

## GENERAL NOTES

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**A Three-egg Set of the Mourning Dove.**—On June 5, 1934, in Woodbury Township, Stutsman County, North Dakota, I found the nest of a Mourning Dove (*Zenaidura macroura*) which contained three eggs. Perhaps this is unusual enough to be worth recording.—ARCHIBALD JOHNSON, *Stewart, Nev.*

**Effect of Drouth on Birds.**—In Woodbury Township, Stutsman County, North Dakota, on June 5, 1934, I found the nest of a Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) which lacked the usual mud walls. The materials used were grasses and fine plant fiber only. On the side that was habitually approached by the birds the nest wall was very much depressed, giving the structure an unsymmetrical appearance. The protracted drouth in the region was no doubt responsible for this deviation from the normal in the construction of this nest.—ARCHIBALD JOHNSON, *Stewart, Nev.*

**The Black Tern Recorded in the West Virginia Panhandle.**—On May 5, 1935, the writer saw a Black Tern (*Chlidonia nigra* subsp.) at Beech Bottom Swamp, Beech Bottom, West Virginia. The bird was darting after insects just above the water's edge, and came so close to the observer that its black head, throat, breast, and belly were easily discerned. The slate-colored back, wings, and tail were also noted. This is the first record of this species for the West Virginia Panhandle, and there are probably not more than a dozen records of the Black Tern for the state of West Virginia.—THOS. E. SHIELDS, *Wheeling, W. Va.*

**Specimen of European Widgeon Taken in Northwestern Iowa.**—A fully plumaged male European Widgeon (*Mareca penelope*) was killed during October, 1933, by George Van Wyngarden while he was hunting ducks at North Twin Lakes, Calhoun County, Iowa. Mr. Van Wyngarden stated that this bird was one of a flock of four which flew over, and all appeared to be the same species. Only one specimen was secured.

The specimen was mounted by Mr. Van Wyngarden and is displayed in his private collection of water birds and upland game birds at Manson. While the European Widgeon has been taken in all states surrounding Iowa, this is believed to be the first and only specimen of this bird secured in Iowa. This collection was examined by the writer on May 2, 1935, when permission was kindly granted for the publication of this note.—PHILIP A. DuMONT, *Des Moines, Iowa.*

**The Brewer's Blackbird at Athens, Clarke County, Georgia.**—In a recent issue of the WILSON BULLETIN (Vol. XLV, No. 3, September, 1933), I discussed in more or less detail the present status of Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*) as a migrant and winter resident in the southeastern states, and advanced the opinion, based on the relative abundance of this species both in the spring and in the fall at Asheville, North Carolina, that this western bird would prove, despite lack of records to date, to be of regular occurrence in Georgia in migration and possibly throughout the winter. It would appear now that this supposition was at least partially justified for on two brief field trips to Athens, the Brewer's Blackbird was noted on each occasion, and it is probable that others were present before and after these actual dates. On December 3, 1933, three birds, all males, were seen at the edge of the open Sandy Creek bottoms, while on April 9, 1935, four birds, three males and a female, were watched as they fed about horses grazing in a pasture on the