

Bird Field Note

Field Observations: Young Birds, Nests, Bull Snake & Snowshoe Hare

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Male American Three-toed Woodpecker



A female Dusky Grouse tried to lead me away from her young with a flurry of wing flaps and soft clucks. When the chicks flushed, one flew to the safety of a conifer branch.



A hungry Yellow-rumped Warbler fledgling begged from its perch. Its busy mother arrived with food and flew away to find more.



A Chipping Sparrow prepared a mouthful for its young.





Lichen camouflaged a hummingbird nest in a dark corner of upper Baldy Draw. Spider and caterpillar silk lined the soft interior. I got brief glances at the owner, but could not determine if she was a Calliope or Rufous Hummingbird.





A Brewer's Sparrow fashioned her cup nest from grass and twigs.

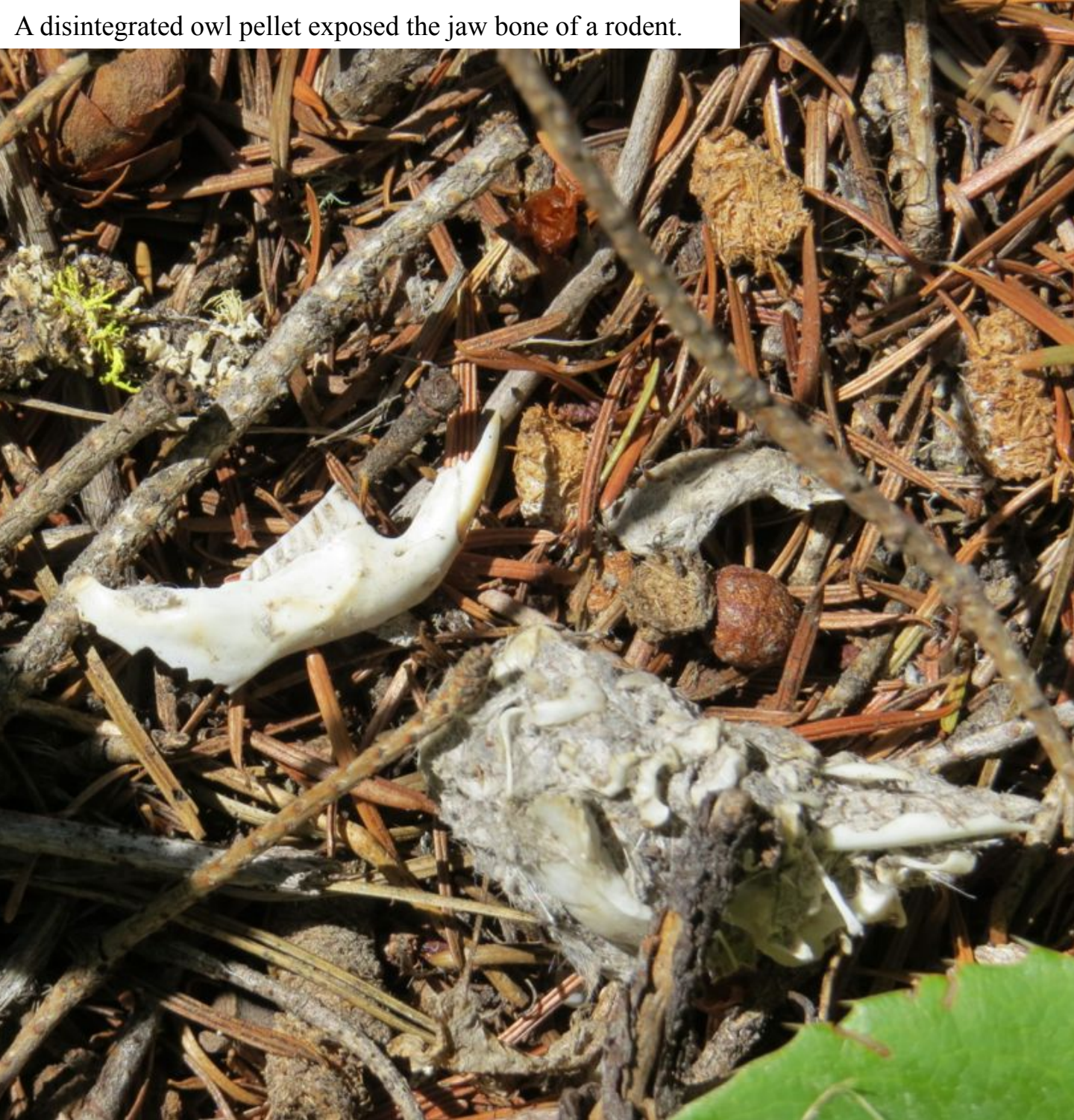




A decomposed raptor caught my eye. Based on its size, the brown feathers, and a feathered foot, we suspect this may be a juvenile Northern Saw-whet Owl.



A disintegrated owl pellet exposed the jaw bone of a rodent.



A bull snake wrapped around the rain gutter at the Top House; eventually it slithered down inside.





We usually hear Hermit Thrush more than we see them. This bird posed on an open and well-lit branch.

A large snowshoe hare spotted me and remained motionless.
When it finally hopped away, it flashed its big, white feet.

