

Vedauwoo Camp, Medicine Bow Range, Laramie Co., Wyoming.

July 23, 1979

min. temp 53°F. at 7:00 AM = 60°F, noted 3 cottontail rabbits and 1 chickaree, chipmunks rare at camp at least this time of day. Previous years they were unusually common. Slate-colored juncos. Last night Annette and I made trip down canyon N just east beyond first ridge of cliffs, thence back S in Campground Canyon. Just before we left noted one Least chipmunk (*Eutamias minimus*) and 2 golden-mantled ground squirrels. Photo 790723-1 of the Vedauwoo landscape at ^{beyond} ^{from highway} camp. Left 7:30 A.M. on 80 west. at divide noted 2 turkey vultures. At mouth of canyon on W side medicine Bow Range two golden eagles circling to S. 332.9 ^{side} road to Laramie airport. at 11:35 A.M. on way to Snowy Range. 343.1 2 horned larks. (complete census of birds ^{and mammals} from airport to Centennial.) 346.2 horned lark, antelope. 347.4 striped skunk road kill, horned lark. 349.0 some *Citellus* diggings in field (extensive diggings on right 2/10 miles long). 350.2 E end lake, one cormorant only on lake, no ducks etc., ground squirrels in fields, one ring-billed ^{or cliff} gull. 350.6 Jacks Place by lake, barn swallow, barn swallow, *Citellus*. ran across road 352.1 2 *Citellus* road kills. 554.5 killdeer, meadowlark. 353.6 3 *Citellus* ground squirrel road kills, 100' beyond 2 more. 356.2 cottontail rabbit (live). 357.2 3 *Citellus* road kills. 358.0 Centennial, Brewer's blackbird. 358.6 *Citellus* ran across road 365.0 Green Rock Picnic grounds and first patch of snow. 9300 ft elevation. approx. 368.0 camped at point where road crosses Libby Creek. Set 50 traps ^{at 3:00 P.M.} in climax Engelmann spruce forest at 7/10 mi. E and 1/10 mi. S of W end Hourglass Lake, Snowy Range, approx 10,000 ft., Albany Co., Wyoming. Later Annette and I drove to divide on Libby Flats. Domestic sheep in area. Walked from main road to Libby Lake and Lewis Lake, road closed because of 2 snow bands blocking road. Observed along way, bluebirds, pine siskins, robins, California gull (!) on Libby Lake, marmot. at old pump grounds at Lewis Lake a Canada jay was feeding on a freshly killed fledgling of the purple finch, 4 adult ♀ Canada jays were harassing the bluejay. One vireo was attracted to the site of confusion. no chipmunks observed. Returned to car and drove back to the camp along Libby Creek. There is considerable signs of gopher activity in area especially the winter cores. Can hear white-throated crowned sparrows in willows below. Considerable snow patches to the west. next page is a continuation of today's activities.