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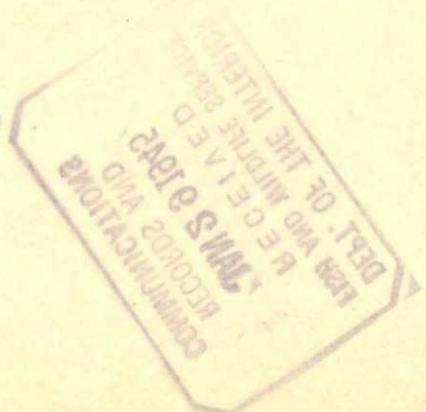
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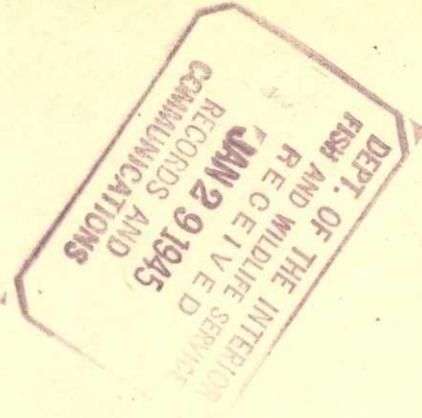
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REFUGE NARRATIVE REPORT  
MAY - JUNE - JULY - AUGUST  
1944

I. GENERAL

A. Weather Conditions.

May was below normal in precipitation. June, with more than  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " of rain was the wettest ever recorded at the Billings Weather Station. The balance of the period was about average.

B. Water Conditions.

Hailstone

This area filled to within 4" of spill elevation during June; the highest level this lake has yet reached. On August 21st the level had receded to 11" below spill. Water was clear to a depth of three feet.

Halfbreed

This area spilled for about one month, the spill ending about July 15th and on August 20th, it was one inch below spill. Water in this area was clear, but brown.

Lake Mason

Filled to, but did not spill during June and on August 21st was 16" below spill. The water was clear.

Water at Miller Lake was 32" below spill.

Lamesteer

The June rains through this period continued to cause Lamesteer to spill considerable amount and at the close of the report period, was probably about one foot below spill.

C. Fires.

None.

II. WILDLIFE

A. Migratory Birds.

### 1. Population and Behavior.

The only Easement Inspection made through this period of the Roundup Easements, was on August 20th and 21st. The attached NR Form #1 shows the waterfowl that was observed at that time. A careful patrol was made of lake shores at the time of the observations.

Lamesteer was visited on May 30th. The only time through this period.

### 2. Food and Cover.

The growth of aquatic vegetation in Hailstone Lake, Mason and Miller Lakes was abundant. The growth in Hailstone consists chiefly of Mill Foil, Sago Pond Weed and Plantain. The growth in Lake Mason and Miller Lake is chiefly Sago Pond Weed.

In Halfbreed Lake the aquatic growth has picked up a great deal over what has previously been observed, with large patches of Sago being visible from shore. Plantain is also present. There is very little growth of Roundstem Bullrush on Halfbreed, but along the North shoreline of the Southwest end of the lake, an excellent stand of Spikerush has developed. Some cattails and a start of Paludosis was observed on the area.

An excellent stand of Roundstem has developed on the very North end and approximately one-half mile South on the West shore of Lake Mason. Small bunches of it is growing around other places on the shoreline, which indicates natural propagation. A good strong growth of Roundstem is developing on the North and West sides of Miller Lake.

On Lamesteer Lake approximately 500 feet of shoreline South and West of the Island bears a good stand of Paludosis. This is the only aquatic or emergent species observed on this area.

### 3. Sickness or Poison.

Although the shorelines on all areas were inspected, no sick or dead ducks were found.

### B. Upland Game Birds.

Although the shorelines of the water areas and a considerable portion of the Refuges were covered, no Upland Birds were observed. A complete revision of Upland Bird information on

these areas will be made in the December, 1945 Narrative Report, over that information supplied by Mr. Rodgers in the September-December, 1942 Report.

C. Big Game Animals.

Two antelope were observed near Halfbreed Refuge.

Range conditions were excellent and food was abundant.

D. Fur Animals, Predators, Rodents and Other Mammals.

One Muskrat house was observed on the North side of Hailstone Refuge. Very few muskrat signs, but no muskrat houses were observed on Lake Mason. This is an indication that this species is getting a start on these areas.

There is no predation problem on these areas.

E. Fish.

No information relative to fish or fishing was secured through this period.

III. REFUGE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE.

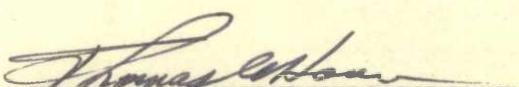
No development nor maintenance work was done on these areas through this period. This type of work being reserved for Fall and when it can be done concurrent with patrol.

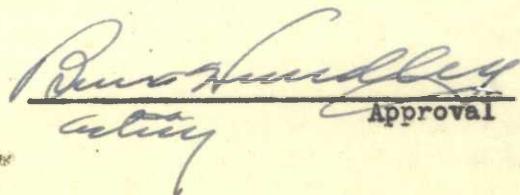
IV. ECONOMIC USES

Special Use Permit #6944 was issued to Wallace Scott for the rental of the Lamesteer Patrol Cabin from June 1 to December 31, 1944, without cost.

