

FIELD NOTES

A TWO-STORY YELLOW WARBLER'S NEST.

We have found a yellow warbler's nest with a cowbird's egg in the bottom, over which the warbler had built a second floor on which to lay her own eggs.

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PARTICULAR WRENS.

A pair of wrens had reared a brood in a box on our back porch and were preparing to raise a second brood, when the cover of the box was loosened by the wind and was tied down with a white string. This aroused suspicion on the part of Mrs. Wren, who immediately removed the six eggs and part of the nest. I removed the rest of the nest, but the wrens did not use the box again. What became of the eggs I do not know, as there was no trace of them either in the box or on the porch.

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COWBIRDS MONOPOLIZING A RED-EYED VIREO'S NEST.

In the woods bordering Lake Okoboji, Iowa, in July, 1912, some bird lovers discovered a daintily constructed red-eyed vireo's nest, covered with a pure white, web-like substance, making it the most beautiful nest we had ever seen. Evidently we were not the only ones attracted to it, as it contained four cowbird's eggs and no vireo's eggs. While we examined the nest the vireos, much disturbed, sat on a branch near by. We removed the eggs and returned a week later, hoping to find that the proper owners had used it, but the nest was empty and another vireo's nest was being built near by, presumably by the same birds.

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THE RED PHALAROPE IN IOWA.

Through the kindness of Mr. A. J. Anderson I was permitted to see a specimen of *Phalaropus fulicarius*, which had been shot on a sandbar in the Missouri river below Sioux City. It was presented to Mr. Anderson on November 28, 1912, and had been taken a day or two before. The bird was in the white winter plumage. It was mounted and is now in Mr. Anderson's collection. It seems that this species has never heretofore been reported for either Iowa or Nebraska.

T. C. STEPHENS.

FALL RECORD OF THE GOLDEN PLOVER.

On October 15, 1913, my friend, Mr. Fred C. Smith, learned of large flocks of strange birds along the Missouri river bottoms near the villages of Owego and Holly Springs. Word came to the Sioux City sportsmen of the abundance of these birds, and several went down. Mr. William