

of wet pasture land. The other like place was a place on map called Nine mile Gap, and as this canyon was of a gap character it is possible that the nesting site could be here. ^{Blanco Co.}

When I saw the nest I stopped and with binoculars could see an adult eagle on the nest. I took camera and started to climb to cliffs just W of nest where ascent over cliffs was possible. At about 80' away from nest the bird left and flew W into valley, then S. It had to maneuver to evade power lines below the nest. In fact this bird has a precarious life with nest visible from road, power lines intercepting its approach to the nest and a fuel scale coal mine on top of ridge on other side (W) of canyon. Just before eagle left nest I made photo 820602-10. which caused the eagle to leave the nest and before I could get nest frame in camera had missed the bird in flight as it left the nest. Continued up cliffs to top of cliffs and then to above nest where I photograph straight down into nest. (No 820602-11). As this nest is placed in a concavity was not able to see, from any position, the full extent of the nest. Note hind quarters & back of jackrabbit in nest. Other prey including ground squirrels in nest, also one *Tamiasciurus*. Note also the lack of green conifer boughs on top of nest. Photo 820602-12 of alternate nest on same level as presently used nest and approx. 40' to the NW. These nests are placed in concavities of the cliff. One concavity is below and to the S side of the nest. The cup of this nest shows matted debris and there is no addition of material to form the upper cup platform for the nest. The four utility lines are in direct way of either approach or leaving these nests. Photo 820602-13 of both nests, the currently used nest in foreground. There are several concavities visible. The nest (in foreground) is constructed of about the same size ^{dry} sticks. Photo 820602-14 *ibid.* more prey carcasses can be seen on nest in foreground.

On top of cliffs and approx 80' to S was a collection of used carcasses (cottontail, jackrabbit, grouse, *Tamiasciurus* and other unidentified bones) on slope just mountain wards from upper edge of cliff where the eagle had either deposited refuse from the nest or had used the site to feed itself independently of nest. debris