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Trip to Mills Canyon

September 15 Friday

Two days ago was full moon. IT still Full and the night was bright. I arrived after all crew because gas tank was empty. I traveled with Paul Cryan. I set 40 sherman traps parallel to the river by the campground, In a Northeast direction. I checked traps twice in the night. We were trapping bats in a river, which was up in the canyon. Trapping succes was good.

September 16 Saturday.

Three days ago was full moon. IT still full and the night was bright. Although the place where I set the traps was good, several mammals tracks, trapping succes was not good. I prepared the skin for the *Lepus Californicus* that Mike Bogan got it. Jorge Salazar showed us how to take out the skin easier, blowing inside the specimen. During the day I also set 10 gopher traps by the campsite. In the night we set bat nets in the river by the camp ground. We got a good diversity and one new report for this area. The average temperature was like 22°C.

September 17 Sunday

Early in the morning I checked the traps, I got three *Peromyscus* and one gopher. I prepared 1 bat (*Tadarida brasiliensis*). Trapping success was good for everybody. We cleaned up the campsite. The trip was excellent.


TRIP TO TEXAS

October 11 Wednesday.

The moon was crescent, almost was full. We prepared all the equipment for this longer trip. We arrived at 6:00 PM. The place was beautiful. I set 40 Sherman traps and 4 Tomahawk to the east of the camping site. We set bat nets in two ponds close to the campsite. Because of the bright night, we didn't get bats.

October 12 Thursday


The moon was almost full. None animals were captured in the Tomahawk traps but two *Peromyscus* in sherman traps. I prepared 5 specimens during the morning, 3 *Peromyscus* and *Dipodomys* and one *Thomomys*. We set traps in different places.



This day, I set 80 Sherman traps and 5 tomahaks.


October 13 Friday

Full moon.



Early in the morning we checked the traps, captured success was increasing. I got 4 animals. In this day I was sacrificing all captured rodents. In addition, I prepared 2 peromyscus. We set Sherman traps in different places and I was setting pitfalls in a nice canyon by a small river in a coniferous forest. Also, I set 80 traps (Sherman) and 20 snap traps in a rocky area. We worked in steep coniferous forest. After setting traps, we set bat nets and we collected several species of bats, however, few specimens. I think this is because of the moon.

October 14 Saturday



Bright night, waning moon, however was almost full.

Early in the morning we checked traps. ~~by the campsite in a dry river that goes to the east.~~

I got three animals. This day I prepared one Thomomys. I was helping in writing all data in the NK catalogue. Later in the afternoon, I set 40 Sherman and 5 Tomahawk traps by the campsite in a dry river that goes to the east. I was netting with Paul Cryan in a nice pond, however only we got few bats due to the moonlight. This night became cloudy and there was raining all night long.

October 15 Sunday.

Nice trapping success. I got three species and 5 specimens. We cleaned up the entire campsite. Paul got one ringtail and we released it. We came back to Albuquerque and we had some problems with the car. However, everything was OK. The trip was excellent. I had a good time. We were a hardworking group.