

1973Johnson's Corners, N of Denver, Colorado

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Left 7:21 A.M. at mileage 63750. Sun up 7:27. Creeks open and steaming. Sky without clouds. 785 redtail on sign at edge of road with back toward sun. 791 first magpie. Will keep list of all magpies along with raptors. 793 Wyoming border at 8:12. 803 Cheyenne at 8:21. 808 except for magpies & hawk observed earlier, have not seen any other kind of bird. Temperature well below freezing. 816 white rabbit road kill. 817 another white rabbit road kill. 828 rabbit road kill. 837 Divide of Medicine Bow ridge. 839 deer trails along side of road. 841 most deer in Mt. Moberg area. 845 rabbit road kill. 847 Laramie at 9:09. Left at 8:53 at 9:54. Main road (new) closed because of 15 foot drifts across road so were required to take old road to N. 888 Rock Creek River. 891 redtail hawk on telephone post and first birds of any kind since Laramie. 892 first group of horned larks about 150. 898 first snow drifting across road and cuts 2 1/2 feet. 902 magpie. 906 Medicine Bow 11:04. Drifting snows on divides and on windward slopes. 920 Coyote walking on drifting snows about 200 from road. 934 Top of divide and considerable drifting snow. 940 Waleatt Junction. 943 ^{golden} eagle, magpie and 200 horned larks in some area just off road at 11:50. From Waleatt W have left the drifting snow. 947 North Platte River in ice and covered with snow and drifted in extensively. 952 40 antelope, one with injured leg. Antelope roadkills about 1 every 10 miles. 953 10 antelope. 955 Opposite Sinclair. Collection same as previous years. 960 East entrance Rawlins at 10:09. 963 W entrance to ~~Rock Springs~~ Rawlins. 971 Country all along covered with antelope tracks. 972 3 rabbits. 974 roughleg. 977 am roughleg. 980 approx 150 antelope and moving in one direction. 980 20 antelope. 981 510 in one group & 90 trailing in loose aggregate. Photos 730101-1, 730101-2, 730101-3 of part of this group of antelopes. 981 100 antelope. & am roughleg. Area in drifting snow. 983 300 antelope in one group. All antelope N of road on broad slopes. On previous years they were on S side of road in swales or along main valley drainages in lowlands