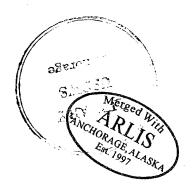
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INTRODUCTION

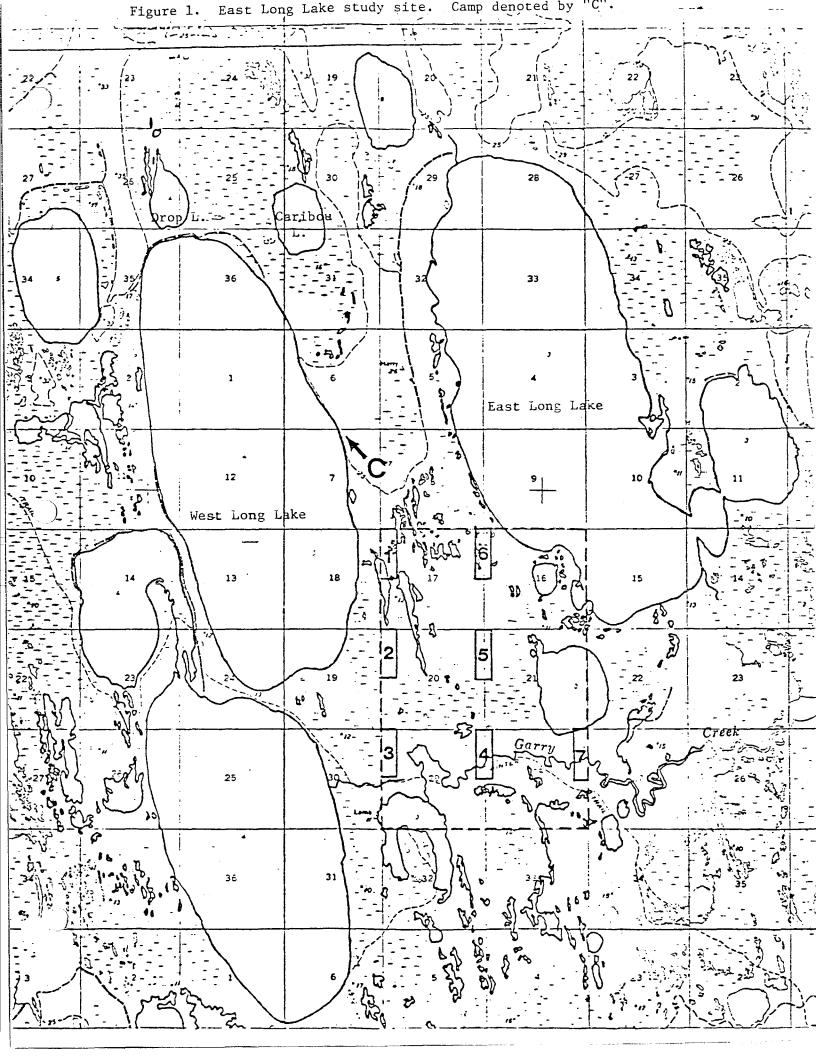
Each summer from 1977 through 1980, the Special Studies section of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conducted investigations of bird populations and habitat used by waterbirds in the large lake regime north and east of Teshekpuk Lake, Naval Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) (Derksen et al. 1979; Taylor et al. 1980). During the 1980 field season, emphasis in the investigation shifted from systematic gathering of data on all bird species to concentrated studies of black brant (Branta bernicla nigricans) and oldsquaw ducks (Clangula hvemalis). Results from the work on black brant and oldsquaw will be published elsewhere (Simpson, et al. in preparation, Taylor and Derksen, unpublished data). This report summarizes all other data gathered incidentally at the East Long Lake study site (Fig. 1) from 4 June through 11 August, 1980.

Personnel at the East Long Lake site included S. G. Simpson, E. J. Taylor, and L. Ward. Dr. D. V. Derksen provided expertise and field assistance for one week during July, and M. Hogan and J. Murk assisted in the field from 14 July through 10 August.

METHODS

Minimum and maximum temperatures were recorded daily. Snow-melt, cloud cover, wind direction and velocity, and precipitation were incidentally noted throughout the summer, usually on a daily basis. All information on chronology, nesting, production, habitat use, and migration of birds was gathered opportunistically during the summer, as were observations of mammals. For a

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description of the East Long Lake study site, see Rothe et al. (1979).

During June, 10 pintails (Anas acuta) were collected for information on food habits, using either a Remington model 870 12 ga. shotgun or a .22 caliber rifle. Location, time of day, length of time observed feeding prior to collection, wetland class, water depth, and weather were recorded for each specimen. The esophagus, proventriculus and gizzard were injected immediately after collection with 10% formalin. Within one hour of collection, birds were weighed, age and sex were determined by examination of plumage, and gonads were measured. Contents of the esophagus and proventriculus were flushed into one vial, contents of the gizzard into another, and both were stored in 10% formalin. Heart, liver, pancreas, intestines, and gonads were preserved in 10% formalin.

RESULTS

Snowmelt and Weather

Snow cover on the study site was estimated at 99% on 4 June. Snowmelt proceeded rapidly due to seweral days of warm rains and sun, and by 7 June snow cover was reduced to approximately 50%. By 15 June snow was gone except for large accumulations below ridges and along high-relief shorelines. A moat developed along the east side of West Long Lake by 21 June, and by 4 July a moat formed across East Long Lake. Ice on both East and West Long Lakes was free-floating by 6 July. Both were ice-free by 8 July

(except for rafts of small pieces along windward shorelines), 9 days earlier than in 1979.

