

5/21/38 and 5/22/38

Spent two days on west and north exposure of Timpanogos leaving Sat. morning and returning Sun. evening. Craig Hayman and myself made the trip. Left mouth of Grove Creek Canyon at 10:10. With about a 35 lb pack found the going relatively easy and frequently stopping to make observations. The entire trip was one, essentially of a selective nature, the terrain not conducive to complete census and the extent of the course in which we were to cover was too great to include a complete census. On way up graded trail, observed the Sparrow Hawk soaring over canyon and frequently calling and several swift maneuvered in air. The Spurred Towhee could be heard on hillside. The country in general was fairly well developed. Arrived at first water from permanent spring half way up graded trail. The flow was possibly more than normal with many black dead leaves choking the sides. It took us just one hour to make the trip from mouth of canyon to this point. The sky was clear and weather warm, slight breeze. Had heard several Virginia warblers (?) on way up but not until 11:30 on north trend of canyon did I see it for positive identification. It was feeding and chipping in mahogany grove on left of trail on hillside, 30' away. Another bird was near. 11:45 arrived at point above fall where classical example of slickensides presents itself along trail. Temperature at this point was 100° in the sun. The Sparrow Hawk was soaring up canyon near first spring (11:30 above). The Woodhouse Jay (2) were seen at mouth of canyon. The Humming birds (sp.?) appeared to be more sedentary in habit than those observed flying back and forth along west exposure a week ago. Many Bibios were flying in the air. Arrived at crossover 11:55. The water was more than filling the gulch and could not cross at usual point so found it necessary to go down about 70 feet before gaining the other side. Craig readjusted pack and we were off again at 12:00. As we approached the first flat portion of the upper flat drainage at 12:10 were greeted with the scolding call of the Utah Jay (4 in no.) The stream here is normal in capacity and clear. The gophers were active but the vegetation covering not very well developed. The entire ground is covered with a green growth but very small. Several patches of Seal measured about 1' in height, grading down from this height. The stungnettle was even smaller being about 9" or 10" in height.