

a considerable amount of new nesting material had been carried to the cavity after the first brood had been raised.—G. WILLETT, *Los Angeles Museum, Los Angeles, California, July 23, 1930.*

The Asiatic Mynah in Los Angeles, California.—In the present issue of the *Condor*, Mr. George Willett reports the sighting by Dr. Hildegard Howard Wylde and himself of the Common Mynah (*Acridotheres tristis*) in Los Angeles. I was able to call at the locality on the following day in company with Agricultural Commissioner H. J. Ryan, and, by permission of the Police Commission, to secure a specimen of the species, collected by Deputy Neville. This specimen is now no. 56175 of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology and proves Mr. Willett's diagnosis to be correct.

Commissioner Ryan has devoted great energy to the matter and states that six individuals have thus far been collected and that all reports of other colonies are being followed up with energy. The appeal to the Agricultural Commissioner was made upon the basis of my own three years' contact with the Mynah as naturalized in Hawaii and of the accounts of Dr. Raymond B. Cowles who has had long experience with the species as introduced into South Africa. In both areas the bird is looked upon as a most undesirable alien.

In Hawaii the following charges are laid against him:

Direct attack upon small fruits.

Dispersal of seeds of fruiting shrubs that rendered useless large areas of grazing lands.

Invasion of forest areas to the detriment of native species (though probably these species were doomed anyway).

Obnoxious habits about cities and home grounds.

Add to these charges the possibility of introducing parasites or disease-producing organisms and the danger seems too great to be justified by the pleasure (?) of a new addition to the list of our bird acquaintances.—LOYE MILLER, *University of California at Los Angeles, September 2, 1930.*

The Cassin Auklet Breeding off the Coast of Oregon.—During a trip along the southern Oregon coast, a visit to Island Rock off the Curry County coast near Port Orford was made, to study the sea birds nesting there. This rock is about three miles off-shore and comprises about five acres in area where numbers of California Murre, Cormorants, Western Gull, Tufted Puffin and Beal Petrel, with fewer Forked-tailed Petrels, were found nesting, while the presence of a few pairs of Cassin Auklets (*Ptychoramphus aleuticus*) proved of the utmost interest constituting, as it does, the first positive nesting record of this species off the Oregon coast. One adult breeding bird and two downy young were collected as evidence to substantiate the record.—J. C. BRALY, *Portland, Oregon, July 13, 1930.*

Observations upon Hummingbirds.—On January 4, 1929, while staying at Monte Robles, near Ramona, San Diego County, California, I noticed a single female Anna Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*) flying within a few feet of the ground. As I watched, she flew down and lit in the middle of the path ahead of me. She then seemed to pick something off of the somewhat sandy ground, which had been moistened by a recent rain. Following this, she stuck out her long tongue. She then flew around for a moment but returned within a foot of the same place on the ground. Here again, she went through almost the same motions. On arising the second time she flew off into a grove of near-by oaks. The ground where she had been was examined but it was found quite clean and covered with fine sand.

On March 16, 1929, while in Balboa Park, San Diego, I watched an Anna Hummingbird which lit on some plaster that had been dumped there. While the bird was sitting there it appeared to pick something off the plaster. After remaining there about half a minute it flew away. On examining the plaster closely I could see minute black mite-like creatures running about on its surface.

On July 26, 1930, I observed a pair of Anna Hummingbirds in copulation. When first observed, the birds were playfully chasing each other about and suddenly swooped down to within about eighteen inches of the ground where the leading bird, which