

10 mi N Kodance River, Minnesota

Aug 14, 1972

min. temp. 54°F Left 8:00 A.M. 759 Kodance River. At mileage 58776 at Pike Lake Road a lynx was noted crossing the road at a leisurely gait some 300' beyond. As we pulled up to the position where it crossed the lynx had moved up the graded slope some 30' from the road where it stood in plain view for at least 20 seconds before it continued up slope to top of cut where it jumped over patches of low shrubs as would a deer in its high jumps. A hummingbird (ruby throated) in same area. at 842 a myrtle warbler and black & white warbler. 850 yellow-shafted flicker. Both the raven and crow were in area from main road on Superior Lake to Ely. Road has changed and is losing its character. Ely at 58877. Bought Duluth Pack (\$23.00). Arranged for Cessna flight (pontoons) to see moose. On a 20 or so minute flight (10.00) we saw one moose (3:05 P.M.) in a marshy surrounded lake just N of Ely between Ely & Bass Lake. From this plane we could see all lakes in area even into Canadian Lakes. This type of flight is a must. One is impressed with the great amount of forest and marshy-boggy areas outside of the lakes proper. The pilot says they have 30 bears and several wolves on telemetry. Returned to Ely. The ideal trip of limited time would be to fly canoe & pack into distant lake beyond near portages and then be picked up at a later time. Continued S. At 59013 a sparrow hawk. 6 striped road kills since Ely. at 59015 a sparrow hawk. 59044 Red fox rd kill, at Deerwood, 59045 sparrow hawk and first mourning dove on return across Canada. 59082 sparrow hawk. at 59105 first meadowlark. Color of trees begin at Canada-U.S. border. Between Superior Lake and Ely spotty but noticeably showing color change. S of Ely yellow starting & some reds low in understory. In area S of Ely there are more ducks than we have seen elsewhere. Camped at 59117 just E of Grey Eagle on a lake (Bass Lake). 360 miles today.

Bass Lake, Minnesota

Aug 15, 1972

Min temp 64°F. at Iowa border made census of crows and raptors. None was observed to Missouri border. Arrived Lawrence at 10:30 P.M. at mileage 59670 or 7040 mi this vacation. (See next page)