

10/26/41

Trip to Arlington. Up Columbia river to White Salmon, hence to Hood River, hence to Arlington, hence to Portland, hence to Vancouver. Approx 250 Branta Canadensis at mouth of Deschutes river. This area impressed me as being unusually abundant in ducks and geese. One individual told me that he never fails to see geese and ducks at this point. As the country to the south is good grain country am wondering if these waterfowl do not use this area at the mouth of the river as a day time resting house and then leave for the fields and upper Deschutes river in the evening. Have found several aggregation of waterfowl in large rivers associated with agricultural feeding grounds near by. The river section from Hood River to about 5 miles beyond the Deschutes river is exceptionally interesting but to go beyond that point up river one finds a great deal of repetition and sameness of topography etc. Several flocks of ducks at White Salmon. Raven common bird in Arlington vicinity. Good raven and prairie falcon nesting cliff in lone cliffs along river. The magpie begin to present themselves from the Dalles eastward. This morning at Hospital ground found good migration of Audubon Warblers. Sooty grouse wet from walking thru heavy dew on grass.

11/2/41

Trip to Mouth Wind River via north side of Columbia River. On sand bar in river directly north of Portland Air Field in center about the center of river observed approx. 600 gulls resting upon the east end of the bar. The held a very close formation considering the extra available room on the island. A few raven or crow among them and disturbing their rest. First stop at Army Signal Station on north side of the river about 2 miles down from the mouth of Wind River. Impressive section of the Columbia River with islands, coves, bay and bordering cliff areas. From this area took two pictures showing a typical stretch of the river. no. (1-11-2-41) shooting down river with island on left, bay in center with an ideally situated home on the edge of the river. The island would be interesting to investigate as it appears to be free of any signs of being inhabited by domestic animals. Great Blue Heron, Horned Grebe and Gulls in evidence in this area. Picture (2-11-2-41) to east shooting up river. This scene in this area is a delicate one with soft shadows and reflections. These clouds remain in the gorge in their stratified position. As one moves up canyon beyond he moves progressively out of the foggy zone