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## 1932 NOTES

3-15-32

at 7:00 A.M. while skiing on exceptionally late snow for its altitude was greeted by a long-tailed chickadee. Its 2 syllables attracted other chickadees which soon collected in a small group. Canyon leading south just a jump down from Kelley Grove in Hubble Creek Canyon.

3-19-32

Bert Carter states that a single pair of Sandhill Cranes were just about to alight near his coral near his home on about 20<sup>th</sup> west and sixth south in Provo. The area between his home and the north shore line of Mud Lake is semi-cultivated and <sup>coral</sup> about 1/2 mile from lake.

3-22-32

a red tail was sitting on a fence pole in field south east of the Wallburg train switch with 50 robin on all sides. Investigated canyon leading up from switch. On approaching the mouth of the canyon the magpies noisily preceded us up the gulch to the nesting site of the G.H. Owl of previous years. Both birds were in the branches below the nest. One bird flew to top of adjoining tree. It then flew up canyon followed by mate. Small twigs had been placed upon the old weathered nest structure of last year. All the southern side of canyon and floor of canyon covered with snow. Water in small side gulch. Trees had not started to bud. The field used by the robins was saturated and partly covered with snow. In a small creek near here frightened an American Bittern from the vegetation along its edge. It flew 50' and dropped into creek again. Weather unsettled, with snows covering most of the area under summit.

3-26-32

Seven Bank Swallow at Lower River Bridge of Provo. Six female pheasants and 1 male flew up from weed patch north of the mouth of Provo River. Fourteen Am. W. Pelicans winged their way toward Mud Lake. Near Pravona Beach. Pair of Common teal in small creek near Sugar beet factory. From the lower river bridge to mouth of Provo River found several groups of G.B. Heron feeding along river and in quiet eddies along side of river. One single heron found. It happened in a second. Like a bullet appearing from nowhere a sharp shin hawk flashed by with an unchecked velocity and darted full speed into a wild rose bush. with nothing but the mass to check its speed. A few notes from the shock and then all was quiet. A quail was its object of chase.

3-27-32

Investigated nest of 3-22-32. It had apparently been deserted or not yet occupied. The snow on south side melted in several places. Clear water from side gulch but main gulch muddy. Continued up to Wallburg to inspect a red-tail nest. The nest was located from



the main <sup>320327-2</sup> road with the aid of a pair of binoculars, the nest being <sup>travelled</sup> placed in a tree bordering an irrigation ditch. The new nest was constructed over the form of last years. With the addition of new material the nest was built up into a mass of 26 inches in width and 20" in depth. The young growth of the willow had been used for the outer structure with the inner cup of sage brush bark and twigs. Feathers from the bird added the final touch. The depression of the platform was 4 1/2". It appeared that since the starting of incubation, additional twigs had been placed on the outer rim of the nest. The nest was placed 80' from the ground in a crotch of a tree. Civilization did not have any apparent effect upon the choice of the site as it was only a short distance from a farm house. The birds would more than likely have been shot if they were known to have done any damage to the farmers property. But both birds were in evidence. Wood fuel is used extensively in this valley and as a result many trees have suffered from the axe. The tree with nest in had been saved but trees on each side had been recently cut down. One instance showed that a nest of Horned Owls had been destroyed just because they were a little "fussy" and had chosen a tree with too good a fuel potentiality. Collected set of 3 eggs from this nest of Red-tail. Incubation just started. Nest placed to east of the north end of the town of Wallburg

3. 27. 32

Preston Carter observed the L. B. Curlew on this date on North side of Mud Lake.

3. 30. 32

The timely and forceful March wind occurring on the above date, was the first northern wind to force the ice of Utah Lake upon the shore lines. On this day I observed the ♂ and ♀ buffle-head. The pair were in the Provo River an 1/2 mile up from the lake. They were probably taking refuge from the driving north winds that whipped across the lake expanse.

4. 3. 32

Three desert ~~Song~~ Sparrows Hawks along road on the outskirts of Provo City.

6- 5- 32 (see 12-26-32 for turkey vulture record)

6- 10- 32

Observed two Golden eagle at the head of Slate Canyon to the south.

8- 19- 32 (see 12-27-32, page 3 for pen & ink drawing)

9. 16. 32

John, Tom Gessford and myself made trip up Saifer mountain arriving at top in ample time to watch the morning sun rise over the far distant east horizon. Fire-wood on top was a problem.

11. 9. 32

Banded a Shufeldt Junco. It flew to limb and commenced to pick at its new foot device. Home-Provo.



