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Lophortyx californicus: Observed many small groups of about 15  
20 birds but could not satisfy myself on their identification. They  
seemed larger than quail but did not have topnot. Tails average  
and rounded upon alighting.

Megascops alcyon caurina: One bird at Boise.

Passer domesticus. Residential areas

Falco mexicanus (?) one bird near Glenns Ferry.

Nyroca valisneria. Generally distributed but rare. Generally  
single or in groups of 2 or 3.

Sayornis atzilizhoe. When found in small groups. Not generally  
distributed. Mainly at Glenns Ferry.

Nyroca affinis. Some status as canvas backs, but less common

Mareca americana. Dominant duck on river constituting about  
80% of the population.

Chaulelasmus streperus. Rare comparatively speaking.

Podilymbus podiceps podiceps. Generally distributed. Peripheral edges

Colymbus auritus. (?) several forms

Otocoris alpestris. Of the great expanse of Snake river plains  
these birds were found most frequently at the N.W. end beyond  
south of Glenns Ferry. The area seemed as typical as the  
rest of the plains. They preferred the wind sweep outcropping.

Snow covering surface of ground except where blown. Some flocks  
of 1000 birds to small flocks of 15-20. Probably 4000  
birds observed. One long line about 300' long. This area  
was unusual in <sup>supporting</sup> these birds and nothing else but an occasional  
magpie.

Buteo lagopus s. johnsoni one bird near Glenns Ferry only.

Buteo borealis calurus. Total of 5 birds.

Euphagus cyanocephalus. Associated with Agelaius and probably  
constituting dominance.

In traveling by train one is limited in chance to carefully  
identify bird forms, and as attendant one cannot devote as much  
time to observation as he would like. I am sure that in the case  
of the ducks only those more conspicuous forms were observed. There  
were three areas that impressed me as being unique in one way or an-  
other. The first area from the point where train crosses the Snake  
river this side of Shoshone up along river to point where train leaves  
water course; the area from Glenns Ferry south to point where  
river cut small gorge in solid lava formations; and the desert  
regions of the Snake River Plains. One will never realize the  
impressive site.