

A YOUNG CALIFORNIA CONDOR

When the nestling California Condor is about 16 weeks old, as shown above, the pale orange color and frontal feathering of the head are similar to that of the adult. Four weeks later the skin of the head is dark bluish gray and the neck and occipital region are covered with short woolly down. The nestling shown is in a threatening attitude with feathers erected, and it is hissing at the photographer. Photograph taken in Sespe Canyon, Ventura County, California, on October 9, 1940, by Carl B. Koford.