at this time. while the mallards were dispersing a bald eagle (adult) flew S to N along W side of dam but it did not interfer with the movement or direction of flight of the mallards. The first ducks to leave were those in middle of lake, then those from marshes to W or upper (W) end of lake and then those in bays and finally those nearest the dam. A red-tailed hawk sat in top of a tree on peninsula S of camp at the time of the exodus of mallards from the lake, moon half stage and in meridian, waning.

Wacinda Lake State Park, Mitchell Co., Kansas

Nov. 29, 1984

Sun-up. approx. 7:00 A.M. At 6:40 A.M mallards were already moving back to lake. They alight in middle or near shore and then swim into bays and protected coves. At 7:00 A.M there were 8 bald eagles, at least 3 of them immatures and 2 adults. The occupied the area just W of dam along its full length where they circled and sailed on updraft winds from the lake (W winds). At 7:30 they moved W to upper end of lake. At one time one of the eagles flew over a raft of 25,000 american mergansers. The mergansers alighted 5/10 mile W of their usual position by 7/10 mile W of dam. When they regrouped they formed a compact group which occupied a fraction of the raft size before they were first displaced by the eagle. These mergansers were moved 9 times (7:30-8:00 A.M) in the general area of the middle of the lake by eagles flying low over them. The eagle action was not aggressive but I am sure they were looking for injured birds in the raft. As these mergansers moved from one position to another, 600 ring-billed gulls and 30 Barrow golden eyes followed, both species profiting from the feeding activity of the mergansers. One group of 22 bufflehead ducks did group independently from merganser activity. Practically all ducks were mallards and winter ducks except one group of 4 spoonbill ducks. One red-tailed hawk and one prairie falcon perched in trees (4 paint (one side)) at S end of peninsula S of camp.

Left camp and 2 white-tailed deer ♂ & ♀ ran across open fields to highway 24 where they stopped on macadam for 1 minute before continuing N. The buck led the