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> 32. ASPEN FOREST (50-YEAR). - Location: Michigan; Ontonagon Co., NE-1/4, Sec. 18, T49N, R39W. Continuity: New. Size: 9.0 ha = 22.24 acres. Description of Plot: Red Maple (Acer rubrum) and Aspen (Populus tremuloides and grandidentata) are the dominant canopy trees. Basswood (Tilia americana), Hop Hornbeam (Ostrya virginiana), Green Ash (Fraxinus pensylvanica) and some scattered White Spruce (Picea glauca) and Balsam Fir (Abies balsamea) are also present. Chief understory species are Hazel (Corylus cornuta) and saplings of Red Maple, Hop Hornbeam, and Basswood. Edge: The E is bordered by a road (USFS 457); all other sides by similar covyr. Topography: Essentially flat. Coverage: May 30; June 3, 6, 8-9, 21, 25, 29; between 0530-1130 hours. Total man-hours: 18.25. Census: Ovenbird, 14 (156, 63); Redeved Vireo, 6 (67, 27); Great Crested Flycatcher, 3 (33, 13); Brown-headed Cowbird, 3; Least Flycatcher, 2.5; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 1; Hermit Thrush, 1; Veery, 1; Black-throated Green Warbler, 1; Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 1; Ruffed Grouse, 0.5; Black-and-white Warbler, 0.5; Canada Warbler, 0.5; Black-billed Cuckoo, +; Com. Flicker, +; Blue Jay, +; Com. Raven, +; Cedar Waxwing, +; Blackburnian Warbler, +; Mourning Warbler, +; Red-winged Blackbird, +; Scarlet Tanager, +; Indigo Bunting, +; Purple Finch, +; Chipping Sparrow, +; Song Sparrow, +. Total: 27 species; 36 territorial males (400/km², 162/100 acres). -CONNIE J. PEARSON and JOHN R. PROBST, North Central Forest Experiment Station, U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Ave., 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 50-year old aspen forest in Ontonagon County, Michigan.