Smaller Class V wetlands (Deep-open lakes) were open earlier than large lakes. Drop Lake and Caribou Lake (Fig. 1) appeared to be open on 14 June, but bottom ice may have persisted in both at that time. Most Flooded Tundra (Class I) wetlands were open by 14 June, while shallow—Carex (Class II) ponds and deep—Arctophila (Class IV) wetlands contained bottom ice or surface water on ice. Class IV wetlands were ice—free by 21 June.

Daily temperatures, precipitation and cloud cover data are presented in Tables 1 and 2, respectively.

Chronology

Chronological data (Appendix I) for birds observed near East Long Lake camp during summer, 1980 are summarized in Tables 3 and 4, for breeding and non-breeding species, respectively. A total of 48 species was observed between 4 June and 10 August. Since weekly censuses of a fixed area were not conducted, comparisons with densities of birds in previous years were precluded, and dates given for chronological events such as arrival, onset of molt, and flocking behavior were derived from happenstance observations. However, daily activities of personnel frequently necessitated hiking over several miles, thus a fair range of habitat types was covered and observations were not limited to birds in the immediate vicinity of camp. Discussion here will be limited to major bird groups, the geese in some detail, and to

Table 1. Minimum/maximum temperatures (° F) recorded at East Long Lake study site, 1980

June 10 June 11 June 12	35	
June 11		50
	40	70
	36	7 G 5 9
June 13	41	47
June 14	44	30
June 15	42	30
June 16	46	54
June 17	-	-
June 18	_	_
June 19	_	_
June 20	34	46
June 21	-	- -
June 22	_	_
June 23	40	60
June 24	-	-
June 25	- .	_
June 26	36	58
June 27	_	_
June 28	_	_
June 29	57	39
June 30	54	36
July 1	38	48
July 2		
July 3	36	46
July 4	36	58
July 5	_	· _
July 6	33	42
July 7	32	44
July 8	32	42
July 9	34 .	42
July 10	- ,	
July 11		-
July 12	-	_
July 13	34	_
July 14	_	_
July 15		· <u> </u>
July 16	_	_
July 17	37 .	49
July 18	- · ·	
July 19	34	47
July 20	34	40
July 21	34	42
July 22	-	-
July 23	32	68

Table 1 (cont.). Minimum/maximum temperatures (° F) recorded at East Long Lake Study site, 1980.

uly 24			
		44	58
uly 25		36	52
uly 26		-	-
uly 27		_	-
uly 28		_	_
uly 29		30	38
uly 30		29	39
uly 31		30	40
ugust 1		31	40
ugust 2		-	-
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ugust 4		_	_
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ugust 15		30	40
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ugust 18		-	-
ugust 19		-	-
ugust 20		35	55
ugust 21		43	61
ugust 22		-	-
ugust 23		-	-
ugust 24		35 .	51
ugust 25		3,4	45
ugust 26		37 -	45
ugust 27		32	42
ugust 28		30	34
ugust 29	•	30	32
ugust 30		32	43
ugust 31	*	26	37
eptember	1	24	31
eptember	2	26	-
eptember	3	33	35
eptember	4	, 26	33
eptember	5	- -	-
eptember	6	-	_
eptember	7	26	38

Table 1 (cont.). Minimum/maximum temperatures (° F) recorded at East Long Lake study site, 1980.

Date	Minimum	Maximum
September 8	35	47
September 9	-	_
September 10	-	_
September 11	_	_
September 12	-	_

Table 2. Sky conditions and precipitation at East Long Lake, summer 1980.

				Number of	days	
			Partly			
Month	N	Clear	Cloudy	Overcast	Fog	Precipitation)
June	27	13	4	9	2	3
July	31	4	7	20	15	8
August	10	2	22	6	4	3
Season	68	19	13	35	21	14

Table 3. Breeding birds at East Long Lake, summer 1980.

Species	Date of First Observation	Evidence of Breeding	Date of First Evidence	Clutch or Brood size (E=eggs, Y= young)	Total number of nests (N) or broods (BR)	Date of last Observa- tion
Arctic loon (Gavia stellata)	5 June 11 June	nest chicks	29 June 21 July	<u>-</u> 1	4N 2BR	ll Aug.
Red-throated loon (<u>Gavia stellata</u>)	11 June	nest	29 June	2E	3N	8 Aug.
White-fronted goose (Anser albifrons)	4 June	brood	13 July	5Y	5BR .	9 Aug.
Black brant (Branta bernicla)	4 June	nest broods	19 June 10 July	4E, 5E 1,2,3,4,5Y	15N 5BR	'11 Aug.
Spectacled eider (Somateria fischeri)	7 June	nest	18 June	5E	1N	28 July
Pintail (Anas acuta)	4 June	copulation nests	18 June	4E, 8E, 2E	5N	ll Aug.
Oldsquaw (<u>Clagula hyemalis</u>)	5 June	nest brood	23 June	-	2N	ll Aug.
Parsitic jaeger (Stercorarius parasitio	6 June cus)	distraction display	23 June	-	1N '	8 Aug.
Glaucous gull (Larus hyperboreus)	4 June	nest	27 June	_	5N	11 Aug.
Sabine's gull (Xema sabini)	7 June	nest	17 June	2E	1 N	8 Aug.

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Table 3 (cont.). Breeding birds at East Long Lake, summer 1980.

