

It would seem, then, that if a cowbird could steal unobserved into a shrike's nest and lay her egg, it would be accepted; but the vigilance and aggressive nature of the shrikes would prevent this happening.

During the summer of 1931 a few pairs of Red-winged Blackbirds (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) nested in the brush alongside the river. Two of the male red-wings were most intrepid in defense of their nests. Whenever the writer or any other person approached the spot, the red-wings would attack from above; and only by constantly brandishing a stick could they be kept from vicious pecking of one's head. Nevertheless, in one red-wing nest a cowbird was reared; in the other nest two cowbirds. How was it that the vigilance and extremely aggressive nature of the Red-winged Blackbirds did not suffice to keep the cowbirds out as the White-rumped Shrikes appear to do?—LAURENCE B. POTTER, *Gower Ranch, Eastend, Saskatchewan, Canada, May 1, 1939.*

House Finch Nesting in British Columbia.—In June, 1939, a pair of House Finches (*Carpodacus mexicanus* subsp.) built their nest in a Virginia creeper (*Ampelopsis cinquefolia*) which climbs up the veranda of my house at Okanagan Landing. The nest, sheltered from view by thick foliage, was fastened securely between one of the veranda posts and a branch of the vine. When first examined, it contained five eggs. Both birds were shy and quiet, contrary to their usual habit elsewhere. The female would leave the nest at the least disturbance in the vicinity; the male was seen in her company and also on his singing perches, one of which was a nearby telephone wire, another a fence wire. The eggs hatched on June 18; the young left the nest a week later and up until the date of writing neither the adults nor the young have again been seen in the vicinity.

Two earlier observations of the nesting of this species in British Columbia (Pentiction in the Okanagan Valley, and Victoria on Vancouver Island) are recorded by Cowan (*Condor*, vol. 39, 1937, p. 225). Okanagan Landing, which is about seventy miles north of Pentiction, would appear to be the third locality from which the species has been recorded in Canada.—J. A. MUNRO, *Okanagan Landing, B. C., July 8, 1939.*

An Occurrence of the Arctic Horned Owl in Western Colorado.—On the afternoon of May 10, 1939, while walking up the south fork of Quartz Creek above the town of Pitkin, Gunnison County, Colorado, at an elevation of approximately 9400 feet, I came upon a group of feathers. The snow had just gone off the ground and it was apparent that the feathers had been on the snow, as the ground nearby was devoid of any marks or tracks. Further inspection revealed that no one else had been in the gulch since the snow had melted. The surrounding timber is a mixture of Engelmann spruce, lodgepole pine and aspen growing close to a beaver-inhabited stream. Some of the feathers were sent to Dr. Joseph Grinnell who kindly identified them for me as those of the Arctic Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus subarcticus*). It is apparent that this winter visitant met its death between October 28, 1938, when I passed the same spot, and May 10, 1939. There are comparatively few records of the Arctic Horned Owl in Colorado.—ARTEUR F. HALLORAN, *Pitkin, Colorado, May 26, 1939.*

New Bird Records for Clark County, Nevada.—Observations made during the past year in the Boulder Dam Recreational Area have resulted in a number of bird records. Most of these observations were made in the vicinity of Hemenway and Las Vegas washes near Boulder Dam, in the Virgin Basin east of Boulder Canyon, and at St. Thomas and Kaolin Reservoir on the north arm of Lake Mead. The following is a list of species heretofore unrecorded from Clark County, Nevada.

Eared Grebe. *Colymbus nigricollis californicus*. Uncommon resident. Recorded in April, May, June, August and December, 1938, in Hemenway wash and at St. Thomas. Young were observed on June 14, 1938.

Western Grebe. *Aechmophorus occidentalis*. Resident. Records for May, July, September and December, 1938, at St. Thomas and along the Colorado River below Boulder Dam.

Pied-billed Grebe. *Podilymbus podiceps podiceps*. Resident. Records taken throughout 1938-1939 at St. Thomas and Hemenway wash.

Brewster Egret. *Egretta thula brewsteri*. Transient visitant. Records for May, August and September, 1938, at St. Thomas and Hemenway wash.

American Bittern. *Botaurus lentiginosus*. Transient visitant. Observed at St. Thomas in April and May, 1938.

Western Least Bittern. *Ixobrychus exilis hesperis*. Transient visitant. Records for August and September, 1938, at Hemenway wash and St. Thomas. First records for southern Nevada.

White-faced Glossy Ibis. *Plegadis guarauna*. Transient visitant. Observed at St. Thomas in April, May and September, 1938.