

The Green Wing teal occurred in small numbers as well as large flocks. They were generally scattered along the shoreline from the Channel to the N. E. section of the lake along south shoreline. The strong winds invariably send many ducks to the south side of any lake or pond. The Mallards seemed more numerous on the south side of Mud Lake than on the west side. Large flocks flew up from the S. W. bay of Mud Lake. A flock of 45 Pelicans flew northward in single file about 2 feet above the water. Another flock of equal number were resting on the weeded shoreline in bay south of the two Goose islands which are at the S. E. section of the lake. Seven were resting upon Goose Island. A number of Pelicans showed their acrobatic ability by exhibiting in a forceful northern march wind. It seemed very easy for them to get a quick altitude and when lighting came straight (not literally) down. The way they handled themselves in the wind and the speed of the birds seemed extraordinary. Scattered flocks of geese were in the bay and near the Goose Islands. They numbered 38. A lone pair of Canadian Geese was feeding in the middle of the bay one block south of the Utah-Mud-Lake channel. They came to attention and watched me for some time. They left and flew the length of the bay to the west and then returned to large bay to the east where they lit and started to swim away. While writing these notes on Goose Island a pair of geese lit on a sand bar between the island and the shore and commenced to swim to the main shoreline where they commenced to feed. Watched two geese at a distance resting upon the shore line. They got up and flew over to a man and his dog and seemed very reconciled to their presence. After their curiosity had been satisfied they flew back to their resting place. I have found that some geese will fly directly to a person for inspection while the rest of the same flock will make it a matter of evading to the fullest extent. Could these be tame and artificially reared geese? Continuing east to mouth of Hobble Creek. 31 pheasants flew up in one group. 300 robin in one field. Earlier in the day observed a great many ducks at mouth of the Spanish Fork river.

3-16-31

Twenty-five geese (Canadian) were observed at 7:00 A.M. flying across Provo City from the N. E. They honked continually as they slowly winged their way along. Found that the ♀ English Sparrow was more particular as to the material she collected for her nest than the ♂. The ♀ made more extensive search while the male picked up everything in site and was, as a rule, more coarsely a coarse material.

3-17-31

Watched a Calif Gull on the south shore of Mud Lake. With only a set wing was able to gain 8 feet altitude without a noticeable movement of its wing. Exhibition in a strong north wind.

3-21-31

Open lid of window nesting box. English Sparrow remained. The lid was shut down and the squeaky window lowered without it being disturbed.

3-22-31

2 ♂ Yellowhead Blackbirds in flock of Redwings & Brewers S. Provo.