Field Diary
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April 16, 1936.
Watson M. Perrygo left his home on Ox Hill Md. 6 A.M. He picked up Carlston Lingebock at his home then went to pick up Remington Kellogg at his home in Cherry Chase.
Mileage at start from Kelloggs home 4 1/3
Leaving Washington by 9 A.M. truck the 3 of us passed thru Falls Church, Centerville, Warrenton, Massies Corner then Luray. Having dinner at Luray then proceeded to New Market. Harrisonburg, Staunton we stopped for the night at a tourist camp run by Gulf Oil Co. 7 miles out of Staunton (South). Arriving there at 4:45 P.M.
Mileage on arrival at Tourist Camp 585. Paid one dollar for cabin. Set out 84 traps in fields, hillysides woods, stream, bed in vicinity. En route we saw 3 dead spotted skunks that had been run over by cars.
We saw several turkeys, buzzards, Sharow hawk, migratory shrike, flicker, bluebirds, Chickadee, Crows, Junco, Grasshopper sharrows (in field near tourist camp) (South of Staunton).
Altitude at tourist camp 1934 ft. Above sea

Green sun on creek near tourist camp. We did do any bird collecting because the land owner told us they rather we wouldn't shoot.
April 18, 1936.

We left camp at 5:45 A.M. Breakfast cooked as usual. Then left camp to collect tacks left out the 16th. Caught 2 Blorina, 1 microticus, 2 perchobranchus, some of the microtics were damaged so we destroyed them. Bear skull door donated by Mr. H. Strickler. Route to Stuarts Run. Bear skull came from Cold Springs Va. Jan 16th 1935. Left tourist camp at 10:30 A.M. via Toni Sour of Stuarts. Between Stuarts Run White Sulphur Springs we saw: Robins, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Bluebird, Bufflehead, Mallard, Scaup, Grebe, gull, stork, crowing dove, Kinglet, Swallow, backswallow, downy woodpecker, Red-winged Blackbird. On the road we saw a dead rabbit & a ruffed grouse we stopped & picked it up. North Mountain at an elevation of about 1700 feet. Between Lexington & White Sulphur Springs a number of turkey shooters were seen arriving at Maple Grove Tourist Camp. 4 miles east of Sulphur Springs at 38.31. mileage 61. We set out 61 traps along a small feeding mountain stream between rocks, stump & log. In Maple Grove Tourist Camp there were several pairs robins, tied at nester and cardinals.

April 18, 1936.

Arrived 6:15 A.M. Left camp to run high line. Caught 1 Blorina. Left at 7:20 a.m. Had breakfast. Began to snow at 6:45 A.M. Continued thru day with snow. Narrowed mountain road to 4.50. Collected 2 thicknesses Black & White creepers, Downy woodpecker, 2 chickadees (chipping Sparrow). The chickadees were numerous. Sake, robins & flycatchers but could not get up to them.

If in this section in the fall stop at Maple Grove Tourist Camp. Take first dirt road to left going to sulphur spring follow the 6 foot black & white line at foot of mountain take the road to the left & follow stream just foot house. Along stream there are abundant holes under dead logs, mosquitos & near falls of stream. Stop here for flying squirrels & fox squirrels. This is the territory of all at Maple Grove. About 22 650 ft. Collected Jingles & a black-throated green warbler.

Two groves were seen several squirrels were seen but no squirrels. Logging and black-throated green warblers are very abundant in the pine trees.
April 19, 1936.

Rose 6 A.M. Ran fish line caught one shiner
on Junco. Left Junco Camp at 8:45 A.M.  
Ran fish line. Mileage 691. Between Pine Tree Grove & Wilson's Farm Cabin Camp. We saw:  
Sparrows, nuthatches, chickadees, jay, crow,  
R.W. Blackbird, robins, English sparrows,  
Kingfisher, duck in a pond by side of road.  
Bumblebees, buggarade, Richard Barn swallows,  
Chipping sparrow, Purple Martins.  

Higginbotham Mountain on route, Mount Sewell alt. 3170, sunrise at 1360 ft Coal at 985 ft,  
West of St Helen. Arrived at Wilson's Farm Cabin Camp at 3:30. Roads very rough.  
Mileage 775. Traveling 16 miles.  

Chamberlain and Beaverhead road were 31 miles.  
Clouds began to break. Oak mountain clearing quickly by the time Wilson's Farm Cabin reached. Getting slightly warmer by dusk. With weak clouds in the sky. Set out 61 small traps & 6 larger for flying squirrels around camp.