Captured the same bird as of 11-9-32. Examined and released again.

12-25-32



Dad and I built a Xmas manger at the Community Church for their program Xmas eve. Have built such pens for several years.

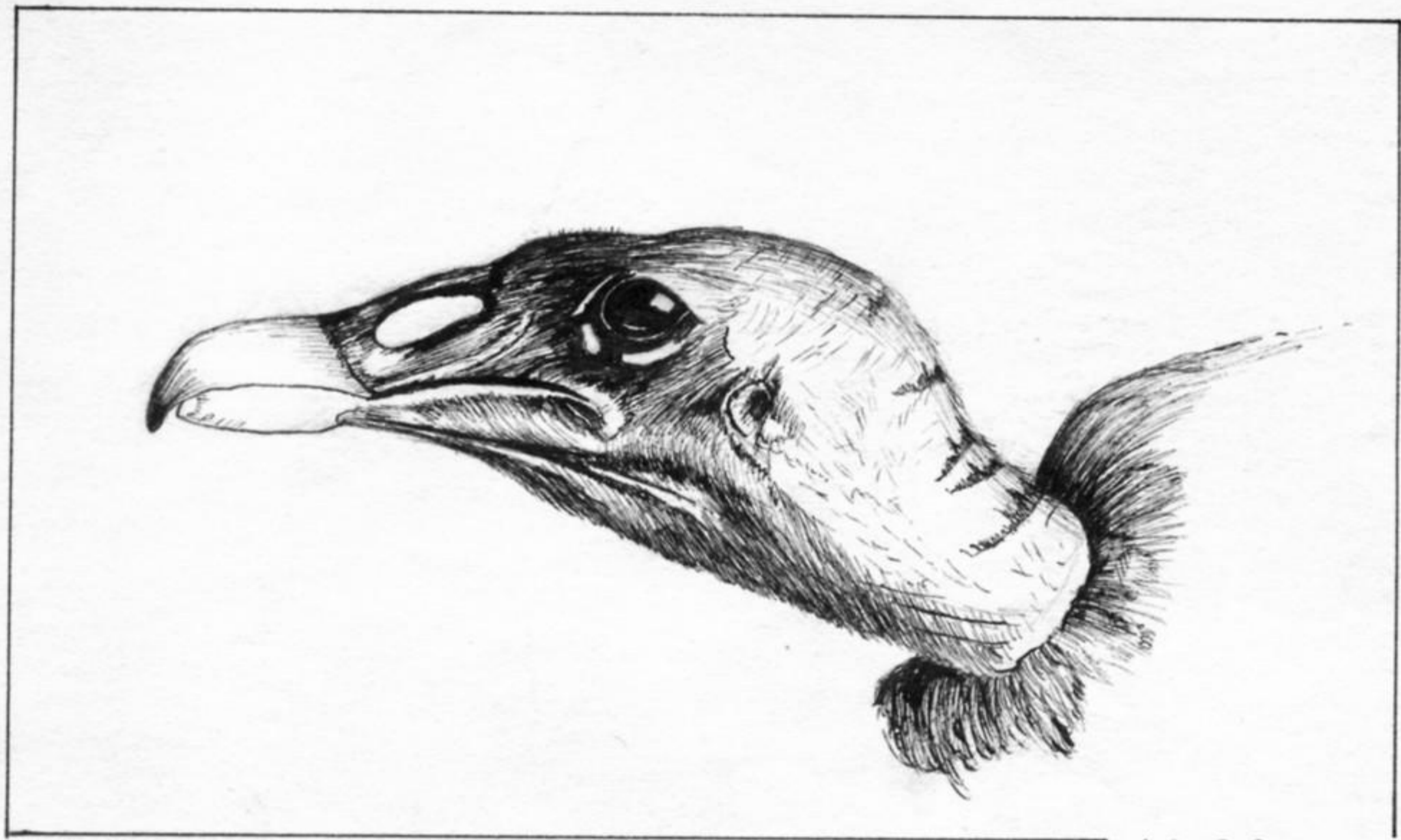
12-26-32

Insertion note of the set of 2 eggs collected from the Hobbie Creek nesting site of the Turkey vulture. Eggs beautiful marked. Egg on floor of cave. Body forming in eggs. (see notes of 8-8-31 for description of cave and area) Bird left cave on approach to entrance. Eggs in collection.

12-27-32 (insertion date for 8-19-32)

Provo, Utah.

Pen and ink drawing of 8-19-32 of turkey vulture.



4-8-19-32 JWB









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