

horned lark, 2 horned larks. 634.2 Scenic overlook, tree near road.  
 The ponderosa pine are about the only kind of trees in the canyon and  
 on slopes with no understory of shrubs or other kinds of bushy growth.  
 Trees medium in height and not many young trees. 636.4 Steller  
 jay. This is the first bird other than horned larks & ducks observed  
 since Casper including starling or Eng sparrows. most road cuts  
 are stratified sandstone. The yucca is the second most dominant  
 plant, the ponderosa pine the primary. Cottonwoods in valley have  
 line form more like black willow. 640.0 Dawes Co. line. 640.8  
 Soldier Creek at Fort Robinson. 641.2 crow 643.8 Crawford.  
 644.3 junction 2-71 with 20. 649.1 has seen three isolated lakes  
 without drainage? and partly open. winter wheat mainly green  
 in damp swales and damp places. 654.0 turnoff to Whitney.  
 655.6 striped skunk road kill. 657.1 7 antelope. 664.0  
 junction 385-20 at 1:30 P.M. Overall the winter wheat is just  
 coming up. 666.6 striped skunk road kill. 667.7 into outskirts  
 of Chadron. Left Chadron 2:07 after having had lunch there.  
 676.3 2 crows. 693.1 2 crows. 699.3 67-20 converge. 700.0  
 Rushville. 50 °F, 3:00 P.M.; 706.8 Clinton. 716.1 striped skunk  
 road kill. 721.0 Cherry Co. line. 726.1 2 horned larks 726.7  
 3-7-2 horned larks. 727.2 3 horned larks. The topography  
 suggests we have been going thru the sandhills country for  
 the last 10 miles or so. Surfaces exposed are pure sands, and  
 blow-outs are present. 733.3 first large lake to N and a few,  
 5000 ducks including mallards, pintails and Canada geese for  
 sure. 734.4 second shallow lake with ducks, 300. 735.0  
 lake with 40 pintails, 20 mallards and 2 godwits. Sand  
 hills are covered with grass and yucca. Cottonwoods but  
 mainly willows around the lakes. Some lakes not open  
 and many have muskrat houses in the shallow parts. water  
 a deep dark blue and almost unreal. Some wetlands  
 almost a yellowish orange. 739.8 marsh to left with 6-8  
 houses (muskrat) per acre. A reddish berbed willow associated  
 with waterways. 744.8 merriman, 20-61 junction. 746.1 striped  
 skunk road kill. Lake with unusual abundance of muskrat  
 houses. Jackrabbit road kill, marsh hawk. 750.8 60 redwings  
 in one group and 20 mallards, 14 pintails and sage hen.  
 751.9 30 redwings in one group. 753.1 jackrabbit road kill.  
 754.5 jackrabbit road kill, 2 horned larks. The jack rabbits  
 probably are *Lepus townsendii*, Crow, horned lark. 755.0 Eli.  
 756.7 2 antelope. 758.3 horned lark, 3 horned larks 763.1 horn lark