

distance to the north and east. The route leads
thru undisturbed timber. Occasional deer
track. Bird life practically nil except for a
winter wren or two. This area is slightly different
from other virgin areas and possibly due to the fact
that it suffers from the gorge winds and has several
perpendicular barriers and the Columbia River Gorge
to influence its make-up. This area of the Columbia
River Gorge must have been a paradise in prehistoric
times or before the advent of white man's occupation.
made several trips in this area of Heliker flats
during the winter's months. Following pictures
taken during these trips.