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A cottontail is favoring a certain area in grass 15 feet SW of trailer. This A.M.

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This evening the cottontail has dug a 5 inch hole  into the ground and has lined it with grass. The lining material is taken by the mouth from a dried grass area 6 feet from the hole and carried to the nest where it is placed, without visible external movement into the hole. At one moment it stood upon its back legs and pressed the grasses down over the hole to help camouflage its whereabouts. The top of the nest was covered with a thin layer of dry grass. During the afternoons the rabbit is observed about 100 feet to the north among a stand of elm trees. Their activity is mainly preformed in the morning hours. The Grackles in the elm grove are still actively gathering material. Robin nest mainly finished and birds in general area. Their activity for nest building is mainly during the earlier morning hours of the day. The trees are now showing considerable green but one can see the grackle nest throughout the elm grove area <sup>from one point</sup>. In a few days I expect that they will be hidden by the new developing leaves.

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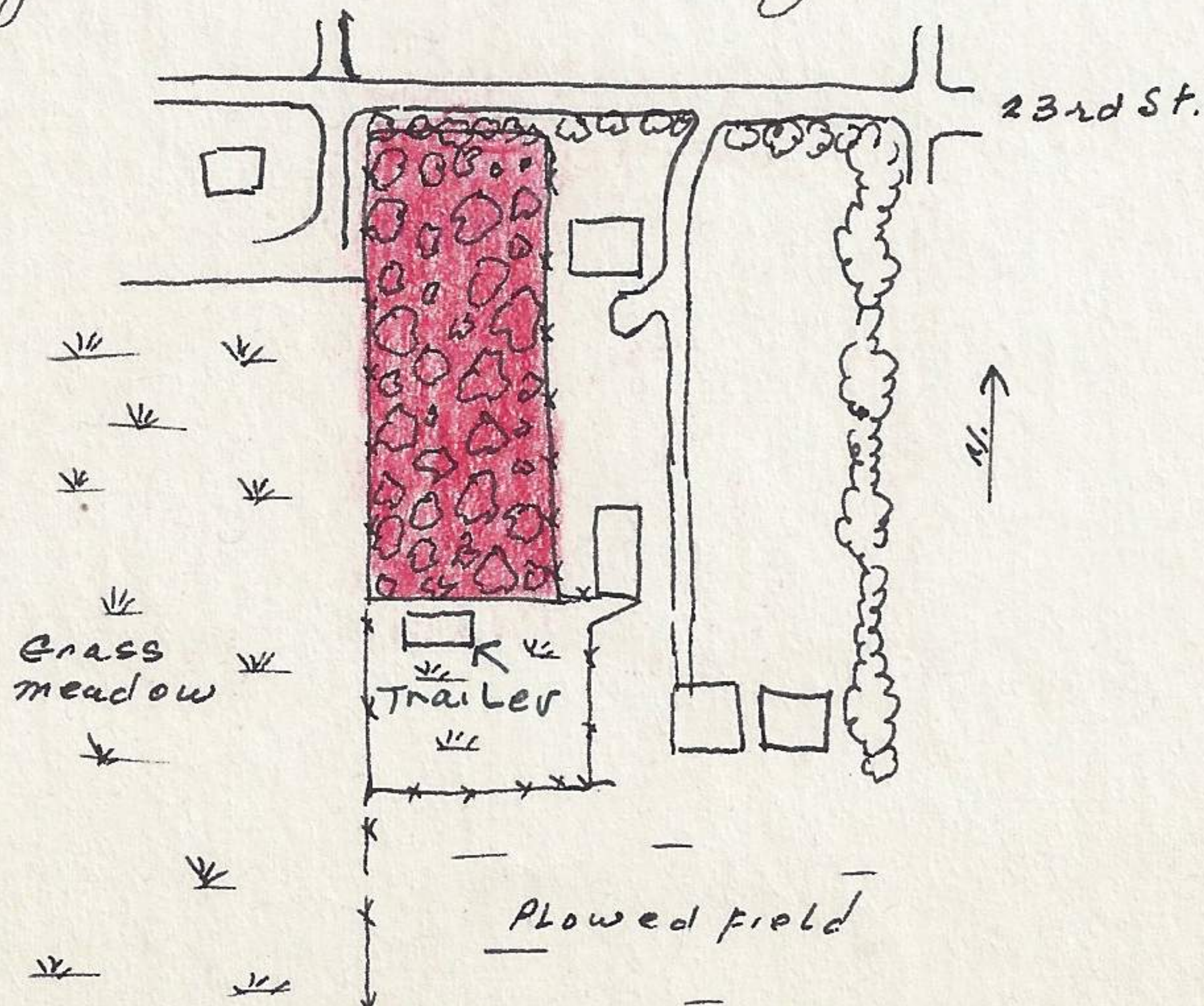
May 2, 1950

male and female robin (see notes April 7, 1950) copulating this morning at 9:00 at 2 feet from nest.

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May 4, 1950

Robin nest with 1 egg in this am. at 8:30 A.M. At 9:30 the ♂ attempted copulation while the ♀ robin was on the nest. They both left immediately after with the robin chasing the ♀. At 10:00 A.M. made a census of nests in the elm grove in the Carl Drake residence area. The



section mark in red the research area. South and SW of this area is marked by open fields and and without wind brakes. This section extends to the Wakarusa River. Occasional habitation. The area to the north and east typified sub-urban. There is a sharp break at the Drake residence between the city and country sections. The grove consists of an old wind break