

at Bridgeport State Park at 566.4 at 6:46 P.M.

Bridgeport State Park, Morrill Co., Nebraska
March 23, 1982

min. temp last night 12°F. Sun up (first of upper edge) 6:54 A.M.
muskrat active at 6:45 A.M. This camp is a series of
gravel lakes; reclaimed. No wind until sunrise and then
a chilly breeze from the W. 2 mallard ducks, 4 juncos and
2 grackles in area. Left at 7:40 A.M. Few clouds on horizon to
NW but not many. First 2 days have been windless but
today strong winds from W. Ponds covered with fresh ice,
1/3 covered. 576.0 passing thru alkaline flat area.
Some lake beds pure white with alkali. 578.2 striped
skunk road kill, also an opossum rd. kill. 581.1
killed deer. 581.7 Scottsbluff Co. line. 2 pheasants
so far. meadowlarks and redwing blackbirds in
area travelled this A.M. Cottonwood trees deformed
and more scraggly than to E. Have seen a few Franklin
6 gulls at 589.3 591.7 striped skunk road kill. Beyond
Cottonwoods are a small tree, ^{bushlike} as an ecotone between
^{riparian} river and fields. 608.5 first willows with yellow-
ish bark and branches. 624.2 striped skunk road kill.
Bird life rare. 625.6 Wyoming State line. Jackrabbit
road kill at 9:15 A.M. 637.9 striped skunk road kill.
639.9 striped skunk road kill. 661.7 Platte Co. line.
668.4 Antelope road kill and first observed since
Lawrence (just beyond Guernsey. 671.7 sparrow hawk.
673.7 meadowlark. Will keep complete census to Interstate
25. 679.3 horned lark. Contact of coniferous forest of mts
and grassland is abrupt but can be at various elevations.
681.9 Interstate 25. 10:29 A.M. Will continue complete census
to Casper. 704.0 second spot of snow ^{along road} on trip. now into
conifer area. no ice or snow on Glendo Reservoir. 703.0
meadowlark. Birds rare + meadowlark observed above
first bird observed on I-25. Glendo reservoir with approx.
20 deficiency of water. 705.4 excellent stratification in
road cut, especially at W end. 709.7 extensive area of
old prairie dog community for at least 2 miles along rd.
710.0 Converse Co. and area of above community. 714.7
N Platte River. Slight increase of snow on ground.
especially in shady areas. 722.0 Patches of snow increasing.