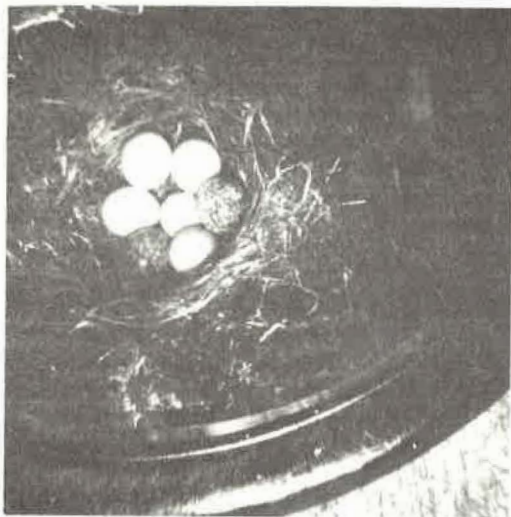


BUSY PHOEBE

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The picture is of a Phoebe nest with five Phoebe eggs and two Cowbird eggs. The Phoebe laid 5 eggs in this nest in May and something destroyed them. In about 10 days she laid 5 more and the Cowbird deposited 2. I took out the Cowbird eggs after I made this picture and the Phoebe raised 3 young.

She laid 4 more eggs in the same nest the beginning of July and hatched 3 young. I think that she worked this nest pretty hard!

about 3 inches from the roof. I fastened a looking glass to the underside of the roof and took this picture with a Startex camera. (It is a telestar picture.)

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