

300' high calling in their characteristic manner, probably disconcerted with the distance interference. About 4:50 P.M. the geese group left on their own initiative to the wheat stubble field after minor readjustment among the groups themselves. Not all birds of each group would leave at the same. Approx. 48 birds were left when the Sandhills came upon the scene as indicated in the diagram. Their first call brought my head and eyes upward to what I recognized but could not realize as a group of 12 Sandpiper. Their calls could never be confused particularly when having heard an raised one such bird. Their calls did not seem to be so raucous as the damned Sandy. One of their calls was probably produced by an immature bird, sounding like a squeak. They circled as indicated at about 200' and then trended toward the wheat field. Long before they lit they took on an interesting repose as if desiring to indicate their desire to alight. After alighting they commenced to feed but keeping very much upon the alert. Every action of these birds are diagnostic. When approached they become alert long before the white fronts knew of my presence. They left say at 500 feet, the geese at 300. The Sandhills flew in a most direct manner to the east then circled once and hence directly south, calling as they proceeded and gaining altitude. No dilly dallying around in their destination or manner of deciding what they wanted to do. The entire goose flock flew to the lake at the channel area and then to west where they lit, turning many times the geese and sandhills flew directly overhead and while I thrilled at being privileged in occupying such a reserve seat, felt melancholy in not having film in my camera, having foolishly expended them during my few minutes upon my first contact with the geese. This situation has happened so many times that I have now made the policy to keep a film on hand for rare occasion only. Such as the performances of this afternoon. Recorded the following birds this day:

