

white breast, black head, white area posterior to the rufous wing region were in decided contrast and represented a very showy and contrasting pattern. The lightness of the bird segregates the species from the more darker forms. It is generally quite concerned with its feeding and frequents the more shallow areas near the vegetation. The Shoveller when alighting upon the water is more graceful in its approach. One would think that such a bird would find it difficult to land in the manner it does, rather than making a plunging stop it drops nearly perpendicular alighting upon the water without much gliding friction to bring it to a stop.

Other birds seen that evening were the Black-Crown night Heron, Great Blue Heron, Snowy Heron, Marsh Hawk, Red wing, meadowlark, Am Pipit (this bird has a deformed foot and was not able to use it however it still retained its power to bob up & down even upon one foot. Song Sparrow, (The rapid turbling of the tail from side to side, when alarmed was interesting), 5 Curlews feeding in pastures, Short eared Owl, Calif Gull along creek and at mouth of sewer outlet.

Pheasant, Savannah Sparrow. A migration to the north of the tree or northern Violet Green Swallow was in full swing, 20 and 30 in air at certain periods but always flying in a northern direction, 48 Avocet dotted the ponds. The Coats were confined to the creek proper or not far from it.

4/12/38. Visited same region as 4/12/38. In addition to the birds seen the day before are recorded the Pintail duck and the Golden Eye. Only two pintails were seen. The Golden eye was first seen sitting upon the bank of the Mill Race east of the dunes. It was sitting facing me and except for its black head, was entirely white and looked like a gull when viewed without the glasses. When turned to one side it loses some of its whiteness and when back is presented to observer the takes on an entirely different picture as compared to the whiteness of the breast. The bird is however dominant white when seen and is readily separated from remaining species.

The white eye circle is readily seen at quite a distance. When disturbed it flew over to ponds south of dune and came to rest upon the shallow water. It lands entirely different from any other duck so far observed. It practically parallels the water and receives the surface at high speed.