Species	Date of First Observation	Evidence of Breeding	Date of First Evidence	Clutch or Brood size (E=eggs, Y= young)	Total number of nests (N) or broods (BR)	Date of last Observa- tion
Arctic tern (Sterna paradisea)	6 June	nest young	23 June 11 July	14		8 Aug.
American golden plover (Pluvialis dominica)	8 June	nest	23 June		ln	8 Aug.
Pectoral sandpiper (Calidris melanotes)	7 June	display nest young	7 June 21 June 14 July	2E . 2Y	1 2BR	10 Aug.
Dunlin (<u>C. alpina</u>)	4 June	nest	12 June	2E(incomplete) 4E(complete)) 1N	8 Aug.
Semipalmated sandpiper (<u>C. pusilla</u>)	4 June	nest	13 June	2E	1N	3 Aug.
Red phalarope (<u>Phalaropus</u> <u>fulicarius</u>)	7 June	nest	18 June	4E	-	7 Aug.
Northern phalarope (Lobipes lobatus)	8 June	nest	1			7 Aug.
Long-billed dowitcher (Limnodromus scolopaceu	8 June <u>s</u>)					16 July
Lapland longspur (Calcareus lapponicus)	4 June	nests	13 June	3E, 5E	2N	ll Aug.

Table 4. Non-breeding birds at East Long Lake, 1980.

		N	lumber of d	lays on wh	nich observed	_	
Species	First Observation	Status ^a	June	July	August	Last Observation	Comments
Yellow-billed loon (Gavia adamsii)	8 June	В	3	10	0	15 July	
Canada goose (Branta canadensis)	8 June	В	23	29	7	ll August	
Lesser snow goose (Chen caerulescens)	8 June	С	7	10	2	ll August	
American widgeon (Mareca americana)	10 June	С	2	0	0	27 June	
Common eider (Somateria mollissima)	15 July	С	0	1	0	15 July	Note: Large number of eiders moved through. later in July, but none were positively
Red-breasted Merganser (Mergus serrator)	10 June	В	3	2	0	8 July	identified as commons.
Black-bellied Plover (Squatarola)	7 June	В	9	11	3	8 August	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper (Tryngites subruficollis	10 June)	C	1	0	0	10 June	
Baird's Sandpiper (<u>Erolia bairdii</u>)	l July	С	0	1	0	l July	
Pomarine jaeger (Stercorarius pomarinus)	4 June	С	16	0	0	28 June	

Table 4 (cont.). Non-breeding birds at East Long Lake, 1980.

		N	umber of d	ays on wh	ich observed		
Species	First Observation	Status ^a	June	July	August	Last Observation	Comments
Long-tailed jaeger (Stercorarius longicaudu	ll June us)	В	6	6	0	23 July	
Snowy Owl (<u>Nyctea</u> scandiaca)	5 June	С	7	9	0	21 July	
Short eared owl (Asio flammeus)	4 June	C	8	0	0	27 June	
Snow bunting (Plectrophenax nivalis)	4 June	В	14	8	2	10 August	
Savannah sparrow . (Passerculus sandwichens	6 June	С	1	0	1	8 August	
Redpoll (Acanthis flammea)	7 June	C	6	0	0	17 June	
Tree Sparrow (<u>Spizella</u> arborea)	8 June	С	1	0	0	8 June	
Northern Shoveler (Spatula clypeata)	9 June	С	6	0	0	17 June	
Green-winged Teal (Anas carolinensis)	11 June	С	4	0	0	28 June	
Greater Scaup (Aythya marila)	27 June	C	2	6	0	20 July	

Table 4 (cont.). Non-breeding birds at East Long Lake, 1980.

			Number of d	ays on wl	hich observed		
Species	First Observation	Status ^a	June	July	, August	Last Observation	Comments
White-winged Scoter (Melanitta deglandi)	29 June	С	1	0	1	7 August	
Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus)	l July	С	0	1	0	l July	
Bar-tailed Godwit (<u>Limosa lapponica</u>)	6 July	С	0	1	0	6 July	
Barn Swallow (Hirundo rustica)	3 August	С	0	0	1	3 August	

After Bergman et al. (1977). A = visitor from nearby nesting or roosting sites; B = regular summer visitor; C = casual or accidental visitor.

unusual observations or phenomena not observed during previous field seasons.

Loons

Yellow-billed loons (<u>Gavia adamsii</u>) were observed on 10 occasions from 8 June through 15 July, and on several occasions after that date. Usually only one was observed, flying near or feeding in West Long Lake, but 2 were observed on the lake on 3 occasions.

Swans

Whistling swans (Olor columbianus) were first observed in the area on 15 June. In addition to numerous other sightings of swans (Appendix I), 3 flightless birds were observed near Ruddy Lake on 8 August.;

Geese

White-fronted geese (Anser albifrons) were observed less frequently than during previous years, and fewer were observed (Appendix I). After 1 July, sightings were rare, except for about 20 geese molting on East Long Lake. Since no aerial survey was conducted during the 1980 field season, we were unable to determine whether the apparent decrease in white-fronted geese was local or area-wide.

The arrival of Canada geese (Branta canadensis) on the study area, 8 June, coincided exactly with the previous year's arrival date. Arrival of Canada geese in the area continued through 21

June, and mean flock size until that date was 14.5 (n = 35, s = 12.3). Evidence of molting (flocking or swimming in response to the presence of an observer, and newly lost primary and secondary feathers along lakeshores) was first observed on 23 June. Flightlessness was definitely confirmed on 28 June when 1 goose was unable to take flight with its companions in response to presence of observers. Post-molting Canada geese were observed flying in response to aircraft disturbance on 21 July (4 of 16). Flocks of post-molters were observed daily feeding in, loafing on, or flying over upland tundra during the last week in July. Canadas were still present in the area on 11 August, when observers departed.

