

Dear Jim,

How I miss you--went hiking today and I sure noticed your absence, perhaps I should say that differently in order to more correctly state the absence clause. At any rate you know what I'm getting at. I surely hope you are well and for other than your job, quite happy. Things so far have gone rather well for Phil and me; I guess we are more than lucky too. We've both had a couple of offers to pledge--offers that pleased us very much individually. We have a very nice room a couple of blocks of the campus and board at McCroskey Hall where so far the food, if not overly abundant, is still tasty and wholesome. It all helps. I have had quite nice relations with the Zoology Dept.; they want me to work for them if I can and have said so which makes me feel swell. It's a question of how much time I can spend on the job for I am beginning with 18 hours, two of which are for Military and P.E. $1\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. respectively. Guess it'll work.

The terrain here is much as I imagined it, heavily rolling and darn little water. Coming up there was a beautiful moon (what English) which amply illumined the gorge and even revealed Mt. Hood dimly. Didn't get any birds until we got along about Colville Lake, some 20 or 30 miles south of Spokane. Here's the list:

Brismatura jamaicensis rubida ??
Holymbus auritus--anyway, a grebe
Pica pica hudsonia
Falco sparverius sparverius
Euphagus cyanocephalus

Falco mexicanus ?
Anthus spinoletta rubescens
A woodpecker, perhaps the Rocky Mt.,
Dryobates villosus monticola

Out of Spokane I recorded these few birds:

Colaptes cafer collaris
Sturnella neglecta
Sialia mexicana occidentalis
(Judging by today, could have been *S. M. currucoides*)
Bonasa umbellus umbelloides
(Again judging by today, this might well have been the European Partridge, *P.p. perdix*)

Euphagus cyanocephalus
Pica pica hudsonia
Buteo borealis calurus
Oxyechus vociferous vociferous
Spinus tristis pallidus (species & subspecies questionable)

As you say, there is no value in repeating all these long names, so here goes for today's list--in English. PS. I promptly fell into the groove again, sorry.

House Finch or doubtfully, the Cassin Purple

Sitta canadensis

Colaptes cafer collaris

Corthylio calendula calendula (sub.)

Turdus migratorius propinquus

Junco oreganus montanus or *shufeldti*

(Kitchin says nothing about either one for the east side. He mentions that Shufeldt's breeds on the west side and *Montanus* occurs casually in winter on the west side with no Eastern Wash. records. You tell me. This bird looks just like our Shufeldt, but Peterson gave both as occurring in E. Wash.)

Penthestes atricapillus septentrionalis

Oxyechus vociferous vociferous

Spinus tristis pallidus

Melospiza melodia merrilli

Zonotrichia leucophrys gambeli (sub?)

(This little bird was exceedingly numerous all the way, and all of them

were immature. When I first saw them I thought they were the Gambel's with ~~yellow~~ pink bills to match. But on the way home I saw several that seemed to have ~~pink~~ yellow bills which would make them the old and familiar *pugensis*. I would like to leave the blame things alone.)