Submitted by:

January 12, 1945

  
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Thomas C. Horn, Refuge Manager

  
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R. W. Sundley  
Approval

## MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL SUMMARY

STATION Billings, Montana

DATE MAY, 1944

DATE	TEMPERATURE °F			PRECIPITATION			WIND			WEATHER		
	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	MEAN	NORMAL MEAN	TOTAL (INCHES)	SNOWFALL <sup>a</sup> (INCHES) P. M. TO P. M. (UNMELTED)	DEPTH OF SNOW ON THE GROUND P. M.*	PREVAILING DIRECTION	b. HIGHEST VELOCITY	DIRECTION	PERCENT OF POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	CHARACTER OF DAY (SUNRISE TO SUNSET)
1.	55	42	48	52	0	0	0	N	35	N	84	Cloudy
2.	49	40	44	52	T	0	0	N	42	N	35	"
3.	57	39	48	52	T	0	0	N	34	N	92	Pt Cloudy
4.	68	31	50	53	0	0	0	SW	16	SE	89	"
5.	81	37	59	53	T	0	0	N	17	NE	100	Clear
6.	56	43	50	53	T	0	0	NE	26	NE	46	Cloudy
7.	55	40	48	54	T	0	0	NE	12	NE	59	"
8.	67	37	52	54	T	0	0	S	14	S	56	"
9.	75	48	62	54	T	0	0	S	20	N	55	"
10.	76	45	60	54	0	0	0	SE	20	SE	85	"
11.	78	47	62	55	.04	0	0	S	31	NW	73	Pt Cloudy
12.	80	45	62	55	.01	0	0	S	24	S	94	"
13.	83	50	66	55	T	0	0	S	24	N	75	"
14.	87	54	70	56	T	0	0	SE	34	N	71	"
15.	87	51	69	56	T	0	0	NE	24	N	86	Cloudy
16.	86	58	72	56	0	0	0	N	36	N	72	Pt Cloudy
17.	73	50	62	56	.13	0	0	NE	29	NE	50	Cloudy
18.	57	48	52	57	.28	0	0	N	25	S	20	"
19.	63	47	55	57	.01	0	0	SW	20	N	33	"
20.	67	48	58	57	T	0	0	SW	13	SW	72	Pt Cloudy
21.	74	48	61	58	0	0	0	S	14	W	89	"
22.	65	44	54	58	.20	0	0	N	40	NW	69	Cloudy
23.	60	43	52	58	T	0	0	SE	24	N	48	"
24.	67	40	54	58	0	0	0	S	24	N	60	Pt Cloudy
25.	70	44	57	59	0	0	0	NW	19	NW	91	Clear
26.	76	44	60	59	0	0	0	SE	15	SE	100	"
27.	81	53	67	59	0	0	0	SE	15	SE	100	Pt Cloudy
28.	83	58	70	60	0	0	0	SW	19	SW	89	"
29.	87	52	70	60	T	0	0	SW	15	SW	92	"
30.	84	60	72	60	.06	0	0	SW	18	SE	58	"
31.	78	58	68	60	T	0	0	SW	26	SW	88	Cloudy
MEAN	71.8	46.6	59.2	-	.73	a.0	0	S	b. -	b. -	71	Pt. Cloudy
Normal	-	-	56.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

# midnight to midnight

\* 5:30 A.M. AND P.M. 105° TH MERIDIAN TIME. T INDICATES A TRACE OF PRECIPITATION. <sup>a</sup>TOTAL <sup>b</sup>MONTLY for 5-minute period.

## SUMMARY

## BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

Monthly mean 29.88  
 Highest 30.42, date 3rd  
 Lowest 29.41, date 22nd

## TEMPERATURE

Highest 87, date 29  
 Lowest 31, date 4th  
 Extremes this month since 1935; highest 96, lowest 26  
 Average daily departure +3.1  
 Average daily departure since January 1, +2.0  
 Total degree days 220

## PRECIPITATION

Greatest amount in 24 hours .41, date 17th, 18th  
 Departure from normal this month -  
 Accumulated departure since -  
 Snowfall, greatest 24-hour amount 0, date -  
 snow on ground on 15th 0, and at end of month 0

## MEAN TEMPERATURE AND TOTAL PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH IN-

1875	87	99	54	3.50	11	54	3.24	23	56	2.94	35	52	2.78	
1876	88	00	5	--	12	54	2.58	24	53	2.05	36	65	1.07	
1877	89	01	63	--	13	54	1.49	25	57	1.44	37	60	0.53	
1878	90	02	60	--	14	55	1.96	26	58	1.64	38	54	4.09	
1879	91	03	48	--	15	54	2.86	27	50	3.70	39	59	1.75	
1880	92	04	-	--	16	52	2.38	28	61	0.75	40	60	0.84	
1881	93.49	3.62	05	53	3.86	17	51	4.01	29	53	1.25	41	59	2.00
1882	94.60	1.95	06	57	3.04	18	53	2.44	30	55	0.42	42	52	4.93
1883	95.58	0.55	07	52	4.63	19	58	1.22	31	56	0.67	43	51	1.24
1884	96.56	3.55	08	56	5.37	20	53	2.45	32	56	1.90	44	59	0.73
1885	97.62	0.20	09	50	1.64	21	55	3.30	33	55	2.63	45	-	-
1886	98.52	5.73	10	56	1.48	22	55	2.05	34	65	0.27	46	-	-

Data prior to 1935 from records taken in the city of Billings,

subsequent data from records at Airport.

L. T. Pierce.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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STATION Billings, Montana

