

most pleasantly, the contrast of very light (almost white) head and back with the black underparts was, to quote, most elegant. Swinging left there was a couple of tiny trim Ring bill gulls standing motionless facing the wind. Right next to one nearest was an even tinier bird - about half the Ring bill's size, which I first imagined to be a tern. However, he finally rewarded me by stretching one wing enough to show the diagnostic pattern of white primaries with black extremities forming a trailing edge of black. Then too, there was the characteristic spot of black behind the eye which Peterson mentions. I am also quite certain of this identification. Still coming left, and directly in front of me at perhaps 200' was the crow. Most noticeable were his much smaller eye (compared to the Ring bill Gull) and, it seemed to me, the weaker, at least smaller, bill. There were crows (western) in other parts of the shoreline and I feel since that this is a different bird, namely the north western crow. Unfortunately I looked him up in Peterson and while thus interested he flew off - and so I didn't have any opportunity to observe the flight which is diagnostic methinks, though, that the identification is correct, if not thoroughly satisfactory. The duck, however, is the nigger in the woodpile because, though I saw these same species several other times I cannot bring myself to pass judgement on them, even though all the diagnostic marks are clinched with the cinnamon teal. There was something wrong I felt.

*Lafila acuta tzetzihoa* several times in groups of 6 and 7 apparently all females, perhaps some mottled males but I didn't know the males were mottled to appear feminine.

*Phalacrocorax auritus auritus* 2

*Ardea herodias fannini* 20 in one group (on mud flat near shore line).

*Oxyechus vociferans vociferans*

*Ereunetes mouri* - quite certain.

The shore birds are apparently gathering, their nesting season done with. In the broad flat and along the mud shore south and west Bamneville Power line, many hundreds of these delicate creatures were assembled. Actually they seemed to be almost in solution with the air, and to many more experienced observer I suppose the number