

Camped on w side of lake on lateral road approx 1/10 mi W of road.  
 At this service road turnoff is an osprey nest of 2 adults & 2 young. One  
 adult circled the nest from 30' to 60' and called <sup>and circled</sup> up to late twilight which  
 was 9:30 P.M.

Murphy Lake, Flathead Co., Montana

Aug. 14, 1977

min. temp last night 56°F. Rained, lightning & thunder all night. A  
 group of 8 Oregon junco at camp. At 8:10 A.M. photographed the nest of  
 adult and 2 young and the other adult in top branches of adjoining dead  
<sup>larch</sup> hemlock. Photo 770814-1. Nest being supported by 3" limb. This nest  
 at camp at south west side of Murphy Lake and only 80' from main highway  
 and is conspicuous. Pied-billed grebe at South Dickey Lake, also 4 gulls.  
 At Stuyker 2 people told us that it hailed there last night but at  
 Murphy Lake it only rained. 75822 sparrow hawk. Skies to S  
 seem to be clearing. This area has gone thru transition of low fog  
 to low cloud to low cumulus. In the area of Columbia Falls at  
 11:30 three photos 770814-2, 770814-3, 770814-4 of bank of clouds  
 rolling down over <sup>west</sup> top of Swan Range as part of a temporary clearing of  
 the storm. In this area (from Whitefish to West Glacier are many  
 log cabins being used as home sites. River in canyon greenish-blue like  
 many of the man-made reservoirs. Wind definitely down canyon. 75849  
 South Fork Flathead River bridge, water low. Clouds about 1/3 way  
 down from mountain tops. 75860 Middle Fork of Flathead River. 75861.4  
 at West entrance Glacier National Park. at 11:50 A.M. Temp. 60 degrees. As  
 we were not allowed to take trailers over park road were returned to  
 highway 2 and circumnavigated the park. Strata dipping 45° to east.  
 Will make complete census of birds and mammals along this route. Many  
 beaver in creeks. Clouds now 1/2 way down mts. 75891 two photos  
 770814-5 and 770814-6 of an adult and young mountain sheep. These  
 animals descended to feed on natural salt licks at edge of river but  
 in trying to return to their higher retreats were blocked by 20-30 cars  
 and dozens of people with cameras on the highway. They tried several  
 escape routes but each one was blocked by a fence of humanity.  
 75906 Glacier Co. line at 1:20 P.M. at Marias Pass. 75911 six ducks on  
 pond. 75912 two roven. 75913 one duck, roven by pond. Aspen trees  
 now occupying burnt over area and light greens of aspen in contrast to  
 dark colors of conifers. 75916 roven. 75923 <sup>Lower Two Medicine Lake</sup> ~~St Mary Lake~~ and low  
 clouds in the distance in photo 770814-7. Temp at this point is 47°F.  
 Clark Crow. 75935 Redtail. 75944 4 small birds, now raining.  
 Continued to St. Mary's Camp ground on N side, lower end of St. Mary Lake.