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**Location:** Minnesota; Itasca Co., Chippewa National Forest, NE-¼, Sec. 9 Jessie Lake Quadrangle, USGS, T58N, R25W. **Continuity:** New. **Size:** 10.52 ha = 26.0 acres. **Description of Plot:** Clearcut in 1970; now average height 15 ft (12-18) with Aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) the dominant species. Balsam Poplar (*P. balsamifera*) occurred in wet places. Understory species include raspberry (*Rubus* spp.), Bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*), Am. Hazel (*Corylus americana*), Beaked Hazel (*C. cornuta*), Round-leaf Dogwood (*Cornus rugosa*) and honeysuckles (*Lonicera* spp.). **Edge:** Bordered on the N by similar vegetation. The W, S and E borders are aspen-birch woods with scattered ash. **Topography:** Flat. **Elevation:** 1375 ft. **Coverage:** May 22; June 5, 15, 22-23, 29; 0530-0930 hours. Total man-hours: 24.5. **Census:** Chestnut-sided Warbler, 17 (162, 65); White-throated Sparrow, 4.5 (43, 17); Mourning Warbler, 4 (38, 15); Golden-winged Warbler, 3.5 (33, 13); Nashville Warbler, 2; Com. Yellowthroat, 2; Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 2; Veery, 1.5; Am. Goldfinch, 1.5; Am. Woodcock, 1; Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 1; Black-billed Cuckoo, 1; Gray Catbird, 1; Red-eyed Vireo, 1; Song Sparrow, 1; Com. Flicker, 0.5; Am. Redstart, 0.5; Turkey Vulture, +; Broad-winged Hawk, +; Bald Eagle, +; Osprey, +; Ruby-throated Hummingbird, +; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, +; Black-capped Chickadee, +; Brown-headed Cowbird, +. **Total:** 25 species; 45 territorial males (428/km<sup>2</sup>, 173/100 acres). — DONALD RAKSTAD and JOHN R. PROBST. North Central Forest Experiment Station, Forest Service, USDA, 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 an 8-year old aspen clearcut on the Chippewa National Forest, Minnesota.