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For the moment, I am sending you some pictures of four of our nests monitored with camera traps. As you may be able to see, they represent different behaviours that happen in nests. For instance, chick shading and protecting, nestling feeding and nest building.

Moreover, a first glance at the pictures (with still thousands of photos to be revised) suggests a diet based on reptiles (snakes, vipers, lizards), armadillos and small birds and mammals. This diet is functionally similar to what has traditionally been found in chaco eagle nests in the southern limits of its distribution (previous studies in La Pampa and Mendoza provinces). However, some species (e.g., lizards) may be appearing more often here than in the south. A deeper sight at the pictures will give us a better idea on the feeding ecology of chaco eagles in Santa Fe province. What seems clear is that chaco eagles do not prey on livestock, which is an important tool to keep on working towards its conservation!