Black brant were present on 4 June when observers arrived. Prior to 20 June only breeding pairs were observed, but during the last 10 days of June, 7 flocks ranging in sizes from 3 to 14 were observed flying between East and West Long Lakes. The first concentration of molting brant on East Long Lake appeared on 29 June. A pair of brant collected on 5 July from a flock of 4 were failed breeders (obvious brood patch on the female). Although the build-up in numbers of brant on East Long Lake continued, observers were unable to detect path or time of arrival, nor were any major influxes actually observed. Either the influx occurred between 0000 and 0800 hours when few observations were made, or flocks were arriving from the east and hence went unobserved. Peak numbers of brant on East Long Lake occurred on 16 July, when 1800 were observed.

Seven post-molting brant were observed in flight on 21 July. Numbers of brant on East Long Lake decreased during the last week of July, and by 4 August, fewer than 20 were observed from the west shore. Small flocks of brant were still present in the area on 11 August when observers departed.

Lesser snow geese (Anser caerulescens) were first observed on 8 June. On 17 June, 4 blue-phase birds were seen in a flock of 7, and on 26 June a flock of 50 white-phase birds flew east over East Long Lake camp. Small flocks (6 to 8) of snow geese molted on Caribou and East Long Lakes, and were last observed on 4 August. One Ross goose was identified in a flock of molting brant on East Long Lake on 26 July.

Ducks

Pintails were present in the area on 4 June, and were observed flying in small flocks or loafing along thawing edges of wetlands and ice-wedges. The proportion of pintails observed which were females was much higher than in 1979. Pairs and aerial chases were observed frequently during June. By 22 June, non-breeding pintails began flocking. During July, only breeding pairs were easily observable when molting ducks remained hidden in flooded Carex or Arctophila beds. By 24 July, flocks of pintails were again seen flying. Pintails were still present in the area on 11 August, when observers departed, although as early as 3 August medium-sized flocks (20 to 30) were observed flying generally east and fairly high, as though migrating.

Other dabbling ducks observed in the area included at least one pair of northern shovelers (Anas clypeata), at least 3 green-winged teal (A. crecca), and as many as 14 American wigeon (A. americana), none of which were seen after 28 June.

Greater scaup (Aythya marila) were observed on 8 occasions from 27 June through 20 July, in groups of 9 or fewer. On 29 July, a white-winged scoter (Melanitta deglandi) was observed in a flock of oldsquaws on Caribou Lake, and on 7 August, 250 white-winged scoters were observed flying northwest over Caribou Lake. All information on oldaquaw will be published elsewhere (-).

King and spectacled eiders (Somateria spectabilis and S. fischeri) were first observed on 8 and 7 June, respectively. Spectacled eiders were observed more frequently than king eiders throughout the summer. A male common eider (S. mollissima) was observed on East Long Lake on 15 July. During late July, numerous large flocks of eiders were observed flying northwest (Appendix II), and no eiders were in evidence during August.

Red-breasted mergansers (Mergus serrator) were observed on 5 occasions from 10 June through 8 July. The largest group seen was a flock of 6 loafing along the shoreline of West Long Lake on 5 July.

Jaegers -

Movements of jaegers were apparent in the vicinity from 4

June through 10 July (Appendix II). Eastward-bound flocks of 8 to

25 pomarine jaegers (Stercorarius pomarinus) were observed on 6

occasions during that period. Flocks of long-tailed jaegers (S. longicaudus) were observed on only 2 occasions, on 11 June (6) and 14 July (5). Parasitic jaegers (S. parasiticus) were frequently observed in the area throughout the summer, and 1 pair nested approximately 2 km north of camp.

Other birds

Short-eared owls (Asia flammeus) were seen on 8 occasions up to 23 June and not observed after that date, while snowy owls (Nyctea scandiaca) remained in the vicinity as late as 26 July. A single peregrine falcon (Falco peregrinus) was observed sitting on upland tundra near camp on 1 July. Ptarmigan were not observed after 8 July, and were infrequently observed prior to that date.

Shorebirds observed on only 1 occasion included a buff-breasted sandpiper (Tryngites subruficollis) on 10 June, a Baird's sandpiper (Erolia minutilla) on 1 July, and a bar-tailed godwit (Limosa lapponica) on 6 July. Phalaropes began flocking in mid-July, and flocks of pectoral sandpipers (Erolia melanotos) were frequent after mid-July. Flocks of shorebirds were present in the area as late as 8 August.

Passerines

Snow buntings (Plectrophenax nivalis) were in evidence throughout the summer, and were first observed coming into winter plumage on 8 August. Sawannah sparrows (Passerculus sandwichensis) were observed on 2 occasions, 6 June and 8 August. Redpolls (Acanthis sp.) occurred in the area from 7 June through

19 June. On 8 June, 2 tree sparrows (Spizella arborea) visited the camp. The male perched on a tent and sang long enough to be photographed. On 3 August a barn swallow (Hirunda rustica) was observed feeding on flying insects near camp and perching in crates out of the wind.

Breeding and Production

Table 3 presents information gathered on nesting and production during 1980. Discussion here will be limited to looms, black brant and pintails.

On 2 occasions when red-throated loons (Gavia stellata) were flushed from nests by observers, parasitic jaegers flew to the nest and proceeded to eat 1 of 2 eggs. In both cases, observers chased the jaeger from the nest and removed the damaged egg. Neither of the nests was revisited to determine if the remaining egg was successfullly hatched. A third red-throated loon remained lying flat on its nest while an observer passed within 20 m several times.

