Field Notes

1890

April 8 to May 17

J. Bailey

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Vernon Bailey
Elk River, Minn.

Apr. 8 Elk River
Left home at 4:50 P.M.
Spots of snow in shady places,
rivers & brook of ice &
floods of ice, lakes frozen
over yet. Frost out
on sand, plowing.
Birds started on some
trees,

Apr. 9 Left Minneapolis at 8:40
on C. St. P. & M. O. R.R.
Clear & bright.
Buffle heads at St. Peter
Cormorants 2 at Mankato
Lakes partly open.
Flicker 1.
Mallards, a few
Cold wind. few birds.

Lakes open after getting on
the prairie.
Men working with few
overcoats on.

Apr. 10 Mo. Valley all night
Little frost in morning.
Progne subis, 1 ♂,
Passer domesticus in town
& building nests.
Elms in blossom,
Mo. R. low, much hay.
Left Mo. Valley at 9 A.M.
Willows beginning blossom.
High bluffs, clay —
dark soil, fine farms
good buildings, large fields.

Apr 10 Kennard N.E. -

Wet country, farms
- fruit trees,

mostly corn,

Arlington + R.

A small river with a line
of trees, broad rich

valley, big fields,

Maples in blossom,

Turnout

Nice valley,

Jack Snipe 2,

West Point

Valley narrow,

Soil still dark,

Wrenor

Pidges

Norfolk Dinner, 2 P.M.

Warm -

Battle Creek

Oakdale

Soil dark, some sandy -

Neligh

More sandy,

Clearwater

Atkinson, 3 boys, 100 ft

Flat, sandy -

Long Pine, Suffer, dark -

Flat, sandy, grassy,

Scrubby pines, (1/2)

April Valentine

" 11 Sturnella m. neglecta, com.
Hybrid Flickers, com.
Curlew 1, flying over.
Spizella monticola, com.
Juncos, com.
Parus septentrionalis, a few.
Killdeer
Falco sparverius 1.
Very warm.

" 12 Dendroica pubescens - 2.

Blue jays 4.

Cold morning, windy.

& froze a little.

Otocoris 2,

Quails 2

Crow Blackbird 1.

April Valentine

Melospiza fasciata ?

" 15 To Henedy

Melanerpes erythrocephalus 1.

Colaptes cafer about 12

" auratus " 12

Curlew 7.

Killdeer 8.

Willetts (?) 3,

Mallards 2 pr.

Green wing Teal 48.

Pinnated Grouse 48.

Sand Hill Cranes 1,

Redwing Blk. birds 100

Meadowlarks 100,

Crow Blk. bird 1

To Kenedy

Spizella monticola 4,
~~*Recurvirostra*~~ 2(?)

Antelope, Mr. Wills
killed 2 from a bunch of 5
in Feb. 1889.

He tells me of a little
Faintailed Deer that
seems to be just like
the Mex. Deer.

He says there are a few
Black tail Deer not far
west of here.

Apr. 14

Mr. Wills Ranch

P. Dog town, 80 acres,
200 or 400 dogs.

P. D. ♀ ad, Teeth 4-4, used
writers show 4 young
lately born.

Stom. full of green grass-
fat.

P. D. ♂, not much fat,
ragged, grass in Stom.

Speotyto c. hypogaeas 2,

Long spurs 20,

Spizella monticola 20,

Short billed 10

Green wing Teal 50

Mallards 8

Long tail D. 4

Short eared Owl 2,

Apr. 17, Willis Ranch

Speotyto 2
Rhyndophanes macconnii. 1
Turkey Buzzard 1,
Cuckoo 2,
Killdeer 4,
Ruv. Blk birds, 200.
Sharptailed Grouse 2,
Short eared Owl 1,

Apr. 18, Kings Kennedy

Marsh Hawk 2,
Wallars 4,
Storks 40.
Long tail Duck 2,
Sandpipers 12.

Kennedy

Apr. 21,

Poocætes gonifrons 2 (7)
Anmodramus alaudinus 1, (7)
~~Plover~~ - head (7)
Sharptailed Grouse, as
common as the Pinnated,

" 22 ~~Plover~~ - head
Cuckoo in pairs -
Pediastes P. campestris

" 23 Hesperomys 13

Ochetodon 4

Arvicolas 3

Geomys 2

Tympanuchus americanus,

Kennedy
Apr. 24, Bittern heard (7)
cold & windy

" 25 A hard frost
Spoonbills 50, in
my Alkali Lake.
Gulls - 3 by my lake.
Coots 2 in Stouts lake.
Larus delawarensis 4.

