

Megascops alcyon caurina - one in creek - one along path towards home.

Colaptes cafer cafer - most numerous on north slope by railroad grade above the creek. About 14 recorded there among quite a few other species. Picked up the House Finch here first and likewise; Audubon Warbler, Ruby-crown Trooper, and a couple of obscure song sparrows. Troopers sure had whitish backs.

Dryobates pubescens gairdneri - 2

Otocoris alpestris Steigata ? 1 of them near the green wheat field of sandhill notoriety.

Cyanocitta stelleri stelleri - common along creek woods

Corvus brachyrhynchos hesperis - common

Parus atricapillus occidentalis - as usual in winter

Parus rufescens - with Golden-crowned Kinglets

Parus bimaculatus pacificus - not really common - rather scarce in fact. Saw 2 in the three days.

Thryomanes bewickii californicus - scarce (2)

Turdus migratorius caducinus - scarce

Sporus niger niger - also uncommon - won't guess why.

Regulus satrapa flavescens - some 18

Colaptes auratus guineus - 2

Contopus spinolletta pubescens - 1 - also scarce

Dendroica auduboni auduboni - 3 - no flocks at all

Passer domesticus domesticus (triumph for you - damn it!)

Sturnella neglecta - 3

Euphagus cyanocephalus - one large flock at the second farm where we found the Swiftheaters - flock of some 300 or more.

Chondestes mexicanus frontalis - 3 - one on north slope by railroad grade the other down near a corn field near the Goldfinches.

Spizella tristis californica - app. 75 or so feeding in a stand of old corn near the lake and just following the boat landing. Gregarious as usual.

Pipilo maculatus oregonus - mostly found along the same north side tracks above the creek. When I first saw the initial pair, I thought of a northerly subspecies since the back had a rather profuse collection of white spots which certainly set them off from the others. Quite likely this is a mutant but could be something good.

Junco oreganus oreganus - This and next species closely associated.

Junco oreganus thompsoni - Dr. Wing mildly objected when shown this second bird. Me, I trust you and personally I think you're right too, so there.

{ Rusty Song Sparrow

Melospiza melodia morphna - moderately common - but apparently not very numerous.

In many respects I was surprised by the scarcity of some species I thought should be more common. However, most of the representative birds are here though such things as the scarp, desert Thrush, Red-tailed Hawk, and perhaps some others - Melospiza for instance. There are, supposedly, forty-eight species here listed. Happy precipitation.

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