The woods in the mountains are very bare. They are just about the same as January.
April 21, 1936.

Arose 5:30 A.M., Breakfast, Ran trout line, saw Blarina, Imerostic, Peromyscus. Then collected some birds, 2 flickers, 2 purple finches, 1 yellow bellied siskine, 1 chipping sparrow, 1 junco, 1 sparrow, 4 gold finches, 1 wren, then went fishing at Settles along Gyandotte River for ground hotch. In the evening we set traps along bank to collect a large rock ledge or skunk. It was raining very hard, we got soaked.

On the Gyandotte River I saw the largest flock of goldfinches I have ever seen.

April 22, 1936.

Arose 6:00 A.M., ran trout line on road caught 1 small goshorn with 12 young in pouch. Breakfast ran trout line on hills farm and cemetery, caught 2 microtus. Blarina caught on Gyadotte River Peromyscus, 3 blarina, then left camp to collect birds near 2:00 p.m., reading of mileage despite Logan County Club 3:32, mileage leading to return to Wilson's farm 9:22 miles, retracing 9:45 miles reading Humble Rock Forest at 9:17 and another Humble Forest at 9:49. There was a large wooded area on mountain side. The small towns passed through on return were Ferrelburg, Ballard, Redan, Waldorf, Newton, West Farming, Cold Rock, all of which were formerly passing towns. On Sandersville-Springs Logan Club We collected 1 chinkunk + 4 small birds. In the morning I were collected on Gyandotte River while running road line 3:32 East of Huntington a young fellow by the name of Adams asked what showed the about the mountain near Logan Club. The roads were rough, some places had to be filled with rocks that were crushed making travel very slow.

Several pairs of broad wing hawks were seen flying about the area. I believe the towhee is the most common bird, and the most abundant. The puffed turtledoves, probably are second in number. At least 200,000 cardinals are fairly abundant. Birds are very hard to collect favoring to rough country.
April 23, 1936

Arose 6:30 A.M. Ran trap line on road with no results. Breakfasted left cabin to run lines on Expedition Bottomland. Caught 1 sprague and 2 kentia. Left camp at 95 south of Shiloh. Route 52 West N. Cruse R. Route 60 near Post Office in Huntington. Mileage leaving Wilson's Farm 975 upon arrival 1/2 miles south of Shiloh mile age 1084 Collected 2 birds left Shiloh 4:35 P.M. returning through Rednor, Benno, Colman, Lakes, Wayne Huntington. Staying 1086 Levee. Leaving forest 1073 Road just picked up Wilson Creek. 1071 Fork in old trail for hiking 1051 Pines and trees set traps near Shark Duck Creek on 1045 of Hill. Birds seen Redeye Kingfisher, Yellow Warbler. We took with 10 traps in Bottomland. Towhee, Gnatcatcher. Twice the most common buds seen. We ran on Route 5 in very bad except for small stretches.

We collected our end of Route 52 in which 100% of a main forest was surveyed. At the scat of bad life no mammal was seen. The hill people here stated that they hadn't had any meat for several months and had to shoot birds to eat. Saw the one B.L. chick. Blue warbler.

April 25, 1936

Arose 6:30 A.M. Breakfasted. Ran trap line on road one trap was off. Then left for the Wilson Estate one more trap was off caught one kentia in squirrel cage. Left for Fars Place to collect Black Shoulder Hawk egg. We waited for the female to return so she could get her but with no results. Left egg in nest until able to get her. Collected 2 birds & 1 kitten. Left for Mill Branch. A distance of 6 more South of Huntington of Wilson Farm Camp by way of Belvoirville. Road to Mill Branch were in great condition. The weather has been fair with few clouds in sky. Made very frosty & cold also collected 2 ladybirds.

Several Prairie warblers, Black shouldered gnatcatcher and blue gray gnatcatcher one crow met. One stilted hawk was seen.
April 24, 1936
Drove 6:30 A.M. Run traps on road near farm. Breakfast. Went to the Wilson Estate to look for mole tramps. Found 6 mole traps x 6 goftraps set 4 squirrel snares. Went to farm place in back of Wilson Estate. Found Red-shouldered Hawk's nest in Beech tree. Climbed it to find 3 eggs. The nest was a new one. Also found ground squirrel on wheat field on edge of wheat. Collected 6 bills 2 moles. Birds are very scarce in the Huntington section.

Sunday, April 26, 1936
Run traps on road caught one groundhog. Run traps on Wilson's Estate. Caught one hairy tail mole & shrew & made trip. Weather was cloudy, raining occasionally. Saw several yellow warblers.