" 28 To Valentine
Mourning Dove, one
at Simon.
Plover, 2

Apr 29 Left Valentine, 10:30^{am}.
Up the Minnekadusa
valley, a narrow valley
no trees & little brush.
Some fields & farms,
good grass,
Plums in blossom & willows
green,
Soon left creek valley
& pass through sand
hills, few settlers -
some ponds & marshes
Dinner at Cadley -
more sloughs & a creek
Merriman 2 PM.
50 Rat houses in slough -
Erwin
Larger ponds & valleys

Rat houses numerous
Ducks, Coots, +
Snipe numerous
Yellow head B. W. 1.57
Levee sand + enters
Clay soil 6 m. E. of
Garden. Clay land
smoother + grayer.
slightly rolling
lots of farms, Hills
in the W.

Garden - quite a town.
Lupus campestris 1,
Clinton

P. D. town 2 miles E.
of Rushville
2 Speotylos in Dog town,
Lupus campestris 1

Hay Springs -

Bordeaux in valley
High hills. Magnesian
sandstone, pines,
Brush + trees in valley,
a stream begins -

Chadron
Leucocerinum montanum
Viola Nuttallii in flower.

Apr 30, Left Chadron 6:30 A.

P. D. town,
Jack Rabbit 1.

Whitney

A range of pine covered
hills to south + west,

A creek - Whitney R. (H)

(Gopher hills numerous
on sand, scarce
on clay.)

Crawford

Cross the B. & M. R. R.

Enter the range of ~~sandstone~~
sandstone hills,

Ft. Robinson

High sandstone peaks

Pine covered -
in a range running N.W. -

one on each side of valley
between

Andrews - a station house.

Leave hills + enter a
rolling prairie country

Harrison - a little town.

Some farms.

Van ~~Tate~~ Tassell - 471

Only a stock yard.

Bare rocks + grassy
valleys.

Little creek,

Large droves of horses.

Artimisa ^{Agropyron} (H) 483

small + scattering -

Lusk 484

Artimisia cana first seen

Red rocks, mines + mill

Red paint beds under lime

Creek + grassy valley

Artemisia frigida, abun.
Mandan

The Saramiee ~~com~~ in sight
Saramiee Peak is snow capped
Fishes 528

Artemisia tridentata, abn.
N. Platte R. 531.

Badlands along the Platte
Salpinctes obsoletus 1.

Douglas
Otocoris, a few -

Amphispiza nevadensis 1

Tamias 1.

Sturnella

Thermopsis rhombifolia in bloom

May 1

Spilogale 2 killed at
Douglas,

Left Douglas at 1 P. 2
Brewer's Blk line 8.

Meadow larks com -
Theraps 2,

Circus 1.

Picarusus 1, said
to be com -

Crows 5 -

Killdeer, com -

Curlew 1.

Procyon, com -

Prairie Dogs com, all
along,

Rabbits 1 killed & another
seen - long eared.

Beaver P.O.

20 miles W. of Douglas, May 4

Packet of gophers,
from at Douglas or
hill reaching the Lapped
Creek, then come.

S. 13 lineatus com. to
at Beaver.

Windy & rain -

Set 13 traps

Colaptes cafer, auratus,
Pine on hills

P. angustifolia, brush
along creek.

Phlox hirsuta

Artemisia trífida, com
on top of range,

Beaver P.O. 5500 + (1)

Left Beaver at 5:30 -

Robins 2 -

Colaptes auratus 1.

Turkey Buzzard 3

Sparrows Hawk 1

Magpie 2 & nest

8:30 - Snow in creek

Artemisia trífida takes

the place of cedar & tridentata
on high divide.

Much snow on Mts. &

in north notches of hills.

Arctomys flaviventris 12

on rocks along canon

Large red Rabbit 1

Cottontail 2

Cynomys ludlowi com.

at noon high up

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V. H. Meers

~~Galesburg Ill~~

2 Pines, 1 Spruce

Spur - - Townsendi, num -
after noon.

Mountain Home, 5 P.M.
near summit.

C. columbianus holes,

Snow in patches in valley

Sage Hen 2

Jack Rabbit 1

Badger 1

Snowshoe Rabbit -

Silvertip Bear +

Elk + Big Horns said
to be on nets.

Camped 35 m to Rock Creek

May 3, Started at 5:15

35 m to Rock Creek,

Sage hens 20

Speotyto 2 in doghole -

3 + 2 black beetles in

both - 9 A.M. flat, not fat -

~~Artemisia~~ Artemisia tridentata +

sana on west slope -

Mt. Plover 2 - 20 m, ranch

Longfins from Summit

down - R. Macdonaldi.

Antelope 35

Coyote 1

Hailed + rained.

Coyotes band

Agialitis montana

" 4 Rawlins

Sealia arctica, one
in town.

Rained our way + hailed

May 5. Rawlins to Beckwans May 7

Otocoris, a few -
Sparrow hawk 1.

