

beyond <sup>Ontario</sup> 420127-15 no ducks, second crossing 20 ducks, from  
Payette to Wash - Payette Co line 150 ducks, 1 ♀ Blue Heron. Ducks  
about 20 per 1000' of river. In the areas where the congestion  
occurred 3 days ago at Glenns Ferry, Along Snake river before  
turning west to Huntington found only a few ducks where the  
other day thousands dotted the entire river course. Those present  
were 30 mergansers, 10 coot, 5 goldeneye and few others. This complete  
change of duck picture is possibly accounted for in the follow-  
ing manner. Deep snows of last week drove these birds to the  
river and as the snows cleared from the fields the ducks again  
abandoned the river and migrated back to the fields again where  
they were found upon the occasion of my return trip. There was  
a noticeable change of habitat in the last 3 or 4 days and one  
realizes that nature can accommodate a great many more water-  
fowl if man would give her the chance. Certainly there must  
be an abrupt degree of ecological relationship take place when  
such a large aggregate of animal forms change from the river  
environment to the field habitat.

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Trip out of 1-18-42 from new site of shipyards east along river course  
to image, hence return along railway tracks. Left hospital at 7:10 A.M.  
and returned to hospital at 10:30 A.M. Birds and animals observed:

Oxyechus vociferans vociferans. Groups of 2-1-2-1-12-4-3-2-4  
Except for small group of 12 and 4 these birds were in small grouping and  
generally distributed. During winter period these birds were in larger  
aggregations.

Mergus merganser americana. 2 ♂ and 6 ♀ together in isolated  
bay but connected with river by small channel. They chose to swim  
to safety rather than fly from pond when we approached. 2 other pairs  
but could be of same group.

Nyroca dabsonia. One bird only. This bird the aggressor when  
2 American merganser approached. Curiosity expressed by Canvas back.

Accipiter cooperii. <sup>individual</sup> 2 birds during day.

Colaptes cafer cafer. Singles, 9 in all.

Dryobates pubescens gardneri. 5 single birds.

Anas p. platyrhynchos. Groups of 9-8-4-2

Hesperiphona vespertina brooksi. 3 birds flew over hospital area.

Larus glaucescens. 4 birds only. 2 of them may have been of  
some other species. Rather startling to find so few birds where weeks