

field notes aug 17

430 pm. overcast. rain earlier in the day. medium chance of showers and thunderstorms.

squirrel in the garbage can on arrival. moved to the north when I arrived from the south and ran into the tall grass

food garbage in the can. ants present in the can.

grape vine is growing throughout the scrubby area.

crickets in the tall grass.

dog strangling vine is producing seed but plants look to be struggling

squirrel is foraging in the shrubs near the creek to the north of the bench

squirrel nest spotted in large Manitoba maple near where squirrel was foraging

does the bench and garbage attract wildlife? do they benefit from the food waste being available?

people aren't using the trail due to construction. does that impact the abundance of wildlife that are out and visible?

one person on the trail heading south. collecting garbage along the un manicured slope. removing cigarette butter and refuse from the bench area.

2 Bluejays. flying from west side of creek to the north east

small bird. Sparrow? in Manitoba maple at the south of study area

activity seems to increase at later end of survey. related to sunset?

