

Mosquito Creek Camp, Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada

Oct. 14, 1983

Snow last night and at 9:00 A.M. 1 inch accumulation. From 9 to 11:00 A.M. snow and rain intermittently. Faint <sup>misty</sup> fog or clouds so one could see top mts, now at 11:00 A.M. clouds to base of mt. 1 Raven only bird in camp. no chance for photographs except one at camp for record (Annettes birthday and our anniversary). <sup>83 10 14-1</sup> Left camp 12:20 P.M. clouds low and occasional rain. Four ravens generally distributed between Mosquito Creek & Lake Louise. Aspen increase and farther down are well represent (including black cottonwood in valley. <sup>and 98% leafless.</sup> Aspen, generally singles in conifer stands on hillside are all a brilliant yellow against the dark conifers 877.4 at Louise Lodge. we had lunch there and then at Lake Louise overflow camping area at 884.6 2 magpies and one raven. 888.5 2 elk feeding at edge of pond in grassy meadow bordering the lake. Elk trees used for antler abrasion in 2/10 mile were 12. 882.6 Canada jay and raven. 893.2 all along there is evidence of elk abrasion trees but not compared to Jasper area. Nor are there other big mammals in this area like the Jasper area. 895.0 raven 897.6 Copper Lake a deep blue-green. aspen mainly (98%) leafless but a few in yellow. 903.0 magpie. 903.5 Red Earth Creek. 904.4 raven. Occasional small group or single trees in color but 95 leafless. 905.2 Magpie 908.1 Wolverine Cr., dry. 911.8 raven & 2 magpies 912.9 good groves aspen in valley and mt side but no yellow. 150 cedar wot-wings. 914.0 vantage point and 3 beaver houses visible in marshy-lake area. Good cottonwoods and aspen in valley but 99 leafless. In <sup>sold</sup> green conifer on hillside the single aspen are 100 in color and brilliant, perhaps of protection. They are random in distribution, 915.0 9 mallards in lake. Arrived Banff. At museum one magpie. Clerk at desk said they have no records of the black-billed kittiwake. walves are reported by hikers and more than ever before. One group of 2 and 3 young, all black. all big game and predator increasing. Elk herds reduced by 800-1000 each year. Moose moving N into Jasper area. 2 mallards in river.

Tunnel mt Camp, Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada

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3 large raven, 3 black-billed magpie and red squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*) Reference to tree squirrel <sup>in notes</sup> is the red squirrel. clouds in canyon and toward the mountains but none on camp benchland.