

Dad reports seeing 8 other nests in all situations. 400413-45 had 3 eggs
nest no 4 had 4 eggs. Two other sets taken also. Took picture

no 1-4-13-40 from our ridge looking south to mouth of Tickville
canyon and distant cedar valley. This canyon in the distance is known
as big wash as it is some 20 or more feet deep in some places. It is



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rather peculiar that on our last
weeks trip we did not see or hear
an junco jay during our time
in the field. This may be due
to the fact that it was not as
close to the source of junco trees.
The Woodhouse Jay nest in small
dense foliated trees on sidehills &
ridges. As we drove down the
canyon we found a flock of about
50 juncos fly S. E. toward the
pass which was not in direction
of our investigations. Mr. Hutch-

ing estimates there being about a thousand, or at least hundreds
of nesting birds in this area. The birds will remain on nest
at 2 feet and even closer but at this time of day will not allow
one to part the branches for pictures. After flying the alight near
and after hopping about will call. Others appear very much
concerned and will call from 100' or so from tree to tree or
by flying across canyon. The birds this late in the evening
certainly disclose their nesting areas and I suppose that
one would always find them in proximity of nesting ground.
Met Mr. Davis who runs sheep on this range. He says: Have
never known the raven to effect a live, healthy sheep or even
batter them. Diseased, crippled or young helpless ones may
become victims but I have never personally observed this
to happen during the many years I have been associated
with the sheep industry. He accounts for it, ^(alleged reports of raven depredation) by assuming
that in certain area there is a group of raven that have developed
a liking for the eyes etc. of sheep. John took about 9 sets
^(sage hen) of grouse on last ridge running west and on bank on south
side of ridge. Mr. Davis estimates about 18 birds in valley.
Feels that this years vegetation is slow to develop. & that one
must have frost to rejuvenate the grounds. The south ends of
these desert valleys are always more troublesome than the
north ends.

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made solitary trip up Grove Creek on west side of mt. Timpanogos,
the general itinerary being up south side of canyon on ridge and
return via trail on north side of canyon. The purpose of the