

Halimastur leucoccephalus leucoccephalus
Larus accidentalis
Cornus brachyrhynchos hesperis
Hydrochelidon ustulata ustulata
Melospiza melodia morphna
Uria calce californica
Pyrrhuloxia grisea

The last two both seen some distance away; the Murre beyond the outer rock as he rested or fed on the water and the Shearwater as he skimmed waves some 1000 yards away.

Phalacrocorax auritus auritus
 As usual the outer rocks were mottled black and white as the glossy black cormorants and their young huddled together atop that ancient and fresh granite. Their passage from feeding grounds to rock and back either singly, in pairs or in groups remains a characteristic sight there.

Phaethon leptogaster
Bombus cecidivorus
 I then hastened back along the beach in order to reach home by 1900 when Wright planned dinner. Along the beach I counted the usual number of dead gulls but noticed a lot of dead California Murres. All told, I counted six, which is more than I have ever seen of that species there before. All seemed to be in adult plumage which surprised me though I can't say why. It does seem peculiar that so many would die of natural causes (assumed) all at once when the colony there is so small. Must admit I don't know what size the colony is - I'm only guessing because I did see so little activity from the Murres there.

Returning along Elk Creek I approached a large, finely plumaged Great Blue Heron much closer than I have ever done before - at least 40 feet before he reluctantly moved off - to fly a hundred feet! He was so disgusted that I should be so inconsiderate as to intrude upon his fishing in the evening. I was honored with a look of remarkable reproach. I could also see a group of small sandpeeps on the far shore which I assume were likely Westerns, but which I had no further chance to identify with dinner due.

Aides herodias summi
Ardea herodias (?)
Turdus migratorius caurinus
Columba fasciata fasciata - at post in the tall dead spruce of spruce and hemlock just behind the cabin. There were about six of them there.

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Having overslept I left the house about 0645 also hampered with a slight head cold. Weather was just the same as the evening before - overcast and cool promising mist or rain. The beach was hazy again too even though a slight S-S shore breeze prevailed. I lit out exactly the same way and again made my first stop at the point. In the meantime I had picked up several species:

Hydrochelidon ustulata ustulata
Penthestes pubescens
Melospiza melodia morphna
Wilsonia pusilla chrysola
Myiochanes richardsoni
Phaethon leptogaster
Turdus migratorius caurinus
Zonotrichia leucophrys picturus
Larus tristis salicamaris
Bombus cecidivorus
Dryobates pubescens gairdneri