

of the blackbird the male bird would chase hawk for a hundred feet or so & then return. The marsh hawk has evidently adjusted to these daring attacks but would occasionally defend itself and utter its own warning call. One hawk was seen to be carrying a fibrous weed from field to the west and fly south & east for out over the rush mass to alight about a mile from starting point. The tule wrens were relatively quiet until I made my last approach on the resting duck whereupon they all started to chatter & make themselves known. They have a peculiar flight at this time of year. They fly a short distance as in descending look much like a hummingbird alighting with its rapidly beating wings. A flock of ^(7 in number) C. Geese past by at 3:45 following along the ~~eastern~~ northern edge of the Trono Bay rushes. Heard several others in flocks. One pelican flew by in review during first part of stay & returned by same course about 1 and 1/2 hrs later. May or may not have been same bird. To see this bird ~~fly~~ ~~with its~~ cruising by in such a dignified manner and with the accompanying swishing of wings felt that the world would certainly be a less romantic & picturesque place to life in. At about 5:00 a flock of 32 Ibis flew into field of binoculars slowly & deliberately inspecting the vicinity directly below them. They continued their 32 abreast formation wheeling from one side to the other and about 50 above rushes. When about in the vicinity of the first ward pasture where the mill race begins its course from open pasture lands to rush area the ibis began to rise in elevation. They had evidently been following the course of the mill race stream until they reached a point where the rushes left off. They circled straight up into air in wide right hand spirals. Higher & higher they circled and gradually divesting to the south until possibly over a line between steel plant & my station. After a change from a right hand circle to a few left hand circles they all fixed wings & ^{soared} flew in a S.W. direction. Gaining more and more speed in their prolonged downward drive they soon were at a point just south of station. Wheeling to the left they gradually descended to rushes alighting in an area which would seem to me to be in the Springville pastures near mouth of Hubble Creek.