DATE May, 1944

WB Form 1030

Psychrometric Data

	11:30 p.m.				5:30 a.m.				11:30 a.m.				5:30 p.m.			
Date	Dry	Wet	Dew Pt	Rel Hum	Dry	Wet	Dew Pt	Rel Hum	Dry	Wet	Dew Pt	Rel Hum	Dry	Wet	Dew Pt	Rel Hum
1	52.5	39.9	24	31	44.7	34.2	18	31	54.8	40.2	20	24	49.1	38.1	24	35
2	41.9	34.1	24	45	40.2	35.0	28	60	48.2	33.5	26	40	45.2	37.7	28	50
3	42.9	37.5	31	62	39.6	35.0	29	64	50.0	35.8	12	19	56.4	41.7	23	26
4	42.5	35.9	27	46	32.8	28.2	20	55	60.9	43.8	23	22	67.6	47.8	26	20
5	50.8	40.3	28	39	36.7	33.2	29	71	74.1	53.5	36	25	79.6	55.6	29	15
6	55.3	45.1	35	45	50.4	43.8	37	41	53.8	45.4	37	71	50.8	44.1	37	59
7	43.4	39.6	35	73	40.9	37.9	34	76	49.3	41.0	32	51	54.7	43.1	30	38
8	42.6	36.2	28	55	37.8	34.0	29	69	60.1	45.4	29	30	66.5	49.4	33	28
9	54.9	48.1	42	62	50.3	45.3	41	70	64.3	52.0	42	44	69.5	48.7	27	19
10	52.0	45.9	40	64	45.3	39.8	34	64	65.7	50.8	38	36	74.7	52.8	33	22
11	61.5	50.2	41	47	47.7	42.9	38	69	72.0	53.2	37	29	67.1	49.8	35	28
12	57.3	49.8	44	62	45.6	43.2	41	83	70.6	55.5	44	58	76.3	54.7	37	24
13	63.6	52.3	44	46	50.9	45.9	41	70	74.9	57.2	45	35	75.8	55.7	40	28
14	62.9	51.2	42	46	55.9	49.0	43	62	76.8	58.3	46	34	82.3	58.7	42	24
15	61.6	51.1	43	50	55.1	48.8	43	64	77.8	56.3	40	26	80.2	54.8	32	37
16	68.4	52.1	38	33	61.2	50.3	42	49	78.0	58.1	44	30	77.1	55.1	37	24
17	59.0	54.4	50	73	52.1	50.1	49	88	63.5	56.8	53	69	67.5	59.9	56	66
18	53.7	53.2	53	98	50.2	49.2	48	93	49.5	49.0	49	98	53.0	49.9	48	82
19	49.2	47.9	47	90	48.1	46.4	45	89	58.0	51.2	46	64	55.6	50.1	46	69
20	51.8	49.0	47	83	49.2	44.4	40	71	61.5	49.8	40	45	66.1	50.8	37	54
21	57.2	48.0	40	52	48.1	45.0	42	79	67.0	54.2	45	45	72.9	53.2	36	26
22	63.0	49.8	38	40	45.2	40.5	35	67	52.6	42.5	31	43	50.2	44.9	40	68
23	46.0	42.0	38	73	43.1	38.8	34	70	53.7	43.2	32	43	52.9	44.5	36	52
24	49.1	45.4	42	76	42.1	41.7	41	96	57.8	44.6	30	34	64.9	45.6	23	19
25	53.0	42.5	31	41	44.8	38.2	30	55	60.2	45.2	29	30	69.8	49.9	30	22
26	56.8	45.3	34	41	46.8	41.8	36	66	69.8	52.8	39	33	75.5	51.7	28	17
27	62.1	51.8	44	51	54.8	48.9	44	67	77.1	58.0	45	32	79.1	56.8	40	25
28	66.0	53.1	43	43	59.3	50.3	43	55	78.6	56.0	38	23	81.9	56.5	36	19
29	72.0	52.0	34	24	54.9	48.2	42	62	79.0	57.2	41	26	85.2	59.3	40	20
30	73.4	56.0	43	34	62.8	53.3	46	54	80.0	62.2	52	38	76.2	57.7	45	33
31	63.8	56.0	51	63	61.3	54.6	50	66	74.0	55.2	49	30	77.9	55.5	37	23
Mean	55.8	47.0	39	54	48.3	43.2	38	67	65.0	50.4	38	39	67.8	50.7	35	34

# Previous day.

Contact Weather	721.6
Instrument Weather	11.5
Closed Weather	7.9

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1.	75	52	64	60	T	0	0	SW	26	N	65	Cloudy
2.	70	54	62	61	.18	0	0	N	31	SE	48	"
3.	57	44	50	61	1.41	0	0	N	35	N	0	"
4.	45	40	42	61	.57	0	0	N	24	N	0	"
5.	58	38	48	62	.07	0	0	N	16	N	67	"
6.	67	39	53	62	0	0	0	E	13	E	83	Pt Cloudy
7.	60	49	54	62	.48	0	0	NE	17	E	35	Cloudy
8.	60	47	54	62	.07	0	0	E	24	E	10	"
9.	62	49	56	63	.08	0	0	NE-E	20	NE	19	"
10.	66	48	57	63	T	0	0	NE	16	SW	65	"
11.	74	49	62	63	.08	0	0	SW	24	SW	69	Pt Cloudy
12.	68	50	59	64	T	0	0	SW-NW	30	NW	62	"
13.	73	50	62	64	T	0	0	SW	25	W	81	"
14.	79	50	64	64	.29	0	0	N	34	SW	65	"
15.	77	51	64	65	T	0	0	NE	34	NW	71	"
16.	69	48	58	65	.69	0	0	N	27	N	42	Cloudy
17.	51	42	46	66	1.20	0	0	N	31	N	0	"
18.	64	42	53	66	.17	0	0	SW	24	NE	70	Pt Cloudy
19.	74	46	60	66	0	0	0	N	18	NW	89	"
20.	75	55	65	66	T	0	0	NW	34	NW	87	"
21.	60	52	56	67	.30	0	0	SE	18	E	5	Cloudy
22.	68	52	60	67	.09	0	0	SW	18	N	31	"
23.	78	50	64	67	0	0	0	SW	13	SW	100	Clear
24.	89	54	72	68	0	0	0	SW	16	SW	98	"
25.	90	63	76	68	0	0	0	SW	24	NE	82	"
26.	69	51	60	68	.90	0	0	N	25	NE	0	Cloudy
27.	58	48	53	68	1.05	0	0	N	18	N	28	"
28.	70	51	60	69	.01	0	0	S	20	NW	70	Pt Cloudy
29.	82	51	66	69	0	0	0	S-SW	.9	E	97	Clear
30.	94	60	77	69	0	0	0	SW	13	SE	100	"
31.												
MEAN	69.4	49.2	59.3		17.64	a 0	0	N	b	m	55	Pt Cloudy
Normal												

\* 5:30 A.M. P.M. 105° TH MERIDIAN TIME. T INDICATES A TRACE OF PRECIPITATION. # TOTAL for 5-minute period.

