

397.7 meadowlark. 200 Franklin gulls w Jerome. 423.9 Crow. 426.6 Malad River. 427.3 magpie. 427.7 Crow. 429.1 Calif. gull. 431.6 approx 100 Franklin gulls following plow. 440.3 Elmore Co. 444.5 middle Snake River. 450.8 middle Snake River Bridge. Vegetation greener here than in Lawrence, Kansas. 463.6 now leaving interstate 84 for Hammett. 469.8 Owyhee Co. 482.9 at 7:30 P.M. at Bruneau Dunes State Park.

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Birds in area: 8 meadowlarks on lawn at camp and more common here than elsewhere, magpie and killedeer ^{sparrow hawk}, at lake NE of dunes; 20 mergansers (American), ¹ buffle head duck, common goldeneye duck, ¹ marsh hawk, 1 magpie, approx. 1000 coot, ² killedeer, 2 great blue heron, 2 mallards, 15 godwits, and some ^(highway 78) other kinds of ducks not identifiable. Mileage at gates ¹ leading Bruneau Dunes 488.7 2 magpies, 3 killedeer, meadowlark. Statements made by ranger at Bruneau Dunes this A.M. are: Observed coyote this morning (we did not hear coyotes last night). His name is Polish and ended with 'nek' with c's & z's mixed throughout name. A great horned owl started to nest at visitors center but was discouraged because possible unfavorable interaction with visitors so it left and rebuilt nest in E side of park. Prairie dogs have never been in area. Coyotes common in winter and call continuously. Dunes considered to be 30,000 years old but others believe they are very young. Grazing of cattle permitted this year to cut down hazards of fire. The vegetation shows the influence of cattle grazing, and all the high grasses have disappeared. Recent acquisitions including range to W to erect and they are arranging with BLM for more property to E. Great blue heron arrived 2 weeks ago and there is one extra large heron that is identified from all the rest. They make 2 trips daily from lakes at dunes to river and these trips are made on a regular basis. Are measuring ^{ing} sagheens to return to the area. New laws favor use of cyanide to kill coyotes. Some sheep herders claim coyotes will kill 200-300 sheep per night.