

Residents in area (40-50 years period) have never seen a bear with sheep in its mouth. The ranger spends much of his vacation time and week ends observing bear ^{which keep hole in ice all winter.} in Idaho. 7 golden & 2 bald eagles in Gruneau Slimes feeding on ducks

S end of Snake River dam at Elmore Co. line. Ducks in river. Also Canada geese and marsh hawk ^{or along} on banks. Some gulls. Keeledeer, raven molesting a magpie and actually made body contact. [in retrospect on rangers statement. Depadomyp population same as last year. Spermophilus townsendi squirrel in area, Coldest winter in 40 years and most birds went to river, golden eagles reduced jackrabbit populations last winter which are the principle prey of raptors in this area. Badger is at low population. Burrowing owls more numerous last year than they have ever been and the decrease in badgers and increase in these owls is complementary. Spermophilus common throughout area, as well as beyond the Snake River ^{apex - may be some for wild flowering} and slopes of valley. In travelling to Mt. Home and to at least 497.9 the fields on upland are continuously inhabited by ground squirrels (*S. townsendii*) Digging coverage 1 per 15'. In this same area we have seen 5 live squirrels. 499.6 meadowlark and marsh hawk flying 20' over sagebrush flats. Townsend ground squirrel activity at least this far, horned lark. The interesting thing about this flats is that there are no road kills. 502.1 horned lark. 505.7 junction 51-30 in Mt. Home. now N on 5. now left at 10:14. 508.8 sparrow hawk. 510.8 now on 84. Even along 84 there are many diggings of ground squirrels and I cannot remember of seeing this kind of activity on previous trips thru here, horned lark. Diggings of ground squirrel come to within 8' of highway, horned lark. while squirrels are on each side of interstate, they are not in median strip (40' wide). 527.9 Ada Co. line, 530.5 large lake with ducks, one ferruginous roughleg and one prairie falcon. Land on N side road burned as far as one can see but not on S side. This burnt area exposes the ground squirrel diggings and gopher mounds. Would be a good time for aerial photographs for census work. Exit 64 to ^{Black} Creek 537.0. Exit 54 to Boise, redwing, redwing, 2 redwings. There are more redwings on territories here