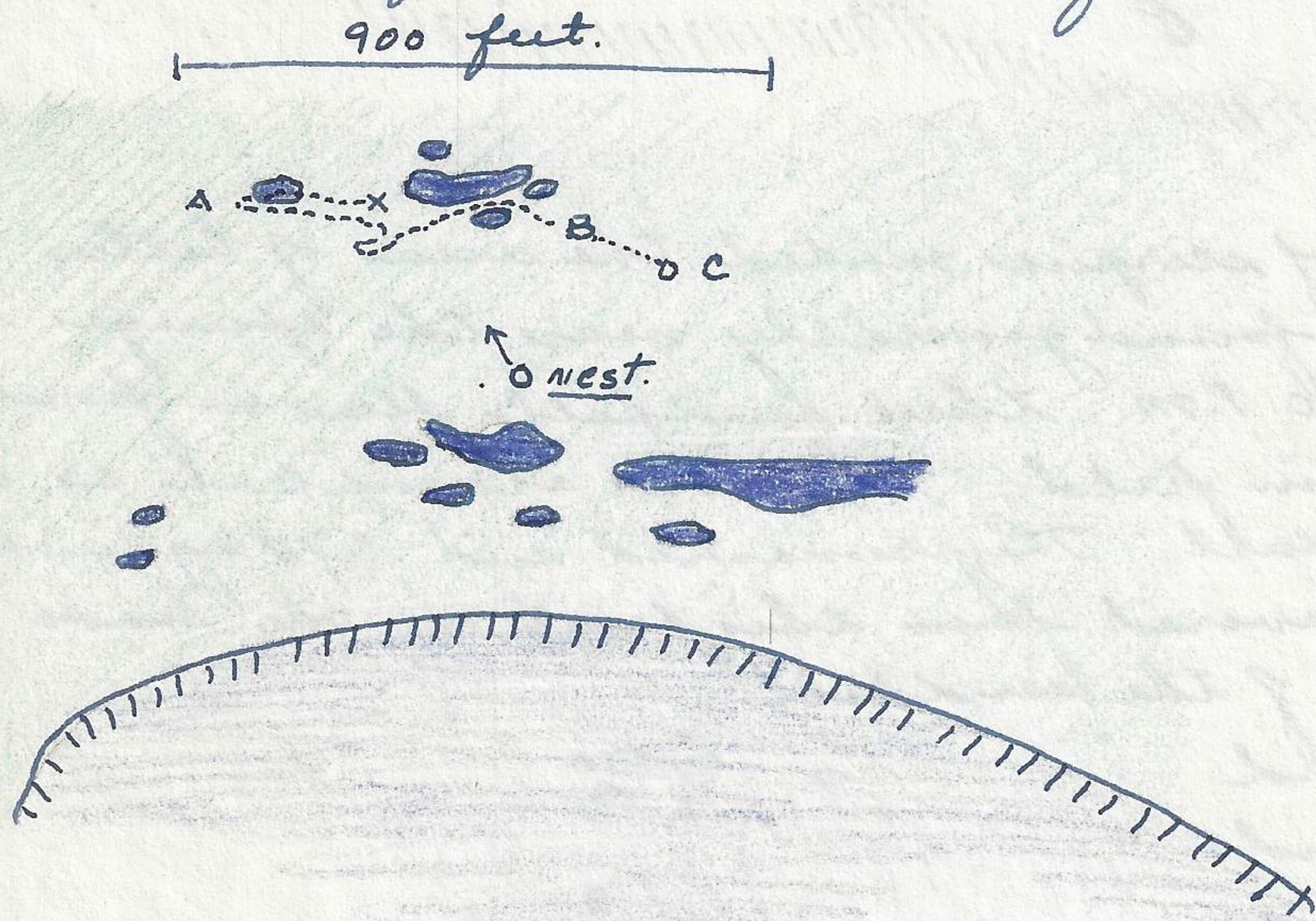


except ^{along the edges.} wings outstretched like a turkey vulture when warm and wondered if possibly it could be a breeding or copulating pair. The wings did not appear to be moving. The third bird was about 15' away from the other two. When the sandhills feed they rise about every 10-15 minutes to survey the area. After making descent we all went out into the area of the nest but misjudged a landmark with the result that the nest was not located this day.

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Sandhills arrived unannounced and called shortly after sun-up then left. This morning gained Provo level again to recheck on the proper landmark for locating the nesting bird.



This morning found the guarding bird in position X at 9:05 A.M. From here it fed leisurely to a three small pond and bordering scarpus. Left area A at 9:50 A.M. and returned to area X at 9:55 A.M. From X to B by 10:25 A.M. at 9:55 the incubating bird stood up and after turning

around sat down again on the nest. With the new information at hand returned to the ranch and arranged for another trip to the nesting area. During the time I was on the mountain this morning Dad and Lynn had covered the area marked green in previous diagram but without results. Returned to nesting area and at 12:15 P.M. we flushed the nesting bird at 105 feet. The guarding bird could not be seen. ~~At~~ this moment but had moved to point C since last observed from mt. The nesting bird left nest with one upward movement and with opened mouth observed us with a certain amount of fear. It flew to area X and lit. It did not call or make a noise. The male bird ~~was~~ ^{not} discernable by us. The nesting bird remain alert and upright but did not seem to be nervous. It remain in the same area and occasionally turning around until five minutes later ~~at~~ ^{called} the guarding bird to the south. The guarding bird came to life and answered.