

Provo, Utah Co., Utah

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Early this morning made photo from Marip & Don's home before lights were turned off in the city below. Mudlake can be seen as being relatively high. Photo no. 761231-1. Photo 761231-2 shows the city with ~~late~~^{west} mt. in the distance. Prepared to depart from Marip and left at 7:00 A.M. at 62898.1 mileage. During the night clouds moved into area and as we left the clouds and snow were half way down the slopes of Timpanogas. Between Provo and Springville observed 5 groups of starling but no other birds. Ordinarily this area supports a high population of other kinds of winter birds. 62914.3 Crow and 8 Brewer's blackbirds. Color of dry oaks have carried over into winter on sides of mountain. 24.5 quab Co. 32.1 magpie. 34.1 raven. 37.7 first blowing snow on highway, 42.0 raven. 46.1 3 doe mule deer ^(2 small & one large) crossed road as they crossed the broad valley from E to W. ^{10:35 P.M.} They were crossing open plowed fields and were very conspicuous. Snow to base of mts to E and skies cloudy. They were cautious in crossing the road ahead of us. Only 2 jackrabbit road kill over the entire pass between the N + S valleys from Nephi to next town S. 51.5 Lebanon turnoff. Some snow blowing on road. 57.5 redtail. Blue skies showing to W. 66.8 Severer Run, open. Bridge is at 67.1 73.1 Millard Co. 76.3 15 horned lark and first ones observed since the last ones recorded, Ravens. Crow. 83.3 pass and 1 inch snow on ground. Snow on juniper trees makes an interesting sight. 90.5 redtail. 63013.9 2 ravens. Less snow and roads dry. 63036.3 Beaver Co. 050.4 more snow on ground and juniper & sagebrush are covered with snow. 58.4 Beaver City. 2 meadowlarks. 61.7 2 raven. 67.5 Drow ^(on Interstate 15) Co. 68.4 raven. no rabbits. 63079.8 golden eagle sitting in top of dead cottonwood tree (60' high) at edge of an abandon ranch and corral some 200' off highway. Stopped car & examined with 60x telescope. It did not leave tree. Good nesting in reddish cliff and pinyon all the way to the top of the mountain, which are the cottonwood ^{mts.} 86.0 Paragonah overpass 63121.4 raven 26.5 raven. 27.2 Washington Co. 36.5 raven. 38.5 first yellowish-green desert plants (creosote?) 46.7 first cedars of Lebanon in residence yards. First Joshua like trees also cholla 67.4 meadowlark. Vegetation at Bloomington typical Utah shrubs. Mileage at Arizona line 63171.1. 72.7 2 raven. 74.9 raven. 77.7 Virgin River dam. 63178.4