

**Robins Nesting at Houston, Texas, 1922 and 1923.**—The alarm call of a Robin, heard on June 11, 1922, when I supposed they had all gone north, was a great surprise to me and when I saw him fly from the oak near our front door, I wondered how he happened to have remained so far south.

On July 9 I saw a Robin with a bill full of food and knew that there must be a nest of young in the neighborhood.

Mr. James D. Dawson, an old resident of Houston and one of my neighbors, informed me that he had seen two pairs of Robins almost daily on his lawn and had heard them singing every morning. He showed me a nest on a sweet gum tree in his yard and one of the old birds was sitting on a branch close to it. He also stated that he had never before known of Robins being in Houston in the summer nor heard of their nesting.

On October 4 I saw a pair, but they might have been early migrants. In February, 1923, I secured the nest which with its mud foundation was characteristic.

On March 23, I saw a pair and on April 4, Mr. Dawson told me that the Robins were seen by him and heard singing every day. I saw one on April 5 and was told by the gardener of the house across the street from Mr. Dawson's, that he had noticed two pair evidently at home. From that time on, scarce a day passed without my seeing either one or two and on May 30 I saw and heard one singing for the first time.

- June 2, 1923. Fully fledged young bird seen, spotted breast, well able to fly.
- " 3, Partly fledged young bird seen, short tail and hardly able to fly, and two pair of adults were also seen.
- " 4, 5, 6, 9, Fully fledged young bird and adult seen.
- " 11, Three fully fledged young and an adult seen in our yard, and calling up Mr. H. P. Attwater he came and saw one young bird and the adult.
- " 15, Adult seen.
- " 27, Adult seen and I heard one and I think two singing.
- " 28, Found a nest with bird sitting and saw the mate nearby.
- " 29, Saw adult feeding the young in the nest and heard another singing.
- July 3, Two fully fledged young seen and an adult singing.
- " 5, Two partly fledged young seen just able to fly and an adult singing.
- " 6, One young bird seen and an adult heard singing.
- " 7, Heard one singing.
- " 11, 19, Five seen in our yard.
- " 21, Three seen in our yard and one heard singing.
- " 22, Two seen.
- " 23, One seen and another heard singing.
- " 26, Heard two singing and a third uttering the alarm note, while I watched him.

- Aug. 1, Two seen in our yard.  
 " 15, One seen in our yard.  
 " 17, One seen sitting on the nest and afterwards standing on the edge.  
 " 18, One seen standing on the edge of the nest, but no sign of young birds; nest too high to examine.  
 Sept. 1, One seen.  
 " 5, Four seen in our yard and I got a picture of one.  
 " 6, Saw one and that was the last noticed.

On October 10 I was informed that a pair had nested in a sweet gum tree across the street from the nest found on June 23 and had raised two broods—the old birds being watched as they fed the young in each case. I could not however find the nest.

One pair certainly bred in 1922 and three or four broods were evidently raised by at least two pairs of old birds in 1923 and this I think is the first record of Robins remaining and breeding at Houston, Texas.—ROBERT B. LAWRENCE, *Houston, Texas*.

**Notes from Rochester, N. Y.**—*Picoides arcticus*.—ARCTIC THREE-TOED WOODPECKER. On October 20, 1923, a male was observed in a soft maple and ash woods near Lincoln Park just outside the city limits of Rochester. There could be no mistake in the identification, as the bird was not shy and was observed with 8 power glasses. I have photographed this species and the American Three-toed Woodpecker in Canada and am also familiar with the Alpine Three-toed Woodpecker of northern Arizona. As far as I know, this is the first record for Monroe County although four days later on October 24 a dead bird of this species was found at Sea Breeze on Lake Ontario near Rochester by Miss A. Wells and is now preserved in the Municipal Museum here.

*Dendroica caerulescens*.—BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER. On July 2, 1923, a male Black-throated Blue Warbler was heard singing on Big Black Creek, a tributary of the Genesee River about five miles southwest of Rochester. Although heard on several later occasions, I was unable to find the nest. This is my first record of the breeding of this species near Rochester.

*Dumetella carolinensis*.—CATBIRD. On December 23, 1922 and again on January 1, 1923, a Catbird was observed at Bushnells Basin about seven miles southeast of Rochester. When observed the bird seemed numbed with the cold and allowed me to approach within ten feet. It was not seen again and probably perished from the extreme cold weather of late January or early February. This is my first winter record for Rochester and vicinity.—OSCAR F. SCHAEFER, *Rochester, N. Y.*

**Notes from Eastern Long Island.**—*Tryngites subruficollis*. BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER. A single bird of this beautiful species was collected at Mecox Bay on August 22, 1923. In flight it suggested a Dove, and was