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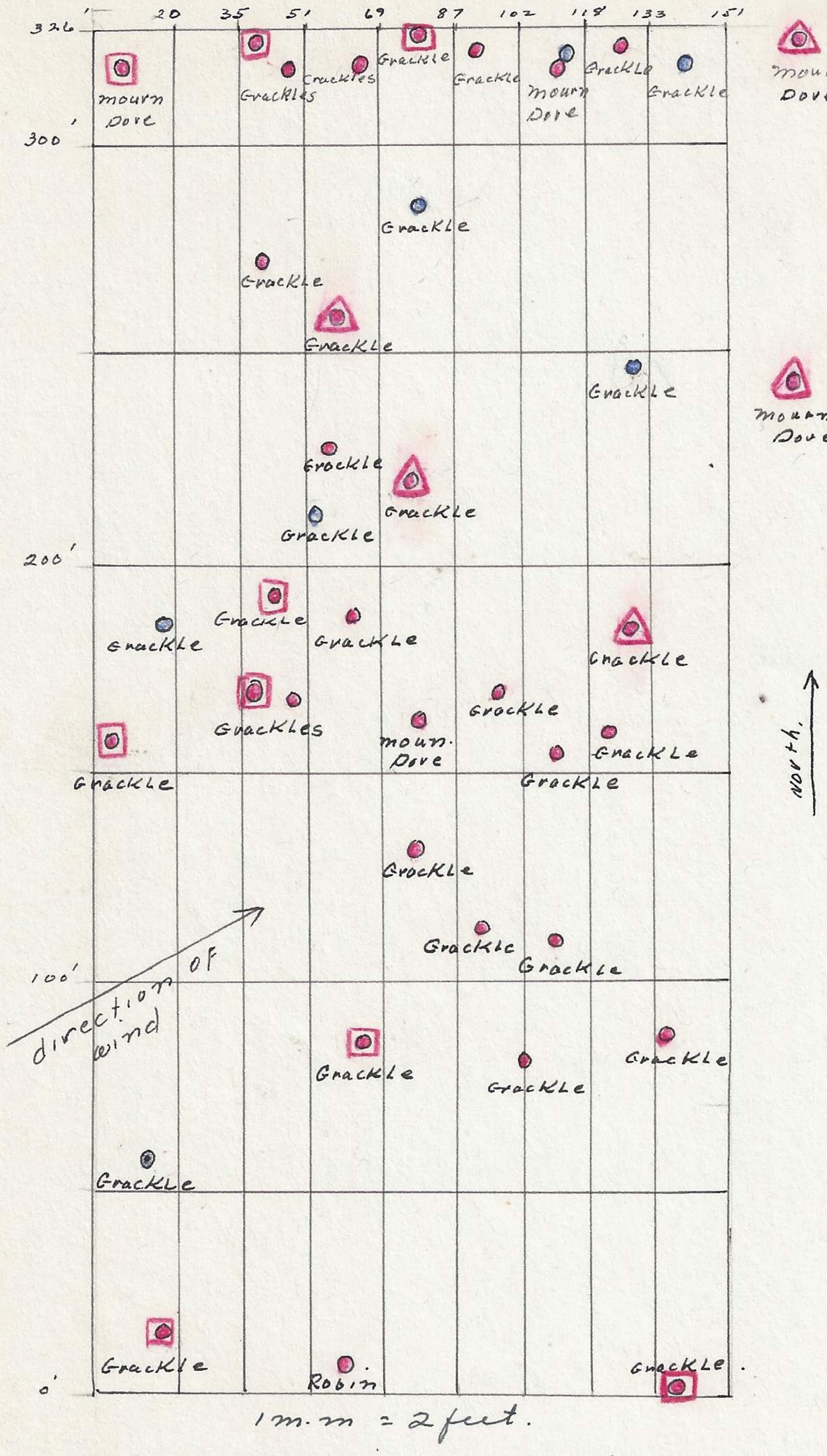

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May. 7, 1950

Rechecked the elmgrove area at 9:0 P.M. for casualty of nesting sites. The following observations and comparisons were made. Prevailing winds at the time of the destruction of nests (see notes may 5, 1950) have from the S.W. and W. It is apparent that the areas of the greatest damage are those sections taking the brunt of the winds. All mourning doves nests on the periphude area of the grove, whether on the lee side or not, were either blown from the trees or nest dislodged and eggs blown to the ground. The one exception was a nest placed in the center of the elmgrove. This bird continued to incubate eggs. It is interesting to note that the mourning doves general chose a peripheral spot for nesting and that the only nest saved was that one placed within the center of the grove. Three and 4 done nests were destroyed or 75% nest casuality. The one robin nest continued in place and with resumed incubation after high wind. Eleven grackle nests were disrupted, 8 of which were completely blown from the trees. The remaining 4 were dislodge but still remaing in the trees. Six new nests were completed since the wind of may 5th, 1950. Only half of the destroyed nests of the grackles can be