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80. ASPEN CLEARCUT (2-YEAR). —
Location: Michigan; Ontonagon Co., NW¼, Sec. 8, T49N, R39W. **Continuity:** New. **Size:** 13.9 ha = 34.3 acres. **Description of Plot:** Aspen (*Populus tremuloides* and *P. grandidentata*) are the major tree species. Avg. ht = 4 ft (1-7.5). Scattered residuals of Aspen, Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) and Black Spruce (*Picea mariana*) are also present. The most dominant ground cover is Large-leaved Aster (*Aster macrophyllus*), Wild Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*), sedge (*Cyperaceae*), various grasses and ferns. Logging roads are still void of vegetation. There are two small wet areas which had standing water throughout the period. **Edge:** Bordered on the N by similar vegetation. All other sides by mature aspen-maple woodland. **Topography:** Gradually sloping SE. **Coverage:** May 31; June 3-4, 6, 8, 10, 21, 26, 30; between 0530-1200. Total man-hours: 22.75. **Census:** Song Sparrow, 22 (158, 64); Brown-headed Cowbird, 12 (86, 35); Mourning Warbler, 6 (43, 17); White-throated Sparrow, 5 (36, 15); Killdeer, 3 (22, 9); E. Kingbird, 3; Red-winged Blackbird, 3; Tree Swallow, 2; Indigo Bunting, 2; Am. Woodcock, 1; Com. Snipe, 1; Spotted Sandpiper, 1; Com. Flicker, 1; Least Flycatcher, 1; House Wren, 1; Cedar Waxwing, 1; Red-eyed Vireo, 1; N. Oriole, 1; Am. Goldfinch, 1; Sharpshinned Hawk, +; Osprey, +; Chimney Swift, +; E. Phoebe, +; Alder Flycatcher, +; E. Wood Pewee, +; Com. Raven, +; Golden-winged Warbler, +; Yellow-rumped Warbler, +; Purple Finch, +. **Total:** 29 species; 68 territorial males (490/km², 198/100 acres). —
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Annotation:

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This report includes a breeding-bird census, a list of dominant plant species, and brief physiographic data for a 2-year old aspen clearcut in Ontonagon County, Michigan.