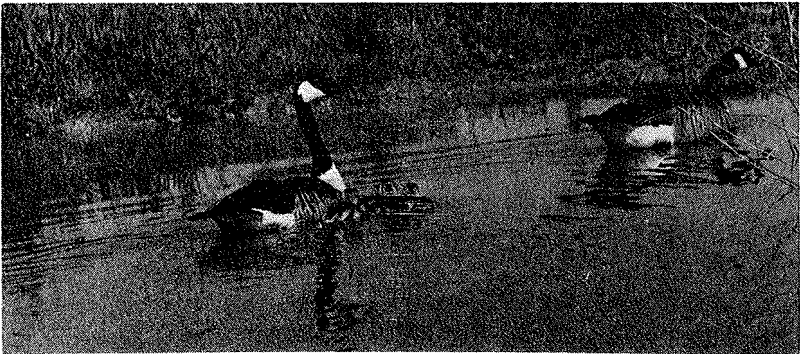


atop the first. Occasionally two or more nests may be built side by side but usually only one is completed. In May 1956 R. D. Smith found a nest built on each side of an old nest, one with 2 eggs and one with 3 eggs. (In 1930 under a R.R. bridge near Mammoth Springs, Arkansas, I found 13 nests side by side on a steel beam, ranging in size from a start to two completed nests.)

Where possible we did not disturb a bird on a nest. Accessible nests were examined by using a mirror. Besides the example above, nests with eggs were: Benton County - 20 April 1947: 5; 27 April 1941: 4; (same site as the first); 31 May 1959 and 31 May 1969 (different areas): 4; 9 June 1959: 4 and another with 2 eggs plus 2 young; 19 June 1955: 2, 3, and 3 respectively. At Tishomingo State Park, 18 May 1947, we found a small "chicken snake" in the nest (under an overhanging rock) with 5 eggs inside the snake.

Young found in nests were as follows: Benton County - 19 June 1955, 2 freshly dead (about 8 days old). At the Tishomingo tunnel Allison reported 4 young a few days old, 27 April 1904; ours there 4 July 1938, a week old. At the state park, 16 June 1939, 2 eggs and 2 young just out. On 23 June 1956; 4 young ready to fly, Tippah County; the same, Alcorn County; three nests in Tishomingo County had: young ready to leave, young half-grown, and one left, about half-grown. On 26 June 1956, Chickasaw County, an adult was feeding young in the nest. I would judge that the species normally has two broods a year.

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Giant Canada Geese, Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, April 1971.  
(photo by Burton S. Webster)