

robins - 4 observed walking beneath Krumholz. One adult was with ^a young one.

pine siskin - group of 9 feeding on snow.

white crowned sparrow - observed 2 groups of 3 each.

Eutamias. 2 noted at highest point. Three others on ridge leading up to area from Lewis Lake.

mule deer - tracks common, especially on benchland below.

marmot - only 2 observed

pika - 8 observed. Both the marmot & pika are quiet and inconspicuous.

As a general statement, and with the exception of the pupet, birds are uncommon in area. The green-tailed towhee (juvenile) was caught in a trap, and otherwise not observed active. This is a record for altitude of juvenile green-tailed towhees.

On way up to trapping area this morning (7:00 AM) observed the tracks of the pine marten crossing (upward) a snow field.

^{not size} The hind foot was of this size. The four feet were grouped together and the distance between groups was approx 2³ feet showing the weasel like pattern of navigation.

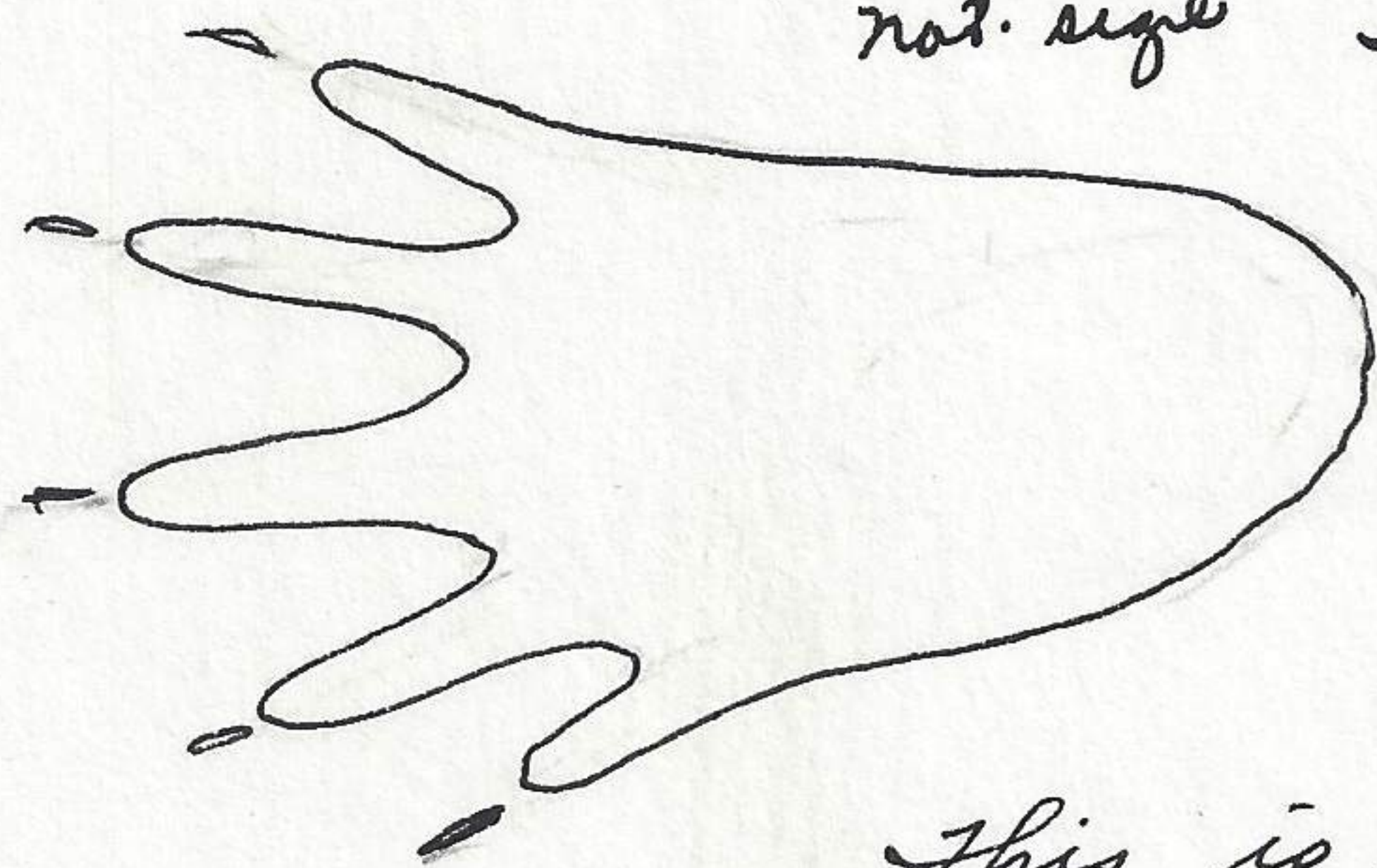
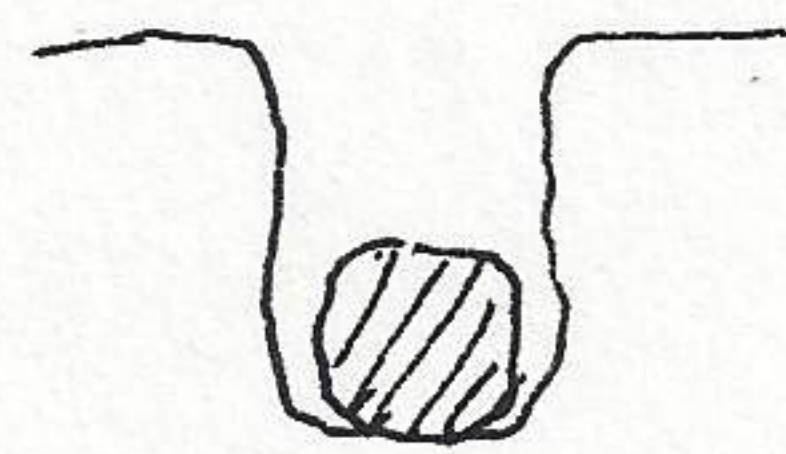


Photo 710803-16 was of this set of tracks.

This is the second piece of evidence that pine marten are in the area. Birdlife leading to trapping area are scarce. An adult & juvenile ^(2nd year) Herring gull circled the lake (Lewis). One excavation hole approx 10 feet deep support snow in bottom there: whereas snow on the surface had been cleared by melting.



On a short trip on horizontal benchlands east of camp at Libby Lake in evening noted a hummingbird. The pine siskin are in groups of 3 to as many as 18. They feed on snowbanks, especially at base and sides. A family of six mountain bluebirds were among Krumholz near top of ridge. ^{Two} male ~~blue~~ mule deer were in dwarf spruce near top and left by crossing open divide or ridge. These are the deer that spend the day among larger Engelmann spruce along Libby Creek to the S.

This evening set 50 traps in Engelmann spruce which were intermediate between the upper montane and Krumholz. Patches of spruce were more isolated than in trapping area below. Placed 25 traps in one isolated group of Engelmann spruce 30' diameter.