

GENERAL NOTES

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An Unusual Nest of the House Wren.—On June 18, 1933, while taking a drive, I stopped at a bridge over a small stream about five miles north of Knox City, Missouri. My attention was attracted to a House Wren (*Troglodytes aëdon parkmani*) carrying food in its beak. It disappeared under the bridge, so I investigated and found an unusual nest for this bird. It had taken possession of a Phoebe's nest and was rearing its five youngsters there without the trouble of building a nest of its own. The wren had not so much as added any material to the nest, which is unusual, as it ordinarily builds a bulky nest. I banded the young, which lacked three or four days of being old enough to fly, and considered myself lucky to have discovered this unusual nest.—H. L. ANCUS, Quincy, Ill.

The Western Solitary Sandpiper in Arkansas.—An eighteen-year-old record for the Western Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria cinnamomea*) from Arkansas, has just been revealed. In a letter written under the date of January 31, 1934, Dr. Louis B. Bishop, of Pasadena, California, informs me that a specimen of solitary sandpiper, purchased with others from my Arkansas collection, collected at Fayetteville, Arkansas, April 3, 1916, by Albert Lano, is typical of that race. The bird is a male, and is number 49452 in Dr. Bishop's collection. It came into my possession with other of Dr. Lano's birds several years ago, after the death of the Fayetteville collector. He had referred the bird to the eastern race, and in the absence of material for comparison his identification had naturally been taken for granted.

As Dr. Bishop suggests, this bird appears to be a record for Arkansas. He has very kindly supplied me with the above information, and the note herewith has been prepared with his consent.—J. D. BLACK, *Museum of Birds and Mammals, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.*

The Golden Eagle in Northern Louisiana.—Mr. Ernest G. Holt adds the Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaëtos canadensis*) to the Louisiana list (*Auk*, 1933, p. 355), which species was omitted in the "Birds of Louisiana" (Bull. 20, Louisiana Department of Conservation, 1931). But Mr. E. A. McIlhenny is of the opinion (*Auk*, 1933, p. 431) that Mr. Holt has mistaken the immature Bald Eagle for the Golden Eagle.

The two above notes having stimulated my interest, I made an investigation of a report that came out in a local newspaper of a Bald Eagle being caught near Pioneer, Louisiana. Upon making an investigation of this specimen, I found it to have all of the identification marks of an immature Golden Eagle. The most conclusive of these was the base of the tail being white and the tarsus being covered to the toes with ochraceous-buff feathers. The bird was caught January 12, 1934, in a No. 2 Victor steel trap, which was baited with a portion of a six-weeks-old pig that had been caught the day before. This eagle had caught six other pigs from this same brood before it was captured. On February 24, 1934, it broke the cord by which it was tied and attempted to fly away, but was killed. Its skin was preserved for future reference.—JOHN S. CAMPBELL, *Bienville, La.*