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As I followed along this flat bench could see 2 deer at point where I expected to start up hillside. and by the time I had worked above them on sidehill between the 1st & 2nd gully from Grove found 4 others lying down in the oak trees where the oaks left the flat & penetrated the lower limits of these gullies. Thru. stones to get them moving so I could get accurate check on numbers. They did not recognize the sound of a rock that might light near them but my intentional movement started them off but for in about 50 where I left them to return to the oaks again. Have observed several Sceloporus & spurred Towhee. The Sceloporus are on the average much larger than those below but just as adept in gaining protection and in a somewhat awkward way. The grasses are more numerous as soon as one gains the hillside above the bench land. Also the deer trail are in evidence now and one can always find any grade or direction of trail that he desires. The ground is still damp in many places. Two Turkey Vultures flew by and inspected the country at 1:25 P.M. at 1:30 one vulture flew & circled by. I also observed two hawk about the size of Goshawk with their typical shape flying or rather sailing straight north in a high wind without deviating except to reel the aggressor occasionally. These two birds flew out of sight to the north. They were mere specks as they flew by me so were probably flying rather high. Arrived at cliff barrier at 1:40 and had drink in second gully from water seeping over cliffs. No snow on slopes. Above this water & cliff is a nice group of Cercocarpus montana. The juncos have already appeared & are becoming more numerous. Oaks associated. A marsh hawk & Woodhouse Jay flew by at this level. Sceloporus numerous and large. From here trekked toward edge of Grove Canyon and passed through grove of Acer (mt. maple) in first gully. From edge could see a marmot on rock cliff below. From here work up and to the south and come out on top at the reservoir. Deer trail, numerous and badger along the way. at the reservoir arrived at 2:30 P.M. a Citellus v. utah ran into a pile of boards on approach. also a ♀ group of ring n. pheasant and a ♂ disappeared into oak cover. Soil damp. Considerable ^{winter} gopher activity but no recent spring workings. From the north end of this