

DESERT DWELLERS



TRACKING the children of the saguaro forests of Southern Arizona to their haunts through the use of a "cactus blind," a series of photographs made recently along the Mexican border by the Finley-Pack Expedition of the American Nature Association and Nature Magazine. The expedition included Arthur N. Pack, president of the association; William L. and Irene Finley, also noted naturalists, and W. A. Van Scoy, cameraman.

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WHITE COYOTE PUP

This is perhaps the first record of such a showy coat for this shy animal.

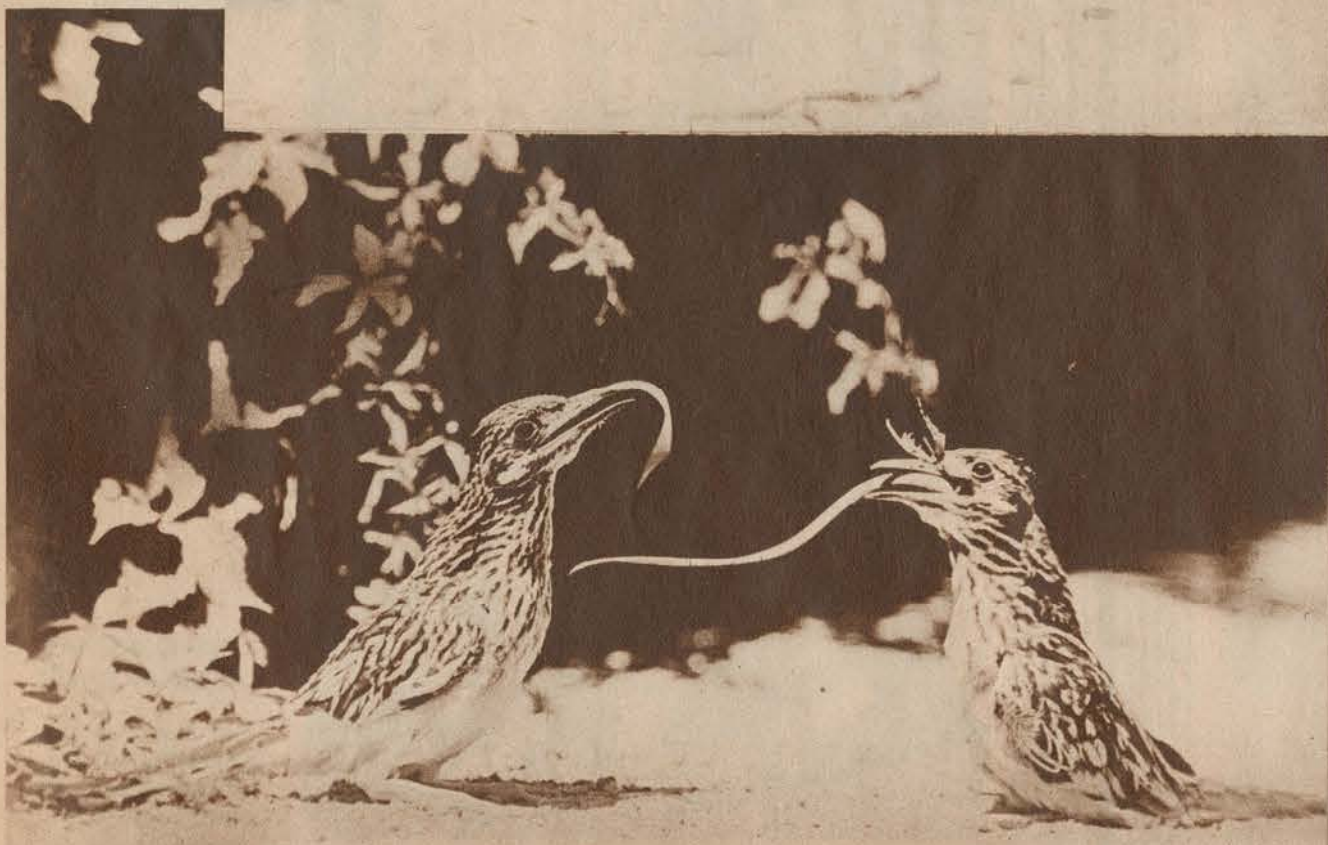


A VISITOR FROM MEXICO

The coati, which might be called the Mexican raccoon, oftentimes crosses the border. They have long tails and climb trees, monkey-style, in quest of fruit. Their long badger-like noses and long claws are used for digging.

AN AMBULATING STUDIO

Cameraman, using specially rigged-up "cactus plant" as blind, shifts location in quest of further material to photograph. So perfect was the disguise that, in many cases, the usually shy desert dwellers walked right up to it.



TIME OUT FOR LUNCH

Two roadrunners making fast work of two twelve-inch lizards. Head first, the lizard is digested by inches until finally the tail disappears with a final gulp.



"COMPANY! LEFT FACE!"

Young burrowing owls, whose parents live on field mice and squirrels. They usually nest at the end of a five-foot runway in a squirrel hole.



ELF OWLS

Photographed on cholla cactus. These small birds live on crickets and grasshoppers.

DON COYOTE IN HIGH!

He took one look at the camera, thought it was a gun, and immediately opened up the throttle.

