

3/4 size of parent with the greatest ⁴⁰⁰⁶¹⁰⁻⁸⁹ majority of buds about 1/3 size of adults.

2. This period is probably the most critical time for the concern of the young when at a time they have sufficient strength and physical development to leave the nest proper and walk about the immediate vicinity and confines of their territories with their parents and at the same time at a period when the birds have neither the power, ^{of defense} or prudence of mind to return to their own territories when ^{when driven out of their territories by an} under the indiscriminate pecking of its neighbors.

The great majority of the birds of the island were at this the later period of this somewhat helpless stage where they were at the utter mercy of neighbors birds when on foreign soil.

3. An inspection of 300' x 6' revealed sections ^{revealed an incubating but} average of 12 dead young of all sizes, six sets of unbatched eggs and a few nest with young unable to leave cup of nest structure. The greatest mortality seemed to be around the base of the lone tamarit or areas of conjection. Many of the young were suffering to the extent of bleeding eyes, bleeding heads, unconscious wandering, near complete exhaustion lingering death where protected in thimbleweed patches etc. Some young had all the feathers off their head & necks with deep cuts on entire surface, this was found particularly with the larger birds which could stand such punishment. The method of attack was for the adult to take hold of the young bird head, neck, wing or bill and then hold on rigidly or peck with the intention of killing. The final effect in many cases was all but realized when the young would call with definite signs of pain. Some would even fall about in a daze before again regaining their normal awkward movement. If man would continually keep the young birds in foreign territories and allow such severe punishment to continued for any great period of time it would certainly mean the death of the young wandering birds. Fortunately for these young birds they organize into aggregates in what appears to be neutral zones until the invader has passed on but to return to their own territories from these neutral zones is a daring and arduous