

green as compared to the typical green color of healthy trees
On medial moraine knoll at 9:30 jumped 8 deer rather unexpected-
antly. They were feeding (?) on the bushy west exposure near top of
knoll. 9:40 A.M. 2 ♀ and 1 ♂ standing 10 east of isolated knoll
in middle of secluded field. The 2 ♀ ran up hill into conifer
and then ♂ followed. Male very large with abnormal horns.
Does opened mouth & panted while ♂ grunted for relief. They
worked 1/2 way up conifer covered hillside & then stopped to watch
me below. It was very evident as I worked through these
moraine valleys that the deer bedded on the lee of ridges &
fed on the bush covered west sides of ridges. They seemed to
use the lee near top of ridge for bedding & protection during
the day & in bush for feeding. Although many deer were
found on the bushy side hill as well. They seem to prefer
the brink of the stranded benches on the moraine scoured hillside
At 10:25 took a picture (1-12-10-39) of the extensive open slopes
and Timponeche Cirque in background. Remains of a white
snow shoe where picture was taken. 10:35 saw 9 deer in closed
group. The large buck left first followed by a medium size buck.
The remaining doe remained but on approach they left. These deer
again were on the brink of one of the elevated benches and they
had easy access to west slope where they finally escaped. Two
♂ together. From here dropped down into main canyon and
followed down to spring above ranger station. This spring has
receded about 80' from its highest point of issue in the main
canyon. The greener & brown mass is contrasted with the dead
vegetational life about it. Main stream arises from within 100
feet area. No ice formed. Most of the mass in water very green.
Goshawk left 20' from spring. It was on ground. Passed
across flat & followed camp creek bed. Good flow of water here,
with considerable ice packs. One deer tree examined along
water edge. (willow) Mushrooms in waterworks pit dead and partially
decayed. At 11:00 watch a mixed flock of S.T. Chickadees &
mt. Chickadees with one R.M. Creeper & one Hairy Woodpecker
Camp at 11:10. After dinner of 1 sq. chocolate started on another
jaunt to the N.W. Follow up main canyon to head of spring &
then followed main trail over into Bear Canyon. On ridge turned
east. On north side of this ridge found many bedding grounds of
the deer with a young fir tree used as horn scraper. The north
side of this ridge is ideal for protection. Wind nearly blowing
conifers over but from the south but no wind on lee side
among conifers. Very bushy near ridge top with considerable