

Ten mallards fed on lake flying from one end to the other but keeping to south side of lake. They kept mainly in the grasses growing in both the east & west ends of lake. Another deep diving duck flew across lake but could not determine as to species. Robins singing.

1:10 Collected garter snake on north side of lake. It was lying outstretched with head facing hillside and entire body except tail on bank. The lake edge stops abruptly and shore continues as rocky & grassy hillside covered with aspen trees. The bank drops abruptly and lake edge of a 3 foot width of water grasses. 10' from bank, lakeward, the water is 5' deep. Cloudy and breeze. Damselflies numerous here. Associated with the beaver house is an area on lake edge where they have regurgitated masses of crayfish.

1:16 Collected second garter snake 100' from first one under almost identical conditions. It was curled however on dry leaves and aspen drift wood at base of rock slide getting into lake. Some large green submerged plant growth 10' from shoreline under 3' of water. While sitting on lake shore watched a ♀ mallard and ♀ scaup duck 200' and 300' respectively away. The mallard was swimming along shore line to the west when she first became curious as to my presence and commenced swimming straight toward me. 100' - 90', 80' 70' 50' then at 40' turned south into lake for 10 feet then began cautiously reemerging. Meanwhile the Scaup became concerned & came to inspect but only came 180' and then done. Made several motions with hands but were not concerned. but when I raise they both flew 100' lakeward and stopped. 9th snake (1 foot from shore) but escaped before I could collect. It dove into lake and swam 3' under water to remain among the submerged plants. (Potamogeton) It was reposed over floating rushes and grasses 1' from shore, and 100' from last snake seen. Beaver cut aspen 30' up hillside from lake shore line and 1 foot in diameter. Fourth garter snake of about same size as collected on shore in lagoon on north side of lake. Swam under water to grass growth and remained. The habitat favored by these snakes was not as typical as found at other sections of the lake and presented quite a problem as to why they were found here and at no other part of the lake. One hundred feet west of lagoon springs begin to issue from the sloping ground along lake shore. Two Chipping Sparrows fed among grasses in spring.

1:35. A ♀ mallard feigned in west end bay before I flushed the seven young which were on shore line among the willows.