


be right after her. These tactics were carried on the entire time I was at the station. From the permanent observation post watched the action of the duck etc. A large falcon, probably the duck hawk had been feeding & resting near the mouth of the canal and on my approach flew north & out of site. The ducks at end of canal were resting upon the water but occasionally taking time to feed. The mallards chase the small object in water to rest upon being entirely out of the water. Facing the slight wind they remained motionless with head resting upon breast with bill facing in front. A few mallards, mainly males were also resting upon the water but with feet probably touching the bottom of the flooded edge of pasture. Occasionally the mallards would preen primary feathers, tail feathers, breast feathers and head feathers by rubbing upon wing & tail. The Red heads also faced the wind and instead of resting head ^{and bill} on breast would generally be found to be placed in feathers of back. Before leaving the area they would swim to one side of pond, as if recognizing & anticipating the lack of space to rise off water, and with necks extended with an accompanying noise would start their take-off. One redhead left pond at 3:35, one arrived 3:49, one left 4:20, one left 5:17. One female redhead was seen to be resting upon an object entirely out of water. One pair of frontals remained motionless at point where canal water enters pond. The Cinnamon teal were a little more active and rested upon the water or on the bank. One pair left at 4:12, one 4:35 and one arrived at 4:36. One pair of spurnills feeding near pond walked over inundated grasses and weeds and then flew west about 100 feet to alight and continue to feed. A few Gadwalls were mixed in with others and were concerned more with feeding than resting. A pair left at 3:46. Balpatos joined in with the rest in their resting & occasional feeding. The most active bird in this congregation was the mud hen. When not chasing either the mallard, redhead or gadwall was seen feeding in grasses bordering water edge. The Aur Coat is the most aggressive bird in the lot. Was seen to take possession of one of the mallards resting station and seen to chase practically every ^{species of} duck congregated at this point. When upon the water ~~water~~ would extend necks horizontal and with neck & head fairly gliding upon the surface would swim toward its intended victim. When patting across the water would keep neck & head about 45° from the horizontal . The same procedure would be