

noted many tracks of squirrels all along the route but not one called as the fox passed by. Continued to mouth of Buck Creek, arriving at 3:22. Redtail circled above. at this point surveyed the area up river and saw the red fox that I had been following for the last half or so mile. It was a very large one and accounted for the large size track. It left the bank of river at point where the riparian growth ^{had} been cleared to the very edge of the bank and crossed the open sands to edge of present river and then followed up stream until it arrived at the riparian community whereupon it gained the top of the bank and continued on, first pausing to look back before continuing. In other words it trusted the edge of the river more than the main river bank that had been cleared of timber. It would appear they prefer open river edge to open cleared cultivated fields. At Point at mouth of Buck Creek took one photo (670129-2) of mouth of Creek and ^{raw} river beyond. Photo shows where red fox moved across open sand bar. I had noticed that whenever the fox used the bank slope and edge of muddy river, ~~that~~ the imprints in the snow on top of bank and in the riparian community were stained with mud for 50 or so feet. Air temp 47°F. Left mouth of Buck Creek at 3:38 and returned via east side of river forests at edge of fields. 3:44 8 slate colored juncos, 2 cardinals, downy, 12 bobwhites on dike. There is many times more rabbit tracks at the field-forest contact than the forest river contact (85% more). Coyote tracks with 18 inch interval between stride and mainly in field and not in forest. 3:47 redtail, 8 Oregon juncos, 3 cardinals, 2 b.c. chickadees, 12 meadowlarks left field and flew to top of high cottonwood tree at edge of field. 3:53 Crossing gully near where high voltage utility lines pass by. Good cover of bulldozed trees. Many rabbit tracks. 2 downy woodpeckers. 14 cardinals, 8 slate colored juncos, 3 b.c. chickadees. 3:57 measured first of 4 large cottonwood trees spaced about 150' apart. It measured 54' in diameter. The 3rd in line measured 173 inches in circumference B.H. The older part of the riparian forest is on the east side