Two arctic loon (<u>G</u>. <u>arctica</u>) nests were located in front of observation blinds. A chick was first observed on 21 July. The chick was observed regularly thereafter, being fed by or feeding with 2 adults. On 1 occasion an adult was observed driving pintails from the vicinity of the chick but black brant were observed feeding unmolested within several meters of the chick.

All nests of black brant were located on mossy islands in Class IV (deep-Arctophila) wetlands. At least 15 incubating females were observed in the straits of Goose Lake on 27 June.

Behavior of nesting black brant was observed during collection attempts. Three of 4 females remained on nests until the observer was within 20 m, and 2 of 4 ganders stayed near their mates at the observer's approach. When pairs left the nesting island, the females initiated attempts to return to the vicinity of the nest and ganders followed. In 1 instance when a female was collected from a nest, her mate attempted to join a second nesting pair and was repeatedly driven off by them.

Broods of black brant were sighted on or near West Long Lake on at least 5 occasions beginning on 10 July, swimming, feeding in lagoons or feeding in the moss zone inside lagoons. The smallest brood consisted of 1 gosling; the largest single brood observed contained 4 goslings. No broods were sighted near the straits of Goose Lake, and the fate of those nests was unknown. At least 5 nests of glaucous gulls were also located in the straits.

Pintail collections are summarized in Table 5; see Appendix V for individual data sheets and a map showing collection sites. The presence of breeding pairs facilitated collections, since larger flocks proved too wary to approach. Members of pairs collected on upland sites contained little food in esophagus and gizzard, even after up to 15 minutes of apparent feeding prior to collection. Possibly birds thought feeding were gathering grit. Analyses of esophageal and gizzard contents will be published elsewhere.

Early in June pintails concentrated in upland areas where snowmelt occurred first, especially along ice wedges and edges of Class I (Flooded Tundra), II (shallow-Carex) and III shallow-

Arctophila) ponds. As soon as larger, lower-lying wetlands and runoff lagoons contained water, pintails moved to those areas to feed and loaf. Pairs continued using territories in upland tundra into July, while flocks of unpaired birds moved to larger wetland complexes around Class IV (deep-Arctophila) ponds. By the end of July, no pintails were observed in upland tundra. Throughout the summer, a far greater number of pintails were seen in flooded Carex than in stands of Arctophila.

When pairs arrived at a feeding area, the female began feeding first and fed voraciously. Males commenced feeding a few minutes later and continued feeding after the females had ceased feeding. When disturbed by an observer, males resumed feeding more quickly and more frequently than females.

Breeding activities among pintail were evident early in June. Chase-flights, pairing, and site-attachment were observed frequently throughout June, and a copulation was observed on 16 June. The first nest was located on 18 June. A total of 5 nests were found, 4 in upland tundra interspersed with ice-wedge pools, Class I (Flooded Tundra) wetlands, and Class III (shallow-Arctophila) ponds. Clutches ranged up to 8 eggs. One female began a clutch in a shallow bowl wedged among Eriophorum tussocks, only 10 m from the camp, but abandoned the site after laying only 2 eggs.

No broods were observed, and no eggshells found contained membranes. Evidence of renesting attempts consisted of presence of a male in breeding plumage with a female on an upland territory in mid-July, and a nest with 4 eggs located on the very shoreline of West Long Lake, on a mound of peat-mud, in mid-July.

Mammals

Caribou (Rangifer tarandus) were present in the area on 4 June when observers arrived. An estimated 50 cows with very young calves were observed from the helicopter within 10 km of the campsite. The cows were either alone (with or without a calf) or in small, loose groups of 5 or fewer cows with calves. Several of the calves were apparently so young that the cows did not run at the approach of the helicopter but stood over their calves. The number of cows and calves observed on 4 June, and the frequency of observations of small, loose bands of cows and calves early in June indicated that the area around and north of West Long Lake is an important calving area. On 24 June, a dead cow was found approximately 2 km north of the camp. She apparently died during calving; head and front legs of the calf protruded, and the carcass appeared fresh and unmolested.

Cows and calves banded together by 22 June (see Appendix IV). On 30 June the first major movement of caribou was observed, and the presence of bulls in herds first recorded. The movement was northward. A large southward movement (roughly 400 to 500 animals) was noted on 4 July. After that, most observed herd movements were either northward or eastward (toward the coast) until 7 August when approximately 200 caribou moved south again. Movements correlated well with weather: on warm, calm days the herds moved briskly toward the coast and into the light breezes,

while on cool windy days the herds drifted inland (south and east) again, feeding along in a leisurely manner.

Arctic fox (Alopex lagopus) were observed 8 times during the summer. Seven dens were located, but only 2 appeared active, and no pups were seen. Apparent fox kills found included a very fresh male pintail in eclipse plumage, and a set of shorebird wings (probably phalarope). On 1 occasion 2 nesting parasitic jaegers dived repeatedly at a fox when it passed through their territory. An interaction between an arctic fox and molting geese will be described elsewhere (Simpson et al. in preparation)

Lemmings were observed 6 times during June and once in July, but none were identified to species.

Table 5. Pintail collections at East Long Lake, June 1980.

