

Vernon Bailey

1834 Kalorama Rd.

Washington D.C.

~~1939~~

1940

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Feb. 15, L lectured on Caves  
and Cave Life, for the  
Speleological Society at  
YMCA.

March 18 - L lectured on  
Our Fur Bearing Mammals  
at Toronto, Canada

April 6 - L lectured ~~at~~ for  
Biological Society at  
Casuar Club on  
Caves and Cave Life.

1940

## Spring Flowers

- March 15. Yellow crocuses  
in yard wide out
- March 20, White and purple  
crocuses, all out in yard.  
Some elm & soft maple  
trees in flower.
- March 22, 23, & 24 Easter  
Froze hard, down to  $18^{\circ}$
- March 26, Jasmines and  
Forsythia out on warm slopes
- March 30 - Elms and soft maple  
wide out.  
warm rains,  $54^{\circ}$

1940

## Spring Flowers

April 1 - Cherry blossoms  
Tight sheet, no cedar.  
Forsythia out on warm  
slopes.

Hyacinths out in yard.  
Elms in full blossom  
Soft maples "

Grass very green.

Japanese magnolia showing  
white in buds, the earliest.

Hickory buds showing  
green tips.

April 4. Veronica, stellaria out

Chickweed full out

Hepaticas out in Dr. Bidwell's yard

A few dandelions on warm spots.

A few blue violets in yard.

# Flowers

● April 7

Forsythia wide out

Pink magnolias almost out

White " wide out

● Norway maple blossom on warm slopes

April 9 Norway Maples wide out

on north side of street;

buds on south side.

● Single cherries not open

April 12 Warm and rainy

Soft-maple seed tassels showing buds

● Elm seeds half grown.

Japanese quince half out

Myrtle almost out

Bloodroots wide out, old

● Clatonia wide out

Blue violets abundant

Dandelions out

# Flowers

● April 13, Froze hard,  
25° in morning.  
Snow in night,  
Ice 2 inches in bed bath

● April 14 Warm and raining

● April 15, Single cherries out  
widely open, double not out  
Japanese quince almost out

● April 20. Japanese quince  
wide out

● Myrtusias wide out

Dandelions com.

Violets abundant

Baby blue eyes out

● Spring beauties in blossom

## To Blackwater Marshes

● April 22 Clear after a week of rain, but soon clouded up for all day.

● To Minneapolis & Cambridge and Blackwater Refuge.  
Cool & windy.

No pictures possible.

● With Jake & McCarthy

April 23, Cambridge and Blackwater Refuge.

Clear and warm. got good pictures of muskrat & geese.

● Saw Dr. Dozier & Mr. Black.  
Muskrats not yet breeding -

ducks & geese very tame.

● Grain & clover tall and

thrifty -

● Some trees in bloom and

others showing a trace of green.

● Flowers of early spring coming out.

Blackwater to Washington

April 23

Cherry + Peach in blossom

Amelanchier in flower

Vaccinium "

Forsythia "

Japanese quince

Magnolia "

Daffodils "

Dandelions "

Viola "

Pears almost in blossom

Plum "

Photographed in color

Canada goose

Mallard ducks

Muskrat

Japanese quince

Dandelions

Viola



Around Haines Point

April 27,

Single Cherry Blossoms gone  
Double Cherries " not out.  
Pink Magnolias wide out

Pansies in prime  
Forsythia mostly gone

Dr. Fannie Schlappi here

To April 29

April 30,

Dogwood almost out

Redbeel " "

Lilac " "

Ericardia " "

Tulips a few out

Maple leaves half grown

Oak leaves an inch long

Hickory leaves small, tassels s

Elm seeds full grown, not ripe.

Maple seeds half grown or some.

May 5 Sunday

- Double Cherries wide out
- Redbud wide out
- Dogwood nearly out
- Japanese Rhododendrons wide out
- Tulips out in Dr. Bidsall's
- Lilacs out, full size
- Nistaria, a few on south walks
- Finished movie reel on double cherries, not very good as brown leaves are large.

May 8, Dogwood and redbud wide out - beautiful.

- Maple leaves nearly full grown
- Hickory leaves half grown
- Oak leaves small

- May 12, Buckeye out
- May 14, Tulip trees out.

