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- 7:49 Hummingbird flew east calling
- 7:52 30 chipping sparrows in short chest grass and stork bills on open and exposed hillside. Character not discernable beyond 30' because of darkness coming on.
- 7:55 Doves flew by (2)
- 7:00 Spurred Towhees still singing. Mourning Doves have stopped Pheasant calls decreasing. Just as I was approaching more level portion of flat below spring heard ♂ pheasant warning vigorously kept up its single, double & triple call noted call. As I walked toward ♂ would move on up hill. On brink flushed five ♀. ♂ offered ten rapid warning calls in succession. Passed on by and ♂ kept calling for 5 minutes.
- 8:05 Late twilight and can not read pencil writing more than one foot away.
- 8:13 Arrived at camping spot about 150' N.E. of spring and at base of escarpment. Heard pheasants calling. Spurred Towhees quite now.
- 8:30 Heard weird call of (?) coming from base of Big Baldy. The note was about middle C. The first note was about 1 second long in duration the next note  $\frac{1}{2}$  step higher and following immediately after first note and about  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. duration.
- 8:54 Camp set, tent up, sleeping bag arranged and water boiling. Prepared lunch always desirable for first meal and with a warm drink will suffice and certainly save time which should be used for camping making. Never light fire until camp is set up, unless for lighting purposes. Practically no wind and deadly silent except for weird call on Big Baldy
- 9:01 Heard weird call.
- 9:04 Heard noise in oak leaves 150' east of camp on escarpment, then followed by weird call just over crest in same vicinity. The call now, at this distance had a third note attached that could only be heard at close range. It was merely an repetition of indistinct sounds much lower than two main notes.
- 9:05 300' S.E. heard weird call, kept up for 4 minutes then stopped.
- 9:20 Heard weird call toward upper cliffs in Dry Canyon. First weird call since 9:04. Heard noise from cliffs every minute, bird at base of Big Baldy about once every 5 minutes.
- 9:30 Bed. Left weird call still calling.

Next morning (5/12/38)

- 4:15 A.M. Spurred Towhee singing also pheasant calling
- 4:35 Pheasants calling 18 times per 2 minutes. One N.E. of camp calling every two minutes.
- 5:45 It's hard to get up in the morning!
- 5:47. Started breakfast
- 6:35. Ready to leave camp. Objective to make complete census of bird & animal life from spring to highest point on south side of Battle Creek and return, following along trail that conforms to flat valley following along pitch of anticline. Did not deviate from trail except at one or two places in which case it did not exceed 180' to either side, occasionally stepped to brink to look down into valley to the west & south. No duplication of numbers unless indicated, will therefore represent entire number of birds & animal seen or heard. Followed same course on return trip.
- 6:38 Mourning dove cooing up trail. (Complete Census.)