Nest Study Night Hawk 1929 allander

The hest was located on the Biological Station grounds, south of the hill back of the Camp Davis and about 125 feet north of the road going from the camp to Pellston.

The eggs were laid directly on the ground in no shade to speak of biscovered by Mr. R. Walp June 27 with two eggs laid which was the full and ordinary set. The eggs were elliptical, quite evenly marged with a grayish brown color. Size 1 3/16 minus x 13/16 in. Blind set up July 4.

July 5. 4:45P.M. Visited blind, bird was sitting on nest facing blind (SE), cleaned out leaves and especially made noise to attract attention of bird but she was apparently undisturbed. I walked around and flushed her from the nest in order to get a picture of the nest or rather the eggs. She was rather reticent about leaving but as I approached within about seven feet, she flew up, "squaking", and flapping wings as if injured. Mate also came (appenntly having been near, since it was the only time both were seen at the same time), the mate hovered over head, quite excited, and by suudnly coming down to about 10 feet from my head made that "dooming" sound with the wings charcteristic of the night hawks. The mate on the grond keep kept up her "feign" and hissed, the open so widely open that the head was scarcely visible.

7:15 same date. about 7 - 8 night hawks flying overhead getting food, while approaching nest, mate spied me and came down with a "boom" and repeated this once or twice and flew away, while the other was sitting possibly on the nest facing the blind, somewahat wary,

July 6, 10:05 bird nots on nest and did not return until about 11:30 A.M.

July 7, 2:05 P.M. Female on nest facing S. July 8, 4:20 P.M. male on nest facing blind July 9, 7:00 P.M. female on nest facing blind

July 10, 4:30 P.M. Bird on nest, but left before I came to blind. One egg broken, appa perhaps some passerby had picked up the egg and accidentaly dropped it, already had an odor of fermentation, which would indicate that it had been broken at least a day.

July 11, 3:30 P.M. male on nest facing East.

July 12, 4:45 P.M. no bird on nest, cracked or rather the broken egg was robled about two feet from the nest.

July 13, 1:05 P.M. young hatched from the egg and in the shade of a fern about 3 feet from the original "nest". Moung covered with down black with yellowish white streaks. Young did not seem strong enough to use legs or else was stubborn to my poking it.

2;15 female sitting on young, watched until 5:30 but there was nothing happening

July 14, young was moved about seven feet from the nest.

July 16, young was about 25 feet from the nest July 17, young was same place. July 18, could not find the young, searched for about half

an hour and when I was about to give up the search, I flushed the female from the young about 75 fest from the original negst. I then went home to get my camera. When I came back I searched everywhere, but the young was nowhere to be found.(I noticed by this time the young was very active and willing to run when handeled. His pin feathers were rapidly developing) So I assumed that they had hidden quite a distance away. The female sat up in a tr e near by scolding (or laughing) at me. The bird always rested lengthwise or near y so on the branck of a tree. I went home without finding the young.

July 19, I returned and found the young about 3 feet from

the place I had last seen him the day previous.

The night hawk is speldidly protected on the ground by its coloration. At times when I sat in my blind and taking my eye from the bird for a while would frequntly find it difficult to relocate the bird.

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