when almost touching the water it will shoot out its feet and ride them entirely for 4 or 6 feet until it looses momentum at which time it gracefully lowers its body into water. It actually rides the surface like an aeroplane with pontons. The period he was on the shallow ponds was spent in resting. The avocets would favor this bird and one in particular never left the duck but would feed around it at short range. On its own initiative it flew straight toward me not diverting to one side or the other, fly just over my head at 15 foot elevation. Had my glasses focused upon the oncoming bird the entire time & presented quite a site. It lit in creek just north of dune about 100 feet. After completing observations returned home by way of Mill race & when passing the point where this bird let after leaving pond had a good chance to observe its take off. It was resting upon the bank & when disturbed flew into water & then run upon its surface until gaining enough momentum to rise from the creek. A noticeable whistling accompanied the beating of wings. When in flight the head is nearer the body and larger than the ducks.

At 6:30 in evening 4/14/38. Took Bob Newell, Howard Hoover, Craig Hayman, Blaine Carlson, Douglas ~~Bustard~~ & Buckley Taylor to same observation point as of dates 4/12-13/38. While covering course of Mill Race on way down found the lone Golden eye in Creek near upper course. It flew upstream alighting in water again. Stalking it again we all observed its interesting nature. When approached to close flew again down stream. Seen same ducks as observed previous days except the Pintail. The Green-wing Teal were in the majority today. On approaching the dune heard the call of the Prairie Falcon. It was quite concerned over one particular area bordering the pond. ~~Out spasmation of spot~~. At one time it alighted near a dark object and things began to look suspicious. So investigated & found at 40 feet distance from the water edge a Green-winged Teal (♂) that had been killed only a short while before our arrival for it still retained its body heat. The falcon had only had time to pick off the feathers & skin of its entire neck from the region