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Buffs woodhansii unusually abundant in <sup>area between</sup> the two areas. Some in copulations, most of them on dry land. The Caspian tern colony <sup>(14 nests + eggs)</sup> was composite but the gulls roamed in among them. The Caspian was allowed to nest in nearer proximity to the gulls than the other gulls themselves. Terns would leave first leaving the gulls to mix in among their territories. Terns would return when 70' away. Both gulls & terns aggressive. Terns holds bill wider than the gull. Terns wide a slightly elevated area for nesting grounds although several nests off the platform. <sup>after sundown and arrived at river</sup>  
after dark. <sup>3/4 way an owl (short eared) followed boat</sup> for a few minutes, some distance of land. Gulls returning to island at 8:25 P.M. Lake at approaching twilight a mirror & unusual smooth as expressed by captain of the boat. Late twilight wind wall approached from north & then N.E. shattering the mirror like surface into a thousand pieces changing the identical moon reflection to a lone beam of moon reflection carrying. Lake Mt shoreline.

5/12/40

Birds observed at point where channel intercepts reef in mud Lake. Class of 20 teacher students made trip. Birds unusually numerous in species and numbers of birds. Those represented are: Mallard, Pintail, Cinnamon teal, Eggarza blue heron, B. Cr. Night Heron, Brewer's Egret, L. B. Curlew, N. Tailed G. Ibis, Double Crested Cormorant, W. yellow throat warbler, Avocet, Killdeer, Am. Pelican, Marsh hawk, R. W. Blackbird, yellow headed Blackbird, Pheasant. Am. Coot, <sup>moderate</sup> N. Willet, S. Eared Owl, Canadian Goose, Caspian Tern, Forster tern, Calif. Gull.

5/14/40

Made second trip with another class of 20. Same place, same time. Marsh relatively dead in contrast with Monday trip of 5/12/40., probably due to interference of Sunday traffic on lake etc. Failed to see the Caspian or Forster tern; otherwise the same except the following birds: Western Grebe, and red head duck. Stopped at the mouth of Cross River and found the Caspian & Forster Tern, B. N. Stilt, Bank Swallow and Snowy Plover, Merganser, Robin and Horned Lark.

5/16/40

Made another trip to reef of above and found the numbers of birds as of the 14<sup>th</sup>. This scarcity would indicate to me that these birds that usually feed here on Monday are here because they are forced off the better feeding ground of Utah Lake by the Sunday boating and fishing congestion. At least it is true that they are found here in great numbers on Monday but not on any other week day. Such would indicate a coaction between man and birds of the lake. An open field at point where the reef is and has been elevated & dry for some time found nest of the Western Willet. About 12 Curlew <sup>(not together)</sup> on open fields also.