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The area surveyed so far included both the ⁷⁴⁰⁵²⁷⁻³⁶ forested areas and the open cleared areas below the proposed shoreline of trees. Birds from the forested areas are generally those birds having loud calls or those that called and included the titmouse, great crested flycatcher, bluejay, red-eyed vireo etc. The birds of the open cleared areas were the indigo bunting (most common bird but also found at edge and among forest), the field sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, redwings and dickcissel. My impression is that the cleared areas are not productive in producing or maintaining bird populations. Microtine populations are those associated with former cultivated areas or the optimum conditions of damp soils and vegetation resulting and developing since the clearing. The abrupt edge between the cleared and forested area are not as productive as the natural ecotone between the two ^{natural} areas. Cleared areas of cultivated fields + pastures are more productive than cleared areas of forests.

Continued N from bridge along county road (no ^{to motor vehicle} impassible) leaving at 2:20 P.M. at bridge were dickcissel, indigo bunting, blue grosbeak, 4 barn swallows, English sparrow. Beyond are cowbird, 2 dickcissel, indigo bunting, concerned lark sparrow, mourning dove, 2 dickcissel, mourning dove, killdeer, 5 pairs of mourning doves, meadowlark, dickcissel, 2 redwings, 2 redwing, bobwhite, redwing, dickcissel, redwing, dickcissel, mourning dove, mockingbird, mourning dove, dickcissel. This area of former farms produces more birds although houses remained. Dickcissel, indigo bunting, dickcissel, dickcissel, dickcissel, dickcissel, Coyote scat on road and all have microtine and other mammal bones + hair, 2 dickcissel, redwing, dickcissel, cowbird, dickcissel, dickcissel, cowbird, 2:40 cross roads, continuing N. at diagonal, good microtine runways, dickcissel, mourning dove, dickcissel dickcissel. Trails (microtine) in view every 3 steps, wild onions, dickcissel, 2 dickcissel. Road at 2:50, dickcissel, dickcissel, dickcissel, cowbird, horned lark, bull frog calling from side rd. dickcissel, meadowlark, redwing, cowbird, grasshopper sparrow, 2 crows to N. 2 mourning doves, killdeer, horned lark, 3:03 beginning of area of clay. 15 (dowitcher size) sandpiper flew N and showed interest in clay area 3:14 Lock Creek bridge, 12 barn swallows, dickcissel, dickcissel, dickcissel, redwing, dickcissel, redwing, grasshopper sparrow, cowbird. Single deer track crossed road (62mm), 2 redwings, killdeer, dickcissel, dickcissel, 8 redwings, 4 grackles (near old homestead)