

Southern Bird Experiences Winter Torpor

DO BIRDS hibernate like some of the mammals?

This question has had emphatic proponents on both sides. Many have observed the marked decrease in activity which hummingbirds undergo during winter. But while biologists call this "winter torpor," it is not considered hibernation.

However, Dr. Edmund C. Jaeger, a California biologist, has found at least one bird that comfortably bypasses the cold months of California's Colorado desert, holed up in a rock in the Chuckawalla mountains. It is Nuttall's poorwill, western cousin of the common whippoorwill, discovered several years ago by a college student who accompanied Dr. Jaeger on a field trip into the low rocky range of hills between the Colorado river and the Salton Sea.

At first glance the bird appeared to be a gray-barked root in a hole in the rock, about two feet above the sandy canyon floor. Closer examination disclosed its true nature. The only sign of activity during handling was to open and close one eye. It was replaced and examined again 10 days later.

This time it stretched its wings and eventually flew away. Dr. Jaeger returned to the poorwill's hideout for three years in a row, he says, in an article in the current National Geographic Magazine. Each year he found his bird in hibernation.

The bird's temperature dropped from 106, which is normal for the active bird, to between 64 and 67 degrees. There was also a corresponding drop in weight.

The Misses Geraldine Halbert and Maxine Fender, teachers of physical education in the Grants Pass high school, were guests of Mrs. Emil Mitchell the past weekend.

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HOLDING their 20-year safe-driving awards are Pacific Greyhound drivers Benjamin S. Carlson (left) and Ivan Robasciotti (right), while Robert E. Gocke, company safety director, (far left) and M. C. Frailey, vice president, smile approvingly. (Photo by Fritz Marple)

Greyhound Drivers Earn Safety Award

Drivers Ivan Robasciotti and Benjamin S. Carlson, both of San Luis Obispo, Calif., have completed 20 years of safe driving for Pacific Greyhound lines without an accident charged to their records. This announcement was made by M. C. Frailey, Pacific Greyhound vice president, when he presented the two men with handsome mantel clocks honoring their achievements at a recent dinner meeting at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco.

Experienced drivers when they joined Pacific Greyhound line, in 1929, Robasciotti and Carlson join driver Archie Berry as 20-year safety award winners. Berry was similarly honored last year. They have earned successively Hamilton watches for 10 years of accident-free driving and ruby rings for 15 years.

Robert E. Gocke, Pacific Greyhound director of safety, emphasized the magnitude of the records set by Robasciotti and Carlson.

"I conservatively estimate that each has operated from one and a half to two million miles safely during the past 20 years," he said. "Two million miles would equal nearly 80 trips around the world at the equator."

Gocke mentioned that driver Robasciotti has some good safe-driving rules that he, Carlson, and the other Greyhound drivers follow. Some of Robasciotti's rules are:

"Safe driving requires more than the conscientious observance

of traffic rules. You must take extra steps for safety. Watch not only the car in front of you, but the one ahead of that. Know and remember all side roads that may be trouble spots.

"Give others their right-of-way and sometimes even part of yours. "Weather is also a safety factor. Rain, fog, snow and ice mean extra care.

"To drive for 20 years without an accident," concluded Robasciotti, "I have trained myself to automatically do the safe thing."

This Week At The Chetco Inn

C. L. Doty and his son have been our guests the past week while installing more machinery at the South Coast mill.

The Rev. Paul Wessinger and R. H. Greenfield were in Brookings this week looking after land for a new church.

Jean Meyer of Elkton, Oregon, spent a day in Brookings this past week.

John H. Coutts and Jess Netherland of Medford spent two days in Brookings this week while installing signs for Medford Neon company.

Oscar B. Johnston of Cave Junction returned to his home city this week. He has been our guest for the past month.

L. A. Cosgrove and his wife were Brookings guests this week. They are from Portland and were making a slow trip along the Oregon coast.

The Oregon State Motor Club was represented in Brookings this week by Reggy Drinkwater of Medford. Reggy will be back again in a few days.

James W. Henry of Baldwin Park, Calif., spent a week in Brookings visiting friends.

Many new faces are at the Inn this week. Among them are Jack Carlson, H. A. Carlson, Frank Moore and E. J. Troyer, all of Crescent City. They have a contract to get out poles for the Baxter Timber Products of Crescent City.

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Visit Planned For H. S. Seniors

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Portland, April 2.—Seniors of Brookings high school have been invited to join graduating students throughout the state as honor guests of the state system of higher education during Senior Campus Visitation Weekend, April 24 and 25. Seniors are invited to visit the campus of their choice in order to become acquainted with the state school they plan to attend.

The annual weekend event will be observed simultaneously at the University of Oregon, Eugene; Oregon State College, Corvallis; Oregon College of Education, Monmouth; Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, and Oregon Technical Institute, Klamath Falls.

Pre-college orientation of campus facilities has been arranged and all visiting students will have the opportunity of discussing educational plans with faculty advisers. Programs of entertainment have been scheduled, including sports events, mixer dance

es and firesides. Supervised housing will be arranged in dormitories, fraternities, sororities, cooperatives, or in private homes.

Registration will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 24, at each campus. Seniors may obtain further information at the office of their principal.

Campus visitation is an inter-campus program coordinated by the High School-College Relations committee of the general extension division for the state system.

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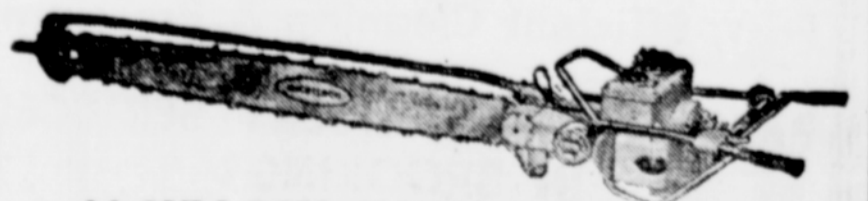
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