

Previous census records reveal just an occasional record, but today found one isolated group of 27 feeding along the shore line. Possibly 30 others feed in the mixed duck group and added considerably to the total numbers.

Anthus spinoletta rubescens. Approx. 400 birds as of previous census but found in larger flocks. They fed with the killdeer in wet mud situations. They become very inconspicuous when upon the damp sand. One will see 2 or 3 birds teetering upon the shore and when approached will find that possibly 10 other birds had been resting unnoticed. Regardless of how close one scrutinizes the ground he just cannot pick these little fellow out. On previous occasions found these birds to be utilizing the wind for flight antics but different today without wind.

Anas albifrons albifrons. 17 birds arrived from N. E. across lake and settled in S. W. corner. I identify doubtful as they were too far away for character exposure. However suspicion they are of the same flock of last census. One bird in pond adjoining south end of lake where they were first observed ~~last~~² weeks ago. This bird resembled one of a large pintail ♀. It left and circled high over large Vancouver Lake for some time. Feeding among a group of about 200 duck and great blue heron.

Passerculus sandwichensis claudinus. Flocking tendencies when disturbed in fields and when near brush protection, they will fly into the bushes. They remain concealed for a few minutes but with patience they will all work up to top of limbs where they can be observed in an unobstructed manner. It is very difficult to train glasses on this sparrow unless he is forced out of his grassy seclusion into brush or upon fence lines and wires.

Larus occidentalis. Only one gull in south end of lake. 80 or so in north end. Possibly 30 flew over at late twilight as they return from feeding areas.

The picture of this area has changed from one of inundated exposures of spring to one of green mud flats of fall. The sandpipers were found during the most favorable period of mud flat