

Unusual numbers of Purple Finches (*Carpodacus purpureus*) were another feature of the 1945-1946 winter in the Baltimore region. These birds were particularly prominent from early February through April, and in some cases seemed to be closely associated with the grosbeaks; at Stevenson both species disappeared simultaneously, during the night of May 11-12.

The 1945-1946 occurrence of Evening Grosbeaks is the third, and much the most extensive, that has been reported for Maryland. The first came in 1922, when small numbers were seen from April 3 to May 12 in the Laurel and Washington, D. C., regions (Cooke, Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., 42: 45, 1929); the second came in 1942, when two birds were taken at Towson (Kolb and Bond, Auk, 60: 451, 1943). There has already been a western-Maryland report for the winter of 1945-1946, a flock near Hagerstown on December 15 (Middlekauff, Auk, 63: 444, 1946).—HERVEY BRACKBILL, 4608 Springdale Avenue, Baltimore 7, Maryland.

**Summer record of the Marsh Hawk in middle Tennessee.**—The discovery of a dead male Marsh Hawk (*Circus cyaneus hudsonius*) about 25 miles south of Nashville near Smyrna, Tennessee, on June 25, 1946, is believed to be the first summer record of this species in middle Tennessee. The harrier had been shot a "few" days before by an unknown person, according to the owner of the property on which it was found. The hawk was well into its molt and was at least a second-year bird. A pair of Marsh Hawks was observed March 24, 1946, within one-fourth of a mile of the locality where the bird was found. None had been recorded after this date although this particular region was visited almost weekly. On July 7, the body of the hawk was re-examined and two primaries which were not too damaged by decomposition were removed for a permanent record. The feathers are now in the collection of Mr. Albert F. Ganier, Nashville, Tenn., Curator of the Tennessee Ornithological Society.—JAMES N. LAYNE, Chicago, Illinois.

**Anthony's Green Heron nesting in western Oregon.**—On July 18, 1946, a nest of the Anthony's Green Heron (*Butorides virescens anthonyi*) was found at the edge of a small lake in Linn Co., just three or four miles east of Corvallis, Oregon, in the heart of the Willamette Valley. The nest contained two downy young, of unequal size, and three eggs. Kodacolor stills and movies were taken of the adults, young, and nest on July 23 by Dr. K. L. Gordon, Head of the Dept. of Zoology at Oregon State College. On that date, none of the three eggs had hatched; as was proved later, they were failures.

The nest was situated about 12 feet over the water of the lake, in an ash tree (*Fraxinus oregona*). The nest itself had a dense shade canopy over it, even though the tree was in direct sunlight every afternoon.

Previous to this, on July 1, 1946, I found adult Green Herons carrying food to a nest (which I could not locate) on a small pond just two miles north of Corvallis, in Benton Co. However, on July 17 I did find this nest which was situated 15 feet over water in a willow (*Salix lasiandra*). This nest also was on the eastern side of the lake, but well shaded and not as exposed as the nest mentioned above. On July 23, I saw one half-grown young perched on a snag on this lake, evidently from the empty nest I found on July 1.

On July 27, 1946, the two young from the nest found July 18 were well feathered, and they left the nest by July 31. The nest was found torn up and with the three eggs floating in the water below where it had been, on August 2. The pond lilies and willows below the nest were thoroughly "white-washed" by the two growing young.

When I visited the lake on August 16, I watched both the young, now well de-