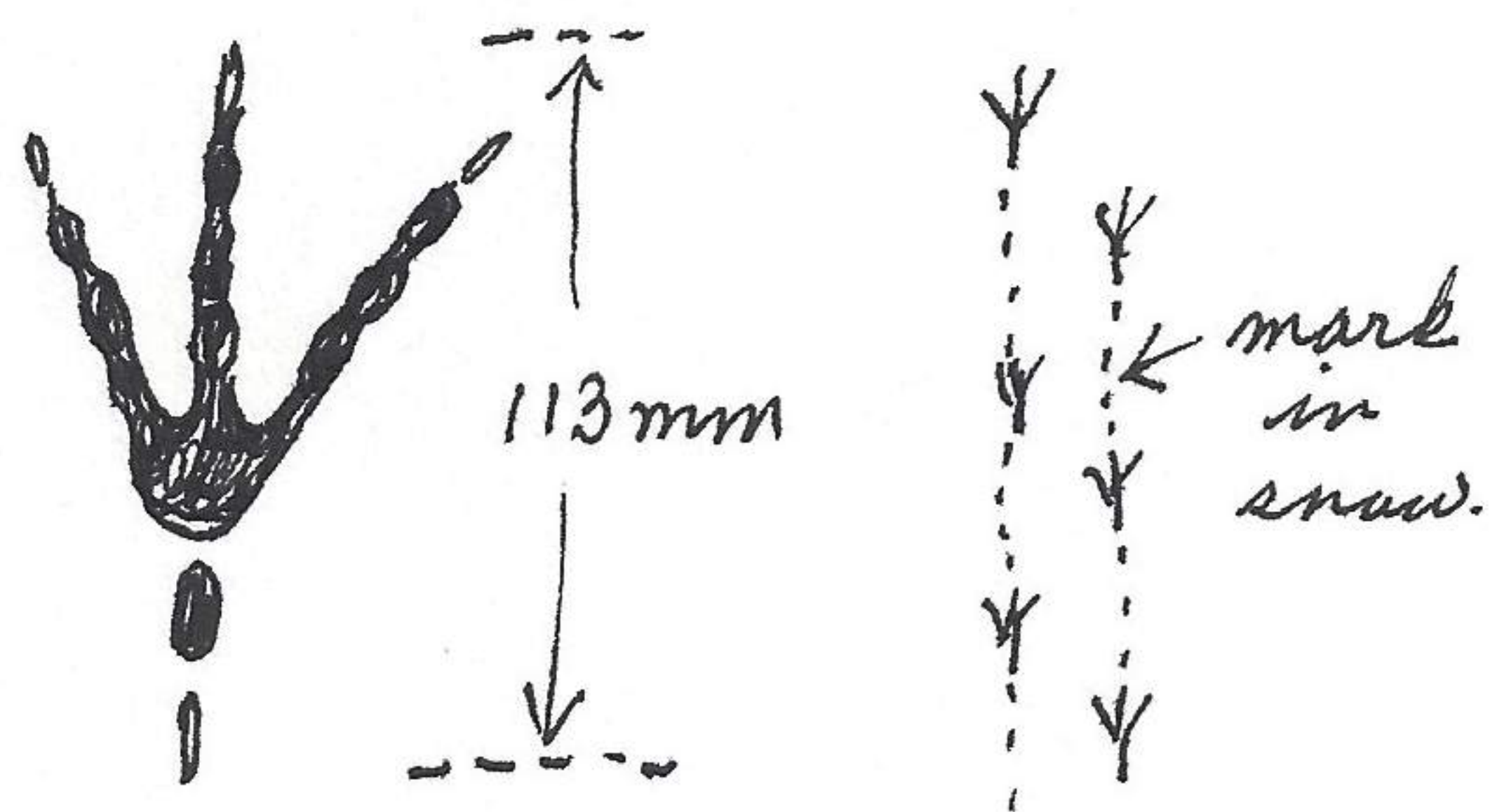


is the root systems of these conifers. 005.8 mosquito camp ground for the night. Took hike W to main river, thence N 3/10 mi, thence S thru camp grounds to Mosquito Creek. Only one medium size elk track, 1 deer track, ^{60 mm} red squirrel tracks at least every 20'. One area 8' wide in conifers had at least 40 sets of tracks in snow laid down yesterday, 5 sets snowshoe rabbit tracks, 4 Peromyscus like tracks. Some Clarke crow tracks and one bird feeding on forest floor with bill and eating something about every 10 seconds. One raven track thru. The hind toe left a continuous track in snow



These tracks in snow for long distances (at least 200' in some cases. I am impressed how much time I spent walking on the ground. The raven also has a call that is given about once every 10-30 seconds

when given that sounds like the human sound 'yelp', a faint sound for such a large bird and in contrast to its hoarse, ^{croak of the} normal call. The sound is lower in pitch than if the same 'yelp' was given in the human under 'yelping' conditions. ^{relatively} call loud close up ^{at}

Cr. Mosquito Camp, Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada.
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Froze enough last night to form ice on moving parts of creek. Into clear but high overcast that might move on or break up. 2 raven at camp. Snow still under trees but gone of flat exposed parking area. Raven walk with toes stiff as if they were snowshoes

This A.M 9-11:00AM made hike up regular trail from Mosquito Creek Camp. It gains moraine ridge between main valley and what I guess is Mosquito Cr. It is relatively flat except the first 2/10 miles where the trail grades up to flat ridge. This benchland is in conifer forests of fir, lodgepole pine and spruce. Continued up to trail to point where one can clearly see creek and canyon bottom to the E. It is at the base of a large avalanche that comes from high peaks of range to E and has crossed creek and to within 30' of the trail where conifers have been knocked down.