The moles caught to date have not been trapped in the mole traps, they have been caught by digging them up.
April 27.

Ron trap on Wilson Estate, ran trap on road in rock of cliff 1.5 mi. Logan
mileage 118.7 mi (collected birds at 3 traps: #1 - 13 mi, #2 - 33 mi, #3 -
section 37 mi). Set 3 traps in 37 mi section, got 7 traps in 37 mi. Kembere
in the hemlock - Wood Thrush Redstart, Cardinal Tailed, others plentiful.

On return stopped at 3 mi area of
Hardwood trees to collect birds. Copperhead snakes were plentiful in this section.
Mr. Bill was the corner living in
Huntington, Va. - the area off Brit
Creek Rd. South, East. The section
areas for gas and talked to attendant.

B.B. interred to the following Black
snake, groundhogs plentiful. Raccoon
squirrel abundant - also deer. Because of
woods thuring out. The general service
Rode 5 mi, except for plentiful New-Comer
Bootleg & Distilled drinks.

Collected one warble in hemlock gone along
which I thought to be worm eating?

one Nashville who collected my red slacks
are very abundant in hemlock

on.

April 28.

Ron trap lies on Wilson Estate & on
road. Left for traps near Logan. In 37 mi
Kembere caught 2 Muskrat & 1 skink. 1
green snake & 1 water snake home not
known. In 37 mi Kembere - 1 Muskrat
found. Collected birds in place known as 14 - 114 birds
Groundhogs & ground squirrels plentiful.
Rattle snakes & Copperheads scarce few
skinks. Collecting ground very good &
deemed return to April 29.

Saw a fair turkey roulade near founder
loop house claimed we would not see any
fugitives in this area. A man has promised
to show us where they will.

Kentucky wild birch & common Broadway
bark well seen also scarlet tanages
Blue gnat great catchers & fliers also
were seen.
April 29.
Ran traps on Road & Wilson Estate.
Left for 41. Took left side of road
on way to Logan. At a lumber camp
This countryAboust rocky. Found
Baled foxes. Woodchuck plentiful also called
‘Wood Hen’ or ‘Dishkin Hen’. Found wood
rat & fox dens on rocks overlooking
Lyndhett. At night went on a Cooks
hunt with same men from Huntington
Lake Camp at 8 P.M. Returned at 5:30
A.M. from Emigrant’s H.o. Point. Pleasant
On return caught an off Roam on road near
camp.

Want to buy wood and found that other
had taken our wood.

Saw one grouse
April 30th
Left for Lake Almanor Region after running 10 miles. Stopped at places where traps were to be set. Set in Kentucky woods 38 mi from Camp. Found no sign of mice or squirrels. Fields had been plowed. Roads were very rough making travel slow. Bungalows were only 4 being seen in the stay. Blue Jay & Crows not common in Section.  24 eggs were next found in lamanoon near Pichmen. Tourist Camp on Route 52.

May 1st
Left Camp to collect Red Shouldered Hawk’s eggs on Tanos Farm. Collected Male Hawk & eggs on return same from Hawk. Eggs began to hatch by 11:30 P.M. Band the red marked soft. Took up all male hips on Wilson Estate.
May 3. Sunday.
Went into Huntington for church. Took up teaspoon used. Made upilet.

May 4.
Packed truck to Slope for Section #2 Summerville West Va. Indents 1743
En route saw first quail. Saw chimney swift.
Saw hawk, goldfinch near Kendall's cabin.
Saw chimney swift in yard #2 north of Summerville. Inclined on arrival at White Rocks Cabin.
Made camp 1870 a distance of 127 miles.
By route 60 from Charleston to Summerville.
Then taking route 19 to camp 6 mi. west of Summerville. Also saw several yellow
warblers en route.
May 5, 1936
Left camp to set traps on creek by route 19
Peters Creek west of Gilboa. Set 22 traps
along old rail fence at edge of old corn field.
Collect 15 birds. Saw whip-poor-will house
in Laurel bushes beside old rail bed & road
Bridge flowing in woods. Set 12 traps in old
rock pile beside rail bed.

May 6, 1936
Re-set traps caught 2 house sparrows
Browne. 22 Yellow-breasted Chat. Collected
2 rabbits. 1 Flying Squirrel. 45 birds.
Saw many Redstarts. Found 1 Trumpeter Swan.

