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Edward Free informs me that on this date he discovered a rattle snake with 5 rattles and one terminal button. ~~measured~~ measured 2 feet and 1 inches in length. Was resting on ground 2' from edge of trail at 1st flat of Rock Canyon. First flat is in series of upper flats of Rock. He also reports 2 blow snakes in same canyon. One at Ross snow slide at the first gate and was stretched across the trail and motionless, and the other one on Second Flat in grasses and weeds. Observations at 10:00 A.M.

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Dad and I visited Mr Spafford in Hubble Cr. at 2nd station. He has been with cattle association for eight years. He said that a ruffed grouse had been run over near Balsam Camp and he cleaned and used it for food, one egg with hard shell in oviduct. Had located Robin and yellow Warbler nests and eggs. Numerous beaver in Hall and Wadsworth Canyons. The two beaver that had been at Balsam Camp for many years were driven off when C.C.C. blasted area in road building operations. A small lake some 300 yards from bottom floor of canyon held several hundred salamanders. Lake dries up entirely in summer. Dusky Grouse always found on high mountain on west side of Right Fork. Nests of Grey Ruffed generally found in bottoms of canyon proper near streams and large growth. We saw 3 deer on high ridge west of Right Fork. At mouth of 1st canyon on north side of Hubble down from Right Fork collected a blue racer in grass near a spring surrounded by cottonwoods. Collected set of Green-tail towhee in artemisia area between creek and the abrupt mountain side. Nest placed in artemisia 18" high and 6 inches down from top. Well hidden. 4 eggs. Bird left when within 4'. Return three hours later to collect the eggs and found her incubating. Located a nest of the Western Chipping Sparrow on a ridge exposure, north side of canyon or south exposure, in an artemisia flat surrounded by oak trees. Nest near top of bush and as I approached the bird left with much difficulty. Approached within 3'. It flew directly to oak fringe and in 5 minutes returned to top of oaks and commenced to call. It remained in same place on oak tree for several minutes. Examined nest of Spurred Towhee. Placed under small but dense sage on hillside with rocks beneath. Nest well hidden and sheltered from sun. Nest sunk in ground and of dry bark shreds and grasses. Lined with dry grasses. 4 young about 3 or 4 day old. Bird flew into oak and gave warning notes. California Gulls in air and one could always see one or two in field of binoculars if directly skyward. Found a porcupine 30' up in large cottonwood.