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Aspen Forest (50-Year)

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32. ASPEN FOREST (50-YEAR). — **Location:** Michigan; Ontonagon Co., NE-¼, 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 cover. **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); Red-eyed 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.