

to be a Savannah Sparrow along ridge but doubtful as to identity. With the lights gradually fading we hurried back along same trail to point where we first approach ridge, then north along edge of ridge to the large red & white cliffs, the only cliff of sufficient height to support a eagle nest. All cliff south of this point ~~was~~ were examined but nothing favorable for use as a nesting site. Seen one Dusky grouse along ridge. From these large cliffs we started straight down hillside keeping on north sidehill out of the oak bush that hung lower down. Could see ^{large} star before our ascent and before arriving at mouth of gulch were well enveloped in darkness except for moon light that cast ~~star~~ shadow upon the ground. ~~at~~ the very mouth of this gulch ^{ends with} ~~is~~ a 30' x 10' cliff and I suppose if we if we had not stayed to the north side of canyon would probably have been endangered by attempting to find our way out of the bottom of the canyon. This hill side that we made our descent is about the best way of getting down off the mountain on this side. Got drink at Bartholomew's Spring & then divided, Harry going down canyon & myself up canyon in search of Dad & mother who were to meet us at this point.

5/4/38. The Say Phoebe has been seen the last two day around home.

5/5/38. Left home at 2:25 for pastures south of town. Followed south on University Avenue to a point about 2 blocks south of First County Fair building, then walked S.W. and intercepted the lowest point on south on fifth street. Arrived at this observation station at 3:25 one hour after leaving home. From this point could see the ducks just south about 300 feet at end of canal which flows into the open water bordering the main rush growth. The mill race course ~~is~~ just south of this open water. In the field east of this station, when upon making my approach saw two curlew feeding in the more damp and water saturated grasses bordering a small stream. About 1 hour later these birds flew over station & flew south. Five pheasants, feeding in open field, soon took to the weeds for concealment. Three mallards flew up from short grasses flew around several times and lit again in same vicinity. These three ducks, two ♂ and one ♀ were seen to be foraging this same area the entire stay at station. The female seemed to take the lead in the air and ground tactics. In the air the three would fly around the field recognizing one another at certain times. Slowly and deliberately they continued this playful maneuvering and upon lighting the ♀ took the first step to lead the two males. She would always take the lead in the ground pursuits and feeding. Whenever she flew from ground the two ♂'s would