

the Snowy Lauge observed that many of ⁶⁸⁰⁸⁰⁹⁻¹¹¹ the alpine fields down to upper montane were apparently free of sheep grazing and the wet sedges and grasses were high and extensive in comparison with 1948 when they were heavily grazed. This should permit a decided increase in microtines. The new road in lower stretches of Canyon is destroying the uniqueness of the country. Outside of national forest at pond before canyon gate ^{photographed the pond with shadows in foreground.} ^{♀ malleol left pond} Between here and the N fork of the Platte River observed 6 sparrow hawk evenly distributed in the irrigated slopes. It was about 1 mile before reaching the Platte that we observed the first magpie. ^{and turkey vulture.} Rained all the way to Rock Springs with black clouds in regular sequence. Stayed at trailer camp this P.M. Noted that gas lamps burn brighter at Rock Springs than at Merrar Lake.

Rock Springs, Wyoming

Aug 10, 1968

Left Rock Springs 12:30 Temp 59°F at 8:00 A.M., now down to 54°F. Hard rain yesterday but soaks in rapidly. Continued to Green River, thence to Buckboard Crossing. This is a marina and is not associated with dynamic canyon lands but open valley type terrain. Gulls and Brewers blackbird here. Returned to Black Fork River crossing and camped. Set 60 traps on N side river ⁱⁿ first canyon to right of bridge. Traps in cliffs of over hang or under rocks and not exposed to rain. These cliffs are friable sandstones and carved by wind and water to produce overhangs. Many sandstone nodules in rocks.

A second set of 60 in greasewood, sagebrush, Chrysothamnus in flat of valley on slightly elevated ridge along a channel that carries water in extremely high water. This area is on S side river about 1/10 mi E of bridge. All this area had been effected by recent rains.

5 traps were set at base of rocks at bridge abutment.

Black Fork River, Highway 530, Sweetwater Co., Wyoming
Elev. 6040 ft.

From traps set in cliffs ^{Aug 11, 1968} collected a series of *Peromyscus*. The traps were in protected places and not touched by torrential rains. This environment is dry at all times in contrast to sagebrush and greasewood flats where almost all traps were sprung and soils ^{damp} wet to standing water.