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31. ASPEN FOREST (20-YEAR). — **Location:** Michigan; Ontonagon Co., SW-¼, Sec. 11, T49N, R39W. **Continuity:** New. **Size:** 5.1 ha = 12.6 acres. **Description of Plot:** Aspens (*Populus tremuloides* and *P. grandidentata*) are the dominant tree species (20-25 ft in height), with scattered Black Spruce (*Picea mariana*) and a few Red Pine (*Pinus resinosa*) present. Understory species include Beaked Hazel (*Corylus cornuta*) and cherry (*Prunus* spp.). The ground cover consisted mainly of Bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*), Wild Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*) and *Rubus* spp. **Edge:** Bordered on all sides by similar but more mature vegetation. NW corner is lower and moist with sedge (*Cyperaceae*) and shrub vegetation (*Alnus* spp.). **Topography:** Rolling. **Coverage:** June 1-2, 5, 7, 9, 11, 23, 27; July 1; 0530-1700 hrs. Total man-hours: 22. **Census:** Ovenbird, 6 (118, 48); Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 3.5 (69, 28); Ruffed Grouse, 3 (59, 24); Nashville Warbler, 2.5; Great Crested Flycatcher, 2; Brown-headed Cowbird, 2; Hairy Woodpecker, 1.5; Veery, 1.5; Cedar Waxwing, 1.5; Blue Jay, 1; Black-and-white Warbler, 1; Tennessee Warbler, 1; White-throated Sparrow, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 0.5; Chestnut-sided Warbler, 0.5; Least Flycatcher, +; Red-breasted Nuthatch, +; Am. Robin, +; Red-eyed Vireo, +; Black-throated Green Warbler, +; Canada Warbler, +; Purple Finch, +. **Total:** 22 species; 28.5 territorial males (559/km², 226/100 acres). — CONNIE J. PEARSON and JOHN R. PROBST, North Central Forest Experiment Station, U.S. Forest Service, St. Paul, Minn. 55108.

Annotation:

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This report includes a breeding-bird census, a list of dominant plant species, and brief physiographic data for a 20-year old aspen forest in Ontonagon County, Michigan.