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course of the observation. Had one thrilling moment when a garter-snake slid under my arm and neck while lying down. It appeared to be in a hurry and before I could react with another one followed in close pursuit and following in identical course. This time my nerves were all set and with one instantaneous jump at its appearance hit the hard board roof with a crushing blow to return almost upon the started snake. I presume that the smaller garter snake was chasing the larger ♀ in a sexual and mating pursuit. From that moment on I reacted in response to every shrew & meerkat that passed thru the blind.

3-30-30

Two Cinnamon Teal in Creek at Wallburg bridge. They swam down stream for a short distance and then left in flight. The birds were ♂ and ♀.

4-1-30

Desert Sparrow Hawk and Yellow-headed Blackbirds in Provo Pastures.

4-4-30

A sharp skinned Hawk had been staying near our home in Provo. for a number of weeks. It would soar above the yard and trees with a constant cry. On this date I observed it just as it flew from our yard with a small bird in its claws. It flew to a neighboring yard where it lit in a corner of a shed. It chose this so he could not be seen so plain. After my appearance it flew again and on the ground where it stood were drops of blood from its kill. This occurred at 1<sup>st</sup> So & 3<sup>rd</sup> east in the heart of Provo City.

4-9-30

Examined the nest of the magpie containing 7 eggs. The nest was placed in a popular tree 10' from the ground. This set of eggs is the first one observed this season. Along Spring Creek in west Springville pastures. Also observed here 12 Brewer Egrets at the edge of the swamp. These were the first birds observed during the season.

4-10-30

Sun. set picture (1-4-10-40) in the Springville pastures west of the Steel plant. Kenneth Sterling of Provo is perched on fence gate pole at right of picture. The evening sun-set scenes were always a source of joy in the pastures south of Provo where the evening sky was always observed with ducks in the horizon. The picture is a typical April sunset



1-4-10-30