

unusual interest and beauty have been worked in the yard landscape. He has gathered great quantities of wood for firewood which I presume he cuts and sells. Also heavy items (construction or building materials). I do not see how one man could have the energy & strength to accumulate so much. Left note on door and left. 569.8 roven, 574.0 middle playa lake. no water except road ^{ridge} drainage. Lake bed looks like a snow field. no trees on hills, 581.5 now in a playa lake valley with beautiful sand dunes to the north. Rather restricted in E-W movement and playa lake is damp and may have some water at S end. Shoreline on E hills show black desert varnish rocks above highest level and lighter (non desert varnish) below highest level as if the rocks below the highest level have not had time (10,000 ^{years}) to develop this desert covering of black. There is some very shallow restricted layers of water near road. Two photos from here on road 820513-2 of sand dunes to N showing unusual curvature along N-S crest. Photo 820513-3 of difference in distribution of desert varnish below & above the Pleistocene (uppermost) shorelines. First forests on top of range to E. midgate at 605.3 7:59 P.M. Heard ^{no} Coyote calls

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Camped short distance off road. Left 605.3 7:17 A.M. Sky cloudy all over. will keep complete census of birds across Nevada, at least to Utah border. 605.9 3 roven 609.9 old Citeelus townsendi colony ^{of mounds only} and extensive. 607.3 male & female Brewer blackbird, Brewer blackbird. Cottonwood not yet with leaves. Desert is green wherever it grows. ♂ & ♀ Brewer blackbirds. Some streaks of snow on mts to E. 625.8 horned lark. 630.6 horn lark. Playa lake at N end this valley. 631.1 roven. 641.3 Chucker partridge. 643.1 first pygmy ^{sparrow} forests. 644.6 Lander Co. Pass 6348 ft. 645.0 more snow on ranges as we travel E. Big playa lake to S in this broad valley. 645.9 roven. 649.9 face on ascending ridge to left on pass. Summit 6679 ft. Snow coverage half way down mt. ^{to E} some cornices on ridges down to 3/4 from top. Snow may be new. now crossing Reese River