● May 13 To Alexandria  
Talked twice at  
Mt. Vernon School to  
about 400 children  
with 2 reels of motion pictures  
of trapped animals.  
Shaved traps.

● May 14, Talked to about  
300 children at another  
✓ school in Alexandria, Mrs  
Hogge principal, on animals  
and traps. without pictures  
Used specimens and Sippy  
and chainlock, bottles and  
tin can traps. & snake skin.

✓ The George Mason School

● May 20 Old Bummy  
squirrel coated her  
second young one  
across to the hickory tree  
from the porch balcony  
on north side of house.  
● I've caught 7 cats in  
the back yard to make  
● it a safe place for  
squirrels & birds.

● June 8, The young squirrels  
still nursing but only a little.  
Eating heartily of other foods.

Washington, D.C.

June 15, 1940

Basswoods in full  
blossom - native species

Hollyhocks, well out.

Yellow *Oenothera* in blossom

June 20, 1940

Left Washington 7:35 AM  
for Williamsport + Mansfield  
Pa. on Pennsylvania Train

Country beautiful in rich  
clean foliage,  
To Baltimore

Bamwoods in full bloom

Hollyhocks well along,

Roses out in abundance

Daisies

Elderberry

Milkweed

Moth mullein

Yarrow

Sweet clover

White

Blue

Reached Harrisburg	11 AM
" Williamsport	1:13 PM.
" Mansfield	2:30 "

Potatoes in blossom at Williamsport

Buckwheat " "

Buttercups, abundant at Mansfield

Daisies " "

Springa in blossom "

Wegelia " "

Elder " "

Laurel " in perfection

Rhododendron " "

June 21

To land slopes  
To Canton to see Charles  
Schlappi & Mr. Babcock  
about traps.

June 22

To Williamsport  
Altoona  
Pittsburgh  
Country fresh & green, hay  
being cut.

Back to Williamsport  
to Altoona + Pittsburg,



June 23

To Chicago, 7:30

Raining

Left Chicago 5:30 P M  
on the Denver Flyer,  
Dance when we crossed  
the Miss River.

June 24 Arrived

Denver at 7:30 A M.

A wonderful ride at about  
100 miles an hour in  
clean comfortable air

conditions of coach

Country fresh + green

Crops good. Corn

a foot high

All the way in

Upper American zone

Went to Cosmopolitan

Hotel in Denver.

Meeting of Directors  
of Manual Society in evening.

June 25 Denver, Colorado

Meeting of Mammal Society  
began at Colorado Museum  
of Natural History  
My paper on Handling  
Animals second on  
program at 11 AM,

June 24 & 27.

Full program of papers  
and lectures for 3 days  
Mostly good and interesting  
Met many old friends  
and many new and  
promising young fellows  
beginning to here we  
old fellows leave off.  
Among the old friends  
were Sitou & wife, Tigon,  
Alfred Bailey, Walter Taylor,  
Hamilton, Akgood, Scott,  
Geo. Willitt & wife, E.R. Hall,  
Kalmbach, Sperry, Garbough,  
Erushaw, Riter, Couch,

Jackson, The Muries,  
Miss Schantz, Dr. Schantz,  
Dr. Mrs. Burt, Davis,  
and many others,  
Also a large number of  
young men new to me  
but largely in the field  
of biology. Texas was  
especially well represented  
by active younger workers.

June 27, 1940

Left Denver at 9:15  
P.M. for Albuquerque  
on the Santa Fe Ry.

June 28 Arrived at  
Albuquerque 1:30 P.M.  
and stopped off to  
get a big wool sack  
and Kodacolor film.

Musgrave and Ligon  
were both away so  
I did not see anyone  
I knew.

Stayed over night at  
Alvarado hotel.

● June 29, Left  
Albuquerque 6 AM  
and reached Thoreau  
at - 11:23.

● Cool and raining in  
morning.

Crops good, grass and  
flowers abundant.

● Corn 4 feet high at Belen  
Winter wheat ripe and  
first crop of Alfalfa cut.

● Waited at Thoreau till  
6 PM and went out to  
Camp at Cottonwood Gulch  
No one at camp yet but  
staid with W. M. Perry  
who lives on the camp  
farm just below the  
camp and looks after  
things for Mr. Howie

The camp is at 7000 feet  
on the north slope of the  
Zuni Mts. about 6 miles  
from Thoreau.

