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Cloudy, occasional rain and slight wind. Lower Burnt Bridge (Leavenworth) Creek - bottoms - to Vancouver Lake, west along south shore to point and back to Vancouver by south-east along pot hole lakes. Rather vivid high water. ad along the lake area - frequent wading. (The area sure looked good!) Also a couple of additional species picked up elsewhere during vacation. Thalacrocorax auritus auritus - not seen as they skimmed the water in taking off. Not very numerous and not likely residents this time of year. Perhaps so, but more likely to have followed up the Columbia.

Aideia herodias farrini - several seen (4) along the more open stretches of pond and sedge. One group of about 5 - an occurrence which seems to be common this season.

Bianca canadensis canadensis - one or two large flocks apparently wintering - perhaps temporarily.

Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos - as usual

Chaulelasmus streperus - 3 in the creek bottoms.

Mareca americana - mostly aggregated in one great flock of some hundreds.

Dasia acuta tytochroa - quite numerous in smaller groups frequently the more individual ponds and rather general. Found one hen which was badly wounded - one wing (right) nearly shot off and badly open to the air and not knowing how better to care for the bird - she was dispatched. Such beautiful eyes and so sleek ahead - poor devil.

Fulica americana - some quite large flocks - shy.

^{SPATULA CLYPEATA} Fulica americana - 4 behind the farm in the pond where we first surprised the white-fronts. Seemingly all males.

Mergus mercator americanus - 3 seen just beyond the railroad culvert west of the creek - apparently wanting to feed. By the boat landing, halfway down the shore past the site of the Bush-tits' nest, were 2 more dead - having been shot probably by hunters or perhaps by fishermen. A sad sight. Rather interesting view of the birds.

{Sharp-shinned Hawk} one seen coasting west to light across a neck of water some distance across.

Accipiter cooperii - one seen crossing the creek bottoms to light in the meadow atop the far hill a slope.

Buteo swainsoni - 1, what I took to be a dark phase immature. He was very melanistic and showed no trace of red-tail as he coasted overhead. He may very well have been a red-tail, but I am inclined to favor this species. A couple of primaries missing in his starboard wing.

Falco sparverius sparverius - recorded in the new housing district east of town and not strictly belonging on this list of lake and creek species.

Phasianus (Lagopus) colchicus -

Fulica americana - 2 seen taking off the water - but barely.

Oxyechus vociferous vociferous - near Ampere.

Larus glaucescens - numerous

Larus argentatus - common

Larus delawarensis - present

Larus calus brachyphinctus - present

Cisio flammeus flammeus - one seen in creek bottoms, one recorded by shipyard in Pearson Field. Creek record doubtful - field record absolute.