

**GREAT BASIN, CENTRAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION.**—The controlling factor, water, for breeding waterfowl was set in the last two seasons and in



this season the harvest came. It appeared to be a better breeding season than there has been in several years. July was hot and very dry. In many areas of the Great Basin, Utah, Wyoming and the central Rockies there was no precipitation in July, but daily thunderstorms started in August. Landbirds as well as waterfowl appeared to have a good breeding season, but there are fewer substantiating figures. There was a 75 per cent increase in breeding Mourning Doves at Clear Lake in the Klamath Basin (EJO'N).

**Swans**—Ruby Lakes reported record production of the Trumpeter Swan with 4 nests and 11 cygnets surviving (DEL).

At Minidoka Refuge on the Snake River, southern Idaho, the first goose nesting was 80 per cent destroyed by early high water, but these birds nested again successfully with near normal results (SRW'). The ducks there are mostly Mallards and Gadwall—about 5000, which is normal. By the end of July the population rose to 35,000, because of the influx of molting Am. Widgeons, Mallards and Gadwalls on Lake Wolcott (SRW').

Although Monte Vista Refuge was hit by a water shortage, the number of Mallards present has almost doubled—up to 11,800. Other species, which are less numerous, were somewhat off (GPE). The refuge has grown, accounting for the increase. Several broods of Buffleheads were found on Lake Yellowstone on July 28 (OKS). Apparently this bird breeds

more commonly in northwestern Wyoming than has been supposed. The only rare ducks reported were 4 male and 2 female Wood Ducks at Deer Flat Refuge (W'CR). This is the largest count in this region for this rare duck.

**Hawks**—The Black Hawk nesting attempt near Springdale, southern Utah, raised no young (DLC). A Goshawk nested at Bryce Canyon Nat'l Park (DR). We hope these rare mountain hawks will survive.

**Eagles**—In spite of allowable shooting of the Golden Eagle in central Wyoming, three nests just north of Casper successfully raised 2 young each. A nest just a mile north of the city, however, was destroyed (OKS). Three young birds of the year were seen in the Kolobara region of Zion Park, July 25 (RW').

**Swifts**—Black Swifts were reported at Moraine Park and Bear Lake in Rocky Mountain Nat'l Park on four days in the third week of August, with up to 3 birds at a time (TC). It is known there are relatively large colonies of these birds in the Colorado Rockies, but the habitat is so inaccessible that they are rarely reported. There were 5 Black Swifts at Salt Lake City, June 18 (GK).

**Hummingbirds**—A Rivoli's Hummingbird was seen at a feeder on the eastern slope of the Rockies, just south of Rocky Mountain Nat'l Park, Aug. 5 (TC). The bird is casual in Colorado, but this is far east.

**Swallows**—Fifteen Purple Martins—a rare bird in Utah—were seen near Heber on July 10 (GK). This points to a breeding colony in the area.

**Warblers, Vireos**—A Bay-breasted Warbler was collected on the west side of Upper Klamath Lake on July 6 (RGMcC), the first record for Oregon. A Red-eyed Vireo was found east of Upper Klamath on the same date by the same observer. This specimen also was collected.

**Orioles**—Scott's Orioles were found at 2 different localities in the juniper forest just south of Salt Lake City, June 29-30 (RF, GK); this is far north for the bird. One was seen carrying food.

**Grosbeaks and Buntings**—A Rose-breasted Grosbeak was found at 8000 ft. in the front range of the Rockies (Rocky Mountain Nat'l Park), July 16 (TC). This is far west for this bird. Evening Grosbeaks turned up at Durango, July 12 (OR). An Indigo Bunting was banded in Oak Creek Canyon, Zion Park, July 11 (RW'). This seems remarkably far west for this bird, but it is the second record for this Park.

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