

chickadees a sharp-shinned hawk darted into the ~~for~~ birds feeding on the snow and although seemed to be in the center of the flocks, ~~it~~ was not successful. After the initial passing swipe of the birds it alighted in a tree 30' beyond where it remained for approx 30 seconds (only 20' away from me) and then left and flew up three tree tops to about 50' above trees where it return from where it entered the area. As it passed the ridge it darted down on the opposite side as if in another surprise attack. The tree sparrows formed a close group as they left the snow and flew to a bushy tree 15' away where they remained low in the branches for about 3 minutes after which time they came to the upper part of the bush and then flew to another area some 150' beyond. This area is 80' east of drainage. 1:27 drainage Excellent cover of native grass at mouth of this canyon and has been protected by fence enclosure. Good microtine tracks. Redtail circling at point to W. 1:30 fence line (E-W) grass good to 5 of fence but not as good as those to N. Blue jay. 1:32 Coyote track to W crossing at creek. Marsh hawk hunting slope to E. 1:35 Coyote track to W and paralleling the set below. This coyote dug out an old red fox that had been partly eaten but bones & hide intact. The coyote did not seem to eat on this carcass but had pulled it from the snow, nor had it attracted the attention of its partner below. 3 juncos, 1 yellow-shafted flicker, 2 bluejays. 1:40 level of rim rock in drainage. water open and flowing. Red-tail circling at head of drainage. 1:43 hairy woodpecker in brush pile and only bird in area. It flew to tree at head of drainage. 1:44 Coyote crossing to W. This one could be the 3rd one in the group moving from E to W along this hillside. 1:56 point of ridge 2:00 mourning dove flew past to W. 2:03 pond. Open only at SE corner. Hairy woodpecker only bird in trees below pond. There have not been either rabbit nor squirrel tracks in open slopes away from trees, nor were there rabbit or squirrel tracks in drainage among trees below pond. 2:07 old eroded road. Dark colored redtail to E. 2:10 first minor drainage. 8 tree sparrows in down brush. 2:13 second minor drainage. 2 redheads in forest below. 2:15 bird roost in snow, size about meadowlark. 2:18 drainage ^(fence angle) above large juniper. Water open and flowing. Coyote tracks trending to W. 2:21 redtail. Male forcing snow into ridges with lateral extensions as noted