

On the map you may notice the spots above Grand Coulee; these are the goldholes many of which are alkaline - the others support some growth of tules and rushes. The terrain is exceptionally rough and rugged near rock. It quite surprised me. Somehow I had expected an area of shallow mud bordered valley type ponds. Imagine my amazement.

However, there were no birds in sight. In fact, the only ducks I did see were mallards in the alkali lake near Shiprock. This shiprock is truly an awing structure. It is singularly alone in the wide valley and really sets off the whole.

There was a beautiful apple orchard in the coulee about midway or so of the distance between the junction and the dam. Many hundreds of tons were visible hanging on the trees.

These evidently had been left because of small size for packing though the lack of pickers was quite evident. They were beautiful they looked - a deep, firm red - just right. They seemed to be some sort of late Jonathan. I would be glad to investigate the rest of the orchard (it was a good mile square and must contain a good many different varieties).

Can't say I recorded many birds but here they are:

American Magpie - 1 of general distribution
 Marsh Hawk - 3 fairly common so it seemed
 Mountain Bluebird - 2 sitting on a telephone wire - the only pair seen.