A hard rain this  
afternoon made the roads  
very muddy and slippery  
but we got up without  
any real trouble.

Grass and flowers growing  
and country fresh and  
green.

Most pine and junipers  
abundant and yellow pine  
scattered over odd slope  
It has been lumbered  
off over most of this part  
of the range but young  
trees are coming along.

Narrow leaved alders  
are beautiful around camp.

Flowers numerous.

June 30 - 1940,

● Colbywood Gulch Camp.  
Clear and beautiful  
after the rain, alfalfa in  
blossom.

● 6 girls camp after dark  
and located in Cabin 1.  
Miss Furquison in charge.  
Miss Osborn musician

● July 3 Mr. Howie and  
Mrs. Olnstead and 27 boys  
arrived.

● July 4 Had a lively  
program for Fourth of  
July afternoon with  
games and races and  
much fun. Campfire  
in evening with singing  
and Indian singing!

● July 5 Set traps up  
Blue Water Creek canyon  
and the geese went  
swimming in the lake

● July 6 set more traps up  
Canyon

● July 7, Caught nothing,  
took up traps.

● Set Coyote traps up road  
back of camp

July 8. Caught nothing

● July 9 Caught nothing





Mourning Doves com.

Ceaptes velox 1

Melanerpes formicivorus 1

Night Hawk

Poorwill

- Barn <sup>swallow</sup> com. nests
- Cliff swallow a few
- Belted " com.
- Violet green "
- Audubon warbler 1
- Townsend "

Vireo gray headed a few

"

- Black headed grassed, family
- Pipilo chlorurus a few
- " megalonyx "

- Vesper sparrow com.
- Spizella arizonae "
- Sialia mexicanus "
- " bairdi "
- Robins "

Cottonwood Gulch, Ariz.

July 12, 1940.

Left Camp 9 AM, with  
3 station wagons & truck,  
23 boys, and 4 men.

Reached Gallops 11 AM  
& left at 12

Headed for Window Rock  
ad Ft. Defiance,

Hot and dry but  
country and vegetation  
unusually green.

Lunched about 15 miles out  
of Gallops, then on to  
Window Rock, the Navaho  
headquarters, most picturesque  
and interesting sandstone formations.

Tried to see Mr. E. R. Fryer,  
Superintendent but he was out.  
May want to come out to help  
trap coyotes after Aug. 1st.

Camped at Fished Butte, about  
50 miles south of Chin Lee.

Continued on to Ft. Defiance  
a large Navaho trading point  
then to the Navaho Sawmill at  
, then 7 miles beyond at

and camped at Filled Butte,  
a volcanic neck of crude basalt.  
Found much fossil wood at  
camp, plenty of Mammoth Woodpecker  
and aspen trees.

Dozens of yellow pines peeled  
for food by Indians long ago.  
I counted 12 from one spot near  
camp and could have counted  
100 near Camp.

Saw a little brown bat after  
daylight and nearly caught it.  
A bear had been turning over  
stones. No coyote tracks  
Must squirrels common.

July 13 -

Fluted Butte to Chin Lee.

Spent 4 or 5 hours at  
Canyon de Chelly 10 miles  
above Chin Lee. Canyon  
del Muerto comes in from  
the north.

All shipped off.

Saw on outcrop several  
*Neotoma* nests.

July 14 Sunday, Chin Lee  
Caught 2 *Perodipus longimulus*  
and a *Peromyscus m. sonoriensis*  
Saw a kit fox track

July 14 - Canyon de Chelly

- Took the Park Ranger, Tom Anstatt, as guide, up Canyon de Chelly to the White House cliff dwelling where he gave us a good talk on the Archaeology of the canyon. The canyon is 540 feet deep and the white house is at and near the bottom.
- There is no surface water but there is plenty of good water 200 feet below the broad level sand bed. There are about 200 known village sites in the canyon. A good horse trail has been cut down to White House.
- Lunched at top and went to ~~abund~~ Monument Canyon about 10 miles up where we could drive within half a mile of the rim and took Chee Woodie, an educated Navaho as a guide to the rim.
- Had a wonderful view of the

Monuments and up both  
Monument and De Chelly canyons

The monument is double, the  
higher point about 800 feet high  
and we look down on it

from 2000 feet above.

