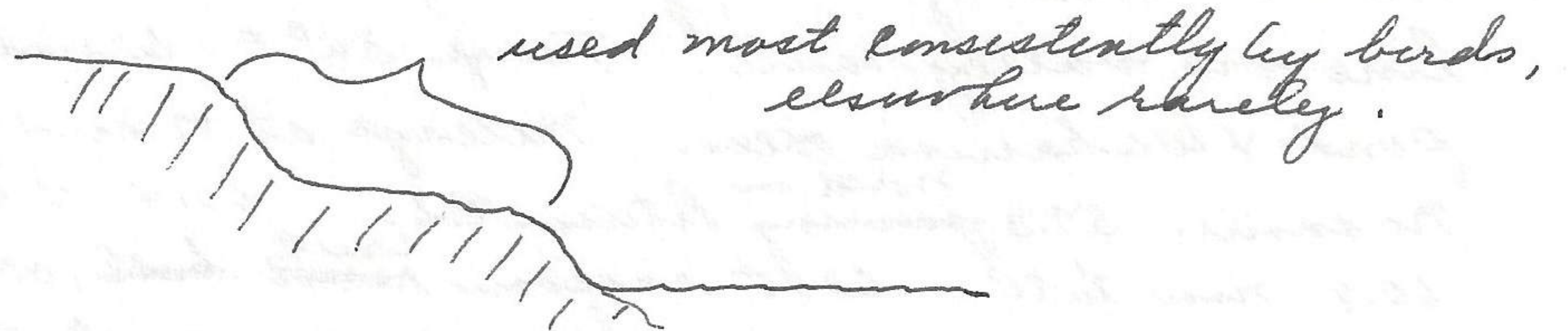


noted that there was increased coyote & fox tracks at centers of increased squirrel or rabbit activity. There was increased activity at convergence of lateral-main river drainage. Wind controls distribution of birds. On upland or river valley there were practically no birds today but in protected river channel there were great concentrations of birds and there mainly on lee side and sunny side. The river channel used by birds was



Peromyscus trails on snow rare. Rabbits uncommon. Of the occurrence of tracks I would estimate that 50% of the time there would be coyote tracks; 40% of the time red fox tracks; squirrel tracks averaged 1 per 150'; rabbit about 1 per 200'; dog 80%. There were no raccoon, opossum or skunk tracks observed. There was no sign of carrion feeding or capture sets. Identification sign for coyote about 1 per 300'. Cottontail can be distinguished from fox squirrel by:



rabbit -

larger, distance between ~~front~~ back and front feet sometime more than maximum for squirrel. In individual jumps frequently more than 40 inches. Trails uniform. In deeper snow body does not imprint as in squirrel.



squirrel

back front feet frequently diverging, front feet opposite and near ~~front~~ back feet. In individual sets seldom more than 40 inches. Trails irregular. In deep snow body imprints & feet drag.

Left river at bridge at 3:18 and walked back to car. In the river channel the walking was comfortable. Outside of river channel the wind was relatively strong (10 M.P.H.) and cold. Temp 25°F. Passed bridge at 3:55. 402 red bellied woodpecker. 4:05 now to S in deciduous forests. 4:08 2 chickadees. 2 crow to W. 4:10 8 juncos, 5 cardinals, 1 red bellied woodpecker. 4:15 Car. Bird life rare on return trip to car. Left with mileage ~~38.0~~ ^{39.0}. 41.2 bridge 41.7 Peterson road. 54 meadowlarks on S exposure of road (not feeding on road) in 3/10 of mile. 42.5 8 more meadowlarks. 42.9 New dam. 43.1 4 cardinals, 1 song sparrow. 44.4 now to E. 8 juncos 15 tree sparrows. 44.9 Sigel at 4:40 P.M.