

Passerculus sandwichensis alaudinus (Sub. sp.?) 420118-11
* 1 bird.
Dafila acuta tztzitboa Flock of 32 flew overhead at sundown. Other than 4 high flying ducks this morning and 2 this afternoon no other ducks except mallard recorded were observed. I have always felt that this Columbia river, at least at this point, is poorly supplied with duck or shorebirds. Presumably the potential food supply is a factor as the shorelines are nearly always bare, rocky, sandy etc.

From the census today I can say that there is more activity in the deep conifer forest and less activity in the field and river edge. This is just a reversal of last week. One cannot be too positive in making assertions as many unknown factors might have been operating to influence the census trend as for example: the new ship building yards has completely changed the picture at the spot it is now being developed as the fringing trees and willows along the river are being cut down and burned. Many small directions are tramping the field with surveying instruments etc. This new outfit has been active now for the last two days and certainly could influence such things as the presence of ducks etc. No evidence of Great Blue or Cormorants. As the conditions now are about the same as 2 weeks ago do not see why they are not here. Probably the ice forced them seaward. Only remnants of ice remain upon the shore line. Water contact upon sands with these small ice fragments upon the beach. Ice will be gone shortly.

1/21/42

Attendant to Joe Ammons, Colorado. Author Alfred patent. Major Markut, Siminton, Coleman, Jordan group from Barnes General. Left Portland about 9:35 P.M. and travelled Union Pacific directly to Denver Colorado, hence Santa Fe to Los Aninos. Snow on ground shortly after leaving Portland.

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Awakened at Huntington, Oregon. Observations from here to Pocatello, after which darkness set in. Birds observed.

Talco sparverius sparverius. Occasional one.

Pica hudsonicus. Probably as generally distributed as any bird. Even out on the Snake River plains the bird was occasionally observed with nothing present but Artemisia and brood exposures of land. Around water courses with willow fringes and in agricultural areas they were commonly observed.

Circus hudsonicus. Not uncommon in agriculture areas but occasionally observed in out of way places.

Juncos. Mainly in area bordering Snake river and along agricultural districts.