

with other kinds of ducks.

Godwall. Approx 80 feed in nest bay to west from camp. Gulls did not seem to interfere with this species.

Coats. 40 mixed with godwalls. They extended their group to small bay next to trailer (5-15 individuals) but then returned to main group. At this time American and European baldpates (3) followed the coats and worked closely with the coats for any plant life brought to the surface. The baldpates, especially the European species trailed the coats about 1 foot behind.

Baldpates. Approx 15 American and 3 European. One one occasion a European male came to within 50' of the trailer and with 20x binocular was able to observe the bud as if in the hand.

Pintail. approx 12 birds in area.

Buffle head. 2 males and 4 females associating mainly with scaup but many times were alone.

Ruddy ducks. 2 males and 3 females in one group remained in the general area.

Mallards. 5 in bay to west with godwalls.

American merganser. 3 single males, 2 group of pairs. They are generally distributed and not flock forming as in winter.

Ring-necked duck. approx 30 in area.

Red-billed grebe 3 individuals in area

Canvas back duck. 6 individuals 2 males 4 females in area.

Shovellers. 2 groups of 6 each.

Crow. 2

Dowitcher. flock 12 and 18 killdeer. One robin

marsh hawk. Between daybreak & 10:30 a marsh hawk hunted on peninsula on 6 occasions in somewhat the same pattern. There is probably only 1 marsh hawk in area. The marsh hawk will displace the ringbilled gulls.

It is my estimation that the adult Herring gulls are more of a scavenger and hunt for surface debris, than is the ringbilled gull that thus a commensual relationship with other ducks, especially the lesser scaup.

Left camp 10:30 A.M. at a pond between Oskaloosa and Lawrence (Tonganahie turnoff) not 62 ring-necked ducks and 19 lesser scaup in a farm pond of approx 2 acres in extent. These ducks were the only species in pond. Redtails fewer than in winter at least it is true today. 2 sparrow hawks and 2 loggerhead shrikes also observed between Oskaloosa & Lawrence. This trip the last 3 days has been cold, snowy & windy. Trailer low handle at least 20°F  
Lawrence, Douglas Co, Kansas  
April 1, 1970 3-5 inches snow & freezing temperature.