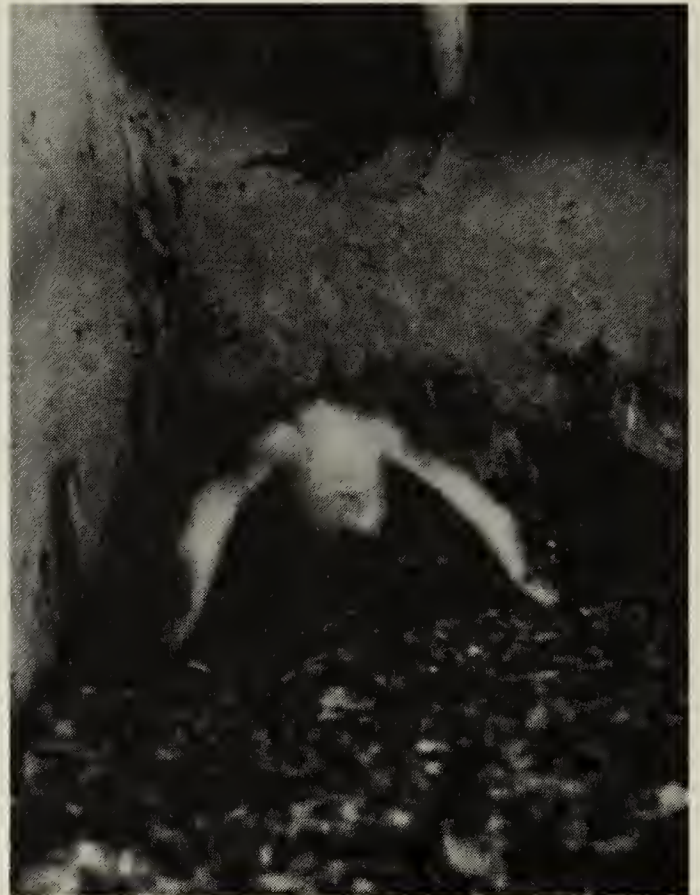


cutline north of Marean Lake.<sup>2</sup> There has apparently been only one other report of vultures nesting in a house in Saskatchewan. [In this issue.—Ed.]

Wildlife Development Fund Lands are managed for all wildlife. Old buildings, if found to be of value to wildlife, are left stading to provide nesting sites, burrows, and cover for wildlife. The old house north of Preeceville will remain with the hopes of providing a nesting site for Turkey Vultures for many years.

<sup>1</sup>SALT, W.R. and J.R. SALT 1976. The birds of Alberta. Hurtig Publishers, Edmonton, Alberta

<sup>2</sup>HARRIS, W.C., S.M. LAMONT and C.I.G. ADAM 1984. Greenwater Provincial Park Resouce Inventory and Analysis. Prairie Environmental Services Incorporated, Raymore, Saskatchewan



*Turkey Vulture young*

*Rhys Beaulieu*

## NORTHERN TURKEY VULTURE NEST

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On 12 August 1984, Brad Tokaruk, a local conservation officer, whilst on a boat patrol of Ministikwin Lake, (54° 2'N, 109° 40'W) saw two young raptors on the shore and went to investigate. The two young scrambled into a cave under a dead tree and hissed at him. No adult birds were seen. On 13 August I accompanied Tokaruk to investigate the site.

As we approached there was an adult vulture soaring over the shoreline. The cave, which was situated about 6 feet back from the water

under a dead tree, was approximately 3 x 3 ft. x 9 in. high. There was obvious evidence of occupation but no young birds were present at that time. No search was made for them since the bush was dense and wet.

Turkey Vultures are often seen in this area but this is the first nest I have seen, and it would have certainly been overlooked had the young not been right at the water's edge.

A week later the site was revisited and there were three adult and one immature Turkey Vultures sitting in trees near the shore. The young bird could be approached to 10 ft. but only poor quality polaroid photographs were obtained. No search was made for the second young vulture.