

marshes about the Suisun Bay were a pair feeding in the shallow water of a small pond at the side of the highway between Benicia and Goodyear, Solano County, on April 17, 1930.

This pair was still present when I drove by on three subsequent trips; but when I passed on May 7, I noted that only one bird was about. Thinking that they must be breeding, I took opportunity on May 14, to look them up more carefully, and soon located the pair along a slough across the railroad track about two hundred yards from the pond where they had previously been observed. One of the birds became much agitated at my approach; however, a fact which was rather surprising to me, its mate made no protest whatever, kept scouting about in the water at a considerable distance, and was seemingly unconcerned at my presence.

After a search about the vicinity where the noisy bird was calling and feigning injury, I located two downy young squatting with necks outstretched in about a half-inch of water at the edge of a puddle. I should judge they were between one and two days old; however, they already had comparatively long legs and necks; measurements made by setting one of the chicks on my notebook and marking the distance from heel to end of middle toe showed this length to be $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches (57 mm.), and length of bill $\frac{5}{8}$ inch (16 mm.).

After withdrawing to a distance, and while I was watching this odd and interesting family with my glasses, I noticed an occasional gull which flew over the young birds and looked down on them rather inquiringly, as though wondering whether the little fellows might not be suitable as an item of gull diet.—EMERSON A. STONER, *Benicia, California, February 3, 1931.*

Eastern Fox Sparrow Trapped in Berkeley, California.—On February 18, 1931, I trapped and banded in Strawberry Cañon, Berkeley, an Eastern Fox Sparrow (*Passerella iliaca iliaca*). The bird was given band no. 135626, and was then released. Since then it has repeated nineteen times, always in the same trap. From authorities consulted, this appears to be the sixteenth California record of a bird of this subspecies.—E. L. SUMNER, SR., *Berkeley, California, March 5, 1931.*

Ground Nesting of Crows in Wyoming.—On June 8, 1930, Mr. Otto McCreary, of the University of Wyoming, and I were making a preliminary survey of the



Fig. 30. GROUND NEST OF WESTERN CROW, ON PRAIRIE IN ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING; JUNE 8, 1930.