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# Mammalogy Class 1996 Field Notes

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## Road log

September 6, 1996

Starting mileage: 73224

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South I-25

73226

Exit 16a

73281

(stopped at Sevilleta at UNM's research station  
Socorro 73160 73302

- stopped for gas + other last minute, stuff.

- dry ice at Fur's on Cal. Socorro (pinty shop)

took US60 west 73304 (left on Gt St)

took left at Water Canyon Campground 73320

~~████████~~ left at 2nd marker

stop so they bats could shoot at a squirrel  
stopped again to pickup firewood

4:50pm 73332 reached campsite

- as the elevation rose, there was less vegetation

6:00pm - went to set traps in  
the Old Growth Douglas Fir  
Forest (never been logged)

- set traps (33) along the holes

burrowed near fallen trees

- set traps underneath rocks

- there are piles of rocks

spread out all the way down  
the hill

- there was quite a few holes in  
the ground near rocks

- traps were set around mountain  
mahogany, aspen, and some  
unknown forbe

September 7, 1996

8 am Checked traps for short time  
in upper locality - very  
cold  
- got lost, J. Ulysses Davis  
found me

10 am Checked my traps caught:  
2 Spermophilus variiegatus  
1 Peromyscus maniculatus  
3 Peromyscus maniculatus

- Skinned up to 10 pm  
Dr Paul Preest Helps identify  
plants in our habitat

9:30 am Checked traps caught:  
2 Clethrionomys gapperi  
2 Neotoma mexicana  
2 Peromyscus maniculatus

- Helped check traps in lower  
locality

## Road log

September 27, 1996

- 2:00pm S-I-25 mileage: 0.00  
3:00pm Exit ~~4~~ in Socorro, stop for gas  
3:30pm Back on I-25 mileage: 76.3  
Red Rock Exit mileage: 124.4  
take US Hwy 85 north  
cross Socorro county line  
left on State Road 225 mileage: 129.5  
Enter Cibola Nat'l Forest mileage: 133.3  
4:25pm Saw 2 mule deer  
4:27pm stopped so Terry Yates could lecture  
about desert trapping/precautions/etc.  
~~no hedgehog~~  
4:45pm Set <sup>40</sup> traps mileage: 137.1 mi  
in low mountain  
desert 70-80% forb.

September 28, 1996

- 8:00am Checked traps, caught nothing.  
9:00am Looked for gopher mounds w/  
Luis, Paul, Doug, David & Sergio  
- set traps for gophers  
Noon Prepped *onyctomys californicus*  
5:30pm Eric Romirger lectures about  
radiotracking  
5:50pm Track a bear

6:35 pm ate "critter stew" and discuss what bones are found in our plates

@8:00 prep animals

September 29, 1996

8:00am Go pick up traps

Trap #1 Dipodomys merriami of nothing else

Road log

October 10, 1996

6:40pm Leave UNM campus  
6:42pm S-I25 0.9 mileage  
6:55pm cross Rio Grande 97.3 mileage  
7:50pm Socorro - stopped at Chevrone!

wait for Luis Ruedas &  
Sesilleta people

8:15 pm back on S-I-25  
11:00pm I-10 W mileage: 230.4  
11:25pm Grant Co. line mileage  
11:26pm Continental Divide mileage: 260.8  
11:40pm Hidalgo Co. line mileage: 277.7  
11:50pm Lordsburg EXMT 24 mileage: 286.9  
11:54pm Stop at Texaco mileage: 287.5  
12:05 am Back on W-I-10 mileage: 287.9  
12:25am Arizona border mileage: 312.0  
12:30am Pearl Harbor Memorial Hwy sign mileage: 315.3  
12:34am San Simon River mileage: 321.4  
1:05am Willcox mileage: 357.5  
1:06am Chiricahua Nat'l monument mileage: 361.7  
1:35am Benson Exit 306 mileage: 394.4  
1:40am Circle K for gas mileage: 396.0  
2:20am San Galisteo River mileage: 396.5  
2:21am I-10W mileage: 397.0  
~~Chiricahua Nat'l monument line~~  
2:25am Ft Huachuca on rt mileage: 401.4  
2:36am Cienga Creek mileage 411.6

October 11, 1996

2:40am Davidson Canyon mileage: 419.3  
3:00am Tucson mileage: 439.5  
3:05am Exit 260 I19-S to Nogales mileage: 442.9  
3:15am San Xavier Reservation mileage: 448.6  
3:16am Santa Cruz River mileage: 449.5  
3:20am San Xavier Reservation on left mileage: 456.6  
3:21am Sahuarita town limits mileage: 457.7  
3:25am Green Valley mileage: 461.8  
4:05am Exit 41 mileage 502.6  
4:10am Fastrip gas does not take UNM gas  
card mileage: 503.7  
4:45am Find Texaco on Business Loop 19 mileage: 505.6  
4:50am US-Mexico Border mileage: 510.1  
5:00am Leave Border  
5:05am Rt Mexico 15 South mileage 513.7  
5:07am Ave. Sonora mileage: 515.3  
5:20am Checkstation mileage: 522.8  
Breakfast Taqueria mileage: 551.4  
Toll Road #28 mileage: 564.6  
Santa Ana: mileage: 577.9  
Toll Booth mileage: 670.0  
Leave Hermosillo mileage: 680.0  
Right on Road 100 mileage: 714.6  
Gas station mileage: 719.1  
Stop for supplies (Seri community) mileage: 720.2  
West to Punta Chueca mileage: 746.5  
Arrive in Punta Chueca mileage: 750.2  
- take dirt road East mileage: 752.9  
take dirt road, another right mileage: 754.3

taking dirt road still, ~~at~~<sup>left</sup> mileage: 756.0  
arrive to campsite mileage: 773.0

October 11, 1996

We set up camp, made dinner, while others eat at road. Talked up lodgings (peddling, p).

October 12, 1996

5:00 pm Set 59 traps on road property. The majority of my traps were set around African grass that was introduced, yojoba trees, dead *Bromelias*, agave sp., *cactus*, and teddy bear cactus.

October 13, 1996

9:00 am Went to check traps caught many Chaetodipus sp. & a few Dipodomys sp.

We skinned until about 10:11 pm. Half of the group want to the island, they are supposed to return tomorrow.

October 14, 1996

8:00 am Went to check traps & pick up trap. Caught all Chaetodipus sp. were all released. Skinned animals today. The other group return from the island today.

October 15, 1996

I got a little head exhaustion, I think. The other group went to the island. I had to stay at camp. The group in the mainland set traps in the mountain foothills in the area. We skinned a few animals today.

October 16, 1996

I went with Steven to Delphi Creek to set traps. I'm feeling a little better today. We skinned a few and stored the meat in alcohol.

October 17, 1996

This was our last day to enjoy the beach. Around 4 pm we packed up and moved it to a resort for showers and food.

October 18, 1996

We were supposed to leave so Henry Yach could catch his plane early, but we didn't leave until 12 pm due

to a flat tire and the fact  
that Paul Pollard got the  
sunburn stuck in his  
picking up his drops. We  
stopped by thelein community  
and Kino Bay to do some  
shopping. We ~~were~~ met  
Luis Pinedas at Fernsells  
and at a ~~nearby~~ gas.  
We arrived in Tucson  
around 9-10 pm. The first  
otel/motel we found had  
no residents in the process  
of getting arrested. We did not  
stay there. We drove for 2  
hours until we found a  
motel 90 miles out of town.