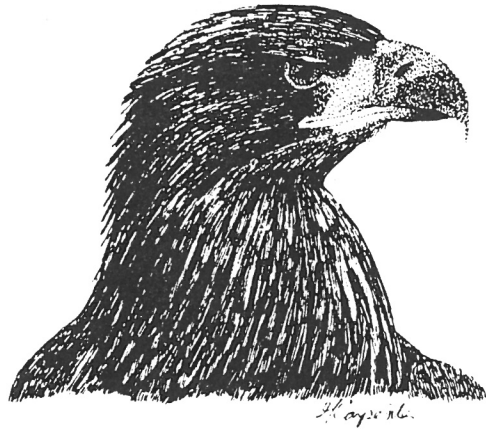


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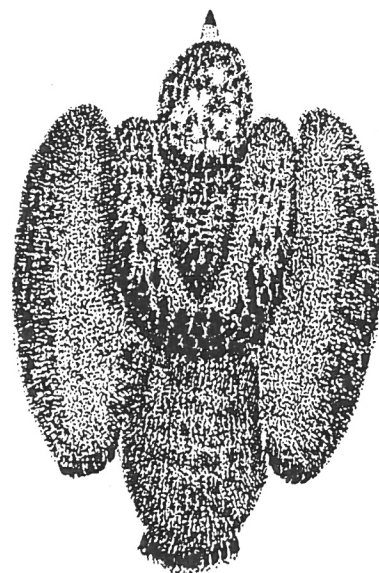


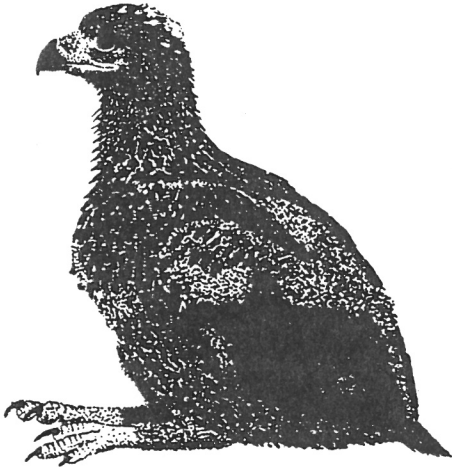
Stage 1a  
Small 1st Down  
(0-1, 10-11)\*

Stage 1b  
Large 1st Down  
(1-2, 9-10)

Stage 2  
2nd Down  
(2-4, 7-9)

Stage 3a  
Early Contour Growth  
(4-5.5, 5.5-7)





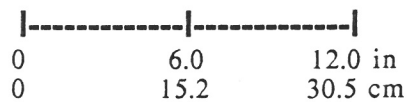
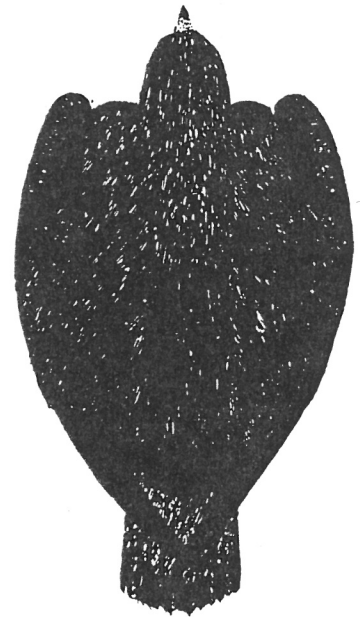
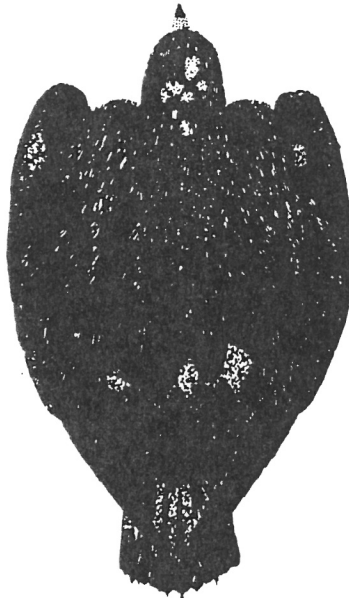
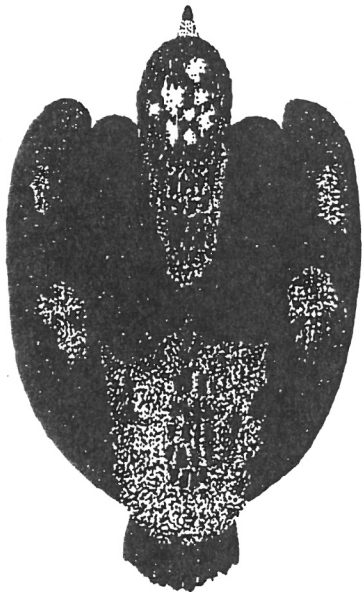
Stage 3b  
Late Contour Growth  
(5.5-7.5, 3.5-5.5)



Stage 3c  
Contour with Down Patches  
(7.5-9.5, 1.5-3.5)



Stage 3d  
Complete Contour  
(9.5+, 0-1.5)



*Carpenter*

\* (approximate number of weeks since hatching, approximate number of weeks until fledging)