

Two golden eagles, the one resting on a rock at the crest of a hill and the other in flight were observed at the mouth of the draw in which was the first nest to be examined. Was it possible they were the pair whose nest we were to visit and hadn't as yet begun reedification? Our ardour was somewhat dampened as we proceeded up the draw.

"We delayed our visit to the eagle ledge to inspect an outcrop of low cliffs peculiarly worn by weather to afford numerous holes, niches and lovelike recesses. An incubating horned-owl was seen in one of the holes. Her nest was approx. 6 feet down and twenty-five feet up in the cliff. She sat for awhile staring at the intruders, then left before the cameraman got into action, revealing three eggs, one of which was pipped. The male which roosted about 75 feet distant in the same cliff, was thought to be a good subject for a picture. He, too, was unwilling to be photographed, leaving like a flash as I approached his crevice home before the camera could be put into action.

"Parking the car some little distance from the ledge which held the eagle nest, we took a circuitous course on our approach to the nest from the south, using the cliffs as a blind until we came to the small cirque where was located our first objective of the trip. An occasional investigation with the aid of binoculars disclosed the nest to have been worked on the present season as the top layer was lighter in color and not as rusty looking as the rest of the structure. Though no bird could be discerned on the nest as we ascended the slope, a suspicious dark spot at times thought to be the head of the eagle then again a shadow of a niche in the ledge readied us for camera action and none too soon as the eagle arose and took to wing as we rounded the edge of the cirquelike formation some 30 feet distant. Our hopes were not too virulent that the camera had given us a discernable record. We were more at ease photographing the nest and eggs.

The nest was, as formerly made note of, a mass of sage and rabbit brush and rubbish such as baling wire, magazines, newspaper and cardboard. Its reasonable repair showed a nest cup lined with hay and cedar-bark.