

to Simpson Springs, hence alone new
to Fish Springs via dugway pass. ^{government built highway} The new road was made
to divert the traffic around the bombing range. While these
roads are new and in excellent repair they are not used
except by ranchers, sheepmen and trappers. We did not pass a
car on this road along its entire course from Cedar valley west.
Observed the following along the way: Citellus mollis mollis
only 2 were seen along the entire route. They were along the
road about 2 blocks west of the Jordan River. It seems peculiar
when formerly one could see beaver across the 7 mile pass area
and to the west. Citellus variegatus utahensis 4 in Mercur
canyon among junipers, maple and oaks. Two of them were together
on the edge of the road while the other two were in the tops of oak
trees. Citellus leucurus leucurus. One only at mouth of Mercur
Canyon. Corvus corax sinuatus. Expected to find these birds
common and generally distributed but counted only 10 birds the
entire way except last few miles which was traveled after
dark. They were found at: 2 N.E. of Fairfield between Fairfield and
7 mile pass; 2 in field at Fairfield; 2 on fence line south of Orra
ranch, one in divide leading into Skull valley; 1 4 miles beyond;
2 in center of dugway valley. Buteo swainsoni 1 south of Orra
ranch, Falco mexicanus 1 Fairfield, Simpson Spr. Otocoris
alpestris. Very common throughout trip but with a greater predom-
ance in Skull valley. They were found in usual groups of 1-2-3-4
but not many larger numbers. There were other birds observed but
was interested mainly in the hawk and raven, the occurrence of
which was disappointing. Beautiful pinyon stands with associated
junipers on south side of canyon leading down into rush valley
from Mercur. There is a noticeable absence of oak in these
western ranges. Counted only three jackrabbit along entire way
two of them in Cedar valley. From Dugway Pass to Fish Springs
estimated approx. 28 Dipodomys running across road after dark.
Their tails vibrate as they run across headlight beams. They do
not hop. At Simpson Springs two Longote trappers told us that for
last month they collect 120 coyotes most of them young pups
dug from dens. They collected from Nevada line thru Dugway
valley. They also report that the Bald eagles were increasing
in the Delta region. They arrive in August and winter
until February when they seem to leave. 12 birds were found
in that area a few years ago. Today they had seen the bald
eagle at Dugway Pass and in range north of Dugway Pass. At
Fish Springs Mr. Harmon who has ranched this country for
22 years reports: Every year as far as he can recall, 40 (forty)
Sandhill Cranes have arrived from the south on March
17, almost without exception. This year they arrived on the