

BALTIMORE ORIOLE AND DICKCISSEL AT ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Arthur H. Fast reports that on March 13, 1955, he banded a female Baltimore Oriole. It was first seen on March 7 and daily thereafter until it was trapped and banded. The verification of Mr. Fast's identification was made by Dr. John W. Aldrich.

On March 29, 1955, Mr. Fast banded a female or immature Dickcissel; it was not seen either before or after being trapped. The bird was examined in the hand by Miss Harriet Sutton and Mr. James W. Eike, officers respectively of the District of Columbia Audubon Society and of the Virginia Society of Ornithology.

Both species normally arrive in the Washington area about May 1; both individuals were trapped at the Fast home. --4924 Rock Spring Road, Arlington, Virginia

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DOES THE MALE SCARLET Tanager NORMALLY SHARE INCUBATION?

About two weeks ago, I received a telephone call from a Mrs. Herdman of Pines Lake, New Jersey, saying that she was under the impression that she had a Western Tanager nesting at her home. She asked that I come and have a look.

Well, it turned out to be a second year male Scarlet Tanager. The part that seemed somewhat strange to me was the fact that the male is doing as much of the incubating as the female. According to all the books I have, the female alone takes over this chore.

I arrived at Mrs. Herdman's home about 1:45 p.m. and observed the male on the nest until 4:00 p.m., when the female arrived and took over so that papa could get something to eat. This he promptly did, feeding on the ground within 10 feet of us. Mrs. Herdman informed me that this same thing has been going on for days, and she thought the brightly colored bird must be the female. Wonder if the birds' family life is becoming modernized? --Marie Dumont (Mrs. G. A. Dumont, Sr.), 311 Pompton Turnpike, Pequannock, New Jersey

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