


Tamiasciurus h. ventorum 400930-172
no grass or *Citellus armatus* in evidence
The *Sceloporus graciosus graciosus* were out on return trip
The greatest percentage being about 1 1/2 inches long. Grass-
hoppers associated with lizards. Met two young boys on re-
turn who claim they had killed 3 rattlesnakes near devil's
kitchen. Chokeberries perfect some being  this size
Elder berries ok, service berries dried or gone. Aspen leaves
predominately yellow and still on trees, however few trees
bare and ground covered. The north side of last hill among
conifers about 60% leaves and 40% bare. The golden yellow
leaves on dark ground among conifers an unusual site.
The vegetation no coming back since sheep have been
prohibited. The sheep flat near spring has, in the last
4 or 5 years supported several dominant plants, each varying
according to the year. a most drastic change having taken
place. On the first flat of slide canyon where trail leads to
maple flat one finds now grasses 4 and 5' high. It controls the
flat with very little other vegetation present. Of years past
at this same time have found the flat at one year dominated
by nigger heads, others years by stinging nettle etc. The old
obnoxious weeds are still found being crowded out by the
grasses. Snow present in protected places from this
flat on. Gophers active. the entire route. Springs
as usual. Sever erosion at base of mountains and below

The erosional scars on Provo Peak are being checked
by invading vegetation. One dense growth having invaded
about 1/3 way from top of gullies. General cold brown
and red with green still clinging on. The rock colors, however,
have passed on except in few spots. Maple leaves in general
are gone and trees bare. Found name of Tom Huxford 1925
in aspen below sheep-springs. Mt ash leave mainly gone
with berries a deep red. not as orange as general. No recent
Badger diggings. Coyote tracks present. On return trip found
bees in conifers, few butterflies. Can see breath scarcely all
time. I know of no prettier trip than this one, a trip
when continued down rock canyon is not too long a trip.
to live one.

Utah Lake. 9/30/40
Found at mouth of Provo River 133 semipalmated (?), 23 least (?),
and 35 killdeer. Toward sundown and birds presenting
increase activity. Marsh larks disturbs them.
Snow on mountain to maple flat level. persisted next day 10/3/40
nearly gone on the 5th except in protected places.