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Several large swallowtails on ridge among trees. This is a good season for these butterflies. Bluejay, 10:40 top of ridge in jumper grave. 2 great horn owl in trees S of point, will fallow in tree just over brink of ridge. As far as I can see, there is no center core in dam and the contact on hillside is not at bedrock. ^{drilled} Holes filled with cement hillside contact. Ruby-throated hummingbird, cowbird, cardinal, 2 bluejays, ruby-throated hummingbird, redheaded woodpecker, field sparrow, Titmouse, cardinal, g.c. flycatcher, Carolina wren, white-breasted nuthatch, downy woodpecker, 2 brown thrashers, red-eyed vireo concerned about thrashers, 2 downy woodpeckers, titmouse, large butterflies common.

11:03 fence line ~~at end of open ridge~~ ^{in forest}. 2 great crested flycatcher, 2 titmouse, 11:07 rack fence in forest. 11:10 now along rimrock, mourning dove, chipping sparrow, cowbird. Surprise a brown thrasher in low brush (2 feet). It left with a cry and defecated. Meadowlark, chipping sparrow, mourning dove. 2 turkey vultures, brown thrasher, 2 barn swallows, great blue heron going south at base of forest to east of this ridge. Clouds increasing from N. Another great blue heron crossing ridge to going west. Cleared top by 30 feet, Chipping sparrow, 2 field sparrows, barn swallow, g.c. flycatcher, 11:22 now at fence line at S end of open field on top of ridge. It is a ridge and forest (just having passed thru) that should be maintained as natural but the plans are to put road on top and thru length of forest on east side of ridge. Already they have put a telephone line (an open corridor) thru the beautiful forest on the east side of this ridge. This area and marsh to east would make an unusual combination native forest and wetlands. Instead, they will develop to open picnic sites and parking area. For migrating birds this ridge is unequalled with a tendency for birds to build up at the north end of the ridge. Will fallow in forest to above pond and then traverse cleared areas of the valley below the lower limits of trees (the future shoreline). Great crested flycatcher, white froth on vegetation (6" to 2' zone of grasses, herbs & shrubs), chimney swift, redheaded woodpecker, bluejay, mosquito in forested area 11:30 main drainage. bluejay only bird across drainage. redheaded woodpecker, 11:35 out of forest above pond.