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Friday
April 23,
1954.

Nothing. All 3 species (argentatus, delawarensis, and pipixcan) common in flights around neighborhood. None landing

Saturday
April 24

Watching lake front

Many Ring-bills and some Herrings migrating westerly. Mostly feeding. Some aerial long-calling. In the case of the Ring-bills, also some ground aggressiveness (on the ice) and pairing.

Ring-bill Trumpeting call.
Initial phase as usual.
Second phase straight down.

[[image]]

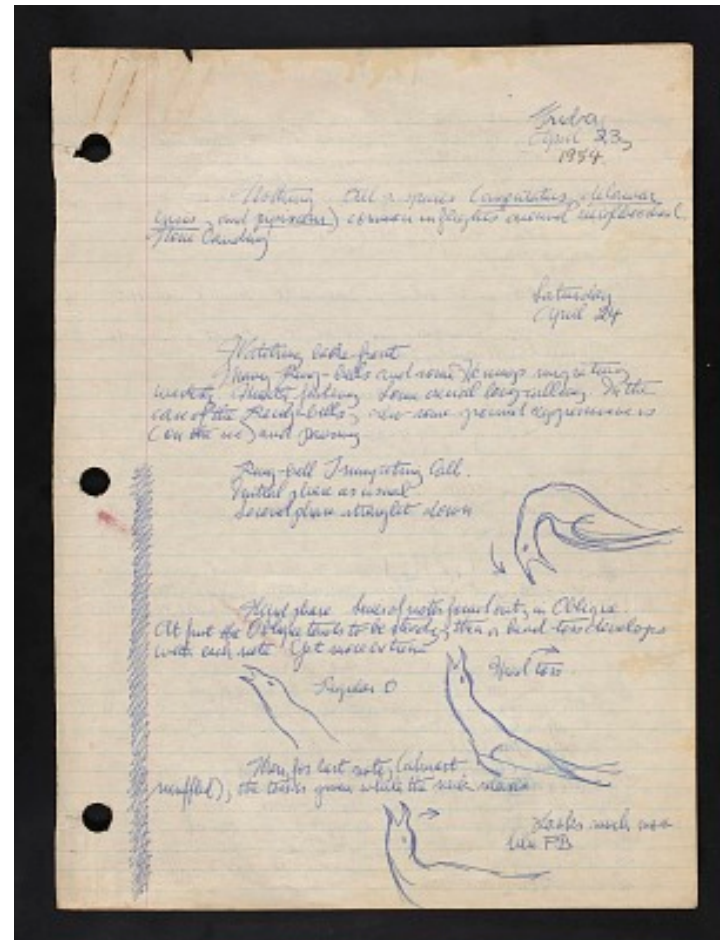
Third phase. Series of notes forced out, in Oblique. At first the Oblique tends to be steady, then a head-toss develops with each note. Get more extreme.

[[image]] Regular O

[[image]] Head toss

Then, for last note, (almost muffled), the tosses given while the neck relaxes

[[Image]] Looks much more like FB



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