Saw two bugwades in the near sand.
May 7, 1936

Ran traps - no catch. Collected 12 birds.
1/2 mile east of Jep in the mountains.
Altitude at Adamsville, 1876 ft.
at Uncle Tom's Cabin, 1810 ft. Saw on
Peters Creek, 1 Solitary Sandpiper.

Cardinals are common here

May 8, 1936

Caught 2 puce on Catoe Pine Creek area.
saw hummingbirds. Dr. Wilder came for
the week end. Also saw crow, jays, magpie,
Newt,年度s, hunting, chipmunks, song
sparrows, flicker, robin, jay, white, wasid,
saw three chewon warbler in main forest
May 9, 1936.

Ram trap caught one fox mouse.

Went with Mr. Wilmore to Cranberry shoals on Cranberry River in 3300 ft. Summerville to Richmond - then on to C.C. Camp. Cranberry, a distance of 67 miles. 10 miles from C.C. Camp collected some birds. Saw Sandpiper birds in several groups a couple two of which were collected. Several Housewrens, Cowbirds, catbirds, robins, fokes, & rufflegrouse were frequently heard drumming in the woods. One Carolina jay was seen. Collected also Belted Kingfisher seen. Small mammals trapping been very promising.

Also saw Redbilled Tanager, golden-crowned warbler, magnolia and chestnut-sided warbler.

May 10 - Sunday.

Mr. Wilmore had breakfast. Left for Washington after breakfast. We sailed up C.C. cleaned gang room of car & got things in general order. Then took a trip of about 30 miles north of Camp to look over territory to be covered during week. Muddy Creek being the most promising. Birds seen were Grackles, Redwing Blackbirds, Blue Jay, Robin, Squirrel. Bluejays song of sparrows, housewrens
May 11, 1936.
Ran traps, fixed no serviced. Went to
Muddletty Creek to collect birds of which
were: Red-tailed Hawk, R.W. Blackbird, Spna,
Robin, Brown Thrasher, Chipping Sparrow, Black-
headed Creeper. Wood Thrush. The most
common were were: R.W. Blackbird, Goldfinch,
Robin, R.W. Blackbird, Cowbird. Red-winged Black-
In the evening set 32 traps in Kenlake
near camp. 5 traps in brush, 6 on hills.

May 13, 1936.
Ran traps & took 162. Set 100 on
Cedar Creek in Kenlake. In Redwood trees.
Left for Muddletty Creek to set traps on
Turn of "Muddletty Turn." Set 63 traps
in meadows & along streams. Collected
Meadowlark, R.W. Blackbird. Weather
showing. Caught 1 Pomonous, 1 Family.
May 13, 1936

Ran traps on Peters creek near Gilboa. Set for traps in Muddley Creek section of many traps off due to rainy weather. It had been raining for about a day or a half. Collected 8 birds by using country roads. 3 of these birds were only colorado.

May 14, 1936

Ran traps nearby. Caught 2 feromancyus Dickbrink rat on Peters Creek, Gilboa. 1 porcupine at Muddley Creek. Also collected birds on Tunnel Farm. Saw Red-Tailed Hawk and heard others screaming on mountain. Collected 8 birds. Swamp at lands where traps were set seemed to have been under water during winter. We are going to move some traps to place along ferodo. May 15.
May 15


May 16, 1936

Ran traps on Peters Creek & Tunnel Farm. Caught 1 groundhog, 1 young. 1 raccoon. 1 Stompus. 1 ground hog then went to Perseger's to collect birds. Collected 1 Nightingale, 1 Blue Jay, 1 Purple Starling, 1 Thrush, 1 Water Thrush. Klicker, 1 Black-chinned Sparrow. Birds seen: Grackle, Black-capped Chickadee, Maryland Yellowthroat, Crow, Thrush, Cardinal, Yellow-breasted Chats, cardinals song sparrows.

The country along Perseger's is rather heavily forested with hemlocks.
Sunday—May 17, 1936
Rain happy took up all no catch. Made up few stones from May 16. Straight end camp to prepare to move to #3 area Grantsville, N.C.—Good hawk near mud city.

