

2 pied-billed grebes, 2 Wilson snipes, 5 or 6 flocks of redwing and cowbirds, several kinds of small sparrows, 3 Baird sandpipers?, grasshoppers and frogs active, also mosquitos. The ducks arrived shortly after sundown.

Oct 19, 1963

Collected the following birds from the sandpits:

- 631019-1 Pectoral sandpiper, 205 mm t.l., 68 gms weight ♀ very fat.
631019-2 " " 212 mm t.l., 91 gms weight ♀ very fat
631019-3♀ " " 225 mm t.l., 93 gms weight, very fat

Other birds in area: 8 woodducks, 6 blue wing teal, 4 mallards

3 pied-billed grebes, 9 teal, 20 geese (6 blue, 14 snows, fledging high) 7 pectoral sandpipers, 3 Wilson snipes, 4 meadowlarks, 2 swallows, 5 small groups redwing & cowbirds (20 per flock), monarch butterflies, a white butterfly, grasshoppers active. A Mr. Lass, who cultivates the farm land for Mr. Meller, said that the mallard ducks nest and raise young in the sandpits area. He said there is a ground water level about 8 feet below the ground and this water is fresh and clean. The sandpit area could be flooded with water and made into an excellent refuge & fishing area. The last rains have increased the size of the lakes and indicates that water does not sink into ground.

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Oct. 20, 1963

Heard for first time a call of the eastern gray squirrel, Sciurus carolinensis. This call is not to be compared with any call of any bird or mammal I have ever heard before. The nearest is a birdlike call suggesting a pinyon jay. The squirrel sat on a dead limb 20' from ground, the nose was held close to the limb and the tail was overhead, each series of calls was associated with the respiration of the animal.

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Recorded the following information from an informant from Eudora. The Delaware Indians say that the flood of 1830 was 8 feet higher than flood of 1951. The Delawares have a cemetery n of Eudora on opposite side of the valley. At the time they inhabited this area, they grew corn in swale n-nw of the N side of bridge. A buffalo skull was found 15 feet below bank at water level when river was low. The Delaware Indians still live in area and one died who was over 100 years of age.

