

side, and 4.00 inches on the other, with a width of 3.50 inches. The remainder of the nest was composed of small feathers and lichens, made compactly together, with a few straggling horse hairs worked in near the bottom.

Although I have read descriptions of the nests of this bird, in which they were described as being fastened to the upright twigs of trees, I have never observed any in such positions. All which I have found in our woods, were saddled upon horizontal limbs, often on the highest branches, but never on the upright growth of a tree,

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LITTLE BLUE-HERON, *Ardea cærulea*.—An immature female was brought to me on August 6th, by Mr. William Wayne, 3rd, who secured it at a mill dam on Crum creek, about three miles southeast of Berwyn. It is pure white with the exception of the tips of its primaries, and measures: length, 22.00; wing 10.10; tarsus, 4.00; bill, 2.84, in inches. Mr. Wayne informed me that two birds were seen, but one flew too high for a second shot. I believe this is the only record for Chester county, and it appears to have always been quite rare in Pennsylvania. Dr. Warren mentions "two or three taken in the southeastern part of the State," one of which, a young bird, was taken in August, 1875. Unfortunately the rumors of several other "White Herons" seen or shot in this neighborhood in a dozen years, have not been followed up.

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COLONY OF BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS, *Nycticorax nycticorax nævius*.—Some years ago I visited a breeding ground of this species, situated a quarter to a half mile from water, near Columbia. The nests—which were often mere platforms of sticks and twigs—were placed well up and well out on the branches. Several sets of eggs were taken at a height of from sixty-three to seventy-five feet in chestnut trees. As many as five nests counted in a single tree.

LIONEL F. BOWERS, *Columbia, Penna.*