

FIELD NOTES

A CHARNAL HOUSE FOR A HONEYMOON

On July 11 and 14 a pair of house wrens nesting in a box in the yard were banded and the family to come was evidenced by the three eggs in the nest.

We went on a trip up North and were gone about ten days. When we returned we knew something was wrong, for while two wrens kept going in and out only one wore a band.

After two or three days the wrens did not go to the nest and my son climbed the tree to investigate.

He lifted the cover and found an attempt had been made to build a new nest on top of the other and quite a quantity of sticks and nesting material had been carried in.

The odor was strong and he, upon close examination, saw a little head under the pile of nesting material.

He removed all this with considerable pulling and was amazed to see the little banded Mother setting on four eggs dead, and decomposing, and with one egg still attached by a membrane.

Her faithless Spouse had already taken a new mate, had attempted to turn the charnal house into a home and raise a new brood, until he was forced to abandon the venture on account of the odor.

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NEW LOCALITY FOR THE WOOD DUCK

On March 29, 1923, at 10:30 A. M., a pair of wood ducks were seen on Stoner Creek, Bourbon County, Kentucky, about one and one-half miles from Paris, Ky. This is the first record for the wood duck for the Blue Grass region of the state. The male and female were swimming side by side close to the shore and offered an excellent opportunity for observation. Weather clear and cold. Observers: Victor Dodge, Professor A. M. Miller, and Dr. W. D. Funkhouser of Lexington, Ky.

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BACHMAN WARBLER AT VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY

On May 12, 1923, I picked up in the edge of Versailles, Ky., the lifeless body of a Bachman's Warbler in rather bad condition, but sufficiently well preserved to make identification accurately. This is the first specimen I have ever found here in my several years' of intensive study. It helps to corroborate the notes on this species from Bowling Green, Ky., by Gordon Wilson, published in the April, 1922, Auk.

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