A lot of Douglas spruce  
grows along the shady slopes  
high up where the sun never

shines. Cottonwoods grow  
along the bottom. A few

yellow pines grow on top  
but mostly not pines and

junipers.

Came back through Chin Lee  
and camped about 10

miles north in Chin Lee Valley  
on the edge of Monument Park

some 4 miles south of the big  
flat topped monument that

we camped north of in 1935?



July 15. Camp in Chindee V.

- Mounds of *Dipodomys spectabilis* abundant and fresh tracks all around. Found one skull but it got smashed.
- Set all of our traps last night but the wind blew and we did not catch one. A few prairie dogs.
- Caught one *Perodipus longicaudus*, and nothing else.

- July 16 Caught only *Perodipus* & a *Peromyscus sonoriensis*.  
Went to Kayenta and north to Gooding, just across the Utah line, then back to Sandstone cliff near El Capitan set traps

July 17 Caught 1 *Perodipus*

- Came back to the Wethrills at Kayenta and on to Red Lake where we camped for noon lunch, then on to
- # Tubi City, Cameron and the Grand Canyon at Besset View. I remained with the track on the river at the little Colorado Canyon and set traps some 12 miles west of Cameron.

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July 18 Caught 1 *Neotoma lepida*

- 1 *Perognathus intermedius*,  
2 *P. apalache* —, 2  
*Peromyscus truei* and  
3 *P. maniculatus sonoriensis* 4
- Rode to Cameron, locality ~~Hal~~ the Moencopi, Hotel, and just by self  
Got backed of Mrs. Anna Zewa  
at Moencopi Pueblo.  
Sent to James Schloppé.

July 18, Caught only 3  
*Peromyscus sonoriensis*.  
in Orabi peach orchard.  
Came down to Old Orabi  
and then down to New  
Orabi and got baskets,  
then on to Walpai and  
then to Ganada and  
about 10 miles east to  
top of Ft. DuRoi Plateau  
where we camped in big  
yellow pine forest for night.  
Set 8 Coyote traps in canyon  
close by. Saw one coyote track.  
Lunched at Old Walpai.

Many Indian fields of  
corn, beans, peppers and  
squashes. Has rained  
and crops look good.  
Many sheep and a few  
horses, good grass.

July 20

Reached Camp in Cottonwood  
gulch at 12:30.  
Got mail.

The girls started soon  
after our arrival for  
a 12 weeks trip to Bayed and  
Zion. Has rained hard  
at camp while we were  
away and grass is green.  
Got only *Peromyscus*  
in morning camp.

July 24 Cottonwood Gulch

- Started with station wagon, Mr. Alvestad and 4 boys, Blake, Spalding, Wilson and Tigar, for Mt. Taylor.
- Took 4 days supplies, traps and beds to Mr. Alvestad. He left us well up in the Canyon of Mt. Taylor.
- Camped in Transition zone of yellow pine and gambel oak and not far below aspens and douglas fir.
- In P.M. Set traps all up into old crater where aspens and blue spruce are common.
- Lots of cattle in the crater and not much grass.
- Saw only one coyote track.
- Set 12 traps for coyote & bobcat. Three lions are reported seen by the fire guard near the Peak.

July 25. Wt. Taylor

Caught nothing. Set more traps higher higher up and Drake & Spalding went to the peak. Sugar and I went almost to the top.

Found lots of Abies arizonae. Set 2 lion traps but found no signs.

July 27. Caught only 2 Peromyscus. Reset lion trap.

Went down near Cibola to set Dipodomys spectabilis traps. set 7 + one for badger but all of the prairie dogs have been poisoned & probably the kangaroo rats also.

Walked down 6 miles and back to old camp was in rain.

Slept in old barns with  
little fire to keep us warm.  
Blake did not grumble, but  
had to take a bath after  
to get off the horse smell.

July 29-31.

To ~~Ojo~~ Redondo, 8500 feet,  
near top of Mt. Sedgwick  
which is 9000.

Set traps for Coyotes cats.

No signs.

July 30. One good skunk.  
Got pictures. Put in sack.

