

June 17, 1987

9:20 dark-eyed juncos adult feeding young cowbird.

Red-breasted nuthatch fed in Douglas fir at Bee House.

Bald eagle flew S past Bee House at 175 feet.

Bob-tailed eastern gray squirrel still regular feeder at Bee House since our arrival March 1, 1986.

Examined nest of orange-Crowned warbler (see note June 12, 1987) nest undisturbed but only 1 egg (infertile) measuring 19x15 mm Took three photographs

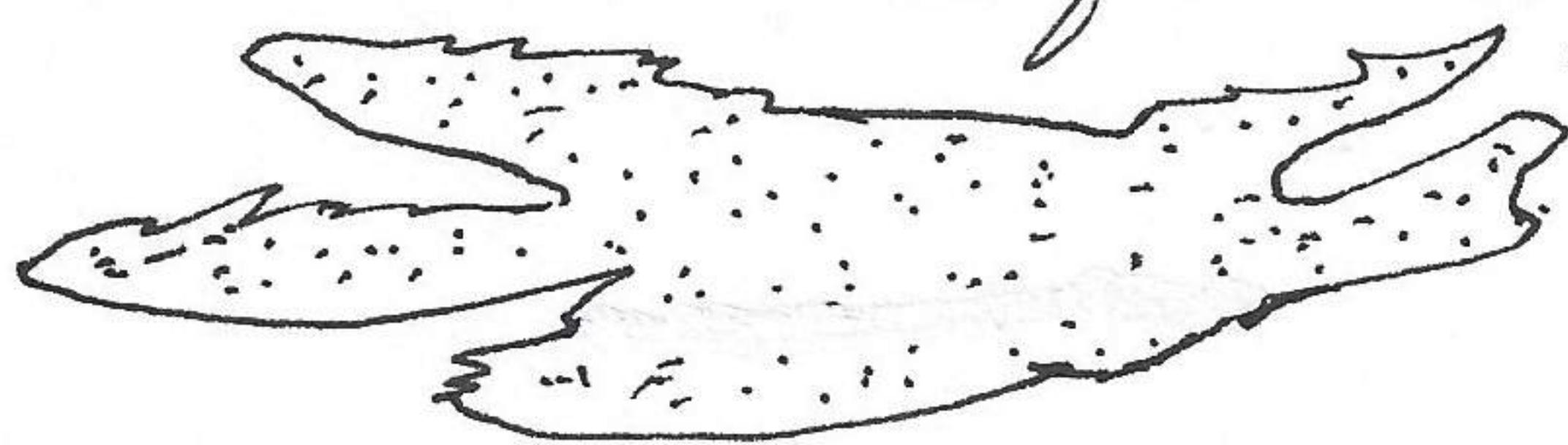
870617-1 general view with nest and 1 egg

870617-2 nest and 1 egg. (mosses surrounded Cup)

870617-3 Close-up infertile egg (June 17) nest cup 17
(see latter part notes June 24, 1987 for additional photos of this date)
2:45 P.M. immature bald eagle flying (30') mosses over field W of junction Baker View Rd & Port Stanley Road. Sheep in field. Turkey vulture in field E of above junction (N side)

3:50 P.M. On our arrival of upper parking on Bee Estate, Sister (mule deer) on Hog Back. Spooky left lower parking lot and ran W along Horizontal Trail Cliff meadow.

4:20 P.M. mass candlefish 55' x 30' 20 feet out from shore at Bee House. Each fish approx 1 1/2"-2" apart.
Part of mass distinct border of fish, other margins irregular " noticeably more vegetation in water (low tide zone).



7:00 P.M. 8 river otter swam by to S. by Bee House. Group within confines of 12'x15' and 20' from shore. They crossed directly to Flat Point, alternately swimming and diving and fishing. 6 candlefish consumed in the crossing. They continued to N side Lichen Point, put-out, climbed rocky slope to grassy swale on top of point where they searched and rolled over in the grass. 1 minute later they all returned in single file (in contrast to diversified routes in gaining grassy swale) and immediately entered water and swam S around Lichen Point. One large otter which I presumed was an old adult female, according to her actions in attention to the smaller otter, was different in color of pelage than all the rest of the group. I have noticed this difference on several other occasions this year.

The head and neck are a distinct yellowish (light) color which no other member of the group possesses.

