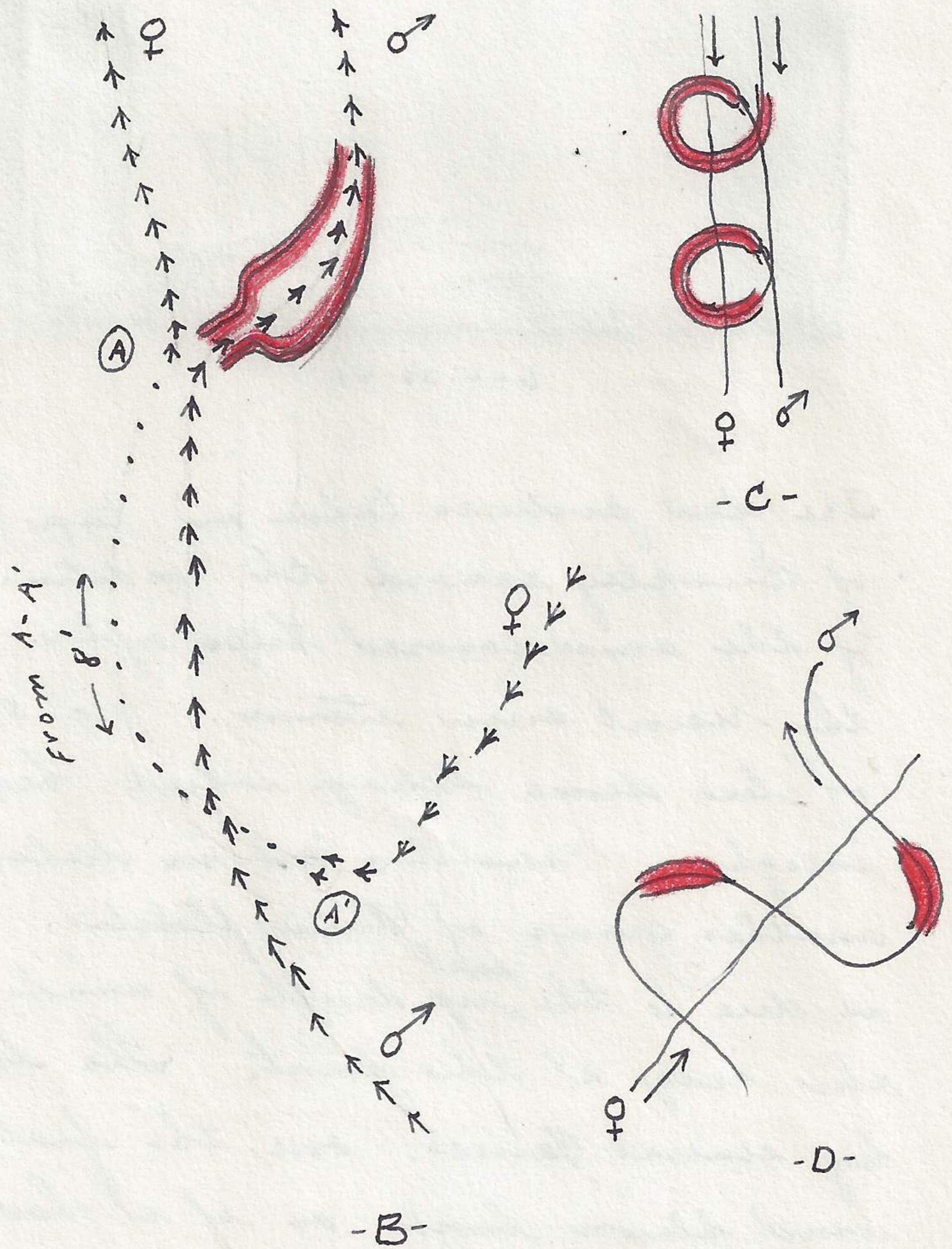
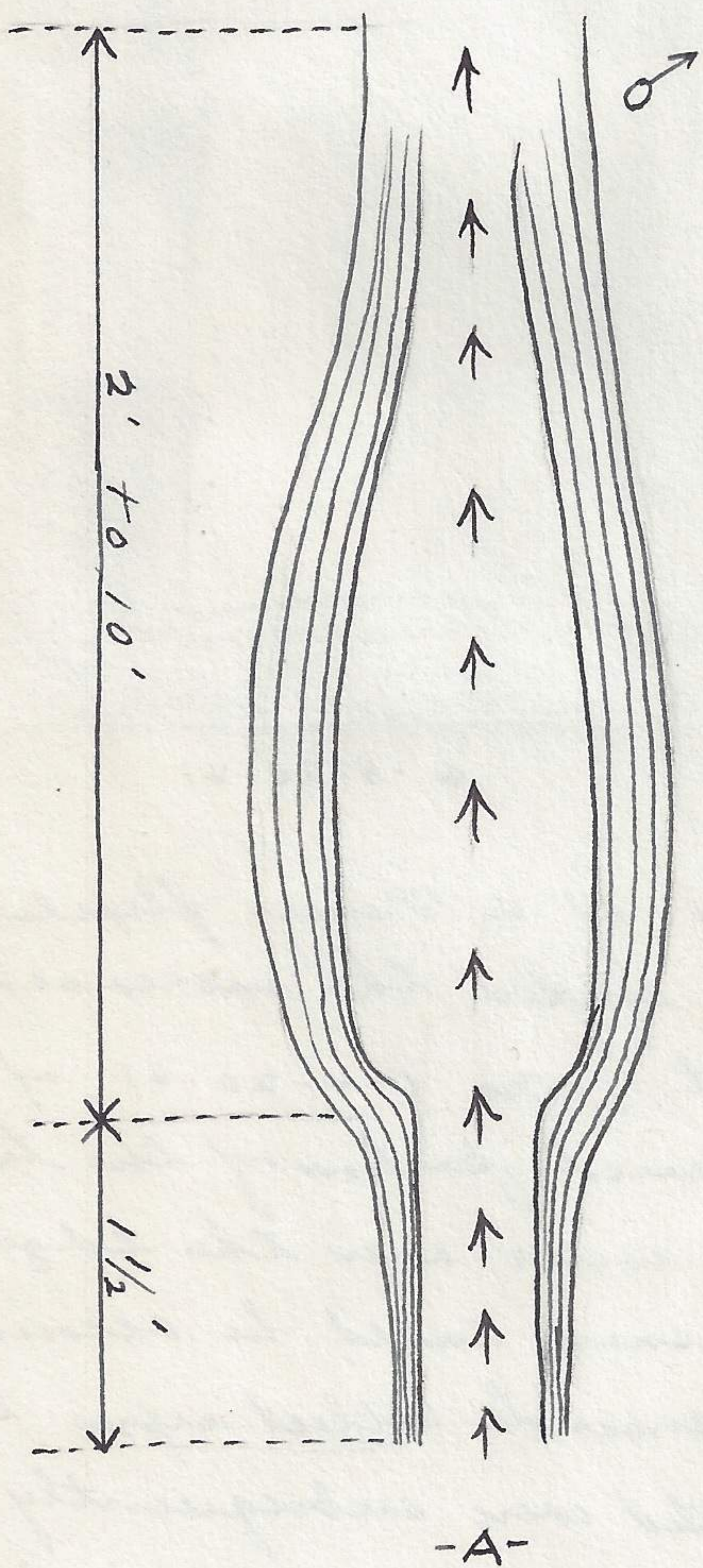


The most interesting observation was made in my valley below divide among the aspen and conifers. As the surface of the snow was powdered upon a hard crust one was able to recover an interesting story of the courtship act of the Dusky Grouse. From all evidence available pronounced these tracks as Dusky although the Gray-ruffed Grouse could have been involved. While there may be a question and almost completely satisfied that the designer was a dusky. These eloquent patterns portrayed an act that would have been rather difficult to have observed in nature under summer conditions. But here one finds the story in black and white, more properly white. Found mainly among aspen stands.




Key:  
 ↓ grouse tracks  
 primary impression of courtship strut  
 ... Flight course

Figure a of the primary feather imprints on snow in characteristic pattern.  
 Figure B courtship with ♀ flying 8' upon being too closely approached  
 Figure C and D courtship patterns of 2 main types.