## SUMMARY

## BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

Monthly mean 29.85

Highest 30.33, date 5th

Lowest 29.39, date 2nd

## TEMPERATURE

Highest 94, date 30th

Lowest 38, date 5th

Extremes this month since 1934; highest 102, lowest 32

Average daily departure -5.6

Average daily departure since January 1, +0.8

Total degree days 204

## PRECIPITATION

Greatest amount in 24 hours 1.72, date 26th, 27th

Departure from normal this month -

Accumulated departure since -

Snowfall, greatest 24-hour amount 0, date -

snow on ground on 15th 0, and at end of month 0

## WIND

Prevailing direction N, average hourly velocity 10.4

Highest wind velocity this month since 1939

57 miles from N, on 23rd, in 1939

## WEATHER

Number of days clear 5, partly cloudy 10, cloudy 15, with measurable precipitation (0.01 inch, or more) 17

## MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA—DATES OF

Hail 14, 16

Fog, light 3, 17, 18, 27

Fog, dense 3, 10

Frost, light —, heavy —, killing —

Sleet —

Thunderstorms 2, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28

Duststorms —

†Frosts not recorded in autumn after first "killing", except in Florida and along immediate coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

## MEAN TEMPERATURE AND TOTAL PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH IN—

1875	87	99	64	—	11	66	1.59	23.63	2.68	35.64	0.80
1876	88	100	74	—	12	64	0.73	24.61	1.74	36.70	1.80
1877	89	101	60	—	13	60	2.15	25.64	3.11	37.64	4.93
1878	90	102	62	—	14	61	1.31	26.63	0.67	38.67	5.23
1879	91	103	60	—	15	53	5.22	27.64	3.34	39.60	5.31
1880	92	104	—	—	16	61	2.50	28.59	1.67	40.67	2.49
1881	93.58	2.83	105	62	17	61	2.17	29.63	1.06	41.64	3.09
1882	94.67	3.81	106	64	18	70	0.83	30.64	0.79	42.60	2.30
1883	95.61	3.08	107	62	19	69	0.36	31.69	0.79	43.60	3.28
1884	96.70	1.33	108	63	20	63	1.80	32.64	4.58	44.59	7.64
1885	97.64	2.61	109	63	21	69	2.42	33.71	0.40	45.	
1886	98.63	4.59	110	67	22	68	2.40	34.66	2.52	46.	

Data prior to 1935 from records taken in City of Billings, subsequent data from records at Airport.

L. T. Pierce, Meteorologist

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1	63.5	50.0	38	39	53.2	48.2	44	83	68.1	53.5	42	59	73.5	54.5	39	29
2	59.4	50.0	42	53	55.2	46.9	39	54	60.5	49.5	40	47	66.1	54.9	47	50
3	55.7	54.5	54	93	53.7	53.5	53	98	55.3	53.7	53	91	54.2	50.9	48	31
4	45.2	44.3	43	92	41.6	40.4	39	95	43.9	42.5	41	90	45.3	42.0	40	87
5	40.1	38.2	36	85	39.4	37.9	36	88	49.8	43.5	37	61	50.5	46.3	36	46
6	46.7	43.2	40	76	40.7	38.8	37	86	63.2	50.5	39	41	66.2	54.1	45	47
7	57.3	51.6	47	69	50.0	48.9	48	93	57.0	51.0	46	67	52.9	46.4	40	62
8	49.3	48.6	48	96	48.9	47.2	46	89	54.2	49.9	46	75	59.0	51.8	46	61
9	52.0	48.1	45	77	49.1	45.1	41	75	54.3	49.1	45	71	61.2	53.5	48	62
10	54.1	51.7	50	87	49.2	48.6	48	95	60.8	55.8	49	65	66.2	56.1	49	55
11	52.2	50.9	50	92	48.7	44.5	41	75	63.7	53.0	47	54	59.2	55.8	54	82
12	53.0	51.3	50	90	51.8	50.0	49	90	62.3	54.8	49	62	62.1	53.1	46	56
13	57.7	51.1	46	65	51.5	49.5	48	88	66.5	55.3	48	53	70.6	55.2	44	38
14	58.2	52.4	48	70	51.0	48.9	47	87	70.3	58.5	51	50	76.5	58.8	47	35
15	56.0	52.8	51	82	53.9	51.5	50	86	69.0	58.7	52	55	69.8	59.0	52	54
16	63.8	57.7	54	71	55.8	52.0	49	79	64.0	55.9	50	61	54.9	53.6	53	93
17	52.2	49.1	47	82	50.1	49.8	50	98	47.3	46.8	46	95	45.1	44.2	43	94
18	42.2	41.2	40	92	42.9	42.5	42	98	51.9	46.2	41	66	62.7	53.1	46	55
19	50.4	48.2	46	86	47.2	46.0	45	92	62.6	56.8	53	58	71.1	60.0	53	54
20	63.9	57.2	53	68	56.7	50.2	45	65	67.6	53.7	43	41	72.4	54.8	41	32
21	60.0	54.7	51	73	54.5	51.5	49	82	55.5	53.6	52	88	53.4	53.2	50	72
22	53.1	51.0	49	86	53.2	51.9	51	92	58.0	55.0	53	84	64.2	56.3	51	62
23	60.3	53.2	48	64	50.1	47.8	46	86	70.2	55.3	46	47	78.0	58.8	46	32
24	68.6	57.4	50	52	54.0	52.3	51	90	79.0	61.8	52	39	89.0	61.3	44	21
25	72.8	59.8	52	48	63.1	52.2	44	51	81.1	60.0	46	29	87.2	59.4	59	18
26	69.9	57.8	50	50	62.9	53.1	46	54	55.8	55.0	54	95	53.9	52.4	51	92
27	52.2	50.8	50	91	50.0	49.4	49	96	50.0	48.3	47	90	57.2	51.0	46	67
28	53.9	51.1	49	84	52.6	50.1	48	85	63.6	53.1	45	51	67.8	54.5	45	44
29	60.2	53.8	49	67	51.2	50.2	50	94	70.2	59.3	53	54	81.8	62.4	51	34
30	70.5	60.9	56	59	60.0	56.9	55	83	78.0	65.2	59	52	88.8	66.0	54	31
31																
Mean	56.5	51.4	48	75	51.4	48.5	46	84	61.8	53.5	48	62	65.7	54.5	46	55

