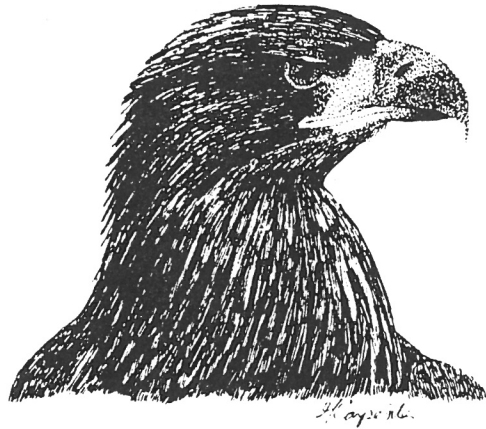


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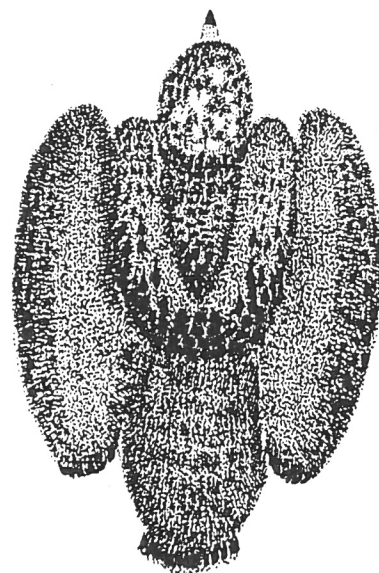


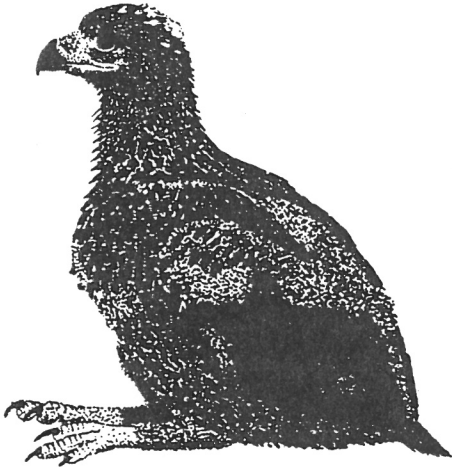
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Small 1st Down
(0-1, 10-11)*

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

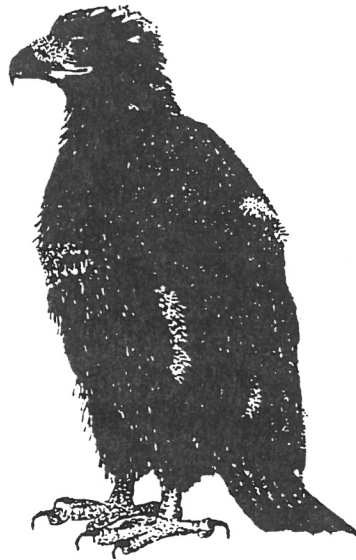
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2nd Down
(2-4, 7-9)

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





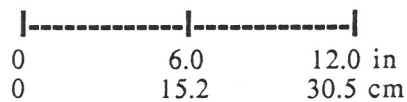
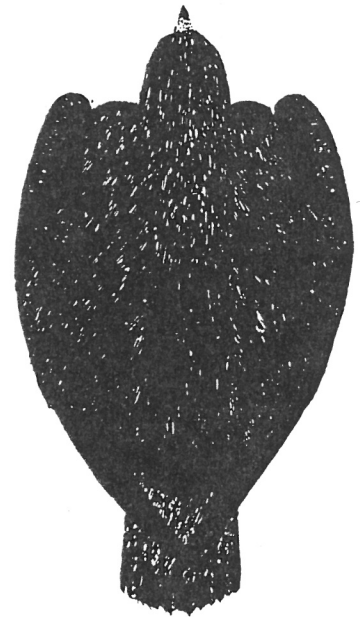
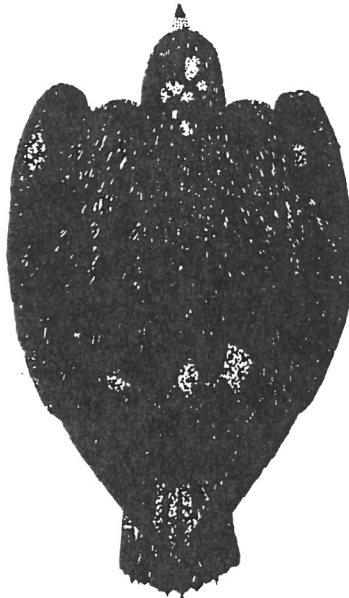
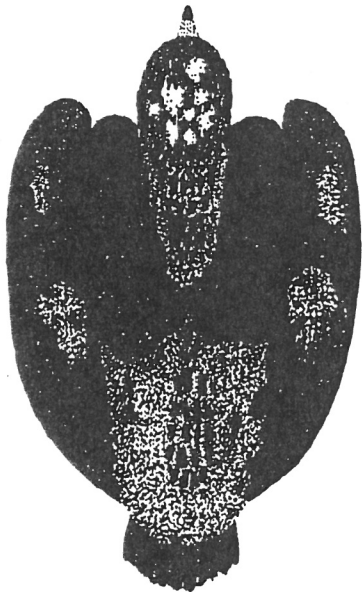
Stage 3b
Late Contour Growth
(5.5-7.5, 3.5-5.5)



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



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



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