

Actitis macularia. 2 birds. one on lake shore ~~and one~~
and one in bay.

Oryzopsis vociferans vociferans. Found mainly at south end of
end of lake on mud flats in association with Sandpipers.
Approx. 30 birds in small groups. One group of 15 birds.

Capella delicata. One bird.

Ereunetes mauri. A bird that added considerable
enjoyment to the day trip. I know of nothing in bird life
that compare to the sense of the fantastic as the coordinated
movement of these birds in flight. Their speed accompany-
ing these antics ~~are~~ is remarkable, rarely will a bird be
found to be out of step and when it does occur I wonder if
possibly it is not a species of another kind. If some sense
of reaction is required for these terrific flights then odd
or deformed representations of the same species should very
readily be weeded out of the stock. as this is certainly a
case of the fittest and compatible being able to survive. The
actions of this bird and the bird closely associated with it,
the least Sandpiper, are not too diagnostic for identification,
at least as far as my own experience with these forms are con-
cerned. The most reliable, of course, is the black legs of
the western and the yellow legs of the Least. The bill of the
W. is noticeable larger, blacker, and longer but certain form and
sizes within the species confusing. The white neck of the W. if ob-
served under proper lighting a good point. Grayed neck of
Least good. White feather edges of W. as contrasted to browned
edgings of Least good when observed at near proximity. Western
generally larger and feeding more actively when Least have a
tendency to rest, however when both are active the degree of
activity is much the same degree. The mud flats at
south end of lake beyond channel are completely covered with
trucks. The direction of wind would be sufficient to make
the difference between a mud flat and covered surface. The
favorite ponds for ducks have a peripheral edge of grasses
and sedges as compared to bare edges of fall and spring. Would
approximate a number of 325 Sandpiper in area covered
today at a ratio of 3 Least to 2 Western. Flocks mixed
with dominance fluctuating.

Pisobia minutilla. see above.