

FIELD TRIP BY PHILIP A. DUMONT

Sept. 12, 1934

Wright County

Fodder cut on 1 field in 15. (3 fields only)

4 Pheasants, 1 male, 4 female, 2 immature males.

Elm Lake

Broad mud-flats at north/end; maximum depth, 24 inches.

25 Great Blue Heron; 8 ducks.

Cornelia Lake

Caspian Tern, 18; Starling, 2.

Morse Lake

Fishing, 3rd or 4th choice; public access on north.

Dike or dam (concrete) and spillway already present on Southeast.

Hancock County

Fodder cut, ³ B fields.

E. Twin Lake

Water down only 2 or 3 feet; very shallow. 75 ducks (Mallards, 2/3rd; Teal, 1/3rd; Black Duck, 1.) Night-hawk, at east end/ (collected - wing and tail saved). Starlings, 12 and 35. Concrete dam and spillway on meander line; low pasture to the east extending to Iowa River. Ditch might serve as nesting area if a little wetter. 60 acres, about. Woods to north recommended for park.

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Hancock County (cont'd)

W. Twin Lake

About 1 acre of water; wonderful cover; 30 acres of exposed mud. Photo No. 1, 25x11.

Eagle Lake

Water, 15 acres; mud, 40 acres; good vegetation.

Refuge limit to extend eastward from point 1/8 mile south of Section line (not 1/2 mile). 100 ducks present.

One female Pigeon Hawk seen with English Sparrow.

Wood Lake

Connection with Eagle Lake remains. Included in part of park development now. Photo No. 2, 25 X 11.

Palo Alto County

Photo No. 3. Slough west of Emmetsburg. 25 X 11, filter.

Virgin Lake

West end dry; water level fair; no vegetation. No signs present. Photo No. 4, 25 X 11, filter.

Clay County

Elk Lake

Water level, O.K.; vegetation good. Numerous ducks and herons. 3 American Egrets in slough to south, 1 Pigeon Hawk, 8 Lesser Yellow-legs, 27 Wilson's Snipe. Photo No. 5, of inlet from slough to south into Elk Lake. 25 X 11. Photo No. 6. Slough to south from hill, looking east. 25 X 11. Photo No. 7. Elk Lake from West end, looking east.

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Clay County (cont'd)

Mud Lake

Water level, O.K.; good vegetation. Photo No. 8 looking east from near bridge (outlet). White Pelican, 1; Ring-billed Gull, 4.

Dewey's Pasture

Photo No. 9. Of cattle (170) in pasture, looking South.
Photo No. 10. Marshy end of pasture (east). Photo No. 11. Pasture-middle-looking south towards Mud Lake and Ft. Dodge Hunting Club.

Round Lake

Water and cover, O.K.; covered with birds. Photo No. 12. From north side looking south.

✓ Have commission write Sandvig his instructions and date for removal of cattle from Dewey's Pasture.

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Dickinson County

Spirit Lake - South of Hatchery.

Northern Phalarope, 70 and 20 and 20; Sanderling, 2;
Pectoral Sandpiper, 6; Killdeer, 13; Semipalmated Sandpiper, 25; Semipalmated Plover, 1; Tesser Yellowlegs, 20.

Hottes and Marble Lakes

Hottes dry. Photo No. 1. Looking west from "hogback".

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Dickinson County (cont'd)

Needs breeding area to the west. Entire area to be fenced. North corner over-pastured to an extreme. Marble, Low; poor vegetation; pass between two lakes at least 3 feet above water level in Marble. Woods to east good for park area. Pastured at present. Photo No. 2. Looking west. Hogback should be acquired only for control of shooting; water level control badly needed. Fencing and land needed.

Spirit Lake

Sanderling, 1; Greater Yellowlegs, 10; Ring-necked Plover, 1; Teal, 200; Ring-billed Gull, 30; Franklin's Gull, 12.

Jemmerson's Slough

Slough to northeast dry but good cover.
Slough to northwest water; over-grazed.
Slough to southwest good cover; water(?).
Slough to southeast good water; in spite of pasturing both Kruse and Crosby property look good. 200 coot; 75 to 100 ducks. Photo No. 3, looking north. 2 acre pot-hole 4 miles west of Spirit Lake. Water 150 X 50. Wilson's Snipe, 34; Killdeer, 4; Lesser Yellowlegs, 4; Pectoral Sandpiper, 10; Stilt Sandpiper, 2; Solitary Sandpiper, 2; Semipalmated Sandpiper, 6;

Upper Gar Lake

Open water; no vegetation.

Lower Gar Lake

Open water; similar to Upper Gar and East Okoboji.

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Emmet County

West Swan Lake

Water down at least 2 to 4 feet; Vegetation good on east end. Several hundred ducks, coots, a few Grebes, gulls, and some sandpipers. Refuge limit to include all of that State-owned property in the East 1/2 of Section 30, and all in Section 29. Photo No. 4. Of east end of Swan Lake, from south side looking northeast. 11 X 25 with filter. Refuge limit will extend northward to the point and will fall east of the island about 50 feet.

High Lake

Some cover along northeast. Few birds, if any, present. Marsh to east has good water and cover. Numerous ducks, grebes, and coots. West end: slough south of road, dry, over-pastured; north of road, good water and cover. Photo No. 5 was looking north 25 X 8.

Clay County

Round Lake

Photo No. 6. View of culvert over inlet-outlet. 10 X 11.

Barringer's Slough

Photo No. 7. From west-central side; looking south. 25 X 8.

Photo No. 8. Same place, looking east. Photo No. 9. From southwestern side, looking east. 10 X 8.

Whitford Slough

Good cover; no water (?) Photo No. 10. From highway 18, looking Southeast.

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Pack II

Photo No. 11. Ryan Lake. Emmet County. Showing corn, planted on share basis. Photo on southeast arm.. Tripod, 25 X 11.

Photo No. 12. Ryan Lake. Drainage, ditch, leading from Ryan Lake.

Pack III

Photo No. 1. High Lake, Emmet County. Marsh in Section 13 to the east of High Lake, on the pass between Mud-High.

Photo No. 2. Mud Lake, Emmet County. From Mud-High Lake pass; looking north showing the effect of dropping water level and shore pasturing by cattle and pigs.

Photo No. 3. Marsh hay field in Section 13, east of High Lake. Photo No. 4. Lost Island and Mud Lake Pass, Palo Alto County. Photo No. 5. South end of Smith's Slough, Clay County, from road looking north toward Trumbull Lake.