May 18, 1936
Aided to stay in the Summerville to collect area that we found on May 17. This area was 5 miles north of Smithton. Birds seen but not collected—H.W. Blackbird, Robin, Meadowlark, Picketed Woodpecker, Redheaded woodpecker. Cattle abundant, Barn swallow, Buggard, Red and Yellow Bellied Sipmvecou, Kentucky Warbler, Hooded Warbler, Eastern Flycatcher, Sharp Shwmping, Red Eyed Birds, Owls, Scarlet Tanager, Song Thrush,
May 19, 1936.
Packed truck & left for Franksville #3 area. Arriving there were unable to find cabin or place available to camp within 30 miles. We completed to take room at The Rainbow Hotel. Returned to Beaver by Route 19 then taking route 16 from edge, Council, Legion, Road, Portland, Clay, Dwyer, Big Otter, Clark, Munroe, Millstone Mts. Went to Franksville. On way to #2 Franksville we stopped & tried to collect rough-winged swallows.

We made arrangements to stay in the Council Boarding House because of bedbugs we moved to Rainbow Hotel May 20.

May 20, 1936.
Went to Little Manawa River 5 miles north of Franksville. Found some fairly good areas to set mammal traps, but even these did not look very promising due to the hard winter & high water. Birds seem stunning: Bels, Goldfinches, Red-winged Blackbirds, Field Sparrow. "Swallows," Crow, Red-tailed Hawk, Bluebirds, Blue Jay, Indian Bunting, Yellow-breasted Chat, Cardinal, Starling, Thrush, Spinetail, Ring-billed Gull, Skimmer, Egrets, Egypadores.
May 21, 1936
Went to area North of Big Bend near
Fred Raw. The following, Bluebirds, Locul,
Kingbirds, Indigo Buntings, Crescent Flycatcher,
Plover, Bend Stork, Common Heron,
Hawk, Bufflehead, Moorhen, Cardinal,
Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Chickadee, Nuthatch,
Plover, Catbird, Red Eyed Vireo, Chate.

May 22, 1936
Went to Big Springs, Smithville, Mac-
Tavish, Walker. Collected 14 birds
Summer Tanager, Cardinal, 3 Pooees, Horned
Zarko, Kentucky Warblers, Indigo Buntings,
Kingbird, Robins, Yellow Bellies, Chat, Chipping
Sparrow, Cardinal,
May 23, 1936

Rocked all Sunday.


3.

Saw Cross Humming Birds.
May 25, 1936
Set out 50 traps for 


May 26, 1936


It has rained most of the day, all of our birds are soaking wet including ourselves.
May 27, 1936
Packed up hogs, Straightened fence next for laundry. Left for Phillips at 1:30 PM arriving at Phillips about 5:00 PM. We were unable to find any cabin in the location but by luck while eating met Mr. J. Doxhake. Offered to stay paid we could camp there. He said look ahead for a farm house as we went somewhere. On way to Phillips the following birds were seen: Broadwinged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Turkey Vulture, Great Black Hawk, Barn Swallow, Chestnut-backed Chickadee. R.W. 1st bird, Barn Owlark, Long-tailed Tit, Cliff Swallow, Copper-tailed Kingbird, Robin, Bluebird, Swallow, Crested Cuckoo, Crows.
May 29, 1936

May 30, 1936
Straightened camp. Not much collecting due to the national holiday. Caught 3 bape birds. Looked at squirreled legs. Collected 12 birds in afternoon. Other seem to be very abundant. Left Sanger's bower to find my sister to pick her up from Washington about 2 P.M. for a weekend stay.
Sunday

May 31, 1936.

Collected 6 red drig + 7 hand - chris + made up 4 flying squirrels caught night of May 30 also balled up 1 grey squirrel. Saw several flocks of cedar hawks. Visited David Wood.

J. B. Sprecker, Tucker, Robin, Bluebird, Nightingale, Mourning Thrush, Song Sparrow.

Callired. Set out three traps for flying squirrels.

June 1, 1936

Ran traps + set flying Ozark Place known as Steel Rocks for Henk, Groundhog, Ohioan Wood Rat. Collected 9 birds: Robin, Songbird, Bluebird, Cowbird, Chipping bird, Geebee, Red Eyed Vioo, Cedar waxwing.
June 2, 1936

Ran traps caught 1 flying squirrel, 3 wood mice. Collected 25 birds: toy bird, wood pigeon, cardinal, robin, woodpecker, blackbird, 3 grasshopper sparrows, 1 flycatcher, 1 chipping sparrow, 1 bluebird.

Grass hoppers we saw to day are the first observed.

June 3, 1936

Ran traps caught 2 flying squirrels, collected one rabbit. Collected 2 bewick hawks, 1 house wren, 1 towhee, meadow lark, hawk, chipping sparrow, blue jay, thrasher, towhee, chipping sparrow, robin, brown lark, vesper sparrow, robins & wood thrush. 50 mice.
June 4, 1936
Dog ticks caught. 2 flying squirrels. 1
squirrel, 1 wood rat, 1 skunk. 1
Collected 6 birds: 1 wild turkeys, 1 pike
barracuda, 1 hooded merganser, 1 catbird
1 bobcat, 1 woodchuck.

