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Ranger station

Pygmy owl in road near
at 6:00 A.M. Left springs 6:10 A.M. All quiet
Sunrise on mount Aspenwall or north peak at 6:15
These first rays of lights are exceptionally bright
in contrast to duller morning lights reflected only
from the sky. Daybreak beautiful. Sun moves
down to brink of lower Timpoonke Cirque in
only a few minutes. At 6:15 robins were leaving
willow patches in basin and flying down canyon
or to the east. They called. One magpie left and
a few weak juncos like calls were all that record-
ed their presence. The trail was dusty from recent
sheep activity and about every inch was a mouse
(Peromyscus?) track or imprint. Some grouping of
tracks would suggest a well beaten trail. Bent
free spots on rocks indicated their positions of
urnation. First flicker & magpie called at 6:30.
Coyote called some time to north in Bear Canyon
Woodpecker (Hairy) warbler. 7:00 A.M. First Cent.
m. emaciated called? Porcupine tracks in trail.
7:20 Cent. m. comes in shrubs. Deer tracks in trail
leading out of cirque and going down trail. 7:25
Flicker called from brink of Cirque. Arrived
edge of lower Timpoonke Cirque 7:30. Here was
~~collected~~ ^{found} a ~~noticeably~~ group birds, but too very
scare. They included juncos, white Cr. Sparrows,
juncos siskins and dusky groups. Two dusky
grauzer 80 feet apart left the brink and dropped
down over edge, one alighting in spruce tree, the
other continuing down hillside. The cirque was
quiet except for a few calls of the pine siskin,
Audubon warbler & juncos (grey headed) and flies.
First piha nest of 7:50 A.M. nest 4/5 bushel of
dry but green vegetation of all descriptions Paha
called. Another nest 100' away. Paha near.
At 8:01 A.M. three piha nests from 1 to 1 1/4 bushels
one along side of log, the others at edge of rock.
These three nest in ^{isolated} area 40' x 40'. One of the three
nests scattered over rocks and not in compact pile