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Annette, Dad and I visited eagle nest in Goshen Pass. Left Provo 1:30 P.M. and returned 7:15 P.M. Itinerary 91 to Santiquin, hence west along highway 6 to Goshen, hence to Elberta. At Elberta turned directly north to utility pole line pass moxeda to Goshen Pass road. After inspecting nest at pass returned to Provo via Lake mt rd to Pelican Point, hence Lake to main road again and Provo. Day clear, cool in shade. There was one moment during the morning when there was not a cloud in the sky. Overcast, <sup>did not</sup> developed in late afternoon. The entire day was characterized by a lack of normal bird numbers both in the small as well as the larger classification. This in contrast to a fairly abundant condition of years ago. The landscape had changed considerably being recognized by a clearing of the area of sage brush and other small scrub forms. Several new fences were being placed and considerable plowing of what appeared to formerly have been untilled land. When one can drive around Utah Lake (100 miles) and only record 2 ravens, something must be wrong. Birds and mammals observed:

Mareca americana. 61 on reservoir at pass between Santiquin and Goshen. They were feeding in what appeared to be a barren reservoir.

Nettion carolinense. 4 birds fed with above. These were the only ducks on this lake. The large reservoir at Goshen was apparently devoid of ducks, a lake much more suitable for feeding waterfowl.

Otocoris alpestris. Few birds generally in groups of 1-2-3 and 4 getting up along the side of the road after flying a few hundred feet would settle to the side. The count of 13 birds were was taken from Elberta north across the flats to the mountain (Lake mt) proper. This area has been somewhat completely denuded, particularly west of the road. All the Artemisia that formerly occupied this area is gone.

Corvus corax sinuatis. Two long birds. One north of Elberta near moxeda and the other near Pelican Point.

Falco mexicanus: One bird flew over car and after flying and partly soaring alighted upon a rock on the side of the hill west of moxeda. This was the only bird observed.