

Arctic Research Laboratory, Point Barrow, Alaska.

Aug. 25, 1952

Spent 2 hours on peninsula to Point Barrow proper. Red phalarope have collected on all the ponds and ocean waters in unusually large numbers. Photo 520825-1 of this bird both in movie and still. They are feeding in the Arctic Ocean, fresh water ponds and lagoons of salt water. Many of them are resting on the masses bordering the ponds. Would approximate about 3000 in area covered. Black brant (60) flushed seven times on way out to Point and return. 33 glaucous gulls, 120 eider, mainly King and a few (30) Pacific eider. 130 Arctic tern and 250 Sabine gulls. At Point Barrow (end of peninsula) photographed in movie whole skulls and part of house and roof of house. East cliff gradually being eroded away and exposing house. Oil which has been permanently frozen is now soaking down into gravel and under logs to about 4 inches. Eider flocks passing over Bernick mounds about one per 20 minutes (each flock from 50 to 300 individuals). Collected one *Somateria spectabilis* from edge of inland pond, 520825-1 at the pond and which apparently had died from natural causes. The bill was slightly eroded in bottom mandible. Breast muscles practically gone as well as other muscles of body (see catalogue).

Aug. 26, 1952

Hall arrived today from Fairbanks by C47. This evening checked Pt. Barrow by weasel. Collected 2 old squaw ducks. Saw 58 black brant and about 200 King eider. Red phalaropes feeding on Arctic Ocean just before waves break. 28 snow bunting at Point proper. Returned to camp and visited with various researchers and prepared to depart for Driftwood on tomorrow's schedule. Day as nice as it has ever been at Point Barrow (ARL). Drove weasel to Point Barrow (peninsula) and photographed Arctic Ocean 520826-1 at the most northern point at Point Barrow.

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Departed for Driftwood by C47 at 11:25 A.M. at 12:05 arrived at edge of Plateau Province. Plane adjusted to new air currents as we hit the rolling country. Just before we passed over