

FINDING Walter K. Bigger of Trout Run, Pa., contributed the following: "I use Geological Survey maps, scale 1:50,000, and check areas for a large number of bridges. The stream may be dry, but if there is a place available, chances are a Phoebe will have a nest under 90% of all bridges, and sometimes you'll turn up a couple of Barn Swallow nests, and once in a while on large bridges, a Robin nest. You need a pair of hip boots, or at the least knee boots, depending on the size of the stream, and since I cover both rattlesnake and copperhead territory, they're added protection. A step-ladder is useful; four foot ladders have been high enough for me, except a couple of nests on bridges where even a ten foot ladder would not reach. And a couple of mirrors - both of mine were obtained in a wrecked car lot - to see if there are eggs or young birds. I simply hold the mirror above the nest, instead of feeling about in it. The first mirror I keep in my pocket for this purpose; the second mirror, taken from a car, has double-knee-action, and is fastened to the end of an eight-foot lath, and with it I can look into any nest that I can reach. The double-knee-action allows adjustment for any angle. I sometimes use it to check under a bridge simply by lowering the stick over the side and looking in the mirror."

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