

gizzly, I do not think that one should fear this animal in nature. Light of sky at this time 50 candle power (weston exposure meter) and about 13 on ground. Sunlight (direct rays) only on top of high mountains. Even at the risk of underexposure, took movies of this gizzly as it approached our tent. Retired this evening with front of tent securely zippered!

Waboo Lake, Brooks Range, Alaska

July 5, 1952

Collecting the following mammals (see catalogue) from 150 traps of first night setting (20 feet apart): 5 *Microtus murus*, 1 *Passerculus sandwichensis*. Steel traps held 6 *Spermophilus*. Photograph 520705-40 and 520705-41 of a squirrel at trap. These animals squeal when handled. Set 120 traps south of camp up wet draw on alluvial deposits and at bear digging area of last night activity. Vegetation mainly grasses and sedges among willow (1 1/2 feet high) and *Creopharum* clumps bordering and mixed. Pulled 75 traps along creek as they were not producing much. This morning they yield 1 *Microtus murus* only. At midnite temp for the last 24 hours, 36°F min, 70°F maximum

July 6, 1952

From trap line collected (mainly from 120 traps set last night): 17 *Microtus oeconomus* and 1 *Spizella arborea*. From steel traps 1 *Spermophilus* indicating community is rapidly being reduced, this one being the 15th since 2 days ago. On the 3 of July located a robin nest in willow along creek NW of camp with 4 eggs. ♂ & ♀ close at hand within 6 or 7 feet of nest. This morning at 8:00 A.M. the nest contained 2 eggs and 2 young. Also observed robin about 2/3 adult size in canyon (bear canyon) south of camp and some 50' away from nest of this year. This nest was built over last years nest. Adult birds present. These robin are about every block up this canyon, nesting in willows. Today the wind has been blowing in restricted channels from the SSW. One tent will be rattling while another one 50' away remains still. This evening wind from N.E. 2 mt. sheep on west exposure of rugged rock outcrop N of camp. Yellowbilled loon called on lake for first time this P.M. since our arrival. Temp. at 11:00 P.M. for 24 hours, 40°F min., 75°F max. (all max. in shade) at 3:00 A.M. loon called directly in front of tent. Recording here on this date a letter received from Dr. William Steere, a botanist at A.R.L.