

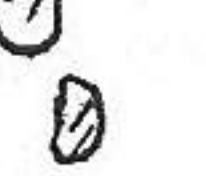


forest near isolated field oaks <sup>int</sup> to forest. The gray squirrel was with 20' of the fox squirrels. Noted that tracks of both gray & fox squirrels <sup>(running)</sup> were similar and the two front feet are not aligned,  one is slightly advanced of the other.

Right-of-way: 10:50 open grass area.

Deerfield Creek: 10:51 Regular deciduous forest, Red-bellied woodpecker, 4 sets squirrel tracks, 2 cottontail tracks, 2 cottontail tracks.

There is a tendency for squirrels to have wide and slightly angled imprints . Checked the stone house which now is down with stone  walls as a ground ridge, The cellar is still not filled. no unusual track activity here except 2 cottontail tracks.

New Grove: Consocius of young elm in open clearing of years ago, surrounded by mature forest, 3 cottontail tracks, squirrel tracks, Cottontail track, 2 cottontail tracks.

First Forest 12:03 mature deciduous forest, (W side creek), Red-bellied woodpecker, most concentrated cottontail tracks and would estimate from 12 rabbits. Eating berries of *Symphoricarpos*, many pellets.

Forest road: 12:08. Short distance of road thru forest. The concentration of First Forest extends to E side of creek. 21 crossings of cottontail tracks across <sup>ing</sup> the road plus 6 sets of squirrel tracks. 3 fox squirrels ran from island of trees S of road. One concentrated pathway of cottontail tracks (a trail) at E end of road.

Field edge swale: 12:13 no rabbit tracks. Swale between plowed field and grass field with few small isolated trees and bushes.

Pond fence row: 12:18 Fence row between grass meadow and pond bordered by weeds and some trees. 12 sets of rabbit tracks, <sup>coyote</sup> trail, all along fence row, none in grass meadow; fence row to right only 1.

Peterson field: 12:30. Grass field cut annually. Yellow-shafted flicker flew across field to Grackle Roost area. Microtine snow runway between old hard crust & new snow. no rabbit tracks. Peterson road at 12:33 P.M. End of census.

Summation: Cottontail rabbit 149. It is difficult to judge the numbers of cottontails by trail or imprints and at the best is subjective. I believe that by careful analysis of tracks that there are at least 149 individual rabbits in the area surveyed.

*Peromyscus leucopus* 4

" *maniculatus* 1

squirrel sp. ? (fox or gray) 21

fox 5 (live)

gray 1 (live)

coyote 2

weasel 1

blarina 1

domestic dogs (covered 80% of area)

microtine 1 crow 1

red-bellied woodpecker 2

black-capped chickadee 2

yellow-shafted flicker 1

yellow-bellied sapsucker 1

goldfinch 7

bluejay 1

TOTAL BIRDS

15!