

wished to see optimum early spring in this area it should be about may 10th. and my guess would be that there would be very few people in the park at that time.. Some ponds among timber are frozen. There is considerable water among trees of forest. and snow at least a foot deep among trees and piled to 4-5 feet along side of road.

952.9 now down onto open meadows with willow patches, no elk. 953.7 Canyon village at bifurcation of village. *Eutamias minimus* here. Photo 810520-10 of Yellowstone River at Inspiration Point, ^{Oxyeye} Photo 810520-11 of Lower Falls, no 810520-12 close-up at base of falls showing ice accumulation. at least 10 *Eutamias minimus* at lookout points on W side, some to 2 feet away. 963.0 left Upper Falls and left for Fishing Bridge at 4:50 P.M. 964.1 Otter Creek, ♂ ♀ bufflehead duck. 964.4 raven. 965.0 ♂ bufflehead, ♂ ♀ boldpate + coat. at 965.5. at 965.7 2 Canada geese 966.0 Elm (?) Creek. at this bay 6 pairs Cinnamon teal, 7 pairs of boldpate, and 8 Canada geese, 1 pair gadwal. Rivers seem high but creeks and their bays seem low. 967.1 at a vantage point. observed 4 trumpeter swans, 2 buffalo, 3 golden-eye ducks and one scoup. A ranger at this point said she saw 4 swan on river at West Entrance of park. 967.2 4 Canada geese flew down river. 967.7 small group of 5 buffalo. 968.1 4 photos 810520-12, 810520-13, 810520-14 and 810520-15 of buffalo along river. at this time of year they are confiding. mallard, gadwal and spotted sandpiper in area of buffalo. 968.1 buffalo. 968.8 Chalk (?) Creek, ^{low} (? marks mean the best interpretation of name from tape recorder). 5 Canada geese. 969.2 Elk Antler Creek, 20 common goldeneeye, ♂ ♀ greater scoup, spotted sandpiper, 2 mallards. At wildlife exhibit at 969.7. 2 pelicans, 3 common mergansers, 4 mallards, 4 buffalo moving single file and maintaining intervals of approx. 30'. and 2 in wet meadows below. Some trails thru meadows but not prominent. Raven passed by and in about 1 minute later a second one passed by in some flight pattern. 971.0 8 Canada geese, raven. 971.4 3 buffalo, 3 Brewer's blackbirds and 8 Canada geese. Grasses on W side of road lawn green whereas on E side of road the grass is dull + say little greenish yellow, and probably caused by temperature of the ground. 6 Canada geese.