

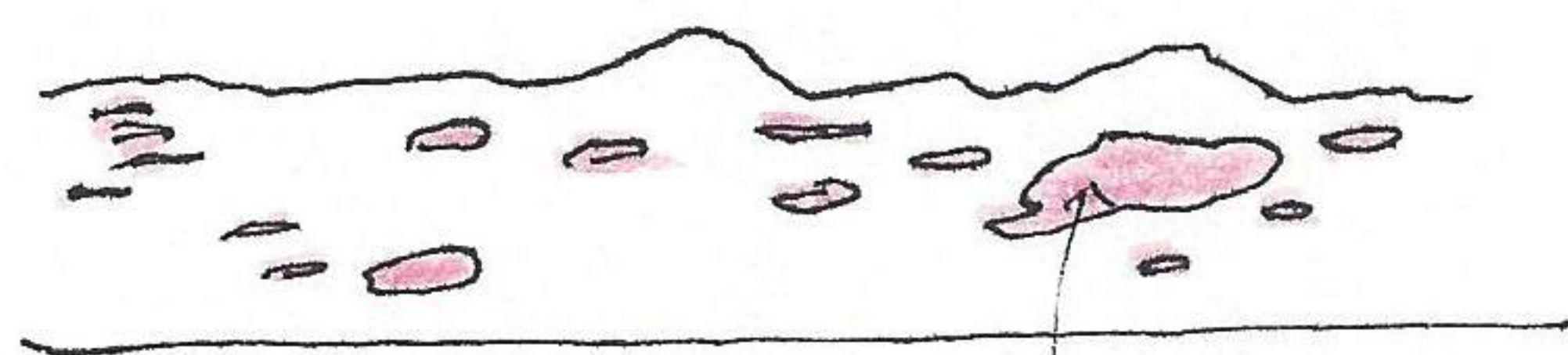
764.9 3 horned larks, 2 horned larks. 765.6 horned lark. 766.5
 2 horned larks, 3 horned larks, 1 horned lark. 767.1 horned lark, 2 horned
 larks. 768.8 Cody. South Dakota is only 3-4 miles to N. Cottontail
 rd. kill. 772.2 horned lark. 773.7 horned lark. 774.5 meadowlark
 and first one since Casper. 776.1 Nenzel, junction 20-97.
 779.7 2 horned larks. 781.6 2 horned larks. 784.1 Kelgare.
 786.5 approx position for change of watches to central time (advanced
 1-hour). 788.3 meadowlark, horned lark, marsh hawk. 794.7
 Crackston, large ^{full} creek running thru (minnechadaza), 2 redwings.
 All redwings have been males, overflow waters from creek follow
 a small meander system. 804.7 male pheasant. 806.1 middle
 of Valentine, temp 30°F, after sundown. Drove to Fort Niobrara
 National Wildlife Refuge NE town and on drive thru roads
 observed buffalo, Texas longhorns, elk (2 large males in open field)
 antelope, 8 Canada geese, ¹² golden eye ducks. Niobrara River
 is full and ice masses ^{1 1/2 feet high} along shore, used for conaeing. On
 road on top of bluffs noted 8 mule deer feeding in open meadow
 at late twilight. These drive thru roads seem to be satisfactory
 and cause no disturbance of our presence. This area should be
 checked out for possible system for a local drive thru for the ^{proposed}
 Tallgrass prairie park in Kansas. Roads should be curved, not
 straight as in most places in the Fort Niobrara refuge. Returned
 to Valentine and stayed in the Elmes motel.

Valentine, Cherry Co., Nebraska

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Mr. Doug Ballard of Valentine is a pilot for Fish & Wildlife Service
 and can advise on where the best place would be to see sandhill
 cranes and whooping cranes in the area. Left Valentine 7:35 A.M.,
 temp 16°F at mileage 825.5. Low clouds moving in from W.
 Started 5 on ~~83~~ ²⁰. 827.5 Niobrara river bridge, channel clear
 some ice mass on side, crow. 829.1 3 horned larks. 829.7
 now 5 on 83. 830.1 jack rabbit, 2 horned larks. 830.4
 jackrabbit. 830.6 jackrabbit. 832.8 2 crows, noted several
 magpie nest in small trees. 834.1 marsh hawk. There is more
 snow drifts here than to the W. Road cut drifts average 3' high. Dis-
 tant ridges look like this:



at 838.8

snow

