

Feb. 16, 1992

10:10 A.M. 21 American crows and 1 second year mule deer feed on cracked corn on ground NE Bee House. Both had equal respect for each other, if the deer moved the crows moved away, if the crows moved the deer retracted a few feet. Interval was approx 4'. The eastern gray squirrel and the deer reacted as the deer & crows but interval 3 1/2' apart. 21 crows at same time fed on porch feeder.

12:35 A.M. a lone ♀ hooded merganser swam N to S past Bee House approx 10' from shore. It immediately attracted my attention because of the speed it was swimming. <sup>twice speed of normal</sup> It was either injured or seeking protection along the shoreline. It continued to Lichen Point and beyond at the same accentuated speed.

Feb. 21, 1992

8:45 A.M. Townsend chipmunk active and feeding on cracked corn and wheat.

Feb. 23, 1992

at Bee House  
9:35 A.M. Lone orphan mule deer last year's young, 25" high at shoulders and lowest in dominance of local herd of 11 deer and 5 eastern gray squirrels fed on cracked corn and wheat on ground NE Bee House. all squirrels fed with deer and each species equal dominance at first with deer mildly striking with front feet and twisting head, but with increased pressure from squirrels, as if organized in planning of harassing and challenging deer, the deer increased dominance with constant thrusts of feet and head wiggling, sometime chasing squirrels out 10' away. The squirrel kept up challenging the deer and worked as close as 4 to contact inches but never, as I have witnessed before jump on deer nose and hang on for several seconds. The squirrels would allow the thrust foot to come within 1" and many times the foot of the deer would brush against the tail and body of the squirrel. This activity lasted 7 minutes and then an adult mule deer arrived and the orphans become concerned about the dominance of new deer and did not challenge the squirrels.

At bird feeder on porch of Bee House, 5 eastern gray squirrel and 37 American crows fed on cracked corn & wheat. When 1 squirrel and 6 or more crows on feeder, crows were dominant. 1 crow and 1 or more than 1 squirrel on feeder, squirrels dominated. 3 crows and 1 squirrel were equal dominance.

11:05 A.M. no bald eagle sighting this A.M. I have not observed harbor seal on Lee Reef last 4 days. 28 glaucous-winged gull Flower