

3 magpies (at mileage 439.6), 12 antelope, 3 Brewer's blackbirds and no sparrow hawks which are usually common along this route. Arrived N Platte River 402.4. The lower pasture on slope are now completely grown to willow. Approx 300 cliff swallows under bridge. At 40.6 approx 300 prairie dogs in field of short grass, mounds *memphicus*. Just beyond at 403.0 no prairie dogs in old colony of previous years. 403.4 highway 230 now N. 13 prairie dogs along road between here and Saratoga, <sup>(airport)</sup> at 410.5 mileage, also few *Citellus townsendi* along old railroad track. From Saratoga went N about a mile to Camp on S side of lake

Recreation Lake, approx 1 mi N Saratoga, Wyoming  
July 21, 1978.

Birds in area at camp: Wilson phalarope, Calif. gull, pied-billed grebe, yellow-headed blackbird, loon, mallard, killdeer, night hawk, *Citellus spilosoma*, *Citellus richardsoni*,

at approx 2/10 mi. E on shore of lake (S side) observed an adult long-tailed weasel and 2 young. Observation about 60' away and weasel about 100' from lake on sagebrush <sup>rabbit brush & greasewood</sup> slope. First recognized by 8 Brewer's sparrows (sp.?), which were following every movement of the weasel from tops of sage brush directly above the weasel. The adult weasel captured and adult *Citellus richardsoni* and carried it to an open hole under a sagebrush bush. One of the young weasel was standing upright not more than 1 foot from a cottontail rabbit and neither of them seemed to be concerned with each other. When I approached, the rabbit jump and the weasel jumped a fraction of a second later into a hole. The rabbit went 6' and stopped. The <sup>immature</sup> weasel returned from hole, jumped at the rabbit and the rabbit did not react and the weasel left and ran 100' thru sagebrush. It passed 8 *Citellus richardsoni* and to my disbelief the squirrels did not react to the presence of the weasel. Length of hind foot in sand approx. 1 inch, and completely covered the area between the lake, sandy area and sagebrush cover. I judged this area to be the territory of the weasels.

Other observations: Pintail and 9 young 1/3 size adult, young of loon 1/3 to 4/5 size adult; family of <sup>pied-billed</sup> grebes in families of 1 adult and 5-5-6-5-4 young, 55 Franklin gulls, 2 herring gulls.