Aug. 1. Got one Coyote,  
large old wolf, has  
lost one foot in  
steel trap.

Very quiet and easily  
handled.

brought to camp in sack.



Aug. 2. Shipped five  
Antelope septentrionalis from  
Maerhead and a Neotoma  
punctata from Cottonwood  
Gulch.

~~July~~ July 24-25, 1940.

Mt. Taylor Mammals

Mule deer

Abert squirrel

Spurred squirrel

Rock Squirrel

Chipmunk

*Peromyscus maniculatus rufinus*

Neotoma

~~Thomomys~~

Sylvilagus

Erethizon

Mt. Lion, ♀ + 2 yg.

~~Lynx~~

Coyote

Gray Fox

*Amblypus trivittatus*, near *leucurus*

Badger hole + skin

Prairie dogs near *Perachio*, all dead

*Lepus sylvaticus* + *epictobius* woods "

Mt. Taylor Birds, July 24-6, 1940

- Wild turkey, several broods
- Band tailed pigeons, 6 seen
- Mourning doves, com.
- Red tail hawks, "
- Sparrow hawk seen
- Floor wren 1
- Night hawks com.
- Flicker
- Merus Woodpecker
- Purple martin
- Raven
- Crested Jay
- Piñon Jay
- Olivoided Flycatcher, 10000 feet
- Western wood pecker com
- Robin com
- Bluebirds "
- Black headed Grosbeak 15
- Red backed junco com.
- Crossbills "

Aug. 17, To camp from  
Albuquerque.

Aug. 18 At Gallup, N.M.  
Intertribal ceremonies  
of 7000 Indians.

Aug. 19, Took train at  
Thorsau for Los Angeles.

Aug. 20 At South Gate  
all day and night.

Aug. 21, Fushie and family  
took me to Twin Oaks,  
got Chester & Helen and  
brought to our house,  
so they and Henry & I  
would be all together.  
Took Chet & Helen home  
next afternoon.

● Aug. 22 at Twin Lakes

● Aug. 23, Virginia took  
me to early train at

● Decaturville.

● Had lunch with DeAthman  
at Pasadena and saw  
the new place he wanted to  
buy but advised against it.

● Took the Owl for S.F.  
at Glendale at 4 P.M.

● Aug. 24, Reached Berkeley  
at 8 AM & Joe met me at  
train. Pictures in evening.

● Saw C.H.M. in forenoon

● and afternoon. and again

● Aug. 25. Went to Fair to hold  
moving pictures in evening  
for F. H. H.

● Aug. 26 - Left Berkeley  
in the morning & reached  
Fallon in evening.

● Aug. 27 - Had all the Clan  
together at church  
in evening and showed  
moving pictures.

● Aug. 28 - Caught the S.P.  
Challenger at Hazen at 6:30  
AM. Got to Ogden at dark  
& Laramie next morning.

● Aug. 29 To Omaha at dark.  
Good crops across Nebraska.

● Aug. 30 Chicago 8 AM &  
to Pittsburg in evening.  
Harrisburg 4 AM next morning.

Aug. 31 To Williamsport  
at 1:30 PM, + north to  
Cayadagua, 8 PM,  
to Utica, 12 PM. + went  
to hotel. Slept till morning.

Sept 1.

Sally + Florence came  
for me and took me  
to Lyons Falls.

Trapped 2 gray foxes, one  
skunk, 1 woodchuck, two  
cats and a crow.

Returned to Mansfield, Pa.,  
Sept. 26

To Washington  
Oct. 2.

Oct. 16, Washington, D.C.  
to Canton, Pa.

Oct. 17, to Mansfield.

Oct. 21 to Elmira &  
Cobleskill

Saw Pat Picard  
Sent fox bait to Adolph  
and Babeack.

Oct. 22, to Albany  
Staid at Sandersons

Oct. 23 to Wilkesbarre, Pa.,  
by bus via Binghamton

Oct. 24, to Forty Fort and  
Kingston, Pa. to see  
Mr. Slautter's brook.  
Then home to  
Washington at 10:20 P.M.



1940 Summary

At home most of  
winter and spring.

Went to New Mexico &  
other states with the  
Prairie Truck,

To Lyons Falls, NY  
and Pennsylvania  
again in Nov.  
for trapping Foxes.

How rest of year