

Insects Flowers Rocks -Found By the King Peak-Yukon Expedition 1952

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It was unfortunate indeed that no-one with a knowledge of rocks, flowers, plants and insects accompanied the expedition.

The botanist would however be very disappointed in the area, at least on the upper reaches of the Seward and on the Logan massif.

As for the zoologist, he too would be disappointed. To spend a summer studying iceworms would indeed be rather boring. The only other insect that we noticed in the area was the midge belonging to the Chiromidae specie.

The lower reaches of the Malaspina did support some plant life. Especially along the lower flanks of the Hitchcock Hills.

Marmots were seen in the area of the junction of the Seward and Malaspina Glaciers. In the Seward trough animal tracks were seen. They were not identified, though were similar to the tracks of the Bob Cat. Bear tracks were seen in the Seward Rock area where the marmots were seen. The elevation here is around 1500-2000'. Huge bear tracks were followed from the entrance of the Seward back to where the Seward trough breaks out onto the Upper Seward. Perhaps the bear travel into the interior in this matter. The trek would however involve a hundred miles or more on glacier. There would be little food for them.

A few birds were noticed in the higher areas. Often they would be chasing each other. Feathers on the glacier were found several times. Near the summit of King an unidentified bird was seen. In the ten miles or more of moraine on the Malaspina Glacier seagulls were quite abundant, apparently nesting. They become quite upset when bothered. On the trip into base camp they attacked us at one