Collection Number	Date and time	Аде	Sex	Weight (g)	Length of time observed feeding	Wetland Class	Test es L	g (mn) R	(1)	Follie (2		(3)	Comments
1-80	10:40 8 June	Sy	М	784.1	15 minutes	I	50.5						Flock of 6; 3 female, 3 male.
5-80	10:00 12 June	Sy	М	884.0	10 minutes	I	51.0	51.0					Paired; good condition; lice.
7-80	14:27 13 June	Λi	М	856.2	7 minutes	lagoon	43.9	44.2					Paired, w/8-80; lice.
8-80	14:27 13 June	Ad	F	779.1	7 minutes	1agoon			29.8	15.)	9.5	Paired, w/7-80;
9-80	17:03 14 June	Ad	М	799.0	8 minutes	I	44.7	44.8				í	Pair, w/10-80;
10-80	17:03 14 June	Sy	F	805.2	8 minutes	I			54.2	16.	5		Pair, w/9-80.
14-80	10:03 15 June	Ad	М	()	20 minutes	I	53.1	53.8			•	¢	Paired; lice, cysts in pectoral muncle.
15~80	11:05-16 June	Sy	М	947.5	10 minutes	lagon	40.8	40.9					Paired; copulated about 2 min. prior to collecting
26-80	13:30 20 June	Sy	F	866.4	7 minutes	II			No 1	arge fo	llic	les	Paired
29-80	11:13 23 June	Ad	М	831.6	12 minutes	ice-wedge	25.0	25.3					With 1 female and 1 mule. Evidence of molt on belly, breast, neck.

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APPENDIX I

Chronology data, East Long Lake 1980

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APPENDIX II

Bird migration data, East Long Lake 1980

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APPENDIX III

Goose flocks, East Long Lake 1980

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24/6	~1500	Wh. front	9	betw. Sq. L. + IV's. Sxn 17	upland	flying
25/6	15.30	Canadas	~100	betw. Cari-	moat, lagorn upland, ice	were feeding, went to water, swam to ice, walked across ice (~40). Some flew W, some to Caribou L.
26/6	11.00	Lesser Snow geese	N50	E.L.L.		Flying E.
26/6		Canadas	~200	*bou L.	swimmir	g, acting molty.
27/6	,	brent	6	flying to	ward East	Long from Goose L.
29/6	20.00	brant	13			end Caribon Lake
10	21.00	li .	12	flying E	act over A	end W. Long L.
30/6	a.m.	white fronto	9 .	flying S 2061 C	over upl.	runder ahead of
21/7	1200	1055er geese	13	flying	W over u	pl. tunde N of W. Long L.
1/7	14	brant	12	feeding ,	fleu W	goon N. end W. Long cross lake.
11	"	white-fronts	6	flying	NW over	agoon N. end W. Long
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East long Lake 1980 GOOSE FLOCKS GS; ET, LW TIME SPECIES NUMBER HABITAT DATE LOCATION AGE COMP., ACTIVITY, ETC (collected 18,19) lagoon Moss Zone July 5 bl brant 4 11.30 4 adult failed breeders N. end W Long. W. Long -> S 10 E. shore loafing, lesser snow 6 E. Lond Swimming geese E. Long -> NW bl. brant 20 W. Long -> S 8 20.00 upl. July 7 Canadas tundra shoreline W. Long -> Caribon L. 7 pm flying from W. Long to E. Long bl. brant 4 pm flew from I N of E. Long to E. Long 6 pm 10 TIL's. ≥3pr w/ youngs NW corner Layoon ~10 5 pm 13 WLong Shoreline 1 loner alert - flocked, then Canadas ~ 100 feeding, loafing. upland 2 adults w/ 5 young plus N end Shore 9 wh. fr. W Long I ad + lapp. yrling being harrassed by zodiac. GooseL moso E, July 22 77 ~ 200 noon Head lake resting pod me peat mud Z. W. Long late pm wh. fx. 23 flying over W. Long! Canadas 23 betw. W. Long + head of Goose L. 11 July 24 V200 bedge €, under of Lagran NW corner feeding. Aug. 4 a.m. ~ 12 W. Long Flew -> 5 W. NE corner (fliera) lagoon 13 Canadas July 28 Whong

Caribou observations, East Long Lake 1980

Study area: Free

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Date	Herd Size	Bulls	Cows	Calves	Yearling	Path of Travel
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	a 2)	C			:	11 8.1 5 m
	~ 175	O	2/3	1/3		milling about or riege
30/6	~ 225		of e	1	4	N North of Drop L.
′′	~125	1/2			1/2	N along west side & S of East Long L.
4/7	~ 4-500	1/2+				Nend Drop -> S
Ė			N gen	rally but	5 in Swa	inds to avoid bugs.)
10/7	~125	0	3/5	2/5-	?	East into wind; cantered to escape mosquitaed flies.
// -	~30	\$ 2	?	y a	?	
24/7	~400	two -	far but	both bull	to + calves	-> En NE on E side of E bong Lake (calm hot day, bas bugo)
	30		- // -	·		
	8	フ	1	0	0	-> N on W side E. Long
9/8	~100:	Sowe	of ea	eh	?	→ E S. end E. Long
4/8	~ 30	- 11 -				- N betw. Whony + Goose L.
7/8	~200	Some	0/ 0	2 = 4		- St E Ny W. Long + C. Long
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APPENDIX V

Pintail collections and mapping of collection sites, East Long Lake 1980

	Specimen no. 1-80	•
2.	Bird species pintail	
	Sex 6. Age _/yr	
8.	Activity (feeding, staging, etc.)	feeding intermittently, walking, aler
9.	Total length of time observed feeding	ng ~ 15 min
10.	Number of dives per unit time	N/A
11.	Mean length of time spent under water	er _ <i>N/A</i>
12.	Mean length of time between dives _	N/A :
13.	Flock size compo	osition 307 30
14.	Collection site:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	A. Wetland class	F. Percent vegetative cover
	B. Water depth 20 cm	
	C. Sediment depth	
	D. Turbidity	
	E. Temperature	
	F. Percent ice cover 20%	I. % Salinity
	G. Distance from shore N/A	J. Conductivity
15.	Specimen:	
	A. Diagonal tarsus	B. Right wing (flat)
	C. 9th primary: left	
	10th primary: left	right
		E. Bill width (nare)
	F. Bursa length (dissected)	
	G. Gizzard weight (empty)	
	H. Liver weight	-
	1. Pectoral muscle weight	(0.55
	<pre>I. Pectoral muscle weight J. Gonad: male: lxw testes: female: dia. follicle</pre>	
		17. Skin prepared
18.	Weather clear, It. wind (610	k)SW.

