

WILDLIFE OBSERVATIONS - April 27, 1978

Westwick Lake Ecological Reserve #35

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Map Reference - 92-O-16

Birds

American Coot - 24
Barrow's Goldeneye - 14
Greater Scaup - 34
Ruddy Duck - 29
Bufflehead - 11
Kildeer Plover - 2
American Widgeon - 3
Eared Grebe - 1
Tree Swallow - 5
Western Meadowlark - 1
Yellow-headed Black-bird - 4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1
Canvasback Duck - 1
Red-necked Grebe - 2
Red-tailed Hawks - 2

Mammals

Muskrat - 7

- The fence on this reserve was examined. It had been broken in two places (appeared to have been cut).
- The fence was repaired by removing trees and wiring up. Local ranchers (the Herricks) were met. The fence was discussed.

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Dear Sir:

The form by itself is a little confusing when removed from the rest of the questionnaire.

I would say that none of these species are threatened, with the possible exception of draining for irrigation of Westwick Lakes. Becher's Prairie can certainly be improved to produce more waterfowl and with cattle grazing it could be said there is a threat to waterfowl.

The duck species utilizing Becher's Prairie are as follows:

Blue-wing Teal	Bufflehead
Green-wing Teal	Goldeneye
Cinnamon Teal	Lesser Scaup
Mallard	Ringneck
Gadwall	Redhead
Pintail	Canvasback
Shoveller	White-wing Scoter
Widgeon	Ruddy

Other birds of interest nesting in the area other than "dicke-birds" are Sandhill Cranes and Curlews.

Mammals are not extensive except rodents associated with the grassland, coyote, rare moose and deer etc. Reptiles are garter snakes. Amphibians are frog and toad. So other than the waterfowl it is nothing exceptional for animal life.

The duck species utilizing Westwick lakes are essentially all diving ducks with large population of Coots. No cranes or curlews are known here although Cranes nest toward Boitano and Rush lakes. Reptiles amphibians and mammals are nothing outstanding for the general area.

I am not sure if you are after numerical estimates of the wildlife present or not. If you wish further information please let me know.

Yours truly,

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