

Two or three features of the Island and bird life on this trip. Gulls small with many eggs yet to hatch. The Pelicans, Cormorants, Mallards, Spotted Sandpipers, Killdeer, Caspian terns were all in evidence. On three occasions gulls

struck my head with one well placed strike ^{3.5-25-40} creating a long furrow in scalp which bled very freely. Such attacks were experienced only by a few birds and generally in those areas where the boats regularly landed. Arrived at Provo at 1:30

(note of 5-20-80 follows) 5-26-40
 Vulture nest in Hubble Creek, Balsam Camp, Utah Co., Utah. Examined nest in conspicuous red Eocene cliffs on left side of canyon leading north of Balsam Camp. These cliffs can be seen from the main canyon. (see notes of previous years concerning some nesting site). On way up observed two red tails hovering in mid air about 100 above east ridge for 4 1/2 minutes without perceptible movement of body. No sign of vultures in air. Approached nest and could see through the entrance into chamber. The bird was standing about 1 foot east of the eggs and partially protected from full view by the low entrance ceiling. Had was ready with camera to shoot bird as it left entrance. It was not until I had crawled nearly through lower entrance of cave before vulture left via the upper floor level escape. The eggs were lying on the floor of the chamber and facing N.W.

no attempt at building a nest, the eggs being placed on the peripheral edge of the rubbish accumulation. The natural surface of the cave allowed for this rubbish to accumulate in this section of the chamber. Eggs placed in same part of cave as of previous years. No signs of ^{permanent} communal neotoma habitation as of previous years except the numerous neotoma droppings scattered over the surface of the floor. The rubbish

