

Red-necked grebe (2) at lake, when swimming underwater among lily pads and if swimming among pads from water bordering, would swim rapidly to beyond lily pads as if apprehensive of being among the pads. When swimming would move head forward and backward for better view of fish.

Birds and mammals observed enroute to Prudhomme Lake State Park:

Least chipmunk - *Eutamias min.* seen across road 5 mi. W of Kitwanga turnoff. May be W extension of range.

marmota caligata. 5 mi. W Terrace. ran across road golden eagle. 8 mi. W Terrace. adult.

pileated woodpecker & ruffed grouse. 15 mi. W Terrace

Citellus (sp.?) (Could be *ferreus*?). 20 mi. W Terrace. raven increased over crows as we travelled W although there were only a few birds. Crows more common to E.

First gull observed at beginning of tidal water.

Good Pleistocene terraces, although not as continuous as in the Fraser River drainage, along the Bulkley River. I would estimate 10-15. Less so along the Skeena River. Along Skeena River the <sup>solid</sup> spruce <sup>peaks</sup> valley <sup>mixed aspen-conifer</sup> aspen mostly confined to area of terraces and solid spruce? above to timberline or peaks, Cottonwood along water course. I would judge this to be maximum color or nearly so for aspen in the Houston-Terrace area. West the aspen finally leave the area as we approach Prince Rupert. E to Brno. Large the aspen may be just beyond the maximum, many places have aspen which are as red as maples. The entire country is dominantly yellows, greens and minimum amount of reds.

It seems incredible but we have not seen a deer, moose, bear, coyote or other large mammal since we left Vancouver, although we have search sandbar in rivers for bear, mt slopes for deer, elk, and goats etc. Camped at Prudhomme Lake Provincial Park. Rain since about 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at least.

Prudhomme Lake Provincial Park, B.C., Canada

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Rained continuously last night and today. Left camp and continued to Prince Rupert. Camped in area S of town. at museum they have some rare publications for sale. mainly