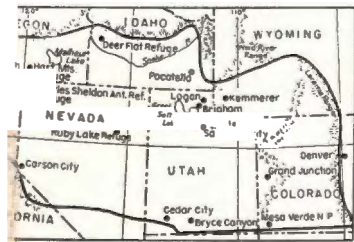


**GREAT BASIN, CENTRAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION.**—The drought of the past year continued over some of this Region and parts were de-



clared disaster areas, whereupon it started to rain more than usual. Elsewhere over this Region conditions were normal and no rain fell. Ken McLeod reported from the Klamath Basin in Oregon that the Bureau of Reclamation has come up with a hundred million dollar project for the basin. This threatens the beautiful unspoiled marshes remaining in that part of the country which teem with wildlife. These include Sycan Marsh, Klamath Marsh, and Sprague River Valley. The bill removing federal control from the Klamath Indian Reservation is almost through Congress and releases the Klamath Marsh for exploitation. It is high time the forces for conservation became better organized to slow down the Bureau.

In general, the breeding season this year was very similar to last year. More information on the incursion of the White-faced Ibis was reported by Branson with 7 summering, but not breeding, birds in the Klamath Basin.

*Waterfowl*.—Three nesting sites of the Trumpeter Swan were found in Grand Teton National Park, Wyo., this season, instead of the usual one (Carl Jepson, park naturalist). On May 31, Floyd Thompson, U. S. Game Management Agent in Utah, saw a

Ross's Goose at Salt Springs in western Utah. We have reports from two of the great waterfowl nesting areas in this region. Vanez Wilson at Bear River Refuge on the upper end of Great Salt Lake reported the waterfowl nesting population down somewhat from last year, in spite of weather and water conditions being favorable—by June 1 they had 298 broods of Canada Geese—on July 29 they counted 161 broods of Redheads and 143 broods of Gadwall; from Tule Lake and Lower Klamath in the Klamath Basin, Branson reported production of Canada Geese up 73 per cent, Mallard, Redhead and Am. Coot up considerably, Gadwall down over 80 per cent and the total duck production down slightly. The peak of waterfowl hatching was two weeks advanced. He had the first positive record of Green-winged Teal and Ring-necked Duck nesting in that area. Lockerbie reported a Redhead just off the nest with 22 chicks at Farmington Bay down the Lake from Bear River. Three weeks later this family was still intact.

*Gallinaceous Birds.*—The White-tailed Ptarmigan was breeding three weeks earlier than usual in Colorado. Young several days old were seen in the Sawatch Range at 13,700 feet elevation on July 3 by Clyde Weatherford. On July 8, Don Thatcher had young almost 2 weeks old on Trail Ridge in Rocky Mountain Park and at Loveland Pass, Colo.

*Shorebirds, Gulls.*—The Mountain Plover was found breeding in several new localities in central Wyoming by Warkley. The Bear River Marshes reported 4821 nests of the California Gull, an increase over last year.

*Swifts, Flycatchers, Verdins.*—H. H. Jeter and R. G. Beidleman reported 3 Black Swifts in Rocky Mountain National Park on June 22. Lockerbie recorded more breeding Eastern Kingbirds than he has ever found before in the Salt Lake valley. In the Great Sand Dunes National Monument in the San Luis Valley, central southern Colorado, Mrs. Armagast reported an Olive-sided Flycatcher, July 10, seen by an Adams State summer class in ornithology. The same class had a Verdin on July 17, a very unusual record.

*Wrens, Thrushes.*—Lockerbie found a Bewick's Wren at Eureka in central Utah, his 9th record in 24 years. Mr. Lockerbie thinks that the building of homes with more lawns, fruit trees, and ornamental trees has been the cause of the great increase in the thrush population that he has been observing over the years in the Salt Lake Valley. The Mountain Bluebird was reported down in numbers by several observers: Mrs. Waltman in Sheridan, Wyo.; Warkley in Casper, Wyo.; and Lockerbie at Salt Lake City.

*Warblers, Orioles.*—On June 26, Mrs. Philip Hendrickson and Mrs. Lambertsen had a male Bay-breasted Warbler at Rawlins, Wyo.—a new species for the State. They also saw a Black and White Warbler. H. H. Jeter had an Oven-bird in an aspen grove in Rocky Mountain National Park on June 21, a first record in the Park. Lockerbie reported a Scott's Oriole in Topaz Canyon in a desert mountain range in central western Utah.

*Finches and Longspurs.*—Mrs. Carman noted her first pair of nesting Blue Grosbeaks at Grand Junc-

tion, Colo. The Brown-capped Rosy Finch was found nesting a month early at Loveland Pass by R. J. Niedrach on June 19. John Warkley of Casper, Wyo., traced the breeding range of the McCown's Longspur from the town of Laramie, Wyo., north over the Laramie Plains, where it is abundant, to the foothills of the Big Horn Mountains.—DR. OLIVER K. SCOTT.  
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