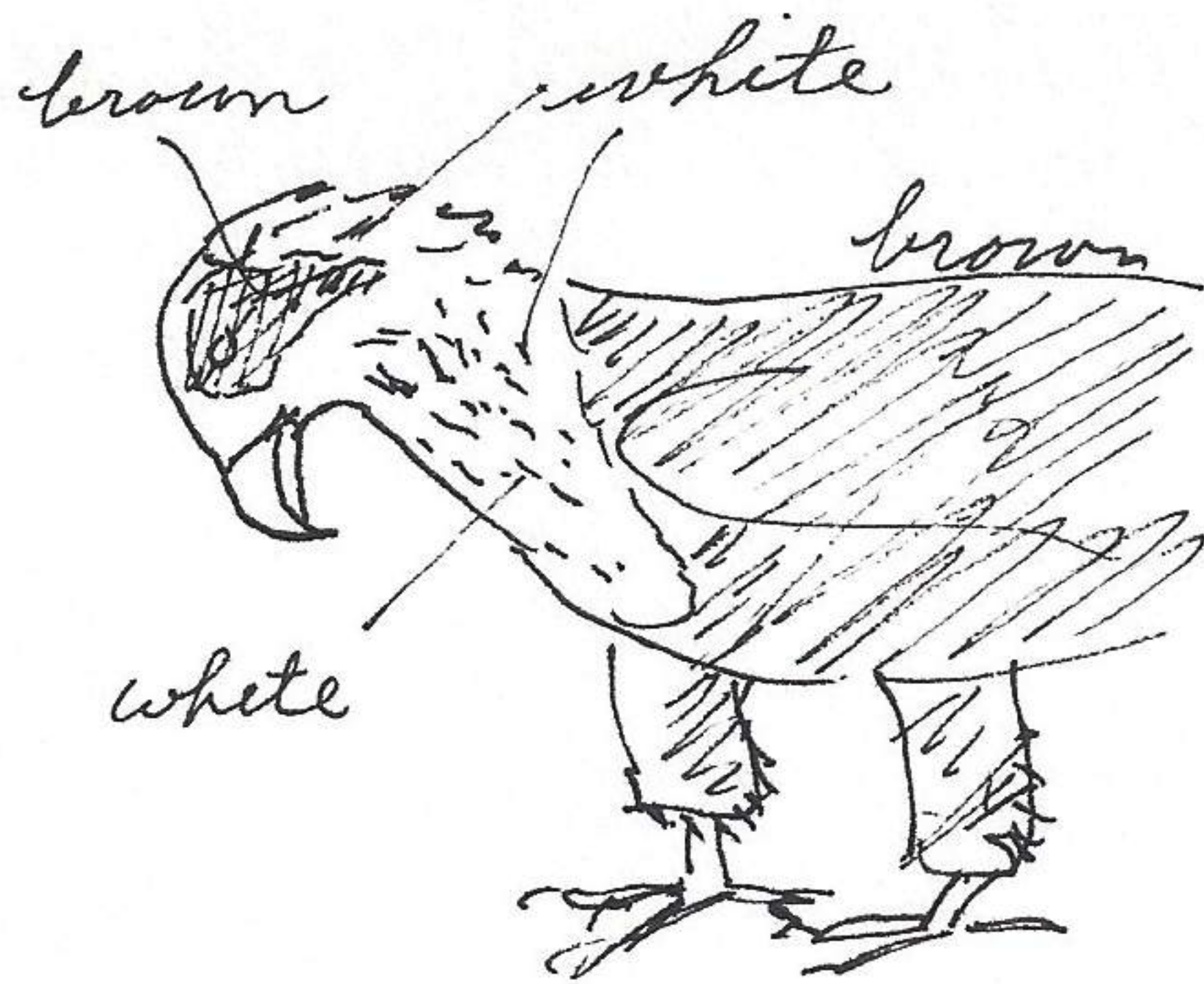




white may have been created by parting of ^(rain) water soaked feathers). thus exposing the white underfeathers. There was also white at top & bottom of base of tail. The first immature was blotched with white but not to the extent of the second immature described above. The inner angle

of bill in both immatures was yellow as if the bird of the year.

after the adult & immature left at 8:15 the 5 crows returned and fed on the fish.

8:25 white necked immature of above arrived and fed on fish.

8:26 2 buffle heads flew up river.

8:28 the adult bald eagle that remain in tree all this period left and without concern for fish flew up canyon.

So far periodic showers. The rain ruffles and opens feathers of immatures but not the adult.

8:30 5 crows returned & fed on fish.

8:32 5 Thayer's gulls (immatures) arrived and fed on fish. When one is on the fish another arriving will alight on back of feeding bird and knock it off balance. They then will lock bills, sometimes for as much as 5-15 seconds and spar around, sometimes toppling into the water or gravels. Two swam toward each other with heads and bills forward and on contact continued fighting. Two on land gave begging poses and when close enough started fighting. This combat provided time for the other gulls not engaged in fighting.

8:35 adult bald eagle flew up river 50' above water and when within 150' left the area of the fish.

8:36 no birds feeding on fish. Water in river has receded 2".

8:37 2 gulls arrived and fed on fish.

8:40 adult bald eagle alighted on fish and devoured large chunks of skin & flesh. Displaced gull by 75'.

8:45 above adult continued to feed. and then stopped and watched an adult eagle approach and at 20' distance approach of the incoming bird the feeding eagle left and alighted on gravels 8' from fish. After the incoming bird had fed on fish for 45' it was displaced by bird that had been initially displaced. At