# Previous day.

Contact Weather . . . . . 674.0 hours  
Instrument Weather . . . . . 39.8 " " "  
Closed Weather . . . . . 6.2 " "

## MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL SUMMARY

STATION Billings, Montana

DATE July, 1944

DATE	TEMPERATURE °F				PRECIPITATION			WIND		WEATHER		
	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	MEAN	NORMAL MEAN	TOTAL (INCHES)	SNOWFALL (INCHES) P.M. TO P.M. (UNMELTED)	DEPTH OF SNOW ON THE GROUND P.M.*	PREVAILING DIRECTION	HIGHEST VELOCITY	DIRECTION	PERCENT OF POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	CHARACTER OF DAY (SUNRISE TO SUNSET)
1.	96	62	79	70	0	0	0	S	24	N	81	Pt Cloudy
2.	76	59	68	70	0	0	0	N	19	N	91	"
3.	76	53	64	70	0	0	0	NE	16	NE	96	Clear
4.	82	57	70	70	T	0	0	NE	16	SW	77	Pt Cloudy
5.	78	55	66	70	.04	0	0	SW	45	NW	45	Cloudy
6.	85	53	69	71	0	0	0	SW	42	NW	94	Clear
7.	66	54	60	71	T	0	0	NE	24	N	61	Pt Cloudy
8.	75	49	62	71	T	0	0	SW	16	SW	69	"
9.	73	53	63	71	T	0	0	NE	23	N	66	"
10.	62	52	57	72	.63	0	0	NE	25	NE	22	Cloudy
11.	79	49	64	72	0	0	0	SW	16	SW	100	Clear
12.	85	54	70	72	T	0	0	SW	26	NW	33	Pt Cloudy
13.	80	59	70	72	.05	0	0	SW	23	N	87	Clear
14.	78	54	66	72	0	0	0	NE-NW	15	NE	100	"
15.	86	51	68	72	0	0	0	SE	12	SE	90	"
16.	89	66	78	72	0	0	0	SW	24	NW	87	Pt Cloudy
17.	86	60	73	73	0	0	0	N	20	N	97	Clear
18.	84	59	72	73	0	0	0	NE	17	NE	91	"
19.	86	61	74	73	0	0	0	NE-HE	18	NE	96	Pt Cloudy
20.	84	56	70	73	0	0	0	N	17	SW	97	"
21.	86	62	74	73	T	0	0	SW	36	N	80	"
22.	84	57	70	73	.42	0	0	SW	31	NW	82	"
23.	86	56	71	73	0	0	0	SW	15	SW	100	Clear
24.	88	59	74	73	T	0	0	SW	34	NW	93	Pt Cloudy
25.	78	58	68	73	.08	0	0	SW	29	NE	44	Cloudy
26.	85	56	70	73	0	0	0	SW	20	NW	89	Pt Cloudy
27.	86	57	72	73	0	0	0	NE-SW	15	SW	100	Clear
28.	92	61	76	73	0	0	0	SW	16	SW	91	"
29.	91	64	78	73	T	0	0	SW	45	NW	74	Pt Cloudy
30.	84	58	71	73	.06	0	0	NE-W	43	NW	76	Cloudy
31.	77	54	66	73	.01	0	0	NW	34	W	77	Pt Cloudy
MEAN	82.0	56.7	69.4	-----	31.29	40	0	SW	b	b	82	Pt Cloudy
Normal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\* 5:30 A.M. AND P.M. 105° TH MERIDIAN TIME. T INDICATES A TRACE OF PRECIPITATION. # TOTAL MONTHLY for 5-minute period

## SUMMARY

## BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

Monthly mean 29.93  
Highest 30.23, date 18th  
Lowest 29.54, date 1st

## TEMPERATURE

Highest 96, date 1st  
Lowest 49, date 11th

Extremes this month since 1935; highest 106, lowest 44.

Average daily departure -2.6

Average daily departure since January 1, +0.3

Total degree days 20

## PRECIPITATION

Greatest amount in 24 hours 0.63, date 10th  
Departure from normal this month -  
Accumulated departure since -  
Snowfall, greatest 24-hour amount 0, date -;  
snow on ground on 15th 0, and at end of month 0

## WIND

Prevailing direction SW, average hourly velocity 9.7

Highest wind velocity this month since 19.59

61 miles from NTL, on 9th, in 1940.

## WEATHER

Number of days clear 11, partly cloudy 16, cloudy 4

with measurable precipitation (0.01 inch, or more) 7

## MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA—DATES OF

Hail 22

Fog, light -

Fog, dense -

Frost, light -, heavy -, killing -

Sleet -

Thunderstorms 4, 5, 8, 10, 13, 22, 30, 31

Duststorms -

Frosts not recorded in autumn after first "killing", except in Florida and along

immediate coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

## MEAN TEMPERATURE AND TOTAL PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH IN-

1875	87	99	72	=	11	67	12.20	123.75	2.41	35.76	1.90
1876	88	100	75	=	12	66	3.39	24.69	1.36	36.81	0.96
1877	89	101	78	=	13	67	1.27	25.72	1.80	37.76	0.67
1878	90	102	70	=	14	72	0.87	26.72	0.37	38.72	2.07
1879	91	103	66	=	15	64	2.91	27.69	1.51	39.74	0.11
1880	92	104	73	=	16	72	5.13	28.69	2.27	40.75	0.53
1881	93	105	70	0.61	17	74	1.00	29.72	0.95	41.73	1.17
1882	94	72	0.43	0.30	18	68	1.63	30.72	1.20	42.72	0.56
1883	95	70	0.51	0.69	19	72	0.75	31.72	0.58	43.72	0.48
1884	96	74	0.81	0.70	20	74	0.55	32.72	0.42	44.69	1.29
1885	97	68	0.78	0.70	21	74	0.79	33.75	0.38	45	
1886	98	72	1.41	10.72	22	70	2.24	34.74	1.17	46	

Data prior to 1935 from records taken in City of Billings.

