

In spite of a dry summer, there are more flowers than previous years. Left Lake Marie, thence Silver Lake area, thence down grade to open meadows below. The W side of Snowy Range seems to be greener than E side. Beyond down canyon there is a noticeable advance of small conifers out onto or ^{or mammal} previously open meadows (S side canyon). The only bird observed from Silver Lake area to Ryan Park area was one robin. No birds between here and beaver meadows this side of gap or canyon before N Platte River Valley. Marsh hawk at beginning of gap. Mouth canyon and now beginning of flats. *Citellus richardsonii*, 20 antelope & side road. *Citellus*, 2 *Citellus*, 2 barn swallows, *Citellus* road kill, raven, redtail hawk, 2 magpies, swallow, swallow, 3 magpies eating *Citellus richardsonii* road kill, magpie, swallow, mourning dove, 2 magpies, 3 raven, old fields now follow and solid willows, left and low on slope (5'-6' high or more), 2 magpies eating *Citellus richardsonii* road kill, at old pond on left now filling in with vegetation, 6 mallards (of the year) in pond. This pond is at Elk Creek. N. Platte River. And ^{at} usual level. It is interesting that there were no sparrow hawks in area just cover whereas in previous years there were many. *Citellus richardsonii*, old prairie dog towns on W side valley along road are now eradicated and as far as I can see there are no prairie dogs. It is obvious they have been poisoned. now 5:30 A.M. at highway 130. *Citellus* road kill, many prairie dog communities obliterated, rabbit road kill. Cassette ended here but we continued N to Saratoga, thence to lake N & E of Saratoga where we camp near S end of dam. This evening a muskrat swarm W at sundown. A ♀ mallard and 4 young swim by to E at same time. The yellow-headed blackbirds also move E along the rush-lined shore. Red-billed grebe in area and did not show signs of definite direction pattern. Photos 800804-39 and 800804-40 of sunset to W of camp.

Saratoga Lake, 1 mi. N, 1 mi. E Saratoga, approx 6800 ft., Carbon Co., Wyoming.

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This morning at sunrise a muskrat moved E by camp and may have fed all night near dam. Also a ♀ mallard & 4 young moved W. The yellow-headed blackbirds also moved W. Grebes still no direction in movement. The following birds in area; Red-billed grebe with various numbers of young (2-6) and overage