

The bat was brownish in color like a myotis and blackish bare wings. Its flight was of the delicate action. One interesting action was at the time I struck at it and at the time of the final strike with paddle, it hovered overhead for approx. 4 seconds, not over 4 feet directly above us. At the time we left, 45 minutes later, the bat was still feeding in this restricted area. Continued to camp and picked up second load of gear, arriving at 3:50 P.M. Left at 4:20 P.M. and arrived Fernberg at 5:30 P.M. at the old camp at 5 end Lake # I (just mentioned above) photographed a morning clock butterfly 640823-114. 5 turtles rested on a log at head of bay near the camp. All left upon approach (20") except 2 which remained until within 8 feet. Left Fernberg Landing at 6:00 P.M. for Ely. Standard highway just being completed between Ely & Fernberg - Moose Lake area.

Summary of fauna: (on canoe trip only)

Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis - Eastern garter snake.

One noted at Lake III Camp. This snake was seen two times in same general area and on each occasion moved from the edge of the water to protection of low willows and other vegetation approx 3 feet from water. The water was deep and there was no vegetation between water and rocks.



Chrysemys picta belli - western Painted turtle.

Generally distributed in all lakes or approx. 1 per 1/2 mile of shoreline. They occur as singles, more commonly as pairs and as many as 7 together, and generally observed on rocks or logs either in water or immediately adjacent to water (seldom more than 2 feet from water).

One turtle was perched on top of rock 3 1/2 feet high and when approached slid down rock into water with considerable noise and completely out of control. Most of the turtles glide noiselessly into the water, generally at about 30 feet away. Two turtles fed on or around a submerged birch tree cut and damaged by beaver. They swam around tree as if eating the green leaves. We passed by at 6 feet and did not disturb them. One group of 6 turtles, all about same size (6-7 inches) were resting on partly submerged logs and within 8 feet of each other, 5 of them almost touching each other, 4 left quietly, the other 2 left with a sudden plunge into water when camera was moved into position. Occasionally the head of a turtle would extend above water in quiet bays. All turtles were about same size. The reddish on legs and side is distinctive. Turtles were most common in quiet bays but were noted on all types of shorelines. Would estimate we saw 40 turtles on our trip.