

3:40 P.M. Heard birds

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5:10 P.M. Five birds flying west,

So goes a daily record of a ^{rare} bird that becomes common here. It is probably that there is no duplication of numbers because they appear to always be on the go, covering great distances. These birds are extremely nervous and restless but can be approached. When you also include in your notes on the same day of watching the Western Evening Grosbeak feeding its young you can't help but feel the primitiveness of this forested area. The larger mammals found in the forest, so they report, are the mule deer, elk, antelope, black bear, mountain sheep and also sage hens. The scenery here is singularly wild and picturesque in both form and coloring. The country in general supports a heavy growth of coniferous trees and the view of one of the numerous lakes with its deep green water and fringe of meadowland set in the somber frame of pine forests form a picture of rare beauty, a real place for rest and recreation. This place is also a fertile field for study by a botanist. Within a comparatively short distance he may find plant life typical of the Upper Sonoran to Arctic Zone. Our birds and mammals also are unusually prolific in numbers: in fact I have never witnessed such profusions of bird life as we find right around camp. Our next station will be at Fort Bridger in Wyoming and we expect to be located there about Saturday until ~~the~~ morning. Fort Bridger will be an interesting place to camp for many of the type locality material came from there. Our mammal and bird material certainly looks new and can hardly wait to work with it this fall. Well, I feel I must close for the life of a naturalist does not allow for much dissipation; from daybreak to dark with no time for novels in camp. Wishing Max and the folks a pleasant vacation & safe journey homeward, I remain your rat skinner Jim. The other form of evidence was salvaged in the pictorial record. Field work for a mammal preparator does not allow for time in the field during the day except on occasional collecting trip with the gun. Otherwise he is only out during the early morning and late afternoons and evenings when lighting conditions are unfavorable. The pictures presented are mainly for record only and do not possess a pictorial value. Taken on Verichrome with average exposures of $\frac{1}{25}$ x 16 stop. The few pictures taken are represented here as: