

Returning to Clear Lake Refuge, we met up with Deputy Game Commissioner Ashman who was questioned as to the occurrence of the bald eagle on the Refuge. His answer was negative. There is a possibility the bird nested in one of the numerous juniper trees. This is quite unlikely as the warden who visits the Refuge two or three times weekly would have observed such an imposing bird. The occurrence of the bald eagle in the valley during the winter months may indicate a nesting on a not too far distant locality. We deleted the possibility of its nesting on a smaller cone to the south or Tabernacle mountain further southward as these areas are subject to much disturbance by visitors, and further from the lake area.

We had delayed our dinner in order to place back of us our main objective, the determination of the bald eagle's nesting on the Clear Lake terrain. Fried sausage, Mrs. Bell's home-made bread, mother Dayne's luscious bottled dew-berries, cheese, potato chips and coffee well satisfied two husky appetites.

now 5.00 P.M., we hurried to refuel, fix a leaky tire and spend the remaining daylight birding the country north of Yuba Dam and Reservoir. Our last undertaking was without success. The favorable shore cliffs were never reached and darkness caught up with us on the examination of a few hawk nests on our way to the reservoir. Raven and ferruginous rough-leg were present during our search. No active nests found. Reached home at 9.20 P.M. with the thought we had probably added to the limited available knowledge of the life history of the bald eagle of Utah.

Kodakrome movie film used on the above trip.
Eagle nesting cliff in shadow - bright sky - 3.30 P.M. 4.5 5.6
Cedar tree - bright 11:00 A.M. 8.