

77 46:3 lone antelope on ridge. mainly sagebrush from dense to sparse, lowland with rabbit brush mixed in with sagebrush. The *Corydalis* in blossom. One lake looks like normal height others down 50-60%. 77052.3 Crossing North Platte River just N of Saratoga. The above rabbit census was complete and can be compared with censuses previously made and recorded in the journal. This area between Walcott & Saratoga has always supported jackrabbits. An informant at Saratoga said that ~~last~~ <sup>this</sup> year they put fences along each side of road from Saratoga to Walcott and this may explain why there were so few jackrabbits and antelopes. Continuing S. 77053.3 rabbit road kill (continuing complete census). 77057.7 2 antelope. 77058.8 striped skunk road kill and live Spermophiles. 77060.0 numerous prairie dog mounds but no prairie dogs. 77060.6 now to left on highway 130. 77060.9 numerous prairie dog holes on right but no prairie dogs. I am wondering if they have been poisoned as we always have seen many live ones in this prairie dog towns. 77061.5 Bridge over North Platte River. River slightly lower than usual. At pond where we cross Elk River, 4 small ducks. No birds or mammals across the slopes from N. Platte River where they are usually common. The fields that at one time were in good fields of grass are now 80-90% willow. 77069.8 mouth of canyon of valley ridge. One live ground squirrel and one *Eutamias*. 77077.4 mule deer ran across road. 77077.5 2 Canada jays. 77077.6 pine viskin. 77098.4 small bird. 77086.4 marmota road kill and *Eutamias minimus* ran across road. ~~77086.7~~ 77088.6 2 young marmots feeding on edge of road not over 4 inches from macadamize edge. 77096.9 Adult marmot along road. 77087.4 Marie Lake, no water out of outlet but creek channel dry. Beyond, the small ponds along side of road are way down or completely dry. Snow banks that are associated with slopes along road are now gone and only a small cornice visible on main ridge. At Libby Flat divide a *Eutamias minimus*. 77090.3 Turnoff to Sugar Loaf. A redtail dropped freeflight to meadow and picked up a mouse. Now can see 4 or 5 patches of snow (cornices) on top main ridge to west. 77090.5 *Eutamias minimus*. 77090.7 marmota. At 77091.1 Libby Lake Campgrounds on knoll east of road. Camped in same place as on previous trip. *Eutamias minimus* here. Set 50 mus. sp. traps among pine and spruce east of camp, in practically all cases at base of conifer or under log. numerous