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	imen collection	
1.	Specimen no. $5-80$	
2.	Bird species Pintail Sex 6. Age /yr.	4. Date/time 12 June 10 2.
5.	Sex 6. Age	7. Weight <u>884.0</u> 9
8.	Activity (feeding, staging, etc.)	Leeding in flordes iow center
	frygon area	
9.	Total length of time observed feedi	ng <i>10 min</i> .
0.		
1.	Mean length of time spent under wat	
2.	Mean length of time between dives	
3.	_	
۶ . 4.	Flock size pair comp Collection site:	70,75
•		H. Percent vegetative cover
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	B. Water depth ~ 20 cm C. Sediment depth	
	D. Turbidity	
	E. Temperature	
		I. % Salinity
	E. Distance from shore	رر . Conductivity;
5.	Specimen:	
	A. Diagonal tarsus	B. Right wing (flat)
	C. 9th primary: left	right
	10th primary: left	right
	D. Culmen	rE. Bill width (nare)
	F. Bursa length (dissected)	
	G. Gizzard weight (empty)	
	H. Liver weight	
	I. Pectoral muscle weight	
	J. Gonad: male: lxw testes: female: dia. follicle	left <u>5/mm</u> right <u>5/mm</u> 1 3
6.		17. Skin prepared
		ring, wind NW-> NE <10

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ck size 2 c lection site: Wetland class 7 Water depth 8" Sediment depth Turbidity Temperature Percent ice cover	H. Percent vegetative cover
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rimen:	P. Dicht wing (flot)
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Consider muscle weight	1.55 /// \$ MM
Gonad: male: lxw testes female: dia. folli	icle 1 2 3
site sample	17. Skin prepared
	nd ENE-10.
	site sample

 men collection	•
Specimen no. 7-80	3. Collector S.G. Simpson
Bird species pintail	4. Date/time 13 June 14:27
Sex 6. Age acl	
Activity (feeding, staging, etc.)	seeding in it wish lagoon NW come
of W Long Lake	
Total length of time observed feeding	18 _ 7 min, feeding voraciously
Number of dives per unit time	· 3
Mean length of time spent under water	er
Mean length of time between dives	
Flock size 2 compo	osition 17, 10 (w/8-80)
Collection site:	
A. Wetland class	H. Percent vegetative cover 75-95
B. Water depth	
C. Sediment depth	
D. Turbidity	
E. Temperature	
F. Percent ice cover	I. % Salinity
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	J. Conductivity
Specimen:	
	B. Right wing (flat)
C. 9th primary: left	
10th primary: left	right
	.E. Bill width (nare)
F. Bursa length (dissected)	
G. Gizzard weight (empty)	
H. Liver weight	***************************************
I. Pectoral muscle weight	
<pre>J. Gonad: male: lxw testes:</pre>	
Parasite sample live	17. Skin prepared
	; cool

	Spec	cimen collection	•
	1.	Specimen no. 8-80	3. Collector S.G. Simpson
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)		•	7. Weight <u> </u>
	8.	Activity (feeding, staging, etc.)	eding in floract lagoon NW
		corner of W. Long Lake.	,
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i	9.	Total length of time observed feeding	7 min.
	10.	Number of dives per unit time Dabb	led intermittently; much less than or
	11.	Mean length of time spent under water	
	12.	Mean length of time between dives	_
	13.	Flock size compos	eition $(\omega/7-80)$
	14.	Collection site:	
		A. Wetland class <u>T</u>	H. Percent vegetative cover 15-85%
		B. Water depth ~\ou''	
		C. Sediment depth	
		D. Turbidity	
)		E. Temperature	
		F. Percent ice cover	I. % Salinity
		G. Distance from shore	J. Conductivity
	15.	Specimen:	
			B. Right wing (flat)
		C. 9th primary: left	
		10th primary: left	•
			E. Bill width (nare)
		F. Bursa length (dissected)	
		G. Gizzard weight (empty)	
		H. Liver weight	ne 
		I. Pectoral muscle weight	
		<pre>J. Gonad: male: - lxw testes:     female: dia. follicle</pre>	1 29.8 am 2 15.0 mm 3 20 9.5 mm
ı	16.	Parasite sample	17. Skin prepared
,	18.	Weather merest, It wira NN	E, cool
	19.	Other	

L.	Specimen no. <u>/0-80</u>	3. Collector <u>5.G. Simpson</u>
	Bird species pintail	,
	Sex _ 6. Age / yr.	
	· ·	_
	I- Type between polygons	Jeeding in ditches five-wedges,
	- The democra programs	
ð.	Total length of time observed feedi	ing 8 min.
).	Number of dives per unit time	
ι.	Mean length of time spent under wat	
2.	Mean length of time between dives	
3.		position $\sqrt{3}$ , $\sqrt{6}$ ( $\omega/\# 9-80$ )
:	Collection site:	
	A. Wetland class	H. Percent vegetative cover
	B. Water depth 8"	
	C. Sediment depth	
	D. Turbidity	
	E. Temperature	
	F. Percent ice cover	
		J. Conductivity
		-
5.	Specimen:	
	A. Diagonal tarsus	B. Right wing (flat)
	C. 9th primary: left	
	10th primary: left	
	D. Cuimen	.E. Bill width (nare)
	F. Bursa length (dissected)	
	G. Gizzard weight (empty)	
	H. Liver weight	_
	I. Pectoral muscle weight	
		left right 1 54.2 2 16.5 3
	-	
		17. Skin prepared
<b>.</b>	Weather Overses, cool, wind	ENE 10
	Other	

