Notes on the Nesting of Birds, 1934: Nests with Young or Nests of Season Which Have Been Deserted, 1934

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ROW, Chipping - April

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NOTES ON THE NESTING
OF BIRDS
(1934)
CAMBLOS.
Most of these nests and eggs were taken in Virginia. The exact locality is designated.

In some places, especially in the first months of the year, notes were taken on the arrival of birds from the south.

If the nest of a rare or uncommon bird was found, containing young the data concerning said nest was taken. (Part 2)

Part 1
MIGRATING BIRDS

Feb. 27 -- Saw a flock of Robins
" 28 -- Saw two Horned Larks.

March 1 -- Three " " " possibly the same two with another
March 2 -- Saw the three Larks today
March 3 -- Evidently Larks have gone.
March 4 -- Saw a flock of Red-Wing Blackbirds (200 in flock apr)

Feb. 25

Found a last year's Home
Where's nest in a shed here
at U.C.S. It had nine eggs in
it. The nest was composed
of pine twigs, leaves and
lined with hair & feathers.
All the eggs were rotten.
MARCH 1934.

MIGRATING BIRDS

MARCH 1 TO 3 - THREE HORNY ERED
LARKS HAVE BEEN HERE AT
SCHOOL. THEY STAY AROUND A
HAYSTACK TO FEED. THEY WERE
MARKED AS FOLLOWS:
BACK - BROWN LIKE MEADOW LARK
WINGS - POINTED - BROWN; POINTED
TAIL - BLACK OUTER, BROWN INNER.
HEAD - AURICULARS - BLACK STREAK DOWN.
CROWN - BROWN FOREHEAD - "
THROAT - BLACK ("COLLAR."")
FLANKS & SIDES - LIGHT CHESTNUT
LENGTH - ABOUT 9 INCHES

MARCH 4 - SAW A FLOCK OF
RED-WINGED BLACKBIRDS (APP. 200)

MARCH 6 - SAW THREE GULLS
ON RIVER (AS FAR AS I COULD TELL
WERE HERING GULLS) WHITE THROAT,
BREAST & HEAD; GREY BACK; GREY
WINGS WITH BLACK TIPS; GREY UPPER
& WHITE UNDER-TAIL.
MARCH 31 (SATURDAY)

Found a Great Horned Owl nest in a Chestnut Oak (6 ft. in diameter, about 60 ft. high) could not climb it. Will return tomorrow. Flushed both owls away from nest, so the eggs had probably hatched.

(SEE PART 2 FOR REST OF INFORMATION)

MARCH 25 - (SUNDAY)

Went with Dad today from Little Stone Gap to C.C.C. Camp. Mother drove us to the top of mountain, we walked rest of the way. We were looking for owl's nests but found none. Flushed four pheasants. As we were coming down the mountain Dad in front of me, saw a hawk at about fifty yards. I dropped to the ground and just as I drew bead on him (for I had Jack's .22) he wheeled from the limb and sailed down the hollow. When we went to where he had been sitting we saw a half built nest in an oak. Dad plans to come for the eggs about Apr. 15. The nest seemed to be a Red-shouldered Hawk, or a Broad-winged...
**APR. 15 - (SUNDAY)**

Found 4 bluebird eggs in a telephone pole (200 yds. from V.E.S. chapel). The entrance was about 2" in diameter and the inside hole was about 3 1/2" deep and 2 1/2" wide. The female was dead on the nest. All the eggs were fresh. Only a few dried grasses were used as nesting material.

**APR. 23 - (MONDAY)**

Took 3 fresh Robin eggs from a nest in a mulberry on the campus (20'). The nesting materials were coarse grass, string, mud, and a lining of fine grasses.

**APR. 30 - (MONDAY)**

Took 4 Purple Grebele eggs (fresh) from a location with small pond on it. The nest was composed of heavy grasses, mud and lined with fine grasses. The inside depth was about 3" and the outside 4 1/2" with a diameter of about 3 1/2" (111. V.E.S.)
(9.)  MAY (Cont.)
(16.) JUNE (Cont.)
NESTS WITH YOUNG OR
NESTS OF SEASON WHICH
HAVE BEEN DESERTED.

PART 2
(1.)  APRIL 1934.

APRIL 1 (EASTER SUNDAY.)

Went to the Great Horned Owl's nest. After trying unsuccessfully to climb the tree, set a Maple, which was about thirty feet up the hill, down onto the top of the snag where it lodged against a limb and the top. Persons Wade, who was with Root and I went up the maple to the nest, while Root and I kept guard against the adult owls. On reaching the top of the snag, we found two young owls about two weeks old. There was also a dead, half eaten rabbit in the nest. I went up to see just what the nest looked like. The actual socket of the nest was about three feet from the top of the snag to the bottom of the nest, but there was a
April (Cont.)

hole in the side of the nest near the bottom through which the parent birds entered. The hole in the top of the canopy was about 1 by 1/2. The diameter of the nest cavity was about 2½. The young had about three inches of their wing quills and there was evidence of horns. The feet seemed fully developed as far as size was concerned. At one side of the nest was the skull and bones of some small animal.

At no time when we were at the nest did the parent birds come near. On both days that we were there (March 24 and 25) we saw the old male leave the vicinity of the nest when we entered the woods. The crows were probably the cause of the owl slaying game.

The nest was located in a chestnut oak 60 ft. high (6½ ft. in li.) on Bishop's Ridge, 2 miles from Big Stone Gap, Va.
(3.)

MAY 1934.

APRIL

April 26, 1934

Was walking through a grove of locusts when the ground was damp and green, when I flushed a Woodcock. She flew as though she were hurt, trying to draw me away. I examined the spot where she flew from, and I found three young — about 1 day old. I picked them up and laid them in my hand, but they didn’t eat an egg — showing how well they were trained. Each one was about 2½” long. (When in my hand, were squatted on their legs. They had a black stripe down each side — they were covered with brown down. (1 mile from Y.E.S.)

(No evidence of a nest)
(5.) MAY (Cont.)
(14.) JULY or AUGUST 1934.
TUES. APR. 3
Saw a pair of Bald Eagles.

THUR. APR. 5
Saw seven loons on J. River. Also four small ducks and an adult Great Blue Heron and a Herring Gull (adult).