

Transcribing the Joseph Grinnell field notes

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Collector: [Grinnell-1925](#)

Location: [Mineral](#), 4800 ft.

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Grinnell - 1911	May 25	Yosemite	458
<p>Black-headed Grosbeak (most noticeable bird around camp); Western Chipping Sparrow (many along road and edges of meadow); Pine Siskin (flock of 8 or 10 on meadow); California Purple Finch (one pair); Sierra Junco (not plentiful); Spurred Towhee (fairly common and surely nesting); White-crowned Sparrow (one individual in a willow thicket by the river may well have been a transient); Western Flycatcher (several heard in cedar clumps on valley floor); Traill Flycatcher (in full song in willows thickets along river); Wright Flycatcher (several in song on talus slopes among blackbills, ceanothos bush and yellow pines); Western Wood Pewee (fairly common); Logan's Bunting (several in full song); California Woodpecker (one at top of lofty yellow pine); Blue-fronted Jay (many); Spotted Sandpiper (a lively pair on sandy beach of river and occasionally flying out over adjacent meadow); Band-tailed Pigeon (one flying along wall of valley)</p>			
664	Garter Snake	caught in meadow close to river	
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Lessons learned

- Managing the project requires time and more time.
- Some features in field notes do not lend themselves well to transcriptions.
- Not many standards available
- Handwriting
- Future plans include...

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as *Prunus*, *Lycium*, *Sphaeralcea*, *Salvia*
mohamensis and a yellow flowered *penstemon*
P. antiochioides microphyllus. The
latter was in full bloom and up to 10 ft
from 3700 ft to as far as we climbed -
Did not hear or see a chipmunk - Heard
the rock wren and saw a green tailed
towhee - and small brown bird - Some
hawk with a hoarse voice called from
the cliffs - Among the rocks near
the base of the canyon saw a large rattlesnake
In the junipers on the divide heard quail
morning and evening -