Specimen collection

	Specimen no. <u>/4-80</u>	3. Collector <b>5.G.</b> Simp
	Bird species Pintail	
	Sex 6. Age ad(?)	
0.	under words and in T	feeding along edges of ice- low-center polygons.
	- Angle from the second	programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme programme progra
9.	Total length of time observed feedi	
10.	Number of dives per unit time	rmittent, alt. w/ p
11.	Mean length of time spent under wat	er
12.	Mean length of time between dives _	
13.	Flock size comp	osition 17, 19
14.	Collection site:	
	A. Wetland class	H. Percent vegetative cover
	B. Water depth	
	C. Sediment depth	
	D. Turbidity	
	E. Temperature	
	F. Percent ice cover	I. % Salinity
	G. Distance from shore	J. Conductivity
15.	Specimen:	
	•	B. Right wing (flat)
	C. 9th primary: left	
	10th primary: left	
		E. Bill width (nare)
	F. Bursa length (dissected)	•
	G. Gizzard weight (empty)	
	H. Liver weight	
	I. Pectoral muscle weight	en Homes Lands
-	J. Gonad: male: lxw testes: female: dia. follicle	
16.	Parasite sample //ce, cysts*	17. Skin prepared
	_	:, cos/.

	1.	Specimen no. <u>/5-80</u>	3. Collector 5.6. Simpson
			4. Date/time /6 June /1:05
		Sex 6. Age _/4p.	
			leeding in runoif layour where
-		caribou l. drains into W. Lo.	
			J
ز	9.	Total length of time observed feeding	ng 10 min.
	10.	Number of dives per unit time	
	11.	Mean length of time spent under water	
	12.	Mean length of time between dives _	
	13.	Flock size compo	osition _pr. (17, 19)
	14:	Collection site:	
		A. Wetland class	H. Percent vegetative cover varied
		B. Water depth	
		C. Sediment depth	
		D. Turbidity	
)		E. Temperature	
. <b>!</b>		F. Percent ice cover	I. % Salinity
		G. Distance from shore	J. Conductivity
	15.	Specimen:	
		A. Diagonal tarsus	B. Right wing (flat)
		C. 9th primary: left	right
		10th primary: left	,
			E. Bill width (nare)
		F. Bursa length (dissected)	4
		G. Gizzard weight (empty)	<u> </u>
		H. Liver weight	**
		I. Pectoral muscle weight	
		J. Gonad: male: lxw testes: female: dia. follicle	left <u>40,8</u> right <u>40,9</u> 1 3
į	16.	Parasice same lice	17. Skin prepared
)	18.	Weather Clear, sunny, warm,	It breeze ENE
		, ,	· .
	19.	Other	

Specimen collection

•	Specimen no. 26-80	3. Collector 5.6. Simple		
•	Bird species ointal	4. Date/time 20 June 13:3		
•	Sex <b>6</b> . Age	7. Weight <b>866.49</b>		
•,	Activity (feeding, staging, etc.)	eeding		
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•		g		
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•	•	r		
•	Mean length of time between dives			
• .	Flock size compo	sition		
•	Collection site:			
	A. Wetland class	H. Percent vegetative cover		
	B. Water depth			
	C. Sediment depth			
	D. Turbidity			
	E. Temperature			
	F. Percent ice cover	I. % Salinity		
		J. Conductivity		
	Specimen:			
	A. Diagonal tarsus	B. Right wing (flat)		
	C. 9th primary: left			
	10th primary: left			
		E. Bill width (nare)		
	F. Bursa length (dissected)			
	G. Gizzard weight (empty)			
	H. Liver weight			
	I. Pectoral muscle weight	eg Heriota Heriota		
		left right 3		
		17. Skin prepared		
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1.	Specimen no. <u>29-80</u>	_ 3. Collector <u>S.G. Simpson</u>
2.	Bird species pintail	4. Date/time 23 June 11.13
	and f	7. Weight <u>831.6</u> g
		eeding along edges of ice-woodge
		· camp -
9.	Total length of time observed feeding	ng 12 min.
10.	Number of dives per unit time	
11.	Mean length of time spent under water	er
L2.	Mean length of time between dives	
L3.	Flock size compo	esition 201, 14
L4.	Collection site:	
	A. Wetland class <u>Ice-wedge</u>	H. Percent vegetative cover varied
	B. Water depth varied	
	C. Sediment depth	
	D. Turbidity	
	E. Temperature	
	F. Percent ice cover	I. % Salinity
	G. Distance from shore	J. Conductivity
L5.	Specimen:	
	A. Diagonal tarsus	B. Right wing (flat)
	C. 9th primary: left	right
	10th primary: left	right
	D. Culmen	E. Bill width (nare)
	F. Bursa length (dissected)	·
	G. Gizzard weight (empty)	
	H. Liver weight	_
	I. Pectoral muscle weight	The same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the same of the sa
	J. Gonad: male: lxw testes: female: dia. follicle	left <u>25.0 mm</u> right <u>25.3</u> - small!
.6.	Parasite sample	17. Skin prepared
_	Weather Curcast, calm	

Specimen collection

