

in your locality will be received with thanks. No information is too little to be of value. I hope to receive from you soon any notes you may possess regarding the subject, and I trust you will make it a special study this season and thereby gain much valuable information—at the close of the season sending me the notes taken.

Thanking you in advance, I am, Yours very truly,

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FOOD AND SONG DIVISION.

The work on Food and Song has been left to the General Chairman, to whom the results of all investigations should be sent.

In determining the food of the several species of Warblers there is opportunity for great practical usefulness. The stomachs of all birds killed should be carefully examined, and a record of the contents made. The more careful the records the better. General statements are of little value.

Feeding habits are always interesting. Do the birds catch the insects on the wing, glean from leaves, pry into bark crevices, or glean from the ground? What is the proportion of eggs, larvæ, and adult insects taken as food? How many insects of a given size are eaten by one bird in a given time? What kind of insects are preferred as food? Such questions, with many more, are awaiting answers.

In addition to descriptions of songs, either graphically or in words or by musical notation, the committee desires information regarding the diurnal period of song. How many and what hours of the day does the species sing? Does it ever sing at night? How do weather and temperature effect the singing? Is the mating song different from the ordinary song? How much, if any, do the transient species sing during their migrations? How many and what weeks do the summer resident species sing? Why do they cease singing? These questions may serve as an illustration of what is wanted for this report. Any notes of any kind will be welcome.

THE FLICKER.

The special work on the Flicker conducted by Mr. Frank L. Burns, Berwyn, Pa., is being rapidly pushed forward. There is need for more notes relating to excavation for the nest, choice of trees, period of incubation, and relations of the sexes in excavation and incubation. Any notes about the young birds before they leave the nest and the length of

time they are fed after they leave the nest, would be very acceptable. It is impossible for any notes to come amiss. The commonest facts are not too common to be of use in such a report.

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