The Pipit Nesting in Oregon.—On July 21, 1924, while tracking a Red Fox along the shore of a small, un-named lake at the base of Pete's Point, Wallowa National Forest, Oregon, I had the good fortune to flush a Pipit (Anthus rubescens) from her nest and four eggs. The alpine meadow about the lake is at about 8500 feet altitude, covered with snow about nine months of the year, but bright with heather and a carpet of green grasses and flowers during July. The flat is well strewn with boulders and small rocks loosened from the peaks above by the annual freezing and thawing process.

By a lucky chance, nature had placed three of these stones in such a way as to form a complete shelter, two medium-sized ones about six inches in diameter, with a flatter rock about a foot square for a roof. Under this convenient shelter, the Pipit had hollowed out a slight depression, lined it well with dry grass stems, practically

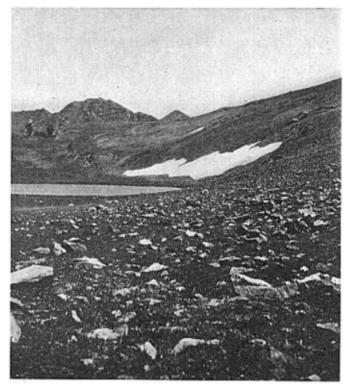


Fig. 59. Type of country at 8500 feet altitude in Wallowa National Forest, Oregon, frequented by Pipits. Photo taken July 21, 1924.

filling the floor of the opening between the rocks, and had deposited her set of four eggs. In the Condon (xxvi, 1924, p. 78), I recorded the presence of Pipits in this general locality during the month of July, but not until this nest was found did we have any authentic records of this bird nesting in Oregon. (See figs. 59, 60.)

On July 22, 1924, I saw a nearly full-grown young Pipit within a short distance of the above-described nest. From this, it would appear that the species raised two broods in this locality, unless the pair found with the four eggs on July 21 had had their first nest destroyed by some marauder.—Stanley G. Jewett, Portland, Oregon, August 11, 1924.

Two Oregon Water Bird Records of Interest.—During the past spring I have collected two water birds which seem to be worthy of record.