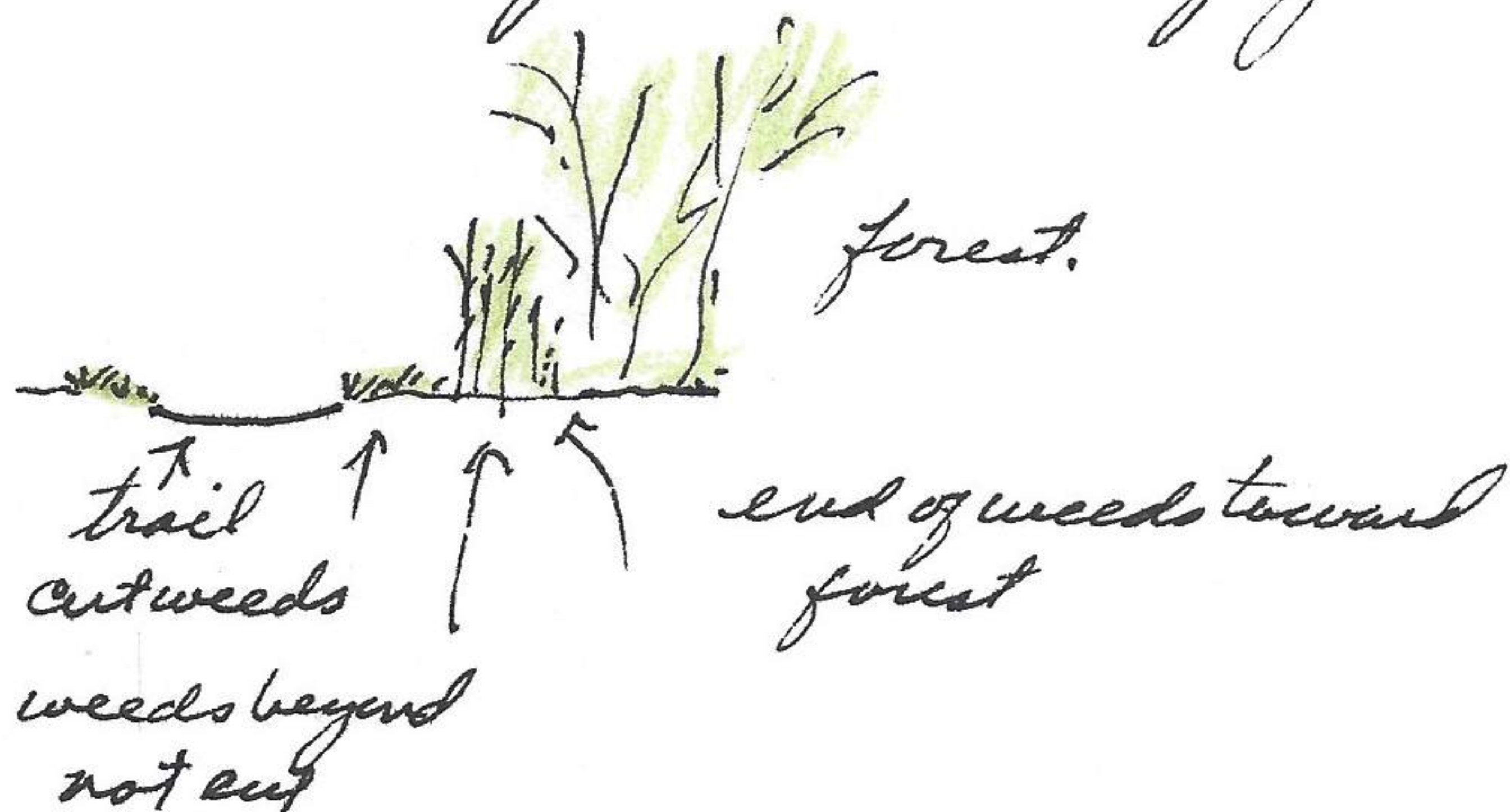


Noted some individual trees, elm 10%, and hackberry 40% with yellow leaves as if from lack of moisture. Boat-tailed grackles flew east over area - at 7:30-8:00 P.M. with maximum flight at 7:45 max. (approx 250 birds in small group to 30-40, many tree and barn swallows migrating (before rain) and all to E, one group 300<sup>in</sup> group. Observed 2 groups 2 each Chachalaca in low trees. They were roosting about 8-10' high. Green jay active 8:00 P.M. Where they cut grass and weeds along trail is heavy growth obscuring forest.



The more weeds cut the more they extend toward forest. A single beaten trail (1 path) would eliminate spread of weeds.

Some straggler boat-tail grackles move E at 8:20 P.M. Checked road for pauraque, first one at 8:20 P.M. Second one at 8:30, alighted on road, jumped 3-4' 4 times then moved 20' away. After 8:30 P.M. as I walked road with light, counted 11 individuals. Counted 240 separate calls of pauraque, one bird offered 32 consecutive call ..... It would estimate 40 birds in area of 2 circuit roads E of camp.

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Screech owl called last night and early this A.M. white-winged doves called sporadically from daybreak to early morning then continuously.

B.t. Grackles moved W this A.M. just after daybreak mainly as individuals or in groups of 2-4. They flew higher than going E last evening and they flew faster. Cottontail displaces b.t. grackles. Fox squirrel displaces cottontail.

Photo 830510-1 of Chachalaca feeding on ground. No calls from Chachalacas except recognition group call until 8:35 A.M. the almost continuously in all directions. Boat-tailed grackles ♂ display head up without presence females. It is a dominance gesture. Some young ♂ will peck and grab <sup>tip of</sup> tail of large adults without adult acting aggressively.

Two males fought (Chachalacas) for 2 minutes, some moments