June 5, 1936
Zoo kept all day. Collected buds
caught. Flying squirrel, 1 chipmunk, collected
1 gray squirrel, 1 chipmunk, 1 rabbit.
Collected 3 birds: 1 red-winged blackbird,
Bunting, 1 hooded merganser.
June 6, 1936
Broke camp & went to Monticello to investigate reports of ancient road bed or work of ancient man as reported by Samuel S. Beall of Westfield. On the way of Monticello, on Rose Run Creek, found a huge work and other investigations took pictures of rocks. Had car serviced & greased. Then left for Richwood. The entrance to Cranberry Bluffs. Arived at Richwood Hotel about 7:00 P.M. Approximately 18 miles. Back seen: Crown, Bird, Ducks, P.W.B. Bird, Meadowlark, Bob White, Crow. Song Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Wood Thrush. Robin. Woodcock. EATEN 1 of these today near Monticello.

June 7, 1936
Went to church. Shopped at market. Washed laundry & caught up on note & letters.
June 5, 1936.
Left Hotel and went to Kansas City for permission to enter Cranberry Alps.
Left for Muleshoe at 10:00 a.m. had mail held. Then headed for
Salida 7 miles from Muleshoe. Went to cabin.
June 6, 1936.
Went to Glades where traps were set. 4 miles
South of Salida. Set 70 traps. On return also set
10 traps. Caught 1 red squirrel, 12 jays, 2 mice,
1 hawk and 1 mouse. Returned to Salida.
June 7, 1936.
Went to Glades where traps were set. 4 mile
South of Salida. Set 60 traps. Caught 1 red
squirrel. Returned to Salida.
June 10, 1936

Ran trap line on Glades. Caught 2 red backed mice, 3 rabbit(s), 1 ground hog, 7 squirrels. Collected in general while changing & setting more traps. Saw 2 Canadian, 1 Bynoica warbler(s), 2 water thrushes, saw blue jays & flicker(s), 2 dove, Robins, Catbird, very abundant. Grouse very plentiful also, grouse. Signs of black bear & deer tracks, very abundant in all explored areas. Heard wild cat in mountains near cabin. Saw pair of woodcock.

June 11, 1936

Ran traps caught 9 mice, 2 wood mice, 1 red squirrel. Went into glades to find what the fields were that we saw on June 9, & found them to be 2 large fields of various colors & kinds. One field had large mound of moss that was abundant with moose holters & runs around these fields were bits of fence trees. These fields no. 1 & 2 were scarce of bird life. Glade no. 3 had many jays, crow(s) & saw many arrow s. No. 3 was collected. Collected 1 Brown Thrasher. Several Sparrow, 1 Brown wood pecker, 27 of Bear corn tracks were seen. Crowd Thrashers, Grouse, Robins were seen. We were running low on gas so had to make a trip into Ackley for 20 miles from folks. Procured 2-five gallon cans for gas reserve.
June 13, 1936

Ran trap & caught 1 chipmunk. Set 20 traps in grass. Found 2 white mice in glade. Collected 1 Canada warbler, 1 redstart, 1 long-tailed, 1 chestnut-sided warbler, 1 wood thrush, 1 lowland sparrow, saw many blackbirds. Then went up. Found end of glade on east end & saw many squirrels which appeared to be house squirrels. Was able to collect one. Saw a large vole, no dental. Collected it. This is the only glade so far. Collected one grackle that I thought was a male but I am sure it is a female. Collected 1 owl. Saw one Louisa robin. Saw an owl with his head out of a side in the shot. I put it all back in. So we cut the tree down to get it. This seems to be a black Richardson's gall. (varia)
June 14, 1936

Run trap line caught 1 chipmunk, 3 shrews, 1 least shrew, 1 meadow mouse (glade #2)

Increased trap in glade #2 by 30 traps for rabbit + mice, set 12 more pieing squirrel traps on N.E. end of glades.

Saw fresh signs of deer + general run of birds. Repaired chuck absorber on truck.

