (4:45 P.M.). At Gap Point (Devils Gap) waves and water onto road at Boat ramp, waves like surf, considerable erosion of bank to E. 5 ring-billed gulls to N. Along east shore of lake from Gap points to 5 ring-billed gulls flew by at about 150 per minutes and all travelling N along shore. They could be migrating or returning to lake for night.

Leecompton, Jefferson Co., Kansas

March 28, 1979

checked Kaw in eagle area this A.M. Temp 58°F. Wind from SE gusting to 25 mph, low rainlike clouds, occasional sun, some blue spots. Left car at 9:45 A.M. and followed dike to river arriving 9:55. From vantage point can see immature eagle to NW circling above trees on north side (see March 10, 1979 map). It continued W. Water on S bank to within 4' of top of bank, in some places 3 feet, flotsam 1 per 250'. No ducks or gulls. Will walk E to big tree and check for beaver activity and complete census of birds & mammals (by time). At observation point beaver tree 1 1/2 feet diameter, red-bellied woodpecker. 10:05 river over bank into shallow channel. Beaver tree 1 1/2 feet in diameter (these trees are all within 20' of river and show beaver activity to cut tree. Coyote track in mud measured 68 mm hind, 76 mm front. Leaves on ground a soft mass and 20% disturbed by animals. Leaves in trail (deer, coyote, raccoon, opossum) all disturbed. Several places tree broken over trail (foot high arch) and trail directed around trees. Deer have alternate route where trees have blocked passage but high enough for small mammals. Deer pulverize rotten limbs in trail. Elsewhere deer press dead leaves into soils thus incorporating plant material.



Today the clouds and sun produce a reflective surface toward north side of river that looks like a shallow sandy shoal but after sun leaves the sandy condition disappears. The water in the Kaw is moving faster than I can walk. 10:17 beaver tree 1 3/4 feet in diameter. A channel enters from SW and full of water from Kaw level. Backtracked to 10:22 before I could cross. Water flowing up channel from Kaw river.