

observations made near Aspen Grove on Mt. Timpanogos. My brother and I chose an observation point at the top of a rock slide for the purpose of observing the animal and bird activities. This slide ^{(7-23-39) and (2-7-23-39)} is on the south side of the main glacial canyon at a point about half way between Aspen Grove proper and the first falls. The entire area between Brachypod gulch and the falls is a likely talus for animal habitat but this section is relatively free from the dense growth that is so prevalent below the base of the cliffs. Exposure and good supply of moisture is no doubt responsible for the dense growth of brush, small trees and undergrowth. Regardless of the surficial growth the area still remains basally a rocky talus slope ~~except~~ ^{with} for this open area and one or two others ~~not so open~~ ^{freed} from growth. The bird life was interesting to observe. Many of the different species seemed to favor this area and returned on frequent visits to the same area of the slide. Those birds working across the canyon side necessary had to pass across this open area and therefore made their presence more notable, birds that would probably never been seen otherwise because of the habit of dense vegetation to thoroughly conceal many forms. The black-headed grosbeak was the one bird to utilize the rock slide association more than any other bird. This may have been true because of the ^{probable} near nesting sites of the birds, however, one group of birds, definitely a family, remain at edge of slide while parents used the slide area as a feeding ground. One male grosbeak was seen to arrive and leave at one particular place several times which might indicate that it had young in a nest at some distant point. Most of the grosbeak flew directly to the red berries that were mixed in among the boulders to feed while many others were seen to be flying from one side to the other as if merely passing by on the travels up and down the canyon hill side. Why should some bird feed persistently here while other pass