June 15, 1936

Run traps caught 1 shrew, 1 red-backed mouse
4 meadow mice, 3 skunk, 1 red squirrel, 1 chipmunk, collected 1 house wren, 1 Canada warbler, 2 indigo bunting, 1 B. Thr. Blue, 1 magnolia warbler, 1 red-winged blackbird

1 towhee, 1 tunga, 1 hawk + 1 cowbird, saw general run of birds + 2 buggyards.
June 16, 1936
Run traps caught 2 raccoons. 2 blue jays, 3 wood mice, 1 red squirrel. Collected:
2 quails, 1 golden-winged, 1 Bluebird, 2 field sparrows, 1 flycatcher. 2 brown thrashers,
2 robins, 1 red-winged Blackbird, 1 red tail hawk. Saw general run of birds & Irrigating

June 17, 1936
Run traps & moved all traps to Long Slide. Caught 3 red squirrels, 1 Chipmunk, 3 wood mice, 1 long-tailed shrew. On account of time spent on moving traps & rebaiting traps in other sections, only two birds were collected. 1 Red-headed Woodpecker. Also this bird has white crown. Also set 6 squirrel snares for mink. 3 traps for raccoon. Need 2 for geese. These makes very valuable with on the trap line. General run of birds seen.
June 18, 1936

Ran traps, caught one midge, one small woodchuck, one ground hog, rabbit, one red squirrel, one wood rat. Collected one vernal pool tadpole, one black-throated blue warbler. Have, one catbird, one ruffed grouse, one blue jay, one red-winged blackbird, one flicker, several crows. Went to town for mail 

gas. Gave to rain had to reset all wooden traps. The wooden traps have flown very useless small areas of west. The forecast of the evening rains is only to take one crop of rain to set them off.  Also dampness will set them off. General run of birds seen.

June 19, 1936

Ran traps. Caught: one weasel, red-backed vole, two wood mice, 2 black-capped chickadees, one cranberry flycatcher, 1 swallow-tailed flycatcher, 1 phoebe, 1 dragonfly. Collected 1 long-tailed flycatcher, 1 banded kingfisher, 1 catbird, 1 yellow-bellied sapsucker, 1 red-breasted nuthatch, 3 purple finches in Cranberry flat. 3803 ft. alt.

Collected 1 long-tailed flycatcher, 1 brown creeper, 1 goldfinch in Cranberry flat. Stard & varied. Along Cranberry River collected 8 catbirds, 1 yellow-bellied sapsucker, general run of birds seen.
June 20, 1936


Sunday, June 21, 1936


Mr. Edgar sent sheet of leaves of the Abiesbalsam Kiikeya Club from Washington up to us to show them the Glacier which we visited.

They then left us. To go over Kennicott Mountain. and was supposed to return to our camp about 6 P.M.

When they didn't show up at 11 P.M. we became worried and started to try if we could locate them. We first followed his trail to the B.D. Range. Finally they turned up about 5 A.M. on 22nd. They had lost their way.
June 22, 1936.

Packed our camera & rafed truck, cleared cabin & left for Richwood where we stayed for the night at Rothen Hotel. It being too late to continue on to Durbin which is about 135 miles from Richwood.

June 23, 1936

Left for Cheat Mountain via way of Durbin & saw the Ranger, Mr. Mulhors who told me there is no place to camp at Cheatridge. We made camp at Mr. Comers place.

In evening we collected six birds, set mammal traps on Cheat Mountain. During the evening rainning weather with wind we slept at Mr. Comers house.

While going thru high land saw Redhead woodpecker, grackles, Brown thrasher, mockingbird & tried to collect but not able to due to it being thickly settled. Collected one male grackle immature.
June 24, 1936
Run traps caught one flying tailed mole. Collected 7 moths. Weather still exceedingly cold. Sowing neighbors affecting corn. Saw a song sparrow at 16th avenue bridge and heard one whin.

Barbizon saw one brown creeper but was unable to collect it.

June 25, 1936

We have seen more black-throated blue warbler and blue headed vireo on 16th Ave. than any other area.
June 26, 1936.
 Ran traps caught 13 mammals. Collected 7 birds. Weather was cold. So cold in fact that we were wearing overcoats and gloves to collect in. The weather has been very rainy and cold since we have been here. The clouds are on the ground.

June 27, 1936.
 Ran traps caught 13 mammals + 5 fish. Collected 5 birds Saw hawks on Cheat Mt. Left for Hubbin's tent to Ranger's office to find place to camp near Ironwood. Ranger gave us cabin on Middle Mountain 1/4 mile north of Ironwood. Collected 6 birds, went traps.
 Mr. Mauler sent an assistant ranger with to us whose name is Wadley Rose to help us get located. We saw a few jams around the cabin. Saw a fair red tail hawk.
 Mr. Mathews Pratt joined us about 3 P.M.
 About 5 miles south of cabin is a dozen buzzards.
June 28, 1936.

