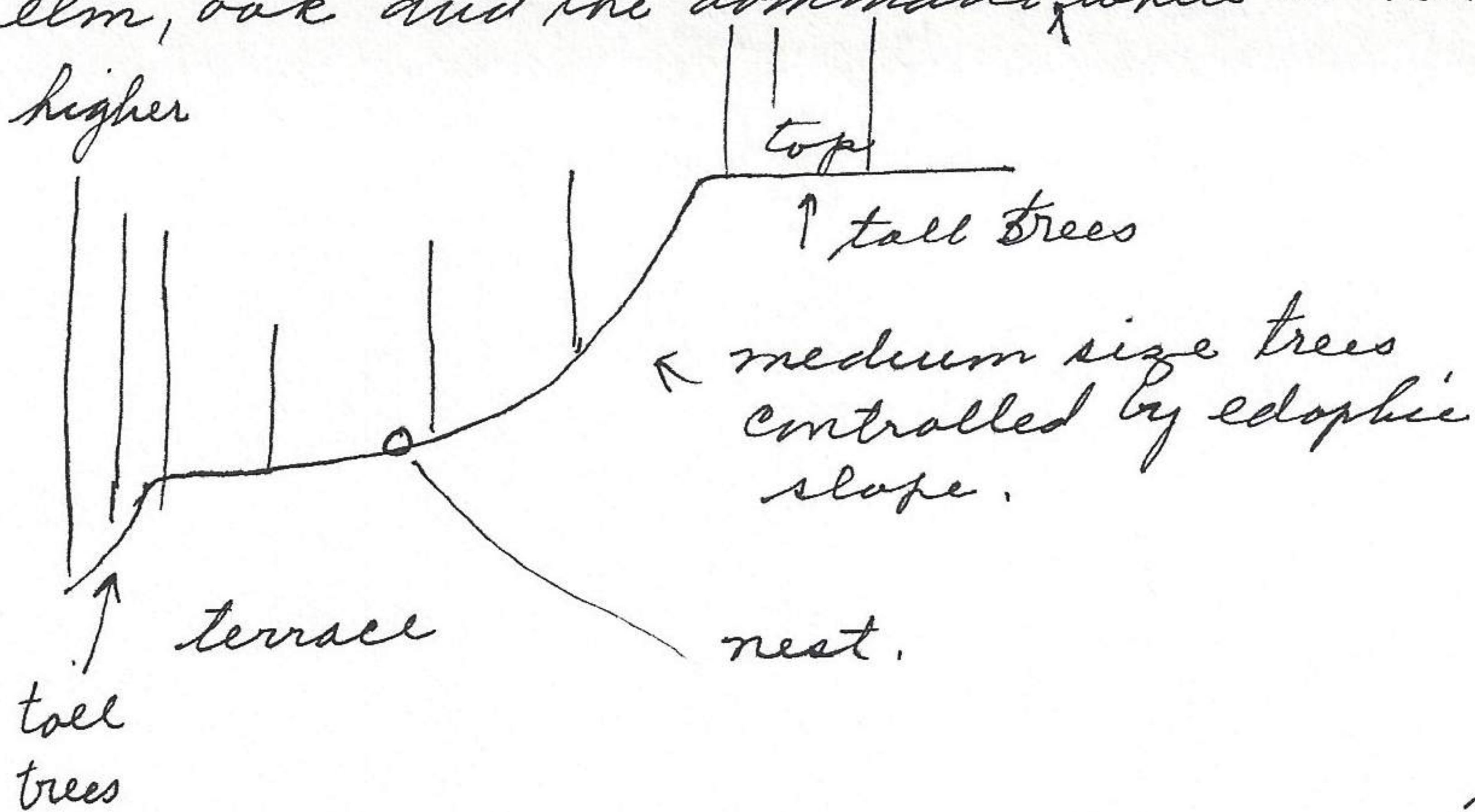



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terrace or on top. Trees average 30' on terrace and sparse including elm, oak and the dominant ^{bush} while to either side, the trees were much higher.



There was no tree or bushes directly above the nest and received full force of sun. Later when leaves are on trees the nest will be partly shaded. Nest on slope of hill half way between flat section and steeper slope

above. Brink of terraces in cliffs. The ground was completely covered with dry oak leaves and very little other ground vegetation. The eggs were on 2 dry oak leaves which had not been compressed by body weight of birds but held curled lines of the dry leaves.

In other words there was not attempt to select a surface or modify the original position of the leaves but the egg were just dropped on the original leaf surface. This bird undoubtedly has the least nest building instinct of any bird. Photo ^{and 790501-3} 790501-1 of the eggs of this bird. 790501-2 eggs. The egg with largest blotches of color weighed 6.51 gms, the other 6.50 gms. The first measured 29.0×20.3 mm, the second or heaviest measured 29.1×20.8 mm. In general classification this area is drier, more protected from wind and more open than the climax forest surrounding it. Left 10:15 2 bluejays have been foraging in general area. 10:17 minor drainage, no water, red-headed woodpecker. 10:22 redtail hawk left nest but did not call. This nest is marked with toilet paper ~~at~~ in branches of above tree and on nest is a piece of cardboard about 8×8 " with a piece of paper attached to cardboard . On bench is a clothes marker SE of tree. At this point the slope of the hillside carries to the 1050 ft contour and there are several terraces above the one I am on. This added height is exceptional along the Rock Creek valley slope. Many Bladdernut trees on slopes and dominate understory brush and small trees. 10:30 dense Bladdernut trees, cardinal. 10:34 deer bed under young trees on bench. At this point is a large shagbarked hickory growing in and at S edge of an island of rocks. a woodrat nest 2' to N of base of tree, 2 bluejays 10:40 another whip-poor-will nest of 1 egg (29.0×20.6) and again no nest but eggs placed at random on dry oak leaves that completely