Beckwans Panels

May 6,

Passerella schistacea 1.

Robins com.

Magpies com -

Sialia arctica 2.

House Wren 2 -

Ramunculus glaberrimus.

Myasotis sylvatica - Forget me not.

Beckwans

H. celata, 3.

Sialia arctica 2

Sayornis sayi 2,

Melospiza 2.

Salpinctes, 2,

Corvus riparius -

Colaptes cafer 1,

" 8 Pipilo chlorurus 2, 1

Melospiza f. montana 2

Helminthophila celata 1.

Penttilia humifusa.

" 9 Dendroica auduboni, seen

among popple blossoms.

Otocoris alpestris, 3 on hill.

Turkey Buzzard 1.

Beckman

May 10, *Falco mex*, (?) 1 on cliff

Circus hudsonius 1

Spizella arenaea 4 (7)

" 12, *Poicetes* 1

Colaptes cafer 3,

Junco 1

H. wagleri 1 seen.

Brewer's Blk Bird 7 on oats,

" 13 *Spizella arenaea* 4 seen,
3 killed.

Zonotrichia int. 2.

Salpinctes, com.

Junco 2

Hedymethys alata, 3.

Pipilo chlorurus, com.

May 14, *Spizella arenaea* 8.

Sayornis sayi 2

Microtus 12

Poecetes, com.

" 16 To Rawlins

Cliff swallows a few (7)

" 17 *Hirundo erythrogastra*, 1
at Carter (?)

Arabis lyalli

Taraxacum officinalis

" *seepulcrum*

Lonicera involucrata

No.

Chadron

1111 164x78x32 ♂ ad.
Geomys. Apr. 30.
In clay soil.

1112 (S. 13 lineatus 235x83x33 ♂
Douglas, Wyo. May 1.

1113 " " 224x79x36 ♀
May 1.

1114 Dicrostonyx, h. tailed, 228x112x42, ♂
May 1. Douglas.

1115 Lepus ♀ ad. 420x53x103,
201x93—
May 1 15 miles W of Douglas

1116 P.D. ♂ 389x73x66.
Douglas, W. 10 miles, May 1.
Beaver P.O. May 2

1117 Thomomys ♀ 195x81x27 ♀

1118 Arvicola ♂ 149x42x21
bolttailed—

1119 " ♂ im. 151x40x20

Map .25
 Cartridge .85
 Shoes nailed .25
 Board 2.50
 Stogipan 10.00
 Ticket 4.35

Whites

~~Road~~

Beaver

May 3

1120 *Hesperomys* ♂ im. 146x44x20
 along road

1121 *L. sylvaticus* ♂ ad. 375x44x94

1122 *S. torquatus* ♂ ad. 284x75x44

1123 " *temby* ♂ ad. 282x73x44

1124 *Arctomys* ♂ 590x120x93
 calculated

1125 " ♂ 560x125x86

1126 " *tats* ♂-5-9 ♀ 530x173x79

1127 " ♂ 590x168x88

1128 " ♂ 485x132x77

Bridges Pass May 5

L. campestris ♀ 620x90x158

" ♀ 630x150x152

May 7 *Arctomys* ♀ ad. 5-5 620x174x80

measured warm

May 8, *Arctomys* ♂ warm 625x170x83

Kennedy

A blown out pit on top of
highest sand hill,
About 40 ft. deep from
highest rim, + 80 ft. wide,
bowl shaped, sand
drifting from bottom up
the sides.
Just started in 1888.

Apr 30 Board
Ticket
Apples

75-
5 75-

Apr 28 -
Dinner

40 ~~34~~
25

~~S. Mallis, ♂ 197x56x34,
Fat, Apr. 15, Simon.~~

~~5. 13 hatched ♂ ad, 250x89x35.
Kennedy, Apr. 16, Fat.~~

~~L. sylvestris, ♂ 405x44x99
Kennedy, Apr. 16, in brush.~~

~~P.D. ♂ 390x92x63,
Not ~~fat~~, ragged, grass.~~

~~P.D. ♀ ad, 37x80x63,
Teats 4-4, nursed, waters
slow that + yg. lately born.
Grass in stomach. Some fat.~~
Weasel ♂ ad 20x153x54,
in P.D. hole.

Ticket

10.75

~~Ticket~~

92

~~board~~

18

~~Ticket~~

110

20

20

19

16

~~Lodging~~

75

05

~~Knife~~

25

~~best~~

75

~~Hat~~

40

~~Board~~

~~Carry~~

~~Sitting~~

~~Drum~~

Alouatta integrifolia

Lynx

1030X195X200.

Hobbs,

Grigg,

~~Rabbit~~

420X44X102

~~April,~~

1707

80