Ren taked & caught 5 mammals.

Skinned & made with. 

Came back to Lagoon & had a good time. 

Packed some of our specimens.

June 29, 1936

Ren taked caught 3 mammals & collected 22 birds. Among them were turkeys & I tamed the col. & collected one. 

And we also had a cat, it appeared to be some ad. once from Cranberry Glades.

Maryland yellow-throats are more plentiful than any other area.

Jiminy genius there seen near the Planters Dump. 

Kingfishers, nesting young, lucky blue jay, cat birds field grasshoppers, 

Souris, flounder yellow belted sparrows.

June 27, Canada warbler black throated 

Blue warbler, flicker, chickadees, 

Grouse and blue headed vittor.
June 30, 1936

Ran trips. Collected 6 birds and
place known as the Big Burn.
Went to town for groceries & packed
specimens for shipping. Set out new
typhline.

The Big Burn is a pt range east
of the road between Thomspod and Harman
which was burned over by a forest fire
40 or 50 years ago. Now it is covered
by pine and a few spruce trees,
making it an excellent country for
spotted harriers, meadow larks,
crows and ravens, and flickers.

July 1, 1936

Beatrips caught 2 wallows. Recollected,
Big Burn in hopes of collecting bug grubs
& ravens collected. Fruits.
July 2, 1936.


On my way over to Harrisonburg Va. on Route #250, I saw several Mocking Birds around McDowell Va. Juncos are fairly abundant along Route #250 in West Virginia at all elevations. Grackles were plentiful along Route #42 between Bunchhills and Harrisonburg Va.

Left Middle Mountain 8°0 a.m., for Harrisonburg. Road very rough and winding, reached Harrisonburg 12°0 P.M. Left Harrisonburg 2°P.M., after buying groceries for camp. Arrived at camp about 6°P.M.
July 4, 1936. Ran trap. Caught dimorphic, collected 13 birds, collected in 1,600, Big Basin. While at Inner we saw 1 Golden Eagle, 3 Bear Bannerful, Beaver, Aiming in evening.

One morning dove was seen on Beaver Dam, Creek. This is the only one seen in the entire mountain area. Beaver Dam area is a state game refuge, perhaps this may have been introduced. Tame are abundant only on Beaver Dam Creek. There is several flie medium black birds these also.
July 6, 1936.
Book up the Sierra Nevada, but found territory not so good for collecting. We drove around all country trying to find suitable collecting grounds.
Collected 9 birds.
In the vicinity of Harman the land is broken up into smaller farms this area is not so good for collecting we drove north of Harman to Red Creek and saw towhees, kingbirds, robins, rosy-faced thrashers. We then drove north to Conanan Valley where it usually first every month of the year as we drove over a hill before entering the valley we noticed ground several birds such as sparrows, robins, field sparrows, kingbirds and collected several. This hill is known to the natives as Harman Hill.

In the valley we saw quite a few barn swallows.
About six miles south of Harman saw two ravens and collected one.

July 7, 1936.
Left Harman at 8. Left four miles north of Harman, collected 2 birds. Birds we very scarce here. Red eyed vireos and canong, two ravens were seen. Collect saw several black throated blue warblers.
July 7, 1936.

We set up a trap. Caught one skunk. Collected 3 birds.

Mammal seem to be scarce on or this end of the forest. This has been found over in later than where we have been collecting.

July 9, 1936.

We set up a trap. Caught one mammal. Took up all birds. Took up birds + stuck to leave for Washington D.C.
July 10, 1936

Finished packing up truck, cleaned and straightening up cabin and left cabin about 8:15 A.M. for our return trip to Washington on our way to the B&B Bank near Toms Brook. We saw one seven which we tried unsure to shoot, we saw the usual group standing in the road.

After reaching the B&B Bank, we took Route #28 to #250 East on #250 to bluck then north on #42 to B & M station. Along Route 42 we noticed the mocking bird which we only about 3 in whole W. Va., those we saw near Richland W. Va. along #42 they were common.

We also noticed a great many grackle which are very rare in W. Va.

Arrived in B&B amsomlough about 11/5 P.M. The distance from our Bank to B & M station being about 95 miles. Had lunch and then left for Washington by way of Hays and Warren had take it easily, because of gum meling tire on road didn't want to get it for car arrived in Washington about 6 1/5 P.M.