

followed upon the ground. The degree of molestation of the ducks is probably accentuated at this time of year when the mating instinct governs their action. Would not only chase other ducks but their own species. Practically the entire time was spent either upon the water swimming and feeding about or walking about in the grass, ~~more~~ a greater number probably feeding in grass. One particularly thing noticed about these ducks when resting was the fact that they all faced the wind. There seemed to be periods when practically all the ducks were resting & then periods when a greater number would commence to feed or swim about. The change of wind, or the occurrence of a cloud shadows did not seem to produce any change in these different periods. However one thing was noticeable and that was any sound that was not ordinary would get a reaction from the ducks. The most noticeable noise was produced by a motor tractor in the field to the north about 3 blocks away. The constant turning of the plow & tractors produced several grades & degree of noise but did not effect the ducks in an apparent way. However when a wagon crossed a bridge the ducks responded with high stretched necks. Even the flight of a marsh overhead or the passing of a low flying duck or even the arrival of a ducks did not make the resting nervous. When ready to leave the station walked directly toward them. The first duck to leave was a lone mallard, then about 40 seconds later another mallard left then a lone gadwall and then the entire flock, ^{of about 20} rose. Two pintails remained and stayed until about 30" later when my progressive invasion of their resting ground was just a little too much for their personal safety. Other birds seen at this station was the great blue heron. In the distance could see the herons frequently pass in field of glasses winging their way from west to east and east to west. Two were seen flying very near edge of rushes just beyond pond and alighting somewhere in rushes probably basing mill race. Follow a few of these birds with glasses found them to be alighting in rushes about S.W from here, however, would not be sure that it represented their rookery for I was just a little below the horizontal level of the rushes to see whether they were all alighting at same area. The Brewster & Black Crown night heron were seen flying by. Several Marsh Hawks paroled the rushes & field and were not without the continual & persistent harassing of the red wing blackbirds. Generally when over the territorial site