

the rainy ⁴⁰⁰³²²⁻¹⁸ periods one finds an entirely different picture where grasses spring from apparently nowhere. The Kiabob deer problem directly blamed upon the elimination of the cougar. Doubts whether grasses ever grew upon the more desert ^{like} sections. White Heron (probably the snowy & Brewster Egret) are found along the river but generally in groups and not as regularly found. Beaver plentiful. Labyrinth and Glen Canyon are excellent areas where primitive and a prolific state of flora exists. This summer we expect to visit a canyon running into the Escalante river that has never been visited by white man. Our only way of entering appears to be dependent upon finding an Indian trail of toe steps in the rock walls. Mr. Baker reports the canyon. He has cattle in nearly every accessible canyon of the country.

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Ted Tibbitts of Moab and a student at the University reports a colony of 36 Great Blue Heron nesting in cliffs along the Colorado River at the south end of the valley. These 18 nests are placed in cliffs about a block away from the river & marsh area. The nests are placed upon a shelf of a cliff that is inaccessible to cattle, sheep, horses etc but accessible to probably coyote, fox and man. He knows of no other such nesting in cliffs.

Antelope Island of Great Salt Lake, Utah

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Spent 2 days on this Island tracing down the authenticity of an alleged report of the Bald Eagle nesting upon the Island. The government trapper had reported that last year he had observed both the parents and young birds on the island but had never actually observed the nest of the eagle. They report on the island that a ^{dead} bald eagle had been picked up last December on the west side of the island. One would naturally suppose that these birds had been native breeders on the island last year but one cannot be too positive about it. From such evidence it is just as likely that the bald eagle could have nested elsewhere and have brought their young over to this island later. Had reports it having been observed on the Farmington Wild Life Refuge of last winter. Ted and I picked up Mr. Paynes and Dick at Salt Lake and were soon on our way. Don had received permission from Mr. Siggenbolum of Salt Lake who is responsible for the running