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Trip to Maple Flat. Solitary. Left from base of maple flat mountain at 12:20 P.M. Itinerary including log trail, across maple flat to mother Looms nose, hence return same route. at 12:21 observed 12 Shufeldt juncos, 2 magpie and 1 rock squirrel. 3 meadowlarks calling as compared to continual calling and singing of these birds during the morning hours. 12:35 P.M. a ♂ deer left 200' above Bonneville level and trended up canyon. many deer tracks at this level. 12:40 P.M. 10 juncos probably Shufeldts. at 1:08 arrived at the first rock ledge gate that intercepts trail. many fresh deer tracks so far indicating their range at this time of year. at 1:10 at conspicuous chimney and unscalable ridge peak to left or north. at 1:15 A.M. a woodhouse jay flew down the ridge calling and lit 100' away and after a few minutes left and continued down canyon still calling. While I was standing still looking down into Slide. a red tail lit on top of chimney rock 200' away. I was in plain site but it did not see me for 12 seconds after which it flew in a startled manner offering its characteristic call. It was unquestionably frightened. It called and circled high. 2 other red tail dropped like a bullet into nest area in slide canyon. 1:25 P.M. arrived at pass on ridge from Slide Canyon. few deer use this area. Chickadee, juncos and Utah jay calling. 1:40 P.M. 9 deer 200' above left to south. and up canyon. 1:46 P.M. Conspicuous point or ridge. at this fault valley there is a flat large enough for tent. 1:55 P.M. yellow ledge intercepted. 2:18 P.M. 2 deer 2:20 P.M. 6 deer 2:30 P.M. at trail cut off around north end of maple flat. Snowshoe rabbit tracks coming in now. arrived at top of maple flat knoll at 2:45 P.M. at this point took



picture no. (1-3-27-41) showing the Dusky Grouse tracks on surface of snow. Their presence noticeable at this particular point. Several snowshoe rabbits using this particular area probably due to the association of conifer on north exposure. Mohogany silhouette. Utah Lake in distance. From

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this point continued south thru aspens, oaks and maples to the point of Mother Looms nose. Chickadee, nuthatch, ut jay, weasel tracks, deer tracks, quonipen tracks on top.