

winged teal, kingfisher, 4 pied-billed grebes, 7 male red-wings on territories; a shower passed by lasting about 2 minutes, the coots anticipated this storm and reacted to the thunder while in the water, as the rain started the coots climbed out of water onto dry land where they remained until the rain stopped, they reacted to the thunder on land as well as on the water. The male bluewing teal seemed to fight among themselves and were relatively unattentive to the females. One blue goose inspected this lake and they flew to Bass Lake where it alighted. It was nervous on the lake and swam back and forth for 8-10 feet and then reversing its direction. It remained in the center of the lake for at least 1 hour. Rain got some ducks moving in the air. There is not too much value in making census of birds in these lakes as their numbers are dependent upon man interference and they are continually adjusting to these interferences. House Lake to W contained about the same concentration and kinds of birds as Refuge Lake. The small lake between Refuge Lake and Lotus Lake had a ♂ + ♀ bluewing and 4 coots. Lotus Lake had 8 ♂ shovellers ^{of which} and 3 ♀♀, 8 pied-billed grebes, 54 coots, 18 bluewing teal 4 of which were ♀♀. Connecting lakes (continuous water at this season of year) with about same proportion of ducks except fewer pied-billed grebes; 4 lesser yellowlegs and 1 greater yellowlegs; the most activity of movement both on the water and in the air is among the males of the blue-wing teal; when flying the blue-wing teal fly faster and more erratic than the relatively slow flying shovellers. Red-wing blackbirds have territories averaging about every 150 to 200 feet. Three Forster terns (sp.?) on Shallow Lake. 50 pectorals (sp.?) in one group. all male redwings singing. Pied bill grebes feeding nearer the travelled road than other kinds of ducks. Gull (sp.?) flew over Bass Lake. It did not have white spots in primaries. Ducks, and especially coot feed in compact groups, then disperse and are generally distributed and at times all swimming in same direction. Watched a muskrat swim across Lotus Lake. It was followed by a pied-bill grebe as the muskrat passed by the grebe