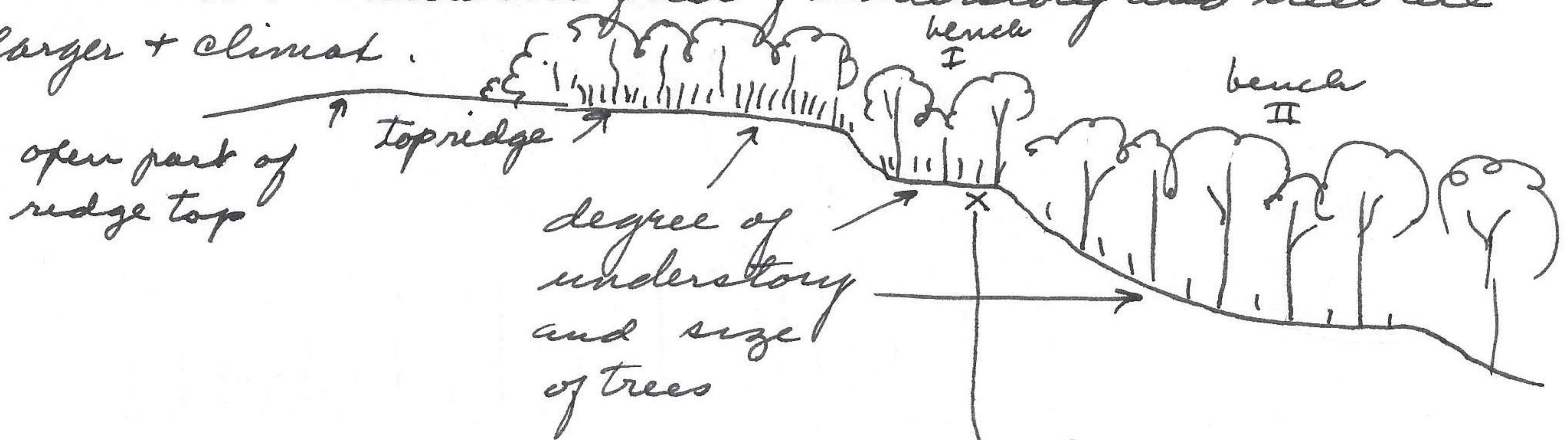


walked into the center of activity. The squirrels slowly dispersed, some still ignoring me although only 30 feet away. At 11:54 crossed fence continued to watch squirrels until 12:02 at which time I left to W, leaving 50 per cent of original number of squirrels still in area, others had moved out in uphill direction. 4 tree nests of leaves in the area of observation. Left area and continued to W to main drainage arroyo there at 12:05. On E side of this drainage is a slope between 1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> bench that is almost completely covered with mosses. Gained first bench. Fresh and numerous deer tracks on benchlands, especially the uppermost one where deer tracks show localized activity of tromping with tracks every six to 12 inches apart; first bench has more understory growth of gooseberry and other small shrubs & trees and smaller trees of the scrub type than the 2<sup>nd</sup> benchland and those below which are free of understory and trees are larger + climatic.



12:07 2 chickadees, 2 blue jays, 2 titmice, a white breasted nuthatch giving warning call from top of tree which was 10 feet from a hole in a dead tree where a red-bellied woodpecker was feeding. The nuthatch reacted to its own call by thrusting out its wings laterally each time it call. The entire body was turned from right to left on each call. When the woodpecker left the nuthatch flew to the hole in the tree. A pair of titmice and a cardinal <sup>were</sup> all concerned with the action of the nuthatch but left before the nuthatch finally flew to hole and then remained quiet. It would appear that the action was result of the woodpecker being in the territory of the nuthatch. A phoebe was heard calling as it moved up thru the drainage system.

best vantage point for trail system which presents 1<sup>st</sup> bench and slope and all of benchland below.