Subsequent data from records at

J. T. Bierne Meteorologist

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Station Billings, Montana

Date July, 1944

WB Form 1030

Psychrometric Data

# 11:30 p.m.					5:30 a.m.				11:30 a.m.				5:30 p.m.			
Date	Dry	Wet	DP	RH	Dry	Wet	DP	RH	Dry	Wet	DP	RH	Dry	Wet	DP	RH
1	75.1	56.9	44	33	66.5	57.2	51	58	81.1	65.0	57	43	94.8	68.5	55	27
2	71.0	60.4	54	55	60.0	51.3	45	57	67.1	51.7	39	36	74.0	52.4	32	22
3	59.1	48.4	39	47	53.3	47.9	43	68	70.4	56.8	47	43	75.9	61.1	52	44
4	63.2	58.8	56	78	57.2	54.5	53	85	73.8	63.0	57	56	78.1	64.7	58	50
5	67.1	60.3	56	69	59.8	54.7	51	73	73.7	57.7	47	39	70.8	60.7	55	58
6	60.0	53.5	49	67	54.0	49.4	46	73	74.1	57.2	45	36	82.3	60.5	46	28
7	59.2	52.5	48	66	54.8	47.5	41	60	61.4	48.2	36	38	63.1	50.0	38	40
8	55.0	47.0	40	56	50.2	45.0	40	68	66.1	52.2	41	40	75.3	55.8	41	29
9	57.0	52.8	50	77	55.2	51.8	49	80	72.2	56.8	46	40	65.2	55.4	49	56
10	60.2	53.8	49	67	53.9	50.7	48	82	61.0	54.9	51	69	55.3	54.3	54	96
11	52.9	51.2	50	90	50.9	48.2	46	83	67.9	57.9	52	57	79.0	59.1	46	31
12	65.4	54.8	47	52	54.6	51.8	50	83	75.6	59.7	50	40	82.4	61.2	48	30
13	70.4	56.0	46	41	59.9	56.2	54	92	74.8	55.4	40	29	80.1	59.6	46	30
14	66.9	52.0	39	36	54.0	45.5	37	52	68.2	49.3	30	24	77.2	54.2	34	21
15	62.8	50.8	41	44	52.0	48.6	46	79	73.3	57.1	46	38	83.5	60.1	44	25
16	71.8	60.4	54	53	66.7	55.3	48	51	81.7	61.8	50	33	86.8	63.0	49	27
17	70.2	58.0	50	49	62.6	55.0	50	63	78.9	56.8	40	25	83.2	59.2	42	24
18	66.9	54.7	46	47	59.1	49.4	41	51	77.5	59.9	49	36	83.7	59.4	42	23
19	67.1	54.8	46	47	60.9	51.2	43	52	80.0	60.1	47	32	85.2	58.3	37	18
20	66.2	56.0	49	54	58.0	51.8	47	68	78.2	61.1	51	38	78.2	60.8	50	37
21	70.0	57.2	49	47	63.5	55.0	49	59	75.8	57.4	44	33	85.1	58.3	37	18
22	67.7	55.7	47	48	61.8	53.2	47	58	77.2	55.2	37	23	77.0	63.9	57	50
23	62.8	56.0	32	67	56.2	53.5	52	85	75.0	58.5	48	38	85.4	58.7	38	19
24	73.0	58.0	48	41	61.6	54.0	49	63	80.1	61.9	51	36	82.2	57.6	39	21
25	67.8	53.0	41	38	62.2	52.0	44	51	77.0	57.8	44	31	64.3	58.4	55	72
26	58.0	56.5	56	93	56.2	54.5	53	90	72.1	60.6	54	53	83.7	59.0	41	22
27	68.4	57.8	51	54	59.9	53.8	50	69	78.8	61.9	52	40	85.6	61.2	45	25
28	72.0	57.9	49	44	61.1	54.6	50	70	83.0	63.5	52	35	90.2	61.9	43	19
29	74.1	57.1	45	35	66.2	55.0	47	50	82.3	62.6	51	34	82.8	60.7	46	28
30	68.8	57.0	49	49	60.8	52.8	47	60	82.2	59.2	43	25	77.6	60.3	49	37
31	60.6	58.2	57	87	55.6	55.0	55	97	72.5	61.8	56	56	75.7	62.1	55	48
Mean	65.5	55.4	48	56	58.3	52.1	47	69	74.6	58.2	47	39	78.8	59.4	46	35

#Previous Day

Flying Weather

Contact . . . . . 743.1 hours

Instrument . . . . . 0.9 "

Closed . . . . . 0.0 "



## MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL SUMMARY

STATION Billings, Montana

MONTH August, 1944

DATE	TEMPERATURE °F			PRECIPITATION			WIND		WEATHER				
	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	MEAN	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	DEGREE DAYS BASE 65°	TOTAL (INCHES)	# SNOWFALL (INCHES) P.M. TO P.M. (UNMELTED)	DEPTH OF SNOW ON THE GROUND P.M. *	PREVAILING DIRECTION:	b. HIGHEST VELOCITY	DIRECTION	PERCENT OF POSSIBLE SUNSHINE	AVERAGE CLOUDINESS SCALE 0 TO 10
1	82	56	69	-4	0	.22	0	0	NE	35	N	87	4
2	84	58	71	-2	0	.02	0	0	SW	21	N	84	5
3	71	51	61	-12	4	.62	0	0	W	24	NW	34	8
4	81	52	66	-7	0	0	0	0	SW	17	SW	99	1
5	89	53	71	-2	0	0	0	0	SE	14	SW	96	1
6	94	58	76	+3	0	0	0	0	SW	32	NW	95	3
7	89	59	74	+2	0	0	0	0	SW	24	NN	95	2
8	85	59	72	0	0	0	0	0	SW	19	NN	81	3
9	90	56	73	+1	0	0	0	0	SW	25	NW	90	2
10	88	52	70	-2	0	0	0	0	NW	36	NW	100	2
11	90	61	76	+4	0	0	0	0	SW	17	SW	99	1
12	92	65	78	+6	0	0	0	0	W	29	W	97	2
13	72	54	63	-9	2	0	0	0	NE	29	NE	91	5
14	62	51	56	-16	9	.01	0	0	NE	19	NW	25	8
15	76	43	60	-11	5	.01	0	0	S	24	N	72	7
16	72	53	62	-9	3	.01	0	0	NE	17	NN	100	3
17	85	48	66	-5	0	0	0	0	NE	11	NE	98	1
18	94	54	74	+3	0	0	0	0	N	29	N	88	2
19	80	55	68	-2	0	0	0	0	N	15	NW	90	1
20	81	54	68	-2	0	0	0	0	N	16	N	99	1
21	84	52	68	-1	2	0	T	0	N-SW	23	NE	82	3
22	72	54	63	-7	2	0	0	0	NE	45	N	88	4
23	81	53	67	-2	0	0	T	0	NE	20	NE	86	4
24	82	57	70	+1	0	0	T	0	NE	35	NW	81	8
25	76	58	67	-1	2	0	0	0	NW	35	NW	93	3
26	78	55	66	-2	0	0	0	0	NW	17	NW	100	3
27	82	52	67	-1	0	0	0	0	SW	14	SW	100	1
28	86	53	70	+2	0	.08	0	0	SW	45	NW	64	8
29	70	53	62	-6	3	T	0	0	NW	34	NW	76	7
30	75	54	64	-3	1	0	0	0	SW	18	N	100	2
31	81	46	64	-3	1	0	0	0	NE	13	E	100	1
MEAN	81.4	54.2	67.8	30	a.97	a.0	0	0	SW	b.	b.	87	3
Normal	70.6												

105 TH MERIDIAN TIME. T INDICATES A TRACE OF PRECIPITATION. \*TOTAL. b. MONTHLY for 5-minute period

SUNRISE TO SUNSET: 0 TO 3, CLEAR; 4 TO 7, PARTLY CLOUDY; 8 TO 10, CLOUDY.

\*5:30 p.m.

#midnight to midnight

## SUMMARY

## BAROMETRIC PRESSURE (SEA LEVEL)

Monthly mean 29.88

Highest 30.18, date 22nd

Lowest 29.53, date 24th

## TEMPERATURE

Highest 94, date 6th

Lowest 43, date 15th

Extremes this month since 1934: highest 107, on 3rd in 1934; lowest 40, on 10th, in 1939

Average daily departure -2.8

Average daily departure since January 1, -0.1

## PRECIPITATION

Greatest amount in 24 hours .64, date 2nd, 5rd

Departure from normal this month -

Accumulated departure since -

Snowfall, greatest 24-hour amount 0, date -

## WIND

Prevailing direction SW, average hourly velocity 10.5

Highest wind velocity this month since 1939

50 miles from N, on 21st, in 1942

## WEATHER

Number of days clear 20, partly cloudy 7, cloudy 4, with measurable precipitation (0.01 inch, or more) 7

## MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA—DATES OF

Hail 3, 28

Fog, light -

Fog, heavy -

Frost, light -, heavy -, killing -

Sleet -

Thunderstorms 1, 2, 3, 24, 28

Duststorms -

†Frosts not recorded in autumn after first "killing", except in Florida and along immediate coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

## MEAN TEMPERATURE AND TOTAL PRECIPITATION THIS MONTH IN-

1875	187	99	67	-	11	63	0.89	23.68	2.08	35.72	0.46
1876	188	00	70	-	12	63	0.95	24.66	0.12	36.73	0.47
1877	189	01	72	-	13	69	1.41	25.67	0.32	37.74	0.18
1878	190	02	69	-	14	66	0.22	26.68	1.92	38.71	1.07
1879	191	03	65	-	15	69	1.37	27.64	1.79	39.69	0.76
1880	192	04	70	-	16	67	0.93	28.65	0.99	40.74	0.13
1881	193	05	73	0.25	17	67	0.26	29.72	0.23	41.71	1.10
1882	194	71	0.50	0.29	18	66	1.28	30.72	1.35	42.68	1.07
1883	195	72	1.51	0.21	19	69	0.58	31.70	0.59	43.71	0.68
1884	196	-	-	0.94	20	73	0.79	32.70	1.39	44.68	0.97
1885	197	-	-	0.96	21	71	0.51	33.70	3.86	45.	
1886	198	71	1.07	1.64	22	74	0.32	34.71	0.31	46.	

Data prior to 1934 from records taken in City of Billings. Subsequent data from records at Airport.

La. T. Pierce,  
Meteorologist, Weather Bureau.

