

Took 4 photos of these 2 deer now 861024-1, 861024-2, 861024-3 and 861024-4. The stray fed along trail and the buck followed. They left the area. No other deer in area.

11:05 A.M. The stray and buck returned to feeder. Photos 861024-5, 861024-6 and 861024-7. on trail above feeder. (nick in left ear lower edge). Stray fed 10 min, buck remained ^{6' from ♀} top cliffs. Buck came down approach trail to feeder 2/3 way and ♀ left by ascending cliffs. Buck tried to follow on cliffs but returned and gained top of cliffs via angled trail to right end took position 5' above ♀. Photos 861024-8 of buck on top cliffs. The ♀ then left across cliffs and went to windy slope and the buck followed her. They remain in brush for 10 minutes then the ♀ left and ran up slope to top of Beer Trail slope with buck 15' in the rear of ♀. Both then left to N. Photos 861024-9 and 861024-10 of buck resting in trail while ♀ fed at feeder at last visit to feeder of above.

12:00 P.M. Thru 3 carcasses of Peromyscus m. halli in water below Bee House to see reaction of Bonaparte gulls. One gull immediately alighted near one carcass and gave a single call that sounds like a distant call of a dog barking thru a pipe (muffled.) 4 other Bonaparte gulls arrived but only one picked up the body with its bill and then dropped it into the water. all left but in 5 minutes the mice bodies had disappeared.

A belted kingfisher dove 50' down to water at a steep angle and attacked or harassed another kingfisher at the water level. It rattled all the way down.

3:19 P.M. 9 common murres in a line in water at almost exactly 5' intervals. Only 3 Bonaparte gulls in Leo Triangle (Bee House, Lichen Point to Leo Reef & Outliers).

6:30 P.M. The young ♀, fawn, and adult mule deer at feeding area. A buck (left eye line only (L)) approached feeder they all left, remained nearby until buck left feeder, then returned only to be displaced again by buck. While I was placing corn in the feeder the adult female came down trail to feeder which she always does when replacing food. The above buck came charging down the trail after her and stopped 6' away from me without noticing me. When he finally saw me he retreated 18' but was still more concerned with the ♀ than with me. At another time when I was at window in kitchen the buck chased the female past at a blur. I would not want to be a third party of this deer courtship of semi-tame mule deer.