

We checked out of Lincoln Air Base at app. 2200.
 Next morning we were heading up some small
 river valley occasionally seeing some birds but not
 really too many. This valley was low, flat and
 rather interesting what with small rolling bluffs
 on each side. We had a fine warm day and
 cloudless in which to see the land and such
 a day can measurably improve such a
 land of sameness.

Anyway, the list through Nebraska gave me
 mallards, red-wings, Blackbirds, rusty (?) Blackbirds,
 crows, sandpipers (?), killdeer, pheasants, red-tails,
 prairie falcon (very doubtful), sparrow hawk,
 and that's about all. (Also the everpresent *Circus hudsonius*)

Later on we went through some interesting
 badlands - fine (yellow) covered slopes and very
 interesting erosional patterns - with outstanding
 rocks of possibly limestone nature, i.e. *surge*.

After some more travelling we came to an
 area of little drainage and broad flat marsh
 full of heavy reeds. This may be in Nebraska,
 South Dakota or both but it did supply some
 good birds. There were some mallards and
 many pairs of beautiful spoonbills (*Spatula*)
 and, in good addition, a fine Totanus melanoleucus
 believe me. He waited till my car was near
 and then very obligingly flew a way away and
 showed me his nice flight pattern. I was happy for good.