

Deer Trip to Indian Springs, Indian Cr. ^{SW Strawberry Reservoir} 401018-179 10/18/40
Station at Indian Springs. Left Provo in time to reach camp
about 1:00 A.M. In the upper head of Sheep Canyon found the
hillsides colorless with tree leaves dead or off. The oaks with
trees either bare but generally still retaining the dry, curled and
wrinkled leaves. Should say that probably 50% of the ^{dead} oak leaves
were still remaining on tree. The maple trees are generally or
consistently bare, however, a few trees still retaining dry leaves
no colors present except dry dull faded brown. No green from
tree foliage. The aspen trees ~~dead~~ without leaves on all ex-
posures except in the bottom of the main canyon where they
were still yellow. Crater to west of Sheep Creek very interesting.
Arrived at camp at 1:00 P.M. and soon had camp in order.
no hunters on route. Country dry in appearance with no snow
in evidence even in protected places, however, the soils damp
in canyon among spruce on south side. Straw used by hunters
last year not eaten by either deer or sheep. During the ^{early} afternoon
was startled at the complete dullness of the day, not a sound offered
for several minutes at a time. Toward late afternoon the birds and
animal activity more pronounced and increasing as day advanced.
The birds at camp that made their appearance at camp are:
Clark's Crow, Chickadees, nuthatch, Gray-head junco, *Cent. umbrinus*,
Tamiasciurus and a few grasshoppers. *Tamiasciurus* called at 4:30 P.M.
Established research area 4-10-18-40 across the bottom of the
canyon placing 5 traps 20' apart up north side hill and 5 traps 20'
apart up south side hill. North side hill open and rather steep,
with *Symphoricarpos*, aspen and *Pinus flexilis*. South side of spruce,
aspen, a typical *Clethrionomys* and *Peromyscus* territory. Checks
on these traps every morning and night and at the end of the 4th
day ~~found only~~ had one *Peromyscus* to the good. It measured:
172 m.m. long, 81 m.m. tail, 19 m.m. foot. ♀. From my notes of two
years ago from this same area supporting several *Peromyscus*. at
camp we had trouble with mice and ~~poisoning~~ even on our daily
hunts frequently observed muratic like mice ~~actual~~ during the day.
That was ~~last year~~ 2 years ago, but this year there appeared
to be a decided lack of mice of any form. However observed
this year at several places the tracks of mice made during the
night but nothing compared to the trails and evidence of mice the
trip of 2 years ago. It would indicate that from general
observations that the mice population of 2 years ago was at
an optimum but this year at a low ebb in population
numbers. The temperatures appear to be in contrast so will