

Can detect a feeling of Spring in the air today. First signs of this year.

2-13-41

Provo to Hobble Cr. via lower tracks. Identical itinerary as of trips taken few weeks previous. Today follows heavy rains and snow. Now cold and clear. A decided change in bird picture. Greater signs of spring activity of birds. Fields in general appear lifeless. Census reveals the following on trip over only:

no ducks.

*Corvus brachyrhynchos brachyrhynchos* 50

*Melospiza melodia fallax* 35. Singing frequently. ♀ and ♂ have different actions. one more alert.

*Sturnella neglecta* 14 (all near Bullocks Fur farm.)

*Circus hudsonius* 2

*Aquila chrysaetos canadensis* 1

*Euphagus cyanocephalus* 21 (one albimistic with white feathers in body and middle tail feathers white)

*Junco*. (sp.?)

*Passer domesticus* 18

The flight of the eagle was recorded. It was first observed with binocular soaring over vicinity of State Fish Hatchery at Springville from my position near Hobble Creek on railroad tracks. It soared over hatchery in regular circles. After a few minutes it struck a north trend and dropped with partially closed wings to Columbia Steel plant. slag pile area. While at steel plant it would drop in a series of levels and hover, flapping its wings about 10 times. after descending too low would again soar upward in circular manner to gain altitude after which it would repeat tactics. After spending some time here it glided without apparent wing movement west a mile or so and lit in tree at edge of Mud Lake. These actions are so different from those hunting activities associated with the higher alpine areas of the mountain habitat.

2-14-41

Flock of 120 and 8 *Turdus migratorius propinquus* in river bottom at 10th west and 5th north, Provo. Provo Bench Delta.

2-15-41

Drove down to 12th South and 5th West. From car observed the following.

*Branta canadensis canadensis* - groups of 2-6-3

*Ardea herodias treganzi* 2

*Buteo lagopus s. johannis* 1 (?)

*Euphagus cyanocephalus* 1,000

*Circus hudsonius* 12 - signs of being shot at by hunters.

*Corvus brachyrhynchos brachyrhynchos* 34

Others not determined.