

for companionship. The nest of fresh eggs located this morning had no attendant present + eggs were cold. Leaving Purity Bog and returning to camp. At 8:25 can see evening star (?) in western skies with mallard duck flying past on its way to Steep Creek Lake. Heard Bats at camp this evening. Has been a wonderful day with little wind and clear skies. It was first day that allowed us to see distant points to the S.E. over desert country. The previous days had been hazy. Now at 11:45 P.M. the stars are brighter than usual, no breeze and lonely solitude. Temperature 43° F.

* Station 3. Steep Creek. 6/22/38.

Up at 7:00 A.M. Beautiful day with snowwhite clouds sailing to the east. After breakfast left for Purity Bog to gather material from last night's trapping. On way down at bench just north of Bog revisited a Green-tailed Towhee nest that we run across when returning to camp after setting traps. Last when flushed from nest flew 120' in a direct course and lit in a service berry bush and commenced calling. While we examined nest the bird described a brief circle about us and finally worked into aspen tree 20' away from us. During the entire it offered its characteristic cat like mew. Another Green-tailed towhee responded to calls about 150' in direction the nesting bird flew the first time. Nest on top of hill north of Bog. The end of this moranic like bench is covered with small individual clumps of service berry and oak about 1 1/2' high. Grasses were found sparsely between the bushes. In one of these clumps 1' high the nest was located. Placed in center and made of dry yellow grass stems and larger stems around peripheral edges. Lined with small rootlets and a few horse hairs. Contained 4 normally colored eggs. When I visited it this morning it flushed at 4' and followed same sequence of route as late last night except that it was not as nervous or aggressive. No male response. One egg hatched since last night.

Trap line returns on hillside association beginning at west end of trap line and following east along base of hillside.

- 18. Unaffected. Under rock protection 8' up hillside from matted grass contact.
- 17. Unaffected. Base of boulder 4' from mat. grass contact.
- 16. " " " " 6' " " " "
- 15. " " Entrance of hole at edge of rock 8' from mat grass contact.
- 14. Unaffected. Edge of boulder on contact between hillside + mat grass. 7 feet from bog and 20' from swamp proper where several micerals were taken yesterday.
- 13. Unaffected. Entrance to small hole 8' from mat contact.
- 12. " " " " 6' " " " "
- 11. Unaffected. Same as 14.
- 10. Unaffected " " " "