

immediately back of the head to the breast, It was lying 6 feet from where ^{exposed} feathers and fresh blood were lying upon the grass. The circumstances seemed to point toward the falcon as the killer, however, we did not actually see the act performed. The avocets were still congregated on same pond. On our return trip at late twilight found the ducks to be increasing in their flight to the creek.

4/15/38. Blaine Carlson & I stepped down to the same area as listed in the last 3 days visitations. Same ducks seen except no Pintails again. The Scaup were predominant this evening. In fact the Gadwall, Baldpate Teal, were not very well represented. One noticeable thing that was quite evident was that the birds seen today were in little group and resting. Possibly 50 or 60 ^{actually} bunched where the day before possibly 100 ducks had been feeding. There was a noticeable decrease in numbers of ducks except the Scaup which were well represented being approx. 70 birds in the two small flocks that were upon the creek bank & in water. The Golden Eye was seen again today resting upon the bank ^{east of dune} with three other Scaup. This bird is no doubt the same bird seen the last two days in same area. The Goldeneye remained on bank after the Scaup had departed. The wings, ^{cleaned} skull and one or two breast bones was all that was left of the duck killed by the falcon the evening before. On our way down this evening scared about 25 Baldpate from the creek. They flew a short distance and then lit on short grass near a pond bordering the creek. At this point ^{where} we frightened these birds off the water on our down trip we placed a weed blind upon the bank and when about sun down or shortly after we stationed ourselves behind it and waited for ~~the~~ action. The first duck to arrive was a single ♂ mallard alighting in center of creek and soon working up 3 foot bank to the top of the creek channel. This bird continually offered a low quacking noise not of the danger type. The second birds were two mallards that lit upon the grassy bank about 50' from first one. Following were the headheads. Several pairs dropped in and could be identified. But by now it was so dark that only form could be distinguished at even 10 feet. Teal and possibly, Baldpate &