STATION Billings, Montana DATE August, 1944 WB Form 1030

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Date	5:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
	Dry Rel	Wet Rel	Dry Rel	Wet Rel	Dry Rel	Hum	Dry Rel	Hum
1	61.0	55.5	52	72	75.4	59.9	50	42
2	63.8	55.1	49	68	60.4	56.0	55	46
3	68.0	52.1	57	77	55.5	49.8	45	48
4	68.4	54.9	45	77	56.8	51.2	47	47
5	74.1	58.3	48	40	59.8	51.2	48	42
6	68.0	54.1	45	40	55.5	49.8	45	49
7	68.9	55.2	42	45	56.8	51.2	47	42
8	66.9	54.0	44	43	60.0	52.3	47	49
9	73.3	60.1	52	57	52.2	47.2	41	22
10	67.0	54.9	46	40	59.0	57.8	52	50
11	68.3	54.1	47	40	55.4	48.0	41	25
12	74.2	54.7	40	29	56.3	49.2	34	24
13	69.3	54.2	44	40	62.6	55.2	46	30
14	69.5	54.7	47	40	56.3	49.2	34	21
15	51.4	47.6	44	77	53.2	50.7	49	41
16	57.8	53.8	51	45.8	44.2	42	48	30
17	56.0	48.9	43	62	56.1	49.1	43	40
18	69.0	53.4	46	78	59.8	56.8	52	45
19	72.9	53.4	46	43	57.1	47.3	47	21
20	63.6	50.6	40	41	66.0	45.3	34	18
21	61.1	51.1	40	41	66.0	45.3	34	22
22	61.1	51.1	43	37	55.0	48.1	42	24
23	67.8	51.5	37	32	56.1	52.0	49	23
24	64.8	58.5	49	49	53.9	50.0	43	42
25	69.5	59.7	55	70	58.2	55.3	57	45
26	61.5	48.3	38	42	56.4	46.2	36	20
27	61.1	49.0	38	42	56.4	46.2	36	21
28	68.2	51.9	38	42	55.0	45.8	37	24
29	59.7	51.2	47	38	58.1	50.0	45	24
30	59.2	50.1	43	70	55.0	49.0	45	36
31	60.9	48.9	38	43	47.0	44.4	42	23

Form NR-1

## MIGRATORY BIRDS

Refuge Fort Peck Easement Refuges Months of May to August, 1944

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(1) Species	(2) First Observed	(3) Became Common	(4) Peak Concentration	(5) Last Observed	(6) Young Produced		(7) Total
Common Name	Number	Date	Number	Date	No. Broods Obsvd.	Avg. Size	Esti- mated Total
Hailstones:							
Calif. or Ring Bill Gull					40		
Mallard			1800		700		2,500
Baldpates			500		150		450
B. W. Teal			1800		800		2,600
Shovellers			300		150		460
Blue Heron			40				40
Yellow legs			400				400
Halfbreed:							
Mallard			800				400
Baldpates			400				200
B. W. Teal			300				150
Canada Geese			40				40
Blue Heron			20				20
Killdeer			80				80
Lake Mason:							
Mallard			8000		2000		10,000
B. W. Teal			1200		600		1,800
Shoveller			1000		600		1,600
Pintail			2500		1000		3,500

REMARKS: (Pertinent information not specifically requested)

Lamesteer:  
Mallards  
Shovellers30  
30  
  
15  
15  
45

Only inspection on first 3 Refuges--8/20-21/44

Only inspection on Lamesteer--5/30/44

It is believed that Canada Geese are nesting on Hailstone but no nests could be found. Still uncertain.

INSTRUCTIONS

Form NR-1 - MIGRATORY BIRDS (Include species in families Gaviidae through Strigidae; also doves and woodcocks)\*

In case a resident form occurs, such as mottled duck on the Gulf Coast, use only the columns that apply.

(1) SPECIES:

Use correct common names as found in the A.O.U. Check List, 1931 Edition, and list in A.O.U. order. General terms are to be avoided, such as "scaup", "teal", etc.; use "green-winged teal" or "lesser scaup".

(2) FIRST OBSERVED:

The first refuge record for the species during spring migration, fall migration, wintering, or summering, and the number observed. In the case of resident species this column may be disregarded.

(3) BECAME COMMON:

The date the species became common on the refuge.

(4) PEAK CONCENTRATION:

The greatest number of the species present on any one date or limited interval of time.

(5) LAST OBSERVED:

The last refuge record for the species during the spring or fall migration, wintering, or summering, and the numbers observed exclusive of obvious cripples or non-migrants.

(6) YOUNG PRODUCED:

Estimated number of young produced based upon observations and actual counts on representative breeding areas. Brood counts should be made on two or more areas aggregating 10% of the breeding habitat. Estimates having no basis in fact are to be omitted.

(7) TOTAL:

Estimated total number of the species using the refuge during the period. This figure may or may not be more than that used for peak concentrations, depending upon the manner in which birds come through; i.e., in waves or all at once. On refuges representing the terminus of the flight lane, the figures would probably be the same in many cases.

\* Only columns applicable to the period covered should be used.

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(1) Species	(2) Density Cover types, total acreage of habitat	(3) Young Produced	(4) Sex Ratio	(5) Removals			(6) Total	(7) Remarks
Common Name	Acres per Bird	Number broods observed	Estimated Total	Hunting	For Re-stocking	For Research	Estimated number using Refuge	Pertinent information not specifically requested. List introductions here.
	<b>None Observed.</b>							

## INSTRUCTIONS

Form NR-2

Form NR-2 - UPLAND GAME BIRDS.\*

- (1) SPECIES: Use correct common name.
- (2) DENSITY: Applies particularly to those species considered in removal programs (public hunts, etc.). Detailed data may be omitted for species occurring in limited numbers. Density to be expressed in acres per animal by cover types. This information is to be prefaced by a statement from the refuge manager as to the number of acres in each cover type found on the refuge; once submitted, this information need not be repeated except as significant changes occur in the area of cover types. Cover types should be detailed enough to furnish the desired information but not so much as to obscure the general picture. Examples: spruce swamp, upland hardwoods, reverting agriculture land, bottomland hardwoods, short grass prairie, etc. Standard type symbols listed in Wildlife Management Series No. 7 should be used where possible. Figures submitted should be based on actual observations and counts on representative sample areas. Survey method used and size of sample area or areas should be indicated under Remarks.
- (3) YOUNG PRODUCED: Estimated number of young produced, based upon observations and actual counts in representative breeding habitat.
- (4) SEX RATIO: This column applies primarily to wild turkey, pheasants, etc. Include data on other species if available.
- (5) REMOVALS: Indicate total number in each category removed during the report period.
- (6) TOTAL: Estimated total number using the refuge during the report period. This may include resident birds plus those migrating into the refuge during certain seasons.
- (7) REMARKS: Indicate method used to determine population and area covered in survey. Also include other pertinent information not specifically requested.

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